### Issue/Process: Hold Orders

**Status:** Approved

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### Issue/Background: Hold Orders

In the current paper environment, orders can be discontinued or held by writing an order to that effect. Hold orders that are of unspecified or extended duration are equivalent to a Discontinue order and the medication is treated as discontinued. Individual doses that are specifically identified can be held and the underlying order continues to be active. With CPOE, Discontinue orders are not used. Rather, the physician locates the currently active medication order, selects it, and selects Discontinue from the Orders screen. There is no functionality to Hold a medication. A service has been added to Soarian called “Hold specified doses” which gives the physician the opportunity to identify one or a very few doses (i.e., hold beta blocker on the morning of a stress test). This is a communication order to the Pharmacist who will reconfigure the existing order to conform to the request.

### Recommendations

- Add “Hold Specified Dose(s)” communication service to Soarian
- Via this order, continue to permit one or very few, specified doses to be held without discontinuing the underlying order
- If this service is used to issue an extended or unspecified hold, the pharmacist will contact the physician and discontinue the order, consistent with Virtua policy

### Source of Recommendations

CPOE Team

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### Response/Comments:

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