**Issue/Process: Admit Process – MCH**

Status: Approved  
Action Requested:  
Reviewing Group: Steering Committee

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**Issue/Background: Admit Process – MCH**

Once Computerized Physician Order Entry is implemented in the fall of 2010, physicians will enter all of their orders electronically from any location within the Virtua system or remotely.

There are three admission pathways for admission of expectant mothers to a Virtua MCH area:

**Direct Admit:** a patient who is coming from a physician’s office or from the patient’s home (at the physician’s direction) for evaluation and/or observation and is sent to an Ante-Partum unit or Triage (if suspect labor)

**Scheduled Admit:** a patient who is scheduled for an induction or C-Section is sent directly to L&D

**Unscheduled Admit:** patients who are not scheduled and may or may not have been previously evaluated for labor status by a physician are sent to Triage

In CPOE, physicians are encouraged to enter admission orders utilizing the specific OB Admission order sets. If the physician cannot access the Soarian system, telephone orders may be taken – See Telephone Order Process.

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**Recommendations**

**Direct and Unscheduled Admits**

- Physicians are encouraged to enter admission orders remotely if not present when a “Direct Admit” or an “Unscheduled Admit” patient arrives at the Antepartum unit or Triage
- Physicians will not be able to call in orders ahead of the patient’s arrival
- If the patient is coming from a physician’s office, **Zynx admission order sets can be printed and sent with the patient**
- **Orders sets sent with the patient, must be entered by a nurse and the paper order set kept on the paper chart**
- Once the patient admission process has been initiated and required Patient Factors are entered, the department/unit staff will call the physician to inform him/her that patient is admitted and the EMR is available to them
- **Telephone orders may only be taken if the physician cannot access the Soarian system** – See Telephone Order Process.
- When Pending Activation is available with an efficient workflow, orders will be able to be entered quickly from a physician’s office and eliminate the need of printing paper order sets

**Scheduled Admits**

- Continue current paper flow for orders until Pending Activation is available with an efficient workflow so Admission Orders can be entered by the physician prior to the scheduled date

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**Source of Recommendations**

- CPOE Project Team
- Nursing Design Team 3/25/10; 5/5/10
- Nursing Informatics  6/28/10
- MCH 7/

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**Response/Comments:**

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