### Issue/Process: Surgeon Post-Op Orders

**Status:** Approved  
**Reviewing Group:** CPOE SterCom

**Action Requested:**

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### Issue/Background: Surgeon Post-OP Orders

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.

Currently, Surgeons are writing the post-operative care orders (while the patient is in PACU) to be carried out on the unit the patient will be going to after PACU. If the patient is “held” in PACU (generally bed availability issue), only orders that are scheduled to occur during that “hold” period are implemented by the PACU staff. The remaining orders are transcribed and implemented when the patient arrives in the next unit.

Surgeons will need to create post op orders electronically while the patient is still in PACU. These orders will appear in Soarian and the patient will appear in Soarian in the PACU location. This will allow for efficient implementation of orders based on patient location. Until Transfer Level of Care upgrades are available in Soarian, challenges will exist for timing of when the orders are implemented.

### Recommendations

- **Post-op Order Sets** should be available to the ordering physician from Zynx
  - The order set should be printed and the physician complete and sign the paper order set
  - The current paper process should be followed
  - PACU staff will implement only orders needed and appropriate for implementation in PACU
    - Paper order set to be faxed to Pharmacy indicating medication needing to be implemented and profiled
    - The Paper Order form will go on the paper chart and the completion of order processing will occur on the receiving unit
    - NUS to enter non-med orders in Soarian
    - Paper order set to be faxed to Pharmacy for medication order processing indicating remaining med orders that need to be implemented
  - Orders are viewable within Soarian and MAK
  - Medication Reconciliation will stay as current process (paper) until Soarian functionality is available
  - PACU nurses will document med administration in MAK **Date TBD for Surgical Services and MAK**
  - The above is an interim workflow until Transfer Level of Care is available (projected for late 2010 or early 2011) all of the post-op orders may be managed electronically along with Medication Reconciliation
  - Added by Steering Com: Include reminders in order sets to 1) DC all PreOp orders 2) consult appropriate medical specialists to review/revise relevant orders post op.

### Source of Recommendations

- CPOE Project Team
- Surgical Services – Memorial, Voorhees and Marlton Surgical leadership and Physician leadership meetings (July, August, September)

### Response/Comments:

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