**Issue/Process: Ordering TPN**

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**Issue/Background: Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) Orders**

Once Computerized Physician Order Entry is implemented, physicians will enter orders electronically. Order sets will provide clinicians with a convenient, evidence-based format to select and enter orders.

There are some treatment regimens that are very complex and require very substantial individual and unique development to achieve safe and efficient implementation. In these cases, ordering by physicians appropriately remains a paper-based process.

The process of ordering TPN is just such a complex process. TPN orders are complex, and are currently written on a specifically designed order form by providers. The current form has standard guidelines which support safety and quality care to patients. Significant analysis, build and testing must occur for an electronic order design within Soarian that will support the requirements of Siemens Pharmacy/Bar Code Medication Administration and the third party provider that prepares the TPN solution.

**Recommendations**

- Do not change paper order process until the initial CPOE implementation has been completed and stable for a minimum of 45 days after the last live event
- Develop, test, pilot, and obtain approval of key stakeholder clinicians prior to release of TPN CPOE Orders for general use

**Source of Recommendations**

- CPOE Project Team
- MAK/Pharmacy Project Team

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