

EVIDENCE-BASED CARE PROGRAM

TO: All Staff

FROM: GBHN Order Sets Committee

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SUBJECT: Issues with Order Sets

It has been found that in the PRN medications section that are found on most order sets (such as dimenhydrinate or acetaminophen), often the route is not being ticked off, causing confusion for staff and pharmacy. Thus the change has been made to make the PO route pre-ticked on these types of orders. **If any physician would NOT like the PO route ticked for these PRN orders, this option will need to be crossed off.** Any additional routes that a physician would like this medication to be given can be ticked, as these are open boxes.

In addition, it has also been found that on occasion, one patient is being put on multiple order sets (i.e. they come in with an MI so are put on the Acute Coronary Syndromes order set, but also have COPD so are also put on the COPD order set). This makes for a large number of duplicated orders and many pages of orders for the clerical and nursing staff to try to consolidate. **Thus please be sure that you are only using ONE order set per patient, normally the primary diagnosis the patient is being admitted for.** If a patient has comorbidities, please add any additional orders by hand to the end of the order set or on an additional page.

Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact myself or any member of the Order Set Committee.

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