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## RCS Orders

**Purpose** To clarify and standardize the practice of accepting RCS orders.

**Audience** All licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP)

**Policy**

- It is the policy of the department of Respiratory Care Services to provide respiratory care as prescribed by physicians.
- All licensed respiratory care practitioners as outlined in this policy shall accept physician orders.

**Guidelines** **Physician's Orders:**

Step	Action
1	All orders for treatment of the patient shall be entered into Epic and signed by the licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner.
2	All orders for mechanical ventilation must be entered into Epic by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner.
3	Orders shall be concise and definite. Medication orders shall include the name of the drug, dosage (metric), route and frequency.
4	Only symbols and abbreviations that have been approved by the executive committee of the Medical staff shall be used (See Hospital Approved Abbreviation List).
5	All patients who are transferred from one physician team to a different team, when a room transfer is not involved, must have new Epic orders by the new physician team.

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**Corresponding-** Institutional Handbook of Operating Procedures, Physician Orders, Policy  
**Policy** # 7.11.5, <http://www.utmb.edu/policy/ihop/search/09-11-05.pdf>

