

LEGIBILITY

Medical Staff Bylaws R-10, (9) state:

All entries in the medical record shall be timely, accurate, complete, legible, written in black ink, dated, and authenticated. All signatures must be accompanied by a stamp or by a printed name that is as “legible as a stamp”.

Illegible orders have the potential to result in serious medication errors and can have a negative impact on patient care. Additionally, any hostility or retaliation toward nurses who attempt to contact physicians to sign their orders legibly will not be tolerated. Such an occurrence of enmity will be reported through the Event Communication Form and will result in disciplinary action per the Medical Staff Bylaws or GME Office.

By signing below, I state that I have read and understand the necessity for legibility of medical records and will monitor my own writing for legibility.

Signature

Date

Please Print Name