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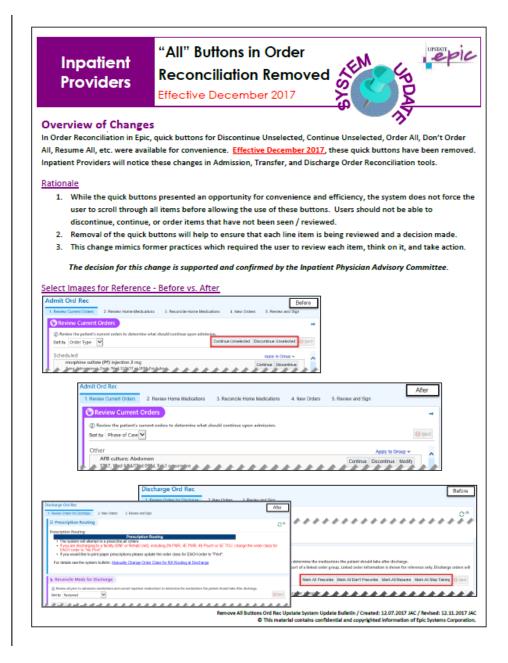
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#### **EPIC Changes**

### Applies to All Physicians



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Influenza

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On December 13, 2017, the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health declared that influenza is prevalent in the state, and the mask regulation goes into effect for all non-vaccinated healthcare personnel. Based on the most recent surveillance report Onondaga County has been identified as having one of the highest number of Influenza cases (10/10,000 population).

With this in mind, the Infection Control Committee would like to encourage our providers to strictly adhere to symptoms-based isolation practices prevent nosocomial transmission of pathogens. Patients who present with influenza like illness should be placed on droplet and contact precautions. Rapid respiratory pathogen detection tests are available in house, and are useful to guide the type of isolation needed. Patients without respiratory panel testing should remain on isolation for 7 days or for the duration of their illness, whichever is longer.

As a reminder Influenza vaccines are available in Employee Student Health on both campuses. If there are any further questions, please feel free to call the Infection Control office at the Downtown Campus 464-5258 or the Community Campus 492-5907.

Thank-you for your attention to this important message.

Dr. Mitchell Brodey, Hospital Epidemiologist, CC

Dr. Waleed Javaid, Adult Epidemiologist, DT

Dr. Jana Shaw, Pediatric Epidemiologist, DT

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#### **Outstanding Physician Comments**

#### **Applies to All Physicians**

Each week we receive written comments from our patients regarding the care we provide within the Hospital. Below are this week's comments from grateful patients receiving care on the units and clinics at Upstate:

**Emergency Department at Community - Dr. Caccio** is the best ER doctor, hands down. I immediately knew I was safe and in good hands. He lived up to every trust I had in him.

**2E Community – Dr. Marziale and Dr. Hurh** were the perfect team to address my concerns and pain. I would never have my babies at any other hospital due to the caring and knowledgeable Dr. Marziale. She is amazing.

6<sup>th</sup> floor at Community – I'd give Dr. Sherman a 10 if it was on the scale. Exceptional doctor.

Medicine Subspecialties - I have always had a good experience when dealing with **Dr. Bonilla** and his staff

**Dr. Manta** was a rare treat to talk to I find him professional and interesting and will be my pleasure to be his patient.

**UHCC Neurology** - I am fortunate to have access to **Dr. Mejico** and have received excellent care. **Dr. Bradshaw** is the BEST!!

**University Internists - Dr. Swarnkar** is the best health care provider I have ever encountered. I thank the good Lord for **Dr. Frechette**!!!!!

**Dr. Wani** is the best health care provider / doctor I have ever had.

Joslin – Dr. Concilla. He is an EXCELLENT foot doctor. I recommend him to everyone! I've been under Dr. Feuerstein's care since 2006. And a very caring person. A definite "PLUS" to the Upstate staff.

**Dr. Izquierdo** is an exceptional physician. He is kind, thorough, answers all my questions, and is very intelligent. I couldn't ask for a better doctor.

**Dr. Feuerstein** is wonderful. Her professionalism, kindness and consideration for her patient is unsurpassable.

**Dr. Izquierdo** is a wonderful man. I have the utmost confidence in him.

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**University Cardiology – Dr. Michiel** is very kind considerate.. explains issues fully and clearly.. spends the most time with me than any other health care provider I have ever been to... Dr. Singh is very compassionate, a good listener

**Family Medicine - Dr. K. Nanavati** is the most kind, caring and knowledgeable physician I could have ever had -- I feel most fortunate to have his wonderful care. I don't think there is anyone better for me. Thanks for the opportunity to say so.

**Dr. Greenwald**, is a great diagnostician. He listens well, and provides the best professional care that I have received in the ten years I've lived in the area. I actually look forward to my visits. **Dr. Greenwald** is the real deal in docs!

**Upstate Urology – Dr. Makhuli** he knows what he's doing! I think **Dr. Nikolavsky** is super because he cares!!!

**Urology at Community - Dr. Trussell** excellent mannerism professional in his field took the time to answer all my questions.

10E - Dr. Zachary Shepherd was excellent as was Dr. Dorothy Pan

Neuropsychology Assessment Program - Dr. Carone Very professional, listened to us, kind.

**Upstate Outpatient Surgery Center – Dr. Riddell** was very nice and took the time to talk and explain things to me and my son.

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# Inpatient Providers

# "All" Buttons in Order Reconciliation Removed

Effective December 2017



### **Overview of Changes**

In Order Reconciliation in Epic, quick buttons for Discontinue Unselected, Continue Unselected, Order All, Don't Order All, Resume All, etc. were available for convenience. <u>Effective December 2017</u>, these quick buttons have been removed. Inpatient Providers will notice these changes in Admission, Transfer, and Discharge Order Reconciliation tools.

#### <u>Rationale</u>

- 1. While the quick buttons presented an opportunity for convenience and efficiency, the system does not force the user to scroll through all items before allowing the use of these buttons. Users should not be able to discontinue, continue, or order items that have not been seen / reviewed.
- 2. Removal of the quick buttons will help to ensure that each line item is being reviewed and a decision made.
- 3. This change mimics former practices which required the user to review each item, think on it, and take action.

The decision for this change is supported and confirmed by the Inpatient Physician Advisory Committee.

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