MORNING CMO REPORT

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Infection Control Principles

Applies to All Physicians

In response to a recent citation for the Department of Health, we have been more vigorously auditing compliance with infection control policies within our "OR's." While the vast majority of surgeons, anesthesiologists, OR staff are demonstrating compliance with these rules, every week I receive a list of two and three doctors who have not.

We are pursuing appropriate disciplinary action with these members of the medical staff found out of compliance with these policies. I'd prefer to not have to discipline anyone. Your attention to this matter would allow that to happen.

Cardiac Medications and Flecainide

Applies to All Physicians

There have been changes to Cardiac Medication ordering in EPIC. Vital sign parameters must be ordered with each cardiac Medication. In addition, there are new guidelines for ordering of Flecainide. Please view the screen shots provided.

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:

5W Inpatient Psychiatry - CC – Dr. Reyes listens and responds extremely well to me and helped me when I felt hopeless.

Adolescent Medicine- Dr Teelin – very kind, knowledgeable and thorough.

Dr. Teelin: Amazing, caring, and actually has conversation with child.

Center for Children's Surgery- Dr Wali was amazing.

Upstate Pediatric & Adolescent Center – love Dr. Blatt.

Dr.Blatt - caring/professional all support staff friendly and cheerful.

Dr. Anuja Khettry. She is the best. My daughter loves her.

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Upstate Pediatrics - We love **Dr. Schurman.** Always love **Dr. Kresel.**

Wellspring Breast Center - Dr. Willer was very efficient and explained the entire procedure to me.

Interventional Radiology - Drs. Dianbo Zhang and Katsuhiro Kobayashi – Very professional and accommodating.

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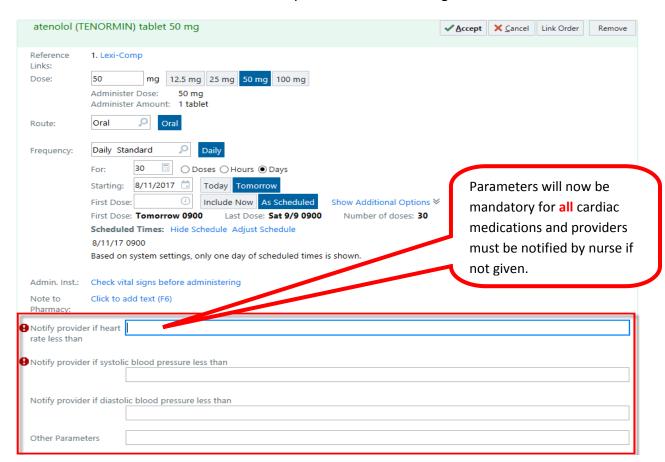
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New Changes to Cardiac Medication ordering

Providers will now need to input BP and heart rate (pulse) parameters for **all** cardiac medications. This is how it will look for the provider when ordering:



This is how it will look on the MAR for the nurse:



Ordering parameters will assist the nurse with administration. There are 2 main reasons for the changes:

- Providers need to be made aware anytime a cardiac medication is not given. In the past the
 meds may have not been given for extended periods due to low BP or pulse without the
 provider being notified. This is especially detrimental if a patient has congestive heart failure or
 an arrhythmia.
- 2. This new ordering practice will help improve prescriber-nurse communication and patient care.

Flecainide Administration

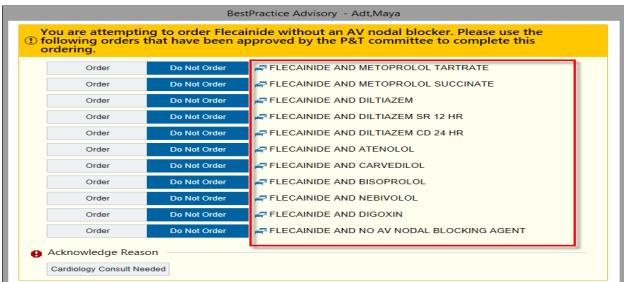
Flecainide is an antiarrhythmic. Patients on flecainide should be prescribed a concomitant AV nodal-blocking agent (eg, beta-blocker, nondihydropyridine calcium channel blocker or digoxin). <u>Holding or not administering the AV nodal blocking agent, when ordered could be fatal!</u>

The prescriber must indicate reason(s) for not ordering an AV nodal blocking agent concurrently with the flecainide.

Role of AV nodal blocking agents: A paradoxical increase in the ventricular rate also may occur in patients with atrial fibrillation who receive **Flecainide**. Concomitant therapy such as digoxin or **beta-blockers** may lower the risk of this complication.

Nursing has been educated to ensure that an AV nodal blocking agent is given concurrently with flecainide. If not ordered nurses will be looking for a note in the MAR as to the provider's reason for not ordering the AV nodal blocking agent.

The following is the BPA that the providers will receive from the Admission Medication Reconcilation so that the correct medications are ordered:

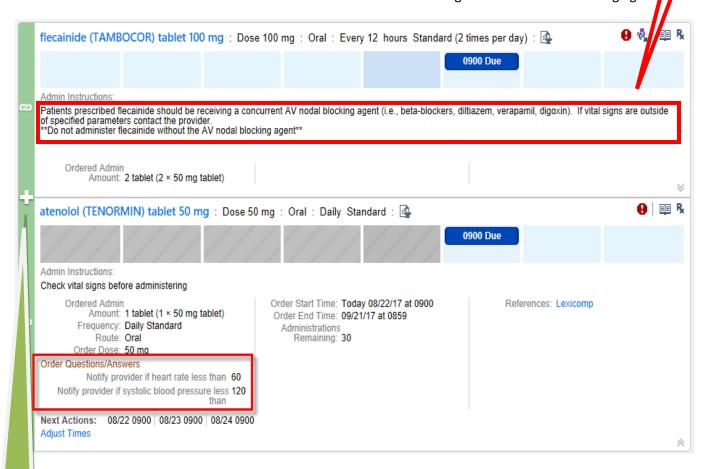


Once the patient is an inpatient, these medication panels, are the only way that Flecainide can be ordered.



Warning to nurse

This is how it will look on the MAR for the nurse when administering with an AV nodal blocking agent



These meds are linked in the MAR and must be given together

This is how it will look for the nurse when purposefully ordered with **no** AV nodal blocking agent:

