

ORDER WRITING

This policy is designed to:

- a. Ensure that residents have primary care responsibilities for the patients on their service.
 - b. Delegate order writing responsibility to fellows for patients who are on the nonteaching service or who have had a specialized procedure.
1. The medical residents have primary authority for writing all orders on their patients, with R-1 residents having primary responsibilities.
 2. Attendings are not permitted to write orders on teaching patients except in the following circumstances:
 - a. Post-procedure orders written at the time of the procedure, e.g., after cardiac catheterization or bronchoscopy.
 - b. Complex chemotherapy for malignancy.
 - c. After phone consultation with the resident who cannot readily return to the unit and the attending has ready access to the chart.
 3. The attending physician is responsible for making the final determination for a patient's code status and for writing the DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) order and note in the chart. DNR orders written by the residents are relevant for 24 hours.
 4. Verbal orders are not accepted at UMMS or the VA, unless in an emergent situation, then should be written immediately after the patient is stabilized and signed.

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