

Writing Orders

No medication or treatment shall be administered to a patient except on the written order of a member of the medical staff. Members of the medical staff shall give orders for medication and treatment only to the licensed, registered or certified professional persons in the course of practicing their specific discipline (registered professional nurse, registered dietician, registered pharmacist, registered or certified respiratory therapist, registered physical therapist, and registered occupational therapist).

If the attending physician is present, the medical student writes the orders, discusses them with the Attending, and modifies the orders if necessary. **The attending physician signs the orders.**

If the physician is not present “telephone orders”, the medical student writes the orders discusses them with the physician by telephone, modifies the orders if necessary and then hands the telephone to a licensed person (usually a Registered Nurse) who will then confirm all of the orders and sign his/her name. The attending physician must countersign orders given in this fashion within 24 hours. **The student physician is not authorized to sign any orders.** Your signature will not be placed on the order sheet.