

**ATRIUM HEALTH FLOYD
PATIENT CARE SERVICES**



TITLE: Automatic Stop Order	Policy No.: AHF PCS-06-006
<p>Purpose: To provide a method for renewing or discontinuing designated medications.</p>	<p>Developed Date: 4/73 Review Date: 5/05, 2/09, 3/15, 2/18 Revised Date: 8/2000, 3/03, 2/04, 4/06, 3/08, 8/09, 12/10, 4/11, 8/12, 1/13, 1/21, 7/22 Review Responsibility: Senior VP; Chief of Patient Services, CNO, Nursing Leadership, Director of Pharmacy; Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, Executive Committee of the Medical Staff, Executive Staff</p>
<p>Reference Standards: MM.04.01.01</p>	

POLICY

Providers review current medication orders daily as part of their daily review of patients and at transitions of care. Specific medications / medications classes have been assigned an automatic stop date as best practice. These medications include the items below.

Drug/Drug class	Automatic Duration	Allowed to renew?
All opioids (IV and PO), Propofol, Ketamine, and Benzodiazepine Continuous Infusions	See separate table	Yes
Propofol	7 days	Yes
Ketorolac	3 days	No
IV acetaminophen	24 hrs	No
Calcitonin IV	24 hrs	Yes
Albumin 25%	23 hrs	Yes
Antibiotics - PO and IV	7 days	Yes

Controlled substance class/ administration modality	Ad Hoc Order Auto-stop	Order set	Allowed to renew?
All Opioids (Intermittent injection and oral)	7 days	Stop date in order set overrides the auto-stop	Yes
Continuous Opioid or Propofol infusions	7 days	Stop date in order set overrides the auto-stop	Yes
Continuous Benzodiazepine infusions	7 days	Stop date in order set overrides the auto-stop	Yes
Continuous and / or Intermittent Ketamine	7 days	Stop date in order set overrides the auto-stop	Yes

PROCEDURE

- A. Medication orders with a specified length of therapy will be in effect for the duration of therapy ordered.
- B. All medications with an automatic stop will automatically be discontinued at the prescribed stop date.
- C. Medications eligible for renewal sort to the top of the patient's medication list for provider review. 48 hours prior to the automatic stop date, a best practice alert will fire upon opening of the chart to alert the provider of the pending discontinuation and to ask if they wish to renew or discontinue the medication.

Approved by: Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff