Policy Statement

As authorized by the medical staff rules and regulations of the institution, Medical Students Year 3 and 4, registered with the hospital, may order medications on behalf of a qualified physician. In doing so, the prescriber will legibly identify their status.

i.e.
“Signature
Printed Name,
Medical Student Year (_3 or 4_), Class ___
College of Physicians and Surgeons Identity Number, pager or cell phone,
Discussed with Dr. ___”

Procedure

1. Orders for treatment are only accepted by Medical Students Year 3 or 4 on behalf of physicians on the Medical Staff including Fellows, Residents. All orders must include the name of the physician (i.e. “discussed with Dr. ___”), except in the Emergency Department where the attending physician is evident.

2. All orders will be in writing. Medical Students Year 3 or 4 cannot give verbal orders.

3. The standard of practice in accordance with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC is that the physician countersigns all Medical Student orders before they are carried out. In extenuating circumstances, telephone or verbal confirmation between the nurse and the physician is acceptable.

References

BC Children’s Hospital (n.d.). Medical Student Year 3 in Department of Pediatrics Policy and Procedure Manual.

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