

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Operations Division
Health Services Section Policy and Procedure #P-D-02.8

SUBJECT: MEDICATION STOP ORDERS

POLICY: Medications will be administered to patients for the amount of time specified by the ordering practitioner as defined by the state and federal laws and regulations. No medications will run indefinitely due to lack of specific orders. Continuity of treatment will be maintained when a prescriber orders a change in medication therapy for a patient (dose change or drug change).

REFERENCE: NCCHC Standard P-D-02, Medication Services

PROCEDURE:

- A. In the absence of a specific ordered stop date from the ordering practitioner, automatic stop orders will be as follows:
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| 1. Antibiotics | 10 days |
| 2. Schedule II, III, IV and V | 72 hours |
| 3. Anti-emetics | 5 days |
| 4. Chronic Disease Medications | 30 days |
| 5. All other categories | 10 days |
- B. Schedule III, IV, V orders written for longer than six months will have an automatic six month end date. Schedule II drugs will have an automatic 30 day end date.
- C. When a prescriber orders a change in medication therapy for a patient (dose change or drug change) but does not write a specific discontinue order for the previous medication or a "start now" order for the new medication, then the nurse shall continue the current medication for (10) days or until the new medication arrives. If the new medication has not arrived in (9) days the provider will be contacted for direction.
- D. All completed TLC non-formulary requests will be posted in the patient's file under the consult tab.

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