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**PHARMACIST’S USER MANUAL**

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# Revision History

Each time this manual is updated, the Title Page lists the new revised date and this page describes the changes. If the Revised Pages column lists “All,” replace the existing manual with the reissued manual. If the Revised Pages column lists individual entries (e.g., 25, 32), either update the existing manual with the Change Pages Document or print the entire new manual.

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| **Date** | **Revised Pages** | **Patch Number** | **Description** |
| 05/2007 | 25 | PSJ\*5\*120 | Modified Inpatient Medications V. 5.0 to consider the duration the same way as all other stop date parameters, rather than as an override.  REDACTED |
| 12/2005 | 1,  124-124b | PSJ\*5\*146 | Remote Data Interoperability (RDI) Project:  Removed document revision dates in Section 1. Introduction.  Updated Section 4.3. Order Checks to include new functionality for checking allergies, drug reactions, and interactions.  REDACTED |
| 03/2005 | iv,  v,  1,  114-116,  223,  236-241 | PSJ\*5\*112 | Updated TOC to correct Index page number. (p. iv)  In Unit Dose Menu Tree, changed Clinic Stop Dates to Clinic Definition. (p. v)  In Section 1., Introduction, updated revision dates and added reference to Release Notes. (p. 1)  In Sections 4.2.5.1., 4.2.5.3., and 4.2.5.3., added a sentence that refers to the IMO parameter NUMBER OF DAYS UNTIL STOP from the CLINIC DEFINITION file.  (p.114-116)  Updated Glossary; added definition for CLINIC DEFINITION File. (p. 223)  Updated Index; added CLINIC DEFINITION file and Inpatient Medication Orders for Outpatients page number references; reflowed all following Index pages. (p. 236-241)  REDACTED |
| 01/2005 | All | PSJ\*5\*111 | Reissued entire document to include updates for Inpatient Medication Orders for Outpatients and Non-Standard Schedules.  REDACTED |

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* **“START DATE/TIME:”** (Regular and Abbreviated)

This is the date and time the order is to begin. For Inpatient Medications orders, the Start Date/Time is initially assigned to the CLOSEST ADMINISTRATION TIME, NEXT ADMINISTRATION TIME or NOW (which is the login date/time of the order), depending on the value of the DEFAULT START DATE CALCULATION field in the INPATIENT WARD PARAMETERS file. Start Date/Time may not be entered prior to 7 days from the order’s Login Date.

* **“STOP DATE/TIME:”** (Regular)

This is the date and time the order will automatically expire. The system calculates the default Stop Date/Time for order administration based on the STOP TIME FOR ORDER site parameter. The default date shown is the least of (1) the <IV TYPE> GOOD FOR HOW MANY DAYS site parameter (where <IV TYPE> is LVPs, PBs, etc.), (2) the NUMBER OF DAYS FOR IV ORDER field (found in the IV ADDITIVES file) for all additives in this order, (3) the DAY (nD) or DOSE (nL) LIMIT field (found in the PHARMACY ORDERABLE ITEM file) for the orderable item associated with this order or (4) the duration received from CPRS (if applicable). The Site Manager or Application Coordinator can change any field except duration.

For a one-time order, the ward parameter, DAYS UNTIL STOP FOR ONE-TIME, is accessed. When this parameter is not available, the system parameter, DAYS UNTIL STOP FOR ONE- TIME, will be used to determine the stop date. When neither parameter has been set, the ward parameter, DAYS UNTIL STOP DATE/TIME, will be used instead of the start and stop date being equal.

* **“PROVIDER:”** (Regular and Abbreviated)

This identifies the provider who authorized the order. Only users identified as active Providers, who are authorized to write medication orders, may be selected.

* **“SELF MED:”** (Regular and Abbreviated)

Identifies the order as one whose medication is to be given for administration by the patient. This prompt is only shown if the ‘SELF MED’ IN ORDER ENTRY field of the INPATIENT WARD PARAMETERS file is set to On.

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* **“NATURE OF ORDER:”**

This is the method the provider used to communicate the order to the user who entered or took action on the order. Nature of Orders is defined in CPRS. Written will be the default for new orders entered. When a new order is created due to an edit, the default will be Service Correction. The following table shows some Nature of Order examples.

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| **Nature of Order** | **Description** | **Prompted for Signature in CPRS?** | **Chart Copy Printed?** |
| Written | The source of the order is a written doctor’s order | No | No |
| Verbal | A doctor verbally requested the order | Yes | Yes |
| Telephoned | A doctor telephoned the service to request the order | Yes | Yes |
| Service Correction | The service is discontinuing or adding new orders to carry out the intent of an order already received | No | No |
| Duplicate | This applies to orders that are discontinued because they are a duplicate of another order | No | Yes |
| Policy | These are orders that are created as a matter of hospital policy | No | Yes |

The Nature of Order abbreviation will display on the order next to the Provider’s Name. The abbreviations will be in lowercase and enclosed in brackets. Written will display as [w], telephoned as [p], verbal as [v], policy as [i], electronically entered as [e], and service correction as [s]. If the order is electronically signed through the CPRS package AND the CPRS patch OR\*3\*141 is installed on the user’s system, then [es] will appear next to the Provider’s Name instead of the Nature of Order abbreviation.

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