

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Operations Division
Health Services Section Policy and Procedure #P-D-02.9

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.

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

PROCEDURE:

In the absence of a specific ordered stop date from the ordering practitioner, automatic stop orders will be as follows:

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| A. | Antibiotics | 10 days |
| B. | Schedule II, III, IV and V | 72 hours |
| C. | Anti-emetics | 5 days |
| D. | Chronic Disease Medications | 30 days |
| E. | All other categories | 10 days |

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OSCI Addendum
Health Services Section Policy and Procedure #P-D-02.9

SUBJECT: MEDICATION STOP ORDERS

POLICY: To maintain the continuity of treatment when a medication's order changes and the new ordered medication or dose is not immediately available.

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

PROCEDURE:

- A. A prescriber orders a change in medication therapy for a patient (dosage change or drug change) but does not write a specific "discharge" order for the previous medication.
- B. The nurse will process the order per P-D-02.5 and P-D-02.8.
- C. The nurse will continue the current order for 7 days or until the new medication/dose arrives from the pharmacy.