



Provincial Health Services Authority

## Diagnostic/Therapeutic Orders Policy

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BC Cancer		HIM 060-IV-A-40 Diagnostic /Therapeutic Orders

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# POLICY: Diagnostic/Therapeutic Orders

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Purpose

To provide a policy Re: diagnostic/therapeutic orders

### 1.2. Scope

This policy applies to all BC Cancer Medical Staff

## 2. Policy

### 2.1 Policy Statement #1

In order to ensure ongoing quality care and patient safety, all diagnostic and therapeutic doctors' orders will be recorded on the doctors order sheet.

### 2.2 Policy Statement #2

Verbal (in person) orders are prohibited except in an emergency and will be confirmed by the physician in writing within 24 hours.

### 2.3 Policy Statement #3

Telephone orders are permitted, excluding orders for chemotherapy.

### 2.4 Policy Statement #4

Where an order is given by telephone, a registered nurse will receive and record the order.

### 2.5 Policy Statement #5

The physician will sign all therapeutic telephone orders within 24 hours.

## 3. Responsibilities and Compliance

All Medical Staff are responsible for complying with this policy.

## 4. References

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