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RE: ADULT ADMIT AND TRANSFER ORDERS, PICC FORM

Please be advised of the following changes regarding adult admission and transfer orders:

§ **Nicotine Replacement Therapy** -- In conjunction with our Smoke Free Campus initiative, nicotine patch orders have been added to the order set. Please consider for all smokers who are admitted to the hospital. Patients are not allowed to leave the nursing units to smoke.
§ **VTE Prophylaxis** -- A new pre-checked order has been added that actively discontinues low molecular weight heparin in patients who have an epidural in place. This change is one of several interventions in response to medication errors involving the administration of enoxaparin in patients with an epidural. For questions related to anticoagulation in patients with epidurals, please consult the inpatient pain service.
§ **MRSA Screen** -- Active surveillance testing will begin in January 2009. Until that time, this order will be automatically discontinued by the lab. More information about our MRSA surveillance testing is forthcoming.
§ **Precautions** -- The precautions section has been updated.

In addition, there is a new order form for peripherally inserted central catheters (PICC). To promote a more efficient, standardized process for ordering PICC lines, a one-page order form is now available.

After submitting the order form, physicians will be contacted with an approximate time for line placement. The PICC team is available daily from

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The goal is place 100 percent of the lines within 24 hours of the order.

If you have questions related to the Admit and Transfer Orders, please contact Dr. Andrew Auerbach at ada@medicine.ucsf.edu. For questions related to the PICC order form, please contact Melissa Mason, R.N., at melissa.mason@ucsfmedctr.org.