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TO: UCSF PHYSICIANS, NURSES AND PHARMACISTS

FROM: Adrienne Green, M.D.

Associate Chief Medical Officer

RE: NEW ADULT ANTIBIOTIC ORDER FORM

A new Adult Antibiotic Order Form (AOS) will arrive at the Parnassus hospitals on Thursday, Sept. 3 and at the Mount Zion hospital on Friday, Sept. 4.

In an effort to decrease medication errors related to surgical prophylaxis, revisions have been made to the post-operative surgical prophylaxis section of the form. Discontinuation of antibiotic prophylaxis within 24 hours for clean, uncontaminated surgical cases has been shown in randomized trials to be highly efficacious for prevention of surgical site infections. Longer duration of therapy has no additional benefit. UCSF policy, as approved by the Executive Medical Board in 2006, is to administer one dose of antibiotics post-operatively for clean, uncontaminated surgical cases.

Highlights of the revisions include:

**Surgical Prophylaxis**

§ Two options are available for surgical prophylaxis

o For clean, uncontaminated surgical cases an order for one post-operative dose of antibiotics may be written.

o For CABG, cardiac surgery, transplant surgery and clean, contaminated surgical procedures, an order may be written for up to 48 hours of antibiotic prophylaxis.

§ If prescribers choose a non-standard prophylaxis regimen postoperatively, they should clearly document the infectious issue being treated (e.g. spillage during surgery, abscess) in the "documented" or "suspected infection" sections of the form.

**Discontinuation of Antibiotics**

§ This section has been moved to the bottom of the form.

Please note that after Sept. 9, forms dated earlier than September 2009 will not be accepted and orders must be rewritten. Please be sure that old forms have been replaced in all locations, including call rooms and workrooms.

If you have any questions regarding the form revisions please email pharmacist Vicky Dudas, at vicky.dudas@ucsfmedctr.org .

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