

ProgressNotes

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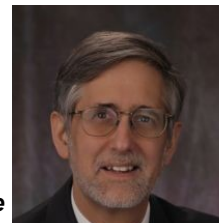
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Medical Executive Committee Approvals

Items approved at the last Medical Executive Committee meeting can be viewed by using this website link and selecting the particular month: <https://www.torrancememorial.org/for-providers/medical-executive-committee/>

If you have any questions, please contact the Medical Staff Services Department at (310) 517-4616.

Bed Alarm Education



In an effort to minimize patient injuries due to a fall, **ALL** patients will be assessed and scored for fall risk using the criteria per the Schmid Fall Risk Tool.

All patients having procedures or surgery with sedation or anesthesia in areas to include Surgery, GI Lab, PACU, Cath Lab, and Interventional Radiology are considered at risk for falls and standard risk interventions will be initiated by the RN upon arrival to pre-op and holding room areas.

Physicians can help by encouraging patient's to embrace the bed alarms and continue to work with the unit nursing staff regarding interventions implemented.

Restraint Policy Update

Dear Medical Staff,

Restraint Policy Update:

Our restraint policy could have been interpreted to indicate that mittens are not a restraint unless they are tied down. However, mittens ARE a form of restraint, even if they are not tied down. As a result, our restraint policy has been updated. Restraints may not be initiated without a physician order and will require daily order renewal.

Below is the regulatory definition of what qualifies mittens as restraints.

Hand Mitts

Hand mitts would be considered a restraint if:

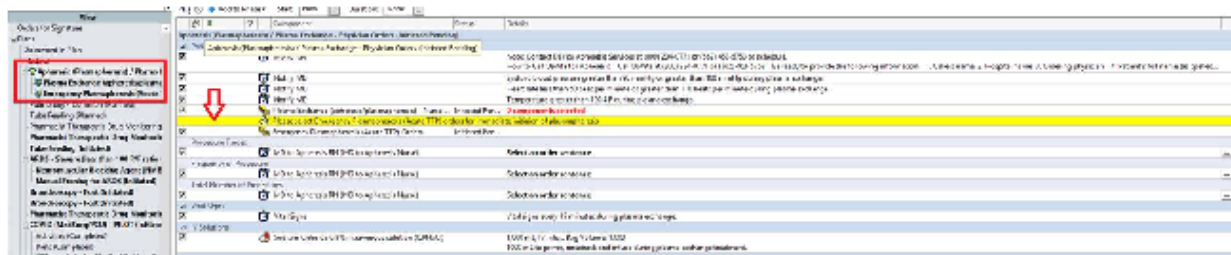
- The mitts are pinned or otherwise attached to the bed/bedding or are used in conjunction with wrist restraints and/or
- The mitts are applied so tightly that the patient's hands or fingers are immobilized, and/or
- The mitts are so bulky that the patient's ability to use their hands is significantly reduced, and/or
- The mitts cannot be easily removed intentionally by the patient in the same manner they were applied by staff considering the patient's physical condition and ability to accomplish the objective.

[Restraint and Seclusion - Enclosure Beds, Side Rails and Mitts | Hospital and Hospital Clinics | Provision of Care Treatment and Services PC | The Joint Commission](#)

Acute TTP

An opportunity for improvement was identified to better serve our Acute thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP) patients.

Below you will find a new order set for the ordering of Emergency Plasmapheresis (Acute TTP) along with the explanation of its use. These orders are currently active in Power Chart. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Sulmeyer and she can assist you.



The emergency order set contains five **STAT** orders:

1. MD to RN Contact the plasmapheresis nurse: Same original order but priority of STAT
2. MD to RN order to notify the House Supervisor of need for immediate monitored bed placement
3. Medication order to pharmacy for the Albumin infusion with instructions to contact the plasmapheresis nurse for quantity and sends immediate notification to the pharmacy
4. FFP Order to Blood Bank with instructions to contact RN for volume but gives them immediate notification to prepare
5. Correct radiology order for line placement with instructions

This emergency subphase creates STAT notification of all involved departments with one order. It will require education of the hospitalists to use the order but otherwise will be automatic.

Order ID	Order Name	Priority	Category	Details
1	MD to RN Contact the plasmapheresis nurse	STAT	Physician Orders, Emergency Plasmapheresis (Acute TTP) Orders	Physician Orders
2	MD to RN order to notify the House Supervisor of need for immediate monitored bed placement	STAT	Physician Orders, Emergency Plasmapheresis (Acute TTP) Orders	Physician Orders
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Vital EEG

01/23/23

VERY IMPORTANT UPDATE

VITALEEG

Situation/Background:

There are patients requiring an EEG when an EEG technician or EEG equipment is unavailable.

Assessment:

The VitalEEG machine allows for quick and rapid deployment. The Respiratory department can initiate the VitalEEG during the EEG department afterhours.

Recommendation:

If the VitalEEG is required and ordered, please contact the **Respiratory Lead at extension x76718**.

Vital EEG Inclusion Criteria:

- Unconscious and/or unresponsive patient in the ED or ICU and;
- All other EEG equipment are in use and/or;
- EEG required afterhours

EEG Department Afterhours:

- Monday—Thursday 20:30 to 06:00
- Friday—Saturday 22:00 to 07:00

Who:

All staff, physicians, and advanced providers who work with unconscious inpatients.

What:

VitalEEG

When:

January 2023

**FOR QUESTIONS
CONTACT:**

**Respiratory Lead
x 76718**



Medical Staff Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30	31	1 7:00a CV Review Conference 7:30a Cardiology PI 12:30p CME Conference	2 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a Gen Tumor Board 12:30p MSPI Committee	3 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board 7:00a Surgery Dept
6	7 7:00a Practitioner Well Being 12:30p Infection P&T Committee	8 7:00a Anesthesia PI 7:00a CV Review Conference	9 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:00a Cardiac M&M 7:45a GI Tumor Board	10 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board
13 12:30p Cardiology 12:30p Credentials 12:30p Integrative Medicine Steering Committee	14 12:30p Donor & Transfusion 12:30p Medical Executive	15 7:00a CV Review Conference 12:30p Antibiotic Stewardship 12:30p CME Conference	16 7:00a Breast Tumor Board. 7:45a CNS Tumor Board 9:00a Emergency Department 12:30p Pediatric Department	17 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board
20 7:30a IRB 12:00p Burn & Wound Surgery	21 12:30p EDIE Pt Care Committee 12:30p C-Section Committee	22 7:00a Breast Program Subcomm 7:00a CV Review Conference	23 7:00a Breast Tumor Board. 7:45a GI Tumor Board 12:30p Credentials 1:00p Stroke Committee 5:00p Bariatric Surgery	24 7:00a Thoracic Tumor Board
27 12:00p ECMO 5:30p Physician Resiliency	28 12:00p Radiology Department 12:30p OB/GYN Department	1	2	3

CME CONFERENCES

Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.

Hoffman Health Conference Center



Torrance Memorial Medical Center is accredited by the Institute for Medical Quality/California Medical Association (IMQ/CMA) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Torrance Memorial Medical Center designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This credit may also be applied to the CMA Certification in Continuing Medical Education.

For up-to-the-minute conference information call (310) 784-8776 or visit: http://www.torrancememorial.org/For_Physicians/Wednesday_CME_Conferences.aspx

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

"Reduce LGBTQ+ Disparities"

Nicholas Wagoner, M.D.
UAB School of Medicine
Commercial Support: None

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

NO CONFERENCE

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

"Environmental Heat Illness"

Sean Nordt, Pharm.D., DABAT,
FAACT, FAAEM, FACMT
University of California, San Diego
Commercial Support: None

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

NO CONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

"Health Inequities in Oncology"

Anees Chagpar, M.D., MSc, MPH
Yale University School of Medicine
Commercial Support: None

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

NO CONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

"Update on Hearing Health"

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Wednesday, March 22 & 29, 2023

NO CONFERENCE

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