

# ProgressNotes

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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: [http://www.torrancememorial.org/For\\_Physicians/Medical\\_Staff/MEC\\_Approval.aspx](http://www.torrancememorial.org/For_Physicians/Medical_Staff/MEC_Approval.aspx) .

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

# Updated Visitor Guidelines

**To:** All Physicians  
**From:** Torrance Memorial Administration  
**Re:** New Visitor Guidelines  
**Date:** April 23, 2021

With the recent decline in the rate of infections, hospitalizations and vaccination availability, it was determined we could safely expand our visitor guidelines. We expand inpatient areas first and when our volunteer staffing increases, we will also expand visitor guidelines for surgical services. Below are the updated guidelines and date they go into effect.

## Effective Tuesday, May 4 – Inpatient Areas (changes highlighted)

### Inpatient Areas

- **Intensive, Progressive and Medical/Surgical Units** – Two visitors per day between 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- **Maternity Units** – Two support people, 24 hours a day, per stay.
  - ◇ Doula - Maternity patients may also choose to use a certified trained doula in addition to the one support person. Prior arrangements for doula to be present must be made with the Labor & Delivery lead nurse and doula must comply with PPE and Infection Prevention guidelines. Doula must not be caring for any sick contacts in their practice. Doula must leave facility after delivery.
- **Pediatrics & NICU** – Two parents/guardians, 24 hours a day.
- **Transitional Care Unit** – TCU will allow a limited number of visitors each day between 9:30am to 5:30pm. To best protect all patients and staff, patients may have one scheduled visitor per day for a one-hour visit. TCU visitors must call 310-784-4924 to schedule appointment. Patient visits will occur in a separate, restricted location outside of the unit.
- **Compassionate Care Patients who do not have or are not suspected of COVID-19** – Up to five visitors, 24 hours a day.

### Outpatient Areas

- **Emergency Department** – One visitor allowed per patient at a time, if social distancing permits, unless patient is exhibiting respiratory or COVID-19 symptoms. Visitors and/or caregivers not accompanying a patient will be asked for contact information. Clinical staff will assess caregiver need if patient is under the age of 18 or if the patient requires special assistance.
- **Hunt Cancer Center** - Effective 3/9, only patients with physician or nurse practitioner appointments are allowed one visitor. No visitors will be allowed for patients with infusion/treatment appointments, lab appointments or injection appointments unless patient requires special assistance.
- **All Other Outpatient Areas** – No visitors will be allowed unless patient is under the age of 18 or the patient requires special assistance in the following areas:
  - ◇ Surgical Services
  - ◇ Radiation Oncology
  - ◇ Radiology and Imaging
  - ◇ Laboratory and Blood Draw
  - ◇ Rehabilitation, Infusion and Ambulatory Care
  - ◇ Endoscopy, GI Lab, Cath Lab and Nuclear Medicine

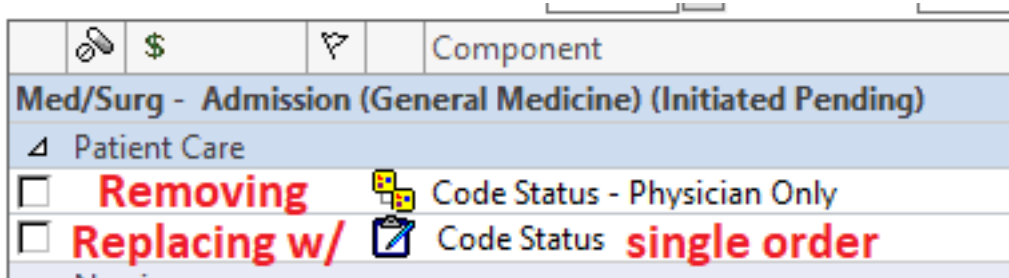
## Effective Tuesday, May 18 - Surgical Services

- **Surgical Services** – One visitor will be allowed to accompany an adult or pediatric surgical patient.
  - ◇ Due to seating capacity restrictions in waiting areas, visitors will need to leave the hospital during the patient's procedure. A member of the care team will notify the visitor of surgical updates and when the patient is ready for discharge.
  - ◇ The only exceptions are for pediatric patients and/or special needs patients. One parent or guardian will be allowed in the surgical waiting room or main lobby and into the recovery area. Visitor must be the same individual for the entire day.

## Code Status Single Order

ATTENTION: Your favorites may be affected!

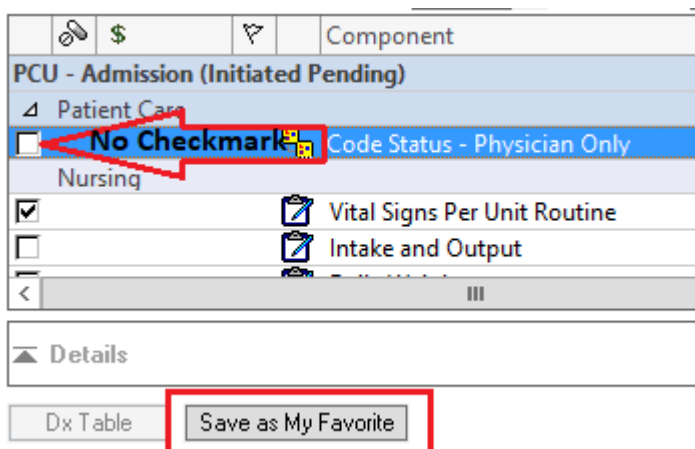
On May 11<sup>th</sup>, in an effort to utilize our new single code order, we will be removing the “Code Status – Physician Only” subphase from all PowerPlans and replacing them with a single order.



This may or may not affect your saved favorite PowerPlans.

In the meantime, please make sure your saved PowerPlan do not have a check box on the “Code Status – Physician Only” subphase box. This will help to minimize some of the impact.

To do this, select a saved PowerPlan from your “My Favorite Plans” folder as though you are placing it on the patient. Uncheck the “Code Status – Physician Only” subphase box. At the bottom of the screen select “Save as My Favorite”.



Then make sure to REFRESH POWERCHART  5 minutes ago to cancel the pending powerplan.

If you need assistance, please call Informatics at 310-784-4988.

# New Code Status Orders

## New Code Status Orders

Hello all,

As your Executive Director of Medical Informatics, I am your physician liaison to all things Cerner Millennium. With an experienced team of informaticists and service specialists supporting me, we are available to assist you with questions or ideas regarding use of the electronic medical record across both the acute and ambulatory locations of the Torrance Memorial Health System.

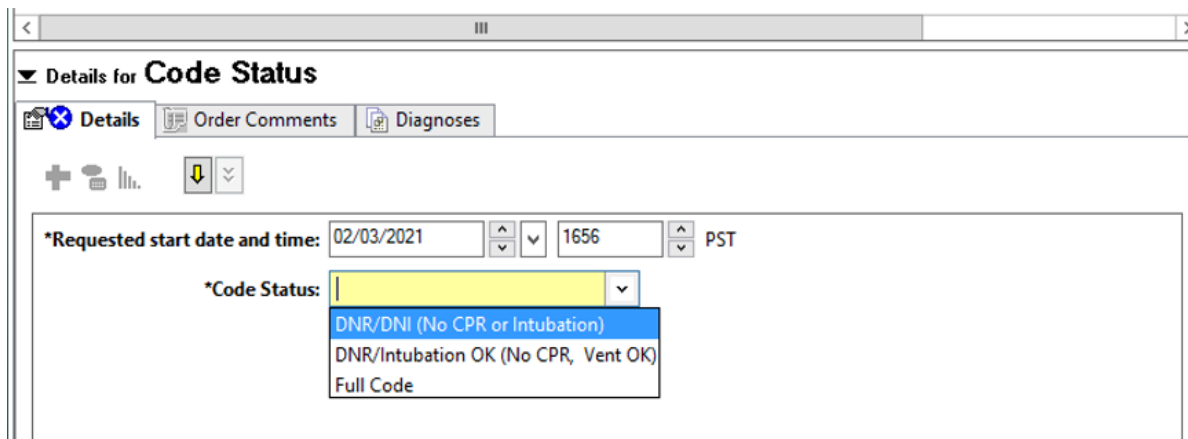
Acute physicians and nursing have all agreed that we needed a better way to document and communicate Code Status for our inpatients. For the past year we have had a multidisciplinary committee meeting regularly to improve the approach to documenting Code Status. This team included Hospitalists, Palliative Care physicians, ED physicians, Patient Safety Specialists, ICU Directors, Medical Staff administrators, Nursing Administration and Education and nursing managers. After many months of work, we developed a new single Code Status order. This single order will replace the array of confusing orders previously added to the system, eliminating the Modified Code order. In addition, the Goals of Care documentation for will be easily accessible for viewing directly from the Provider View page. Making sure we know the patient's wishes *before* an actual emergency allows the patient to have input into their care plan instead of placing the undue stress of this decision on family, caregivers, staff and providers in the middle of a Code situation.

The new Code Status order has three choices:

**DNR/DNI (No CPR or Intubation)** This is the NO CODE order.

**DNR/Intubation OK (No CPR, Vent OK)** This allows intubation but no chest compressions.

**Full Code** This is allowing all resuscitative intervention.

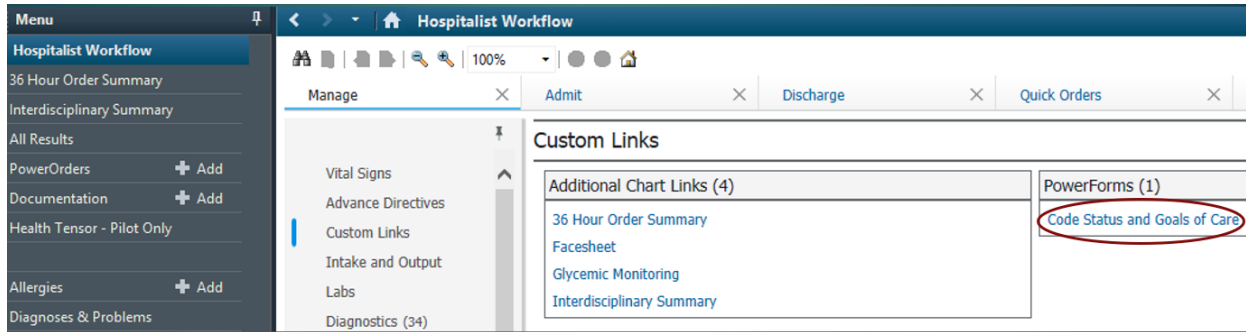


The screenshot shows a web-based form titled "Details for Code Status". At the top, there are three tabs: "Details" (selected), "Order Comments", and "Diagnoses". Below the tabs are several icons: a plus sign, a speech bubble, a bar chart, and a dropdown arrow. The main form area contains the following fields:

- \*Requested start date and time: 02/03/2021 (with up/down arrows) 1656 (with up/down arrows) PST
- \*Code Status: A dropdown menu with three options: "DNR/DNI (No CPR or Intubation)" (highlighted in blue), "DNR/Intubation OK (No CPR, Vent OK)", and "Full Code".

# New Code Status Orders

Prior Code Status and Goals of Care can be viewed on the Workflow Page under **Custom Links**:



Goals of Care allows more detail and documentation regarding discussions on code status between providers and patients.

If a patient had a previous DNR Code Status documented, and on the current admission no one has placed a code status order, you will see this alert:

## Missing Code Status Alert

- ▶ If there is no current code status order but a patient has had a DNR order on prior admissions, physicians will see this information when they open a chart.
- ▶ To access a patient's complete code status history, click on the Code Status History button

### 3 Previous Code Status Orders

Date/time	Order	Ordering provider	Additional Order Details
01/28/21 12:42:00 PST	No Code	PATEL, KEYUR A	NOT FOUND
01/15/21 12:26:00 PST	No Code	KAGIHARA MD, JAMIE M	NOT FOUND
01/13/21 16:24:00 PST	Modified Code	PATEL, KEYUR A	No Chest Compressions, No Defibrillation

History   Code Status History   Dismiss Alert

I have attached the full power point for more information. This includes a link to the educational video provided for viewing by patients in their room to help initiate the discussion. You are all a vital part of this team, improving the quality of care for our patients. Please take the time to review the power point and the video and order your code status on admission.



Code Status Updates 3-10-21.ppt

If you would like additional information on this tool or any other part of Cerner Millennium, please contact me at [ginal.sulmeyer@tmmc.com](mailto:ginal.sulmeyer@tmmc.com). I am also on Mobile Heartbeat 24/7 for questions. As always, here to help!

## Medical Staff Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3</b> 12:30p Cardiology	<b>4</b> 12:30p Infection Prevention P&T	<b>5</b> 7:00a CV Review Conference 12:30p CME Conference 12:30p MSPI Committee	<b>6</b> 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a Gen Tumor Board	<b>7</b> 7:00a Lung Tumor Board 7:30a IRB Committee 8:00 Oncolens Demonstration
<b>10</b> 12:30p Credentials 12:30p Integrative Med Steering	<b>11</b> 12:30p Bioethics Committee 6:00p Medical Executive Committee	<b>12</b> 7:00a Anesthesia Department 7:00a CV Review Conference 7:00a Oncology CME Subcommittee 12p Medicine Department	<b>13</b> 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a GI Tumor Board 11:30a HIM Committee 12:30p Peds PI	<b>14</b> 7:00a Lung Tumor Board
<b>17</b> 12:00p Burn & Wound Surgery	<b>18</b> 12:30p EDIE Patient Care Committee	<b>19</b> 7:00a CV Review Conference 12:30p CME Conference 3:00p Medication Safety	<b>20</b> 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:30a CNS Tumor Board 8:00a Hunt Cancer Ctr Steering 9:00a Emergency Department 12:30p Pediatric Department 12:30p Stroke Committee 1:00p C-Section Committee	<b>21</b> 7:00a Lung Tumor Board
<b>24</b> 4:00p Bariatric Surgery	<b>25</b> 7:00a Oncology Committee 12:30p MSIT Committee 12:30p OB/GYN Department	<b>26</b> 7:00a CV Review Conference 7:30a Cardiology PI	<b>27</b> 7:00a Breast Tumor Board 7:45a GI Tumor Board 12:30p Credentials	<b>28</b> 7:00a Lung Tumor Board
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## 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*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

For up-to-the-minute conference information call (310) 784-8776 or visit: [http://www.torrancememorial.org/For\\_Physicians/Wednesday\\_CME\\_Conferences.aspx](http://www.torrancememorial.org/For_Physicians/Wednesday_CME_Conferences.aspx)

### May 5, 2021

*Falls and Falls Prevention*  
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 Commercial Support: None

### May 12, 2021

NO CONFERENCE

### May 19, 2021

*Hypertension*  
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### May 26, 2021

NO CONFERENCE

### June 2, 2021

NO CONFERENCE

### June 16, 2021

*Death and Dying Process & Pain Management*  
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 Commercial Support: None

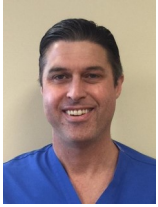
### June 23, 2021

NO CONFERENCE

### June 30, 2021

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