



## QUINTE HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

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### Medication – Therapeutic Substitutions

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#### 1. POLICY

Certain orders are to be therapeutically substituted as per the approved automatic therapeutic substitutions list. All therapeutic substitutions are to be recorded in the Physician’s Orders section of the patient’s chart by a registered nurse or pharmacist.

#### 2. PURPOSE

To ensure all appropriate orders are therapeutically substituted to provide appropriate and timely medication therapy.

#### 3. PROCEDURE

Orders for certain medications (restricted use, non-formulary) will be therapeutically substituted by Nursing and/or Pharmacy.

The therapeutic substitution is to be recorded in the Physician’s Order section of the chart by either Nursing or Pharmacy. The written order should read “Therapeutic Substitution – [drug name dose route frequency] as substitute for [drug name dose route frequency] as per MAC policy” followed by the nurse’s or pharmacist’s signature.

This order should be written prior to any of the substituted agent being administered to ensure the Medication Administration Record correctly identifies the actual drug given.

A pharmacist may alternatively record the therapeutic substitution by completing an electronic Clinical Intervention sheet that contains the above information. It is to be printed to the unit to be placed in the Physician's Order section of the patient's chart and is to be electronically posted to the patient's chart via Patient Care Notes in PCI in Meditech.

Prescribers will be requested to order formulary agents whenever possible.

Any revisions to the "Automatic Therapeutic Substitutions" must be approved by the Medical Advisory Committee and uploaded to the Intranet.

## **APPENDICES AND REFERENCES**

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**Appendices:** Appendix A – Automatic Therapeutic Substitutions