



**QUINTE HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**

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**Medication – Automatic Stop Orders**

<b>Title: Medication – Automatic Stop Orders</b>		<b>Policy No:</b>	<b>3.12.22</b>
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**1. POLICY**

Anti-Infective Agents – 10 days

- INCLUDES antibiotics, antivirals, antifungals, topicals and ophthalmics
- EXCLUDES amantadine, sulfasalazine

All other medications – Three Months/90 Days

- WITH the following exceptions:

<b>DRUG</b>	<b>Automatic Stop after” X” days total therapy (including home)</b>
<b>Filgrastim (Neupogen®) inj</b>	<b>8 days</b>
<b>Melphalan (Alkeran®) po</b>	<b>4 days</b>
<b>Etoposide (VePesid®) po</b>	<b>7 days</b>
<b>Cyclophosphamide (Cytosan, Procytox®) po</b>	<b>7 days</b>
<b>Methotrexate po</b>	<b>30 days</b>
<b>*Capecitabine (Xeloda®) po</b>	<b>14 days</b>

<b>Chlorambucil (Leukeran<sup>®</sup>) po</b>	<b>14 days</b>
<b>VTE prophylaxis (Heparin or Enoxaparin)</b>	<b>30 days</b>

**If required to be given longer than the duration specified above, the prescriber is encouraged to specify the duration required when ordering the medication or re-order the medication when required.**

**Note:**

- *Stop orders would not apply if time period specified on order*
- *The prescriber is to be notified the day before the drug is to be discontinued*
- *Prescribers are requested to specify the length of therapy on the initial order, especially if different than the automatic stop*
- *\* = non formulary*
- *When completing medication reconciliation, the pharmacist will endeavour to follow up with prescriber when home regime differs from automatic stop in hospital*

**2. PURPOSE**

Quinte Healthcare Corporation (QHC) is dedicated to improving patient care and safety through the establishment of guidelines for the review of medication orders where length of therapy is not defined on the original prescriber's order.

**3. PROCEDURE**

- Using our computer system all drug dictionaries will define the automatic stop order length of therapy for that drug.
- This will automatically default into the patient's profile if not changed during order entry to a different stop date.
- A report is run daily through the Meditech system and each unit will automatically receive a print out of all medications that are being automatically stopped on that unit, the next day and require reassessment of need.