

TIP OF THE WEEK # 55

Verbal Orders

Telephone orders are not accepted at the AUBMC and verbal orders may be accepted only in emergencies. Verbal orders are given by a physician and accepted by a registered nurse. Verbal orders are signed by the ordering physician within four (4) hours.

The READ BACK method shall be used when communicating verbal orders. Repeat back is acceptable only in emergency situations such as the Operating Room, Emergency Department or Intensive Care Units and in other units during patient resuscitation.