

# FLOYD CHEROKEE MEDICAL CENTER POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL PATIENT CARE SERVICES



<b>TITLE: Interchange of Quinolones by a Clinical Pharmacist</b>	<b>Policy No.: C-PCS-06-029</b>
<b>Purpose:</b> To establish a protocol for the interchange of quinolones according to the results of culture and sensitivity reports to assure the most sensitive quinolone is prescribed.	<b>Developed Date:</b> <b>Review Date:</b> 8/20 <b>Revised Date:</b> <b>Review Responsibility:</b> CNO, Nursing Leadership, Director of Pharmacy; Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
<b>Reference Standards:</b> MM 05.01.01	

## Policy:

The clinical pharmacist may interchange quinolones according to the patient's culture and sensitivity results by writing a per policy order from the physician.

1. When the following criteria are met, the clinical pharmacist may interchange quinolones so that the most sensitive quinolone is administered to the patient.
  - ◆ The patient is currently receiving a quinolone.
  - ◆ The culture and sensitivity results show a difference in the sensitivities (minimal inhibitory concentration, i.e., MIC) for quinolones.
  - ◆ The patient is not currently receiving the most sensitive quinolone.
2. The clinical pharmacist may enter a per policy order from the physician to change the prescribed quinolone to the most sensitive quinolone.
3. The physician will sign the per policy order in the patient's chart within forty-eight hours.
4. A physician may enter "Dispense as Written" to override the quinolone interchange.