

# MED SAFETY & COMPLIANCE

## Therapeutic Duplication

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### What is Therapeutic Duplication?

- Therapeutic Duplication is when a provider orders more than one medication for the same indication.
  - A patient should **NEVER** have multiple meds for the exact same reason.
  - It is **not** within a nurse's scope of practice to decide what medication is appropriate to administer.

### Pain Management Duplication Example:

- Oxycodone 10mg po q4h prn severe pain (pain score 8-10) AND
- Hydromorphone 0.5mg q4h prn severe pain (pain score (8-10))

#### Resolution

- Hydromorphone 0.5mg q4h prn severe pain (pain score (8-10) **if pain is not relieved by po medication**)

### Nausea Management Duplication Example:

- Promethazine 25mg IV q6h prn nausea
- Ondansetron 4mg po q6hr prn nausea

#### Resolution

Promethazine 25mg IV q6h prn nausea **if unable to take po**

### Resources

[Medication Ordering Policy](#)

[Pain Management Policy](#)

### WHAT DO I DO WHEN I FIND 2 Orders for the EXACT SAME Indication?

- 1) **Contact Provider**
- 2) **Request Order Modification to eliminate the duplication**

