

# POLICY MANUAL

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## **POLICY:**

Automatic stop dates are used on antibiotics, steroids and scheduled drugs, unless otherwise ordered.

## **PROCEDURE:**

1. The physician or nurse will enter the order with the specific length of time a prescribed medication is to be administered.
2. If the physician fails to specify the length of time for these medications, the medication room nurse will call the physician for clarification.