

RESTRICTED ANTIMICROBIAL APPROVAL PROCESS (Revised 8/17/17)

For physicians:

1. Restricted antimicrobials require Infectious Disease (ID) approval and/or ID consult before they can be dispensed by the pharmacy.
2. ID physician, ID pharmacist or another member of the Antimicrobial stewardship committee will assume responsibility for approving the use of restricted agents:

Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm:

contact Annette Patterson (ID pharmacist) at 652-6745 or tiger text at pharmacy.infectiousdiseases@ventura.org.

Saturday, Sunday from 8am to 8pm:

contact ID physician on call via tiger text or cell

During off hours 4pm to 8am:

Restricted agents may be ordered without approval from the ID physician or pharmacist. However,

- Only 1 or 2 doses can be ordered overnight.
- Criteria for use must be indicated on the order and must follow the indications of use (Refer to Antimicrobial Restriction Form).
- The ordering physician and/or day physician must contact the ID physician or pharmacist the following morning to obtain formal approval.

For pharmacists:

1. Between 8am to 4pm, upon receiving an order for a restricted agent, Pharmacy should verify that approval by ID pharmacist has been provided. A clinical intervention must be logged in Cerner to document that the approval has been verified.
2. Between 4pm to 8am, upon receiving an order for a restricted agent and if no approval has been provided, the pharmacist must verify that the criteria for use has been met. The following day, pharmacy must ensure formal approval prior to continuing the medication. A clinical intervention must be logged in Cerner to document that the criteria for use has been reviewed.