Policy on Order-Writing

I. PURPOSE:

To specify the responsibilities of Medicine Housestaff for the writing of patient orders.

II. POLICY:

Residents must write all orders for patients under their care with appropriate supervision by the attending physician. Medical student orders must be counter-signed by a supervising resident. It is recognized that there are some circumstances where attendings or fellows will write orders on a resident’s patient (i.e. DNR/DNI, dialysis, post-procedure and chemotherapy orders); in the case that an attending or fellow writes such orders, he/she must communicate his/her action to the resident in a timely manner.

III. SCOPE:

The Department of Medicine training programs comply with the ACGME program requirements for residency education in Internal Medicine. This policy applies to all residents during their rotations at any of the 4 teaching sites (Moffitt/Long Hospital, San Francisco General Hospital, San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Mt Zion Clinics).

IV. REFERENCES:

1. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact the Associate Chairs for Education, Patricia Cornett, MD (pcornett@medicine.ucsf.edu) or Sharad Jain, MD (sharad@itsa.ucsf.edu) at 502-5366.

2. ACGME Program Requirements for Residency Education in Internal Medicine, V.E.3