### CLINICAL STANDING ORDER for RNs and LPNs

#### ROUTINE (SCREENING) EKG

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<th>A. EFFECTIVE DATE:</th>
<th>October 1, 2018</th>
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<td>B. PURPOSE</td>
<td>To outline the process for ordering and documenting routine (screening) EKGs.</td>
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<td>C. STANDING ORDER</td>
<td>Perform routine (screening) EKGs for all patients who meet criteria.</td>
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<td>D. SCOPE</td>
<td>For the UMG Medical Office Practices and the John Dempsey Hospital Medical Practices which include Cardiology, the Cancer Center, Dermatology, Nephrology, Pulmonology and Urgent Care.</td>
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<td>E. AUTHORIZED USERS</td>
<td>RNs and LPNs</td>
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| F. CRITERIA        | • All patients scheduled annual visits age 40 years or greater who have documented diagnosis of Heart Disease, Congestive Heart Failure (CHF), Coronary Artery Disease (CAD), Hypertension or Diabetes.  
  or  
  • All patients scheduled for pre-operative physicals age 50 years or greater who have a documented diagnosis of Diabetes, Heart Disease, Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) or Coronary Artery Disease (CAD).  
  or  
  • All cardiology patient’s scheduled for Transition of Care Management visits (TCM) after cardiology hospitalization or visit following a cardiac procedure.  
  or  
  • Patient with documented diagnosis of Atrial Fibrillation  
  or  
  • Patient is actively taking one of the following anti-arrhythmics:  
    - Propafenone (Rhythmol)  
    - Flecainide (Tambocor)  
    - Sotalol (Betapace)  
    - Amiodarone (Pacerone, Cordarone)  
    - Dofetilide (Tikosyn)  
    - Mexililite (Mexilit) |
| G. MATERIALS NEEDED | MUSE-compatible EKG machine  
  Electrodes |
| H. PROCEDURE       | 1. The nurse will log into HealthONE and queue up the standing order for a routine EKG using code **Z13.6** (screening for cardiovascular disease).  
  2. The nurse will notify the MA or EKG Technician to obtain the EKG.  
  3. The staff member will room the patient.  
  4. The staff member will obtain the EKG. |
5. The staff member will transmit the EKG to MUSE.
6. Practitioner will authenticate the order following review of results and amend billing coding if needed.

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<td>Clinical Policy – Standing Orders</td>
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<td>9. SEARCH WINDOW</td>
<td>EKG, ECG, MUSE</td>
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<td>10. COMMITTEE APPROVALS</td>
<td>Clinical Council August 28, 2018 Medical Board September 11, 2018</td>
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12. REVISION HISTORY:

   1. Approved: September 12, 2018
   2. Revised: September 28, 2018
   3. Reviewed:

   END OF STANDING ORDER