

IV Titration Guideline Location Change
Providence Instance of Epic
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Who is affected by this change?

Nurses who titrate and document IV medication (infusion) rate changes within the Providence build of EPIC. This change impacts adult IV titratable medications only. Titratable medication infusions include cisatracurium, clevidipine, dexmedetomidine, diltiazem, dobutamine, dopamine, epinephrine, esmolol, fentanyl, hydromorphone, isoproterenol, labetalol, lorazepam, midazolam, milrinone, morphine, nicardipine, nitroglycerin, nitroprusside, norepinephrine, phenylephrine, propofol, vasopressin, and vecuronium.

What is the change?

Full titratable drip guidelines are now required to be embedded within the permanent patient electronic health record (EHR). Previously this information was included as a link in the EHR.

This will allow nursing staff to have immediate access and view of the infusion order parameters without having to leave the screen/medical record. There is no change to the current clinical content.

Below is a screenshot of how the titration guidelines will appear in the medication administration record (MAR):

Why is this change being made?

Regulatory bodies, including CMS and The Joint Commission (TJC), require references used to adjust and guide treatment be permanently in the EHR.

What do we need from you?

Awareness that titration guidelines are now within the MAR.

Where can I get additional information?

Please reach out to your clinical educator or local informaticist with additional questions.