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ORDERS TO TEACH INPATIENTS

Practice FAQs

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QUESTION

Do I need an order to teach an inpatient how to use their puffers?

ANSWER

Providing education/training does not require an order, however RT's do require an order to "administer a substance by inhalation" if they are administering the puffers as part of the education. In addition, O.Reg.965 under the Public Hospitals Act requires an order for every "treatment or for a diagnostic procedure", therefore administering the puffers as part of the teaching process also requires an order under this piece of legislation.