

**Attachment B: Loeb Criteria Communication and Order Form**

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## Communication and Order Form

**Please use the communication and order form to document all infections.**

Please use Section II to document whether a resident has a skin or soft tissue infection, a urinary tract infection, a suspected lower respiratory tract infection, or a fever of unknown origin.

**Please fill out as much information as possible, indicating whether the Loeb criteria were met.**

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### Communication and Order Form (v.8)

Clinician:	Facility:
Fax:	Facility Nurse:
Phone:	Phone:
Resident/Rm#:	Date & Time faxed/reported:

**I. Vital Signs:** Temp.: \_\_\_\_\_ BP: \_\_\_\_\_ Resp. Rate: \_\_\_\_\_ Heart Rate: \_\_\_\_\_ O<sub>2</sub> Sat: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Infections and Fevers- Loeb Criteria for Antibiotic Use (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)**

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Skin or Soft Tissue Infection, check all that apply</b> Site: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New or increasing purulent discharge at site</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>OR AT LEAST TWO</b> of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Fever over 100°F or increase of 2.4°F above baseline temp.;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Redness; <input type="checkbox"/> Tenderness; <input type="checkbox"/> Warmth;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> New/increased swelling</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Loeb criteria met</p> <hr/> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Suspected Urinary Tract Infection (choose 1 of 2)</b></p> <p>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>For Pts. with a chronic indwelling catheter,</b> check at least 1:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Fever over 100°F or increase of 2.4°F above baseline</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> New costovertebral angle tenderness (flank pain)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Rigors (shaking chills)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Delirium (sudden onset of confusion)</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>For Pts. without a chronic indwelling catheter, check all that apply:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Acute dysuria <b>OR</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Fever over 100°F or increase in 2.4°F above baseline temp.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>AND AT LEAST ONE</b> new or worsening:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Urgency; <input type="checkbox"/> Frequency; <input type="checkbox"/> Suprapubic pain ;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Gross hematuria ; <input type="checkbox"/> Costovertebral angle tenderness; or <input type="checkbox"/> Urinary incontinence</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Loeb criteria met</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fever of Unknown Origin, check all that apply</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fever over 100°F or increase in 2.4°F above baseline patient needs to have <b>AT LEAST ONE</b> of the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Delirium <input type="checkbox"/> Rigors (shaking chills)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Loeb criteria met</p> <hr/> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Suspected Lower Respiratory Infection (choose 1 of 4)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>For patients with a fever:</b></p> <p>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> If fever is 102°F or greater Pt. must also have <b>AT LEAST ONE</b> of the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Resp. rate &gt; 25 breaths/min. <input type="checkbox"/> Productive cough</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> If fever is between 100 - 102°F Pt. <b>MUST</b> have a <input type="checkbox"/> Cough <b>AND AT LEAST ONE</b> of the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pulse &gt; 100 <input type="checkbox"/> Delirium</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Rigors <input type="checkbox"/> Resp. rate &gt;25 breaths/min</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>For patients without a fever:</b></p> <p>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> If Pt. does not have COPD, Pt. must have <input type="checkbox"/> New or increased cough with purulent sputum production <b>AND AT LEAST ONE</b> of the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Resp. rate &gt; 25 breaths/min. <input type="checkbox"/> Delirium</p> <p>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> If Pt. has <b>COPD</b> Pt. must have <input type="checkbox"/> New or increased cough with purulent sputum production</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Loeb criteria met</p>
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**III. Additional information**

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Nurse Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY/POA NOTIFIED:** Date & Time reported: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Treatment # 1: _____	Treatment #2: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Lab Tests: _____
Dosage: _____	Dosage: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> X-ray ordered
Frequency: _____	Frequency: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No changes at this time</b>
Other: _____	Other: _____	
Comments/Other Instructions:		
Clinician Signature _____	Date/Time _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Telephone order received