



Joint Commission Webinar Series Ambulatory Focus Q&A

- Question:** Does an injection, by a nurse, of a medication such as Vivitrol, prescribed by an MD fall into the category of a "procedure"?
- Answer:** Not Vivitrol and not normally. However, there are some medications, that carry a significant amount of risk where a decision has been made that because of this risk, consent should be obtained.
- Question:** Regarding consents and Advanced Practitioners not being able to be the sole signature: Can a Nurse Practitioner obtain a patient consent for treatment and not be required to have it cosigned by an MD?
- Answer:** No. The Board of Registration of Medicine explicitly states that an attending must sign the consent. The Board of Registration of Medicine explicitly states that an attending must sign the consent.
- Question:** There was mention about orders entered by staff and there being a report that can be run to see how staff (and what staff) are entering orders. Is this a report can be shared so that managers can run it in Epic to see how orders are being entered?
- Answer:** This is not available as an EPIC report. However, it is important for staff to understand proper order mode usage.