Memorandum

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Subject: UMHS Clinical Care Guideline: Alcohol Withdrawal in Hospitalized Patients

What’s New!

AUDIT-C evaluation
• Identifies hazardous or harmful alcohol use in both men and women
• Scores > 8 are positive
• Performed by admission RN – captures ALL inpatient and observation patients

SBIRT – Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment
• Automated order set for social work within guideline algorithm
• Captures anyone with hazardous behaviors

MAWS assessment
• Objective vs Subjective assessment to reduce inappropriate medication administration
• More awareness to patient’s baseline characteristics
• More robust holding parameters

Baseline workup necessary
• QTc assessment, toxicology screen, labs, BAL

Drug administration guidelines

This complete guideline and all other UMHS Inpatient Clinical Care Guidelines can be found at:
https://www.uofmhealth.org/provider/clinical-care-guidelines