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Memorandum

To: UMHS Physicians, Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants

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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>