

## **ORDERING OXYGENATION AT DISCHARGE**

**Face to Face evaluation for Long term oxygen therapy must include:**

- Chronic condition, stable state
- Lung disease diagnosis – eg. COPD, Pulm HTN
- Hypoxia-related symptoms; such as shortness of breath (SOB)
- Signed and dated orders by physician
- Qualifying testing/oximetry study

### **How to Document Face to Face Evaluation in Physician Progress Note?**

“Patient has persistent Hypoxia with respiratory failure due to (COPD, CHF, Pulmonary HTN) leading to shortness of breath (*and or other symptoms – eg. Lightheadedness, syncope, respiratory distress etc.*). Based on the resting and ambulatory pulse oximetry testing, the patient will require long term oxygen therapy as ordered.”

### **Resting and ambulatory oxygenation study**

RN performs and documents resting and ambulatory study in the designated form in the computer.

### **What are common qualification criteria?**

**Resting  $\leq$  88%** - Pt qualifies for continuous Oxygen

**Resting  $>88\%$ , Ambulation  $\leq$  88%** - Pt qualifies for ambulatory or at exertion oxygen supplementation

**Overnight pulse oximetry  $\leq$  88% for 5 minutes** – Pt qualifies for Nocturnal or at night oxygen supplementation

### **Special situations:**

Pulse oximetry 89% with

- a.) Dependent edema suggesting CHF, or
- b.) Pulmonary hypertension, cor pulmonale, or
- c.) Erthrocythemia with hematocrit greater than 56%

### **How to place orders:**

**The orders should have following components:**

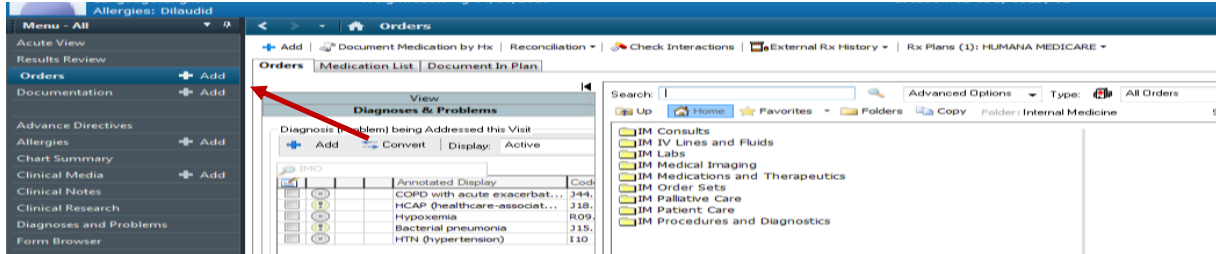
Dose, frequency, route, physician signature, date

Signature and date are automatically entered at the time of signing orders, however need to renew (cancel and reorder) after 48 hours

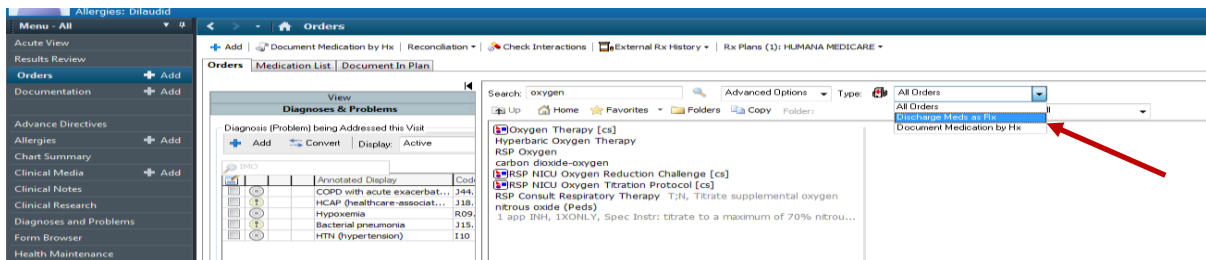
For example: Continuous 2L via nasal cannula for 52 weeks with portable tank and concentrator

## How to do it in Cerner

Go to orders



In the Type of orders – Select “Discharge Meds” as Rx



Type “Oxygen” in the “Search box” and select the one you want or change the liters needed

