**MM.04.01.01**

Medication orders are clear and accurate.

**Elements of Performance (EPs) for MM.04.01.01**

1. The practice follows a written policy that identifies the specific types of medication orders that it deems acceptable for use.

2. The practice follows a written policy that defines the following:
   - The minimum required elements of a complete medication order, which must include medication name, medication dose, medication route, and medication frequency
   - When indication for use is required on a medication order
   - The precautions for ordering medications with look-alike or sound-alike names
   - Actions to take when medication orders are incomplete, illegible, or unclear
   - For medication titration orders, required elements include the medication name, medication route, initial rate of infusion (dose/unit of time), incremental units to which the rate or dose can be increased or decreased, how often the rate or dose can be changed, the maximum rate or dose of infusion, and the objective clinical measure to be used to guide changes
   - Note: Examples of objective clinical measures to be used to guide titration changes include blood pressure, Richmond Agitation–Sedation Scale (RASS), and the Confusion Assessment Method (CAM).

3. If the practice uses preprinted medication order sheets, it updates them based on current evidence and practice.

4. The practice prohibits summary (blanket) orders to resume previous medications.