

 <p><b>Connecticut Valley Hospital Nursing Policy and Procedure</b></p>	<p><b>SECTION F: MEDICATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES</b></p> <p><b>CHAPTER 23: MEDICATION MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p><b>POLICY AND PROCEDURE 23.3.2 Automatic Stop Orders</b></p>
<p>Authorization: Nursing Executive Committee</p>	<p>Date Effective: May 1, 2018 Scope: Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses</p>

Schedule II, narcotic and non-narcotic drugs: May be ordered for a period up to seven (7) days and may be reordered in increments of seven (7) days.

Schedule III, IV, and V (controlled drugs): Expire after 30 days, may be reordered for 30 days.

Anticoagulants: Expire after 1 week.

### **Antibiotics**

Therapeutic (causative organism known): May be ordered for seven (7) to fourteen (14) days and may be reordered.

Empiric (causative organism not known): May be ordered for three (3) to five (5) days or until the lab results are received and then continued for remainder of the course of therapy (or different antibiotic ordered, if indicated).

Prophylactic: May be ordered for forty-eight (48) hours maximum.

***Prophylactic TB and chronic URINARY TRACT INFECTION antibiotic treatment may be ordered and renewed on a monthly basis.***

**Clozapine**: Expires in seven (7) days.

### **EXPIRATION TABLE**

<b>MEDICATION</b>	<b>EXPIRATION</b>
Schedule II	7 days
Schedule III, IV, V	30 days
Clozaril	7 days or 14 days after 6 months
Anticoagulants	7 days