TITLE: IV to PO Interchange By A Pharmacist  
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Purpose: To establish a procedure for the changing of medications from the intravenous form to the oral form by the clinical pharmacist.

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Policy:

The clinical pharmacist may change medications from IV to PO by writing a per policy order from the physician.

1. When the following criteria are met, the clinical pharmacist may change medications from the IV to PO form:

   A. The patient is currently receiving an IV medication with a PO equivalent.
   B. The patient has adequate gut function to allow for the accurate pharmacotherapy of the drug.
   C. The medication is one of the following:
      ◆ Azithromycin  
      ◆ Diflucan  
      ◆ Doxycycline  
      ◆ Flagyl  
      ◆ H 2 Antagonist  
      ◆ Linezolid  
      ◆ Metoclopramide  
      ◆ MVI  
      ◆ Proton pump inhibitor  
      ◆ Quinolone  
      ◆ Voriconazole

2. The physician will sign the per policy order on the chart within forty eight (48) hours.