

## **2. INTERIM PERMISSION TO ADMINISTER A MEDICATION RESTRICTED TO PHYSICIAN ONLY:**

A situation may require administration of a medication by nursing staff when that medication is restricted to administration by physician only (e.g. not approved for administration on a particular nursing unit). Physicians may request interim permission for administration by nurses as follows:

The physician must:

- Contact a pharmacy supervisor to review the request. The pharmacy supervisor must ensure the drug is safe for administration by nursing and then authorize administration of that medication by nursing staff.
- Contact the charge nurse or nurse manager of the ward involved. This person must approve that their nursing staff are able to administer this medication with appropriate monitoring.
- Document in the physician orders that the physician takes full responsibility for the ordering of this medication and that both the charge nurse/nurse manager and pharmacy have approved the request for administration by nursing staff. Documentation should also include the rationale for the use of this particular drug and any potential side effects for nursing to monitor.

NOTE that the interim permission granted is only for a specific drug for a specific patient and is not to be interpreted as a change in policy for administration of the drug in question. This policy only applies to medication listed in the PDTM.