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Sedation Goal Alerts with Paralytics

DNV-NC1-MM4 Adult Titration of Medications Team
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Attention:

Providers, nursing, and pharmacy staff

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Situation:

Patients receiving paralytics without orders for appropriate sedation goals

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Background:

DNV surveyors noted ICU patients receiving paralytics who were ordered to maintain light sedation (RASS 0 to -2).

Establishing deep sedation prior to paralysis is standard of care. The ICU paralytics PowerPlan includes orders to sedate patients to RASS -5 prior to paralysis, and to maintain deep sedation via BIS or patient state index monitoring.

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**Assessment /
Actions:**

Paralytic infusion orders are only available through the ICU paralytics PowerPlan. This plan includes appropriate sedation goal orders.
Beginning on (insert date), providers ordering paralytic infusions will be alerted with a reminder to utilize the ICU Mechanically Ventilated Sedation PowerPlan to order appropriate sedative medicines.
Beginning on (insert date), providers discontinuing paralytic infusions will be alerted to reassess ongoing sedation goals.

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**Recommendation
/ Requirement:
Effective Date:**

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