NPO Orders FAQs

Q: What if the provider needs to enter another diet that is not an option on the screen.

A: The provider will need to search for the specific diet and order it.

Q: What happens when a nurse enters a protocol order under the provider’s name?  Will the provider need to cosign the order?

A: No, although the system asks for the nurse to enter a provider’s name under protocol, the provider will NOT be asked to cosign the protocol order. Verbal, telephone, and written orders require a cosignature by the provider.

Q: If the diet that the provider said to resume has now changed, how is this reflected in the order?

A: The nurse can discontinue the NPO order only, by clicking “discontinue” and clarifying with provider who will place the new diet order.

Q: When the nurse resumes the order will this send a message to nutrition to send up a tray?

A: No, the screen does not send a message to nutrition services to send up a tray immediately. Please follow your unit’s guidelines on requesting trays.