

# At the VA, How Do I Order [item]?

## Radiology

### Sniff Test

- Radiograph
- abdominal radiograph
- in comments, write `sniff test`

## Lab Tests

### Myositis Panel

- Misc order
- in comments, write `sent out myositis panel, code 10257`

### Cystic Fibrosis Genetic Test

- Misc order
- in Comments, write `send out CFTR gene, code 10458`

## Body Fluid Samples

- Cytology
  - collect sample into sample cup
  - paper lab order form
    - MICU nurses have this
- Micro, chemistries
  - collect samples into purple- and red-top tubes
    1. place orders
    2. attach patient label to samples
    3. walk to lab on 4F near MICU

## Diagnostic Tests

## Pulmonary Function Tests

- Orders
- Consult Menu
- Pulmonary, Respiratory & HOME 02
- Pulmonary Function Test Outpt - BT

## EKG, outpatient

- Admission order
- pre op
- ekg now
- Personally walk the patient to EKG area

## Medications

### Ordering tPA and dornase

- send Teams message to [Faryal Qureshi](#)
- Orders, High-alert medication

### Non-Formulary Medication

- Orders
- Meds Outpatient Quick Orders
- #12 Controlled Substances (non formulary)
- (CLICK HERE FOR CONSULT)
- Attention: Faryal Qureshi

## Asthma Biologics

At Baltimore VA, Fasentra (benralizumab) is the only on-formulary biologic for severe asthma.

- **REQUIRED:** EpiPens x2
  - Must order when getting benralizumab
    1. Patient must bring to infusion clinic
    2. Options to order benralizumab
    3. [Non-Formulary Order](#)

## DME

## Inhaler Adjuncts

Includes: incentive spirometer, PEP device (Acapella), pulse oximeter

For more significant support equipment (oxygen, nebulizers, suction equipment, ventilators, etc.) see [Home O2 Consult](#).

For ordering flutter valves, spacers, peak flow meters, incentive spirometry, etc.

1. Orders
2. Consult

3. Additional Services → Prosthetics
4. Prosthetics Request Non-Implant- Baltimore

## Home O2 Consult

Below is how to order a 6MWT (to qualify for home oxygen), qualify for nebulizers, obtain suction equipment, obtain ventilators.

- Orders Tab
- Consult
- Pulmonary, Respiratory & Home O2
- Home Oxygen Request-VAMHCS

\*\*To expedite home O2, contact [Richard Farr](#) or Kimberley.

## Referrals

### Refer for Lung Transplant

- Write a VACO note
  1. Shared Template > Medical Care > Transplant > VACO

### Refer to Subspecialty Clinics

For lung cancer screening, lung mass clinic, pulmonary hypertension, pulmonary rehab, 6MWT, home oxygen assessment, qualify for nebulizers, suction equipment, ventilators.

- Orders
- Consult
  1. Pulmonary, Respiratory & Home O2

### Sleep Disordered Breathing

- Refer to Sleep Clinic
  - Orders
  - Consult
  - Neurology
  - Sleep
  - Neurology Sleep Disorders Clinic Outpt
- NIPPV Equipment (CPAP, BIPAP)
  - Orders
  - Consult
  - Neurology
  - Sleep
  - Sleep therapy outpt

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