

# At the VA, How Do I Refer for [cause]?

## Pulmonary Transplant Evaluation

- Determine if YOU think the veteran requires potential consideration
- staff with Drs. Keller or Todd
  - in the event that neither are available, or if time constraints exist, the veteran will need to be rescheduled in a time fitting manner for this evaluation and discussion
- for approach candidates, the patient will need to complete the TRACER evaluation
  - Mindy Conklin, APRT, has taken the role of facilitating TRACER evaluation and will need to be contacted when the veterans care dictates

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

## Infusion therapies

- NF consult for approval
- Clinic orders
  - Clinic Medication Quick Order > Pulmonary Service Clinic Orders Menu
  - Infusion clinic consult
  - Consult > Additional Services > Infusion Clinic

## Radiology

### Sniff Test

- Radiograph
- abdominal radiograph
- in comments, write `<code>sniff test</code>`

## Lab Tests

### Myositis Panel

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

## 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

### Micro, chemistries

- collect samples into purple- and red-top tubes
- place orders
- attach patient label to samples
- 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, Fasenra (benralizumab) is the only on-formulary biologic for severe asthma.

- Order EpiPens x2
- Place order for Infusion clinic
- Place [Non-Formulary Order](#) for Fasenra

## 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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