



STANDING ORDER

SORE THROAT/PHARYNGITIS

I. ASSESSMENT

- A. Take temperature. Take remaining vitals signs, if indicated.
- B. Assess for high fever, headache, vomiting, scarlatina rash.
- C. Inspect throat for tonsillar enlargement, swelling, exudates and redness.

II. MANAGEMENT

- A. For simple sore throat unaccompanied by fever, rash or abnormal swelling, instruct to gargle with salt water every two (2) hours while awake.
- B. If fever, rash, swollen glands or drainage evident, call Facility Provider for orders to take throat screen for streptococcus. Send to SCMC Lab for analysis. Isolate patient.
- C. If accompanied by other cold symptoms, follow Standing Order No. 514.
- D. If strep test is positive, call Facility Provider for orders.
- E. Isolate for 24 hours after antibiotic initiated.

III. EVALUATION

- A. If symptoms persist, or worsen, more than seven (7) days, contact Facility Provider to see at next facility visit.