



Monday Morning Practice Pearls # 57

What is the difference between an order set and a research order set?

Order Set

An order set is a group or collection of orders. An order set may be used to improve efficiency or to operationalize the requirements of a research protocol. The order set build, tracking and submission processes are managed through the Department of Clinical Research Informatics (DCRI). There are 2 main categories of order sets:

- Research Protocol Order Sets
- Institute, Institute/Branch or Clinical Center Department Order Sets

Research protocol order set

Research protocol order sets are a subset of order sets that are designed to meet the needs of specific requirements stipulated in the IRB approved protocol to assist in order entry and to ensure the requirements of the protocol are met.

- See [CRIS home page](#) (located in resources below) for detailed instructions on who develops the order sets and who is to review them. All orders sets go through [an electronic request system](#).
 - The research nurse will develop the non-pharmaceutical order sets from the protocol.
- All protocol order sets must be signed off by the PI.

Institute, Institute/Branch or Clinical Center Department Order Sets

These order sets are designed to group commonly ordered items for quick access, ordering consistency, and safety (e.g., potassium replacement, management of febrile neutropenia). They are not associated with a protocol.

Resources

- [MAS Policy- M94-8 "Per Protocol" Orders in the Clinical Center](#)
- CRIS Homepage <https://cris.cc.nih.gov/index.html>
- HIMD Handbook <http://intranet.cc.nih.gov/cc/mrh/mrhandbook.pdf>
- Order discontinuation and visit changes https://cris.cc.nih.gov/cristraining/documents/Order_Discontinuation_Visit_Changes.pdf