Working with Pathway Orders for Colorectal ERAS patients
For Prepare MDs / NPs

UCSF is introducing its first APeX Pathway order set for colorectal ERAS patients. Pathways allow orders to follow a patient through the continuum of care. (Previously, orders would need to be placed separately for patients in hospital units, for peri-op, and for any outpatient care).

You will work with orders differently for a Pathways patient than for other peri-op patients in Prepare. To view or place orders for a Pathway patient:

1. Select the **Schedule** or the **Status Board**.
2. **Single-click** to select the patient.
   
   **NEW**: Patients on a Pathway will appear with a yellow Pathways icon.

3. Click **Prepare** or **Phone Consult**.
   Complete a Prepare assessment and a Pre-op Note as today.
   
   **NEW**: Patients on a Pathway will also have a highlighted Pathways section in the chart header.

4. In the Table of Contents, click **Pathways** to open the Pathways order set.

**NOTE::** For a patient on a Pathway:

- Previously-placed orders will **not** appear in the “Orders by Surgeon” section, and
- you should **not** use the “Prepare AMB” or “Preop Holding Order Set” sections to place new orders.

Use the “Pathways” section to work with all orders for a Pathways patient.
5. Click the View Pre-Op Signed & Held Orders link to launch a report in the Sidebar that displays all orders already placed from the Pathways order set. (This is the alternative for the “Orders by Surgeon” report).

6. In the Active Pathways section, click the COLORECTAL ERAS link to open the pathway.

7. Just like a SmartSet, place orders in the Pathway by clicking each desired order. Note that outpatient pre-surgical orders appear at the top of the Pathway, and day-of-surgery orders appear towards the bottom of the Pathway.

8. If needed, place additional orders not found in the pathway by clicking Add Order in the Additional SmartSet Orders box at the bottom of the “Preop, Intraop and PACU” subsection.

9. Once you have selected all your orders, click ✔ Sign Orders/Initiate Pathway.

10. You must close the chart to exit the Pathway activity. Re-open the chart from the Schedule or Status Board to complete your Prepare documentation.