Case Study # 2 - Salvatore

Dr. Hospitalist writes and signs an INPT admission order but 10 minutes later while dictating the H&P documenting the need for INPT he realizes the order was a mistake and OBS is appropriate: The following are true (can be more than one answer):

- a) A CODE 44 is mandatory
- b) The physician can write an addendum to the H&P documenting the mistaken INPT order and change to OBS w/o a CODE 44
- c) Nothing needs to be done as the H&P is as good as an order for OBS services
- d) If, however, he discovers his error the day after writing the INPT order, a CODE 44 should be done

ANSWER - b and d