

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT POLICIES

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Patient Population

Neonate	√
Pediatric	√
Adolescent	√
Adult	√
Geriatric	√

POLICY:

Any patient needing admission will be admitted to the appropriate service by the housestaff or attendings following hospital guidelines.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. Patients presenting to the Emergency Department will be evaluated by housestaff and/or attendings following nursing triage.
2. All questions regarding disposition must be brought to the ED Attending's notice.
3. An attempt will be made to notify the referring physician regarding disposition. Actual bed locations will be determined by the Admitting offices. .
4. The ED attending will determine the suitability of patients for transfer or individual specialty services care. Transfers will only occur for lack of an available bed, for subspecialty needs such as hyperbaric or burn unit care and at the patient's request.
5. Any patients transferred to Mt. Sinai as a direct admission will go to the pre-arranged bed without involving the Emergency Department unless the patient becomes unstable on route.
6. ED Attendings will adjudicate all matters of disagreement regarding admission decisions between services. Verbal report will be given to inpatient provider by the ED provider.