

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT POLICIES

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Patient Population

Neonate	√
Pediatric	√
Adolescent	√
Adult	√
Geriatric	√

POLICY:

The ED Director or his/her designee will have administrative authority to admit patients to any service as he/she deems appropriate.

1. The ED Director or his/her designee has the privilege to list a patient to be admitted for evaluation as deemed necessary:
2. Admitting team/service will be notified by ED staff or Medical Admitting Resident. If the patient must remain in the Emergency Department due to lack of bed availability, then further evaluation and/or care will be provided by the admitting team/service.
3. If the Service Attending disagrees with an ED Attending's decision to admit, the Service Attending must see the patient, make a clinical assessment, and:
 - a. write a discharge note with an appropriate follow-up plan of care, or
 - b. write a discharge note from that service and arrange for the transfer to another service, if this is indicated.
4. An admission that has already been listed by an ED Attending can only be canceled by the Service Attending upon completion of either steps 3a or 3b, above.
5. Admissions listed by ED Attendings will be reviewed for appropriateness by the Primary Care and Medical Services Care Center. These admissions will be reported quarterly to the Quality Control Committee (QCC).

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