

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT POLICIES**

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**Patient Population**

Neonate	√
Pediatric	√
Adolescent	√
Adult	√
Geriatric	√

**POLICY:**

All patients in the Mount Sinai Hospital Emergency Department (ED) have their care supervised by an Attending Physician. Emergency Department physicians will be responsible to contact the appropriate referring physician for each patient or the accepting physician in the event of admission.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. Physician Referrals (telephone referrals):

Following ED evaluation, the ED physician will contact the attending physician who referred the patient with the results of the examination and disposition.

2. Once a disposition is made, the ED Physician will contact the Attending Physician as identified by the patient with the results of the examination and treatment plan.

3. Admissions Department of Medicine teaching or Attending Directed Service (ADS)

- A) If the patient is admitted to the House Staff-Assisted Service, the ED physician will contact the Medical Admitting Resident who will assign a team: the team will notify the responsible Attending.
- B) If the patient is admitted to the ADS, the ED physician or NP will contact the appropriate Attending.