

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT POLICIES

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Patient Population

Neonate	√
Pediatric	√
Adolescent	√
Adult	
Geriatric	

POLICY:

Emergency endoscopies, which meet criteria, may be done in the PED when the Endoscopy Unit is closed from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 a.m. weekdays and all day on holidays and weekends.

PROTOCOL:

1. The patient must be a registered PED patient.
2. The G.I. Fellow/Attending will inform the PED Attending physician that an emergency endoscopy is required emergently.
3. Together, these two physicians will confirm that the patient meets the following criteria.
 - a. Patient has no systemic disease or psychiatric disturbance other than the problem for which he/she present for the procedure, or
 - b. Patient has only a mild to moderate systemic disturbance caused either by the condition to be treated or by another pathophysiologic process.
4. The PED Attending physician will communicate with the PED charge nurse and together determine that unit activity and staffing levels are such that this procedure can be safely performed in the PED. The PED Attending will inform the G.I. physician of the decision.
5. PED nursing and medical personnel, along with the G.I. physician, will provide all required care to this patient while he/she remains in the PED, including assistance during the procedure and the recovery of said patient.
6. All sedation analgesia orders must be written/cosigned by the PED attending.