

Hospital Medicine Admission Escalation Pathway (Pass The Phone)

1. The ED will call Hospital Medicine when the patient has been stabilized and is ready for admission to their service.
2. If the first call for admission is from the advanced practice provider (APP) or resident and the Hospital Medicine physician disagrees with admission at that time (for example, asks for a consultation or additional laboratory testing the ED team does not feel is warranted), the APP or resident will **pass the phone** to the ED attending physician.
3. If a collegial discussion between the two attendings does not resolve the matter, **the ED attending will ask the Hospital Medicine attending to come down to the ED to evaluate the patient**
4. If there is still disagreement about next steps after in-person evaluation by the Hospital Medicine attending, the matter will be escalated to departmental leadership to solve in real time. ED providers should contact Dr. Shanin during the day or the SAOC after hours and on weekends.

Other Details on Admission Workflows

- When we take sign out, particularly of patients who will subsequently require admission, we know the patient in sufficient detail to have a robust admission discussion with the consulting/admitting service. It is also recommended that you have examined/laid eyes on the patient prior to report as well.
- We know and follow the established and agreed-upon disposition guidelines available in BEM Help.
- When we invoke Rule 6, we admit to the service that we believe is most appropriate for the patient's condition.
 - Rule 6 does not require that we obtain a hospital medicine evaluation prior to mandating admission to a specialty service if we feel it is not indicated; that burden is on the specialty service.
- Inform patients that they will be admitted before they are evaluated by the admitting service.