

# Admission Rule #6

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## MEDICAL STAFF RULES AND REGULATIONS

6. For patients admitted through the Emergency Department, the Emergency Department attending physician will make an initial determination of the most appropriate specialty service for the patient. The attending on-call for the selected specialty service will be contacted regarding the recommended admission. The contacted attending always has the opportunity to directly evaluate the patient and actively participate in the disposition decision. If that admitting attending feels that a different specialty service should admit the patient, it is that attending's responsibility to contact the other specialty's admitting attending to discuss the admission or the need for close consultation. The second attending also has the opportunity to directly evaluate the patient and actively participate in the disposition decision. If the admitting attendings disagree about which service is the more appropriate admitting service for the patient, and the attendings cannot reach a mutually acceptable agreement within sixty (60) minutes of the initial contact from the Emergency Department attending, the Emergency Department attending will have the authority to direct the admission to the service that he/she deems to be more appropriate. That selected attending, or his/her designee, will admit the patient, directly evaluate the patient, or arrange for the transfer of the patient to an appropriate accepting attending without further delay.