

## **Acute Pancreatitis ICU Admission Criteria**

**Any patient meeting criteria for either A or B below should be admitted to the ICU**

### **A. Patient meets criteria for SIRS or an APACHE II score of $\geq 8$**

*SIRS is defined as the presence of  $\geq 2$  of the following criteria:*

- *pulse  $> 90$  beats/min*
- *respirations  $> 20$ /min or  $PaCO_2 > 32$  mmHg*
- *temperature  $> 38$  C or  $< 36$  C*
- *WBC count  $> 12,000$  or  $< 4,000$  cells/mm<sup>3</sup> or  $> 10\%$  immature neutrophils (bands)*

### **B. Other ICU admission criteria if the above are not met or in addition to the above are:**

#### **1. Any of the following patient characteristics**

- Age  $> 55$  years
- Obesity (BMI  $> 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Altered mental status
- Multiple comorbid diseases

#### **2. Plus any of the laboratory and/or radiological findings below:**

##### **Laboratory findings**

- BUN  $> 20$  mg/dl
- HCT  $> 44\%$
- Elevated creatinine  $> 1.6$

##### **Radiology findings**

- Pleural effusions
- Pulmonary infiltrates
- Multiple or extensive extrapancreatic collections