

ED Provider GIP Admission Workflow

- When a patient presents to the ED and is identified as someone not wanting aggressive care and who would potentially require admission for comfort care, consult Palliative Care as soon as possible. Palliative NP's are available 7a-7p daily and can be reached through the hospital operator. Ensure that order is placed in meditech with Melissa Koga, NP or Kari Jansing, NP listed as the consulting provider.
- If the patient/family are agreeable to hospice and admission prior to the Palliative NP seeing them, offer to contact the hospice company of their choice, Boone Hospice or Hospice Compassus. These are the only two hospice companies who are contracted to work with Boone Inpatient.
- Notify the Social Worker of their preference. The social worker will contact the hospice agency and send a referral for them to evaluate the patient for GIP. If no SW is available at that time, the unit secretary or provider may reach the hospice agency through the hospital operator.
- Sometimes, the hospice nurse is able to arrive quickly and will give the GIP approval in a short amount of time. At other times, this may take longer. This should not prolong the ER stay.
- Contact the potential admitting physician (typically the on call hospitalist) and request hospital admission. If the patient is accepted for admission by the hospitalist, but we have not heard from the hospice company that they are approved for GIP admission, place a bed request. DO NOT PLACE THE ADMISSION ORDER. The hospitalist will place the admission order once GIP status is determined.
- If you have received word that the patient may be admitted GIP, place an admission order. This is the usual "Admit to Inpatient" order. However, in the comment section of this order note "GIP with "X" hospice agency." Admit to "MedSurg" bed.
- Continue comfort meds while patient remains in the ED. The patient may be transferred to the floor per usual admission protocol.