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## PURPOSE

These guidelines have been created to address the intercampus transfer of critically ill patients between the Emergency Department (ED) and the Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU) or medical step down unit (SDU). The vast majority of patients can be cared for equally well at both campuses. However, as a result of certain advanced programs there are some treatment modalities only available currently at the YSC campus. These guidelines are based on the following principles:

1. Intercampus transfer of critically ill patients will only occur if all local resource options are exhausted and it is safe to transport them
2. Safe intercampus transport of critically ill patients to available critical care beds is assured within all reasonable efforts.
3. Critically ill patients with unique clinical characteristics are placed at the specific campus with the requisite expertise and resources

## APPLICABILITY

York Street Campus (YSC) and the Saint Raphael's Campus (SRC) Emergency Departments & Medical Intensive Care Units

## GUIDELINE

1. ED Attending physician determines that patient needs admission to MICU/SDU bed.
2. ED Attending physician contacts the Clinical Bed Manager (CBM) at 688-4520 to notify them of need for a MICU/SDU bed.
3. If the CBM determines that local resources are limited (2 or less ICU or SDU beds or high volume), they will contact the MICU/SDU attending to confirm that there are no local MICU/SDU resources options anticipated *within 60 minutes*.

4. In the absence of additional local resources, the CBM will attempt to identify a MICU/SDU bed at the alternate campus after completing review of local alternatives with MICU/SDU Attending.
5. If a bed is identified at the alternate campus, the CBM will facilitate communication between the ED attending and the MICU/SDU attending at the alternate campus.
6. The ED Attending will review exclusion criteria found in these guidelines to confirm appropriateness of intercampus transfer.
7. The ED Attending will notify the MICU/SDU Attending of the admission and admit the patient per our current MICU/SDU admission guidelines.

**Clinical Exclusion Criteria for Intercampus transfer (Between YSC/SRC):**

1. Progressive shock
2. Status Asthmaticus (intubated)
3. Refractory hypoxemia (FIO<sub>2</sub> > 70% or PEEP ≥ 8)
4. Unstable arrhythmias
5. Bipap
6. Massive/Submassive PE (biomarker elevations or hemodynamic compromise) (exceptions made if transfer is for a specific intervention not available at the campus at which the patient is initially evaluated)

**Exclusion Criteria for Intercampus transfer from SMC or YSC ED to SRC MICU/SDU**

1. Transplant (Renal/Liver/Lung/Pancreas/Cardiac)
2. Pulmonary Hypertension on IV or Inhaled Prostanoids
3. Oncology or Stem Cell Transplant (Smilow patient)
4. Interstitial Lung Disease (cared for at Winchester)
5. Cirrhosis (has received care from transplant program either pre or post txp)
6. Post ROSC in hemodynamic extremis
7. ARDS (severe: FIO<sub>2</sub> > 70% or PEEP ≥ 10)
8. Airway stents (Thoracic Interventional Program patient)
9. Massive variceal bleeding