

## USA HEALTH: DEPARTMENT of EMERGENCY MEDICINE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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### SUBJECT: UH ED Direct to Cath Lab Pathway

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Patients whom Cardiology feels require an urgent/emergent left heart catheterization (LHC) directly from the ED are to have a Patient Status Order (PSO) placed under “Outpatient with Observation Services” by the Cardiology Team.

If the LHC results require no procedural intervention and there is no other reason for admission to the hospital, then Cardiology will discharge the patient from the Cath Lab recovery area with appropriate follow-up. This process does not require admission to an IM/FP team.

If the LHC shows obstructive disease or other cardiac pathology and Cardiology elects to be the primary team, then Cardiology will place the rest of the inpatient admission orders and the patient will be admitted to the Cardiology Service.

If the LHC results require no procedural intervention but it is felt that there is a reason for admission, Cardiology can transfer the patient's care to an IM/FP team. The IM/FP team will admit the patient and place the rest of the inpatient admission orders. Transfer of the patient's care can be facilitated with the MOD (when available) or through consult to FP through the Call List or JAG/IM via bed control.

#### Notes:

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