

## Early July 2024 Operations Updates.

1. **Alpha Trauma Psychiatric Patients.** Alerted trauma patients that do not require admission, for either a traumatic or medical reason, who are also found to have psychiatric concerns (SI, HI, or other decompensated psychiatric disease), will remain in the ED under the care of Emergency Medicine. These patients, once cleared by trauma and medically cleared EM, will be placed in the flex area and psychiatry should be consulted.
2. **Minor Procedure Cart.** The UH ED now has a minor procedure cart! It is located immediately outside of the Doc Box next to the GYN cart. This cart should be brought to the bedside of patient's that require a minor procedure, such as laceration repair or I&D. Once the procedure is completed the cart should be returned outside of the Doc Box. The cart will be monitored to ensure it is stocked. If you notice it is low/missing supplies, please notify the ED charge nurse, nurse manager (Philip Merritt), or unit supervisor (Robert Schwan or Emily White).
3. **MOD Guidelines.** To provide better transparency about the MOD guidelines between IM and other service lines I have an abridged version of the MOD guidelines that highlights all the relevant information for the UH ED. These guidelines have been agreed upon between IM and surgical services. The goal is to provide more clarity for the ED to prevent us from being the go-between for IM and other services if it is unclear which service line a patient should be admitted to.
4. **Isolated Fractures Requiring Admission.** In patients with isolated fractures requiring admission to the hospital, if Orthopedics does not want to admit the patient primarily, Trauma Surgery should have the first right of refusal before considering admission to another service line.
5. **Patients Utilizing the Stress Test Pathway.** Please inform the MOD for all patients that are utilizing the Stress Test pathway. We are trying to track and optimize this process.
6. **Discharge Bins.** Discharge bins are now located in every nursing area of the UH ED. Discharge prescriptions can be placed in this area if you cannot find the patient's nurse.

