



## Direct Admit Worksheet and Guidelines for Community Attending (DAWG)

Dear Community Physician,

Based on your feedback, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center wants to enable you to directly admit your patients when you or a member of your practice will be attending. Our goal in creating this packet is to provide a clearly defined, efficient process for admission that assures timely initiation of medical care. A nurse evaluation will occur promptly after your patient's arrival and a physician evaluation will take place within one hour.

Patients who have been evaluated and are stable for transport may be directly admitted **unless** patient has:

- A supplemental oxygen requirement or significant respiratory distress
- Hypotension or poor capillary refill
- Altered mental status
- Age less than 8 weeks AND temperature higher than 100.4 F
- Acute illness AND cannot arrive within four hours of your most recent evaluation

Patients who are not candidates for direct admission should be sent to the Emergency Department.

If your patient is a candidate for direct admission, please follow the three easy steps on the DAWG form in this packet. If you experience any problems or have questions about the process, please contact us.

Best regards,

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