

KCH MEDICINE OBSERVATION SERVICE: Pending Procedure Clinical Guidelines

CRITERIA: For patients need a procedure (i.e. IR replacement of peg tube) and short observation pre procedure.

Inclusion

Pending Procedure:

- Agreement from Interventional Radiology(IR) or Gastroenterology (GI) that procedure will be performed in a timely fashion (within 24 hours)

Exclusion

- Unstable or significantly abnormal vitals signs (hypotension, fever, HR \geq 110, SBP \geq 220 or \leq 90, DBP \geq 110, RR \geq 30)
- Inability to confirm procedure to be completed in 24 hours or an anticipated post procedure observation period greater than 2 hours
- Exacerbation of psychiatric condition (i.e. psychosis, concern for threat to others or patient him/herself) or severe behavioral disorder
- Agitated, combative or acutely intoxicated patient
- Any other need for inpatient admission
- Any factor that will preclude discharge within 48hours

INTERVENTIONS:

- Serial exams every 4-6 hours
- Serial vital signs every 4 hours
- Pre-procedure labs as needed
- NPO as needed
- Diet as needed
- Outpatient medications as indicated

Please note additional orders, such as patient's home medications can be ordered for standing administration

DISPOSITION:

Home:

- Stable vital signs
- Benign observation course
- Resolution of symptoms
- Tolerating oral intake
- Appropriate and adequate follow up plan

Admission:

- Unstable vital signs
- Significant testing abnormalities
- Significant complication
- Another acute process becomes apparent that requires hospitalization
- Unsafe home environment
- Does not meet discharge criteria after observation period