

KCH OBSERVATION SERVICE: General Patient Selection Criteria

CRITERIA:

Inclusion

- **Patient after an initial ED evaluation and management with an acute medical condition not appropriate for discharge home but warrants additional management to ensure stability or determine need for inpatient admission**
- **Clear management plan documented in the disposition note if an existing clinical guidelines does not exist for patient diagnosis. *(Include areas of concern if applicable)***
- **ED provider discussion with designated OU attending**
- **Patient notified and agreeable to observation periods.**

Exclusion

- **No clear management (medications/interventions) plan**
- **Inability to ambulate**
- **Unstable or significantly abnormal vitals signs (hypotension, HR \geq 120, SBP \geq 230 or \leq 90, DBP \geq 110, RR \geq 30)**
- **Diagnosis of Sickle Cell, intractable back and/ or abdominal pain**
- **Altered Mental Status, GCS $<$ 13 or significant change from baseline**
- **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**