

ED OBSERVATION UNIT: Medicare 2 Midnight Protocol NYC H+H KINGS COUNTY HOSPITAL CENTER

INCLUSION CRITERIA

- Patients with Medicare as Primary Insurance status
- Patients with High Likelihood of Discharge from OBS < 24 hours
- Patients who are unlikely to have an inpatient hospital stay >48 hours
- Patients must be medically stable for observation status
- Prior to OBS placement, patient must be evaluated by Utilization Management in the ED to ensure disposition from OBS within 24 hours.
- Prior to OBS placement, patients requiring Social Services must be evaluated in the ED to ensure disposition from OBS within 24 hours

INTERVENTIONS

- Patient specific, as these patients may not fall under a particular medical OBS protocol
- Consult Internal Medicine as needed
- Appropriate documentation as indicated in SOP manual. These are medical patients and require full documentation by ED OBS Team

To Check Patient Insurance Status:

1. Double click on patient name in EPIC work board
2. Review Primary Information on top of the screen/banner (see example below)
3. Ensure patient has Medicare listed as Primary Insurance
4. For any questions, please contact ED registration/clerk for insurance clarification

CSN: 47337080	Dictation ID: 5079884	Interpreter...	Allergies: Ace Inhibitors, Penicillins
Patient Class: Inpatient	Insurance: MEDICARE	Patient M...	Isolation: None
	Financial Asst.: None		Infection: None
	Pref Language: English		Code: None Active, but Prior

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Sources

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