

POLICY MANUAL

Subject: Screening and Monitoring of Potential Patients/Patients with Complicated Medical Conditions

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POLICY:

Cumberland Heights recognizes some potential patients may have complicated medical conditions, particularly those patients over the age of 65. In order to obtain additional information for use in determining the most appropriate placement, including level of care, the following screening process has been developed. **Refer to the Exclusionary policies for Detox and Residential levels of care.**

PROCEDURE:

A. Initial Intake Call:

Specific questions as to the level of functioning of the potential patient will be employed, including:

1. Ability to navigate a campus setting with distances of 50 yards.
2. Ability to perform activities of daily living (eat, bathe, dress, toilet)
3. No need for continuous oxygen or intravenous therapy
4. No need for physical, occupational, or respiratory therapy
5. Active Eating Disorder
6. Cognitive impairment/insufficient abilities
7. Pregnant and Opioid dependent

For those who are unable to meet the above with reasonable accommodation, referrals to an appropriate level of care will be made.

B. Request of records:

If hospitalized and transfer is being considered, the patient's medical records will be requested. If direct admission is being considered, records may be requested from the patient's healthcare provider and will be reviewed by the physician prior to admission.

C. Triage:

If during the Triage, the nurse notes any of the following or has other clinical concerns about the person's ability to participate, the admitting physician will be consulted:

- Pulmonary Disease
- Anticoagulant therapy
- History Coronary Artery Disease
- Renal and/or Hepatic disease
- Cognitive impairment
- Pregnant and Opioid Dependent

D. The physician determines potential patient's appropriateness for admission and level of care.

E. Patients who are admitted and identified as having complicated medical conditions will receive more intensive monitoring including daily vital signs and a minimum of twice weekly physician visits.

F. All of the above is documented in the electronic medical record, as well as the physician's documentation of his/her assessment, orders, relevant physical findings and mental status examination as appropriate to the case.