
MEDICAL STAFF STANDARD # 5

SUBJECT: Physician Consultations

RESPONSIBLE PERSONS: St. Ann's Medical Staff

POLICY:

CONSULTATION CONTENTS: a satisfactory consultation includes examination of the patient and of the medical record; and a written opinion signed by the consultant that is made a part of such a record. If operative procedures are involved, the consultation note, except in emergency, shall be recorded prior to the operation.

CONSULTATION TIMEFRAME: consultations should occur within 24 hours after the request for consult has been documented in the medical record, unless otherwise stipulated by the requesting practitioner.

Requesting physician will designate if consult is emergency, urgent or routine.

Receiving physician will acknowledge consults as follows:

EMERGENCY: Immediately

URGENT: Within 1 hour

ROUTINE: Within 4 hours (unless designated otherwise by the ordering physician)

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