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STANDARD GUIDELINE SUBJECT:

Physiotherapy Inpatient Referral Prioritization Guideline

PURPOSE:

The physiotherapist (PT) will review referral information to determine referral priority status based upon the following guidelines.

PROCEDURE:

The physiotherapist will date and document assigned priority status as P1 or P2 on the Rehabilitation Services Inpatient Referral Form CLI.6310.FORM.002.

Priority 1

- Post-surgical patients including those who are an automatic referral (standard order)
- Cerebrovascular Accident
- Acute Coronary Syndrome (Bethesda only)
- Discharge is imminent (within 24-48 hours) where PT could potentially facilitate a discharge
- Assessment/Intervention is required to address urgent needs related to maintaining range of motion
- Patients who are at risk of falls
- Assessment for eligibility for Rehab Unit at Regional Sites (at non regional sites)
- Where the number of Priority 1 patients on caseload exceed available physiotherapy staff resources, further prioritization will occur in consultation with unit staff

Priority 2

- Patients who require assessment for a walking aid to facilitate increased independence on the ward

- Transfer assessment
- Chronic care/awaiting placement patients whose status has changed and require assessment
- Diagnosis incongruent with rehab intervention e.g. UTI, delirium

REFERENCES:

[CLI.6310.FORM.002](#) Rehabilitation Services Inpatient Referral Form