

Medical Admission Policy and Algorithm Admission to the DFM Medical-Surgical Inpatient Service Protocol

Family Medicine Inpatient Admission Rules

The Family Medicine inpatient service exists to provide excellent care for the patients of our medical home to the extent that we can safely do so and to provide a robust and varied educational experience for our learners. We care for patients of all ages with all types of problems. There is a separate Maternal/Newborn Family Medicine service that provides care for pregnant patients and infants less than 3 months of age.

Admit the following patients to Family Medicine, unless at CAP:

1. Established patients of Family Medicine. These are patients seen at least once by a UI family physician/provider at one of the UI FM clinics (UIHC, Iowa City-Scott Blvd, IRL-East, River Crossing, North Liberty, Muscatine, Cedar Rapids, Bettendorf clinics) within the last two years and based on the admitting team is the patient likely to follow-up with a UI FM provider. (UI Quick Care/Urgent Care/Cedar Rapids visits and other distant non-Family Medicine Department affiliated clinic visits do not qualify.)
 - a. Patients may be admitted from (but not limited to) the following locations: UIHC affiliated clinics, UIHC procedure suite, ED, UIHC ICU, direct transfers from outside hospitals, home.
2. UI varsity athletes with a medical diagnosis.

Note: For Patients < 3 mos, the Family Medicine staff on Mother/Baby call will be placed on the bridge for the admission.

Special Considerations for Hematology/Oncology Admissions:

1. The family medicine inpatient service will admit most adult patients with primary hematology/oncology admission problems, with heme/onc consult as indicated.
2. The family medicine inpatient service WILL NOT admit patients with active cancer, receiving IV chemotherapy, being admitted for cancer related complications (such as neutropenic fever, tumor lysis syndrome, initiation of chemotherapy, pancytopenia, etc).

- a. This has been approved by internal medicine hospitalist leadership as of July 2023.

Is the Family Medicine inpatient service at absolute or surge CAP?

Yes—at CAP: the Family Medicine faculty or senior resident/8096 on call will contact ATC staff to go "on" and "off" CAP. This is needed because the EPIC Family Medicine inpatient list is often inaccurate. The Family Medicine staff will instruct the ATC staff to contact instead the appropriate Internal Medicine triage staff: General Medicine triage or Cardiology teaching/CVICU triage who will admit the patient. If the Internal Medicine triage staff has questions, they will contact the Family Medicine faculty physician on call.

No—under CAP: ATC staff will contact the Family Medicine staff and senior inpatient resident on call who will bridge the admission.

Family Medicine Absolute CAP (16 patients* on service):

1. The senior resident and faculty member are responsible for determining the number of patients on the service.
2. Patients “on the service” include all patients on the FM EPIC inpatient list AND inpatients in the OR, endoscopy suite AND other patients in the ED and clinic who have been triaged with the team and are awaiting admission.
3. Exceptions to the CAP:
 - pediatric patients <18 years old
 - FM inpatient service bounce-back admits** within 5 days (for any admission diagnosis)
 - patients that were admitted to the FM inpatient service and were transferred for a higher level of care during the current admission (MICU/CVICU/SNICU transfers from FM)
 - patients admitted from the UIHC DFM Clinics (excluding Quick Care and Urgent Care)
 - VIP patients (example: DFM employees) or UI Varsity Athletes

**Absolute CAP may be temporarily increased at the agreement of the FM Inpatient Director and Residency Program Leadership due to extenuating circumstances*

*** Does not include bounce backs for patients admitted on non-FM inpatient services.*

Last updated and approved by inpatient faculty and chief residents 8/2023.

Family Medicine Inpatient Surge CAP (4 admissions/shift):

The family medicine service will admit 8 patients in a 24-hour period, with no more than 4 admissions per shift.

The shift is defined by the hours of the supervising senior resident on service.

Shift Hours:

1. Weekdays (M-F): 7 AM-6PM, 6PM-7AM
2. Saturdays/Holidays: 7AM-7PM, 7PM-7AM
3. Sundays: 7AM-830PM, 8:30 PM-7AM

The family medicine inpatient service will continue to admit patients that meet the same above criteria for exceptions to our service CAP even if the surge cap is met.

UIHC DFM Clinic List

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
200 Hawkins Drive, Iowa City, IA

North Liberty- Lininger Lane
1765 Lininger Lane, North Liberty, IA

Iowa River Landing East
920 East 2nd Avenue, Coralville, IA

Scott Boulevard
3640 Middlebury Road, Iowa City, IA

Cedar Rapids – 10th Street SE
411 10th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA
Muscatine
3465 Mulberry Ave, Muscatine, IA

Bettendorf
865 Lincoln Road, Bettendorf, IA

River Crossing
3056 River Crossing Court, Riverside, IA

*Individual providers may be referenced at [UIHC's DFM Website](#).