

Expansion of the 7 JPP Medical observation unit (16 beds)

Admitting services: Family Medicine and Internal Medicine

Preferred Patient Population:

- Low severity of illness
- Low intensity of nursing care services
- Limited specialty consults anticipated for acute conditions
- Weekend and evening infusions/injections (Transplant Clinic, Infusion Center)
- Anticipated length of stay > 4 hours and <24 hours or less than two midnights

Exclusion Criteria:

- Pediatric patients < 18 years of age
- OB patients > 20 weeks gestation
- Patients with known 1:1 needs
 - Suicidal or homicidal patients
 - Behavioral restraints
 - Patients with active inpatient psychiatric committal
- **Patients requiring more assistance than resources available on unit***
- Admissions for placement needs (Skilled, Rehab, NH) **
- Patients requiring advanced medication infusions (Cardene, Esmolol, etc.)
 - BUT Heparin and insulin infusions allowed
- Patients wearing Life Vest with cardiopulmonary diagnosis
 - Patients wearing a Life Vest can be admitted to the 7 JPP observation service unless the patient presents with a primary cardiovascular-pulmonary diagnosis (chest pain, palpitations, arrhythmia, CHF exacerbation, pulmonary edema, severe electrolyte disturbance etc.)
- Patients actively requesting inpatient substance detox
- Patients with alcohol dependence, scoring > 6 on CIWA scale at the time of admission
 - Patients with alcohol abuse disorder presenting with non-alcohol related conditions can be admitted to the service as long as their CIWA score does not exceed 6 at the time of triage

Changes to previous mobility restriction:

- * Lift and advanced mobility equipment is available on the unit- please discuss each case with the charge nurse before accepting to 7 JPP. Depending on RN/CAN staffing, the unit might not be able to meet the needs of some patients.

** At this point the CMS covid waiver for placement to SNF remains in place and is accepted by most facilities. Until further notice, we will continue to accept patients to 7 JPP observation who require admission for placement.