

Medical Admission Policy and Algorithm
Admission to the Department of Family and Community Medicine 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 medical diagnoses. 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 UIHC Department of Family and Community Medicine.
 - a. Established patient criteria:
 - i. Seen at least once by a UIHC DFCM physician or APP at one of the included UI FM clinics within the last two years AND based on the admitting team, the patient is likely to follow up with a UI DFCM provider
 1. Patients who have seen family medicine in the past 2 years but have established care with a PCP outside of UIHC DFCM or have expressed that they do not intend to follow up in clinic will not be admitted to family medicine
 2. Clinic visits with UI Quick Care/Urgent Care and other non-Family Medicine Department affiliated clinic visits do not qualify as a visit within the last 2 years
 - b. Included clinics:
 - i. Medical Center University, First Avenue, Scott Boulevard, Oakdale Road, IRL-East, IRL-East geriatrics, River Crossing, North Liberty, Solon
 - c. Pediatric patients <18 years old
 - i. Transfer requests from external facilities of patients who meet the Established patient criteria may be transferred to the Downtown campus
 - ii. Patients who present to the Downtown Campus Emergency Department and require admission
 - iii. Exclusion criteria: Pediatric patients at the University campus or North Liberty campus
2. Long term care facility (LTCF) residents whose PCP is a DFCM physician or APP AND continues to be followed regularly by their PCP at the LTCF
 - a. Includes patients of Drs. Margo Schilling and Sam Orvis
 - b. Exception – Patients seen by DFCM providers that only see patients at LTCFs (Dr. Scott Eberly and nursing home APPs) are not admitted to the FM inpatient service
3. UI varsity athletes with a medical diagnosis who qualify for direct admission.

Note: For Patients < 3 months of age, Family Medicine Mother/Baby will admit the patient.

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

1. Absolute service CAP is 16 patients
2. The senior resident and faculty member are responsible for determining the number of patients on the service.
3. Patients “on the service” include all patients on the FM EPIC inpatient list AND inpatients in the OR, endoscopy suite AND patients who have been sent for an over-and-back procedure to MCU expected to return to MCD AND patients in the ED, at outside hospitals or in clinic who have been triaged with the team and are awaiting admission.
4. Exceptions to the CAP:
 - pediatric patients <18 years old
 - patients directly admitted from the UIHC DFCM Clinics (excluding Quick Care and Urgent Care)
 - VIP patients (example: DFCM employees) or UI Varsity Athletes eligible for direct admission

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

Family Medicine Inpatient Shift 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 admit "bounce back" admissions (patients discharged from the family medicine inpatient service within the last 5 days) even if the shift CAP has been met.

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 shift cap is met.

UIHC DFCM Clinic List*

First Avenue

269 N. 1st Avenue, Iowa City, IA

<https://uihc.org/locations/iowa-city-first-avenue>

Iowa River Landing East

920 East 2nd Avenue, Coralville, IA

<https://uihc.org/locations/iowa-river-landing-east>

Medical Center University – Family Medicine Clinic

200 Hawkins Drive, Iowa City, IA

<https://uihc.org/locations/medical-center-university/family-medicine-clinic>

North Liberty - Lininger Lane

1765 Lininger Lane, North Liberty, IA

<https://uihc.org/locations/north-liberty-lininger-lane>

Oakdale Road

2055 Oakdale Road, Coralville, IA

<https://uihc.org/locations/coralville-oakdale-road>

River Crossing

3056 River Crossing Court, Riverside, IA

<https://uihc.org/locations/riverside-river-crossing>

Scott Boulevard

3640 Middlebury Road, Iowa City, IA

<https://uihc.org/locations/iowa-city-scott-boulevard>

Solon - Main Street

510 W Main Street, Solon, IA

<https://uihc.org/locations/solon-main-street>

*Individual provider lists at each location may be found by reviewing “Providers at this Location” on the clinic websites listed above. Only family medicine patients (not patients of other services provided at these locations) will be admitted to the family medicine inpatient service.

**Any patient whose PCP is a current resident in the Family Medicine or Family Medicine and Psychiatry programs will be admitted to the family medicine inpatient service, regardless of their assigned clinic site.