

BWH ED to BWFH Inpatient Medicine Service Exclusion and Consult Guidelines

General Patient Exclusions:

- **Pregnancy** - Gestational age 20 weeks or greater (Active OB issues should be admitted to BWH OB)
- **Oncology** – Urgent malignancy workup (Active Oncology treatment should be admitted to BWH Oncology)
- **Cardiology** – Patient requiring cath lab, EP consultation, followed by Advanced HF team, s/p LVAD or heart transplant, PE’s requiring Code PE, or who require critical care cardiology should be admitted to BWH Cardiology. Further guidance needed on cardiology patients (input from BWFH Cardiology consult service, as well as BWH HF Equity group)
- **Continuity of care** – Hospital discharge within 72 hours for same clinical issue (Recent BWH admit)
- Patients in whom **ICU** is being considered or may decompensate – e.g. patients who have been on pressors, BIPAP, but stabilized. (On occasion may be helpful to review FICU census or review with FICU attending)
- **Consultant Request** – Communication with outpatient consultants recommended, but unless hard requirement for BWH patients may be admitted to BWFH. Availability for outpatient providers to perform virtual visits may help mitigate this concern.

Non-Surgical Consult Service Availability at BWFH

Service	BWFH Availability	Special Considerations
Allergy	None currently	Future virtual access under consideration
Cardiology/Vascular Medicine	Cardiology Consult	Exclude pt requiring cath lab, EP, advanced HF, LVAD/txplant, critical care cards, PE’s requiring Code PE
Dermatology	Yes	
Endocrine	Yes	
Gastroenterology	Yes	ERCP and Advanced Endoscopy available via LOA
Hematology	Yes	Sickle cell disease, requirement for plasmapheresis, plasma exchange or red cell exchange, hemophilia patients with bleeding or in need of invasive procedures, new heme malignancy, or need for bone marrow biopsy should be excluded from BWFH. If unclear should review with on-call Heme prior to admission if possible.
Infectious Disease	Yes	
Neurology	Yes	Exclude acute stroke, need for continuous EEG
OB/Gyn	Yes	Note limited surgical support and no patients with pregnancy related issues or >19weeks 6 days of pregnancy
Oncology	Limited	Remote consultation available, but generally appropriate for BWH
Pulmonary	Yes	
Renal and Interventional Renal	Yes	Interventional Nephrology available at BWFH and preferred for HD access issues
Rheumatology	Yes	

Surgical Consultant & Procedural Availability at BWFH: For patients admitted to GMS but consultant needs

Service	BWFH Availability	Special Considerations
Dentistry	No	
Colorectal Surgery	Yes (limited)	Review with consulting service prior to transfer
ENT		Attending home call at night
General Surgery	Yes	
Gynecology	Limited	Review with consulting service prior to transfer
Interventional Radiology	Yes	Not available on the weekend– if urgent need, exclude from BWFH. No PCN tube placement.
Ophthalmology	Yes	Limited Availability – need 24 hour notice
Orthopedics	Yes	Ortho Spine – review with consulting MD first Overnight providers are on home call
Otolaryngology	Yes	
Plastic Surgery	Not consistently	BHAC* to check w consulting MD first
Radiology	CT/US available 24/7 MRI –6a-11p 7 days/week	BWFH unable to conduct MRI studies if patient has a PPM in place
Spine	Yes – Orthopedics	BHAC to check w consulting MD first
Thoracic surgery	Yes	Providers on home call overnight
Trauma Surgery	No	
Urology	Yes	Providers on home call overnight
Vascular & CT Surgery	Rarely (consider transfer only if vascular on board prior to transfer)	BHAC to check w consulting MD first

*BHAC = Brigham Health Access Center