



SPECIAL ORDER



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Subject:

Transporting of Pediatric Patients Needing Psychiatric Evaluation and Observation

D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department Ambulances and Medic Units may be used to transport Pediatric Psychiatric patients to local Emergency Departments (ED) and the Psychiatric Institute of Washington (PIW) under the following circumstances.

PIW provides comprehensive behavioral and healthcare for children, adolescents, adults and senior adults suffering from mental health and addictive illnesses. PIW is a 124-bed, Specialty Acute Care Psychiatric Hospital offering inpatient, partial, and intensive outpatient hospitalization, as well as specialized treatment programs for chemical dependency. The entrance is directly in front on the street side at 4228 Wisconsin Avenue, NW. The main phone number is 202-885-5600. For documentation purposes, PIW shall be designated Hospital #06.

Pediatric patients 17 years and younger who are in a psychiatric crisis can be transported to Children's National Medical Center (CNMC H02) or may be directly transported to PIW H06.

1. The patient must be 17 years or younger and must have been placed under a FD12 or who voluntarily agrees to transport for psychiatric evaluation.
2. The DMH approved Officer Agent that authored the FD-12 shall accompany the child/adolescent who has been placed on the FD-12.
3. If patient is violent, restrained or handcuffed, or potentially unstable, a MPD officer shall ride in the back of the Transport Unit with the D.C. Fire and EMS crew member.
4. Where possible the Parent or Guardian must accompany the patient to the facility that the child/adolescent is being transported.
5. The Emergency Liaison Officer will direct transport to closest most appropriate destination. The following should be considered when transporting patients: Geography, traffic, hospital load, a patient's prior relationship with a facility and parent/guardian request will be considered as factors for destination decision making.

**Patients eligible for transport directly to Psychiatric Institute of Washington (PIW H06)
4228 Wisconsin Avenue, NW**

All patients must receive a full medical assessment to include vital signs and a blood sugar check. The Patient must be screened for Medical Conditions that may require ED medical evaluation. The following determinations must be made after a full patient assessment in order for a patient to be transported to PIW H06:

- a. Cannot have an acute or exacerbated chronic medical issue.
- b. Cannot have a recent history of possible overdose of medications, alcohol, or other substances.
- c. Cannot have significant altered mental status. (must be able to obey simple commands, and be ambulatory)
- d. Cannot be under influence of substances or alcohol to a level needing medical clearance.
- e. Cannot have hypoglycemia if diabetic, or no blood sugar greater than 250 mg/dl.
- f. Vital signs must be stable, with no sustained no tachycardia over 120 beats per minute
- g. ELO verbal approval will be obtained after review of the checklist above on Channel 14 or phone to verify compliance
- h. ELO will pre-notify PIW with Transport Unit Number and ETA of the pending arrival of a patient with this protocol by calling 202-885-5600.
- i. After crews complete the ePCR, the report should be auto-faxed to a designated fax at PIW. (202 885-5614)

Pediatric patients 17 years or younger who require a medical screening exam or medical treatment e.g. overdoses, lacerations, intoxication or altered mental status will be transported to the closest appropriate Emergency Room that has Pediatric capability.

Facilities may include:

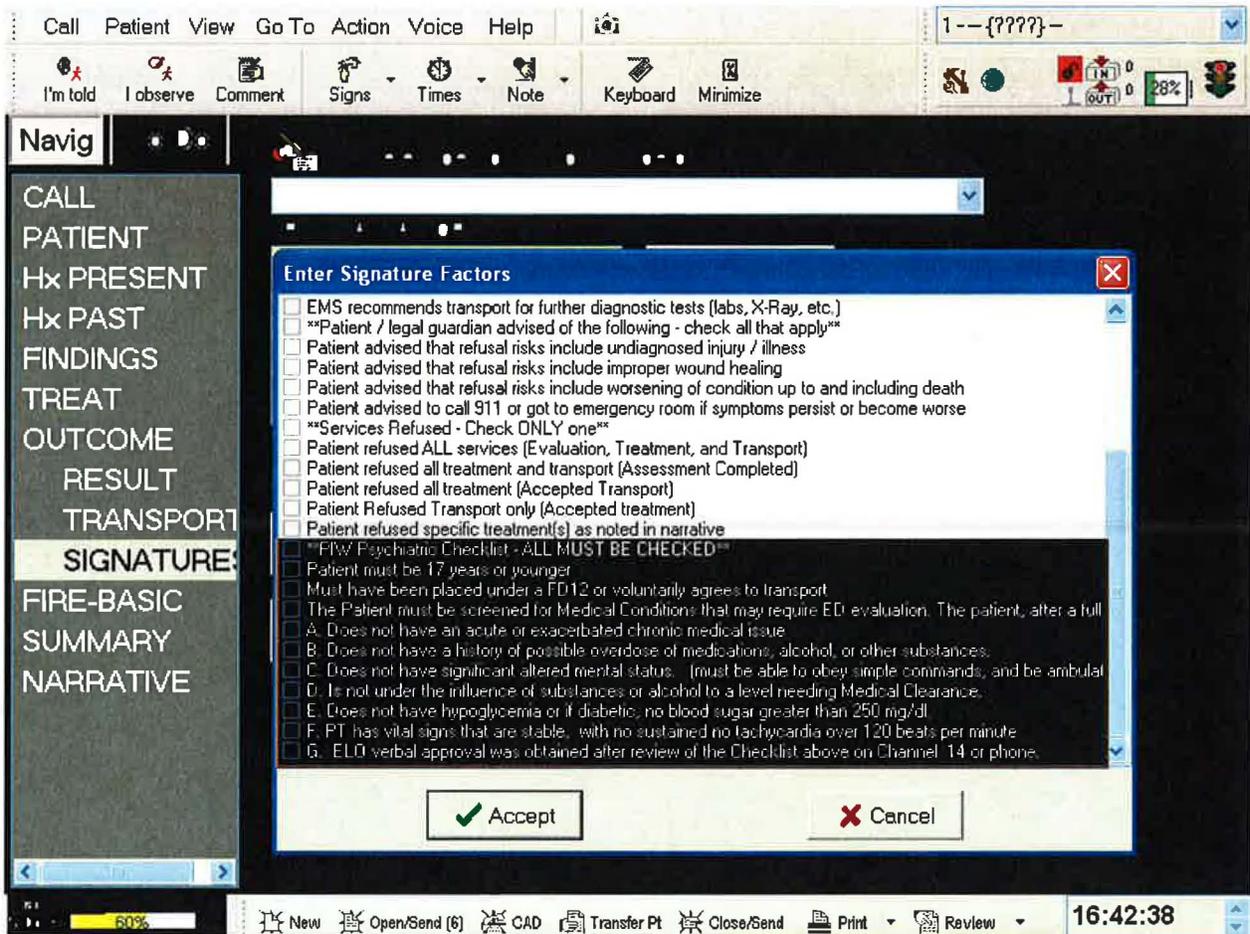
1. Children's National Medical Center (H02) (Pediatric Critical Care/ICU Available)
2. Georgetown University Hospital (H07) (Pediatric Critical Care/ICU Available)
3. CNMC UMC (H09)
4. Howard University Hospital (H05)

Online Medical Control for all pediatric patients shall be CNMC H02.

If a patient needs acute medical care and/or has an altered mental status, provide urgent treatment and transport with or without a completed FD12. If possible the Parent or Guardian should accompany the Child to the facility that the child/adolescent is being transported.

SAFETY PAD Documentation:

Safety Pad Checklist for PIW screening is noted below on the current Refusal Tab. You will find it highlighted within the Black Background. This will be required for all pediatric psychiatric patients that are transported to this facility and will require ELO radio report similar to what is done for refusals on Channel #14.



New Fields were added as follows:

DESTINATION/TRANSFER

#06 PIW-PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE OF WASHINGTON

REASON FOR DESTINATION

PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

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