SICU Policy for Physician Notification by Nursing Staff for New or Acutely Unstable Patients in the SICU

I. Purpose
To provide a process of communication between the SICU Nursing Staff and Multidisciplinary Critical Care Staff

II. Procedure
1. All acutely unstable patients:
   a. The 1st call SICU Intern should be utilized for all patients, regardless of Critical Care Service consultation status. (The pager # changes with each intern.)
   b. If appropriately timed response does not occur, call the Critical Care fellow’s cell phone: 479-4082.
   c. If no response, call the Critical Care Attending cell: 886-0669 or pager 835-9637.

2. New admissions to SICU:
   a. The SICU ACNP cell 752-6235 is to be notified (0600-1800) of all new admissions
   b. The SICU Intern (1800-0600) (Pager changes for each one) for
      i. all patients admitted to the SICU.
      ii. The SICU Fellow should be called for all patients admitted to the SICU: 479-4082
      iii. any time that uncertainty exists

3. Previously admitted patients that return from the OR to the SICU
   a. Notify the appropriate 1st call for all patients returning from the Operating Room to the SICU.

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