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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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