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Guideline for Surgical Procedures for Patients Admitted to CTU

The following applies to patients admitted to a CTU medicine team who require a surgical procedure that ocurs in the Operating Room (OR).

Goal: The patient's best interests should be kept in mind when determining the most appropriate MRP service, including the patient's nursing needs for post-operative care.

- Generally, the expectation is that the patient's <u>care will be transferred to the surgical team</u> post-operatively. If there are disputes / misunderstandings between the residents the Medical and Surgical Attendings should discuss directly.

    o MRP and Service will be transferred to the surgical team post-operatively
    o There is NO expectation that the patient will be transferred back to Medicine
    o The patient shall go from PACU to the appropriate surgical ward (and NOT back to the Medicine ward)

- 'Auto-transfers' back to Medicine are not acceptable – all requested transfers to Medicine have to go through the GIM consult service
- Attempts to 'bargain' or only offering surgery if medicine agrees to take the patient back post-operatively are not acceptable & should be immediately communicated to the CTU director and/or COS.

- <u>Exceptions</u> include patients who require minor procedures to assist in the diagnosis or management of a patient on CTU:
    o Examples include: Diagnostic biopsies e.g. LN /fat pad/pleural/peritoneal/temporal artery/muscle/nerve/mass, debridement of wounds, digit amputation, septic joint wash-out in patients with sepsis / IE. (NB: isolated septic joints, foot or leg amputations admitted to orthopedics or vascular)
    o PD catheter insertion (isolated PD catheter insertions admitted to Nephrology), AV fistula

- Patients who have active medical problems can be assessed and followed by the GIM consult service who are available 24/7.

- As with any surgical patient, if active medical issues arise that require CTU services, the GIM consult service will transfer the patient to CTU
    o *Patients will not be transferred back to CTU solely for disposition issues*

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