



## **Institute of Psychiatry Hospital Admission Criteria**

### **Must Be Present 100% of the time:**

1. Primary psychiatric or substance use disorder with acute exacerbation of symptoms that can be expected to be stabilized with short term hospitalization in order to engage in less restrictive treatment in the future, **AND**
2. Patient is physically and mentally able to participate in treatment or family member available to aid in treatment.

### **One or more of the following must also be present 100% of the time:**

1. Patient poses actual or imminent danger to self, others, and or property due to symptoms of a psychiatric disorder; **OR**
2. Patient needs continuous skilled observation, evaluation, or treatment available only in a hospital; **OR**
3. Significant impairment of judgment or logical thinking such that patient cannot be maintained safely in less intensive setting.

### **In addition to the above, the client presents with one or more of the following prior to admission, which supports the medical necessity of hospitalization:**

1. Failure of less intensive treatment
2. Patient's condition can be expected to deteriorate with less intensive treatment
3. Lacks social or family support system to maintain safety

### **Unit-specific considerations:**

1. Patients admitted to the Youth Unit will be from 5 to 17 years of age.
2. Patients admitted to the Senior Care Unit will be 60 years of age or older or, if less than 60, have early onset dementia and are depressed and/or psychotic.
3. Inpatient substance abuse/dependence unit criteria include medical detoxification for alcohol, benzodiazepines, and opiate dependence.

## **IOP Exclusion Criteria**

### **Absolute**

Requires MED/SURG/NEURO/PEDS primary care with PSYCH C/L support

- Acute delirium
- Subacute delirium without clear etiology
- Sickle cell crisis
- AIDS Dementia

### **Relative**

May be cared for at the IOP, if there is adequate MED/SURG/NEURO/PEDS MD/RN support

- Hemodialysis
- Chemotherapy
- Continuous O<sub>2</sub>

## **Process for Admitting Exceptions to the Exclusionary Criteria**

**Weekday** exceptions to the “Unit-specific considerations” or the Exclusion Criteria must first be reviewed by the Access Team Nurse Manager (ATNM, Tez Bertiaux, pager 13161). If after review with the referrer, the ATNM feels the exception may be justified, the case will be reviewed with the attending assigned to the Access Team that day. A service agreement with the primary medical or surgical attending or service chief whose specialty will provide clinical support at the IOP should be drafted outlining the expected support to be received.

If the Access attending feels the exception is justified, the case will then be reviewed with the attending and nurse manager of the unit which would accept the exception. If the attending and nurse manager agree to accept the exception, then the ATNM will initiate the admission process. If there is disagreement, then the Nursing Administrator (Harriet Cooney, pager 13034) and the Medical Director (Stephen McLeod-Bryant, pager 14207), or their designees, will be notified to resolve the disagreement.

**Weekend** exceptions to the “Unit-specific considerations” or the Exclusion Criteria must first be reviewed by the Nursing House Coordinator (NHC, pager 17003). If after review with the referrer, the NHC feels the exception may be justified, the case will be reviewed with the attending assigned to the unit which would accept the exception. A service agreement with the primary medical or surgical attending or service chief whose specialty will provide clinical support at the IOP should be drafted outlining the expected support to be received.

If the attending and NHC agree to accept the exception, then the NHC will initiate the admission process. If there is disagreement, then the IOP Administrator on call and the Medical Director (Stephen McLeod-Bryant, pager 14207), or their designees, will be notified to resolve the disagreement.

**All exceptions will be reviewed at the next Flash Meeting of nurse managers, administrators and the medical director.**

**IN ORDER TO ENSURE PATIENT SAFETY, NO EXCEPTION TO THE EXCLUSIONARY CRITERIA WILL BE ADMITTED DURING THE EVENING OR NIGHT SHIFTS.**