ED-Gastroenterology Call Agreement

The following agreement applies to the Swedish First Hill, Cherry Hill, Ballard and Issaquah Emergency Departments with the Swedish, Pacific Medical Centers, Polyclinic and Kaiser Permanente call groups.

Please avoid calls for the following after 10:30 pm:

- Patients who are hemodynamically stable and admitted to the floor for GI bleeds (please do call if there any changes in status or condition which warrant more immediate GI attention). Hospitalist will call for consult the following morning.

- Patients who would not desire endoscopic intervention or who are not candidates for endoscopy.

- Requests for appointments or office follow-up for patients.

Please call for the following:

- Complete food impaction with difficulty in handling secretions

- Post procedural complications

- Urgent or emergent GI bleeds with instability.

- Other urgent consultations

General Consult Guidelines:

GI provider should not be asked for advice on clinical stability for discharge. The ED provider who is seeing the patient needs to determine clinical stability. It is reasonable to ask "In this otherwise stable patient, is this something that typically requires admission or could it be worked up as an outpatient?" It is also reasonable to ask what the appropriate timing for outpatient evaluation should be and if this can be accommodated.

Colon preparation post 11 pm:

Will leave prep decisions post 11 pm to the primary service, with the following guidance.

- Preps initiated this late often will not be adequate for procedure the next day.

- Late evening prep can often increase the risk of delirium or even aspiration in elderly patients.

- If patient is felt to need a colonoscopy and is appropriate for and completes a late night colon prep, then every effort will be made to accommodate the procedure for the following day.

For follow-up post discharge:

Please send a provider routed note or EPIC staff message to the GI doctor on call requesting follow-up and the desired time interval.