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Requests for Physicians Consults

Given the need for continuity of care and maintaining open lines of communication, the following procedure for Physician consult requests will be followed:

1. A request for a Physician consult can be initiated by any member on the interdisciplinary team – primary care physician, social worker, nurse, chaplain, etc.
2. All requests must be communicated to the Attending Physician (or designate) who is overseeing the care of that particular Resident.
3. This communication with the Attending Physician is to be initiated by the person (or designate) who is requesting the consult.
4. The Attending Physician is responsible to write the order for this consultation on the order sheet of the Resident's health record.
5. The Registered Nurse processing the orders will contact the consulted Physician or request the Unit Clerk to do so.

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Implementation of Consultant's Recommendations

Once a Physician consultation has been completed and recommendations made, the following procedure is followed:

1. All recommendations must be communicated with the Attending Physician (or designate)
2. The decision of which recommendations to convert into orders is made by the Attending Physician.

These orders are then written on the order sheet of the Resident's health record