

# SNF to ED Consultation

<b>A</b>	<p>Patient Name: _____ DOB: _____</p> <p>Most Recent Hospitalization Dates:</p> <p>Nursing Facility: _____ Unit phone: _____</p> <p>Attending Physician: _____ Contact phone: _____</p>
<b>B</b>	<p>Reason for Transfer / Consultation Question:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>--See attached transfer forms, including current medication orders.--</i></p>
<b>C</b>	<p>Recent Labs / Diagnostics</p>
<b>D</b>	<p>Additional Nursing Assessment</p>
<b>E</b>	<p><b>Nursing Facility Capabilities in the next 24 hours:</b></p> <p>Pt can return to facility today for: <input type="checkbox"/> IVF <input type="checkbox"/> IV Antibiotics <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Testing Tomorrow</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lovenox <input type="checkbox"/> IV Diuretics <input type="checkbox"/> Please transfer back with IV access if placed <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><b>Will Physician be able to see patient in the facility <u>Tomorrow</u>:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>--ED Physician please call SNF Physician with your findings when eval. complete--</b></p>
<b>E D</b>	<p>ED Diagnosis:</p> <p>Treatment Plan:</p> <p>ED Physician:</p> <p>Contact:</p>



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## Guidance:

- Hospital Emergency Departments do not always realize that the reason for a SNF patient being transferred to the ED is often for the evaluation of a specific clinical question.
- SNF Residents who are transferred to the ED for evaluation are often admitted to the hospital for treatment when the desired treatment can be carried out at the nursing facility depending on the facility's clinical capabilities.
- There is often inadequate communication between the SNF physician and the ED.
- The SNF to ED Consultation form assists with timely communication of clinical information and informs the ED of the capabilities of the facility and provides contact information for the SNF Attending Physician.

## Instructions for use:

1. The SNF to ED Consultation form is completed with the most accurate information by the SNF nurse at the time of transfer.
2. Box A: record the most recent hospitalization with the name of the hospital and the dates of admission and discharge.
3. Box B: the SNF nurse should ask the Attending Physician at the time of transfer what they would like written as the consultation question.
4. Box C: record the results of recent labs and diagnostic testing. Copies can also be sent with the other transfer papers.
5. Box D: additional nursing assessment information should be written in this box.
6. Box E: prior to transfer the nurse will need to determine what the SNF capabilities are in the next 24 hours so the ED will be able to determine whether the patient can be returned to the facility for treatment.
7. The ED physician should call the Attending Physician to discuss a treatment plan if there is any question about facility capabilities or site of treatment.