

Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehabilitation Hospital Emergency Department Transfer Protocol

Key Contacts:

On-call ED pager: 615-831-4003 → Page this number first 24/7 for any question regarding a Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehabilitation Hospital (VSRH) patient. This is a VSRH triage pager so please allow 15-30 minutes for response. This communication should occur as soon as discharge is anticipated to avoid delays to the patient's return to VSRH.

Requirements for return to VSRH (Physician):

1. Patient **MUST** be able to participate in 3 hours of therapy if returned to VSRH. This is a CMS requirement.
2. Physician-to-Physician handoff **MUST** occur (see pager above)
3. If acute care transfer (ACT) from VSRH is performed for consult or for procedure, the consulting team **MUST** call and discuss the plan or have a note in the chart prior to accepting the patient back to VSRH. This WILL delay transfer if not completed, therefore please let consulting services know this requirement when consult is placed.

e.g. If a patient is sent to the Emergency Department for a Neurosurgery evaluation, the Neurosurgery resident must call the VSRH on call physician or place a note in EPIC prior to transfer back to VSRH.

What VSRH can do:

What VSRH cannot do:

- Daily and even more frequent labs
- STAT labs (may take up to 4 hours)
- IV antibiotics (most)
- CPAP/BiPAP (night time)
- Trach care (general)
- Consult to: Neurology, Trauma, Nephrology, Burn, General Internal Medicine (All during normal working hours, no overnight or weekend coverage)
- STAT x-rays (may take up to 2 hours to be completed)
- Basic wound care, including wound vacs
- Foley catheter placement and care
- Non-weighted NG tube placement

- Trend labs more frequent than every 6 hours
- Mechanical ventilation
- Consult to: Orthopedics, Neurosurgery, Plastic Surgery, OMFS, ENT, Ophthalmology, Internal Medicine Subspecialties (Pulm, Cards, etc), Urology
- Place Dobhoff tube (physician preference)
- STAT Imaging (other than X-rays)
- Neuro checks more frequent than every 4 hours
- Vital sign checks more frequent than every 4 hours
- No telemetry available as VSRH is not an ACLS facility.

Common Questions:

1. How do I get patients back to Stallworth?
 - a. *After requirements above are complete and the VSRH Physician has accepted the patient, please contact the ED case manager or social workers to arrange transport back to VSRH.*
2. How can I find the most up-to-date medication list for this patient?
 - a. *Please note that the "Discharge Medication" list in eSTAR does NOT represent the medication list for Stallworth. For the most up-to-date medication regimen, please refer to the Telephone Encounter from Vanderbilt PM&R. This note serves as the transfer note, and the transferring physician should record the most recent medication list including the correct medication dosing, frequency, and timing in this note.*

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