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| **Operational Standard** | |
| ***SUBJECT:*** | Admission Criteria |
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1. Admission criteria exist to promote appropriate utilization of resources and ensure that patients admitted are matched to the unit’s environment, instrumentation, hours of care, skill mix and competency of staff. The MPA offers individualized treatment according to patient's needs, including age. Patients 18-64 years may be admitted to the MPA
2. The current limitations of the MPA may prevent the admittance of the following:
3. patients with an infectious process that would require air born, droplet or contact precautions not outlined in this operational standard;
4. patients who are not medically stable and/or require complex medical interventions (i.e., chemotherapy, heparinization, blood transfusions, ventilation, critical care patients, patients > 12 weeks pregnant, patient traction, patients > 800 lbs, etc.);
5. patients with a new tracheotomy; or
6. patients with a severe developmental disability that aren’t able to benefit from group or medication therapy.
7. Patient experiencing significant precipitating crisis/event such that it produces one or more of the following may be admitted to the MPA:
8. Suicidal and/or homicidal ideation or gravely disabled;
9. Inability to care for self in activities of daily living (secondary to psychiatric illness);
10. Severe affective disorder;
11. Severe psychotic disorder;
12. Severe behavioral disorder in dementia requiring a locked unit for management (redirection, activity programs, ADL and reorientation training.);
13. Severe behavioral disorder requiring restraints (attempt to decrease restraint use by psychiatric medication management and a less medical supportive milieu, patients must be out of behavioral restraints for >12 hours for acceptance);
14. Refusal of help due to psychiatric condition (thought disorders);
15. Patient with exacerbation of preexisting psychiatric diagnosis such that any of the above are evident/present.
16. Patients with a psychiatric diagnosis and stable medical condition requiring;
    1. Supplemental oxygen/breathing treatments
    2. Intermittent IV fluids
    3. IV antibiotics for noninfectious diseases
    4. Extensive wound care
    5. Urinary Catheters/ In and Out Cath
    6. Ostomy/Urostomy bag
    7. NG tube/PEG tube
    8. Contact precautions (Covered wounds, Contained UTIs)
    9. Pre-existing tracheostomy
    10. Assistance with ADLs
    11. Assistive devices for ambulation
    12. Dialysis

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