


<p>Name of Policy: <u>Standards for Consultation</u></p> <p>Policy Number: 3364-87-15</p> <p>Approving Officer: Chief of Staff Medical Director</p> <p>Responsible Agent: Medical Director</p> <p>Scope: All University of Toledo Campuses</p>	 <p>Effective date: 07/14/99</p>
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(A) Policy statement

It is the policy of the Medical Staff and Hospital that the following standards for consultation shall be followed.

(B) Purpose of policy

The purpose of this policy is to help clarify the specific cognitive or procedural service(s) being requested by another member.

(C) Procedure

(1) When to Request

- (a) Whereas judgment as to the nature of an illness and questions concerning prognosis rest with the attending physician responsible for the care of the patient, good medical practice requires the proper and timely use of consultation with persons qualified to give opinions in the field in which the advice is sought.
- (b) When requesting a consultation, note whether the request is for consultation only, consultation and management of a problem, and/or change of service.

(2) Reason for Notification

- (a) It is important to give a specific reason for requesting a consultation. "Patient known to you" is unacceptable and will not generate a consultation, but will instead result in notification of the patient's room number for a courtesy visit.

- (b) The following order is appropriate when requesting a consultation: Please consult Dr. _____ for (reason, e.g. diabetes).

(3) Completion of Consultations

- (a) A routine consultation should be completed by an attending physician within 24 hours unless the requesting physician specifies that the consultation can be delayed until the next regular business day.
- (b) An urgent consultation should be completed within 8 hours. Urgent consultations should be called only for serious or life-threatening medical conditions.
- (c) A stat consultation is one that requires immediate attention to an urgent patient condition. In order to secure a stat consultation it is necessary that there be physician-to-physician contact, with the requesting physician present with the patient.

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