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(A) Policy statement

Management of pediatric patients in elective surgery and emergency care.

(B) Purpose of policy

To ensure the safe and appropriate care of pediatric patients presenting for elective surgery or emergency care at UTMC. Pediatric patient is defined as a patient under the age of sixteen (16) years.

(C) Scope

This policy applies to all UTMC healthcare providers involved in evaluation, management and treatment of pediatric patients under sixteen (16) years of age who present for elective surgery or emergency care.

(D) Patient Criteria

1. Eligibility for Elective Surgery or Emergency Surgical Intervention (Must meet all 3):

- a. Elective or emergency surgical procedures may only be performed on pediatric patients who are twelve (12) years of age or older AND
- b. Patients must meet or exceed the 50th percentile for both height and weight according to standard growth charts AND
- c. Patients must have an uncomplicated medical and surgical history, defined as an American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) classification of only ASA 1 and ASA 2.

2. Admission Criteria for Elective Surgery:

- a. All elective surgical procedures for pediatric patients will be classified as outpatient surgeries.
- b. These patients should not require inpatient admission following the procedure.
- c. If a pediatric patient requires hospital admission, arrangements will be made to transfer the patient to a pediatric hospital for further care.

3. Admission for Patients Aged Sixteen (16) or older:

- a. Patients 16 years of age or older may be admitted to UTMC as inpatients when clinically appropriate.

(E) Preoperative Evaluation and Preparation**1. Preoperative Evaluation:**

- a. A comprehensive preoperative evaluation must be completed within 30 days prior to the scheduled procedure.
- b. Pertinent medical records must be made available to the care team in advance of the procedure.
- c. Any necessary preoperative testing or specialty consultation must be completed and reviewed to confirm the patient eligibility for elective surgery at UTMC.

(F) Emergency Department Management**1. Evaluation and Stabilization:**

- a. Pediatric patients presenting to the Emergency Department (ED) requiring surgical intervention will be evaluated for compliance with the criteria outlined in section D1.
- b. Stabilization and initial care must align with the current Joint Commission and CMS emergency care standards.

2. Transfer of Ineligible Patients:

- a. Pediatric patients who do not meet the established criteria or require inpatient admission will be transferred to an appropriate pediatric facility.
- b. All transfers must comply with Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) regulations.

(G) References: Ohio Rule 4765-14-02

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