

ABDOMINAL PAIN RISK STRATIFICATION TOOL
UNACCEPTABLE DIAGNOSIS FOR OBSERVATION: SOCIAL ADMIT, FAILURE TO THRIVE, DIZZINESS, UNABLE TO CARE FOR SELF, NEEDS PLACEMENT, UNABLE TO AMBULATE, CHRONIC ... (ANYTHING)
IF PATIENT MEETS ANY OF THE BELOW CRITERIA , THEN HE/SHE MUST BE ADMITTED, NOT OBSERVED.
ADMISSION CRITERIA (criteria that exclude the patient from observation level of care)

- Severe dehydration
- Hemodynamic instability
- Na < 130 mEq; Na > 155 mEq
- Concomitant acute severe medical condition (e.g. acute renal failure, sepsis)
- Chronic adominal pain
- Acute peritonitis
- Probability of discharge within 24 hours <80%
- High probability serious dangerous cause sx such as acute appendicitis, sbo, bowel perforation

PATIENT MUST MEET ONE OF THE BELOW CRITERIA FOR OBSERVATION - CHECK APPLICABLE BOX(ES)
*****THIS RISK STRATIFICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND PLACED IN THE CHART.*****
OBSERVATION CRITERIA (inclusion criteria that make observation level of care a possibility)

- Inability to correct symptoms
- Inability to take po fluids
- Possibility pt has serious dangerous cause of sx
- Inability to control pain with po medication

Observation Unit Disposition Decision

Resolution of symptoms	All criteria present	DISCHARGE
Stable vital signs		
Taking po fluids		
Completion of diagnostic evaluation		
Inability to correct symptoms	Any criteria present	ADMIT
Inability to take po fluids		
Abnormal imaging requiring hospitalization		

LEVEL OF CARE DETERMINATION AFTER RISK STRATIFICATION (Check One):

- Observation**
- Admit** (*Use the appropriate admission order forms*)

MD Signature: _____ Beeper #: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____