

**CHEST 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.**
**\*\*\*DO NOT PROCEED TO PAGE 2. HOWEVER THIS RISK STRATIFICATION MUST BE COMPLETED & PLACED IN THE CHART\*\*\***
**ADMISSION CRITERIA (criteria that exclude the patient from observation level of care)**

- Diagnostic EKG changes or positive biomarkers
- Cardiac Risk Score 5 or greater points = moderate to high risk
- Continuing chest pain
- Unstable vital signs

**PATIENT MUST MEET ALL 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)**

- Cardiac Risk Score 2 to 4 points = low risk
- No continuing chest pain
- Stable vital signs

**Observation Unit Disposition Decision**

Benign observation course	All criteria present	<b>DISCHARGE</b>
Stable vital signs		
Deterioration of clinical course	Any criteria present	<b>ADMIT</b>
Unstable vital signs or unstable dysrhythmia		
Diagnosis requiring inpatient admission		

**HCC Cardiac Risk Score tool for Possible ACS**

- Non diagnostic EKG changes (1 point)
- EKG ST segment changes ( < 1 mm ST seg change)
  - OR T wave changes OR LBBB

- Age / sex (1 point)
- (Male > 45 years old; Female > 55 years old)

- Past history CAD (2 points)
- (Angina or PCI or Coronary surgery or MI)

- Cardiac Risk Factors (up to 5 points)
- Family history of CAD
  - hyperlipidemia
  - diabetes mellitus
  - history of smoking
  - hypertension

- Chest Pain (up to 3 points)
- substernal
  - exercise related
  - relieved with NTG

- Chest Pain Equivalent (up to 4 points)
- syncope
  - SOB/dyspnea
  - rapid heart beat
  - unexplained weakness

**ADD UP TOTAL # POINTS ABOVE:**

 Level of Care determination after Risk Stratification (Check One):  Observation  Admit (Use the appropriate admission order forms)

MD Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Beeper #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_