

DEHYDRATION 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 < 120 mEq; Na > 155 mEq
- concomitant acute severe medical condition
(e.g. acute renal failure, sepsis)

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 in ER
- Inability to take po fluids

Observation Unit Disposition Decision

Resolution of symptoms	All criteria present	DISCHARGE
Stable vital signs		
Taking po fluids		
Inability to correct symptoms	Any criteria present	ADMIT
Inability to take po fluids		

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

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

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