

Helpful Tips for SW orders

SNF/SNU (Skilled Nursing) referrals:

- SNF and SNU are used interchangeably. Skilled nursing is rehab in a nursing home setting. This is paid for by Medicare and private insurance. Medicaid does not pay for skilled placement (blue cross can take 72 hours for placement)
- SNFs can take pts on low cost IV abx (Zosyn, vanc, etc.). They will not take pts on rocephin or dapto (very costly).
- SNFs can do general wound care
- Typically do not take TPN or DHT
- Usually can take pts on O2 up to 6 L, some will take higher

LTAC (Long term acute care) referrals:

- For pts on vent, TPN, expensive IV abx, extensive wound care, long term IV abx
- Pts do not receive a great deal of physical therapy at these facilities. Most require SNF, HHC, acute rehab at d/c.
- Length of stay typically over 20 days
- Medicaid does not pay for LTAC
- No private pay

Acute Rehab referrals:

- Ex: Jackson rehab
- Take pts that can handle three hours of therapy a day (some exceptions apply) or at least be able to work up to three hours of therapy a day pretty quickly.
- Ex of common types of patients going to acute rehab: CVA, ortho, neuro.
- Medicaid does not pay for acute rehab (considered private pay)
- Private pay can go to Jackson if they qualify and have a good d/c plan. Private pay pts stay 2 weeks. Jackson can only take 3 private pay patients at a time.

Hospice referrals:

- PLEASE talk to the pt about hospice before sending SW to talk to them.

Other helpful information:

- SW does not do health care education
- SW can not force a patient who is alert and oriented to do anything. If they refuse it is their choice.
- Referrals to Jackson clinic need to have referral form filled out and signed. Forms should be available on floor.
- SW cannot help with any \$4 (generic) medications or pain medications (SW can not help with meds on the weekends)