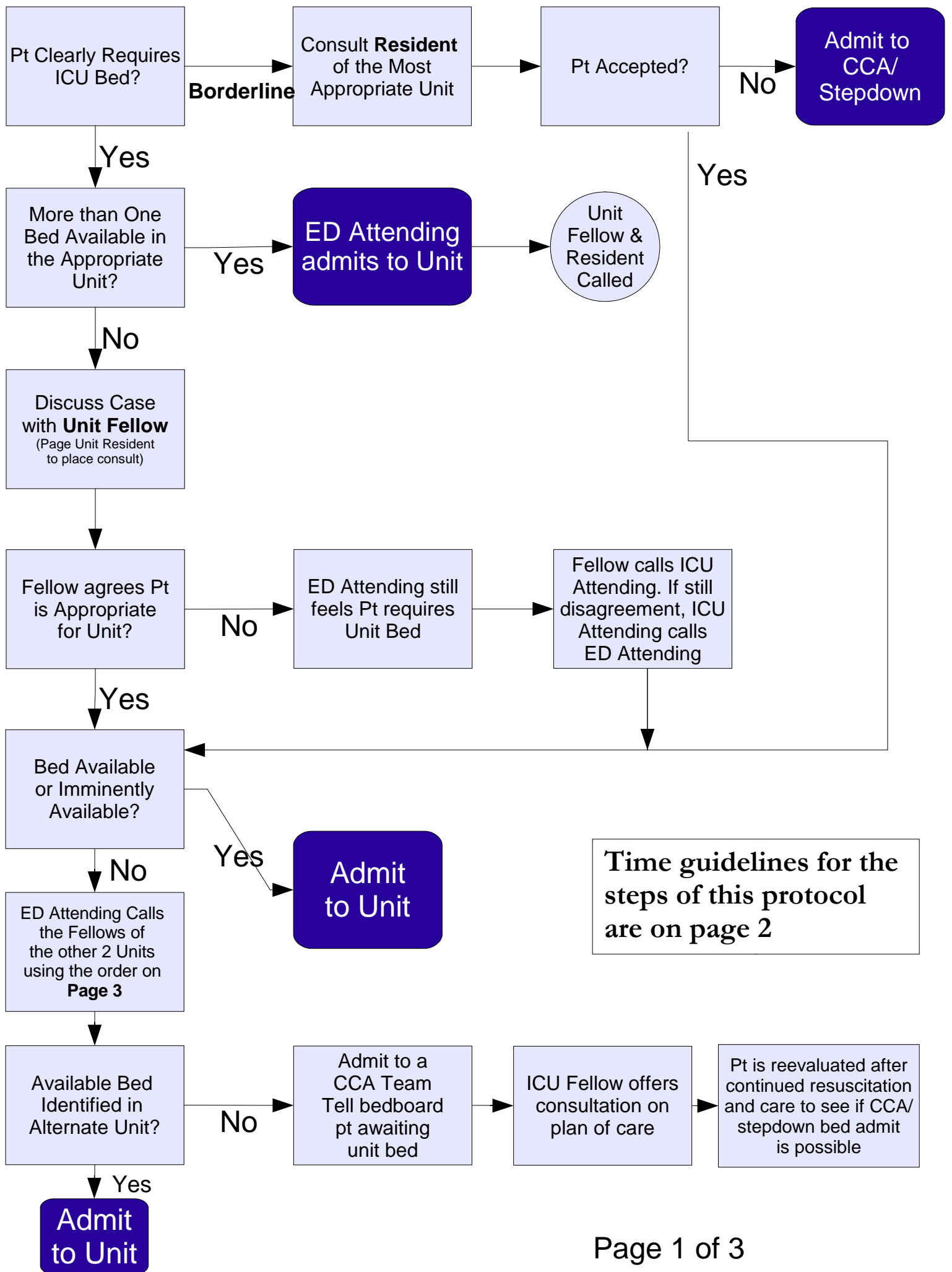


Emergency
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Admission
Guidelines

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Time guidelines for the steps of this protocol are on page 2

Timeframes

Borderline Patient	
Event	Minutes
Consult Called till Resident at Bedside	30
Consult at Bedside till Decision made by Fellow	30

Definitely Needs Unit	
Event	Minutes
Case discussed with Fellow till Fellow Agrees or Disagrees	30

Agrees

Disagrees

Patient Accepted	
Event	Minutes
For a bed to be considered imminently available, it must be available within...	180
Bed not imminently available till Fellow contacts other Units' Fellows	30
Time from contact of other Units' Fellows till decision on bed availability in alternate unit	30
When no beds available, time from admission to CCA team till CCA team or TR at bedside	30
Patient reevaluated by CCA team at bedside every...	60

Disagreement	
Event	Minutes
Time from ICU Attending Consult till Decision	30

Timeframes are guidelines to help expedite patient care. Extenuating circumstances may require that these times be extended.

Admissions

RICU Patients

RICU patients will be admitted to unit beds in the following order:

1. Admit to an empty RICU bed
2. Admit to RICU if a patient is scheduled to leave within the next three hours
3. Admit to an open CCU bed as a RICU boarder. The RICU can board a maximum of two patients. (1 CPORT Bed must always be kept open)
4. Admit to an open CCU bed to be followed by CCU team. (1 CPORT Bed must always be kept open)
5. Admit to an open STICU bed to be followed by the STICU team. The patient does not need any team aside from the STICU assigned.

CCU Patients

CCU Patients will be admitted to unit beds in the following order:

1. Admit to an empty CCU bed (1 CPORT Bed must always be kept open)
2. Admit to CCU if a patient is scheduled to leave within the next three hours
3. Admit to an empty RICU bed to be followed by CCU team
4. Consider having the CCU fellow page CCU attending to see if any CCU patients can be moved to make space in CCU
5. Admit to an open STICU bed to be followed by the SICU team. The patient does not need any team aside from the STICU assigned.

STICU Patients

STICU Patients will be admitted to unit beds in the following order:

1. Admit to an empty SICU bed
2. Admit to SICU if a patient is scheduled to leave within the next three hours
3. Admit to (George--I need your help as to where you want patients to go if STICU is full)

Note: If a patient is admitted to STICU, if at all possible the STICU resident will come down to transport the patient upstairs. At times when the STICU resident is not available, the ED will provide a physician to accompany the patient.