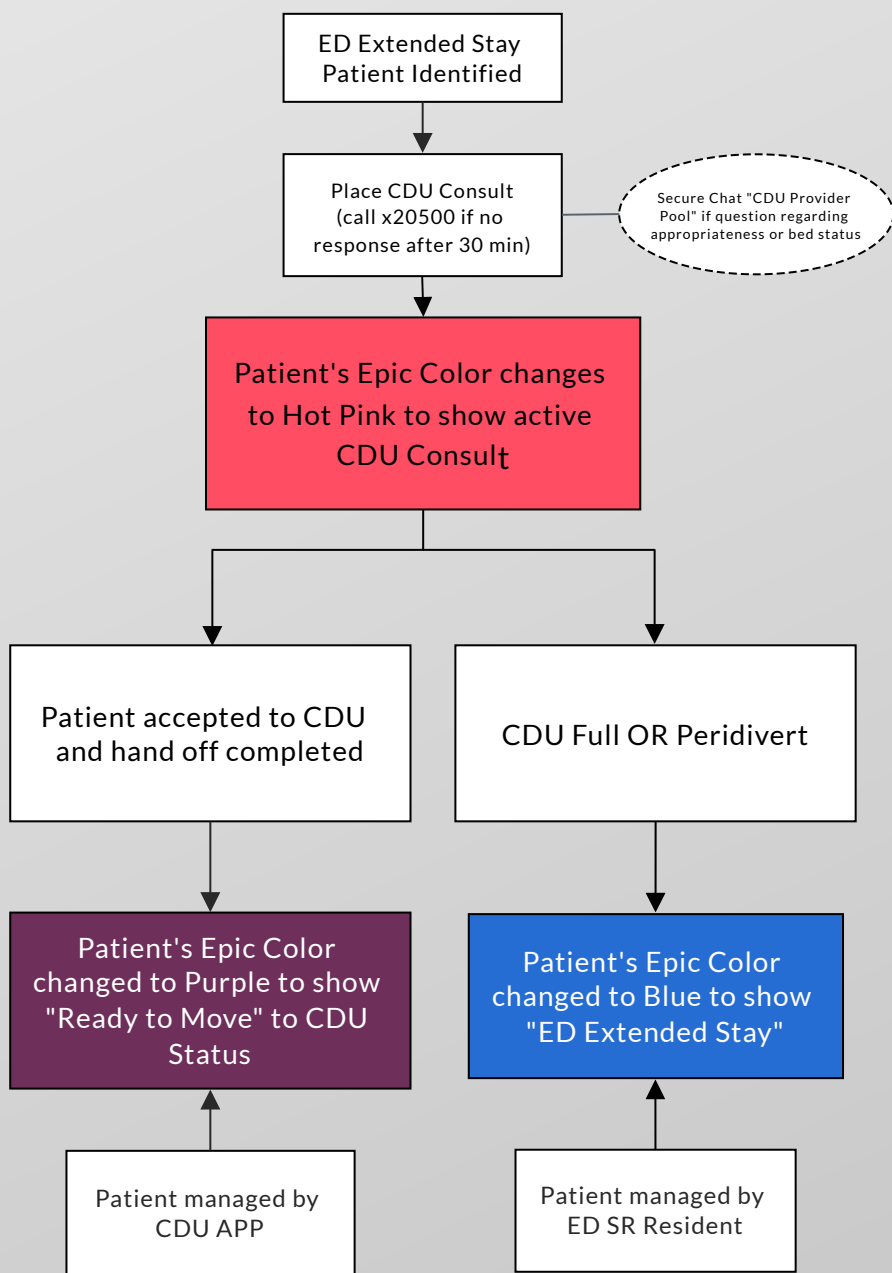


ED Extended Stay Patients

Purpose of identifying ED Extended Stay Patients: Safely select, hand off, and move ED evaluated patients to improve department flow, decrease divert, open acute care ED beds for new undifferentiated patients, and increase focused, efficient observation care.



• When to Move a Patient to MF Instead of CDU

- **CDU unavailable:** CDU is full and no beds are expected to open within 30 minutes.
- **Peridivert situations:** Patient placement is needed to relieve immediate pressure, with reassessment once the department stabilizes.

• Process:

- The **Senior Resident** and **ED Charge RN** should direct the move.
- The **Senior Resident** assumes primary care for the patient's ongoing ED management.
- Patient may remain in MF or later be transferred to CDU if appropriate.
- The Senior Resident and ED Charge Nurse should move patients suitable for MF from the main ED to MF before initiating Divert, whenever possible.

• Important Safety Note:

- Patients requiring heavy sedation for agitation (e.g., high-dose medications, ketamine) should not be placed in MF or CDU.
- These patients must first be stabilized with a clear, safe care plan before any transfer.