

# Children’s Wisconsin

## Co-Management Guidelines

To support collaborative care, we have developed guidelines for our community providers to utilize when referring to, and managing patients with, the pediatric specialists at Children’s Wisconsin. These guidelines provide protocols for jointly managing patient cases between community providers and our pediatric specialists.

Subcutaneous Abscess				
Symptoms:	Referring provider’s initial evaluation and management:	When to refer to General Surgery:	What can referring provider send to Surgery?	Workup in General Surgery clinic will likely include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fever</li> <li>• Pain</li> <li>• Cellulitis</li> <li>• Drainage</li> <li>• Induration</li> <li>• Warmth at the site</li> <li>• Tachycardia</li> </ul>	<p><b>Evaluation:</b> Abscess is noted on clinical exam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Induration</li> <li>• Erythema</li> <li>• Fluctuance</li> <li>• Drainage</li> </ul> <p><b>Management:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral Antibiotics, warm compresses</li> <li>• Incision and drainage +/- oral antibiotics</li> </ul> <p>*Most subcutaneous abscesses are MRSA. These abscesses are sensitive to Clindamycin or Bactrim based on the <a href="#">Antibiogram OUTPATIENT table</a></p>	<p><b>*Send directly to Emergency Department if ill appearing, hemodynamically unstable, rapidly progressing cellulitis, concern for bacteremia (pneumonia, bone or joint involvement)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complex abscess or size is greater than 5 cm with cellulitis and or induration</li> <li>• If abscess is located on the face, genitalia, or hands</li> <li>• If the patient is immunocompromised</li> <li>• Failed simple drainage</li> </ul>	<p><b>If urgent or emergent, please call the Physician Consultation Line at (800) 266-0366</b></p> <p><b>Internal provider using Epic:</b> Place Ambulatory Referral to Surgery</p> <p><b>External Provider using EPIC:</b> Please complete the external referral order to CHW SURGERY CLINICS - or - Fax to Central Scheduling at (414) 607-5288 - or - Online <a href="#">ambulatory referral form</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urgency of referral</li> <li>• Question to be answered</li> <li>• Chief complaint including onset, frequency</li> <li>• Recent progress note or office note</li> <li>• Labs and imaging results</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical exam and review of all clinical data available</li> </ul>



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