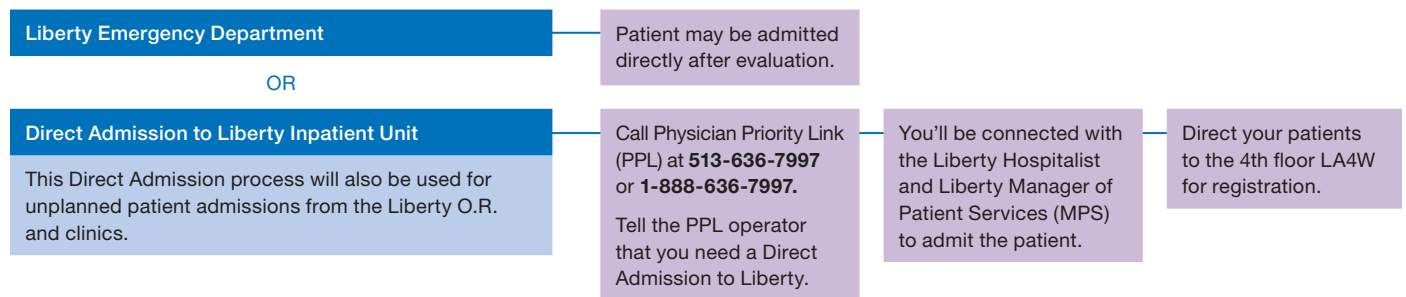


Liberty Inpatient Unit Admission Guidelines and Process

The goal of the Cincinnati Children's Liberty Inpatient Unit is to provide safe, effective, and efficient care for patients requiring admission. The Unit provides 24/7 in-house Hospitalist coverage, high acuity beds with 2:1 nursing and Hospital Medicine-PICU co-management, and efficient specialty consultation to meet the needs of patients. *(Note: CBDI patients will be admitted on a case-by-case basis.)*

Admission Processes



Guidelines for Admission

Any patient—infant through age 21—can be cared for on the Liberty Inpatient Unit, **unless:**

- Patient requires PICU-level care, including intubation, mechanical ventilation, dialysis and pressors (Continuous Albuterol and CPAP/BiPAP are available in the Liberty High Acuity beds)
- Patient requires a therapy not available at Liberty (i.e., dialysis, telemetry)
- Patient requires an emergent procedure that cannot be provided **immediately** at Liberty, e.g. bowel obstruction or septic arthritis
- Patient requires high complexity operative care within a tertiary facility
- Patient requires insulin therapy

Attending at Liberty

Any physician or APRN may refer a patient for admission to the Liberty Inpatient Unit under the Hospital Medicine Service. This model of care is Refer and Follow, defined as admission to the Hospital Medicine Service, with the Hospitalist and referring provider working together.

Hospitalist (and their designee) will write all orders and provide all the direct patient care.

Referring Provider is encouraged to collaborate with the Hospital Medicine attending physician during the hospital stay, including rounding and discharge planning, in order to provide the best care possible for patients.

Physicians with Admitting Privileges at Cincinnati Children's may admit patients to the Liberty Inpatient Unit under their own service.

- Attending physicians (and/or their designees) are responsible for all aspects of the patient's care, including orders, calls from patient services staff, H&P's, progress notes, medication reconciliation and discharge notes.