Conditions Requiring Referral to the Emergency Department
NOT to the After Hours Clinic

- **Abdominal Pain**: chronic, consistent with appendicitis, obstruction, or intussusception
- **Abuse**: suspected sexual or physical
- **Altered Level of Consciousness**: lethargy, hallucinations, difficulty to arouse
- **Asthma**: severe prolonged symptoms that may require admission to the hospital
- **Autism**: autism patients requiring procedures
- **Neck and Back Injuries**: moderate to severe that may require CT or specialist consult
- **Bites**: snake bites, spider bites with systemic signs or symptoms, face, joints, or genitalia
- **Bone Trauma**: if obvious deformity or numbness
- **Burns**: 1st degree burns involving >10% BSA, 2nd or 3rd degree of the hand, face, joints, genitalia, circumferential, or suspicious of non accidental etiology
- **Cast problems**
- **Choking**: Inhaled foreign body with coughing or wheezing, swallowed foreign body with drooling, foreign body sensation, or pain with swallowing
- **Chronic Medical Condition**: Sickle cell disease, Diabetes, Hemophilia, Congenital Heart disease, Endocrine disorders, etc. A **simple medical problem** in a patient with a chronic medical condition can be seen at After Hours.
- **Croup**: any croup symptoms after 9:00pm weekdays / 7:00pm weekends
- **Dental Trauma**: Involving the permanent teeth
- **Diabetics**: with vomiting or hyperglycemia
- **Diarrhea and Vomiting**: moderate to severe dehydration that may require admission. Any N,V,D patient which may require IVF beyond 8:30pm weekdays / 6:30pm weekends
- **Ear Trauma**: hematoma to the outer ear, lacerations or animal bites
- **Eye Trauma**: All significant injuries excluding minor contusions or abrasion, vision changes, lacerations
- **Febrile or Fussy infants less than 8 weeks of age**
- **Fever with petechiae/purpura or altered LOC**
- **Foreign body**: within the dermis that cannot be seen or palpated (which may require extended time or surgical removal)
- **Genital Trauma or Scrotal Swelling or Pain**
- **Head Trauma**: hematoma in an infant <1yr, persistent altered LOC, vomiting, severe headache, clear fluid from nose or ear, penetrating injury/deformity of the head, concussion symptoms
- **Ingestions**: requiring medical intervention

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- **Migraine/Headache**: pain for greater than 24 hours, unrelieved  
- Meningitis  
- Motor Vehicle Accident  
- Neonatal Hyperbilirubinemia  
- **Psychiatric Condition or Substance Abuse**  
- **Sedation**: any patient requiring all types of sedation for any reason  
- **Seizures**: with or without fever, first episode with persistent altered LOC, focal findings, multiple seizures in same day  
- **Skin Trauma**: moderate to severe lacerations of hand, over joints, complex or multiple lacerations of face, large lacerations that are complex or will require significant amount of time to repair  
- **STD or Gynecologic condition**: any symptoms that would require a pelvic exam  
- Syncope  
- **Trauma**: falls or accidents with multiple moderate to severe injuries, persistent bleeding, severe pain, or suspected long bone fracture.  
- **Follow up visits for I/Ds and suture or staple removal, sports physicals, return to play for concussions, and immunizations should be seen by the PMD.**

*If there are any questions regarding a patient to be referred to After Hours, please call and speak to the charge nurse.*

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