

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
MEDICAL STAFF POLICY MANUAL**

PHYSICIAN RESPONSE TIMES

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SCOPE

All Medical/Dental Staff of HRMC

PURPOSE

To delineate the timeframe in which a practitioner is to see a patient when the patient is admitted or when the patient's condition requires a change to a higher level of care.

POLICY

Physician Response Times:

Any physician involved in the case may respond -

<u>Patient Admitted/Moved To</u>	<u>Physician to See Patient Within</u>
ICU	2 hours*
PCU	8 hours
Medical Surgical Floor	24 hours
Rapid Response	N/A – physician visit not required within a specified timeframe; hospitalist will see patient

* An ICU patient who has not been seen by an attending physician within two hours will be seen by the Hospitalist.