

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

COMMUNICATION OF CONSULTS

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SCOPE: HRMC Medical/Dental Staff

PURPOSE: To delineate how consults are to be communicated and the timeframe in which a consultant must respond.

POLICY: Consults on the floor are called by a nurse/unit secretary at the time they are received, if this has not already been done by the physician.

Physicians are to respond in person that day or the next day, unless a different timeframe is defined by the referring physician.

If a physician deems a consult needs to be done sooner, he/she is responsible to communicate with the consultant directly.