


<b>FACULTY PRACTICE GROUP – Ambulatory Operations</b>		
STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES		
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**PURPOSE:**

To identify the appropriate staff responsible for coordinating care during and after office visits. To define who schedules ancillary and consultative services, encounters patients, authorizes, and admits patients to services outside/outside facilities.

**POLICY:**

Care Coordination

- The check-out process will be clearly defined in each department.
- Follow-up appointments will be made at the time of check-out, if appropriate to alleviate calls to the call center and/or practice.
- When required, ancillary and consultative services will be scheduled, encountered, or at the minimum coordinated.
- If prior authorizations are required for referred services, it is the responsibility of the requesting provider to obtain this authorization prior to scheduling the service, or the patient completing the service.
- In-Patient admissions will be coordinated by the requesting provider.

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