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Subject: New CUH-MUH Neurology transfer policy effective immediately

Dear colleagues,

I wish to bring to your attention a new, more straightforward inter-hospital transfer policy for the Neurology service at CUH. The NCHDs will be notified.

- No further transfers from CUH to MUH in any circumstance
- MUH to CUH for Neurology care can only occur after Consultant-to-Consultant (Neurologist-Physician) discussion

Yours sincerely

Danny Costello

CUH-MUH inter-hospital transfer policy for Acute Neurology, effective July 13th 2015

Effective from July 13th 2015, the following is the transfer policy between the Neurology departments at CUH and MUH for acute neurological medicine:

1. Patients will no longer be transferred from CUH to MUH in any circumstance. Patients that present to CUH with acute neurological presentations will be managed by the CUH. Admitting NCHDs should adhere to the admissions policy of the CUH Neurology department.
2. Patients that present to the MUH with acute neurological presentations will be assessed by the ED/medical team at MUH. If transfer to CUH for immediate neurological care is sought, the consultant physician on call in MUH needs to contact the Neurologist on-call in CUH in person to discuss the case and request transfer. Inter-hospital transfers between the Neurology services at CUH and MUH can no longer be authorised by NCHDs. The consultant Neurologist on-call in CUH needs to be personally informed about potential transfers coming under their care. In general, cases appropriate for inter-hospital transfer are those with serious or life-threatening emergencies that will require immediate neurological assessment.
3. This policy also applies to other hospitals in the South/South-West Hospital Group.

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