

*Call a Chief directly  
(Within 15 minutes)*

*(And/or positively ascertain that a chief/attending has been notified):*

- Death (even if expected)
  - Cardiac arrest\*
- Respiratory failure requiring intubation or significantly increased O2 demands\*
  - Severe respiratory distress\*
  - Airway issues\*
- Transfer to ICU or higher level of care\*
- Concern that patient needs a procedure or operation
- An urgent intervention by another service is NOT being performed (e.g. ERCP, IR, dialysis)
  - A new need for acute dialysis
  - Bleeding requiring transfusion
  - Hypotension/hemodynamic instability\*
  - Symptomatic and severe hypertension
- Significant new arrhythmia\*, Suspected MI\*, Suspected PE\*
- New onset severe chest pain & abdominal pain
- Abrupt deterioration in neurologic exam or profound decreased mental status\*
  - Significant change in neurovascular exam of extremity\*
  - Patient or family wishes to speak to the attending
  - Patient wishes to be discharged AMA
- Vascular: loss of a pulse or Doppler signal that was present earlier
- Plastics: abrupt change in signal/duskiness of free flap

**PLUS:**

**New admission**

The arrival of a patient accepted in transfer from another institution

*\*starred items require an event note documented in EPIC*