

**THE LONG ISLAND COLLEGE HOSPITAL  
DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY  
Policy and Procedures**

**INPATIENT CONSULTATIONS**

The policy within the department is to answer emergency surgical consultations immediately and all elective consultations within 8 hours. Between the hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm, all consultations (elective and emergency) should be called in to the department's administrative office, extension 1200 so they could be **logged in** and the office will call the responsible assigned surgical resident immediately. In emergency situations during off-hours the Chief Resident should be paged. The on-call schedule is distributed monthly to the telephone operators and lists the Residents and the Attending on call for every particular day. Anytime a specific problem occurs and/or when consults are not responded to in a timely fashion, the office (ext. 1200) should be immediately notified the following working day or Dr. Michael Bernstein (ext. 1563) or any of the full time Attendings, Dr. Charles (ext. 2777), Dr. Sirsi (ext. 1564), Dr. Wong (ext. 2626), Dr. Song (ext. 1056 for vascular cases), Dr. Herman (ext. 2727 for thoracic cases) or Dr. Alfonso (ext. 1200) should be called directly.

If a **private** consultation, or a second surgical opinion, is desired for a specific Surgical Attending other than the assigned Attending for the day, it becomes the primary responsibility of the private referring physician to directly call his Surgical Attending of choice. This should **not** be called through the department office **or channeled through surgical residents.**

Elective service consultation should be seen initially on the day in which the consultation is submitted by the **PGY 2 or 3** on call that day. These consultations are also the responsibility of the Chief Resident and should be discussed on the same day with the assigned Service Attending of the day. When a Surgical Attending has been called in to do a **private** consultation, the surgical residents are neither encouraged nor expected to perform the private consultation for an Attending Physician.

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