Emergency Department Guideline  
Adult Patients Presenting to the Emergency Department  

The University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital Emergency Department provides urgent and emergency care to Pediatric patients.

The mission of the UMN Masonic Children’s Hospital ED is to focus on the needs of children and adolescents.

- UMN Masonic Children’s Hospital will evaluate and treat all pediatric patients <18 years of age.

- Adult patients ≥18 years of age will be evaluated, stabilized as needed and transferred for care to an adult ED.

- Patients with special health care needs (e.g. chronic illness and/or disability) ≥18 years of age will be considered on case-by-case basis that includes a mutually agreeable discussion between the ED staff physician, ED change nurse, attending physician, patient/family and patient placement.

University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital admissions will be prioritized by age, with preference given to younger patients, and those with an established medical relationship with a University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital pediatric subspecialty service.