

**CONSULTATION GUIDELINES FOR  
EMERGENCY GENERAL SURGERY**  
(All Consult Request Must Come from an Attending Physician)

A. Emergency Department

- a. Emergent / Urgent Consults → Emergency General Surgery
  - i. Rule out Acute Appendicitis / Acute Abdomen
  - ii. Free Air / Intra-abdominal Sepsis/ Acute Pancreatitis
  - iii. Bowel Obstruction / Incarcerated Hernia
  - iv. Peri-rectal Disease requiring urgent treatment
- b. Semi – Elective Consults / Clinic Referrals → General Surgery
  - i. All Breast Disease
  - ii. Non-Acute hernias
  - iii. Stable Biliary Colic

B. VUMC In-Patient Consults

- a. Emergent / Urgent Consults → Emergency General Surgery
- b. Tracheostomy / PEG's → Emergency General Surgery
- c. Semi-Elective Consults → General Surgery

C. Out-Side Referrals

- a. Emergent / Urgent Consults → Emergency General Surgery
  - i. Check Bed / ICU Availability
  - ii. Need for Lifeflight transfer
- b. Clinic Referrals → General Surgery or Appropriate Surgery Service