The decision to admit can ONLY be made by an authorised medical officer or nursing practitioner. The decision to admit must be documented in the medical record.

Does the patient require a procedure?

- YES
- NO

Does the patient require 4 or more hours of continuous active management?

- YES
- NO

Reason for admission
Patient is to receive an admitted Type B procedure.

Examples:
- Sedation/Anaesthesia
- Infusion/transfusion of blood/blood products
- Some closed reductions of fracture or dislocations
- Infusion/transfusion of pharmacological agent.
- Incision & drainage of abscess
- Arrest nasal haemorrhage
- Exc debridement skin & subc tissue

Reason for admission
Patient is to receive a non-admitted Type C procedure AND has a condition or special circumstance that justifies admission.

Examples:
- Where general/regional anaesthesia is required.
- Where intravenous or inhalational sedation is required.
- Where the patient's co-morbidities place the patient under high dependency

Admission (Type B)

NB. IV therapy is the administration by intravenous infusion of a pharmacological/therapeutic agent. Ancillary, preparatory and line maintenance procedures are NOT included as ‘therapy’.

Admission (Type C)

NB. Reason for admission & special circumstances must be documented in the medical record

Admission (Type E)

NB. Admitted care commences when the patient physically leaves the clinical area of ED for transfer to a ward, including ED short stay unit, or operating theatre/procedure room

Identify which of the following is the reason for admission and complete the associated documentation:

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| Serial tests/investigations | • Tests Required & intervals  
                             • Results and actions documented |
| Regular periodic observations  
Excludes: BP / pulse / temp monitoring only | • Required observations, intervals and duration  
                             • 4 hours of observation must be documented |
| Continuous monitoring | • Type of monitoring |
| Active treatment (and review) | • Nature of treatment  
                             • Time of planned review |

Reference: Admission, Readmission, Discharge and Transfer (ARDT) Policy for WA Health Services and Operational Directive  

PLEASE NOTE that a patient is not eligible for admission just because/if:
- They are/will be in the Emergency Department for longer than 4 hours
- They are transferred to a short stay unit but do not meet admission criteria
- They are only waiting for:
  • review by a specialty admitting team
  • diagnostic tests or results
  • transport home or transfer to another health care facility
  • equipment or medications
- They receive their entire care within the Emergency Department