

**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