I. Policy Summary
   a. To constitute official policies amongst UCR Health Hospitalists.
   b. To establish a recommended guideline that will ensure a consistent and fair approach when ordering and communicating a nephrology consult.
   c. To establish effective communications between UCR Health Hospitalists and Nephrologists regarding patient consultation for co-management.

II. Definitions (Not Applicable)

III. Policy Text (Not Applicable)

IV. Responsibilities (Not Applicable)

V. Procedures

Specialist Consult
   a. Upon admission, initial consultations for patients needing to see a nephrologist will be assigned to Nephrology Associates Medical Group.
   b. Any issues or incidents (e.g. unprofessional demeanor or poor responsiveness) with any member of Nephrology Associates should be reported to the Director of Hospital Medicine, Medical Director of RCH Hospitalist Service, and Hospitalist Program Liaison. These issues will then be forwarded to RCH Administration as appropriate.
   c. If the patient belongs to another nephrology attending/group, Nephrology Associates will formally notify the consulting Hospitalist to change the consult order to the appropriate nephrology attending/group.

Specialist Consult Process
Once the nephrology consult order has been placed, the UCR Health Hospitalist will:
   a. Reach out to the Nephrology Associates Medical Group via text or phone call.
   b. Notify the nurse of the consult and also instruct the nurse to follow up with a call or page to the Specialist.
   c. Expect a response from the Nephrologist and follow up to ensure the patient is seen within an appropriate time frame.
VI. Forms/Instructions (Refer to Exhibits)

VI. Contacts

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VII. Related Information (Not Applicable)

VIII. Revision History

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