

PRM Webinar Series; Regional Webinar

AHN Brentwood Neighborhood Hospital

Question & Answer Session with Dr. Robert Sobehart

Q: What qualifies a patient for an IP admission to the Neighborhood Hospital?

A: I can provide examples of patients who have been admitted thus far – Low risk chest pain, cellulitis, established CHF, mild asthma/COPD, pneumonia, COVID with minimal oxygen needs, dehydration. It is dependent upon the acuity of the patient

Q: How are you handling COVID testing?

A: We have 2 testing options. We have the Sophia FIA, which is a rapid test with a 15-20 minute turnaround. We have some stock of this test, but supplies are diminishing as tests are being sent to TX and FL. We have an emergency use authorization for this test. Negatives do need to be confirmed by the AHN CORE lab. The AHN test has a 24-48 hour turnaround. We have seen a surge for testing in the South Hills recently. We are socially distancing our waiting room and separating beds as needed.

Q: Do you notify the patient's PCP of admission, and if yes, how?

A: That is not something we have done yet, but we are happy to do so upon request. The hospitalists are touching base with the PCP's on the backend regarding follow-up and D/C needs. If that is something a physician would prefer, we are happy to accommodate.

Q: Are there any other services within the building, related to OP services and specialty practices?

A: Not as of yet. Radiology and lab services are for in-house use only. There are ongoing negotiations as to what's going upstairs, and a few practices have reached out as they're interested in utilizing that space.

To expand, we do have the Brentwood facility nearby that offers radiology, lab, physical therapy, sleep testing and some specialty practices.

Yes, we have been directing patients to that facility as needed as well.