



### **Patient with acute unruptured appendicitis**

#### **Purpose:**

To facilitate the transfer of a patient with an acute unruptured appendicitis to Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. The patient can be "automatically accepted" if the following criteria are met:

1. Patient needs to be hemodynamically stable.
2. All menarche females have a negative pregnancy test (Le Bonheur does not have OB services).
3. Patient needs to have appendicitis confirmed radiographically with either US or CT.

#### **Process:**

1. Call the Transfer Center at 901-287-4408.
2. Transfer center will obtain patient's demographic information.
3. Provide a recent set of vitals (temperature, blood pressure, pulse oxygenation and pulse).

#### **Recommended Treatment:**

1. Patient should be kept NPO.
2. Normal Saline Bolus: 20 cc/kg; Max 1 Liter
3. Maintenance IV fluids (D5 NS)
4. Pain medication: Morphine 0.1 mg/kg IV (max dose 4mg) q2hr prn pain
5. Ondansetron 0.1 mg/kg IV(max dose 8 mg) q8hr prn nausea/vomiting
6. Ceftriaxone 50mg/kg IV(max dose 2g) plus Metronidazole 30 mg/kg IV (max dose 1500mg)
7. Alternative for Penicillin allergic patients: Ciprofloxacin 10mg/kg IV (max dose 400mg) plus Metronidazole 30 mg/kg IV (max dose 1500mg)