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Dear Site Coordinator,

At our last PRPC meeting on November 9th we agreed to communicate and adhere to a clear policy regarding how staff psychiatrists should manage requests for C-L consultations when they are on-call. I am writing to you to ensure that this policy is formalized in writing so that it will be clear to all staff on-call and consistent across general hospital sites. When a CL consult is received, the main points to remember are:

1. The staff psychiatrist on call should first screen all C-L consult requests.
2. The resident's first responsibility is to the ER but if there are no patients and an urgent consult, the staff psychiatrist can ask the resident to see the new consult.
3. If the CL consult request is urgent and the resident is busy in the ER, the staff is required to see the C-L consult.
4. The staff psychiatrist on call should make every effort to defer non-urgent CL consult requests until the next regular working day when they will be handled by the CL team.

Please disseminate this memo to all staff in your Department. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
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