

# PROBLEMATIC BEHAVIOR

Disrupts ability to care for medical condition  
Examples: Trying to leave; Impulsive behaviors  
Posing dangerous situation to patient or others

**Call MD while initiating other appropriate interventions  
(Example: Distract Patient; Call Security; Call House Manager)**

MD Assessment of Capacity  
See Decision Making Capacity Assessment Tool  
**"Informed Consent Policy & Procedure"**

**NO  
CAPACITY**

**YES  
CAPACITY**

**Unsafe**

Patient Safety Algorithm-see back  
Reference: (**Restraints Use:**  
**Non-Psychiatric**)  
Policy & Procedure

**Keep Patient**

MD Evaluation for  
***etiology*** of problematic behaviors

Medical Etiology

Develop Safety Plan  
To Restore Capacity

Psych Etiology

Consider psych consult

Is there a decision maker?

Yes

Contact  
Substitute  
Decision-Maker

No

Consult Consent  
Policy and  
Advance  
Directive  
Policy

**Safe**

May leave AMA  
**(Discharge Patient)**  
Policy & Procedure

**Unsafe**

Example: Patient ataxic but wants  
to smoke outside

Develop a safety plan  
with patient and family

## Telephone Numbers:

Psychsocial Liaison 720-848-5197  
Risk Management 303-724-7475  
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