

Green Mountain Surgery Center Collaborative Care Agreement

PURPOSE: GMSC seeks to be part of a network of patient care practitioners and institutions that work efficiently and effectively to deliver the highest quality care, with great value, to our common patients.

Important principles of such collaboration include:

- Timely access to care
- Communication
- Adherence to widely accepted evidence-based principles of care
- Support of the primary care practice as the Medical Home for most patients

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COLLABORATING PRACTITIONERS:

I. ACCESS:

- Commit to triage patients who need care, reviewing their medical histories when necessary and scheduling in a timely fashion. Provide same day access when appropriate for acute care needs upon verbal request. Otherwise, make best efforts to provide access within the timeframes requested by the referring practitioners.
- Be available for brief telephone consultation regarding patient care situations and assist in preparing patients for consultation or testing.
- Provide or arrange for 24/7 physician on-call coverage and coordinate after hours care when needed with PCP, ER, or other providers.

II. COMMUNICATION:

- Notify PCP office with recommendations:
 - o Prior to hospitalization or referral to ER
 - o Additional consultations
 - o When care coordination maybe helpful
- Make best efforts to send consult notes to the referring practitioner within 2 business days of procedures/surgeries and copy PCP with appropriate test and lab results.

III. ADHERANCE TO PRINCIPLES OF CARE:

- Follow generally accepted evidence based guidelines, for example:
 - o US Preventive Services Task Force
 - o Agency for Health Care Research and Quality

- o Choosing Wisely
- o Other organizations appropriate to one’s specialty practice.
- Support the Quality Improvement Initiatives as adopted by the Green Mountain Surgery Center’s Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) and Governing Board.

IV. SUPPORT FOR PRIMARY CARE PRACTICE MEDICAL HOME:

- Refer patients back to PCP after consult questions have been addressed, when appropriate, for follow up care that is appropriate in a primary care setting.
- Provide PCP with guidelines and instructions for follow up care, including parameters for additional consultation.

PARTICIPATION IN ACO OR OTHER CONTRACTING ACTIVITIES:

GMSC desires that the physicians on the medical staff support the ACO programs that GMSC participates in, and any other contracts that GMSC participates in, which may involve quality and performance targets. Collaborating practitioners agree to:

- Cooperate with GMSC’s Administrator to supply data from practice management, EMR, or other systems the is needed to help GMSC meet its reporting requirements to CMS, the Green Mountain Care Board, the ACO or other payer partners, and the state health department
- Collaborate with GMSC’s Administrator and owners to develop episode-based or other alternative contracting arrangements where appropriate
- Serve on workgroups or committees as needed to assist with program design and improvement

Collaborating Practitioner

By: _____
Signature

Print Name: _____

Date: _____