

RUHS Pancreatitis Emergency Department Pathway

Concern for pancreatitis*

NPO, IVF as indicated
Cbc w/diff, CMP,
Lipase, ETOH level,
Consider CIWA
protocol

Acute Pancreatitis

If requiring admission or abnormal LFTs:
Order RUQ US w/doppler

Chronic Pancreatitis

No gallstones?

Medicine admission

+gallstones?

ACS consult,
admit orders within 2 hrs

necrotizing pancreatitis

SICU admission within 2 hrs
RRT activation

CT Abd/Pelvis w/IV contrast
add LDH, ABG, CRP, lactate for scoring

Medicine admission or outpatient followup as clinically indicated

*Pancreatitis diagnosed by having 2 of 3:
1. abdominal pain c/w disease
2. lipase level >3x upper limit normal
3. characteristic findings on imaging