

Child Inpatient Pain Service Referral Criteria

**Guidelines for referring patients to the program unmanaged or anticipated pain due to:**

1. Upcoming surgery or surgery within past 2 weeks with inadequate pain management
2. Complex Pain
3. Risk for chronic pain
4. Parental catastrophizing

*Surgeries with increased risk for persistent post-surgical pain in children:*

- Scoliosis
- Orthopedic procedures – osteotomies, complex hip surgeries, limb lengthening procedures
- Thoracic procedures – VATS, thoracotomy
- General surgery – Laparotomy, complex urological procedures
- Organ transplant
- Trauma

*Post-surgical scenarios for referral*

- Reports struggling with postsurgical pain more than is typical
- Surgical pain does not appear to be resolving
- Difficulty weaning off opioids after surgery
- Concern about possible opioid misuse