The primary role of the ED Attending is to assure quality patient care in the ED and supervise housestaff, physician assistants, and students.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. The ED Attendings are assigned to the ED exclusively.
2. The Attending must review all cases of patients seen by medical students or housestaff prior to discharge or admission from the ED. Attending documentation and signing the chart must occur prior to leaving the ED for admitted patients and within 72 hours for patients discharged from the hospital.
3. The Attending may be responsible for supervision of up to 6 physician Assistants (PA). A physician assistant may provide medical services to Hospital inpatients when under the supervision of a physician; however, such supervision shall not necessarily require the physical presence of the supervising physician at the time and place where the services are performed. The attending physician of record for any given patient will be the supervising physician for the physician assistant caring for that patient. Attending documentation and signing the chart must occur prior to leaving the ED for admitted patients and within 72 hours for patients discharged from the hospital.