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- Coordination and status of referrals to specialty services
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- Transfer requests evaluated based upon clinical urgency, availability of resources and other factors

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