

## Outcomes of emergency department patients presenting with adverse drug events.

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Patients presenting to an emergency department (ED) with an [adverse drug event](#) (ADE) are a source of continued [concern](#), particularly as many ADEs are thought to be [preventable](#). This prospective study compared patients presenting to the ED because of ADEs to those presenting for other reasons. Investigators found that patients presenting with an ADE had a higher risk of spending additional hospital days per month, a higher rate of outpatient encounters, and nearly double the costs of care incurred during a 6-month follow-up period. A past AHRQ WebM&M [perspective](#) discusses the broader aspects of providing safe care in the emergency department setting.