

One fourth of unplanned transfers to a higher level of care are associated with a highly preventable adverse event: a patient record review in six Belgian hospitals.

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Prior studies have found that unplanned transfers to the intensive care unit are [generally not preventable](#). This study challenges that viewpoint, finding that preventable adverse events may have contributed to the need to escalate care in many patients.