

## **Communication of vital signs at emergency department handoff: opportunities for improvement.**

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Incomplete [handoffs](#) and poor communication regarding key clinical information may lead to adverse events or [missed or delayed diagnoses](#). Emergency medicine clinicians failed to communicate significant vital sign abnormalities in the majority of patients being handed off at the time of shift change.