

Does a unit shift report "blackout" period improve patient safety?

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Mistakes during [handoffs](#) from the [emergency department](#) (ED) to inpatient units can diminish patient safety. This commentary summarizes how one hospital sought to to avoid miscommunications and [disruptions](#) by blocking admission of ED transfers during [shift report](#). However, researchers found that blocking patient transfers did not result in improvements. The project did devise a standardized handoff process that was ultimately employed across the organization as a patient safety strategy.