

Patient safety and quality outcomes for ED patients admitted to alternative care area inpatient beds.

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This retrospective cohort study of 16,801 patients examined whether patients in [alternative care areas](#) like hallways experienced more safety problems, such as intensive care unit transfer, [readmission](#), and [hospital-acquired infections](#). Investigators found that patients in alternative care areas were younger, had fewer comorbid health conditions, and no increase in risk for adverse safety outcomes. The results suggest that bed management takes into account patient acuity when assigning location to mitigate potential safety concerns.