

## **Hospital ward adaptation during the COVID-19 pandemic: a national survey of academic medical centers.**

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Based on a survey of hospital medicine groups at academic medical centers in the United States (conducted April 2020), the authors of this study characterized inpatient adaptations to care for non-ICU COVID-19 patients. Sites reported rapid expansion of respiratory isolation units (RIUs – dedicated units for patients with known or suspected COVID-19), an emphasis on [telemedicine](#) for patient evaluation, and implementation of approaches to minimize room entry. In addition, nearly half of responding sites reported [diagnostic errors](#) involving COVID-19 (missing non-COVID-19 diagnoses among infected patients and missing COVID-19 diagnoses in patients admitted for other reasons).