

Delayed flow is a risk to patient safety: a mixed method analysis of emergency department patient flow.

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Emergency department (ED) [overcrowding](#) and [prolonged](#) ED stays can lead to [adverse patient outcomes](#). This study examined patient flow bottlenecks in the ED and several factors posing risks to patient safety, such as prolonged time to triage and use of makeshift spaces (which may have inadequate staffing allocations or lack necessary equipment).