

EMS non-conveyance: a safe practice to decrease ED crowding or a threat to patient safety?

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[Emergency medical services](#) (EMS) personnel are in the unique position of providing medical care [outside](#) of a healthcare facility. This prospective cohort study conducted in Finland explored the outcomes of patients who were treated by EMS personnel without going to the ED. Findings indicate that 80% of patients treated by EMS did not have any re-contact with the healthcare system (e.g., re-contacted EMS, went to the ED, were hospitalized), suggesting that EMS management of these patients is relatively safe.