

## Communication during interhospital transfers of emergency general surgery patients: a qualitative study of challenges and opportunities.

October 26, 2022

Alagoz E, Saucke M, Arroyo N, et al. Communication during interhospital transfers of emergency general surgery patients: a qualitative study of challenges and opportunities. J Patient Saf. 2022;18(7):711-716. doi:10.1097/pts.0000000000000979.

<https://psnet.ahrq.gov/issue/communication-during-interhospital-transfers-emergency-general-surgery-patients-qualitative>

---

Patients [transferring](#) between hospitals have poorer outcomes than directly admitted patients, even when adjusting for other risk factors. In this study, transfer center nurses (TCN) described [communication](#) challenges that may influence patient outcomes. Themes included referring clinicians providing [incomplete](#) information, competing clinical demands, or fear of the transfer request being denied.