

Intro to Observation Medicine





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Intro to Observation Medicine

- Unique Perspective
 - Will always be an 'ER Doc', but...
 - New insight into the world 'upstairs'
- ED Observation Units (EDOU) increasing rapidly
 - >35% w/ dedicated EDOU, 66% of academic programs
 - >50% administered by E.D. & growing
 - 10% required rotation/25% electives
 - Quasi floor experience-leads to better knowledge and decisions
- Type 1 Units
 - 23% - 38% decreased LOS
 - 17% - 44% decreased admit rate
 - Lower rates of missed MI's (4.5% vs 0.4%)
 - 5.5 – 8.5 billion savings/year (27-42%)
 - Better outcomes/satisfaction/resource utilization
 - Cost generally not greater to patient (denied admit expensive!)
 - Watch unnecessary meds
 - 30 day re-admits/ACO's

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Table 1
Settings for Observation Services*


Type 1	Dedicated OU; protocol-driven care
Type 2	Dedicated OU; discretionary care
Type 3	Bed in any location; protocol-driven care
Type 4	Bed in any location; discretionary care

OU= observation unit.

*Source: Ross et al.¹³



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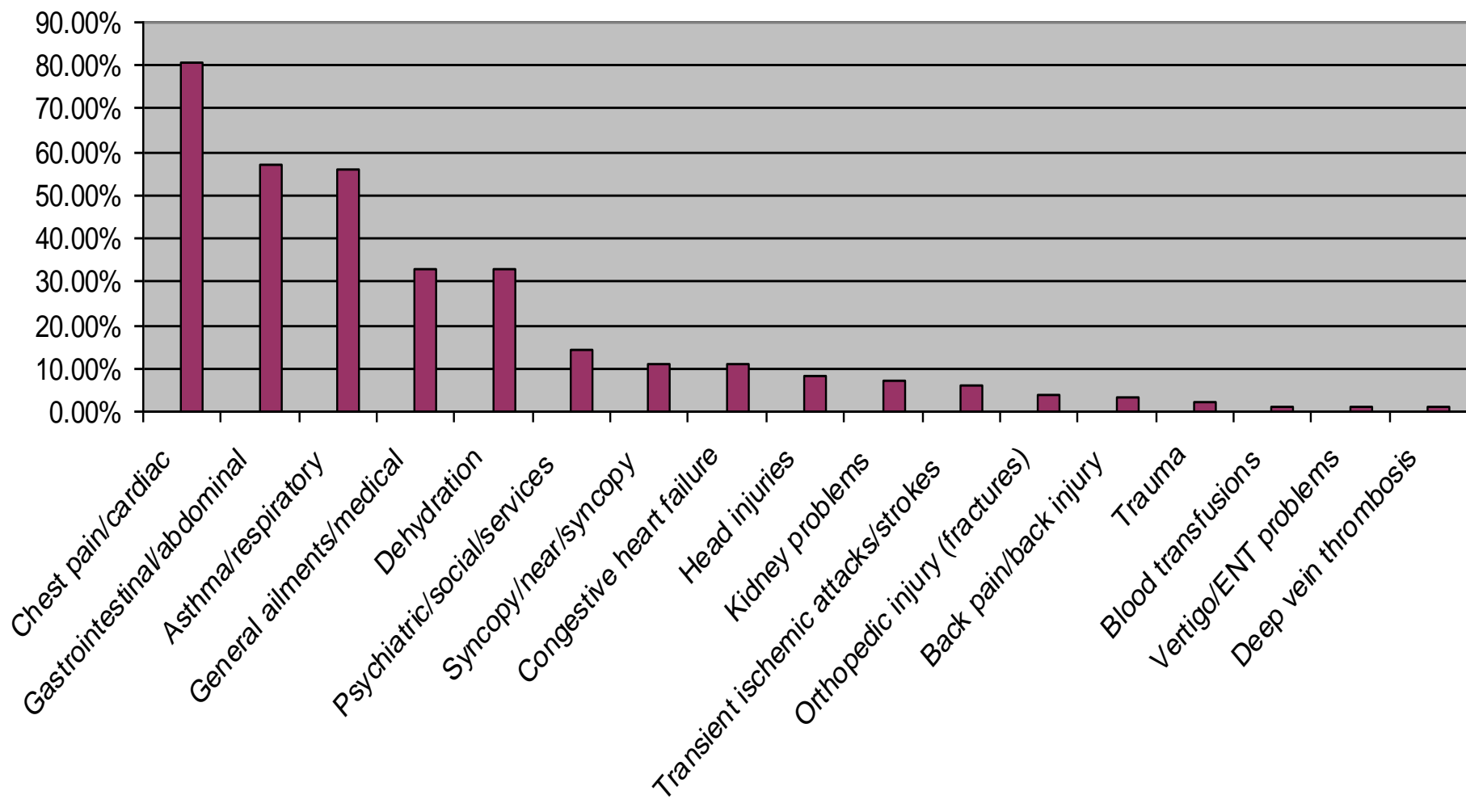
- Goal: LOS >8 hrs but <24 (15?) (>8hrs in 1 calendar day)
 - Open versus Closed (3T vs CDU)
 - Provider Staffing
 - Physician/MLP
 - Protocols
 - Order Sets
 - Typical Workload
 - H&P (FH)
 - Progress Note
 - Discharge Summary
 - Accurate Times
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- Nursing ‘buy in’ to rapid turn around
 - Nurses very happy to have physicians readily available
 - Nursing now integrated between 3T, CDU and the E.D.
- Resource Commitment from Hospital (gaming the system)
 - Transport
 - Radiology
 - Ancillary Tests
 - Expedited test results and consults

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ED Model: Original Harper CDU

- Abd. Pain, AICD , Allergic Rx, Anemia, Asthma, A fibrillation, Cellulitis, Chest Pain, CHF, COPD, DVT, Dehydration, Dilantin toxicity., Electrolyte Abnormalities, GI Bleed, Headache, Hyperemesis, Hyperglycemia, Hypertensive Urgency, Hypoglycemia, Missed Dialysis, PEG tube replacement, PID, Pharyngitis/Peri-tonsillar Abscess, Pneumonia, Pyelonephritis, Renal Colic, Seizures, SVT, Syncope, TIA, Vertigo

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Everything Model: DRH 3T (and now CDU)

- Previous 32 diagnoses, plus *everything else* that doesn't meet Interqual/Admit criteria & many potential 30 day readmits; plus social issues (DRH)
- (Thank God for internists in 3T)
- E.D. physicians bring trauma experience and 'ER Mentality' to the table
- 2nd & 3rd year elective opportunity

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■ CDU-2016

- 3,211 Patients
- 16 Beds/Staffing
- Discharges: 18 hrs 28'
- Upgrades: 16 hrs 47'
- Upgrade Rate: 25.9%
- LOS>24hrs 20%
- LOS>48hrs 1%
- % of all Observation Patients: 95%

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■ 3T-2016

- 4,997 Patients
- 24++beds/Staffing
- Discharges: 23 hrs 47' *
- Upgrades: 24hrs *
- Upgrade Rate: 23.4%
- LOS>24hrs 38.3%
- LOS>48hrs 5.5%
- * Despite huge 'social admit' issues

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- Consult the Wiki



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- ASTHMA
- *Condition-Specific Guidelines*
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- Transfer Criteria
- · Intermediate response to therapy in ED
- · Acceptable VS
- · PEFR (peak flow) 40–70% predicted (or personal best) after nebulized treatments
- · Nebulized treatments plus steroids given in ED
- · Unremarkable chest x-ray
- · ED management for ≥ 2 hours
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□ Exclusion Criteria

- . Unstable VS (RR > 40)
- . Poor response to initial ED therapy
- o Impending respiratory fatigue – persistent accessory muscle use, poor air exchange
- o Depressed mental status
- o O₂ Sat < 92% on RA (unless chronic hypoxia)
- o PEFr < 40% predicted or personal best
- o Elevated pCO₂ > 50, decreased pH < 7.30 (if ABG done)
- . Suspicion of ACS or ECG changes (if done)
- . Abnormal chest x-ray – pneumonia, new onset CHF
- . Toxic theophylline level
- . Bronchospasm due to epiglottitis, aspiration, or foreign body

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More and more like the floor Things I've learned

- Timely ED Dictations
- Sign Out
- Critical Orders on Boarded Patients
 - Diabetic PEER Cases
- Everyone's Busy!
 - (But not necessarily on time...)
- Medication Reconciliation/Medication Lists!!


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Things I've learned

- Careful what you tell patients
 - Leads to unrealistic expectations
- Social Work/Case Managers more blunt than us!
 - And many times do not have what the patient wants/demands
- Don't be a Triage Doctor (my pet peeve)
 - Can't always have diagnosis, but try not to be too robotic



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- And now...the bad news:
 - Tenet/DMC new direction
 - Mid November??
 - Observation Admission Orders and Cancellations
 - Still important for the time being
 - Or-check the wiki or call the observation physician
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Allergies: Chocolate Uncoded, No Known

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DOB: 01/25/1972

Sex: Female

Attending: LEWALSKI MD, PHILIP A

Status: OBSV-1.10 Days

Weight: Obtain actual weight

Anticipated DC:

Loc: DR - 3T; 3T08; A

Fin#: 680007929820

DRG-GMLOS:

Diagnosis (Problem) being Addressed this Visit

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ICD-10

Annotated Display	Code	Clinical Dx
Acute chest pain	R07.9	Chest pain

Problems

+ Add Convert No Chronic Problems

Display: All

ICD-10

Annotated Display	Name of Problem	Code
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Search: obse

Advanced Options

Type: Inpatient

Observation Care Discharge
Observation Patient Status

Observe for S/S of Embolism
Observe for S/S of Infection
Observe for Uterine Activity
Observe for Signs of Jaundice
Observe for CNS Complications.
Observe for 1 Hour Following Meals
Observe for Signs of Hallucinations
Observe for S/S of Hypo/Hyperthermia
Observation Status Ongoing Assessment
Observe for S/S of Hypo/Hyperglycemia
Observation, Per Hour Hospital Service
Observation, Direct Admission of Patient for Hospital Care
Close Observation

ED HIV Positive Screen Bundle
ED Hyperemesis Gravidarum
ED Hyperkalemia Treatment
ED to ICU Admission (ED use only)
ED Joint Aspiration.
ED Lumbar Puncture.
ED Pregnancy New - ID Screens.
ED Procedural Sedation.
ED Pneumonia Antibiotics
ED Rapid Sequence Intubation.
ED Sedation & Analgesia - Post I...
ED Sexual Assault
ED Stroke, Acute
ED Trauma, Major.

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NURSING VITAL SIGN ORDERS
Vital Signs. One Time Only
Pulse Oximetry. One Time Only
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Communication Order.

JACKSON, FELICIA - D-838106188

Done

Therapy Services
Communication
Miscellaneous
Order Sets
Equipment/Supplies
Non Categorized
Medical Supplies

Medication History
Medication History Snapshot
Reconciliation History

Chronic monitoring.	Ordered	06/20/16 12:10:00 EDT, 24 hr, 06/20/16 12:10:00 EDT
Pulse Oximetry.	Ordered	06/20/16 12:10:00 EDT, CONTINUOUS, STAT
Saline Lock	Ordered	06/20/16 12:10:00 EDT, Stat One Time Only, Constant Indicator
Glucose by Meter - Point of Care (ED)	Ordered	06/20/16 12:10:00 EDT, Stat, Nurse Collect, 1, One Time Only, 1, Day(s), Blood Glucose <10 mg/dl, or >600 mg/dl must be sent to the Laboratory for verification.
Adult Admission Intake	Ordered	06/20/16 14:32:00 EDT, One Time Only
Braden Assessment.	Ordered	06/20/16 14:32:00 EDT, Q12H, 36, hr
Schmid's Fall Risk Assessment	Ordered	06/20/16 14:32:00 EDT, Q12H, 36, hr
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Details

Diagnoses & Problems

Related Results

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International Guidelines

Careset - Observation Patient Status

Component	Order Details
Admit	
Only patient seen in emergency room may be transferred to CDU	
Resuscitation Status Orders.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Observation Placement	T;N
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Observation on CDU	06/21/2016 14:09 EDT
Nursing	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult System Assessment	T;N, Routine, Q4H, 36, hr
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult System Assessment - Admission	T;N+1200, One Time Only
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No Results

Details for Observation on CDU

Details Order Comments Diagnosis

*Requested Start Date/Time: 06/21/2016 1409 EDT

*Attending Physician's Name:

Hospital Service:

Transfer Location:

*ADT Instructions (Choose up to 5 Selections):

Dx Table OK Cancel

Loc:DR - 3T; 3T08; A
Fin#:680007929820
DRG-GMLOS:

Sepsis Care Adult
COMMON NURSING ORDERS
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Vital Signs. One Time Only
Pulse Oximetry. One Time Only
Orthostatic Vital Signs.
One Time Only
Blood Pressure. One Time Only
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Bacitracin Dressing
Stat, One Time Only
Cardiac Monitoring. 24 hr
Communication Order.

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GMLOS:

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Document In Plan

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ADT/Condition/Code Status

Activity

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IV Infusions

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Consults

Pulmonary Services

Cardiology/Cardiovascular Services

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Reconciliation History

	\$	Order Name	Status	Details
ADT/Condition/Code Status				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		TCU Placement	Ordered	06/20/16 13:43:00 EDT, One Time Only, 2, SWEENEY MD, PADRAIC J, cp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Observation on CDU	Ordered	06/20/16 14:32:00 EDT, LEWALSKI MD, PHILIP A, Telemetry Required, No, No PCP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Covering Physician	Ordered	Harper #6793; DRH #6434
Activity				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Up Ad Lib	Ordered	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Ambulate	Ordered	
Nutrition Services				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		NPO after Midnight - Test	Ordered	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Diet Orders	Ordered	olesterol/Low Fat/2gm Na)
Vitals/Patient Care				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		ED Hemoglobin Hb1A1C	Ordered	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Chest Pain, AMI Quality Measures	Ordered	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Cardiac Monitoring	Ordered	
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DOB: 10/22/1994

Sex: Female

Attending: PEACOCK MD, FERGUS M

Status: OBSV-2.16 Days

Weight: Obtain actual weight

Anticipated DC: 09/30/2011

Loc: OBVDDR

Fin#: 680007925778

DRG: GMLOS:

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ADT/Condition/Code Status				
		ED Discharge/Release	Voided	06/19/16 16:12:00 EDT Without R...
		TCU Placement	Discontin	06/19/16 16:30:00 EDT, One Time Only, 3, WELCH MD, ROBERT D, Early DKA - unable to tol PO
		Observation on CDU	Discontin	06/19/16 16:32:00 EDT, PEACOCK MD, FERGUS M, Regular Bed, No, Unable to Reach PCP
		Covering Physician	Discontin	06/19/16 18:46:00 EDT, Routine, CDU Physician, Harper #6793; DRH #6434
		Discharge/Release	Discontin	06/20/16 10:38:00 EDT, Discharge Patient Home, SAGAR, AMIT, SAGAR, AMIT, LEVINE MD, DIANE L If patient has expired please use "Discharge/Expiration" order.
Activity				
		Up Ad Lib	Discontin	06/19/16 18:45:00 EDT, Constant Indicator
		Test your blood sugar	Discontin	ACandHS, DISCHARGE ORDER
		No alcohol or street drugs	Discontin	DISCHARGE ORDER
		No smoking	Discontin	DISCHARGE ORDER
Nutrition Services				
		NPO/Except Medications	Discontin	06/19/16 18:46:00 EDT, Constant Indicator
		Adult Discharge Diet	Discontin	Diabetic 4 CHO/Meal (1800-2000 calories) Cardiac (Low Cholesterol/Low Fat/2gm Na), DISCHARGE ORDER
Vitals/Patient Care				
Details				

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The Future

Observation Units are a high growth area

Elective—still??

Follow Up emails/lectures from 3T—yes

ED “safety net” of Health Care

EDOU “safety net” of ED

Dissection..x 2