

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 (EDOUs) 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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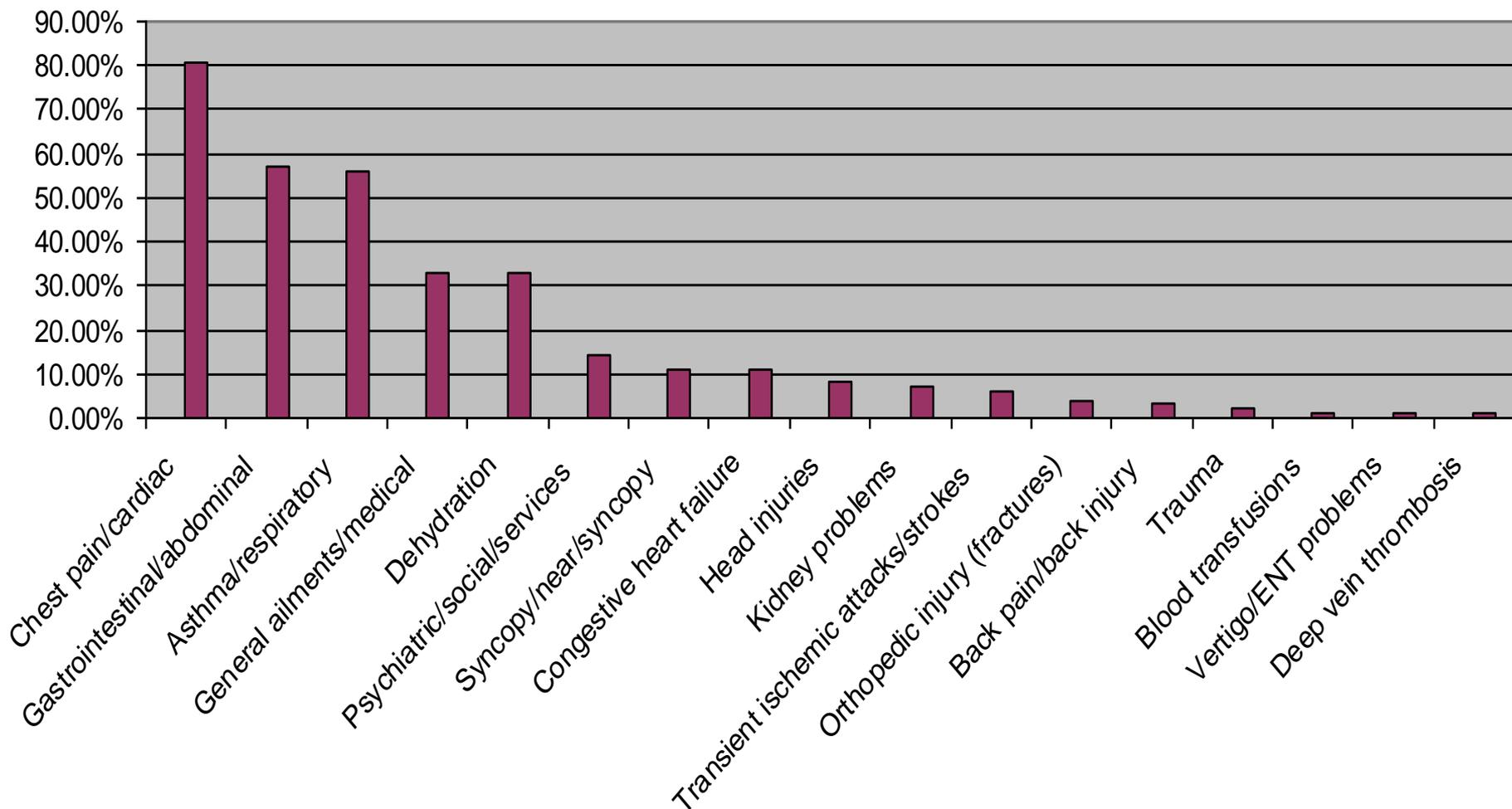
- Goal: LOS >8 hrs but <24 (15?) (>8hrs in 1 calendar day)
- Open versus Closed (3T vs CDU)
- Provider Staffing
 - Physician/MLP
- Protocols
 - Order Sets
- Typical Workload
 - H&P (FH)
 - Progress Note
 - Discharge Summary
- Accurate Times



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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 PEFV < 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

JACKSON, FELICIA

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Allergies: Chocolate Uncoded, No Known Medication Allergies

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JACKSON, FELICIA - Add Order

JACKSON, FELICIA Age: 44 years Sex: Female Weight: Obtain actual weight Loc: DR - 3T; 3T08; A
 Allergies: Chocolate Uncoded, No Known Medication Allergies DOB: 01/25/1972 Attending: LEWALSKI MD, PHILIP A Fin#: 680007929820
 Status: OBSV-1.10 Days Anticipated DC: DRG-GMLOS:

Diagnosis (Problem) being Addressed this Visit

Search: obse Advanced Options Type: Inpatient

Observation Care Discharge
 Observation Patient Status

ICD-10	Annotated Display	Code	Clinical Dx
	Acute chest pain	R07.9	Chest pain

Problems

Display: All

No Chronic Problems

ICD-10

Annotated Display	Name of Problem	Code

Search results:

- ED Observe for S/S of Embolism
- ED Observe for S/S of Infection
- Me Observe for Uterine Activity
- ED Observe for Signs of Jaundice
- ED Observe for CNS Complications.
- Ad Observe for 1 Hour Following Meals
- CD Observe for Signs of Hallucinations
- REP Observe for S/S of Hypo/Hyperthermia
- Ad Observation Status Ongoing Assessment
- ED Observe for S/S of Hypo/Hyperglycemia
- ED Dis Observation, Per Hour Hospital Service
- Ad Observation, Direct Admission of Patient for Hospital Care
- Obs 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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 One Time Only
 Blood Pressure. One Time Only
 Temperature. One Time Only
 NURSING GENERAL
 Bacitracin Dressing
 Stat, One Time Only
 Cardiac Monitoring. 24 hr
 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

Order	Order	Date/Time	Status	Notes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pulse Oximetry.	06/20/16 12:10:00 EDT, CONTINUOUS, STAT	Ordered	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Saline Lock	06/20/16 12:10:00 EDT, Stat One Time Only, Constant Indicator	Ordered	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Glucose by Meter- Point of Care (ED)	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.	Ordered	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adult Admission Intake	06/20/16 14:32:00 EDT, One Time Only	Ordered	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Braden Assessment.	06/20/16 14:32:00 EDT, Q12H, 36, hr	Ordered	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Schmid's Fall Risk Assessment	06/20/16 14:32:00 EDT, Q12H, 36, hr	Ordered	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adult System Assessment	06/20/16 14:32:00 EDT, Routine, Q12H, 36, hr	Ordered	
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Diagnoses & Problems

Related Results

Displayed: All Active Orders | All Inactive Orders

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Reconciliation Status

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Component	Order Details
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Only patient seen in emergency room may be transferred to CDU	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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

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

*Attending Physician's Name: [Yellow Field]

Hospital Service: [Dropdown]

Transfer Location: [Text Field]

*ADT Instructions (Choose up to 5 Selections): [Dropdown]

Dx Table OK Cancel

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

Reconciliation Status
 Meds History Admission Discharge

Sepsis Care Adult
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 One Time Only
 Blood Pressure. One Time Only
 Temperature. One Time Only
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 Communication Order.

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Transfer Location: [Text Field]

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 Meds History Admission Discharge

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List Recent MRN

JACKSON, FELICIA

Age: 44 years

Sex: Female

Weight: Obtain actual weight

Loc: DR - 3T: 3T08: A

Allergies: Chocolate Uncoded, No Known Medication Allergies

DOB: 01/25/1972

Attending: LEWALSKI MD, PHILIP A

Anticipated DC:

Fin#: 680007929820

Status: OBSV-1.11 Days

DRG- GMLOS:

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PowerOrders

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+ Add Document Medication by Hx Reconciliation Check Interactions External Rx History Rx Plans (0): Error

Reconciliation Status Meds History Admission Discharge

Orders Medication List Document In Plan

View	Order Name	Status	Details
ADT/Condition/Code Status	TCU Placement	Ordered	06/20/16 13:43:00 EDT, One Time Only, 2, SWEENEY MD, PADRAIC J, cp
Activity	Observation on CDU	Ordered	06/20/16 14:22:00 EDT, LEWALSKI MD, PHILIP A, Telemetry Required, No, No PCP
Nutrition Services	Covering Physician	Ordered	Harper #6793; DRH #6434
Vitals/Patient Care	Up Ad Lib	Ordered	
Medications	Ambulate.	Ordered	00 EDT
Laboratory Services	NPO after Midnight - Test	Ordered	
Radiology Services	Diet Orders	Ordered	olesterol/Low Fat/2qm Na)
Cardiology/Cardiovascular Services	ED Hemoglobin Hb1A1C	Ordered	
Communication	Chest Pain, AMI Quality Measures	Ordered	
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JOHNSON, RA...

JOHNSON, RACHEAL

Allergies: No Known Allergies

Age: 21 years
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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Display: All Orders (All Statuses)

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

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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