

BALANCING ACT

"Doc, we need you in 13..."

"Hey, 21 wants to leave.

"Can I staff a few with you?"

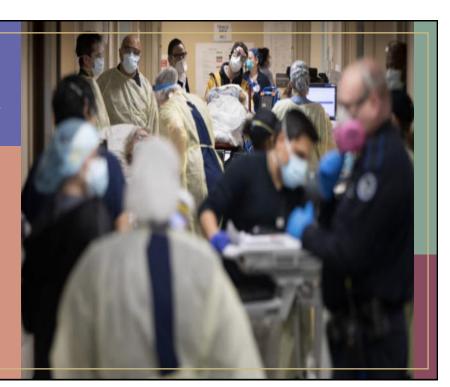
"CT's down (again)."

"Wait, we need you at the radio."

"They want to go downtown."

"68's son wants to talk to you."

"Can you take a transfer call?"



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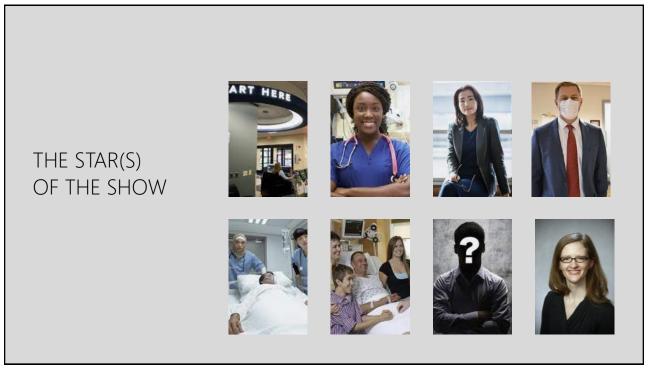
ALLEGATIONS

Factors Associated with Monetary Settlement	% of Settlement Involving Factor	
Failure to screen for EMCs	75	
Failure to stabilize a patient with EMC	42.7	
Patient turned away for insurance or financial status	15.6	
Inappropriate discharge of patient with EMC	14.5	
Hospital failed to accept transfer in of patient with EMC	13	
Inappropriate transfer of a patient with EMC	11.4	
Failed to transfer a patient with EMC	11.4	
Patient in active labor	6.7	
On-call physician refused to see patient with EMC	6.2	
No specialist physician available upon arrival of patient with EMC	2	
Hospital had capacity but still refused	2	
ED on ambulance diversion	1.5	









WHO'S UNCOMFORTABLE?

- 1. Breathe
- 2. Call your risk/compliance officer
- 3. Cooperate (carefully)



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THE GOOD NEWS

- Proly nuthin'



ALL THE CONVO

Bypass and Diversion
Wait times
Signage
Registration/co-pays
Consultants
Downtime
Inter-facility transfers for imaging
Inter-facility transfers for admission
LWBS/LWCS
Private car transfers
Public safety transfers
Discharge to office follow up
And a partridge in a pear treeeeee....

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