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AH Kaji, I Claudius, G Santillanes, MK Mittal, K Hayes, J Lee, M Gausche-Hill

What question this study addressed: Do clinical factors predict when admission is warranted for apparent life-threatening events? *What this study adds to our knowledge:* In this multicenter study of 832 infants with apparent life-threatening events, the presence of any of 3 factors (obvious reasons for admit, significant medical history, >1 apparent life-threatening event in 24 hours) identified most (89%) of the 191 infants who ultimately had justification for hospitalization.

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LE Nigrovic, K Lillis, SM Atabaki, PS Dayan, J Hoyle, MG Tunik, ES Jacobs, D Monroe, SW Wootton-Gorges, M Miskin, JF Holmes, N Kuppermann, for the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Working Group of the Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (PECARN)

What question this study addressed: This study measured the prevalence of clinically important traumatic brain injury in a cohort of head-injured children younger than 18 years with and without ventricular shunt. *What this study adds to our knowledge:* Children with ventricular shunts had a rate of clinically important traumatic brain injury (1/98; 1%) similar to that of those without (346/39,619; 0.9%) but higher rate of cranial computed tomography (45/98 versus 13,858/39,634; 46% versus 35%).

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KV Rhodes, J Bisgaier, CC Lawson, D Soglin, S Krug, M Van Haitsma

What question this study addressed: What are the specialist follow-up referral barriers for children without private health insurance? *What this study adds to our knowledge:* This qualitative analysis of 26 specialty and 14 primary care physicians confirmed substantial financially oriented barriers to outpatient referral, and the frequent use of the emergency department to facilitate such referrals.

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SM Green
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GENERAL MEDICINE

- 🕒 **427 Do Patient-Reported Symptoms Predict Emergency Department Visits in Cancer Patients? A Population-Based Analysis** (Original Research)
L Barbera, C Atzema, R Sutradhar, H Seow, D Howell, A Husain, J Sussman, C Earle, Y Liu, D Dudgeon
What question this study addressed: What kinds and intensity of symptoms bring patients with cancer to the emergency department (ED)? *What this study adds to our knowledge:* In a retrospective cohort study in Ontario with 45,118 patients, 3.8% sought ED care within 1 week of assessment. Pain, tiredness, poor appetite, and lack of well-being triggered visits across all intensities, whereas nausea, drowsiness, and difficulty breathing were triggers when more severe.

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