

Review of: "Length of stay of patients in Acute Medicine Units at the Royal Hospital, Sultanate of Oman in one month"

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1. The major problem with this study is that the AMU is poorly defined. How are patients referred to that unit? Can patients bypass the emergency department? They had a length of stay of a few hours. I believe in most hospitals such patients would be seen in an emergency department. Is there a difference between the AMU and the internal medicine department? In short, the triage system needs to be described in detail.
2. Demographic data is required and there needs to be a description of the discharge diagnosis. Otherwise we have no way to evaluate the LOS outcomes.
3. The statistical presentation was poorly done. It appears that median values with 25-75% intervals would be more appropriate.
4. The discussion doesn't add anything to the literature. Most of the studies are outdated, and without knowing how the patients are selected for the AMU and their characteristics, all comparisons to other settings is not helpful.
5. Their conclusion is not supported by their findings.

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