

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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It is a good attempt to capture the length of stay in the AMU as a quality improvement measure. However, many different admissions categories ranging from a simple illness with hypotension to a very serious multi-system dysfunction get admitted to the AMU. It would have been worthwhile if the length of hospital stay had been correlated according to the underlying diagnosis (ICD classifications). These measures would really provide measures to understand the various acute admissions in the ICUs and better utilisation of hospital beds in a productive manner. Another suggestion is also to correlate the length of stay to the medical expense incurred. This additional information would provide a basis for quality improvement measures in the concerned speciality and for better resource utilisation.