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Length of stay in an observation ward: a randomised controlled trial in a department of internal medicine

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Plain English summary of protocol
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Type(s)
Scientific

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N/A

Study information

Scientific Title

Study objectives
A stay in the observation ward is shorter than a stay in an ordinary hospital ward for a population with low risk for serious disease, in need of a short observational stay, and emergently admitted to a department of general internal medicine.

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
Not provided at time of registration

Study design
Randomised controlled trial

Primary study design
Interventional

Secondary study design
Randomised controlled trial

Study setting(s)
Hospital

Study type(s)
Not Specified

Participant information sheet

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
Need for short hospital stay in order to rule out possible disease

Interventions
Randomisation to a stay in the Observation Ward or an ordinary hospital ward.

Intervention Type
Other

Phase
Not Specified

Primary outcome measure
Length of stay in hours

Secondary outcome measures

Number of patients readmitted to the hospital within 30 days after discharge.
Registrered dead within 12 weeks after discharge.

Overall study start date
01/01/1999

Completion date
30/11/1999

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
Patients >18 years, emergently admitted to the department during a 10-month period, who would normally have been admitted to the Observation Ward.

Participant type(s)
Patient

Age group
Adult

Lower age limit
18 Years

Sex
Both

Target number of participants
302

Key exclusion criteria
Age <18 years; residents in nursing homes or similar; patients admitted for self-inflicted intoxications.

Date of first enrolment
01/01/1999

Date of final enrolment
30/11/1999

Locations

Countries of recruitment
Norway

Study participating centre

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Sponsor information

Organisation
Telemark Hospital (Norway)

Sponsor details
Skien
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Sponsor type
Hospital/treatment centre

ROR
https://ror.org/02fafrk51

Funder(s)

Funder type
Hospital/treatment centre

Funder Name
Norwegian Social and Health Department (Norway)

Funder Name
Telemark Hospital (Norway)

Results and Publications

Publication and dissemination plan
Not provided at time of registration

Intention to publish date

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration