

# 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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# 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.  
Registered 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**

**Aker University Hospital**

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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)

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## **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