TITLE: Interfacility Transport Timelines for Voluntary Admission of Mental Health Clients: Clinical Evidence and Guidelines

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What is the clinical evidence regarding interfacility transport timelines for clients experiencing a serious mental health condition or crisis who are being voluntarily admitted to an inpatient mental health facility?

2. What are the evidence-based guidelines regarding timelines for voluntary admission of mental health clients?

KEY FINDINGS

No relevant literature regarding interfacility transport timelines for voluntary admission of mental health clients was identified. References of potential interest are provided in the appendix.

METHODS

A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including PubMed, The Cochrane Library (2015, Issue 3), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, Canadian and major international health technology agencies, as well as a focused Internet search. Methodological filters were applied to limit retrieval to health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies, and guidelines. Where possible, retrieval was limited to the human population. The search was also limited to English language documents published between January 1, 2010 and 14 March 2015. Internet links were provided, where available.

SELECTION CRITERIA

One reviewer screened citations and selected studies based on the inclusion criteria presented in Table 1.
Table 1: Selection Criteria

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<th>Population</th>
<th>Any patient presenting to an outpatient setting experiencing a mental health condition/crisis who are deemed appropriate for voluntary inpatient admission</th>
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<td>Intervention</td>
<td>Voluntary admission to inpatient mental health facility</td>
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<td>Comparator</td>
<td>Different lengths of time between patient request for voluntary admission, pick up by emergency transport, and admission to inpatient facility</td>
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<td>Outcomes</td>
<td>Effectiveness, clinical benefit or harm, safety, guidelines</td>
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<td>Study Designs</td>
<td>Health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies, evidence-based guidelines</td>
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RESULTS

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Health Technology Assessments
No literature identified.

Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses
No literature identified.

Randomized Controlled Trials
No literature identified.

Non-Randomized Studies
No literature identified.

Guidelines and Recommendations
No literature identified.

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Non-Randomized Studies

Unclear Patient Outcomes


Length of Stay in the Emergency Department
