**Appendix 2. Patients Transferred to the Study Unit**

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|  | **Admitted Directly to the Study Unit from the Emergency Department**  (n=1783) | **Transferred to the Study Unit**  (n=222) | **P-value** |
| Age, years (SD)\* | 62.7 (20.1) | 64.8 (19.3) | 0.14 |
| Gender, n (%) female | 1026 (57.5) | 134 (60.4) | 0.42 |
| Race, n (%)  Caucasian  Black  Hispanic  Asian  Other | 496 (22.8)  600 (33.7)  508 (28.5)  30 (2.2)  139 (7.8) | 63 (28.4)  66 (29.7)  64 (28.8)  3 (1.4)  26 (11.7) | 0.27 |
| Insurance status, n (%)  Medicaid  Medicare  Commercial  Uninsured  Other | 678 (38.0)  666 (37.4)  414 (23.2)  21 (1.2)  4 (0.2) | 90 (40.5)  76 (34.2)  47 (21.2)  6 (2.7)  3 (1.4) | 0.02 |
| Admission Unit, n (%)  Teaching ward  Intensive care unit  Cardiology unit  Other | Not applicable | 184 (82.9)  16 (7.2)  16 (7.2)  6 (2.7) |  |
| Disposition, n (%)  Died  Home  Facility  Other | 16 (0.9)  1438 (80.7)  264 (14.8)  65 (3.7) | 8 (3.6)  123 (55.4)  80 (30.6)  11 (5.0) | <0.001 |
| LOS†, days | 5.9 | 12.1 | <0.001 |
| Clinical Deterioration, n (%) | 142 (8.0) | 30 (13.5) | 0.005 |

\*SD denotes standard deviation,† LOS denotes length of stay.