**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.