

# SAVING LIVES WITH SAFER TRANSFERS

## The Problem

Emergency Department boarding is a systemic crisis that endangers patient safety, strains healthcare staff, and forces patients into inappropriate care settings due to misaligned hospital incentives and inefficient patient flow (ACEP, 2024).

## The Plan

The ED is the last controlled environment before transfer. Once a patient leaves, resources such as monitoring and rapid physician access are more limited. An RN delegated and driven reassessment prevents premature transfers based solely on bed availability (Richards, 2022).

