

Role: Attending physician

It is July and you have a first-year resident rotating through the emergency room with you. You have a full board of patients that you need to clear. The hospital administration is constantly getting on you about waiting room times, that you are keeping patients in the emergency room for too long and your waiting room is constantly filling up. However, you can't do anything about it when you have all these patients in the ER who should already be on the floor or in the ICU or even in inpatient psychiatric wards filling up your ER by boarding there forever, all the time!

The exercise begins with the nurse triaging the patient. When they are done, they will get the resident to interview them. Afterward, the resident will present the patient to you, and then you will go see the patient, interview them, and discuss the plan with the patient and their parent.