

## ▶▶▶ Patients With Headache and the Emergency Department

### What Patients Say About the Emergency Department

"Long wait"

"Too bright, noisy, and smelly while waiting to be seen"


"The treat me like a drug seeker"


"Then they give me narcotics"


"As soon as I feel a little better, they send me home and just say that I should follow-up with my doctor"

"A few hours later the pain is back, often worse than before"


### When Is the Emergency Department Appropriate?

 New explosive headache that is different from prior headaches

 Fever with headache

 Focal neurologic deficits that are different or longer than patient's typical aura

 Impaired consciousness

 Any uncertainty that this is migraine

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