

Table 2. Characteristics of ED Visits by Patients Placed in Behavioral Health Observation

	N (%) (N = 86)
Age	
5-9	9 (10%)
10-11	10 (12%)
12-14	25 (29%)
15-17	42 (49%)
Sex	
Female	53 (62%)
Male	33 (38%)
Race and Ethnicity	
NH American Indian/Alaska Native	0 (0%)
NH Asian	2 (2%)
NH Black/African American	21 (24%)
Hispanic	29 (34%)
NH White	26 (30%)
Other	8 (9%)
Insurance Payor	
Public	37 (43%)
Private	49 (57%)
Other/Self-Pay	0 (0%)
Visit Diagnosis	
Suicide or self-injury	34 (40%)
Depressive disorders	14 (16%)
Anxiety disorders	4 (5%)
Mental health symptoms	5 (6%)
Other	13 (15%)
Non-mental health	16 (19%)
ED Length of Stay, h	20 [16, 19.1]
0-<6 h	2 (2%)
6-<12h	9 (10%)
12-<18h	17 (20%)
18-<24h	42 (49%)
24-<36h	15 (17%)
36-<48h	1 (1%)
48-<72h	0 (0%)
≥72h	0 (0%)
Annual behavioral health bed-hours	1641
Disposition	
Discharged	60 (70%)
Transferred to psychiatric facility	4 (5%)
Admitted to medical unit	9 (10%)
Admitted to psychiatric unit	13 (15%)
Other	0 (0%)
Return ED visit for mental health concern within 7 days	5 (6%)
Return ED visit for mental health concern within 30 days	7 (8%)

NH: Non-Hispanic, ED: Emergency Department