Keeping sick children out of hospital
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ACE in the context of urgent care
- 45% of children attending ED need a period of observation (< 12 hours)
- Hospital care is 10 times more costly
- Only 10% need longer observation or admission overnight
- 90% of children seen in A and E are discharged home
- 30% increase in <5 year olds coming to A&E in last 10 years

ACE – A paradigm shift in urgent care
- First in the UK
- 0-3 days home observation
- Delivered by Band 6 nurses
- Referrals taken from 1ary and 2ary care
- Paediatric Consultants take full clinical responsibility from referral
- Evidence based pathways
- Delivered according to a timeframe to ensure safety
- Care bundle which includes health education and promotion

ACE Packaged
- Simple design and components
- Replicable across all Acute Trusts in the NHS
- Tested and robust clinical governance policies and processes

Results: Dec 2017 - Sept 2018

87% appropriate referrals stayed at home

Conclusions and future development
- Family and child centred acute care at home
- Standardised, quality care that is replicable
- Collaborative approach and developing networks
- Leadership fellow to develop a clinical network for Paediatric Urgent Ambulatory Care in 2019
- Research linked:

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