EMTALA is triggered:
1. **Patient Presents**: requests exam/treatment for **EMC** (emergency medical condition)
2. **Transfer Requested**: request is made for unstable ED patient where the transferring hospital lacks specialized capability/capacity to treat

If person comes to the hospital:
*Main campus plus 250 yards
*Dedicated emergency department DED
*In hospital air/ground ambulance
  - **BEWARE of diverting inbound ambulance**
  - **BEWARE of discouraging people to leave**

Medical Screening Exam (MSE)
*MSE is not the same as triage. Must be performed by qualified person.
*Appropriate MSE means the exam is suitable for symptoms regardless of ability to pay
*Within hospital capabilities

EMC absence of immediate attention could reasonably be expected to result in:
- PLACING HEALTH OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR UNBORN CHILD IN JEOPARDY
- SERIOUS IMPAIRMENT TO ANY BODILY ORGAN OR FUNCTION
- EMC IS PRESUMED IF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE PRESENT:
  * intoxicated/impaired
  * Psych patient: suicidal/homicidal
  * Labor or pregnant

**STABALIZING TREATMENT:**
1. **TRANSFER**: (a) condition is not deteriorating (b) delivery of baby (c) no threat self or others
2. **DISCHARGE**: can receive care as an outpatient

**APPROPRIATE TRANSFER:**
1. Patient receives stabilizing treatment
2. Receiving facility accepts transfer
3. Appropriate means were used for transfer
4. Records were sent to receiving facility

**EMTALA ends:** May transfer or discharge patient

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