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Trauma vs. Nontrauma Centers

200 PEOPLE A DAY PRESENT TO THE ED WITH FIREARM INJURIES

WHERE DO THEY GO?
Trauma vs. Nontrauma Center EDs

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
Injury Disposition by ED

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