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	Number of included studies, n (%)
Characteristics	38 (100)
Country	
USA UK Other Europe Other	13 (34.2) 15 (39.4) 4 (10.5) 6 (15.8)
Study design	
Multiple qualitative (e.g. focus group and interviews) Mixed method (e.g. interviews and survey Focus group Patient interviews Cross-sectional studies (e.g. Survey or structured interviews) Secondary data analysis	3 (7.9) 3 (7.9) 2 (5.3) 7 (18.4) 21 (46.2) 2 (5.3)
Setting	
ED ED and Urgent Care Centre or Out of Hours Ambulance Out of hours urgent Urgent care centre Primary care/community based Hospital/ED	26 (68.4) 3 (7.9) 2 (5.3) 2 (5.3) 1 (2.6) 3 (7.9) 1 (2.6)
Key themes	
Access to and confidence in primary care	26/38 (68.4)
Perceived urgency, anxiety and the value of reassurance from emergency based services	24/38 (63.1)
Views of family, friends or healthcare professionals	11/38 (28.9)
Convenience in terms of location, not having to make appointments and opening hours	15/38 (39.4)
Individual patient factors	8/38 (21.5)
Perceived need for EMS or hospital care, treatment or investigations	13/38 (34.2)