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The study "the implementation of Medical Regulation Office and Mobile Emergency Attendance System and its impact on the gravity profile of non-traumatic afflictions treated in a University Hospital: a research" was motivated by the need to test the perception of the impact produced by implementation of the medical regulation (MR) and of the Mobile Emergency Attendance System (SAMU) in the organization of patient access to the University Hospital. It was demonstrated that this device, besides redirecting the cases less serious to other components of the attendance net, can increase the profile of gravity of the patients, fortifying the principles of equity in access to health resources. These processes can induce important changes in attention given to emergencies and in the organization of the process of learning. The MR and SAMU represent an alternative, to be evaluated by the public systems, and as this study design has not been described previously, we judge that the work must be published in the high impact International Journal. The authors accepted all the reviewers suggestions and made an effort to answer one by one, understanding that each one contributed to a make the paper more trustable and interesting. So, we thank all the reviewers for their valuable help.