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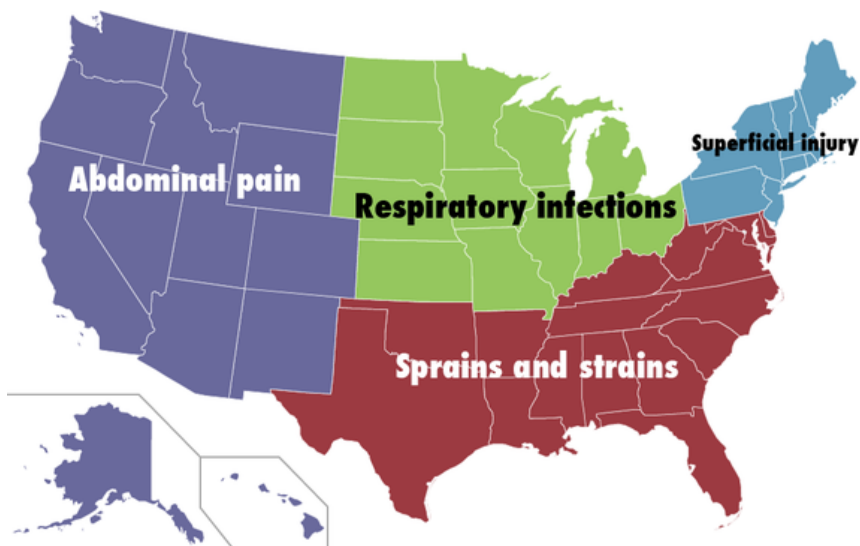
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What brings Americans to the ER?

The Atlantic

Each state has its unique boo-boos. As you can see from the map, in the South, the most common complaint was a sprain or strain; for the West, it was abdominal pain; and for the Midwest, it was respiratory infections. For the most part, though, the regional variation means nothing — each region has the same top four complains, just in a different order. And in some cases only a few thousand patients separate the most common complaint and the second-most common one.

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In South Boston school, an outpouring for fallen firefighters

The Boston Globe

Room 9 in the Oliver H. Perry K-8 School in South Boston has been busier than usual recently. What started as an emotional gesture by a single class distraught over the death of two Boston firefighters has turned into a schoolwide effort to raise money for the firefighters' families. Students at the school have been creating and selling posters bearing the Boston Fire Department emblem to benefit a memorial fund set up for the firefighters who died battling a blaze in a Back Bay building.

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Boston Strong: Practice makes perfect

WCVB-TV

The Boston EMS team, who plays a leading role in saving lives, practices for the worst-case scenarios. During last year's tragic Boston Marathon, they jumped into action. Watch this six-minute feature on the preparedness of the EMS department and how it helped save lives that day.

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New neonatal ambulance for Calgary EMS

AlbertaEMS.com

Alberta Health Services unveiled the newest member of its emergency-vehicle fleet — a custom-designed ambulance for the smallest of patients. The new unit will hit Calgary's streets this summer and will give the best mobile environment for neonatal transports between health facilities in the city, according to AHS.

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Let this 8-year-old boy with autism show you the beauty of the world through his ears

The Huffington Post

Tyler Doi isn't your average 8-year-old — he has a special gift for sound. Growing up, Tyler, who has autism, was passionate about stars and bird feeders, his dad says in the video above. A few years ago, he was driving with his grandparents looking for bird feeders but was having trouble finding them. That's when they spotted a wind chime, and the rest is history.

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Can dampening a culture of heroism keep firefighters safer?

Texas Observer

There's an idea of heroism that often colors firefighters' perceptions of the job. It's the Hollywood image: the fearless firefighter diving into a burning building and emerging with a child slung over a shoulder. Soon after graduating from the academy, firefighters realize those incidents are actually unusual and that the job more often involves handling mundane assignments and smaller fires. The rare large blazes become their chance to be the heroes they believe they're expected to be — and some take disproportionate risks to earn the reputation.

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