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Background: Transitions of care from specialty and acute settings to primary care abound. Compared to the continuity in end-of-shift handoffs, care transitions involve provider communication between practices and facilities with their own cultures and bureaucracies. Using the transition from acute care to outpatient primary care for stroke/transient ischemic attack (TIA) patients as a case study, this qualitative research explores communication practices and institutional arrangements among clinical providers responsible for longitudinal management of hypertension.
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