

Table 1: Characteristics of a medical short-stay unit and clinical teaching units*

Characteristic	Medical short-stay unit	Clinical teaching units
No. of beds	9	72
No. of patients admitted	1094	1628
No. of patients discharged (including those who died)	865	1661
No. of patients discharged per bed-year	96.1	23.1
Median length of stay (and interquartile range), d	2 (1-9)	9 (5-16)
Mean age of patients (and standard deviation), yr	65.2 (20.3)	65.3 (18.3)

*From Apr. 1, 1995, to Mar. 31, 1996.

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