
Table 1: Likelihood of patient characteristics influencing emergency physicians' decisions to refer patients to the internal medicine service

| Characteristic | Likelihood ratio |
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| Old chart > 5 cm thick | 1299.6 |
| Age > 90 yr | 567.5 |
| Brought into emergency department on stretcher and wearing oxygen mask | 75.7 |
| Brought to emergency department from nursing home | 34.9 |
| Initially referred to general surgery | 34.4 |
| Relevant bloodwork not yet drawn | 22.9 |
| Recently discharged from hospital | 15.8 |
| Arrival to emergency department after midnight | 12.3 |
| Accompanied by > 3 family members | 10.0 |
| English speaking | 0.01 |
| Ambulatory | 0.006 |
| Had chest x-ray done properly | 0.00002 |

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