

Table 2 Distribution of diagnoses recorded on medication prescriptions from public and private primary health care (PHC) centres

Diagnosis recorded ^a	Public PHC centres (n = 1077)		Private PHC centres (n = 157)		χ^2 -value ^e	P-value
	No.	%	No.	%		
Upper respiratory tract infection	551	51.2	15	9.6	94.9	< 0.001
Gastrointestinal disorder	111	10.3	17	10.9	0.1	NS
Asthma	53	4.9	11	7.1	1.3	NS
Diabetes mellitus	50	4.6	10	6.4	0.9	NS
Urinary tract disorder	43	3.9	16	10.3	11.7	< 0.001
Skin diseases	37	3.4	10	6.4	3.3	NS
Eye diseases	33	3.1	15	9.6	15.6	< 0.001
Poisoning ^b	31	2.9	10	6.4	5.3	0.02
Musculoskeletal diseases	27	2.5	15	9.6	20.9	< 0.001
Blood diseases ^c	25	2.3	9	5.8	6.1	0.01
Cardiovascular system disorders	23	2.1	8	5.1	4.9	0.02
Gynaecological disorders ^d	18	1.7	8	5.1	7.9	0.005
Other	74	6.9	12	7.7	0.2	NS

^aInternational classification of diseases (9th revision) categories; ^bPlus trauma, accidents; ^cPlus immune disorders, disorders include hypertension; ^dPlus complications of pregnancy; ^eDegrees of freedom = 1.
n = number of prescriptions analysed; NS = not significant.