

**Table 1** Reasons for cancellation of elective operations at a major teaching referral hospital in Jordan according to location of admissions

Reason	Inpatients	Day unit	Total ( <i>n</i> = 382)	
	No.	No.	No.	%
<b><i>Patient-related reasons</i></b>	<b>56</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>31.4</b>
Patient failed to attend	30	58	88	23.0
Patient request	19	3	22	5.8
Patient not fasting	7	3	10	2.6
<b><i>Administrative-related reasons</i></b>	<b>98</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>30.4</b>
No bed available	68	11	79	20.7
Overloaded schedule	14	6	20	5.2
Lack of staff	7	1	8	2.1
Lack of equipment	6	0	6	1.6
No blood available	3	0	3	0.8
<b><i>Medical-related reasons</i></b>	<b>122</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>38.2</b>
Upper respiratory tract infection	35	14	49	12.8
High blood pressure	39	3	42	11.0
Unfit because of other medical conditions	22	1	23	6.0
Acute illness	7	1	8	2.1
Change of treatment plan	9	3	12	3.1
Abnormal laboratory results	7	0	7	1.8
Patient taking aspirin	3	2	5	1.3