

Table 5 Study comparisons showing limb amputation rates in Lebanon overall and the southern region, stratified by indication for surgery (rates are calculated from the population at the midpoint of the time period)

Location & data source	Date of survey	No. of cases	Overall annual rate per 10 000	% of lower limbs	Indication for surgery					
					Trauma		Diabetes		Vascular	
					% of cases	Rate per 10 000	% of cases	Rate per 10 000	% of cases	Rate per 10 000
<b>Lebanon</b>										
Preliminary survey [5]	Apr 1995–Feb 2006	5049	n/a	69	60	0.68	20	0.23	7	0.08
Preliminary (subgroup) [5]	2001–2005	914	0.46 <sup>a</sup>	85	14	0.06	61	0.28	14	0.06
Current study	Jan–Dec 2007	661	1.59 <sup>a</sup>	87	12	0.19	59	0.94	18	0.29
<b>South and Nabatiye governorates</b>										
Pilot study [5]	Jan 2006–May 2007	328	3.72 <sup>b</sup>	85	26	0.97	58	2.15	12	0.45
Current study (subgroup)	Jan–Dec 2007	238	3.82 <sup>b</sup>	87	11	0.40	56	2.14	19	0.73

<sup>a</sup>Source: [8]; <sup>b</sup>Source: [9].

n/a = only prevalence reported.