

**Table 7 Factors affecting physicians' views of the reasons for inappropriate admissions: analysis of age, years of experience and educational level**

<b>Factor</b>	<b>Kendall's tau<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>P-value</b>
<i>Age (1 = ≤ 35 yrs, 2 = 36 ≤ 45 yrs, 3 = 46+ yrs) and:</i>		
Lack of good admissions policy	0.249	0.000
Delayed tests results	0.209	0.000
Faulty medical equipment	0.201	0.000
To carry out medical investigations	0.197	0.000
Wrong diagnosis	0.132	0.012
Physicians' inexperience	0.118	0.029
To satisfy patient's request	0.101	0.052
<i>Experience (1 = ≤ 3 yrs, 2 = 4 ≤ 6 yrs, 3 = 7+ yrs) and :</i>		
Refusal of patient to be discharged	-0.119	0.034
<i>Educational level (1 = bachelor, 2 = masters, 3 = fellowship, 4 = doctorate) and:</i>		
Lack of good admissions policy	0.193	0.000
Delayed test results	0.162	0.002
Faulty medical equipment	0.154	0.004
Relationship between patient and hospital staff	0.150	0.003
Availability of large number of beds	0.147	0.007
Wrong diagnosis	0.126	0.021

<sup>a</sup>Kendall's tau-c used for age; Kendall's tau-b used for experience and education level.