

Table 1 Frequency of inappropriate admissions as a proportion of total admissions by study hospital and department

Department	Hospital A (Cairo)			Hospital B (Giza)			Hospital C (Alexandria)			P-value
	Total	Inappropriate admissions		Total	Inappropriate admissions		Total	Inappropriate admissions		
	No.	No.	%	No.	No.	%	No.	No.	%	
Surgery	157	123	78.8	162	106	66.3	103	2	1.9	< 0.001
Obstetrics & gynaecology	116	24	20.7	77	45	58.4	102	1	1.0	< 0.001
Internal medicine	92	16	17.4	47	8	17.0	89	19	21.3	0.743
Paediatrics	41	0	0.0	102	1	1.0	103	2	1.9	0.609
Total	406	163	40.1	388	160	41.2	397	24	6.0	