

Table 2 Reasons for inappropriate admissions as a proportion of inappropriate admissions by study hospital and department

Department/reason for admission	Inappropriate admissions to:					
	Hospital A (Cairo)		Hospital B (Giza)		Hospital C (Alexandria)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Surgery						
Diagnostic/preoperative investigation	80	65.0	96	90.6	0	0.0
Awaiting operation	43	35.0	8	7.5	0	0.0
Other	0	0.0	2	3.6	2	100.0
Obstetrics & gynaecology						
Diagnostic/preoperative investigation	20	83.3	43	95.6	0	0.0
Awaiting operation	0	0.0	1	2.2	0	0.0
Other	4	16.7	1	2.2	1	100.0
Internal medicine						
Diagnostic investigation	15	93.8	8	100.0	18	94.8
Other	1	6.3	0	0.0	1	5.3
Paediatrics						
Diagnostic investigation	0	0.0	1	100.0	1	50.0
Other	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0