

Table 1 Prescribing indicators for all 20 primary health care centres in Bahrain (n = 30 encounters per health centre)

Health centre no.	Patient age (years)	No. of drugs prescribed per patient encounter	% of patient encounters with prescription for:			% of drugs prescribed by generic name
	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	Antibiotics	Injections	Vitamins	
1	23.6 (17.1)	2.2 (1.1)	30.0	13.3	3.3	4.5
2	29.8 (22.1)	2.8 (1.2)	33.3	20.0	20.0	11.9
3	31.5 (19.5)	3.8 (1.7)	50.0	10.0	20.0	12.4
4	36.9 (27.4)	4.6 (1.6)	50.0	6.7	10.0	8.8
5	29.4 (18.6)	3.6 (0.7)	53.3	0.0	23.3	11.1
6	38.6 (24.7)	3.7 (1.4)	36.7	10.0	10.0	14.3
7	31.7 (23.1)	3.9 (1.5)	50.0	20.0	13.3	14.7
8	33.3 (21.2)	2.6 (1.8)	63.3	3.3	16.7	23.1
9	33.7 (20.3)	3.5 (1.4)	83.3	3.3	16.7	15.1
10	37.3 (8.2)	4.1 (0.6)	50.0	13.3	10.0	6.5
11	36.4 (18.1)	3.6 (1.5)	36.7	13.3	13.3	13.8
12	30.7 (21.6)	3.6 (1.2)	56.7	6.7	20.0	11.2
13	34.1 (24.2)	4.0 (1.3)	66.7	13.3	3.3	11.7
14	27.4 (23.5)	2.5 (1.4)	36.7	16.7	10.0	14.7
15	37.2 (20.5)	2.7 (2.0)	33.3	6.7	10.0	0.0
16	35.7 (16.2)	3.7 (1.3)	30.0	6.7	16.7	9.0
17	22.7 (18.3)	3.5 (1.3)	40.0	13.3	6.7	13.5
18	28.3 (19.1)	2.4 (1.2)	50.0	6.7	10.0	4.1
19	27.3 (15.8)	2.0 (0.9)	26.7	3.3	13.3	1.6
20	36.8 (22.6)	3.3 (1.4)	40.0	0.0	3.3	2.0
Total	32.1 (4.7)	3.3 (0.7)	45.8	9.3	12.5	10.2

SD = standard deviation.