

Supplementary table 3

**The possible reasons for inappropriate hospital admissions and inpatient stays
(expert opinions)**

| Reason | Frequency, % (95% CI) |
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| An attempt to keep the current capacities in the inpatient facility | 37.6 (30.5 to 44.6) |
| Hospital admission is defined by the need to fill inpatient beds and improve their occupancy | 22.7 (16.6 to 28.7) |
| Absence of alternatives to inpatient types of care or capacities to treat patients after their discharge | 21.0 (15.1 to 26.9) |
| Absence of organizational possibilities to discharge patients after a decision is made that it is unnecessary to extend inpatient stay | 9.9 (5.6 to 14.3) |
| Lack of timely examinations or consultations for necessary treatment | 12.7 (7.8 to 17.6) |
| Inefficient cooperation with other professionals and facilities that need to be involved to establish a diagnosis | 6.6 (3.0 to 10.3) |
| Non-adherence to clinical protocols or their outdated provisions | 7.2 (3.4 to 10.9) |
| Overestimated severity of patient's condition | 20.4 (14.6 to 26.3) |