

Supplementary table 4

Key proposed actions to prevent inappropriate hospital admissions or unnecessary inpatient days

Actions	Frequency of suggesting by experts, % (95% CI)
To use clear indications or criteria for admission to inpatient facilities of different levels	32.6 (25.8 to 39.4)
To create conditions for diagnostic examinations and post-discharge care [follow-up] in outpatient facilities or on a day-care basis	44.8 (37.5 to 52.0)
To stop using personnel employment normative based on a facility or department's beds capacity	24.3 (18.1 to 30.6)
To bring the network and capacities of inpatient care facilities in compliance with the actual needs in a specific type and intensity of care	14.9 (9.7 to 20.1)
To arrange accommodation/ boarding facilities for persons living far from a treatment facility	33.7 (26.8 to 40.6)
To use clear criteria for patients' discharge from hospitals of different levels	19.9 (14.1 to 25.7)