

Appendix 1.

Table A1 shows the patient-indication proportions for hospital procedures where all patients with the low-value patient-indication are admitted to hospital (and therefore recorded within the data set).

Table A1. Low-value (LV) counts and percentage of patients with the LV procedure out of all patients with LV patient-indication, for 4 hospital procedures (2014 results).

Patients with LV patient-indication (n)	Procedure	Patients with LV procedure (n)	LV (%)
Broad: benign disease and hysterectomy (n = 988)	Abdominal hysterectomy	238	24.1
Narrow: same* (n = 580)		92	15.9
Tube insertion procedure for otitis media with effusion patients; age ≤ 12 years (n = 378)	Adenoidectomy during tube insertion procedure	86	22.8
Obesity surgery patients, no gallbladder disease (n = 821)	Gallbladder removal during obesity surgery	< 5	-
Primary bariatric procedure* patients (n = 705)	Open obesity surgery (opposed to laparoscopic)	< 5	< 0.7
Total (broad) (n = 2 207)	All 4 procedures	329	14.9
Total (narrow) (n = 1 800)	All 4 procedures	184	10.2

* Additional criteria for low-value procedure definitions are provided in Supplementary Table 1.