

TABLE I
TEN MOST COMMON DIAGNOSES (ICD-9) IN NONDEFERRABLE ADMISSIONS SAMPLE

	Number of admissions	Mean length of stay	Mean number of procedures	Mean total list charges	28-day death rate
Obstructive chronic bronchitis with acute exacerbation	61,558	6.2	1.2	26,000	4.7
Respiratory failure	24,328	13.7	3.7	72,400	22.5
AMI of other inferior wall (1st episode)	21,192	7.2	5.1	59,000	6.9
AMI of other anterior wall (1st episode)	15,727	7.8	5.3	63,400	10.6
Intracerebral hemorrhage	10,755	17.8	3.6	68,700	29.6
Chronic airway obstruction, n.e.c.	9,102	6.5	1.5	22,100	7.7
Fracture of neck of femur intertrochanteric section	6,868	14.2	2.7	44,100	2.9
Cerebral artery occlusion, unspecified	5,782	15.2	3.7	33,900	8.1
Convulsions unknown cause	5,338	5.1	1.2	22,800	3.1
Asthma, unspecified with status asthmaticus	5,095	4.6	1.1	17,800	0.9

Notes. Length of stay, procedure count, and hospital list charges are totals for all sequential hospital stays. Sample is drawn from California hospital discharge records for 1992–2002 for patients between the ages of 60 and 70 who were admitted to the hospital through the emergency department for an unplanned cause. Diagnoses are included only if a *t*-test for the equality of admission rates on weekends and weekdays has a *t*-statistic less than 0.965. List charges are in 2002 dollars.