

Table 4 Distribution of total discharged patients and critically ill patients according to the presence of nosocomial infection and pneumonia, Al-Hada, Saudi Arabia (1999–2003)

Year	All patients						Critically ill patients ^a					
	Total discharged	Nosocomial infection		Nosocomial pneumonia		Nosocomial pneumonia/ total nosocomial infection rate	Total discharged	Nosocomial infection		Nosocomial pneumonia		Nosocomial pneumonia/ total nosocomial infection rate
		No.	No.	%	No.			%	No.	No.	%	
1999	14 391	298	2.1	86	0.6	28.9	901	136	15.1	64	7.1	47.1
2000	10 672	373	3.5	116	1.1	31.1	686	101	14.7	49	7.1	48.5
2001	9 114	274	3.0	93	1.0	33.9	572	89	15.6	44	7.7	49.4
2002	9 782	224	2.9	81	0.8	36.2	620	98	15.8	55	8.9	56.1
2003	12 685	441	3.5	108	0.9	24.5	885	141	15.9	81	9.2	57.4

^aCritically ill patients were those admitted to the medical, surgical, neonatal or burns intensive care units.