

Table 4 Referral and complementary investigations prescribed for respiratory patients at first level health facilities in the baseline and impact studies in the Syrian Arab Republic

Referral and complementary investigations	Baseline survey (n = 1806)		Impact survey (n = 1099)		% change ^a	P-value
	No.	%	No.	%		
Overall referrals	82	4.5	72	6.6	+46.7	< 0.05
Hospitalization	5	0.3	13	1.2	+300.0	< 0.05
Specialist	16	0.9	14	1.3	+44.4	> 0.05
Laboratory tests ^b	15	0.8	3	0.3	-62.5	> 0.05
Chest X-ray	39	2.2	31	2.8	+27.3	> 0.05
Other tests	15	0.8	7	0.6	-25.0	> 0.05

^aBetween impact and baseline surveys.

^bLaboratory tests other than tuberculosis sputum smear examination.