

Table 3 Drug use indicators from clinics in Gaza Strip by patient's age (i.e. treatment category)

Drug use indicator	Age of patient				<i>t</i> -value	<i>P</i> -value
	≥ 3 years (insurance required) (<i>n</i> = 849)		< 3 years (qualify for free treatment) (<i>n</i> = 807)			
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD		
No. of drugs per prescription	1.93	1.09	1.91	0.87	0.458	0.647
% of drugs prescribed by generic name	5.2	0.3	5.8	0.4	-1.020	0.308
% of drugs prescribed from EDL	97.4	1.07	98.4	0.9	0.004	0.997

n = number of prescriptions analysed; EDL = essential drugs list; SD = standard deviation.