

Table 1 Psychiatric consultations and admissions for each department, King Fahad General Hospital, July–December 1994

Department	Admissions	Referrals	Referral rate ^a	
	No.	No.	%	%
Extended emergency	285	18	8.7	6.3
Medicine	1731	93	45.1	5.4
Nephrology	236	19	9.2	8.1
Orthopaedics	875	27	13.1	3.1
Surgery	2136	49	23.8	2.3
Total	5236	206	100.0	3.9

^aReferral rate = no. of referrals from a department/no. of admissions to that department.