

**Table 3 Time lag in relation to diagnosis, reason for referral, age and consent of the patient**

Category	No. of patients referred for each time period				Total
	Within 48 hours	3–7 days	8–15 days	> 15 days	
<i>Diagnosis of psychiatrist</i>					
Depression	16	22	17	15	70
Anxiety	6	12	5	3	26
Psychosis	4	4	3	4	15
Organic brain syndrome	1	11	10	10	32
Substance abuse	8	8	5	1	22
Personality disorder	5	6	1	3	15
Other	7	9	6	4	26
<i>Diagnosis of consultee</i>					
Depression	14	21	17	11	63
Anxiety	8	11	7	8	34
Psychosis	6	11	3	6	26
Organic brain syndrome	1	7	6	2	16
Substance abuse	12	8	4	2	26
Personality disorder	0	2	0	0	2
Other	3	7	7	6	23
<i>Reason for referral</i>					
To help in management	10	20	14	14	58
To help in diagnosis	29	33	24	18	104
Positive past history	8	16	8	6	38
Other	0	2	0	4	6
<i>Age group (years)</i>					
40 □	35	50	29	18	132
41–60	8	16	14	19	57
> 60	4	6	4	3	17
<i>Patient consent</i>					
Yes	28	21	16	15	80
No	19	51	31	25	126