

Table 4 Physicians' views about the reasons for inappropriate admissions at military hospitals

Reason	Total no.	% Required^a	% Achieved^b	Importance
Inability of patient's family to take care of patient	57	60.9	89.4	Important
Refusal of patient to be discharged	54	61.3	78.9	Important
Absence of someone to get patient out of hospital	55	61.1	72.5	Important
To satisfy patient's request	55	61.1	73.7	Important
Lack of good admissions policy	53	61.3	73.7	Important
Relationship between patient and hospital staff	55	61.1	63.2	Important
Delayed test results	55	61.1	63.2	Important
Delayed discharge procedures	56	61.1	56.2	Not important
Faulty medical equipment	54	61.3	54.6	Not important
Wrong diagnosis	54	61.3	38.6	Not important
Lengthy discharge procedures	54	61.3	31.6	Not important
Poor medical records system	54	61.3	31.6	Not important
Physicians' inexperience	53	61.3	31.6	Not important
To increase the bed usage rate	50	61.6	26.3	Not important
Admission for teaching purposes	54	61.3	24.5	Not important
Availability of large number of beds	54	61.3	21.0	Not important
To carry out medical investigations	51	61.6	21.1	Not important

^a% Required = $N/2 + 0.8225\sqrt{(N)N}$.

^b% Achieved = % answering "Strongly agree" + "Agree".