

Table 5 Physicians' views about the reasons for inappropriate admissions at private hospitals

Reason	Total no.	% Required^a	% Achieved^b	Importance
Inability of patient's family to take care of patient	75	59.5	79.2	Important
To satisfy patient's request	73	59.6	70.1	Important
Refusal of patient to be discharged	74	59.6	46.8	Not important
Absence of someone to get patient out of hospital	71	59.7	46.8	Not important
Delayed test results	74	59.6	27.3	Not important
Wrong diagnosis	72	59.7	24.7	Not important
Lack of good admissions policy	69	59.9	22.1	Not important
To increase the bed usage rate	70	59.9	19.5	Not important
Physicians' inexperience	73	59.6	16.9	Not important
Delayed discharge procedures	74	59.6	13.0	Not important
Availability of large number of beds	73	59.6	10.4	Not important
Lengthy discharge procedures	74	59.6	10.4	Not important
Relationship between patient and hospital staff	73	59.6	10.4	Not important
Admission for teaching purposes	74	59.6	9.1	Not important
Faulty medical equipment	72	59.7	9.1	Not important
Poor medical records system	73	59.6	9.1	Not important
To carry out medical investigations	73	59.6	7.8	Not important

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

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