

Appendix 3 Patient characteristics, INAES sample compared to national acute public hospitals

	National inpatients*	INAES reviewed charts
Number of admissions	339,844	1,574
Mean age (years)	55.4	54.2
Female (%)	53.5	53.4
Mean length of stay (days)	7.0	7.4
Died during admission (%)	2.7	4.8 [†]

*based on INAES HIPE search strategy - adult inpatients in acute public hospitals excluding psychiatric and obstetric principal diagnoses

[†]INAES excluded discharges with a hospital stay less than 24 hours but included deaths within 24 hours