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## Daily Food Deprivation as a Predictor of in-Hospital Mortality with 75% Cutoff

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#### Abstract

**Objective**: To examine the validity of once-a-year nutritional survey, a cross-sectional dietary survey conducted once a year is enough or not.

**Methods**: All hospitalized patients at a single institution admitted on the third Thursday of May, August, November and next February 2016 were enrolled and classified by admission style: emergency (group E) and scheduled (group C). Then, compared all data among four seasons whether the food intake in hospital impact on in-hospital mortality.

**Results**: 1. Mortality rate was significantly higher in group E, 2. There was no seasonal difference in mortality in group E, 3, In-hospital mortality in group E in 4 seasons did not differ significantly, 4, The cut-off value for food intake of 75% is optimal, 5. Multivariate analysis showed that the odds ratio of dietary intake as a predictive factor of in-hospital mortality was 0.616 (95% IC: 0.496 - 0.766, p < 0.001).

**Conclusion**: In-hospital mortality was significantly higher in group E and no seasonal difference exists. In-hospital food intake of three meals per day was a predictor of in-hospital mortality and its cut-off value was 75%.

Keywords: Emergency Admission; Nutritional Survey; Nutritionday; In-Hospital Mortality; Hospital Meal

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#### Introduction

It is well known that inadequate food intake during or at the time of hospitalization or in the week before hospitalization correlates with worsening in-hospital mortality [1,2]. Since 2006, ESPEN has conducted a cross-sectional survey on an annual Thursday in November as the once-a-year instead of once-a-season nutritional survey (nutritionDay: nDay) among patients in Euroepan countries [3,4] and the others [5], staying in hospital or nursing home on that day [6-9] In this context, not only staying in intensive care unit (ICU) [10], staying general wards after from ICU [11], but emergency admissions are known to have a higher mortality rate than scheduled admissions, even on weekdays [12-14]. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic that started in 2019, the situation of emergency hospitalizations was greatly affected by COVID-19 for more than three years until the pandemic subsided [15,16]. However, as COVID-19 subsides, the situation returns to the same as before COVID-19, with emergency hospitalizations for cases other than COVID-19 infection. However, as noted above, it is not always easy to perform this assessment in emergency hospitalizations because of the priority of emergency treatment. In addition, it has been reported that food intake during one week prior to and on admission has been assessed and that mortality during hospitalization is high when the requirement is less than 50% [17]. Since it seems the priority to examine whether nutritional intake at any time after emergency admission is associated with mortality or not, to confirm whether it is or not, we conducted a cross-sectional observation of emergency department patients in four seasons to address the question of whether the effectiveness of once-a-year instead of once-a-season nutritional survey conducted in November is also observed in other seasons.

#### Objective

To test the validity of a once-a-day dietary survey rather than a once-a-seasonal survey, a cross-sectional dietary survey conducted once a year, to see if it is affected by seasonal variations.

#### Methods

With reference to international annual surveys for

nutritional assessment of inpatients and institutionalized people conducted once a year on the third Thursday of November, this study was conducted once a season with an occasional similar survey to test whether the validity of a once-a-day survey is sufficient and whether it is affected by seasonal effects. The study was conducted cross-sectionally in three consecutive months to cover four seasons, May followed by August, November and the following February. One of the reasons for choosing Thursday was to avoid weekend effects [6-9]. The enrolled subjects were all inpatients at the single hospital. Data were collected from electronic medical records and included; 1, Characteristics: age, sex, height (H), body weight (BW), body mass index (B-MI,  $kg/m^2$ ) calculated by the equation of BW (kg) divided by H (m)<sup>2</sup>, admitted word (Internal Medicine/ Surgery), Charlson comorbidity index (CCI) [18], activities of daily living (ADL), admission style of scheduled or emergency. Scheduled admissions were defined as admissions on the scheduled day and emergency admissions were the others. They were divided into two groups, control group (group C) and emergency group (group E), 2, nutritional parameters: an average dietary intake of 3 consecutive hospital foods on the day of the study for lunch, dinner and breakfast the next morning. Intake was categorized as four parts, more than 75%, 50%, 25% and less than 25% of the recorded amounts of each main and side dish separately. Food texture was also assessed using the International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative (IDDSI) score [19], 3, laboratory data: the highest C-reactive protein (CRP) and haemoglobin (Hb) during hospitalisation, the days between the date of the highest CRP measurement and the study date, expressed in number ± days from the study date, 4, Outcome measures: mortality during hospitalization as the primary outcome measure and length of stay (LOS), mortality within 30 days of admission and discharge to home as secondary outcomes, with the highest CRP during hospitalization. Exclusion criteria were: 1) age under 18 years, 2) who were not present at the ANU meal times, 3) missing food intake counts. We collected this information from the hospital electronic medical records of all subjects and examined the results using the following methods. The timeline of data collection is shown in Table 1. The data collected were analyzed using the following three methods.

Collected Data		Timing of Measuring			
		At Admission	During Admission	at Discharge	
Demographics	sex, age, height, body weight, BMI, Clinical department	•			
	CCI score, ADL score, type of admission; C or E	•			
	length between admission and study day		•		
Nutritional Parameters	% average food intake, Lunch; presence or absence		•		
	IDDSI classification of lunch texture		•		
Outcome parameters					
Primary outcome	In-hospital mortality			•	
Secondary outcomes	LOS, highest CRP during the entire hospital study			•	
	dead during admission within 30 days, discharge being home			•	

Table 1: Timeline of the data collection

Abbreviations, ADL: Activity of Daily Living, BMI: Body Mass Index, C: Scheduled admission, CCI: Charlson Comorbidity Index, CRP: C-reactive protein, E: Emergency admission, ICD: International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, IDDSI: International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative, LOS: Length of stay in hospital.

### Method 1: Comparison of outcome measures between group C and E

The data were compared between group C and E in each season separately to confirm the fact that outcome measures were worse in group E.

Once this was confirmed, all data in Group E across four seasons was combined and further analysis focused on Group E.

## Method 2: Comparison of outcome measures in group E over four seasons

All data from Group E in each season were compared across the four seasons to determine whether or not there were seasonal differences in outcome measures in group E.

## Method 3: Test for an effect of food size on outcome measures in group E

To test whether the amount of food consumed was associated with the outcome measures, all subjects in group E of four seasons were divided into two subgroups according to mean food intake  $\geq vs < 75\%$  or 50% of the amount of hospital food provided. In this method, the food intake thresholds were set at two different levels to ensure which was more predictive of outcomes in group E. They were set at 75% and 50% of the served amount in methods 3.

#### Method 4

A multivariate analysis as logistic regression analysis was performed to determine the predictive factors for the in-hospital mortality of patients in group E.

#### **Ethic Statement**

The ethical considerations were approved by the Ethic Committee of the studied hospital and the approval number is 2017-200. In order to obtain ethics committee approval, an opt-out procedure was published in the hospital and on the website, stating that patients admitted during the study period who did not wish to participate should inform the hospital of their wishes.

#### **Statistical Analysis**

Data are presented as median, 25th percentile, and 75th percentile. The Mann-Whitney U test was used for differences in median values between two groups, the Kruskal-Wallis test for comparisons between four groups, and the  $\chi^2$ test or Fisher's exact test for differences in proportions between groups. Multivariate logistic regression analysis with adjusted odds ratio's for in-hospital mortality was performed. The adjusted odds ratios, 95% confidence intervals and their P-values represent the odds of in-hospital mortality after adjusting for the covariates listed in the table. A statistically significant difference was considered significant

#### Results

The total number of hospitalized patients on the four study days of the four seasons on the seasonal nDay was 671. After excluding 88 patients due to exclusion criteria, the remaining 583 patients were included in the study.

#### Result 1

Compared to group C, group E was older, had a lower BMI and body weight, and had a higher CCI, which indicates the number of minor comorbidities, all of which were statistically significant. In addition, food intake < 75% of requirements of the study days, food texture scored by IDDSI, and in-hospital mortality as the primary outcome, the length of stay (LOS), the highest CRP during the entire hospital stay, the in-hospital death rate within 30 days, and discharge to home were significantly worse in group E (Table 2).

	Method 1				
	Total	Group C	Group E	<i>p</i> value	
Descriptions					
Number of subjects	583	365	218		
Length between admission and study day, days	9 (3, 20)	8 (2, 16)	10 (4, 23)	< 0.001	
Sex, male, N (%)	310 (53)	187 (51)	123 (56)	0.224	
Age, years	74 (66, 80)	72 (64,78)	78 (69, 83)	< 0.001	
Body weight, kg	55.2 (47.0, 63.2)	56.9 (48.7, 64.6)	53.0 (44.2, 60.8)	< 0.001	
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	21.9 (19.5, 24.5)	22.3 (19.8, 25.2)	21.4 (18.7, 23.5)	< 0.001	
Primary diagnosis, N (%)				< 0.001	
Medical	386 (66)	222 (61)	164 (75)		
Surgical	197 (34)	143 (39)	54 (25)		
CCI score	4 (2, 6)	4 (2, 6)	5 (3, 7)	< 0.001	
ADL score < 3, N (%)	403 (69)	302 (83)	101 (46)	< 0.001	
Nutritional parameters					

 Table 2: The comparisons of description parameters, nutritional parameters, primary and secondary outcomes of subjects divided by admission type, patients with scheduled admission as control (group C) and patients with emergency admission (group E)

% Food intake, N (%)				0.002
75-100	333 (57)	226 (62)	107 (49)	
0-74	250 (43)	139 (38)	111 (51)	
IDDSI classification of lunch texture, IDDSI $< 7, N (\%)^{#}$	107 (23)	32 (11)	75 (45)	< 0.001
Outcome parameters				
Primary outcome				
In-hospital mortality, N (%)	30 (5)	10 (3)	20 (9)	0.001
Secondary outcomes				
LOS, days	22 (12, 43)	20 (10, 37)	27 (16, 47)	< 0.001
Highest CRP during the entire hospital study, mg/dL	3.3 (0.5, 10.1)	1.7 (0.3, 6.6)	6.7 (1.3, 14.5)	< 0.001
Time between study day and day of peak CRP, days	2 (-2, 11)	2 (-2, 11)	4 (-1, 11)	0.246
Dead during admission within 30 days, N (%)	10 (2)	1 (0)	9 (4)	0.001
Discharge to home, N (%) <sup>‡</sup>	474 (86)	326 (92)	148 (75)	< 0.001

The age, BMI, CCI, were significantly higher and ADL were poor in group E compared with group C. The % food intake of the study days, food texture scored by IDDSI, and in-hospital mortality as the primary outcome, the length of stay (LOS), the highest CRP during the entire hospital stay, the death rate during hospitalization within 30 days, and discharge to home were significantly worse in group E compared to them in group C. Analyses with # and exclude subjects who missed lunch or died during hospitalization.

Abbreviations, ADL: Activity of Daily Living, BMI: Body Mass Index, C: Patients with scheduled admission, CCI: Charlson Comorbidity Index, CRP: C-reactive protein, E: Patients with emergency admission, IDDSI: International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative, LOS: Length of stay in hospital.

 Table 3: The comparison of description parameters, nutritional parameters, primary and secondary outcome of patients with emergency admission in four seasons

	Method 2				
	group Sp	group Su	group Au	group Wi	<i>p</i> Value
Number of subjects	50	50	68	50	
Demographics					
Length between admission and study day, days	9 (4, 29)	10 (4, 23)	10 (3, 22)	15 (6, 23)	0.915
Sex, male, N (%)	28 (56)	27 (54)	34 (50)	34 (68)	0.263
Age, years	79 (72, 83)	76 (68, 82)	78 (67, 83)	79 (70, 82)	0.600
Body weight, kg	52.3 (42.3, 58.5)	53.0 (45.6, 60.6)	52.4 (43.1, 59.4)	54.8 (45.8, 68.3)	0.177
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	20.2 (18.3, 23.4)	21.2 (18.5, 23.5)	21.4 (18.0, 23.7)	22.2 (19.8, 24.6)	0.142
Medical diagnsis in primary diagnosis, N (%)	36 (72)	40 (80)	51 (75)	37 (74)	0.817
CCI score	5 (3, 7)	5 (3, 7)	5 (3, 7)	5 (3, 7)	0.970

ADL score < 3, N (%)	21 (42)	27 (54)	32 (47)	21 (42)	0.596
Nutritional parameters					
% Food intake, N (%)					0.200
75-100	23 (46)	21 (42)	32 (47)	31 (62)	
0-74	27 (54)	29 (58)	36 (53)	19 (38)	
IDDSI classification of lunch texture, IDDSI < 7, N $(\%)^{*}$	19 (50)	20 (51)	20 (41)	16 (39)	0.548
Outcome parameters					
Primary outcome					
In-hospital mortality, N (%)	4 (8)	4 (8)	9 (13)	3 (6)	0.630
Secondary outcomes					
LOS, days	30 (15, 63)	26 (18, 44)	28 (15, 46)	27 (19, 47)	0.942
Highest CRP during the entire hospital study, mg/dL	6.7 (1.3, 14.5)	6.4 (1.3, 14.5)	8.2 (1.2, 18.0)	5.6 (1.2, 11.1)	0.531
Time between study day and day of peak CRP, days	5 (-2, 9)	2 (-2, 13)	2 (-1, 11)	7 (-2, 13)	0.874
Discharge to home, N (%)*	33 (72)	36 (78)	47 (80)	32 (68)	0.497

All description parameters of patients with emergency admission in four seasons were not significantly different. The % food intake of the study days, food texture scored by IDDSI, and in-hospital mortality as the primary outcome, the length of stay (LOS), the highest CRP during the entire hospital stay, the death rate during hospitalization within 30 days, and discharge to home were not significantly different. Analyses with # and exclude subjects who missed lunch or died during hospitalization.

Abbreviations, ADL: Activity of Daily Living, BMI: Body Mass Index, CCI: Charlson Comorbidity Index, CRP: C-reactive protein, IDDSI: International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative, LOS: Length of stay in hospital.

#### Result 2

All descriptions of patients with emergency admission in four seasons were not significantly different (Table 3). Similarly, comparing emergency hospitalization patients in four seasons in group E, food intake < 75% of requirements of the study days, food texture scored by IDDSI, ADL score < 3, and in-hospital mortality as the primary outcome, the length of stay (LOS), the highest CRP during the entire hospital stay, the date of measurement of the highest CRP value, converted from the date of the study, the death rate during hospitalization within 30 days, were not significantly different.

Since there were no differences in the mortality rate of patients involved in group E among four different seasons, all data of group E were gathered in further analys-

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#### Result 3

Food intake, food texture scored by IDDSIS, and In-hospital mortality as the primary outcome measure, as well as length of stay (LOS), highest CRP during the entire hospital stay, and in-hospital mortality within 30 days were significantly worse in patients who consumed less than 75% of the in-hospital food compared to those who consumed >= 75% (Table 4, left column shaded area).

When these results were obtained, we further performed a similar analysis of all emergency hospitalized patients using the conventional nDay cut-off of 50% (Method 4). The results showed that the in-hospital mortality rate was higher in the group with less than 50% admission, as was the case when the cut-off was set at 75% (Table 4, right column blank area).

**Table 4:** Comparisons of nutritional parameters, primary and secondary outcomes of ED patients divided into two methods. One was all EDpatients divided into two subgroups by % of hospital food, >= 75% and < 75% (method 3-1). The other was all ED patients divided into two</td>subgroups by % of hospital food, >= 50% and < 50% (method 3-2)</td>

	Method 3-1		Method 3-2			
	All Intake 75% >=	All Intake 75% <	<i>p</i> Value	All Intake 50% >=	All Intake 50% <	<i>p</i> Value
Number of subjects	107	111		150	68	
Nutritional parameters						
% Food intake, N (%)						
All	98 (88, 100)	33 (0, 59)	< 0.001	88 (68, 100)	0 (0, 27)	< 0.001
Staple food: Rice and bread	100 (90, 100)	33 (0, 53)	< 0.001	93 (67, 100)	0 (0, 23)	< 0.001
Side dish: meat, fish, fruits and vegetables	97 (87, 100)	32 (0, 63)	< 0.001	90 (70, 100)	0 (0, 23)	< 0.001
#IDDSI classification of lunch texture, N (%)			0.101			0.037
IDDSI = 7	64 (60)	28 (47)		83 (59)	9 (36)	
IDDSI < 7	43 (40)	32 (53)		59 (42)	16 (64)	
Outcome parameters						
Primary outcome						
In-hospital mortality, N (%)	1 (1)	19 (17)	< 0.001	2 (1)	18 (27)	< 0.001
Secondary outcomes						
LOS, days	22 (14, 45)	32 (18, 50)	0.017	22 (15, 44)	42 (21, 60)	0.001
Highest CRP during the entire hospital study, mg/dL	2.6 (0.5, 12.3)	9.1 (4.6, 16.7)	< 0.001	4.1 (0.7, 12.0)	10.4 (6.6, 17.8)	< 0.001
Dead during admission within 30 days , N (%)	0 (0)	9 (8)	0.002	0 (0)	9 (13)	< 0.001
Discharge to home, N (%) <sup>*</sup>	84 (79)	64 (70)	0.118	117 (79)	31 (62)	0.016

In both results of method 3-1 and 3-2, food intake, food texture scored by IDDSIS, and in-hospital mortality as the primary outcome measure, as well as length of stay (LOS), highest CRP during the entire hospital stay, in-hospital mortality within 30 days, and discharge to home were significantly different. In other words, these results are interpreted to mean that patients with emergency admission summed over four seasons had a poor outcome if they had significantly lower hospital food intake < 75% and < 50% of requirement. To identify these patients with significantly higher in-hospital mortality earlier, the cut-off value of daily food intake is appropriately set at 75%. Analyses with # and exclude subjects who missed lunch or died during hospitalization.

Abbreviations, CRP: C-reactive protein, ED: emergency departments, IDDSI: International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative, LOS: Length of stay in hospital.

Variables	Method 4				
	Reference	OR (95% CI)	<i>p</i> Value		
Sex	female	2.119 (0.640-6.993)	0.219		
Age		1.020 (0.963-1.081)	0.497		
BMI		0.948 (0.824-1.091)	0.456		
Department	surgery	3.876 (0.679-22.222)	0.127		
CCI		1.083 (0.912-1.286)	0.365		
ADL	score 3 <	1.067 (0.328-3.466)	0.915		
% Food intake		0.616 (0.496-0.766)	< 0.001		

Table 5: Results of multivariate regression analysis to identify ED patients with suspected high in-hospital mortality

Among the six variants analyzed, % of food intake was a significant OR with a significant *p*-value.

Abbreviations, ADL: Activity of Daily Living, BMI: Body Mass Index, CCI: Charlson Comorbidity Index, CI: confidence interval, ED: emergency departments, OR: odds ratio.

#### **Result 4**

As the predictors of in-hospital mortality in patients admitted emergency type were examined by logistic regression analysis, it was the result that the odds ratio (OR) for in-hospital mortality compared to average food intake was 0.616 (95% IC: 0.496 - 0.766, p < 0.001), indicating that intake was a predictor of in-hospital mortality in emergency patients (Table 5).



Figure: The flow diagram of the study

Abbreviations, C: Patients with scheduled admission, E: Patients with emergency admission.

#### Discussion

### Why do emergency admissions have a higher mortality rate than scheduled admissions?

The in-hospital mortality rate was higher for emergency admissions than for scheduled admissions, and the length of stay was significantly longer (27 days vs. 20 days, p < 0.001).

Predictive indicators were reported for each country, using length of hospital stay as the outcome indicator [20]. Other studies have also confirmed the high in-hospital mortality rate for emergency admissions [12-14]. Moreover, the most important variable in prediction was the number of emergency department (ED) visits in the previous year [17]. Reasons for in-hospital mortality in ED include the lack of hospital staff during off-hours and the time required for treatment tools and surgical procedures. However, in this study, CRP was also significantly higher in emergency patients (6.7 vs. 1.7 mg/dL, p < 0.001).

### Mortality of patients in group E do not differ by seasonality

Accident and emergency (A&E) attendances in England and other countries have increased by more than 35% in the last 10 years [18]. This high and increasing demand for emergency care is putting severe pressure on A&E departments, and long waiting times and poor quality of care are a cause for concern. Many explanations have been put forward for the increasing trend, including population growth and aging, overstretched social and elderly care systems, poor access to primary care, lack of family support, and increased patient awareness of symptoms of acute conditions. There is evidence from the US that there are strong seasonal variations in the demand for health care by people, usually of retirement age, who migrate to states with milder climates during the winter months. In contrast, there is no tendency for the elderly to migrate in the year of the study to avoid the cold winter. In other words, as can be seen from the results, there is no seasonal difference in the age of group E. Furthermore, there were no differences in subjects' descriptions and nutritional status, such as BMI, CCI, ADL, and food intake, and there were no seasonal differences in in-hospital mortality, length of stay, or in-hospital CRP

(Table 2). This result confirms the validity of the fact that nDay surveyed in November can be applied to other seasons.

## 75% of dietary intake rather than 50% as an earlier predictor of adverse events in group E

The food intake categories included in the MST, GLIM criteria, nDay questionnaire [21], or a mixed type with other indicators including food intake variables [22] were used for nutritional screening of hospitalized patients are all 100%, 50%, 25%, and 0%. In contrast, only NRS2002 has one of the food intake cutoffs set at 75% of the requirement. Another reason for choosing 75% as a candidate cutoff is that ward nurses who count food intake can relatively easily determine if less than 75% of the food is left on the plate by just looking at it.

Since there was no seasonal difference in the mortality rate in the E group, we decided to combine the four seasonal subjects into the E group. There was a significantly higher mortality rate in the group with less than 75% of intakes. An intake as a cut-off value for predicting survival was 50%, and 75%, which is predicted to appear earlier than the 50% newly introduced in this study, was the first known predictor of alcohol rice field. Next, we tested whether the cutoff for food intake for emergency hospitalized patients, the traditional 50% or the newly introduced 75%, seems more useful. In addition, it is relatively easy to visually determine whether 75% of the dose has been taken, and it does not place a large workload on nurses on the ward, making it possible to identify patients with poor outcomes early and improve outcomes. This is expected to be a powerful method. However, the differences of outcome measures were not different, it still not significant that 75% as cutoff is more helpful than 50% to draw emergency patients with higher mortality. For the above reasons, we added the multivariate analysis whether continuous variable of food intake is associated with mortality or not.

#### Strengths and Limitations of the present study

Strengths of this study include the following two points: 1, no seasonal effect on higher in-hospital mortality among emergency hospitalized patients compared with scheduled hospitalized patients; 2, we clarified that a given daily food intake is a predictor of high mortality for the first time.

On the other hand, the following limitations of this research should be mentioned. First, due to the small number of subjects and the fact that these are retrospective and non-randomized studies, it is necessary to consider the existence of subject and method bias. Second, although the nDay survey was conducted on Thursdays, it will be necessary to test whether the malnutrition survey is valid on other days of the week and whether there is day-of-week specificity. Third, by setting the cutoff for food intake, it is still to be resolved which is a predictor of mortality in emergency room patients, at 75% instead of the traditional 50% for early prediction of in-hospital mortality. The lack of analysis of not only intake but also energy, protein, and micronutrient intakes is another limitation of this study [23]. Fourth, although a 75% cutoff for intake was obtained in this study, cutoffs for nutrient content such as energy, protein, macronutrients, and micronutrients were not verified. I look forward to seeing the results of future research.

Fifth, the inverse relationship between inadequate hospital food intake and mortality has been speculated due to the lack of macro- and micronutrients as anti-inflammatory substances. However, this was not scientifically proven in this study and needs to be validated.

#### Conclusion

In-hospital mortality was significantly higher in group E and no seasonal difference exists. In-hospital food intake of three meals per day was a predictor of in-hospital mortality and its cut-off value was 75%.

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		Groups in method 1			
		Total	group C	group E	<i>p</i> Value
ICD-10 Version:2016,N(%)					
Number of subjects		583	365	218	
Categories	Title				
Ι	Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	15 (3)	2 (1)	13 (6)	< 0.001
II	Neoplasms	83 (14)	42(12)	41 (19)	0.015
III	Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune	2 (0)	1 (0)	1 (0)	0.608
IV	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	53 (9)	43 (12)	10 (5)	0.003
V	Mental and behavioural disorders	2 (0)	0 (0)	2 (1)	0.139
VI	Diseases of the nervous system	43 (7)	29 (8)	14 (6)	0.469
VII	Diseases of the eye and adnexa	32 (5)	30 (8)	2 (1)	< 0.001
IX	Diseases of the circulatory system	48 (8)	21 (6)	27 (12)	0.005
Х	Diseases of the respiratory system	22 (4)	5 (1)	17 (8)	< 0.001
XI	Diseases of the digestive system	48 (8)	21 (6)	27 (12)	0.005
XII	Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	3 (1)	2 (1)	1 (0)	0.685
XIII	Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	66 (11)	54 (15)	12 (5)	0.001
XIV	Diseases of the genitourinary system	57 (10)	36 (10)	21 (10)	0.928
XVII	Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	1 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	0.374
XVIII	Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified	5 (1)	3 (1)	2 (1)	0.617
XIX	Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	30 (5)	11 (3)	19 (9)	0.003
XXI	Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	73 (12)	65 (18)	8 (4)	< 0.001

Supplemental Table: Comparison of ICD-10 of the two groups; control vs. emergency group

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