

Appendix I. Hospital Characteristics

Hospital	1	2	3	4	5
Type	Academic	Community	Academic	Community	Community
Beds					
Total	777	150	900	248	289
Adult psychiatry	0	24	24	26	43
Emergency	43	16	49	35	36
Psychiatry (ψ) emergency department service model					
Initial evaluation ¹	MD	MD	ψ nurse	MD	MD
Psychiatric assessment	ψ team ²	ψ team	ψ team	ψ clinician ³	ψ clinician ⁴
Disposition	ψ team	ψ team	ψ team	ψ clinician	ψ clinician
Psychiatric consultations in the emergency department					
Annual number	920	1009	5229	3799	2930
Number in study	220	224	204	213	215
Estimated per cent ⁵	61	75	40	31	31
Mean hours per consult	14.9 \pm 14.8	11.9 \pm 8.6	12.3 \pm 13.1	11.9 \pm 8.5	6.4 \pm 4.3
Median hours per consult	11.3	9.3	7.9	9.1	5.1

¹ Medical clearance is completed by the emergency department physician at all hospitals except for Hospital 3

² Members include psychiatric trainees, fellows, and the attending physician

³ Master's level clinician (e.g., social worker) who presents the patient to an attending psychiatrist, who may or may not see the patient

⁴ Master's level clinician (e.g., social worker) completes the initial assessment which is completed by an attending psychiatrist

⁵ This is the estimated percentage that the study sample represented of all psychiatric consultations for the time period.