

# Emergency visits for non-traumatic dental problems

Resource for Indicator Standards (RIS)  
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## Indicator description

### RIS indicator name

Emergency visits for non-traumatic dental problems

### Other names for this indicator

N/A

### Indicator description

Rate of emergency visits for non-traumatic dental problems per 1,000 Ontario population.

### Accountability agreement(s) or ministry initiative(s) the indicator supports

- The Quarterly

## Numerator

### Data source

National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS), Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI)

### Inclusion/exclusion criteria

#### Includes:

1. AM case type = EMG (unscheduled emergency visits);
2. Main problem = ICD-10-CA block code equal to K00 – K14 - Diseases of oral cavity, salivary glands and jaws;
3. Valid Ontario Health Card Number, Ontario residents.

#### Excludes:

N/A

## Calculation

### Steps:

1. Identify from NACRS the number of unscheduled emergency visits for non-traumatic dental problems for Ontario patients.
2. Multiply the number from Step 1 by 1,000.

## Denominator

### Data source

Population Estimates and Projections, Statistics Canada & Ontario Ministry of Finance

### Inclusion/exclusion criteria

#### Includes:

1. Year-specific population e.g., population by Public Health Unit (PHU), provincial, age-specific, gender specific, etc.

#### Excludes:

N/A

## Calculation

### Steps:

1. Extract the population.

## Timing and geography

### Timing/frequency of release

**How often and when data are being released (e.g., be as specific as possible...data are released annually in mid-May)**

For NACRS, the previous fiscal year's data are released in the first quarter of the next fiscal year; quarterly (interim) data are available at the end of the following quarter.

### Trending

#### Years available for trending

Data are available as of 2001.

### Levels of comparability

#### Levels of geography for comparison

Data are available at the provincial and PHU levels.

# Additional information

## Limitations

### Specific limitations

N/A

## Comments

Additional information regarding the calculation, interpretation, data source, etc.

N/A

## References

Provide URLs of any key references (e.g., Diabetes in Canada, [http:// ...](#))

N/A

## Contact information

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