

Hospitalizations for falls among seniors (age ≥65) in the community

Resource for Indicator Standards (RIS)
Health Analytics Branch, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Indicator description

RIS indicator name

Hospitalizations for falls among seniors (age ≥ 65) in the community

Other names for this indicator

N/A

Indicator description

Number and rate of hospitalizations for falls among seniors (age 65 and older) in the community.

This indicator can be stratified by characteristics, such as Public Health Unit (PHU) and gender.

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

- The Quarterly

Numerator

Data source

Discharge Abstract Database (DAD), Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI)

Inclusion/exclusion criteria

Includes:

1. Valid Ontario Health Card Number;
2. Diagnostic Type ≠ 2 (Post-Admit Comorbidity Diagnosis);
3. ICD 10 code in any diagnosis of: W00[^]-W19[^] (ICD10 Block = (W00-W19) FALLS);
4. Patient admit age = age 65 and older.

Excludes:

1. Patients transferred from other facilities or hospitals, e.g. long-term care homes.
2. Inst_from_type in (' ', '0', '8', 'E', 'N').

Calculation

Steps:

1. Identify from DAD the number of acute inpatient discharges for falls among seniors per the selection criteria described above.
2. Multiply the number from step 1 by 1000.

Denominator

Data source

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

Inclusion/exclusion criteria

Includes:

1. Ontario residents 65 years and over.

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)

Inpatient data (DAD) released quarterly, at the end of month, in April, July, October and January.

Population estimates are updated annually with the previous year's estimates.

Trending

Years available for trending

Data are available beginning with the 1996/97 fiscal year.

Levels of comparability

Levels of geography for comparison

Data are available at the provincial, LHIN, and PHU level.

Additional information

Limitations

Specific limitations

Hospitalizations are dated at discharge and falls could result in a long length of stay, therefore the year of discharge might not be the year of the fall.

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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