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Information on hospital morbidity among elderly people hospitalized through the Brazilian national health system

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Abstract

In view of the high hospital costs of the elderly, this study aimed to compare the seven highest frequencies of hospital morbidity among elderly people in the years 2005 and 1994, using data from the Hospital Information System. The methodology consisted of evaluation of information obtained from the Ministry of Health's Datas us database regarding hospital morbidity among admissions of elderly people in 2005 and 1994. Additionally, standard and adjusted rates were calculated using the direct standardization method, through Epidat 3.1. The main results were that diseases of the circulatory system predominated both in1994 (32%) and in 2005 (28%), with a reduction of4% between these years. The number of cases of neoplasms doubled from 1994 (4%) to 2005 (8%), and infectious and parasitic diseases remained around the same percentage of 7% in 1994and 2005. It can be concluded that in Brazil, hospital morbidity among elderly people continues to consist predominantly of diseases of the circulatory system, while no reduction in infectious and parasitic diseases has been seen, and there are signs a recent sharp increase in neoplasms. It is recommended that comparison studies between time periods should be one of the management tools used.

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