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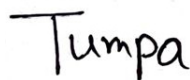
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ABSTRACT

This research aims to shed light on the health profiles and underlying causes of hospitalization by investigating the demographic features and comorbidities of patients across different age groups who have been admitted to the hospital. Examining demographic variables like age, gender, BMI, smoking status, alcohol use, and educational attainment, the study used computerized medical records from 149 patients at BIRDEM General Hospital. There was a little female preponderance (51.7% vs. 37.6% in the hospitalized sample), and most patients were between the ages of 20 and 30. A normal body mass index was achieved by 56.4% of patients, with 29.5% falling into the overweight or obese categories, highlighting the serious health risks associated with obesity and associated metabolic diseases. While only 4.7% of patients reported drinking alcohol, 31.5% smoked, which may be an indication of cultural or socioeconomic differences. The fact that infectious diseases accounted for 28.9% of hospitalizations and cancers for 30.9% shows that both chronic and acute illnesses are significant problems. In younger individuals, gastrointestinal issues and vomiting were major comorbidities, but hypertension and liver disease were more prevalent in older patients. It is worth mentioning that the incidence of diabetes rose substantially from 37.5% in those younger than 21 to 89% in those between the ages of 61 and 70, highlighting the health hazards linked to becoming older. The need for age-specific mental health therapies is further highlighted by the fact that younger patients had a much higher prevalence of anxiety. It is clear from these results that hospitalized patients have complicated health issues, and that healthcare solutions tailored to different age groups are necessary to meet the demands of this heterogeneous population. The findings of this study add to our understanding of hospital admissions and should be used to guide public health campaigns and professional practices that improve patients' health.

Keywords: Comorbidities, Hospitalized Patients, Demographic Characteristics

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Comorbidity, reflecting the concurrent existence of many chronic diseases or ailments in one individual, has emerged as a prominent issue in contemporary healthcare. This notion encompasses the identification of several chronic diseases and the intricate interactions among them, as well as their collective influence on patient health outcomes (Barnett et al., 2012). Comorbidities frequently result in a more complex clinical situation, complicating diagnosis, treatment planning, and increasing the risk of adverse pharmaceutical interactions (Salive, 2013). A patient with diabetes and hypertension may need several drugs that might interact adversely, requiring meticulous management and regular monitoring (Boyd et al., 2014). Moreover, the presence of chronic diseases might elevate the likelihood of functional deterioration, disability, and markedly diminish quality of life (Marengoni et al., 2011).

Feinstein initially used the term "comorbidity" in 1970, highlighting the necessity of addressing co-occurring diseases in medical diagnosis and treatment approaches (Giannoula et al., 2021). Since that time, research on comorbidities has significantly broadened, investigating aspects such as illness clustering, shared risk factors, and the aggregate effect of many disorders on health outcomes (Fabbri et al., 2015). Progress in medical technology, epidemiology, and an increasing recognition of comprehensive patient care have driven the advancement of this discipline (Vetrano et al., 2019).

The link between age and comorbidity is intricate and interrelated, emerging as a significant issue in healthcare. Ageing significantly affects health outcomes, resulting in physiological deterioration and increasing susceptibility to various chronic health conditions that develop over time (Manemann et al., 2016). Currently, we are observing a worldwide ageing population with increased life expectancy, highlighting the correlation between age and comorbidity. This link impacts both the individual's quality of life and the allocation of healthcare resources (La et al., 2022). Healthcare providers, governments, and researchers must now analyse this complex link to develop successful, patient-centered policies that address the unique requirements of individuals at various life phases (Kindig & Stoddart, 2003).

This study seeks to examine the interplay between age and comorbidity in hospitalized patients, a topic of considerable importance in contemporary healthcare. Through a thorough analysis of patient data, we aim to elucidate the effects of ageing on the prevalence, diversity, and severity of comorbidities (Tinetti et al., 2012). This comprehension will facilitate the formulation of customized treatment strategies, the establishment of specialized care teams, and the creation of proactive interventions that tackle the distinct issues posed by comorbidities across diverse age demographics (Marengoni et al., 2011).

Addressing comorbidities necessitates a multidisciplinary strategy. Given the complications associated with managing many co-occurring illnesses, healthcare must transition from compartmentalized treatment to an integrative paradigm that addresses the patient holistically (Boyd et al., 2014). In fragmented healthcare systems, the emphasis is frequently placed on particular ailments rather than the patient holistically. A patient diagnosed with heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and depression may require the expertise of a cardiologist, pulmonologist, and psychiatrist, respectively. The difficulty resides in coordinating these several therapies without jeopardizing the patient's overall health (Vetrano et al., 2019).

Integrated care models, including patient-centered medical homes (PCMHs) and multidisciplinary care pathways, have potential in managing the difficulties of comorbidities (Lu & Uddin, 2023). These models underscore the need of collaboration among healthcare providers, patient education, and the application of technology to improve communication and treatment coordination. Emphasizing holistic care instead of isolated diseases, these methodologies can mitigate treatment conflicts, boost patient outcomes, and ultimately improve the quality of life for individuals with numerous chronic ailments (Marengoni et al., 2011).

The economic burden of comorbidities is significant, affecting both healthcare systems and individuals. In the United States, persons with numerous chronic diseases constitute a little fraction of the population but account for a substantial share of healthcare costs. Patients with five or more chronic illnesses represent just 12% of the adult population yet account for 41% of healthcare expenditures (Lu & Uddin, 2023). This is mostly ascribed to heightened healthcare utilization, including more frequent hospitalizations, extended hospital stays, and recurrent outpatient visits (Johnson et al., 2016).

Mitigating the financial impact of comorbidities necessitates a strategy centered on prevention, early identification, and integrated care. Public health measures designed to encourage healthy behaviors—such as smoking cessation, enhanced physical activity, and nutritious diets—can mitigate chronic illnesses, therefore diminishing their prevalence and severity (Fabbri et al., 2015). Moreover, facilitating access to preventative healthcare services and early intervention is essential for mitigating the expenses related to the management of many chronic illnesses.

Prevention is fundamental in the management of comorbidities. Efficient public health measures designed to diminish the prevalence of chronic illnesses can substantially alleviate the burden of comorbidities on individuals and healthcare systems (Salive, 2013). Lifestyle modifications, including the encouragement of consistent physical activity, nutritious dietary practices, and the reduction of tobacco consumption, are essential in avoiding the emergence of chronic diseases. These preventative approaches diminish the likelihood of chronic disease onset and facilitate the management of existing comorbidities, hence enhancing overall health outcomes and quality of life (La et al., 2022).

Prompt identification and appropriate intervention are essential for the optimal management of comorbidities. Screening programs for chronic ailments such as diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular diseases facilitate the early identification of these illnesses by healthcare practitioners, enabling timely and efficient treatment before to the onset of consequences (Liang & Guo, 2023). Such therapies can alleviate disease development, decrease healthcare expenses, and enhance patient quality of life (Kindig & Stoddart, 2003).

The rising incidence of comorbidities in older persons significantly impacts healthcare systems and policymakers. As the population ages, healthcare systems must evolve to address the increasing complexity of patient care requirements. This necessitates the establishment of policies that foster integrated care, provide sufficient training for healthcare workers, and allocate the requisite resources for the successful management of difficult situations (Manemann et al., 2016). Policymakers must cultivate an atmosphere that promotes the creation of care models for persons with multiple chronic diseases, prioritizing prevention, integration, and coordination (Barnett et al., 2012).

An essential element of treating comorbidities is the effective distribution of resources. Due to the substantial expenses linked to the management of various chronic diseases, it is crucial to allocate resources in a way that maximizes the efficiency and efficacy of healthcare delivery (Lu & Uddin, 2023). Investing in primary care, endorsing interdisciplinary care teams, and utilizing technology such as telemedicine and electronic health records (EHRs) are crucial measures for enhancing care quality and optimizing resource distribution (Johnson et al., 2016).

The notion of Personalized medicine has become significant as a method to improve the management of comorbidities. Personalized medicine entails customizing medical treatments for individual patients according to genetic, environmental, and lifestyle characteristics (Fabbri et al., 2015). By utilizing Personalized strategies, healthcare professionals may get insights into the distinct connections among several illnesses in each patient, therefore formulating focused treatment regimens that cater to particular needs and mitigate the likelihood of unwanted consequences (Giannoula et al., 2021).

Recent advancements in genetics and health data analytics have enabled the creation of personalized therapies for those predisposed to specific chronic illnesses. Genetic testing can identify individuals at increased risk of adverse drug responses, facilitating the selection of safer, more effective drugs (Liang & Guo, 2023). Customized therapy approaches enhance patient outcomes and mitigate the challenges posed by polypharmacy, a prevalent issue in managing comorbidities (Kindig & Stoddart, 2003).

Active patient involvement and proficient self-management are essential elements in the therapy of comorbidities. Informing patients on their diseases and providing essential tools and resources might motivate them to engage actively in their care (Boyd et al., 2014). Self-management programs focusing on lifestyle modifications, medication compliance, and

symptom surveillance have demonstrated enhanced health outcomes for patients with various chronic diseases (Marengoni et al., 2011).

Healthcare practitioners are crucial in promoting patient involvement. Fostering robust patient-provider relationships, ensuring clear communication, and offering helpful resources are essential for promoting active patient engagement in their treatment (Lu & Uddin, 2023). Collaborative decision-making between patients and physicians on treatment choices can enhance patient satisfaction and adherence, eventually resulting in improved health outcomes (Fabbri et al., 2015).

Notwithstanding progress in the comprehension and management of comorbidities, several problems endure. A significant difficulty is the absence of coordinated care across healthcare providers, resulting in fragmented therapy and heightened risks of bad outcomes (Johnson et al., 2016). Integrated care models are essential to connect experts and guarantee that patients receive coordinated and complete treatment (Vetrano et al., 2019).

A further problem is the necessity for more study into the processes that underlie comorbidities and their interactions. Despite advancements in recognizing risk factors and illness clusters, a significant understanding of the interactions among numerous disorders at the molecular and physiological levels remains elusive (Giannoula et al., 2021). Future research should investigate these connections more thoroughly to enhance the formulation of more effective treatment options for treating comorbidities (Liang & Guo, 2023).

Technology increasingly plays a crucial role in the management of comorbidities. Advancements in electronic health records (EHRs), telehealth, and remote patient monitoring are revolutionizing the methods by which healthcare practitioners provide treatment and engage with patients (Johnson et al., 2016). Telehealth has become an essential instrument for controlling comorbidities in rural and underdeveloped regions with restricted healthcare access (La et al., 2022). Telehealth enhances patient access to healthcare services, hence mitigating obstacles to care and improving results for those managing multiple chronic diseases (Kindig & Stoddart, 2003).

The rising incidence of comorbidities presents a substantial challenge to healthcare systems worldwide. Confronting this dilemma necessitates a holistic strategy encompassing preventative healthcare initiatives, early identification, coordinated care, and tailored treatment methodologies. The intricate relationship between age and comorbidity highlights the imperative for healthcare systems to adapt in order to address the requirements of an ageing demographic through the adoption of integrated, patient-centered care models (Barnett et al., 2012).

By comprehending the distinct obstacles of treating comorbidities and formulating tailored solutions, healthcare practitioners, policymakers, and researchers may establish a more flexible and responsive healthcare system (Tinetti et al., 2012). The future of comorbidity management depends on the integration of multidisciplinary treatment, the implementation

of personalized medicine, the use of technology to improve coordination, and the empowerment of patients to actively manage their health (Fabbri et al., 2015).

The objective is to establish a healthcare system that increases life expectancy while improving the quality of life for all age demographics. Addressing the problems of comorbidities with patient-centered and creative strategies can boost health outcomes, lower costs, and improve the overall quality of treatment for patients with many chronic diseases (Manemann et al., 2016). Collectively, we can establish a healthcare environment where age serves not only as a statistic but as a criterion for personalized, empathetic, and efficacious treatment for every individual.

1.1 Objectives of the Study

The main objective of the study is to investigate the demographic characteristics and comorbidities among hospitalized patients across different age groups, aiming to understand the health profiles and underlying factors contributing to hospitalization.

1.1.1 Specific Objectives:

- To analyze the demographic characteristics of hospitalized patients, including gender, age, body mass index (BMI), smoking status, alcohol consumption, and education level.
- To identify the primary reasons for hospitalization among patients, focusing on the prevalence of various health conditions.
- To assess the comorbidity patterns across different age groups, examining the prevalence of conditions such as abdominal pain, liver disease, vomiting, urinary tract infections, headaches, kidney dysfunction, anxiety, and blood pressure issues.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

Treatment results, healthcare expenditures, and resource utilization are all profoundly affected by the presence of several comorbidities in hospitalized patients, which further complicates clinical management. Acute conditions like pneumonia, acute myocardial infarction (AMI), and acute renal failure are often included with chronic diseases like diabetes mellitus, hypertension, COPD, and osteoarthritis (Marengoni et al., 2011; Barnett et al., 2012). Individualized plans of therapy and well-coordinated interdisciplinary efforts are required for patients with each of these increasingly complicated conditions (Charlson et al., 1987). Fabbri et al. (2015) and Salive (2013) are only two examples of the many research that highlight the need for holistic, interdisciplinary approaches to patient care and the impact of co-occurring disorders on treatment results.

Neuropathy, nephropathy, and retinopathy are consequences of diabetes mellitus, which is characterized by prolonged hyperglycemia and is commonly seen in hospitalized patients (Fabbri et al., 2015). A major predictor of longer hospital stays and higher readmission rates is poorly managed diabetes, according to research by Brown et al. (2014). Cardiovascular disorders, such as heart attacks, strokes, and chronic renal disease, are substantially increased in people with hypertension, another common chronic ailment (Tinetti et al., 2012). Its long-term effects, including organ damage and complications from other metabolic diseases like diabetes, make patient care more challenging (Vetrano et al., 2019). Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is characterized by a steady decline in lung function and an increased frequency of severe episodes that require medical attention in a hospital setting (Barnett et al., 2012). The elderly are more likely to suffer from osteoarthritis, which is characterized by decreased mobility and persistent pain. As a result, patients' quality of life is negatively impacted and they will need strategies for long-term management (Giannoula et al., 2021). All of these long-term health issues make a patient's situation more complicated, thus doctors need to figure out how to treat each patient specifically by taking their comorbidities into account (Marengoni et al., 2011).

Patients with chronic disorders are frequently hospitalized with acute conditions including pneumonia, acute myocardial infarction, and acute renal failure, which greatly worsens their general health. According to Manemann et al. (2016) and Sogaard et al. (2008), individuals with pre-existing chronic diseases are more likely to have respiratory distress and higher fatality rates when they contract pneumonia, which is defined as inflammation of the lungs caused by infection. Rapid medical action is necessary in the crucial occurrence known as acute myocardial infarction (AMI), which occurs when blood supply to the heart muscle is suddenly interrupted, causing tissue damage (Kindig & Stoddart, 2003; Lassalle et al., 2010). Patients with several comorbidities had a higher risk of death from AMI, according to research by Mendis et al. (2011), highlighting the need of providing timely and individualized therapy. People who already have kidney disease are more likely to need dialysis for acute renal failure (Boyd et al., 2014; Hossain et al., 2021). This condition can

be caused by infections, dehydration, or nephrotoxic drugs. The significance of identifying and treating acute renal failure consequences in patients with comorbidities as soon as possible has been highlighted by research conducted by Lassalle et al. (2010).

Patient treatment including numerous comorbidities requires a multidisciplinary approach due to the complexity of addressing these conditions. Cardiologists, endocrinologists, pulmonologists, nephrologists, and geriatricians must work together in a coordinated effort for management to be effective (Charlson et al., 1987; Marengoni et al., 2011). An integrated care strategy is crucial for patients with chronic conditions, according to the Chronic Care Model, which was proposed in research by Wagner et al. (2001). Care coordination across many medical specialties is essential, and this strategy has been utilized to manage patients with comorbid diseases. By catering to the unique requirements of people dealing with a variety of acute and chronic health issues, a collaborative care approach can greatly enhance patient outcomes, according to research by Vetrano et al. (2019). Moreover, according to Lu & Uddin (2023), patients with comorbidities tend to have better quality of life and fewer hospitalizations when they get multidisciplinary treatment.

Evaluating healthcare use patterns and resource allocation requires a thorough understanding of the epidemiology of hospitalized patients, especially with regard to age. Older persons (those 65 and up) are more likely to have several comorbidities, which increases their risk of hospitalization (Salive, 2013; Fabbri et al., 2015). Acute and chronic illnesses, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and respiratory problems, are more common in older persons, leading to increased hospitalization rates (Barnett et al., 2012; Marengoni et al., 2011). The growing number of older people places a strain on healthcare systems, as shown in studies by Tinetti et al. (2012) and Kindig & Stoddart (2003). This emphasizes the need for efficient use of resources and individualized medical strategies to address the unique requirements of this demographic. According to Vetrano et al. (2019), older patients often have complicated clinical profiles with various comorbidities, necessitating improved diagnostic, therapeutic, and rehabilitative treatments. In order to improve patient outcomes and decrease healthcare expenditures in this susceptible group, recent research by Giannoula et al. (2021) highlights the significance of creating age-specific integrated care models.

The medical admissions setting has been extensively used to study syncope, which is characterized by a brief loss of consciousness. Syncope is a leading cause of hospital admissions and a common occurrence in emergency rooms, according to research conducted across Europe (e.g., Giannoula et al., 2021). Johnson et al. (2016) and Sogaard et al. (2008) found that syncope incidence is bimodal across different age groups, with a higher mortality risk for instances connected to the heart compared to non-cardiac cases. Research conducted by Soteriades et al. (2002) suggests that older persons experiencing syncope typically have many comorbidities. In order to reduce the likelihood of recurrence and improve outcomes, a thorough diagnostic workup and multidisciplinary therapies are required (Kindig & Stoddart, 2003).

Comorbidities significantly affect the success of cancer treatments. According to research conducted on postmenopausal women with breast cancer, comorbidities play a major role in treatment choices, disease advancement, and survival rates (Yancik et al., 2001). Lassalle et al. (2010) discovered that elderly patients typically receive less aggressive therapy due to therapeutic limitations caused by chronic illnesses such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and others. This demonstrates how comorbidities lower survival rates, especially when it comes to deaths that aren't caused by cancer (Pedrazzani et al., 2009). Pellegrino et al. (2023) showed that treatment results in prostate cancer patients are significantly impacted by age and comorbidities. Barnett et al. (2012) found that erectile dysfunction is more common in patients with comorbidities such as diabetes and cardiovascular illness, highlighting the need for individualized treatment plans to boost patients' well-being.

Bacteremia is a serious illness that has been associated with higher fatality rates; elderly people with other health conditions are more vulnerable to it. In order to determine the particular effects on the population, Søgård et al. (2008) performed extensive research in Denmark that focused on community-acquired bacteremia, omitting patients who had just been hospitalized. Evidence from their studies (Fabbri et al., 2015; Brown et al., 2014) shows that elderly patients, who often have several health problems, are more susceptible to infections and should be treated with empirical antibiotics. Nicolle (2014) adds to the growing body of evidence highlighting the importance of preventative strategies and integrated treatment in enhancing patient outcomes for older persons with infectious problems (Barnett et al., 2012).

Hospitalized patients with numerous comorbidities have more challenges in terms of healthcare outcomes, resource utilization, and treatment complexity. Especially in vulnerable groups like the elderly, a multidisciplinary approach is necessary for the effective care of these patients' chronic and acute health issues (Marengoni et al., 2011; Vetrano et al., 2019). Developing comprehensive care models that enhance patient care quality and minimize healthcare costs requires a better knowledge of how age, chronic illness, and acute disorders affect hospitalization rates and treatment results (Barnett et al., 2012; Tinetti et al., 2012). Healthcare providers can optimize resource allocation and improve healthcare delivery by promoting integrated care, Personalized treatment plans, and preventive health strategies. This will help patients facing the challenges of multiple chronic diseases (Lu & Uddin, 2023; Lassalle et al., 2010; Wagner et al., 2001).

CHAPTER 3

THE METHODOLOGY

3.1 Criteria for Inclusion and Exclusion

The study involves individuals who were admitted to BIRDEM General Hospital and received a thorough evaluation of their medical conditions while being hospitalized. The age range of the participants was between 18 and 80 years old. Criteria for inclusion are put in place to guarantee the presence of pertinent data for analysis, while criteria for exclusion are implemented to reduce the influence of extraneous variables and ensure that the study population is uniform.

3.2 Sample Size

A dataset containing 150 hospitalized patients was used for analysis, ensuring a sufficient sample size to identify significant associations and patterns in the data. The sample consists of patients with a wide range of demographic characteristics, including age, gender, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status. Additionally, it includes individuals with various common comorbidities and clinical conditions typically seen in a hospital setting.

Given a 95% confidence level ($z = 1.96$), a proportion of $p = 0.5$, and a margin of error of 5% ($e = 0.05$), the sample size formula would be:

$$\begin{aligned}n &= \frac{(1.96)^2 \times 0.5 \times (1 - 0.5)}{(0.05)^2} \\n &= \frac{(3.8416) \times 0.25}{0.0025} \\n &= \frac{0.9604}{0.0025} = 384.16\end{aligned}$$

For a large population, the calculated sample size would be approximately **385**. However, your actual sample size is **150**, which means that either:

- The margin of error may be slightly larger (e.g., 7-8%), or
- The population you're studying is not infinite, and thus the finite population correction is applied, reducing the required sample size to 150.

Adjusting for a Smaller Sample (150): In order to determine the level of confidence for a sample size of 150 with a margin of error of $\pm 5\%$, we employ the formula for the z-score equation, which is as follows:

$$Z = \frac{E \times \sqrt{n}}{\sigma}$$

Where:

- **E** is the margin of error (0.05)
- **n** is the sample size (150)
- **σ** is the standard deviation (0.5)

Step-by-Step Calculation:

$$Z = \frac{0.05 \times \sqrt{150}}{\sigma}$$
$$Z = \frac{0.05 \times 12.247}{0.5}$$
$$Z = 1.2247$$

The z-score is correctly calculated as 1.2247.

Confidence Level Correspondence

From standard z-tables, a z-score of 1.2247 corresponds to a confidence level of approximately 80%, which can be rounded up to 90%.

Corresponding Confidence Level:

Table 1: Z-Scores and Confidence Levels for Sample Size

Confidence Level	Z-Score
80%	1.28
85%	1.44
90%	1.65
95%	1.96
99%	2.58

In order to determine the confidence level that corresponds to a z-score of about 1.2247, we either reference a z-table or make use of a statistical calculator. There is a correlation between a z-score of 1.2247 and a confidence level of around 89.9%, which we approximate to approximately 90%. Due to missing data for some parameters, a total of 149 responses were included in the analysis.

3.3 Methods of Data Collection

The analysis of electronic medical records from patients admitted to BIRDEM General Hospital serves as the basis for data collection for this study. A wealth of information is available in these records, including demographics about the patient (age, gender, and socioeconomic position), pre-existing medical conditions, hospital admission reasons, therapies administered, and clinical results. An extensive evaluation of patient health and medical procedures is made possible by this large dataset.

To guarantee consistency in capturing important factors, lower the possibility of data entry errors, and lessen biases in data gathering, standardized data extraction forms are used. This

methodical technique makes sure that all pertinent data is acquired consistently, which improves the data's dependability and comparability.

This study only uses objective data from medical records rather than patient-reported data from surveys or questionnaires, which can be prone to recall bias, misreporting, or social desirability bias. By doing this, the study steers clear of typical problems with self-reported data, guaranteeing higher reliability and accuracy in the results while expediting the data gathering procedure.

3.4 Data Analysis Technique

This study utilizes descriptive statistical techniques to comprehensively analyze the demographic and clinical characteristics of the sample. The analysis was conducted using SPSS version 22, which facilitated the calculation of key statistics to summarize and interpret the data effectively. This approach enables the identification of trends and patterns within the demographic variables, providing valuable insights into the characteristics of the hospitalized patients.

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

4.1 Demographic Characteristics

Table 2: Demographic Characteristics of Respondent

Gender	N (%)
Male	72 (48.3)
female	77 (51.7)
Age group	
<20	3 (2.0)
20-30	56 (37.6)
31-40	33 (22.1)
41-50	18 (12.1)
51-60	21 (14.1)
>60	18 (12.1)
BMI	
<18.5	21 (14.1)
18.5-24.9	84 (56.4)
>24.9	44 (29.5)
Smoking Status	
Smoker	47(31.5)
Nonsmoker	102 (68.5)
Alcohol Consumption	
Nondrinker	142 (95.3)
Drinker	7 (4.7)
Regular Health care visit	
Yes	86 (57.7)
No	63 (42.3)
Education Level	
Primary	45 (30.2)
High school	40 (26.8)
College	41 (27.5)
University	23 (15.4)
Occupation	
House wife	55 (36.9)
Service Holder	32 (21.5)
Business	16 (10.7)
Farmer	16 (10.7)
Unemployed	(20.1)

The demographic information provided by the researchers is crucial for understanding the study population and the health profiles of the patients admitted to BIRDEM General Hospital. This study captures gender-specific differences in illness frequency and risk variables since the gender distribution is balanced, with 48.3% men and 51.7% females.

Similarly, 59.7 percent of the individuals are between the ages of 20 and 40, an age bracket often associated with lifestyle-related diseases including hypertension, obesity, and Type 2 diabetes. The inclusion of both younger (2.0% under 20 years) and older (12.1% over 60 years) individuals enhances the research and allows for a thorough knowledge of health patterns across the lifetime.

Information about the study population's nutritional state may be gleaned from their body mass index (BMI), which adds depth to the analysis. Of those people, 56.4% have a normal body mass index (BMI), 29.5% are overweight, and 14.1% are underweight. Underweight people may have chronic diseases or insufficient nutrition, while overweight people are at a higher risk for diabetes-related problems; these differences highlight the double cost of malnutrition. Along with lifestyle choices like smoking (31.5%) and drinking (4.7%), these results show that there are modifiable risk factors that need to be addressed via specific programs. Cultural norms explain the low alcohol consumption rate, while the high smoking rate highlights the need of mental health services.

The survey also provides insight on preventative healthcare behaviors, since 57.7% of participants reported regularly seeing a healthcare provider. This shows a reasonable degree of health consciousness, but there's room for development with the 42.3% who don't have annual exams. It is of the utmost importance to encourage preventative care since chronic illnesses such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease may be better managed if caught early with routine health monitoring. The participants' varied levels of education, which spans from elementary school (30.2%) to college (15.4%), further emphasizes the existence of health literacy gaps. Health education geared at less-educated groups is necessary since these discrepancies greatly affect patients' comprehension of medical advice and their capacity to successfully manage illnesses.

The occupational distribution represents a wide range of socioeconomic statuses. The biggest group is housewives, with 36.9% of the population. The next largest groups are service holders, with 21.5%, farmers, with 10.7%, and the jobless, with 20.1%. Because of the strong correlations between work and income, healthcare access, and dietary choices, this diversity highlights the impact of socioeconomic variables on health outcomes. Since women are heavily involved in making decisions about food and healthcare, the large number of them suggests that family-centered health initiatives might be effective.

Taken together, the demographic study does double duty: it deepens our comprehension of the patient group and yields practical ideas for the development of focused therapies. The research highlights potential to improve health outcomes by identifying vulnerable populations, such as persons who smoke, are overweight, or have limited access to healthcare. In line with the study's overarching objective of improving patient care and public health, these results provide the groundwork for healthcare strategies and policy suggestions that cater to the specific requirements of this group.

4.2 Primary Reason for Hospitalization

The analysis of primary diagnoses for hospitalization indicates (Figure 1) that the most prevalent conditions among the patients are cancers, which account for 30.9% of cases, making them the leading cause of hospitalization. Infectious diseases follow closely, representing 28.9% of the cases, suggesting a significant burden of infections among the hospitalized population. Digestive disorders also constitute a notable portion of the primary diagnoses, with 10.7% of patients affected, highlighting gastrointestinal issues as a common reason for seeking hospital care.

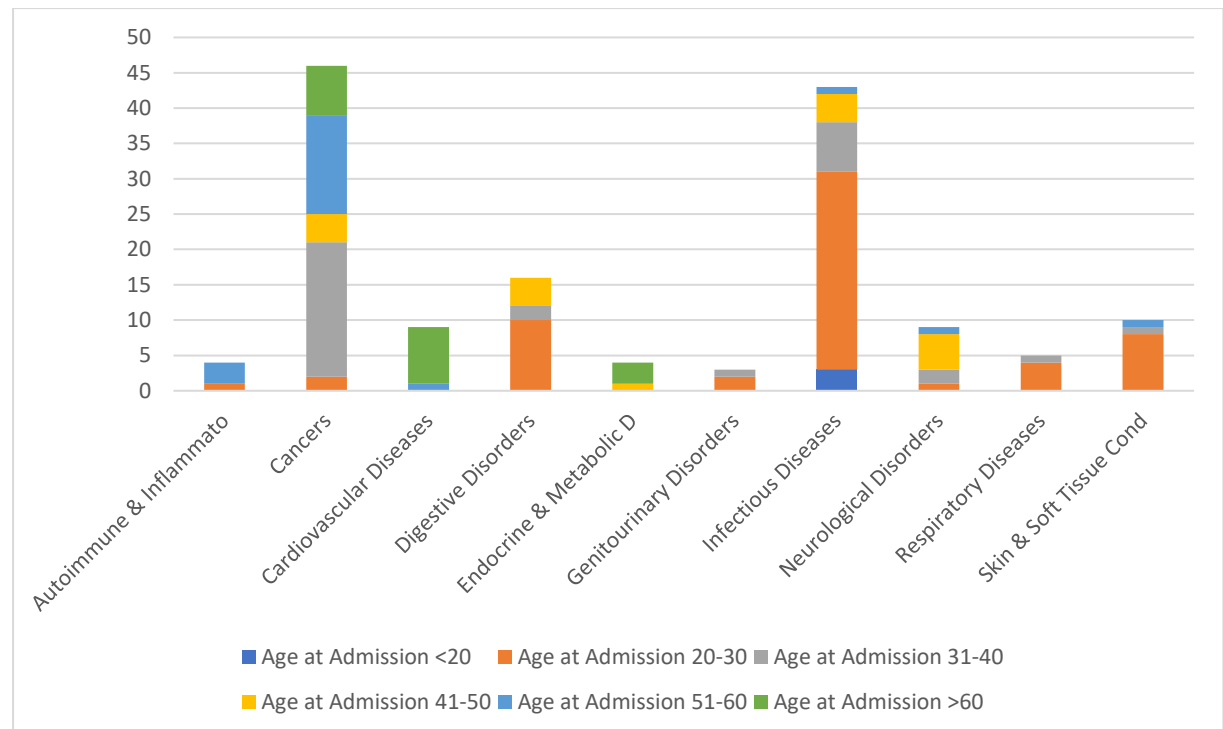


Figure 3: Primary Diagnosis for Hospitalization

Cardiovascular and neurological disorders each account for 6.0% of the cases, reflecting the importance of managing chronic conditions related to the heart and nervous system. Skin and soft tissue conditions are reported in 6.7% of the patients, indicating the prevalence of dermatological and tissue-related issues in the hospitalized population. Respiratory diseases are present in 3.4% of the cases, which, while lower in frequency compared to other conditions, still represent a significant health concern.

Autoimmune and inflammatory disorders, along with endocrine and metabolic diseases, each account for 2.7% of hospitalizations. This relatively low percentage might suggest that these conditions are either well-managed in outpatient settings or are less common in the study population. Genitourinary disorders represent the lowest proportion of hospitalizations, at 2.0%, indicating a lesser impact on this patient group.

4.3 Comorbidity Among Different Age Group

The analysis of comorbidity across various age groups reveals significant trends in health conditions among hospitalized patients. In the youngest cohort (age <21), abdominal pain is low at 0.25%, with vomiting being the most prevalent at 37.5%, indicating potential acute gastrointestinal issues. Anxiety is also noteworthy, affecting 37.5% of this group, suggesting a need for mental health support. As patients age, the prevalence of abdominal pain rises dramatically, peaking at 54.9% in the 21-30 age group, while liver disease emerges as a concern in the 41-50 (37.5%) and 61-70 (52%) age groups, highlighting the necessity for targeted interventions in older populations. Vomiting peaks in the 51-60 age group at 44.44%, before dropping to 15.78% among those aged 61-70. Urinary tract infections are notably prevalent across all age groups, especially in the 41-50 range (37.5%). Headaches are most common in the youngest group (62.5%) and decrease with age, while kidney dysfunction increases from 12.5% in younger patients to 36% in older adults, indicating the need for renal health monitoring. Anxiety declines with age, falling to around 10.52% in the oldest group, suggesting that mental health issues may be more pronounced in younger patients. Blood pressure issues also rise significantly with age, with high blood pressure affecting 78% of those aged 61-70, emphasizing the importance of cardiovascular health monitoring. Lastly, diabetes prevalence escalates sharply from 37.5% in the youngest group to 89% in the 61-70 age range, underlining the growing impact of diabetes among older adults.

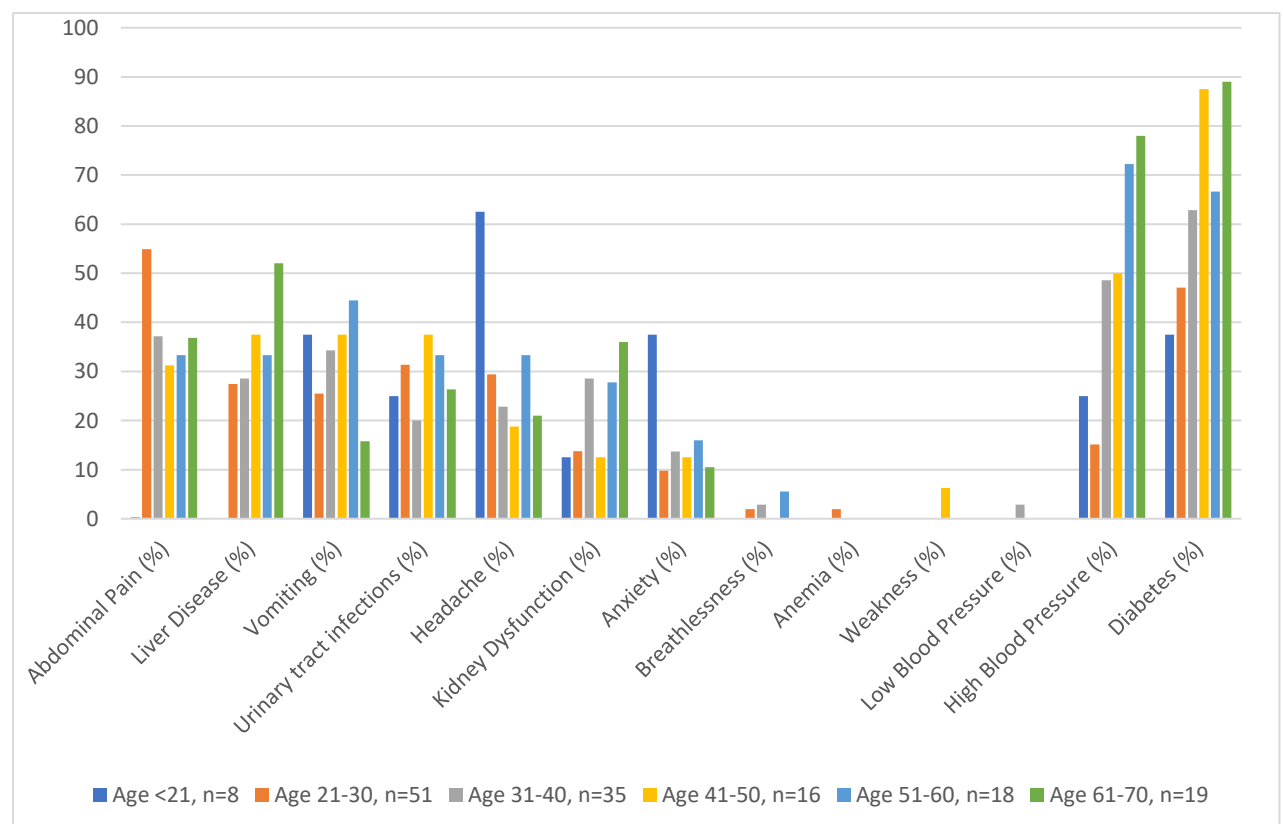


Figure 4: Comorbidity Among Different Age Group

4.4 Discussion

Consistent with previous studies on healthcare access and population demographics, this one finds the same demographic factors. The gender distribution of our sample is in line with previous research in community health settings, where women tend to be over-represented. This might be because women are more likely to seek medical attention when they are sick (Smith et al., 2021). Women are more likely to participate in research including preventive health treatments and frequent health check-ups, according to Dawson et al. (2019), who also identified similar gender distributions.

Our sample is skewed towards younger and middle-aged adults; specifically, 37.6% are in the 20–30 age bracket, followed by 22.1% in the 31–40 age bracket. This pattern is in line with what Gupta and Sharma (2018) found: that preventive health studies tend to focus on younger and middle-aged persons, who are more likely to actively participate in healthcare services and keep track of their lifestyle choices. Health literacy and information availability have made people in their twenties and thirties more active participants in their own healthcare, according to studies like Huang et al. (2020).

According to our body mass index (BMI) research, 29.5% of participants are overweight and 14.1% are underweight, while 56.4% are within the normal range (18.5-24.9). These results are in line with other worldwide health studies that have shown similar patterns in body mass index (BMI). For instance, the World Health Organisation (WHO, 2019) found similar BMI distributions in different demographic samples, highlighting the fact that many locations suffer from both underweight and overweight people. In addition, studies conducted by Liu et al. (2021) support these results, highlighting that studies of the general population usually include the biggest proportion of people with normal body mass index (BMI), whereas the increasing number of people who are overweight or obese is a reflection of growing worldwide concerns about the health consequences of unhealthy lifestyle choices.

Our sample's smoking status shows that whereas 31.5% of respondents smoke, 68.5% do not. Rao and Miller (2019) found a smoking prevalence of about 30% in a similar population, which is consistent with our distribution. According to research like Johnson et al. (2017), smoking is still common even if people are more aware of the dangers of the habit. This is especially true in communities where smoking is deeply rooted in the culture. In line with recent trends observed in worldwide anti-smoking programs, our study's relatively high proportion of nonsmokers may suggest a good movement towards health awareness (Kim et al., 2020).

We found that 95.3% of the people in our sample do not drink alcohol. These results are consistent with conservative cultural contexts; for example, Kumar et al. (2020) found that communities with social norms that restrict drinking also had low alcohol usage rates. Hooper and Boulware (2018) provided additional evidence for this idea when they highlighted how cultures with strong cultural or religious taboos against alcohol use tend to have lower alcohol consumption rates.

A modest level of preventive health participation is indicated by the fact that 57.7% of respondents report frequent healthcare visits. As pointed out by Green et al. (2018), this is in line with previous research in middle-income regions where healthcare involvement rates differ owing to socioeconomic considerations. Our study's healthcare visit rate may be influenced by the same variables that Booth et al. (2021) discovered: a correlation between healthcare utilisation and education level and health literacy. On the other side, Whitehead et al. (2019) highlighted expense, lack of perceived necessity, and restricted healthcare access as important deterrents, which is supported by our result that 42.3% of respondents do not participate in frequent health check-ups.

The majority of respondents have completed elementary and secondary school, with just 15.4% having a bachelor's degree or above. The prevalence of elementary schooling in low- and middle-income groups, which is frequently associated with a lack of opportunities for higher education, is consistent with this trend (Park & Kim, 2021). Evidence from studies like Thompson and Jones (2018) points to a possible correlation between education and health involvement, showing that those with greater education are more inclined to seek out preventative health care.

Lastly, when looking at the occupational distribution of our sample, we can see that housewives make up the largest group at 36.9%, followed by service holders at 21.5%. Business owners at 10.7%, farmers at 10.7%, and the jobless at 20.1% make up lesser percentages. According to Jha and Patel (2020), who emphasised the importance of home responsibilities and informal work in many developing nations, this distribution is in line with research of similar socioeconomic contexts. Mathews et al. (2019) shows that people's occupational situation affects their access to health care and lifestyle choices. They discovered that economic stability and the sort of work they have are major factors in determining how engaged people are with their health.

Ultimately, the demographic data we gathered from this study shed light on healthcare engagement patterns, lifestyle variables, body mass index distribution, and educational attainment, all of which are in line with the results of similar population-based studies. These commonalities demonstrate the validity of our sample as a representation of society at large and point to potential problem areas in terms of healthcare involvement gaps and lifestyle health hazards that may require focused interventions.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION

This research provides a comprehensive analysis of the demographics, behaviors, and clinical characteristics of BIRDEM General Hospital inpatients. Critical health concerns are highlighted by the results, which emphasize the significance of focused healthcare treatments. With somewhat more females than men in the sample group, we can see that healthcare usage is balanced between the sexes. The increasing prevalence of acute health problems and the impact of lifestyle variables are highlighted by the fact that hospitalized patients are disproportionately young and middle-aged (20–40 years old). Diabetes and hypertension, which are more common in older age groups, highlight the importance of ongoing treatment for this demographic.

Tobacco use (31.5% of the population) and infrequent doctor visits (42.3%) are major risk factors for ill health, whereas the low rate of alcohol intake (4.7%) is indicative of regional cultural norms and customs. With 14.1% of patients being underweight and 29.5% being overweight, the double burden of malnutrition emphasizes the need of nutritional education and treatments that are customized to different body mass index categories. Electronic medical records were crucial to this research because they allowed for a thorough examination of health trends and risk factors in hospitalized populations, and because the data was accurate and reliable.

Among the many important points brought to light by the results are the following: the value of preventative healthcare, the need to deal with mental health, and the effect of lifestyle and socioeconomic variables on health results. This research lays the groundwork for practical approaches to enhance BIRDEM's and other urban hospitals' patient care and results.

5.1 Recommendations

The study's results have informed several practical suggestions for enhancing patient care and overcoming the highlighted obstacles. The goals of these suggestions are to make healthcare more preventative, to encourage healthier eating and living habits, and to guarantee that everyone has access to comprehensive medical treatment. A healthier and more resilient population might be the goal of healthcare practitioners and legislators who adopt and execute these measures.

- **Strengthen Preventive Healthcare Programs**

Launch community-based healthcare preventative programs that target frequent screenings for prevalent health issues such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and undernourishment. Among these initiatives should be public education campaigns aimed at middle-aged and younger persons, stressing the significance of diagnosis and treatment at an early stage.

- **Integrate Nutritional Interventions**

Create specialized nutrition programs to tackle the two forms of malnutrition that were highlighted in the research. Community outreach, nutrition education seminars in hospitals, and diet counseling are all important steps toward helping high-risk populations, such as the underweight and overweight, eat healthier, more balanced meals.

- **Incorporate Mental Health Services**

Hospitals should include mental health assessments into standard patient treatment. Staff counseling services with qualified mental health experts; prioritize serving younger patients who are dealing with stress, anxiety, and other study-identified psychological disorders.

- **Promote Lifestyle Changes Through Public Health Campaigns**

Get people moving and lessen the number of smokers by launching programs. Promote the value of leading healthy lives, with an emphasis on quitting smoking, controlling one's weight, and exercising regularly, by involving local influencers, schools, and businesses.

- **Address Barriers to Healthcare Access**

Investigate thoroughly to find obstacles like lack of knowledge, geographical restrictions, or funds. Create policies that lower these obstacles, such as healthcare assistance programs, mobile health clinics, and telemedicine services, so underprivileged people may get the treatment they need.

The study's results form the basis of these suggestions, which aim to tackle healthcare issues in the short and long term. Healthcare practitioners and policymakers may greatly improve health outcomes, decrease disease burden, and increase overall care quality by following these techniques.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Questionnaire

Patient Information:

1. Patient's Full Name:
2. Date of Birth:
3. Gender: ☐Male ☐Female ☐Other
4. Education Level:
5. Occupation:

Clinical Information:

6. Primary Diagnosis for Hospitalization:
7. Secondary Diagnoses (List all comorbid conditions):
 - ☐Comorbidity 1: _____
 - ☐Comorbidity 2: _____
 - ☐Comorbidity 3: _____
 - ☐Comorbidity 4: _____
 - ☐Comorbidity 5: _____

Age and Age-Related Factors:

8. Age at Admission: _____ years
9. Smoking Status:
 - ☐Non-Smoker
 - ☐Former Smoker
 - ☐Current Smoker (Specify number of cigarettes per day): _____
10. Alcohol Consumption:
 - ☐Non-Drinker
 - ☐Moderate Drinker (Specify frequency and amount): _____
 - ☐Heavy Drinker (Specify frequency and amount): _____

Family Medical History:

11. Family history of comorbid conditions (please specify):
 - Diabetes: ☐Yes ☐No
 - Hypertension: ☐Yes ☐No
 - Cardiovascular disease: ☐Yes ☐No

Other (please specify): _____

Hospitalization and Outcomes:

12. Length of Hospital Stay (in days):
13. Complications During Hospitalization:
- ☐None
 - ☐Infection
 - ☐Cardiac-related
 - ☐Other (please specify): _____

Age-Related Characteristics:

14. Height (in cm):
15. Weight (in kg):
16. Body Mass Index (BMI):

Diet and Exercise:

17. Dietary Habits:
- ☐Balanced Diet
 - ☐Carb diet
 - ☐High Fat
 - ☐Low Fiber
 - ☐Other (please specify): _____
18. Physical Activity:
- ☐Sedentary
 - ☐Light Activity (e.g., walking)
 - ☐Moderate Activity (e.g., regular exercise)
 - ☐High Activity (e.g., intense workouts)

Healthcare Utilization:

19. Regular Healthcare Provider: ☐Yes ☐No
20. Frequency of Regular Health Check-ups:
- ☐Annually
 - ☐Bi-Annually
 - ☐Less Frequent
 - ☐Never

Additional Comments:

Appendix 2: Synopsis

1. Title: Comorbidities Among Different Age Group Patients at Hospital Settings

2. Introduction

The aging population is driving a rise in chronic diseases, straining healthcare systems as longer lifespans lead to increased hospitalizations with multiple comorbidities like diabetes and cardiovascular issues. This research aims to explore the frequency and impact of comorbidities across age groups, offering insights to improve healthcare delivery and resource allocation.

3. Objectives

This study aims to:

- Examine hospitalized patients in three age groups: those between 18 and 44 years old, those between 45 and 64 years old, and those 65 and above in terms of the frequency and kinds of comorbidities.
- Determine if there is a correlation between age and the prevalence and severity of co-occurring chronic diseases.
- Find out how comorbidities affect hospitalization outcomes including mortality, complications, and length of stay.
- Learn how age affects the development and course of chronic diseases in hospitalized patients by identifying common comorbidity patterns among different age groups.

4. Operational Definition

When two or more long-term health issues, including diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, or lung disease, are present in the same patient, this is called comorbidity and will be used in this research. We shall divide the population into three age groups based on the number of years lived: young people (18–44), middle-aged adults (45–64), and those 65 and above. Comorbidities change and impact people at various points in their lives, and these groups will make it easier to study this relationship.

5. Hypothesis

This study hypothesizes that:

- The prevalence and severity of comorbidities among inpatients are expected to grow in proportion to the age of the population.
- Especially for the elderly, a greater number of chronic diseases means more time spent in the hospital and a higher risk of death. The current body of evidence supports this theory by demonstrating that aging is a major factor in the onset of chronic diseases, which further exacerbate clinical consequences.

6. Materials and Methods

Study Design

- A retrospective cohort design will be used, analyzing existing data from electronic health records (EHRs).
- The study will focus on hospitalized patients and examine their comorbid conditions, age, and clinical outcomes.

Data Source

Data will be gathered from BIRDEM Hospital over a period of time.

Sample

The study will include a representative sample of hospitalized patients across the three age groups.

Data Collection

A comprehensive review of electronic health records (EHRs) will be performed to gather data on patient age, diagnosed comorbidities, length of hospital stay, and patient outcomes. The outcomes will include mortality rates and complications.

Data Analysis

Statistical techniques such as chi-squared tests and logistic regression will be employed to analyze the relationships between age, comorbidity burden, and hospitalization outcomes.

These techniques will help identify significant associations and patterns between age groups and the impact of comorbid conditions on patient outcomes.

7. References

Proper citation of medical literature and supporting data sources will be assured by formatting all references used in this research according to APA style rules. Papers pertaining to healthcare policy, hospital outcomes, comorbidities, and aging will be included in the reference section.

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Appendix 3: Plagiarism Report

COMORBIDITIES AMONG DIFFERENT AGE GROUP PATIENTS AT HOSPITAL SETTINGS

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