

## **Year 2002 Connecticut Hospitalizations**

In 2002 there were 303,823 hospitalizations of Connecticut residents in Connecticut hospitals (Table H-1), not including those related to pregnancy and birth, with total charges of more than five billion dollars. The hospitalization rate for all conditions besides pregnancy and birth increased 1.7% from the previous year to 8,256 per 100,000 residents of all ages. The lowest rate was during ages 5-14 and the highest during ages 65 and older. Overall, the median charge per hospital stay increased 10.0% to \$10,498 and the median length of stay was three days. Among listed conditions and procedures, the longest median stay was for amputation with diabetes, and the highest median charge was for non-fatal spinal injury.

The leading diagnosis for all ages of patients, as well as for ages 45-64 and for 65 and older, was diseases of the heart (Table H-5). Respiratory diseases were the leading cause of hospitalization for ages 0-4; while mental disorders were for ages 5-14, 15-24, and 25-44. However, respiratory diseases were the leading cause of hospitalization for all ages, among black and among Hispanic residents (Table H-2).

The most common type of injury among males and females, whites, blacks, and Hispanics, was an unintentional fall (Tables H-3, H-4), whose risk increased with age. Hospitalization rate ratios between the sexes and race/ethnicity groups appear in Tables H-6 and H-7. High male to female, black to white, and Hispanic to white ratios occurred within many conditions, such as HIV/AIDS, amputation with diabetes, and firearms injury. High female to male ratios marked a few conditions, such as gallstones, and high white to black ratios were present for some conditions, including appendicitis.

## **Tables**

### **H-1 All Ages**

Number and Rate of Hospital Discharges, Median Length of Stay, Median Charges, and Total Charges, by Sex

### **H-1 Age Specific**

Number and Rate of Hospital Discharges, Median Length of Stay, and Median Charges, by Age and Sex

### **H-2**

Hospitalizations by Age and Race/Ethnicity, with Top Ten Leading Causes

### **H-3**

Injury Hospitalizations by Intent and Mechanism, by Sex

### **H-4**

Injury Hospitalizations by Intent and Mechanism, by Race/Ethnicity

### **H-5**

Leading Causes of Hospitalization by Age and Sex

### **H-6**

Relative Risk of Hospitalizations for Selected Causes

### **H-7**

Relative Risk of Hospitalizations for Injuries by Intent

### **Appendix A-1**

Comparison of Diagnosis Codes used in this Report and by other Sources: Selected Causes

### **Appendix A-2**

Comparison of Diagnosis Codes used in this Report and by other Sources: Injuries

Tables A-1 and A-2 are unchanged from the 2000 Connecticut Hospitalization Report and are located with it.

Limitations of the data are discussed in the Introduction section of both the 1998 and 1999 Connecticut Hospitalization Reports

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