

# Frequent Emergency Department Visits for Mental Health and/or Addictions Reasons

## Alternate Name\*

Percentage of people with four or more visits over the previous 12 months, among people who visited the emergency department for a mental illness or addiction

## INDICATOR DESCRIPTION

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This indicator measures the percentage of people with four or more visits over the previous 12 months, among people who visited the emergency department for a mental illness or addiction

### HQO Reporting tool/product

Public Reports (annual report, bulletins and theme reports)

### Dimension\*

Effective

### Type\*

Outcome

## DEFINITION AND SOURCE INFORMATION

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### Unit of Measurement\*

Percentage

### Calculation Methods\*

Numerator divided by the denominator times 100

### Numerator (short description i.e. not inclusions/exclusions)\*

Number of individuals who had at least one emergency department visit for mental health and/or addictions (MHA) in a given year

### Denominator (short description i.e. not inclusions/exclusions)\*

Total number of individuals in the denominator who had at least four emergency department visits for mental health and/or addiction in a 365-day period prior to their most recent visit in a given year

### Adjustment (risk, age/sex standardization)- generalized

Age and sex standardized

### Data Source

National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS)

Registered Persons Database (RPDB)

**Data provided to HQO by**

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC)

## **OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION**

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### **Caveats and Limitations**

Complete diagnoses in EDs are not always possible and tend to reflect symptoms or problems instead, which may lead to an under-estimate of conditions included in the indicator. Addiction- and substance-related visits may be underestimated, as poisonings are not included in the indicator.

## **TAGS**

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Acute Care/Hospital

Outcome

Mental Health and Addiction

Effective

National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS)

Registered Persons Database (RPDB)

## **PUBLISH**

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### **PUBLISH DATETIME\***

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