

3. Data overview

Source of admission to the ICU

Of patients admitted to the ICU, 43% (683/1,596) were admitted from the accident and emergency department of the same hospital and 537/1,596 (34%) were admitted to the ICU from a ward in the same hospital. Figure 4 demonstrates the range of admission sources as detailed on the intensive care questionnaire.

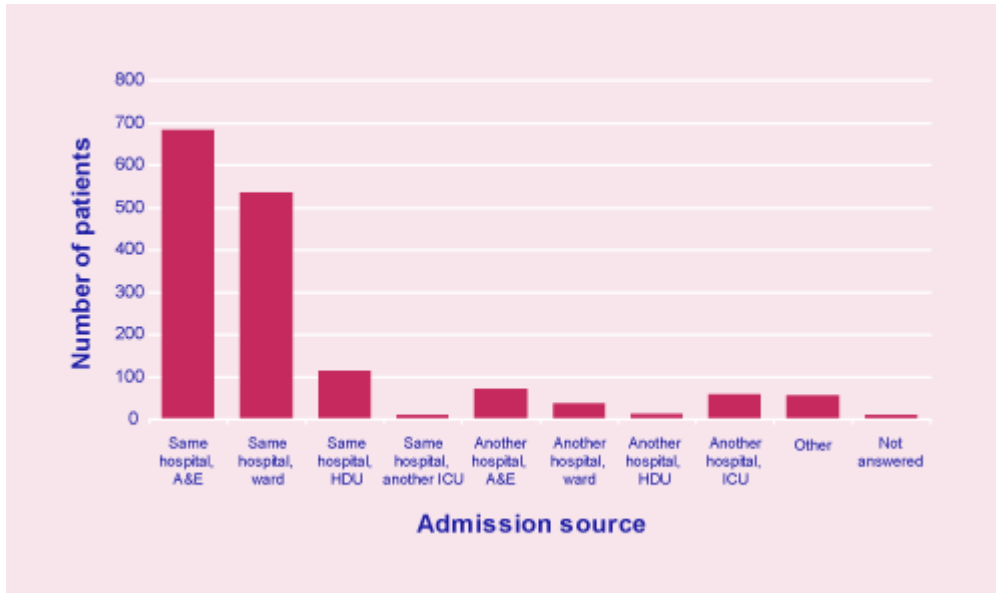


Figure 4. Source of admission to the ICU $n=1,596$

Figure 5 shows that the most common clinical reason for referral to ICU was respiratory disease, followed by cardiovascular and neurological disease. This data was taken from the ICU questionnaire.

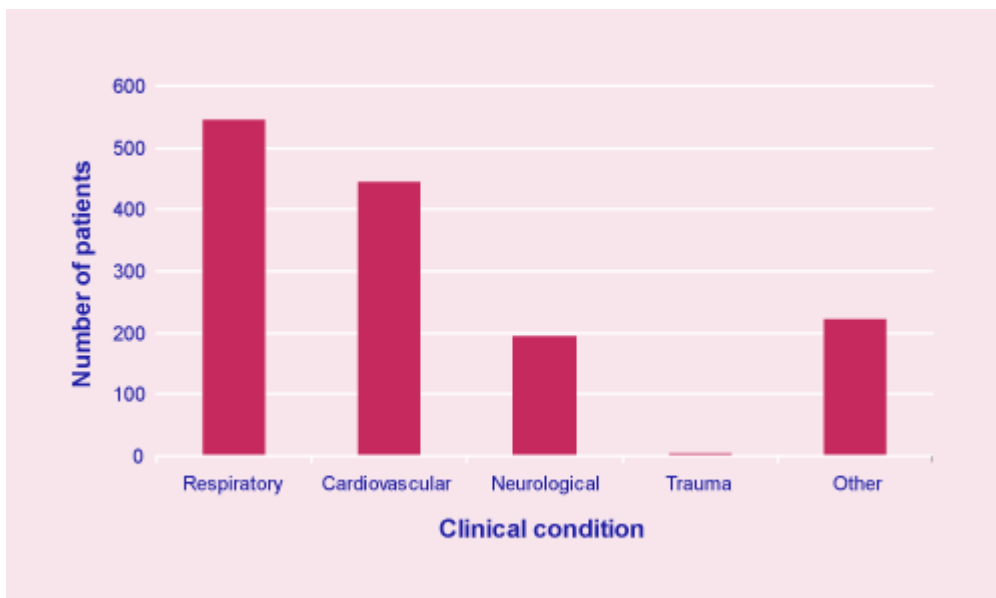


Figure 5. Clinical reason for referral to ICU $n=1,596$