

7. ICU admission process

Introduction

Table 1 shows the pattern of admissions to ICU over a 24 hour period. When controlling for the length of each period it can be seen that the busiest time with respect to new admissions was the evening, followed by the night and the daytime slot.

Table 1. Frequency distribution of time of ICU admission							
Time of admission	Outcome						
	Died	Survived	Unknown	Total	Admission/hour	Died(%)	Survived(%)
Day	254	457	11	722	72.2	(36)	(64)
Evening	170	312	5	487	81.2	(35)	(65)
Night	126	314	3	443	73.8	(29)	(71)
Sub-total	550	1,083	19	1,652			
Not answered	10	13	2	25			
Total	560	1,096	21	1,677			