

About the Data: Emergency Department Utilization

Introduction

The following information was derived from documentation available from the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES): <http://www.ices.on.ca/>

Emergency Department utilization data was abstracted from The National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS), produced by CIHI and maintained by ICES. NACRS contains information on outpatient visits to hospital and community based ambulatory care, including emergency departments.

The current data reflects all unscheduled visits to emergency departments in Ontario by Toronto residents in 2009. Individuals were included if they had a City of Toronto postal code at the time of admission and if they had a valid health number. Information regarding persons eligible for health care coverage in Ontario was derived from the Registered Persons Database (RPDB).

*** PLEASE NOTE:**

This document is still being prepared. The complete, detailed document about data sources, definitions and data limitations will be available soon. Thank you for your patience.