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Areas of Need Not applicable

Geographic Coverage All provinces/territories

Reporting Level/Disaggregation National, Province/Territory, Region, Neighbourhood Income Quintile

Indicator Results [Accessing Indicator Results on Your Health System: In Depth](#)

Identifying Information

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Indicator Description and Calculation

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| Calculation: Description | $(\text{Total number of discharges for a self-injury for patients age 15 and older} \div \text{Total mid-year population age 15 and older}) \times 100,000$ (age-adjusted) |
| Calculation: Geographic Assignment | Place of residence |
| Calculation: Type of Measurement | Rate - per 100,000 |
| Calculation: Adjustment Applied | Age-adjusted |
| Calculation: Method of Adjustment | Direct Standardization Standard Population: Canada 2011 |
| Denominator | Description: Total mid-year population age 15 and older Description: Total number of discharges for a self-injury for patients age 15 and older Inclusions: 1. Admission to an acute care institution (Facility Type Code = 1) |
| Numerator | 2. Self-injury is identified by the following external cause of injury codes with a diagnosis type of 9: ICD-10-CA X60–X84 3. Age at admission 15 years and older Exclusions: 1. Cadaveric donor or stillbirth records (Admission Category Code = R or S) |
| Background, Interpretation and Benchmarks | |

Self-injury is defined as a deliberate bodily injury that may or may not result in death. This type of injury is the result of either suicidal or self-harming behaviours, or both. Self-injury can be prevented, in many cases, by early recognition, intervention and treatment of mental illnesses. While some risk factors for self-injury are beyond the control of the health system, high rates of self-injury hospitalization can be interpreted as the result of a failure of the system to prevent self-injuries that are severe enough to require hospitalization. Lower rates are desirable.

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Dimensions
Area: Not applicable

Needs
Targets: Not applicable

Refer Canadian Institute for Health Information. National Trauma Registry Analytic Bulletin: Hospitalizations Due to Suicide Attempts and Self-Inflicted Injuries in Canada, 2001-2002. Ottawa, ON: CIHI; 2004.

Availability of Data Sources and Results

Data Sources: DAD, HMDB, NACRS, OMHRS

Type of Year:

Fiscal

Available Data Years: **First Available Year:**

2010

Last Available Year:

2017

Geographic Coverage: All provinces/territories

Reporting Level/Disaggregation: National, Province/Territory, Region, Neighbourhood Income Quintile

Result Updates

Update Frequency: Every year

Web Tool:

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Indicator Results

URL:

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Updates

Not applicable

Quality Statement

Caveats and Limitations
This indicator does not include cases of self-injury involving outpatient treatment in hospital emergency departments or other medical facilities or completed suicide prior to hospital admission. Thus this indicator cannot be used to estimate the prevalence of self-injury in the general population. Also not included are patients who were institutionalized in a psychiatric hospital and were self-injured during their stay but did not require admission to a general hospital. For a broader estimate of self-injury, please refer to the In Focus section of *Health Indicators 2012*.

Trend
Weyburn Mental Health Centre in Saskatchewan is not included in all mental health-related indicators as requested by the facility. As a result, rates for Sun Country Health Region (4701) in 2009 are not comparable with those reported in subsequent years.

Issues
Brant Community Healthcare System: Brantford General Hospital did not submit its 2009–2010 data to the Ontario Mental Health Reporting System as of the reporting deadline; therefore, it is not included in the indicator calculation. Rates for North East Local Health Integration Network (3513) are not comparable with those reported in subsequent years.

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2. Patients who were institutionalized in a psychiatric hospital and were self-injured during their stay but did not require admission to a general hospital

Comments

Indicator results are also available in

–The Health Indicators e-Publication (<http://yourhealthsystem.cihi.ca/epub/?language=en>); data is updated annually starting from 2010–2011.