

Use of Emergency Departments by Elderly Americans

114,000,000 visits to US emergency departments (EDs) in 2003¹

8 times greater number of ED visits for falls among those 85 or older³

15,732,000 visits to the ED in 2004 by those 65 and older; of those, 15.6% were emergent²

33% of ED visits were by those older than 65 years¹

307.1 per 10,000 ED visits by those over 65 are for heart disease³

47% of ED visits made by people on Medicare²

5 times more visits to EDs made by people aged 65 to 74 living in nursing homes or other institutions¹

11:00 a.m. peak time of ED visits by elderly patients³

3.3 average hours spent per visit in ED³



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