

Supplementary Table 1. First consultations for rectal bleeding and postmenopausal bleeding by age and sex.

Age group (years)	Number of person-years observation	Number of first consultations	Rate per 1000 patients per year
Rectal bleeding: females			
25–29	376 835	1 085	2.9
30–34	475 737	1 228	2.6
35–39	509 649	1 324	2.6
40–44	473 068	1 230	2.6
45–49	411 254	1 165	2.8
50–54	402 185	1 204	3.0
55–59	424 309	1 503	3.5
60–64	325 830	1 216	3.7
65–69	299 470	1 205	4.0
70–74	280 363	1 130	4.0
75–79	262 158	1 048	4.0
80–84	238 694	1 025	4.3
85 and over	287 580	1 380	4.8
All females	4 767 132	15 743	3.3
Rectal bleeding: males			
25–29	365 035	824	2.3
30–34	480 944	1 166	2.4
35–39	531 930	1 366	2.6
40–44	505 340	1 401	2.8
45–49	435 477	1 293	3.0
50–54	417 257	1 266	3.0
55–59	440 109	1 390	3.2
60–64	333 470	1 158	3.5
65–69	297 625	1 150	3.9
70–74	257 930	1 098	4.3
75–79	213 099	918	4.3
80–84	164 077	754	4.6
85 and over	132 211	648	4.9
All males	4 574 504	14 432	3.2
Postmenopausal bleeding: females			
40–44	473 068	36	0.1
45–49	411 254	193	0.5
50–54	402 185	1 239	3.1
55–59	424 309	3 133	7.4
60–64	325 830	1 917	5.9
65–69	299 470	1 265	4.2
70–74	280 363	860	3.1
75–79	262 158	582	2.2
80–84	238 694	487	2.0
85 and over	287 580	430	1.5
All females	3 404 911	10 142	3.0