

SUPPLEMENTAL DIGITAL CONTENT

Table I. Admitting Specialty Categorization based on Veterans Health Administration Bed Section Designations in Fiscal Year 2013

Specialty Bed Section	Admissions* (n = 469,082)	
Medical	314,491	(67.0)
Cardiac Intensive Care Unit	2,993	(0.6)
Cardiac Step Down Unit	1,848	(0.4)
Cardiology	8,258	(1.8)
ED Observation	66	(0.0)
Epilepsy Center	43	(0.0)
Gastroenterology	618	(0.1)
GEM Acute Medicine	618	(0.1)
General Medicine (Acute)	224,690	(47.9)
Hematology/Oncology	2,493	(0.5)
Medical Intensive Care Unit	20,632	(4.4)
Medical Observation	15,889	(3.4)
Medical Step Down	5,112	(1.1)
Metabolic	2,527	(0.5)
Neurology	5,524	(1.2)
Neurology Observation	146	(0.0)
Pulmonary	450	(0.1)
Telemetry	22,584	(4.8)
Psychiatric	64,083	(13.7)
Alcohol Dependence Treatment Unit	646	(0.1)
Evaluation/Brief Treatment PTSD Unit (EBTPU)	21	(0.0)
GEM Psychiatric Beds	217	(0.0)
General Intermediate Psychiatry	1,333	(0.3)
High Intensity General Psychiatry	61,477	(13.1)
Psychiatric Observation	88	(0.0)
Substance Abuse Treatment Unit	301	(0.1)
Surgical	90,508	(19.3)
Cardiac Surgery	766	(0.2)
Ear, Nose, Throat (ENT)	2,295	(0.5)
General Surgery	26,853	(5.7)
Neurosurgery	4,872	(1.0)
Obstetrics/Gynecology	375	(0.1)
Ophthalmology	187	(0.0)
Oral Surgery	142	(0.0)
Orthopedic	15,525	(3.3)
Plastic Surgery	766	(0.2)
Podiatry	648	(0.1)
Surgical Intensive Care Unit	12,650	(2.7)
Surgical Observation	4,071	(0.9)
Surgical Step Down	2,389	(0.5)
Thoracic Surgery	2,925	(0.6)
Transplantation	204	(0.0)
Urology	8,773	(1.9)
Vascular	7,067	(1.5)

GEM = Geriatric Evaluation & Management, PTSD = Post-traumatic Stress Disorder

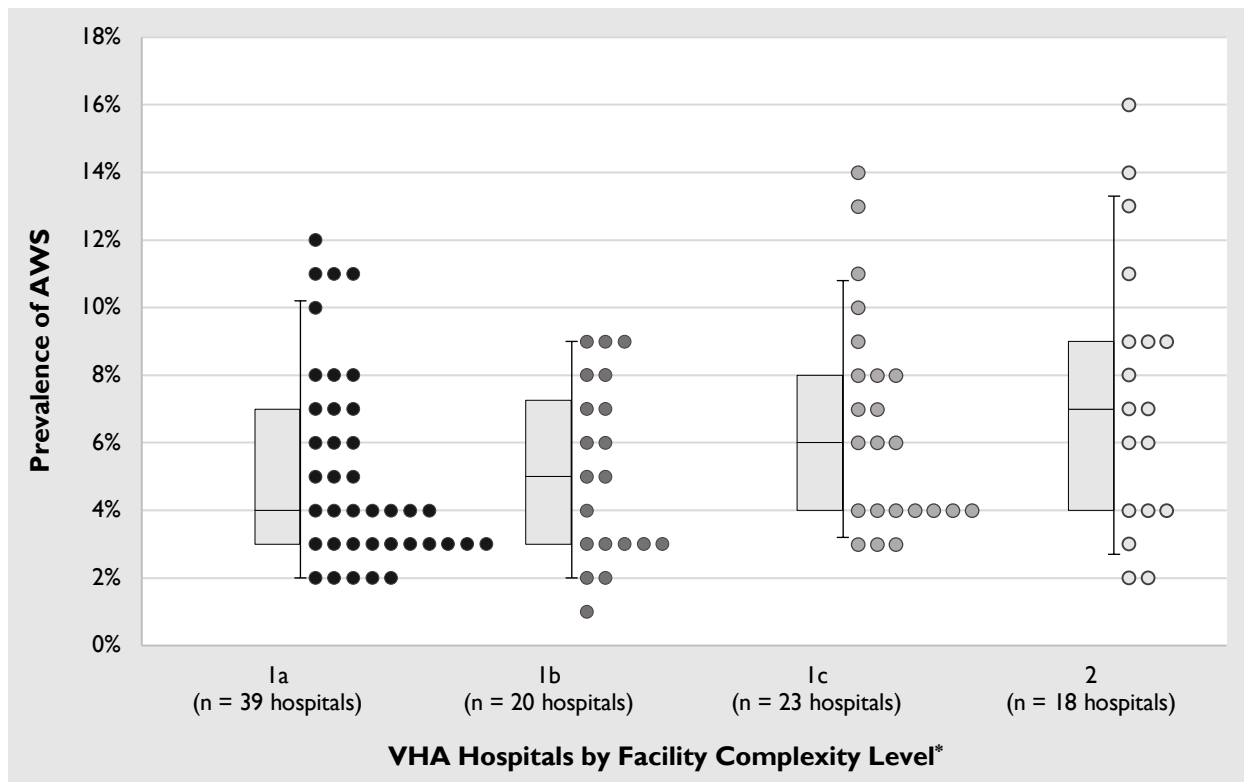
*Reported as No. (%)

eTable 2. Characteristics of Hospitalizations in the Veterans Health Administration during Fiscal Year 2013

	VHA Hospitalizations* (n = 469,082)	
Facility Complexity Level		
1a—highest	262,024	(55.9)
1b—high	91,932	(19.6)
1c—mid-high	77,910	(16.6)
2—medium	37,216	(7.9)
Intensive care		
No	425,382	(90.7)
Yes	43,700	(9.3)
Admitting specialty		
Medical	314,491	(67.0)
Psychiatric	64,083	(13.7)
Surgical	90,508	(19.3)
Diagnoses		
Alcohol-related disorder	64,725	(13.8)
Other substance use condition	46,987	(10.0)
Mental health disorder	149,985	(32.0)
Suicide attempt	1,346	(0.3)
Seizure	16,031	(3.4)
Cerebrovascular disease	30,409	(6.5)
Myocardial infarction	23,398	(5.0)
Congestive heart failure	73,071	(15.6)
Cardiac dysrhythmia	96,145	(20.5)
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	93,866	(20.0)
Pneumonia	37,679	(8.0)
Sepsis/shock	35,117	(7.5)
Gastrointestinal tract disorder	156,611	(33.4)
Liver injury	52,481	(11.2)
Pancreaticobiliary disease	19,787	(4.2)
Kidney injury	129,478	(27.6)
Diabetes mellitus	154,674	(33.0)
Nutrition, electrolyte, or acid-base disorder	123,647	(26.4)
Malignancy	63,044	(13.4)
Musculoskeletal or soft tissue disorder	176,832	(37.7)
Trauma	45,573	(9.7)

VHA = Veterans Health Administration

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eFigure 1. Hospital prevalence of Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome in the Veterans Health Administration during Fiscal Year 2013 by Facility Complexity Level

AWS = Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome

VHA = Veterans Health Administration

Each hospital is represented by a circle corresponding to AWS prevalence

*Facility Complexity Level: 1a—highest complexity, 1b—high complexity, 1c—mid-high complexity, 2—medium complexity; categories are mutually exclusive (n = 100 hospitals)

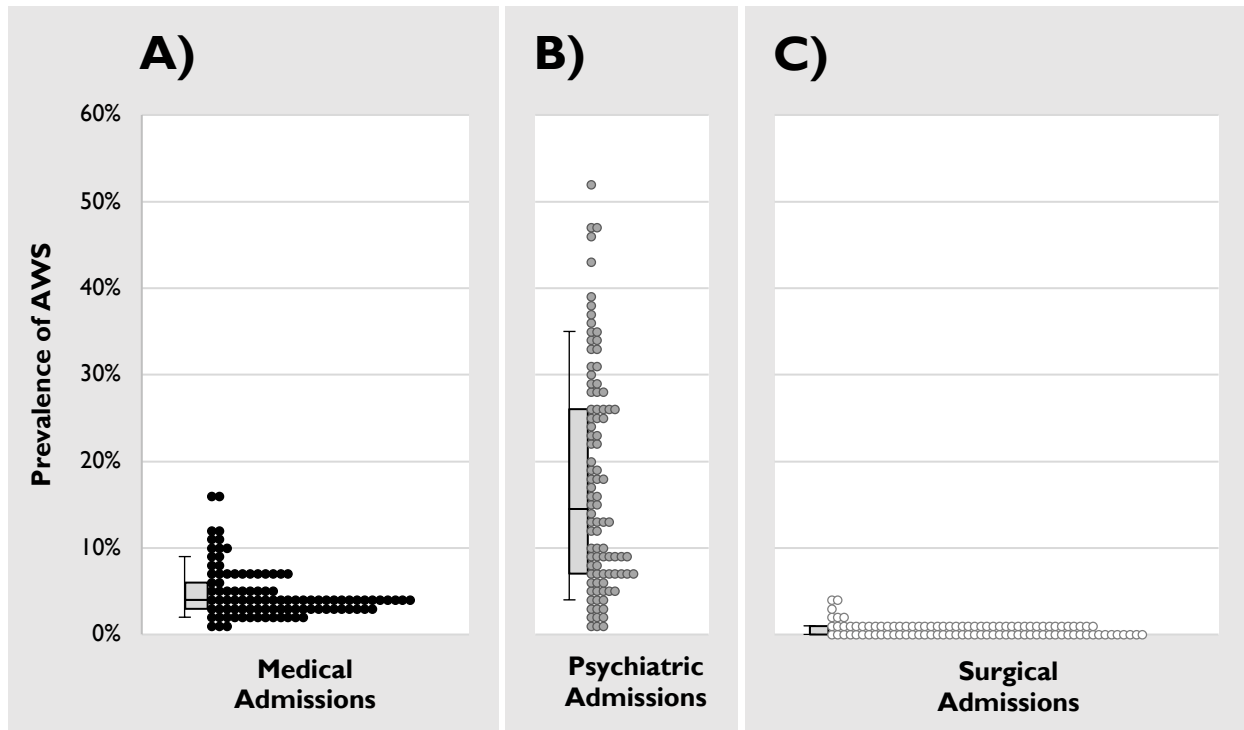


Figure 2. Prevalence of Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome Among A) Medical, B) Psychiatric, and C) Surgical Admissions to Hospitals in the Veterans Health Administration during Fiscal Year 2013

AWS = Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome

Each hospital is represented by a circle corresponding to AWS prevalence; all hospitals (n = 100) had medical and surgical admissions (panel A and C); 6 hospitals did not have Psychiatric admissions (n = 94 hospitals, panel B)