Overview of hospital stays in the United States, 2012: Statistical Brief #180

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Abstract

This Statistical Brief presents data from the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) on characteristics of inpatient stays in U.S. community hospitals in 2012. The distribution of type of hospital stay (surgical, medical, and maternal or neonatal) is presented for different characteristics (patient age, primary payer, and hospital region). Changes in hospital utilization and costs from 2003 to 2012.
In 2012, there were 36.5 million hospital stays in the United States, with an average length of stay of 4.5 days and an average cost of $10,400 per stay. The rate of hospitalization decreased by an average of 0.3 percent per year from 2003 to 2008.

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