

ABSTRACT

This paper describes the relationship between the activity of acute out-patient podiatry and the time taken for that activity, using the National Allied Health Casemix Committee (NAHCC)'s Allied Health Minimum Data Set: Version One.

Existing data from a number of acute hospital podiatry departments were collected. These data were analysed to establish differences and relationships between the various interventions performed by podiatrists. The type and number of interventions both affected the length of consultation, and a linear relationship was found between the number of interventions performed and the time taken to perform them.

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