Alcohol-Related ER Visits Stable Throughout Year

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) collects data as part of an ongoing surveillance of emergency department visits and the chief complaint at time of admission. Data are collected from seven of the eight hospitals in the state. The complaints are analyzed using a CDC system—Early Aberration Reporting System (EARS)—which defines several alcohol-related complaints. A chronic disease epidemiologist at DPH has combined the alcohol-related complaints into a single category with 3,387 entries, enabling a look at how alcohol impacts state health services.

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