

**Table 1 Characteristics of the participating hospitals (n = 24)**

Hospital characteristic	No.	%
<b>Total beds</b>	3857	31.6*
<b>Ownership</b>		
Public	6	25.0
Private	18	75.0
<b>Size (no. of beds)</b>		
< 50	5	20.8
50-100	11	45.8
> 100	8	33.3
<b>Region</b>		
Beirut	5	20.8
Mount Lebanon	7	29.2
Bekaa	3	12.5
North	4	16.7
South	5	20.8
<b>Teaching status</b>		
Teaching	5	20.8
Non-teaching	19	79.5
<b>Accreditation status</b>		
A	7	29.2
B	2	8.3
C	6	25.0
D	2	8.3
n/a	7	29.2

\*The percentage is out of total number of beds in Lebanon.

n/a = not available.