

**Table 1 Prescribing indicators in 22 primary health care centres in Gaza Strip Governorates**

Centre No.	Patients' age (yr)	No. of drugs per encounter	No. of drugs in prescriptions	% of encounter with			% of drugs prescribed in	
	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)		AB	AN	INJ	GN	EDL
1	15.4 (19.4)	2.0 (0.9)	235	71.4	33.6	0.8	19.2	83.4
2	18.7 (21.7)	1.8 (0.8)	221	63.3	35.8	0.8	12.2	87.8
3	23.8 (23.0)	1.9 (0.9)	223	60.0	36.7	0.8	18.8	87.0
4	20.3 (24.0)	1.8 (0.8)	221	67.5	38.3	0.8	3.2	85.5
5	22.3 (22.2)	2.0 (1.0)	236	64.2	35.8	0.0	14.8	77.5
6	27.0 (23.8)	2.0 (0.9)	237	60.8	42.5	0.0	5.9	78.9
7	19.5 (20.2)	2.1 (1.0)	251	78.3	36.7	0.0	7.6	85.7
8	24.9 (22.8)	2.1 (1.0)	256	59.2	56.7	3.3	10.2	84.4
9	22.3 (21.7)	1.7 (0.8)	206	75.8	33.3	1.7	9.2	89.3
10	25.4 (24.2)	1.9 (1.0)	228	61.7	41.7	2.5	12.3	81.6
11	20.5 (20.1)	1.9 (0.8)	223	71.7	41.7	0.0	9.9	77.1
12	22.1 (22.6)	2.0 (0.9)	236	75.8	35.8	0.8	6.8	68.6
13	15.4 (19.1)	2.1 (0.9)	254	78.3	52.5	0.0	9.8	70.9
14	31.2 (23.3)	2.0 (0.9)	239	53.3	28.3	4.2	4.6	78.7
15	18.5 (20.5)	2.0 (0.9)	215	70.9	35.5	0.0	7.0	73.5
16	24.1 (23.3)	2.0 (1.0)	245	67.5	28.3	3.3	5.3	78.8
17	25.6 (24.2)	2.3 (1.0)	276	73.3	48.3	2.5	7.3	77.2
18	25.3 (24.7)	2.4 (1.0)	286	71.7	43.3	2.5	17.5	83.6
19	19.6 (22.8)	1.7 (0.7)	204	62.5	40.8	1.7	10.3	90.2
20	16.9 (20.1)	1.9 (0.7)	111	71.7	41.7	3.3	15.3	82.0
21	22.0 (21.5)	1.8 (1.0)	214	66.7	34.2	0.0	11.2	77.1
22	33.0 (24.5)	2.1 (1.0)	257	61.7	45.8	0.0	10.9	83.3
Total	22.6 (22.7)	2.0 (0.9)	5074	67.5	39.4	1.3	10.1	81.0

AB = antibiotics; AN = analgesics; EDL = essential drug list; GN = generic name; INJ = injections; SD = standard deviation.