Table 1. Top 25 MS-LTC-DRGs made up two thirds of LTCH discharges in 2012 in the USA (33)

MS-LTC-DRG	Description	Discharges	Percentage
207	Respiratory system diagnosis with ventilator support > 96 h	15 842	11.3
189	Pulmonary edema and respiratory failure	14 036	10.0
871	Septicemia or severe sepsis without ventilator support > 96 h with MCC	8954	6.4
177	Respiratory infections and inflammations with MCC	4546	3.2
592	Skin ulcers with MCC	4004	2.8
208	Respiratory system diagnosis with ventilator support < 96 h	3060	2.2
949	Aftercare with CC/MCC	3060	2.2
539	Osteomyelitis with MCC	2605	1.9
190	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with MCC	2466	1.8
193	Simple pneumonia and pleurisy with MCC	2259	1.6
919	Complications of treatment with MCC	2200	1.6
559	Aftercare, musculoskeletal system and connective tissue with MCC	2190	1.6
682	Renal failure with MCC	2142	1.5
314	Other circulatory system diagnoses with MCC	2061	1.5
862	Postoperative and post-traumatic infections with MCC	2053	1.5
570	Skin debridement with MCC	1965	1.4
870	Septicemia or severe sepsis with ventilator support > 96 h	1928	1.4
166	Other respiratory system OR procedures with MCC	1899	1.4
4	Tracheostomy with ventilator support > 96 h or primary diagnosis except face, mouth, and neck without major OR procedure	1840	1.3
291	Heart failure and shock with MCC	1749	1.2
853	Infectious and parasitic diseases with OR procedure with MCC	1561	1.1
602	Cellulitis with MCC	1523	1.1
603	Cellulitis without MCC	1487	1.1
981	Extensive OR procedure unrelated to principal diagnosis with MCC	1455	1.0
371	Major gastrointestinal disorders and peritoneal infections with MCC	1424	1.0
	Top 25 MS-LTC-DRGs	88 309	62.9
	Total	140 496	100.0

MS-LTC-DRGs are the case-mix system for LTCHs. Columns may not sum due to rounding. CC = complication or comorbidity; LTCH = long-term care hospital; MCC = major complication or comorbidity; MS-LTC-DRG = Medicare severity long-term care diagnosis-related group; OR = operating room. Source: MedPAC analysis of Medicare provider analysis and review data from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.