

Table 1 Demographic and occupational characteristics of health-care workers in emergency departments

Health-care worker characteristics	No.	%
Occupation		
Physician	63	19
Nurse	175	54
Others ^a	86	27
Sex		
Male	109	33.6
Female	215	66.4
Age (yr)^b		
≤ 30	153	47.2
31-40	136	42
> 40	35	10.8
Marital status		
Married	226	69.8
Unmarried	98	30.2
Nationality		
Saudi	253	78.1
Non-Saudi	71	21.9
Education		
Diploma	163	50.3
Bachelor's	141	43.5
Master's	12	3.7
Board ^c	8	2.5
Work experience (yr)		
1-5	126	38.9
6-9	130	40.1
> 10	68	21
Multiple shifts		
Yes	292	90.1
No	32	9.9
Shift time		
Morning	42	13
Alternate	282	87
No. of coworkers		
Mean (standard deviation)	9 (5)	
≤ 10	232	71.6
> 10	92	28.4

^aPharmacists, technicians and clerical workers.

^bMean age 32.7 (6.2) years.

^cMedical degree for physicians to receive privileges and to practice medicine in a particular field.