

**Table 3 Physicians' views about the reasons for inappropriate admissions at Ministry of Health (MOH) hospitals**

<b>Reason</b>	<b>Total no.</b>	<b>% Required<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>% Achieved<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Importance</b>
Inability of patient's family to take care of patient	115	57.7	66.3	Important
To satisfy patient's request	115	57.7	61.2	Important
Absence of someone to get patient out of hospital	114	57.7	58.6	Important
Refusal of patient to be discharged	115	57.7	56.9	Not important
Delayed test results	114	57.7	52.5	Not important
Relationship between patient and hospital staff	115	57.7	43.1	Not important
Wrong diagnosis	114	57.7	43.1	Not important
Lack of good admissions policy	114	57.7	37.1	Not important
Physicians' inexperience	116	57.4	37.0	Not important
Faulty medical equipment	115	57.7	33.9	Not important
Poor medical records system	115	57.7	31.9	Not important
Admission for teaching purposes	113	57.7	26.7	Not important
Availability of large number of beds	115	57.7	26.7	Not important
To increase the bed usage rate	109	57.9	24.2	Not important
Lengthy discharge procedures	115	57.7	21.5	Not important
Delayed discharge procedures	111	57.8	18.1	Not important
To carry out medical investigations	114	57.7	16.3	Not important

<sup>a</sup>% Required =  $N/2 + 0.8225\sqrt{(N)}$ .

<sup>b</sup>% Achieved = % answering "Strongly agree" + "Agree".