

Table 1 Background characteristics of the studied patients (n = 275)

Variable	No. of patients	%
Sex		
Male	92	33.5
Female	183	66.5
Type of anaesthesia		
General	254	92.4
Regional	21	7.6
Type of surgery		
Major abdominal	24	8.7
Minor abdominal	75	27.3
Major orthopaedic	22	8.0
Minor orthopaedic	35	12.7
Major gynaecological	39	14.2
Minor gynaecological	29	10.5
Major ENT	3	1.1
Minor ENT	48	17.5

ENT = ear-nose-throat.