

Table 2 Average daily attendance of patients (n = 18 415) who attended 3 hospital departments, and average daily deaths according to event phase, Ashura mass gathering, Karbala, 2010

Variable	Daily average (no.)			P-value ^a	P-value ^b		
	Pre-event	Event	Post-event		Pre- vs event	Pre- vs post-	Event vs post-
Hospital							
Husainy	447	564	541	0.05	0.118	0.107	0.923
Gynaecology-Obstetrics	59	79	63	0.362	0.329	0.908	0.556
Paediatric	109	257	172	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.017	0.019
Hospital department							
Emergency	480	772	607	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.025	0.037
Admission	136	127	169	0.075	0.907	0.101	0.148
Deaths	7.4	9.8	10.9	0.786	0.993	0.774	0.911
Total	615	899	776	< 0.001	0.001	0.011	0.202

^aF-test.