

Table 2

Results of the Evaluation at the Level of Diagnoses by the Medical Record Coder About How the Pediatricians Filled out the Medical Registration Heading of the Discharge Letter

	Feb. - May '95			June '97
	Feb. - March '95 # (prop ³ .)	Apr - May '95 # (prop.)	Whole period # (prop.)	# (prop.)
Number of diagnoses in text of discharge letters	467	347	814	115
- incorrectly or not coded in heading	114 (.24)	90 (.26)	204 (.25)	77 (.67) ¹
• diagnosis incorrect	12 (.03)	8 (.02)	20 (.02)	0 (.00)
• diagnosis in wrong category (e.g. principle in stead of secondary)	19 (.04)	1 (.00) ¹	20 (.02)	0 (.00)
• diagnosis text or code missing	83 (.18)	81 (.23) ²	164 (.20)	77 (.67) ¹
✓ diagnosis text and code missing	6 (.01)	3 (.01)	9 (.01)	21 (.18) ¹
✓ diagnosis given in text; code not found, although in booklet	15 (.03)	12 (.03)	27 (.03)	22 (.19) ¹
✓ diagnosis given in text; code rightly not found, because not in booklet	62 (.13)	66 (.19) ²	128 (.16)	34 (.30) ¹
▶ code relevant for booklet, according to pediatrician	15 (.03)	12 (.03)	27 (.03)	1 (.01)
▶ code not relevant for booklet, according to pediatrician	47 (.10)	54 (.16) ²	101 (.12)	33 (.29) ¹

¹ statistically significant at a 1 percent level

² statistically significant at a 5 percent level

³ proportion