

Table 3.3.4: Discharge Status Following Hospital Stay for Spinal Infection, Post-Operative Infection, and Complications of Surgery by Sex and Age, United States, 2011

	Sex			Age				
	Total	Male	Female	>18 Years	18 to 44 Years	45 to 64 Years	65 to 74 Years	75 & Older
Spinal infection (discharges in 000s)	91.9	48.1	43.7	0.8	14.4	39.7	18.1	18.9
Routine/discharge home	44%	42%	45%	69%	62%	49%	35%	27%
Discharge/transferred to short-term facility	5%	6%	4%	5%	4%	5%	5%	4%
Discharge/transferred to long-term care institution	29%	29%	29%	4%	13%	23%	36%	47%
Home health care	19%	20%	19%	22%	18%	20%	20%	18%
Other discharge status	3%	4%	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%	4%
Post-Operative Infections (discharges in 000s)	290.0	132.4	157.5	8.6	55.0	117.9	58.8	49.7
Routine/discharge home	40%	41%	40%	78%	61%	43%	29%	19%
Discharge/transferred to short-term facility	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%	4%	4%	4%
Discharge/transferred to long-term care institution	21%	20%	22%	2%	6%	16%	30%	45%
Home health care	32%	32%	32%	16%	30%	36%	34%	27%
Other discharge status	3%	3%	3%	1%	1%	3%	3%	6%
Complications of spinal surgery (discharges in 000s)	58.7	28.0	30.6	9.0	15.1	18.8	8.2	7.5
Routine/discharge home	62%	61%	63%	88%	75%	58%	45%	31%
Discharge/transferred to short-term facility	4%	4%	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%	4%
Discharge/transferred to long-term care institution	16%	16%	16%	2%	8%	16%	25%	38%
Home health care	16%	15%	16%	7%	12%	18%	20%	21%
Other discharge status	3%	4%	2%	1%	2%	4%	5%	6%

Source: HCUP Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS). Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP). 2011. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Rockville, MD.
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