

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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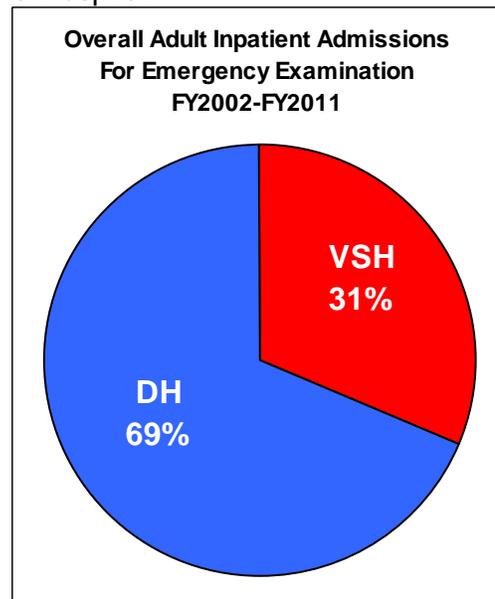
RE: Adult Involuntary Emergency Admissions to Inpatient Care
During FY2002-2011

This week's brief report provides information regarding the total numbers of involuntarily emergency admissions of adults (aged 18+) to inpatient care at the Vermont State Hospital (VSH), and at Department of Mental Health (DMH) Designated Hospitals (DHs) during FY2002–11. This analysis was prompted by a request from Patrick Flood, Vermont's Commissioner of Mental Health.

This report is based on analysis of two DMH data sets: the VSH Treatment Episode Database and the Involuntary Inpatient Data Set which includes the legal status of all admissions to any of Vermont's five Designated Hospitals (DHs). These DHs include The Brattleboro Retreat, Central Vermont Medical Center, Fletcher Allen Health Care, Rutland Medical Center, and The Windham Center at Springfield Hospital.

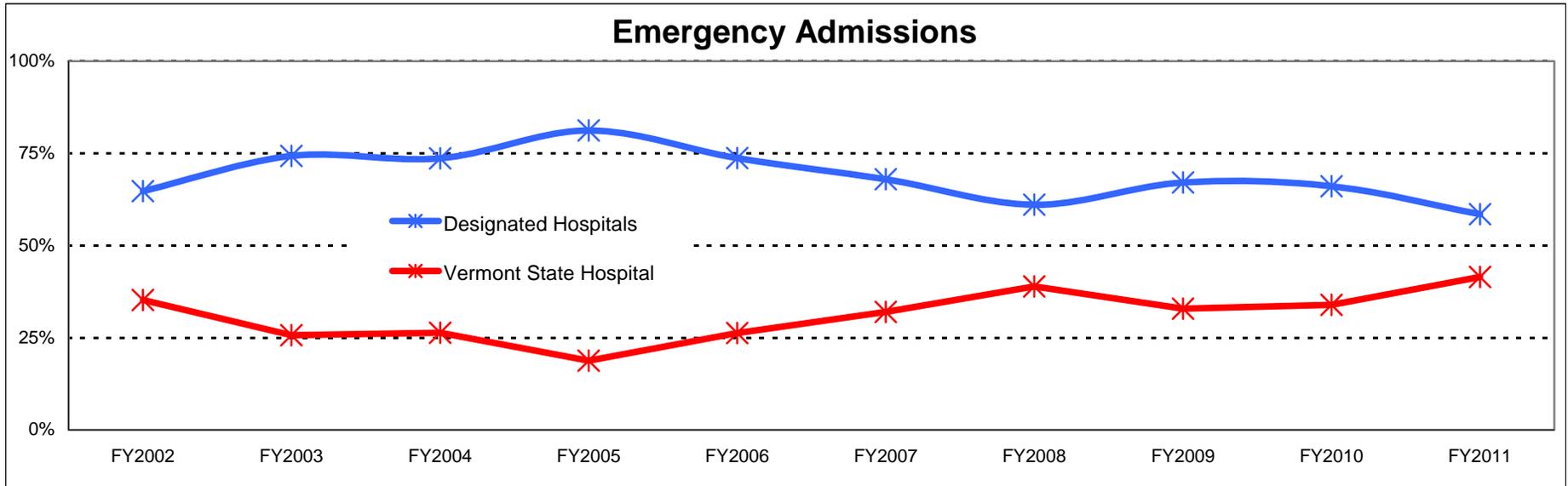
As you will see, there were more than 4,000 adult involuntary emergency admissions to Inpatient care during FY2002-FY2011. Of these, 69% occurred at DHs and 31% occurred at VSH. During this study period, the numbers of involuntary emergency admissions to inpatient care increased from less than 400 during FY2002-04, to between 400 and 416 during FY2005-08, and between 453 and 510 during FY2009 -11.

It is interesting to note that DHs accounted for the greatest proportion of involuntary emergency admissions throughout the time period under examination, although the magnitude of the difference varied substantially during the period under examination.



As always, we look forward to your questions, comments, and suggestions for further analyses at pjp@state.vt.us or 802-828-1703.

Vermont Adult Inpatient Admissions for Emergency Examination FY2002 - FY2011



	Emergency Admissions										Overall
	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	
Admissions	326	327	361	405	404	400	416	462	510	453	4,064
Vermont State Hospital											
Number	115	84	95	76	106	128	162	152	173	188	1,279
Percent	35%	26%	26%	19%	26%	32%	39%	33%	34%	42%	31%
Designated Hospitals											
Number	211	243	266	329	298	272	254	310	337	265	2,785
Percent	65%	74%	74%	81%	74%	68%	61%	67%	66%	58%	69%

This analysis includes adult patients (aged 18 and over) who received involuntary mental health services at designated community hospitals (DH) and Vermont State Hospital (VSH). The DH analysis is based on adult patients in the involuntary inpatient data set maintained by the Vermont Department of Mental Health. The DHs include The Brattleboro Retreat, Central Vermont Medical Center, Fletcher Allen, Rutland, and The Windham Center. The VSH analysis is based on extracts from the Vermont State Hospital Treatment Episode database. This analysis includes VSH patients with a legal status at admission of emergency or warrant.