Non-fatal Poisoning-related Emergency Department Visits among Arizona Residents, 2012

Though poisoning was the 10th leading cause of injury-related emergency department visits in Arizona in 2012, it was the leading cause of injury-related mortality (n=1097, 24 percent).

By Substance Type

- Drug-related (Rx and non-Rx): 86% (n=10,326)
- Beverage alcohol: 1% (n=76)
- Household/environmental/agricultural poison (solid/liquid substances): 11% (n=1302)
- Gases/Vapors (including Carbon monoxide): 2% (n=295)

By Manner

- Unintentional: 52% (n=6190)
- Self-inflicted: 35% (n=4178)
- Assault/Other: <1% (n=16)
- Undetermined: 13% (n=1615)

The 11,999 non-fatal emergency department visits totaled $57.2 million, 47% of which was paid by Medicare, Medicaid, or AHCCCS. The average emergency department visit for a poisoning was $4,769, and the single most costly visit...