

Table 5. Inpatient resource use, disposition, and readmissions among admissions with length of stay ≤ 2 days

Variables	N=397 No. (%)
Investigations	
Standard haematological tests ^a	133 (33.5)
Standard biochemical tests ^b	280 (70.5)
Blood cultures	36 (9.1)
Plain X-ray	47 (11.8)
CT brain	10 (2.5)
Other CT imaging	30 (7.6)
Nonstandard haematological or biochemical tests	71 (17.9)
Magnetic resonance imaging	6 (1.5)
PET scan	0 (0)
Ultrasound scan	5 (1.3)
Cancer markers	16 (4.0)
Other cultures (other than blood)	81 (20.4)
Treatments	
Intravenous fluids	170 (42.8)
Non opioid analgesics	88 (22.2)
Opioid analgesics	117 (29.5)
Antibiotics	154 (38.8)
Other symptomatic medications	191 (48.1)
Intubation	1 (0.3)
Interventional radiology and endoscopy	8 (2.0)
Inpatient palliative review	32 (8.1)
Surgery	1 (0.3)
Inpatient chemotherapy	5 (1.3)
Inpatient radiotherapy	0 (0)
EOL discussion documented during admission	85 (21.4)
Disposition	
Death in hospital	38 (9.6)
Discharged with follow-up	349 (87.9)
Terminal discharge	5 (1.3)
Transferred to inpatient hospice	2 (0.5)
Discharge against medical advice/Abscond	3 (0.8)
Readmission within 30 days (excluding death in hospital, total n=359)	101 (28.1)

CT: computed tomography; EOL: end-of-life; PET: positron emission tomography

^a Full blood count

^b Renal panel, liver panel, cardiac enzymes