

Outcomes of pediatric pedestrian injuries by locations of event.

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Abstract

Data from the National Pediatric Trauma Registry October 1995-October 2000, containing medical records of children under 20 years old hospitalized for pedestrian injuries, were examined. Demographics and outcome measures (nature and severity of injury, utilization of resources, deaths, and disability at discharge) were compared by location of occurrence. Pediatric pedestrian injuries resulted in severe outcomes whether the events occurred in driveways, public places, or in the road. Off the road injuries accounted for a significant proportion (13.2%) of all serious pedestrian injuries and disproportionately affected the youngest children. Prevention should consider the child's age and the location of injury occurrence.

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