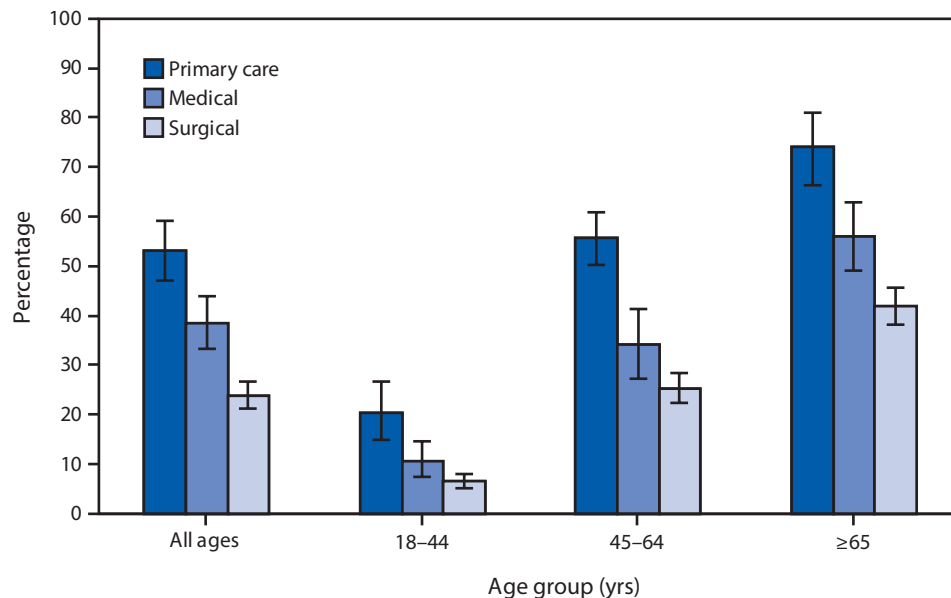


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Percentage* of Visits by Patients Aged ≥ 18 Years to Office-Based Physicians[†] Made by Patients with ≥ 2 Selected Diagnosed Chronic Conditions,[§] by Physician Specialty Category and Patient Age Group — National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, 2015



* With 95% confidence intervals indicated by error bars.

[†] Based on a sample of visits to nonfederally employed office-based physicians who are primarily engaged in direct patient care. Physicians in specialties of anesthesiology, pathology, and radiology are excluded from the survey.

[§] Defined as visits made by adults with documentation in the medical record of a diagnosis of ≥ 2 selected chronic conditions, regardless of the diagnosis of the current visit. Selected diagnosed chronic conditions include the 10 most frequent: hypertension; hyperlipidemia; arthritis; diabetes; depression; obesity; cancer; coronary artery disease, ischemic heart disease, and/or history of myocardial infarction; asthma; and chronic kidney disease.

In 2015, the percentage of office-based physician visits by adults with two or more diagnosed chronic conditions was 53.1% for primary care physicians, 38.5% for medical specialists, and 23.9% for surgeons. This pattern was observed for each of the age groups studied. The percentage of visits increased with age group, regardless of specialty category.

Source: National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, 2015 data. https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/ahcd/ahcd_questionnaires.htm.

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