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Marked increase in the number of psychiatric patient readmissions

Neuchâtel, 14.11.2008 (Obsan**) – The Swiss Health Observatory (Obsan) commissioned a study of the development of inpatient psychiatric care in Switzerland. The study shows that while the number of treatments—measured by the number of inpatient admissions—has risen by 9.3% since 2002, the number of treated patients has remained constant at approximately 50,000 people per year. This trend—more treatment cases and a constant number of patients—is attributable to markedly more frequent patient readmissions (up 30%) and shorter hospital stays.**

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