

HOSPITALIZATIONS IN BRITISH TROOPS DURING OPERATION JOINT ENDEAVOUR (BOSNIA)

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Aim

To analyse admissions of British troops to British
hospital facilities in Bosnia during 1996.

Methods

Defence Analytical Services Agency (DASA) data-
set retrieved on UK hospitalizations in Bosnia. Popu-
lation data HQ MND (SW), Split.

Results

414 admissions, of which 51 % were due to di-
sease, 49 % to injury. Common medical problems
were musculoskeletal disorders, dermatology, g-i

tract disorders. Uncommon medical problems were
acute infections. Commonest surgical problem was
injury to lower limb. Uncommon surgical problems
were dental emergencies.

Conclusions

Need for endoscopy in the field. Sterile, tem-
perature-controlled operating environment with good
radiological support, and coding of operations/pro-
cedures. Integrated clinical information system, with
complete capture of hospital data.

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