

Appendix 1. Prevalence of comorbidities by age group and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme status

	PBS concessional patients with condition		PBS general patients with condition		P value
	n	%	n	%	
Diabetes					
Age group (years)					
18–30	167	37.2	122	21.3	<0.001
31–45	1464	39.2	2133	25.3	<0.001
46–60	6973	37.4	11,745	23.6	<0.001
61–80	34,529	29.0	122,478	22.7	<0.001
81–99	9170	23.4	607	18.7	<0.001
Hypertension					
Age group (years)					
18–30	182	40.5	135	23.6	<0.001
31–45	1568	42.0	3000	35.7	<0.001
46–60	10,410	55.8	24,884	50.0	<0.001
61–80	82,703	69.5	33,555	61.1	<0.001
81–99	29,753	75.9	2350	72.4	<0.001
Congestive heart failure					
Age group (years)					
18–30	9	2.0	4	0.7	0.064
31–45	77	2.1	52	0.6	<0.001
46–60	599	3.2	486	1.0	<0.001
61–80	6688	5.6	1065	1.9	<0.001
81–99	5340	13.6	334	10.3	<0.001

PBS, Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.