

Technical notes

- a. **Definition:** Standardized Adjusted Clinical Group Morbidity Index. The Adjusted Clinical Group is a case-mix method developed by Johns Hopkins to measure morbidity of individuals and populations across multiple care settings (as opposed to within a particular setting like a hospital or in a home care program). It is standardized to allow comparison of populations of patients on the basis of how much primary care they need, relative to the 'average' patient. A population of patients may have a low SAMI score even though they are very sick if their needs are more for specialist or hospital care but not primary care. For more detail on the index, see <http://mchp-appserv.cpe.umanitoba.ca/reference/acg.pdf> or <http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1472-6963-11-S1-A22.pdf>
- b. **Sample:** All patients formally rostered to the team as well as those considered to be 'virtually rostered', on the basis of MOHLTC methodology.
- c. **Data source:** A combination of a large number of the administrative data holdings of ICES, to end of Mar 2013.