

# Preface

The DFDB is now a national clinical quality monitoring database, making it mandatory for departments to report data. This however does not change the basic concept of the DFDB, that data are owned by the individual department and that the DFDB is a tool for research and quality monitoring and not an administrative tool. DFDB is powered by orthopedic surgeons for orthopedic surgeons.

The data from DFDB has now been utilized for several high quality publications, but we are not seeing the action that one would expect from such a high quality database. We hope that Danish orthopedic surgeons will realize the possibilities that the DFDB provide in terms of research, and make 2017 a year of high impact research provided by DFDB data.

The annual report from the Danish Fracture Database (DFDB) 2016 is the fourth of its kind. It contains data based on over 60.000 fracture related surgeries accumulated since the beginning of DFDB, . The number of reported fractures in 2016 alone were 11.303 adult fractures, 1165 re-operations of adult fractures, 2076 pediatric fractures and 79 re-operations of pediatric fractures.

The purpose of DFDB is web based quality monitoring of fracture related surgery and today these efforts are joined by 21 orthopaedic departments in Denmark, covering close to 90% of the Danish population. The effort to monitor quality of fracture related surgery in Denmark is unique and important: Unique because DFDB is the fracture register with the highest national coverage in the world and important given the high number of surgeries performed each year probably making fracture surgery/traumatology one of the busiest specialties within orthopaedic surgery. Previously it has not been possible to assess nationwide quality of all fracture related surgeries.

*We wish to thank all the participating surgeons and departments taking part in this unique and important task.* It is truly inspirational to realize the unity DFDB has brought into orthopaedic traumatology in Denmark. Also the continued support from The Danish Orthopaedic Society (DOS) and Danish Orthopaedic Trauma Society (DOT), and the possibility to present the annual report at the DOS Congress is much appreciated.

The annual report is structured as previously with general data overview of registered parameters followed by department specific data, and finally the major body of the report with specific data for each anatomic region, e.g. proximal humerus, distal radius, and proximal femur. This year the area of focus is surgically treated distal radius fractures; 2 years after the publication of national guidelines on the topic, how are we doing, and are we all doing the same? In some areas data for the last year is also presented, these will contain 2016 in the title, this data is gathered from the period 10-07-2015 to 10-07-2016.

A basic principle of the DFDB is that surgeons reporting to the database should get feedback concerning the quality of treatment. This is delivered via e-mail and contains surgeon specific (only to be seen by the individual surgeon), department specific (the surgeon can only see data from his/her own department), and nationwide feedback on the rate of reoperations performed. The level of detail send by e-mail can be configured by the surgeon when logged in to DFDB. It is our hope that with time this feedback from DFDB can support surgeons in making decisions about best practice in fracture related surgery.

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# About the Danish Fracture Database

## Background and recent development

The aim of the Danish Fracture Database is to monitor the quality of surgical fracture treatment by assessing the rate of revision surgery both in general and for each fracture type specifically. This assessment results in a potential quality improvement through focus on specific fracture types where the quality of treatment is not considered high enough.

Lastly, epidemiologic research in fracture surgery will contribute to identify surgical and fracture related prognostic factors for a good or poor outcome of surgery. The use of DFDB provides each participating department the possibility to monitor own data and thus the quality of their fracture treatment. The educational level of both the surgeon and the supervisor is registered and can therefore also be monitored.

## Steering Committee

The idea behind DFDB and the registry's recent progress are attributed to Michael Brix and Anders Troelsen. Kirill Gromov contributed substantially to the registry's developmental phase. Michael, Anders and Kirill are today a part of the DFDB steering committee and are responsible for the registry's overall administration, quality monitoring, and research. In addition, each participating department is represented in the steering committee. Both DOT (Danish Orthopaedic Trauma Society) and DOS (Danish Orthopaedic Society) are represented in the steering committee. A minimum of one annual meeting is held in order to correct inexpediencies, increase the usability, and optimize the database through the members' feedback.

## Secretariat and daily operations

Each participating department has a controller in daily charge of complete reporting. The daily operation is also supported by a secretariat, which was established last year at the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Hvidovre Hospital. The secretariat consists of an administrator and a statistician, Thomas Kallemose.

Together the developers of DFDB and the secretariat has the responsibility and right to development and changes of the registry in cooperation with the provider Procordo Aps.

## Research data from DFDB

Each department has the ownership of the data they deliver to DFDB. Anyone who wishes to do a research project on DFDB data must apply for the use of data from each individual department. This is done by following the guidelines on [www.dfdb.dk](http://www.dfdb.dk) under the header "Om DFDB".

# Summary and comments

In this annual report from DFDB we present a general overview of registered data as well as data for specific anatomical regions. The general overview covers basic demographics (age, gender and ASA score) for all primary surgeries as well as reoperations. Anatomical distribution of registered primary surgeries and reoperations as well as indications for reoperations are described. We describe the educational level of the primary surgeon and level of supervision for primary surgeries. Anatomical distribution for primary surgeries for all separate departments participating in the DFDB collaboration is described in the first part of the report.

For definitions and specifications of the different parameters please see Appendix 1.

## Demographics

83% of primary procedures were due to adult fractures and 17% due to pediatric fractures.

Age distribution was biphasic, with first peak at age 10-20 and second peak at age 60-90. More males were surgically treated for fractures when age <50, while more female were surgically treated for fractures when age >50. 57% of all registered patients were female.

## Anatomical distribution

Proximal femur (35%), distal radius (16%), and malleoli (12%) were the 3 most frequent operated regions for primary adult surgical procedures. Radius/ulna (59%), humerus (22%), and tibia (9%) were the 3 most frequently operated regions for primary paediatric surgical procedures.

## Reoperations

Proximal femur (27%), malleoli (20%), distal radius (7%) and tibia shaft (7%) were the 4 most frequently reoperated anatomical regions in adults. Radius/ulna (49%), humerus (20%) and tibia (17%) were the 3 most frequently reoperated anatomical regions in children. Pain and discomfort due to osteosynthesis material (38%), secondary fracture dislocation (15%), and infection 14% were the 3 most frequent indications for adult reoperations. Secondary fracture dislocation (40%, pain and discomfort due to osteosynthesis material (23%), and suboptimal osteosynthesis (19%) were the 3 most frequent indications for paediatric reoperations.

## Level of education

60% of all primary surgeries were performed by surgeons in training (intern- 5th year resident). Interns, 1<sup>st</sup> year resident, 2<sup>nd</sup> year resident, and 3<sup>rd</sup> year residents performed more procedures under supervision than without supervision, while 4-5<sup>th</sup> year residents, attending surgeons, and traumatologist performed more procedures without supervision than with supervision

# Data limitations

There are some limitations to the data in this report. Essential limitations are:

1) Data completeness for treatment of primary fractures

2) Data completeness for reoperations

Initially, after full implementation of DFDB at the orthopaedic departments in Hvidovre and Odense, an evaluation of data validity and data completeness for treatment of primary fractures and reoperations was performed (Gromov 2013). Two plausible factors to limit data completeness were identified: 1) that the registry had only been implemented for few months, and 2) that both departments are large, with regularly 50-90 possible surgeons. The results of the study showed that the validity of data (the percentage of data that was correct when compared to the best external data source outside of DFDB) was 90-100% for all parameters, and most above 97%. The total degree of completeness for data entry of primary fracture treatment was 88% and for reoperations it was 77%. Thus, there was, at an early point in time after initiation of DFDB, a satisfactory degree of data validity and data completeness under the prevailing circumstances. Similar evaluations of data completeness should be performed continuously.

In addition to reoperations that are not registered at participating departments, data may lack for reoperations performed at non-participating departments where the primary operation was performed and registered at a participating department. The extent of this phenomenon can be investigated by using data from the National Patient Registry

(Landspatientregistret, LPR). For this year's report, data was not extracted from LPR with regards to knowing the "true" number of reoperations, why the rates of reoperations and survival curves are underestimated. These rates and curves are presented nonetheless to illustrate the potential of data analysis with the DFDB.

Currently, work is ongoing to validate the primary fracture codes that are registered in the LPR, to know the validity of these codes if they are to be used as a data source for the DFDB. Furthermore, definition and validation of the reoperation codes in LPR to investigate the applicability of the LPR as a data source for the DFDB is ongoing.

Fracture diagnosis in Danish National Patient Registry (NPR) have been investigated by Andersen et al. The overall validity of data was 86%. The NPR diagnosis code was correct in 94% of all cases and the NPR anatomic region was correct in 99% of all cases. In 91% of all cases the operation code was correct and the anatomic region for the operation was correct in 99% of all cases. NPR coding will be used in the future for continuous completeness monitoring of DFDB data.

Data was extracted from DFDB on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2016.

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# Participating departments

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Aalborg

Aarhus

Bispebjerg

Esbjerg

Farsø

Gentofte

Herlev

Hillerød

Holbæk

Horsens

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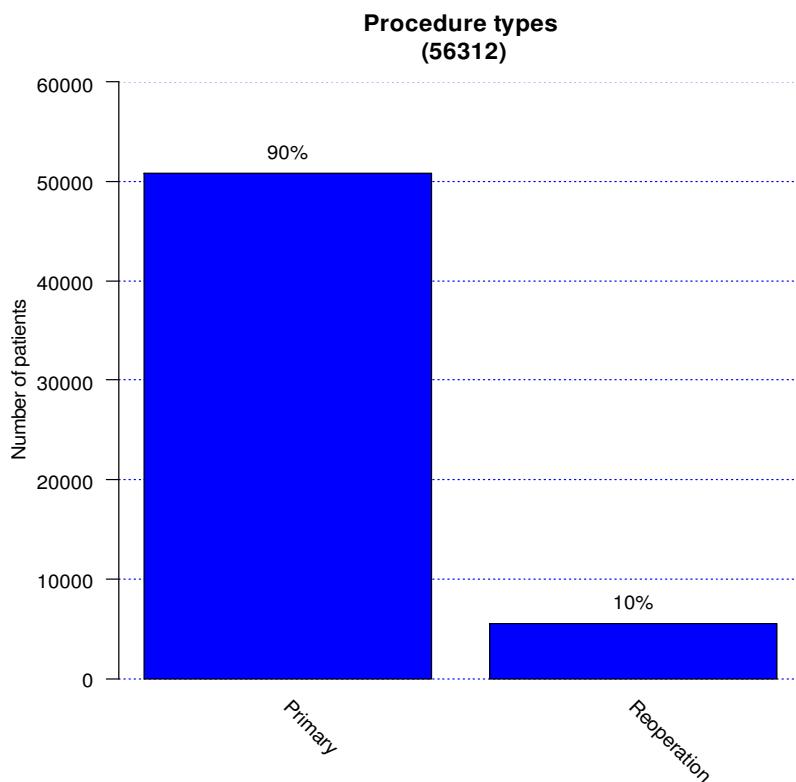
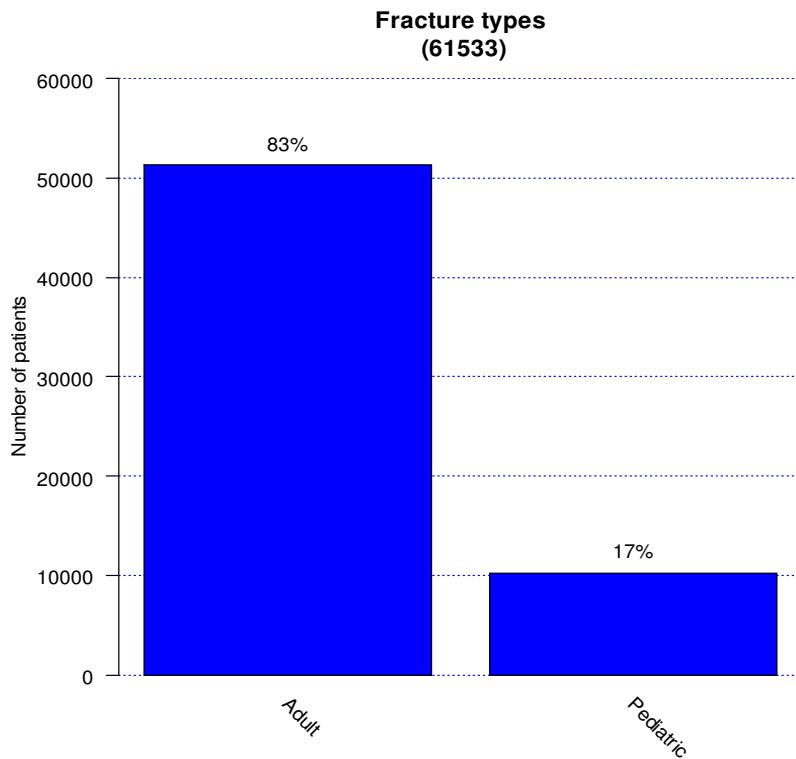
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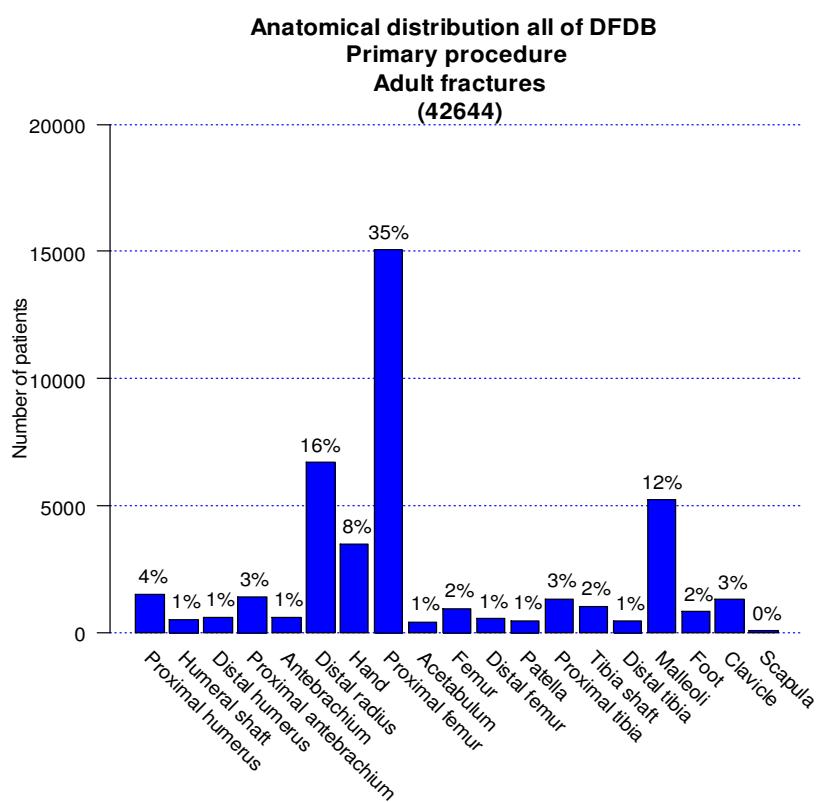
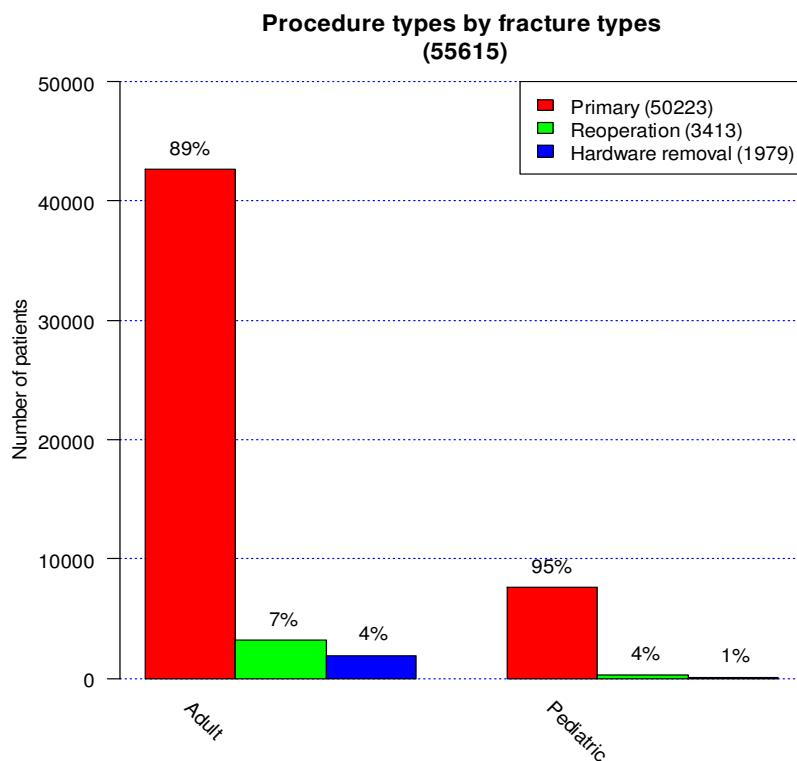
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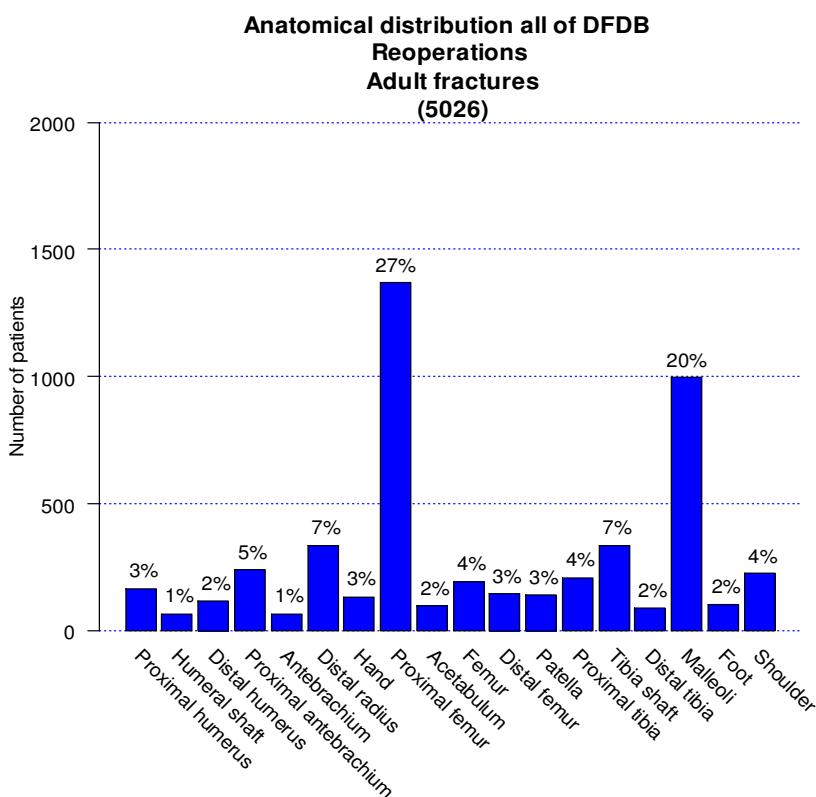
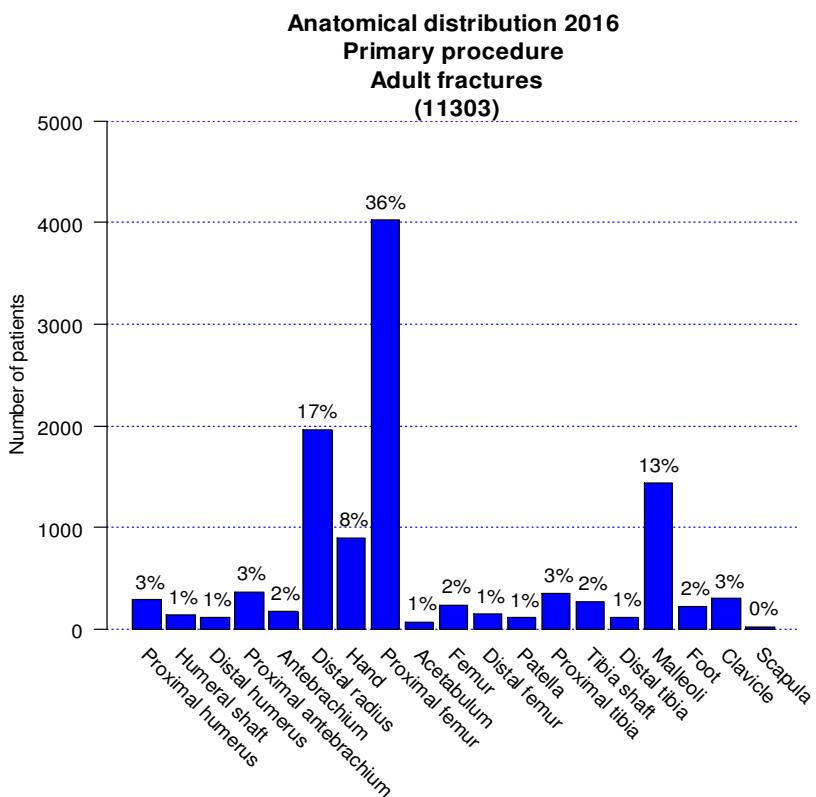
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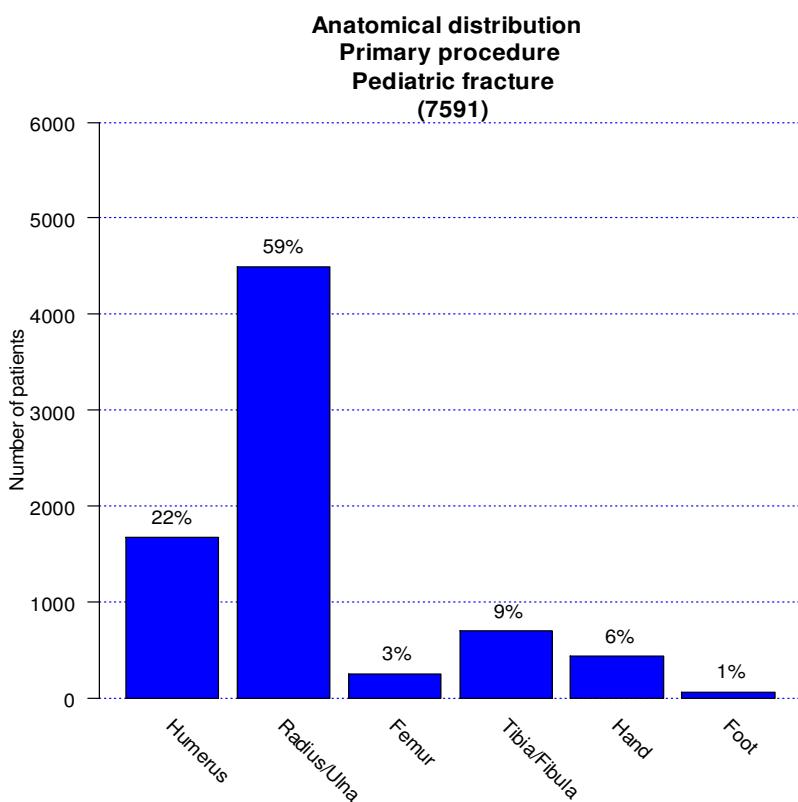
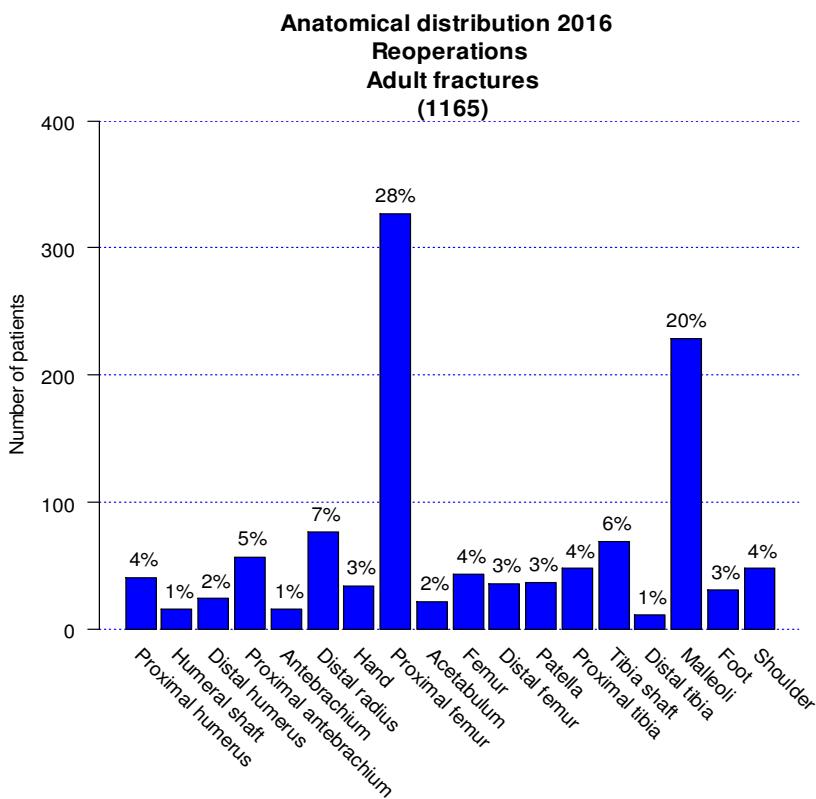
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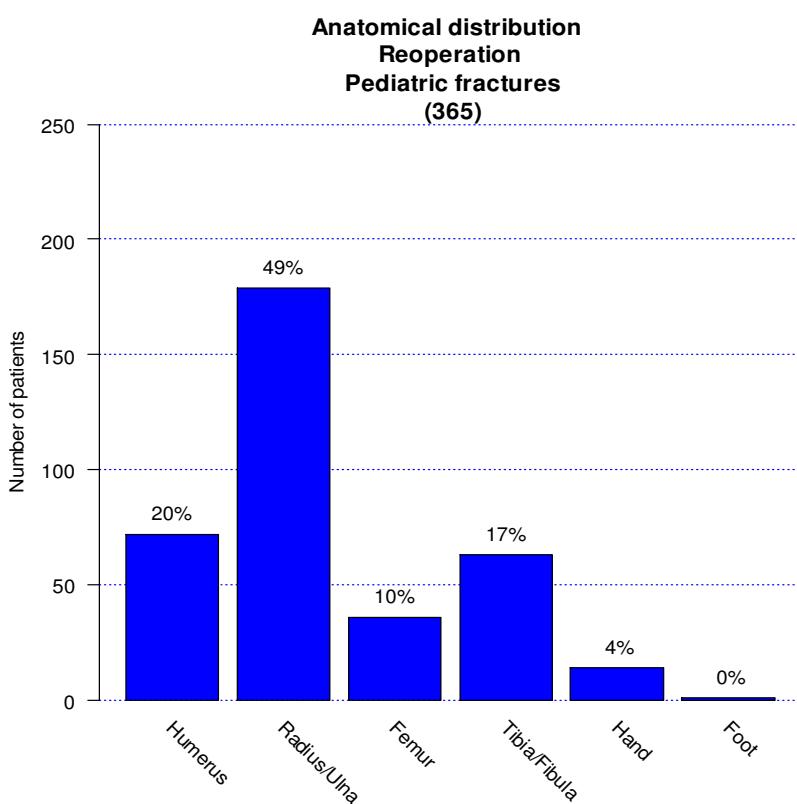
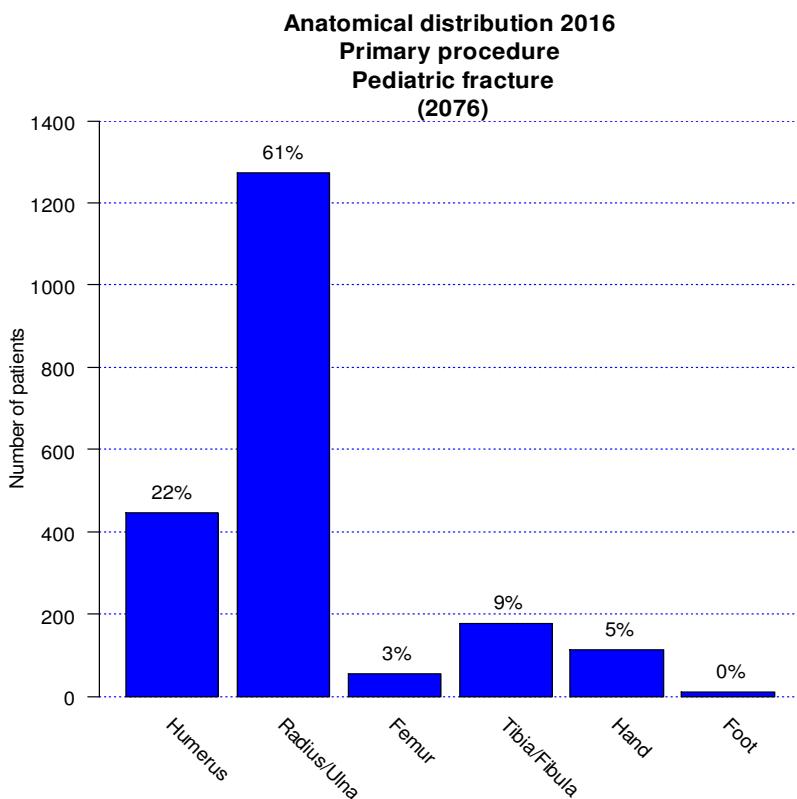
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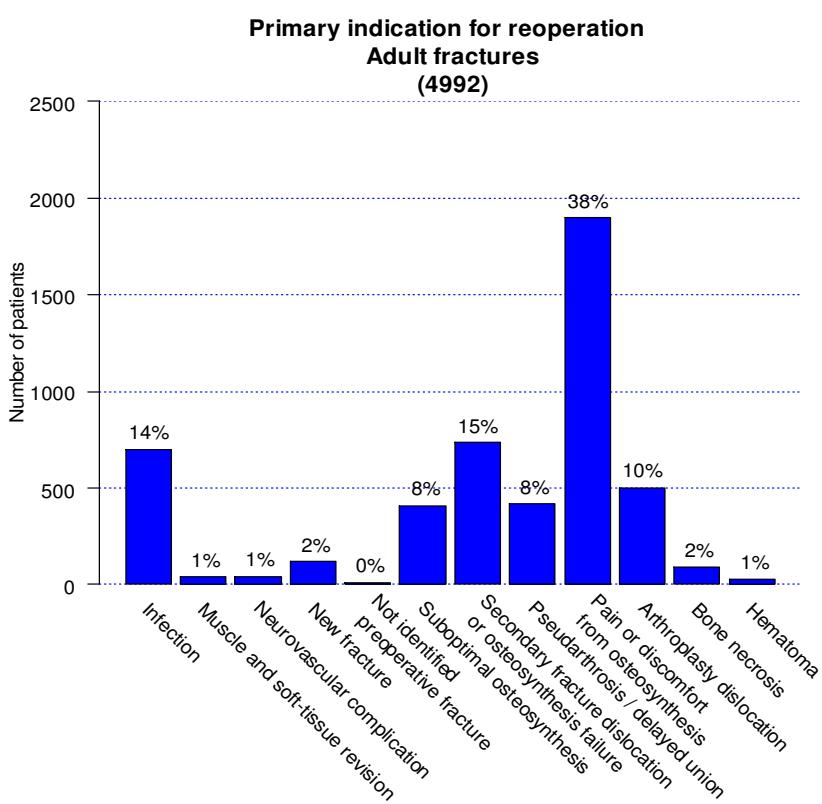
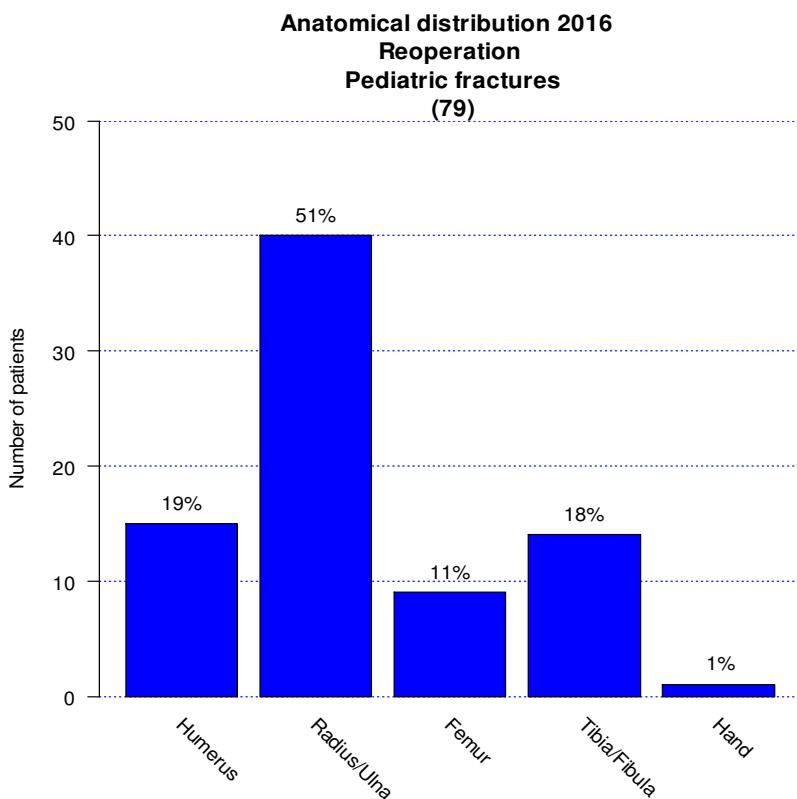


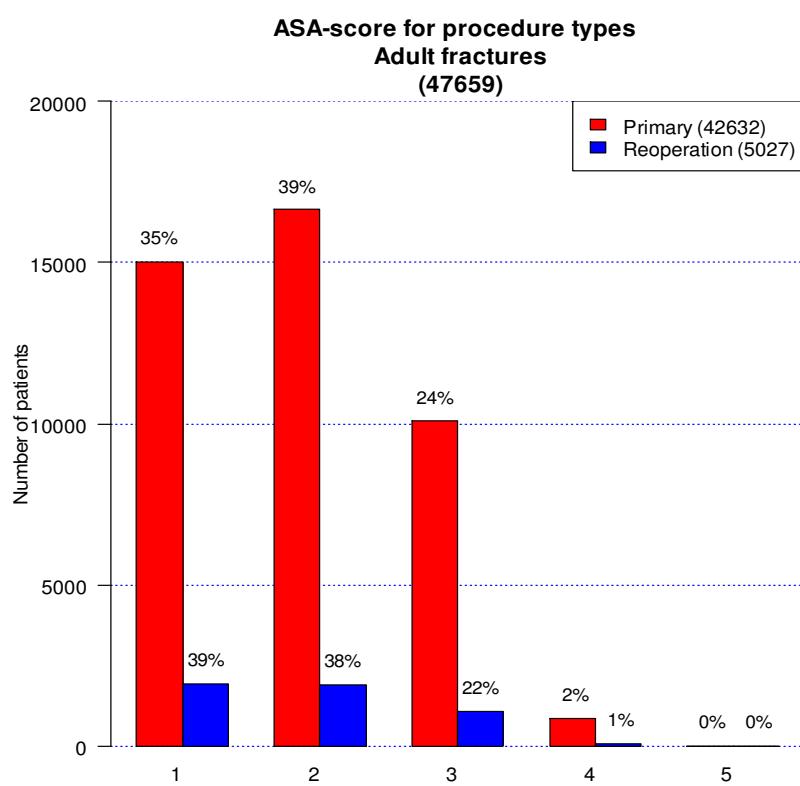
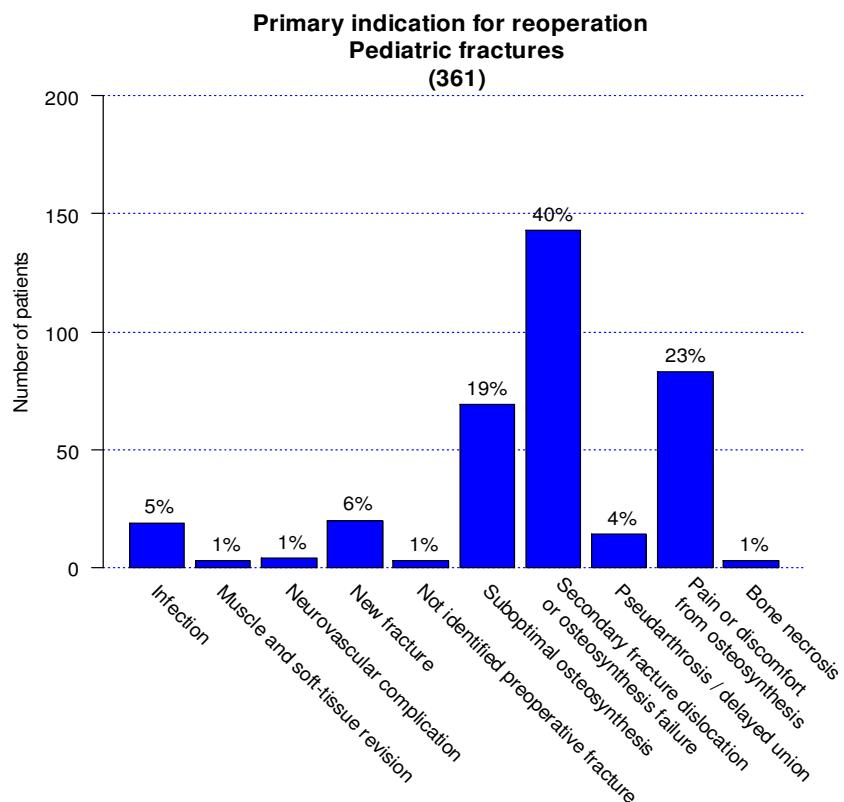


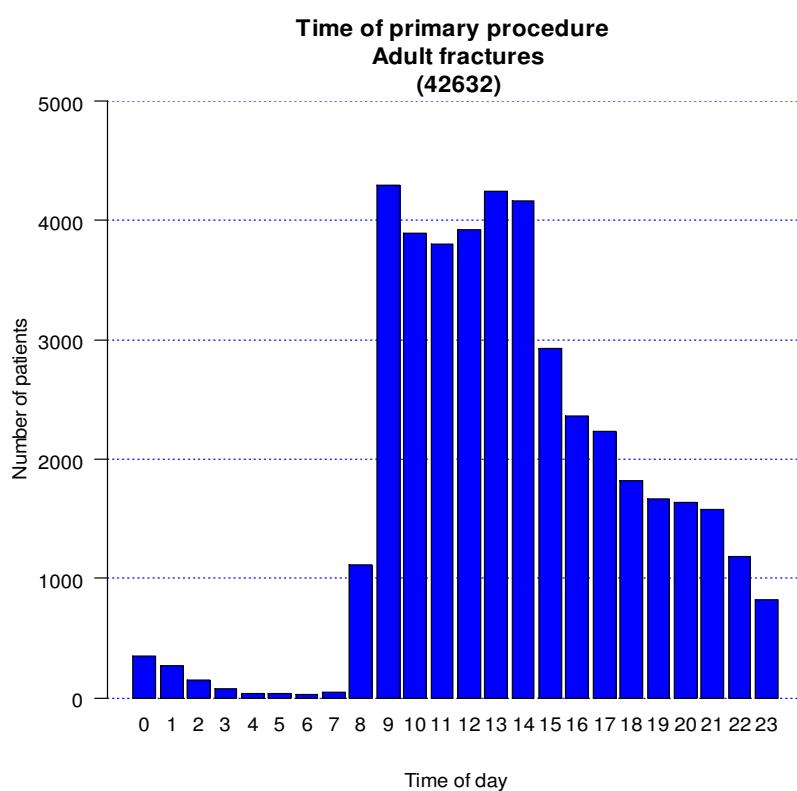
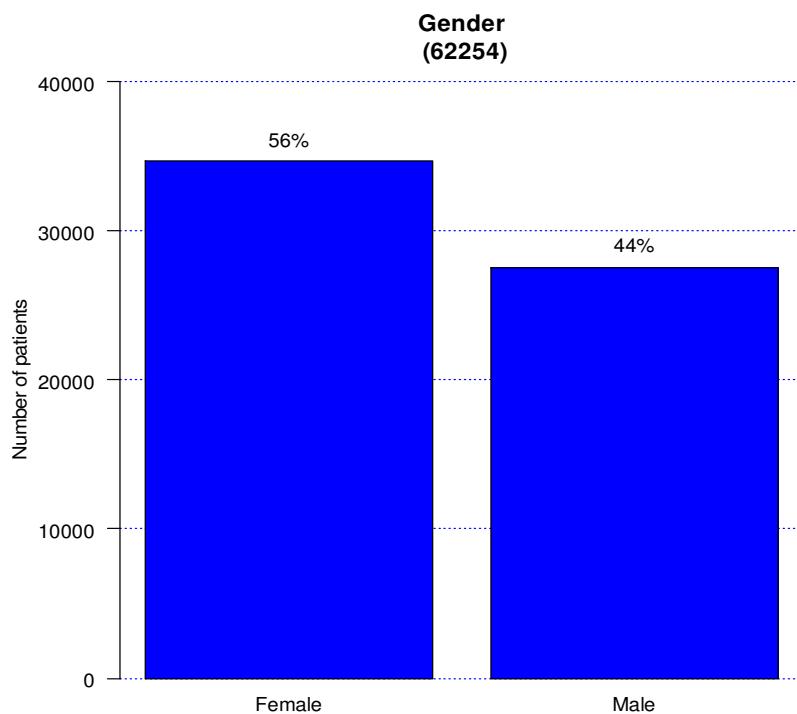


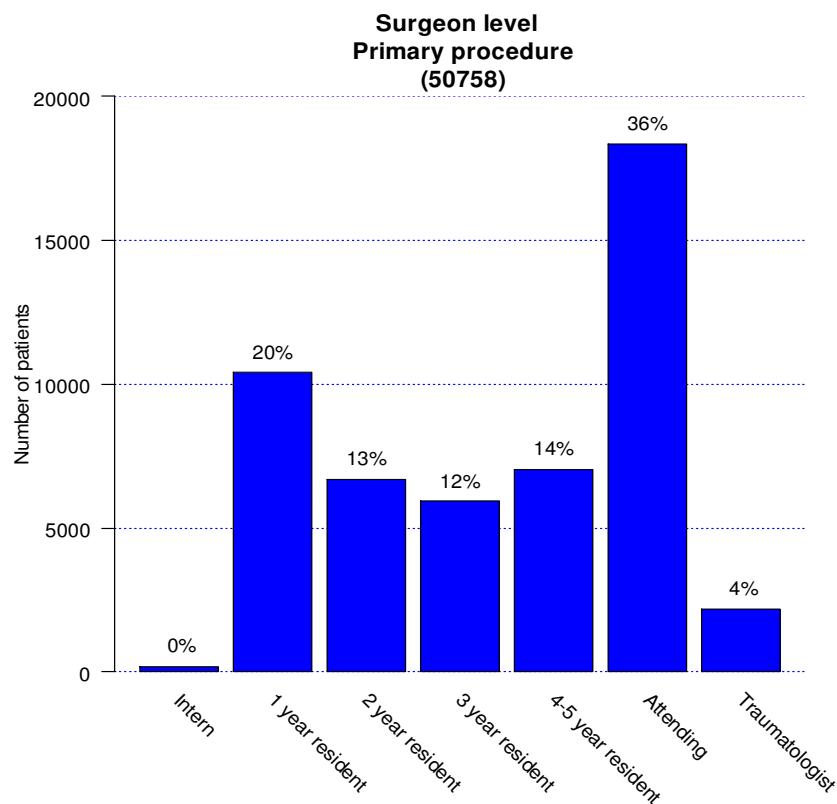
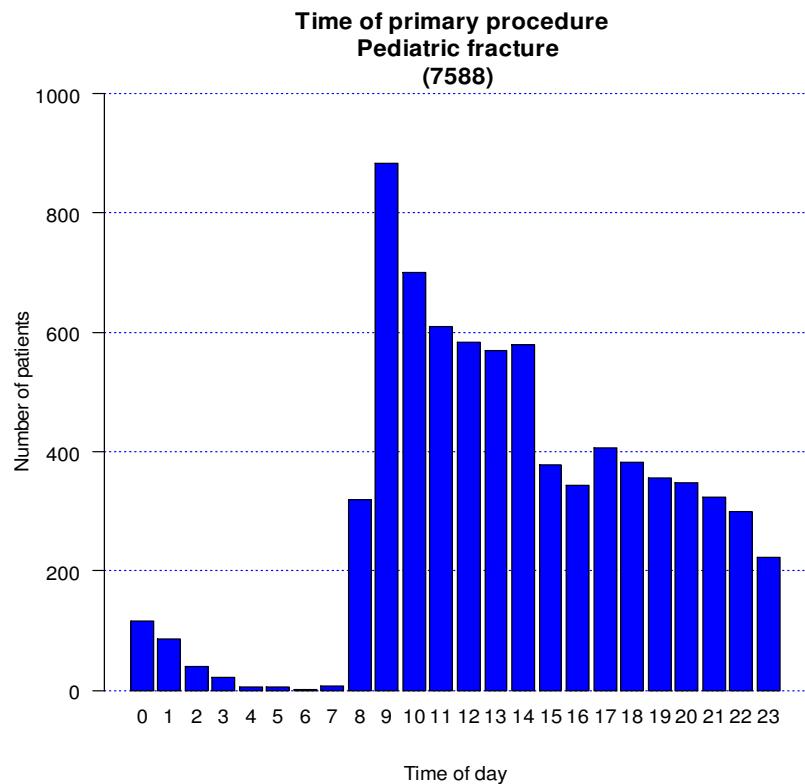


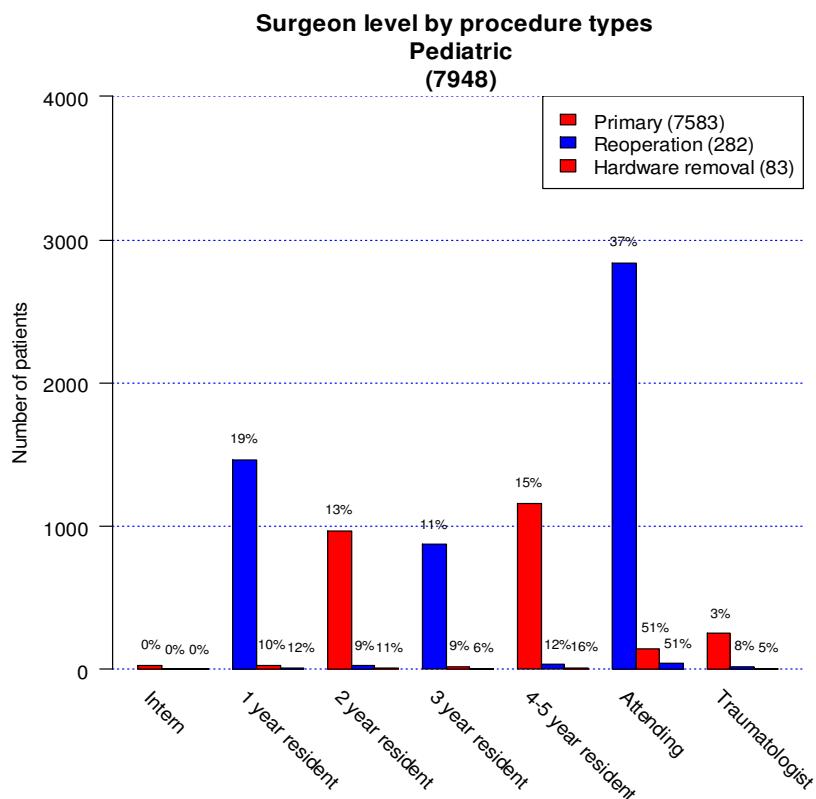
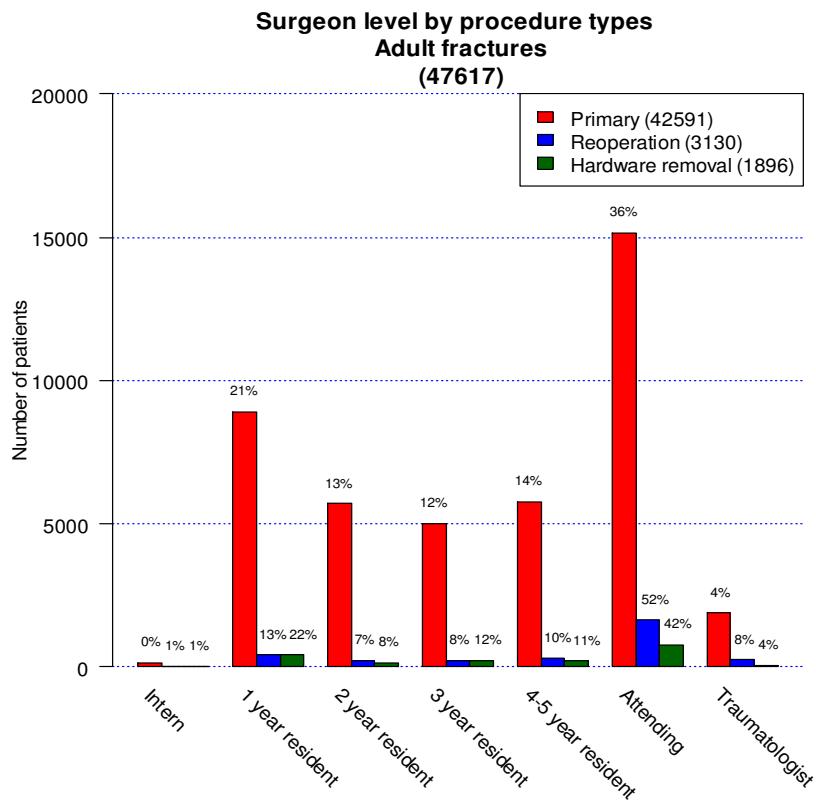


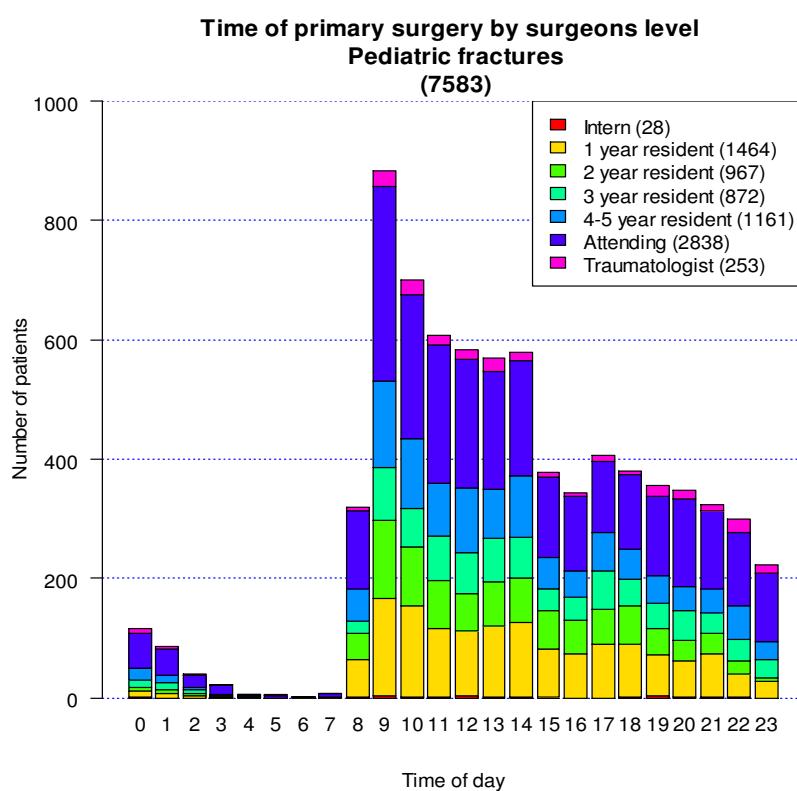
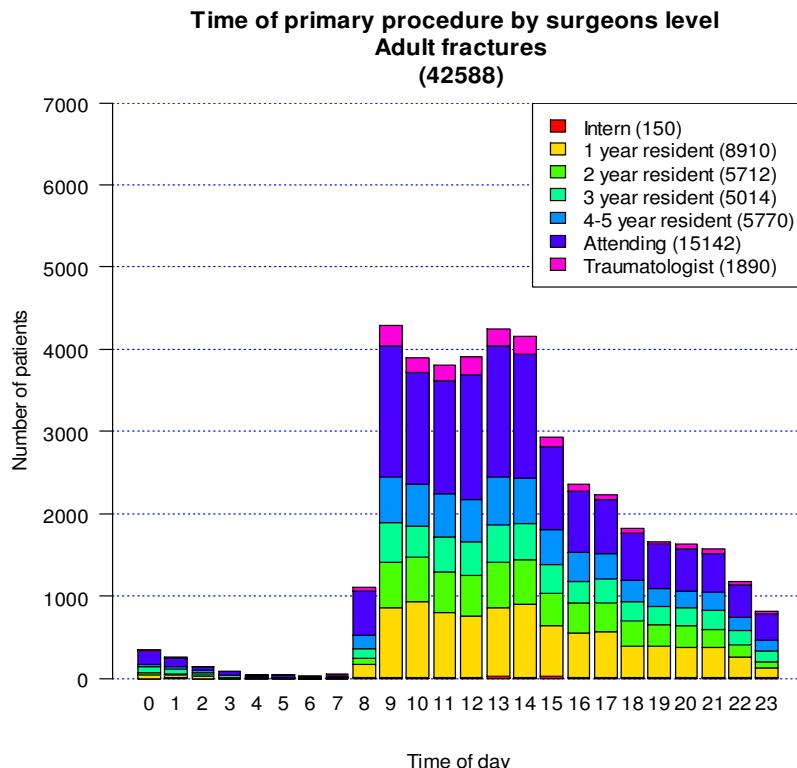


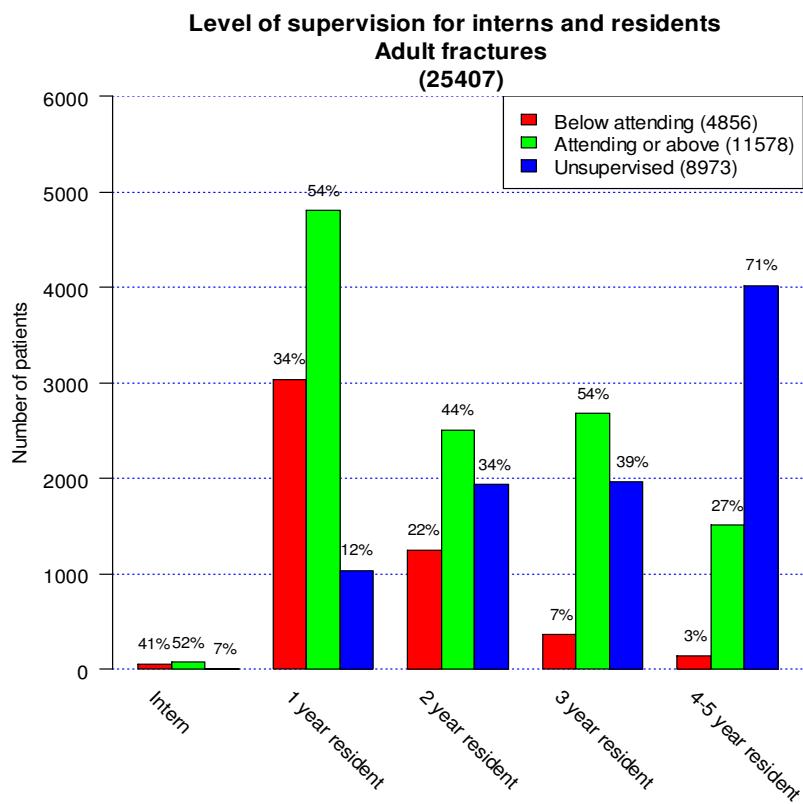
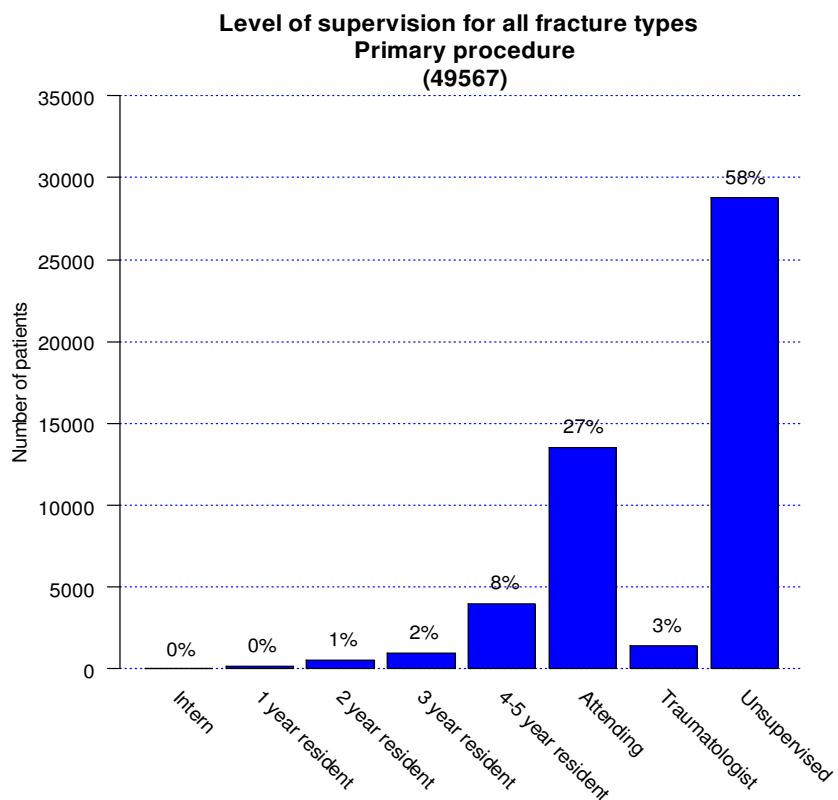


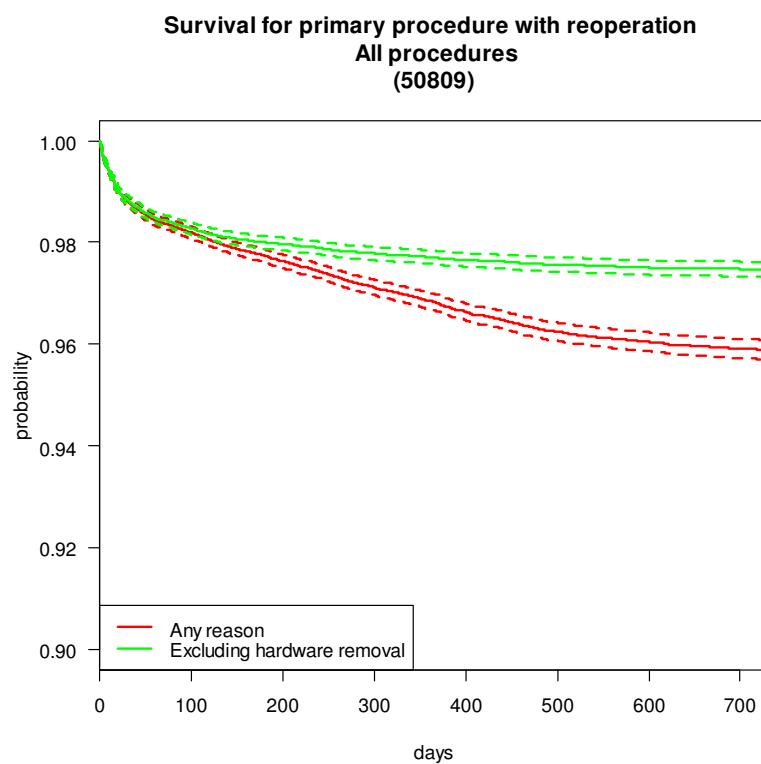
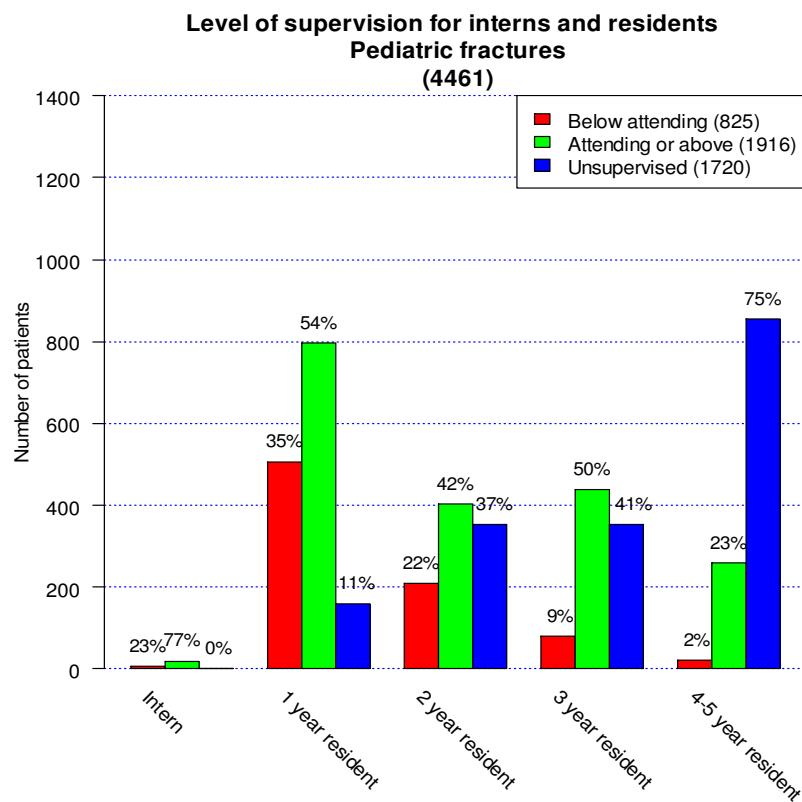




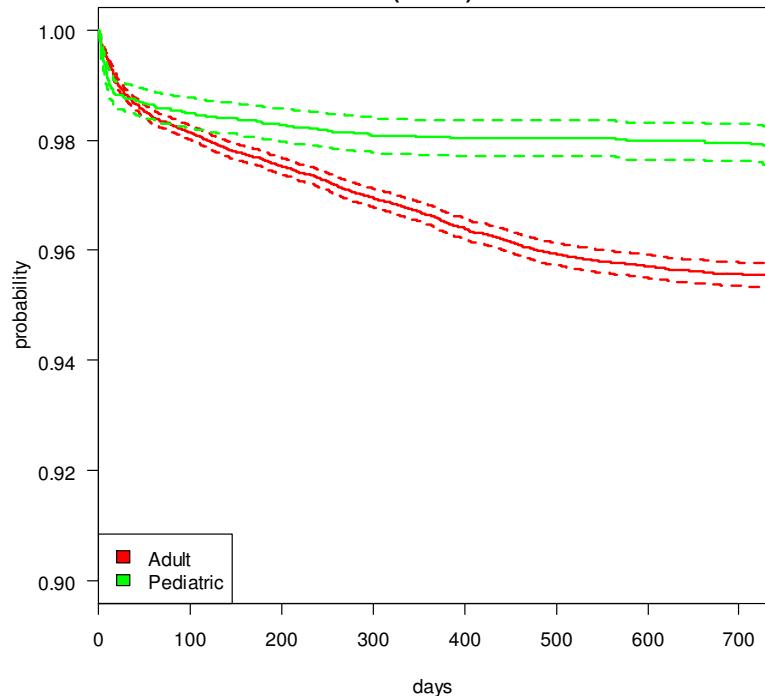




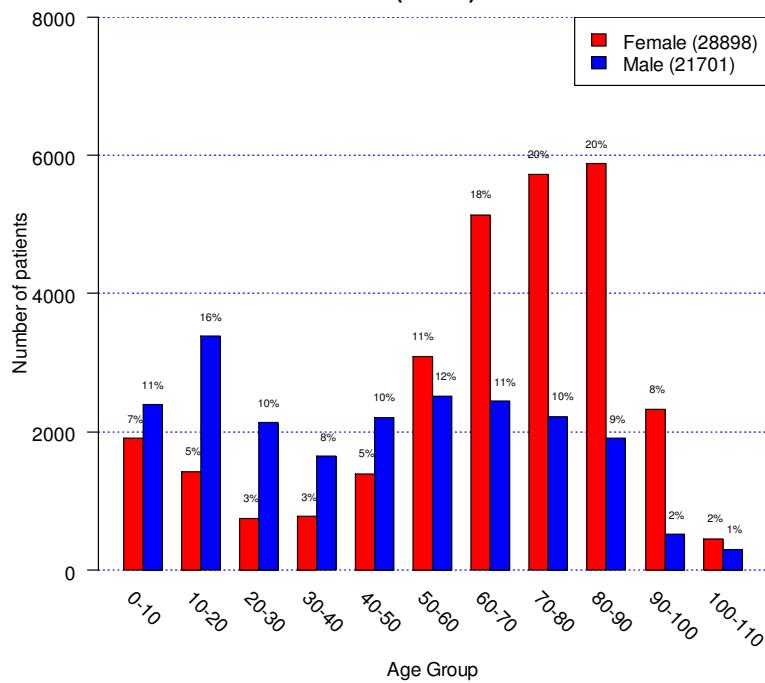


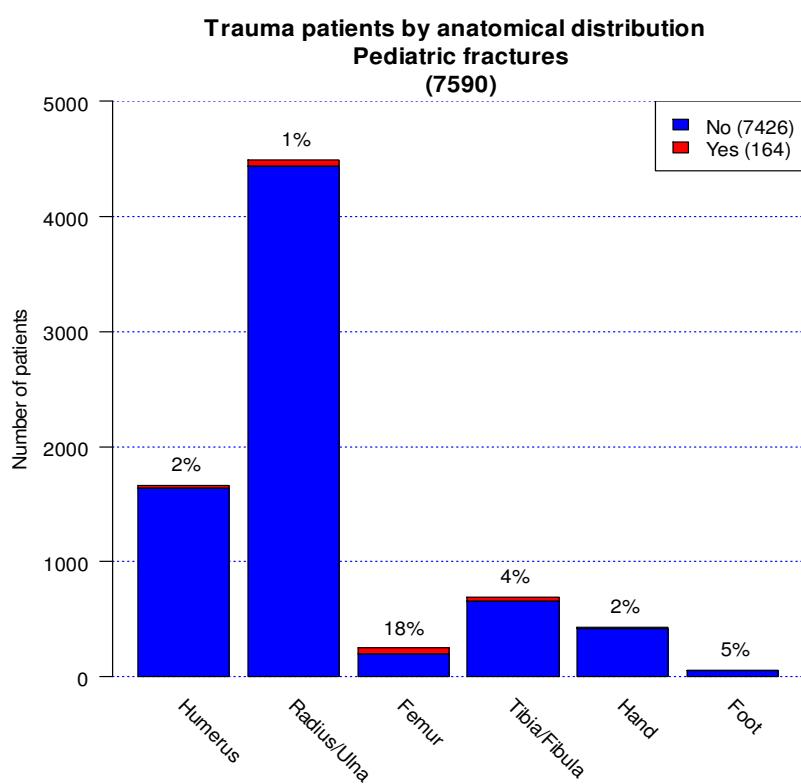
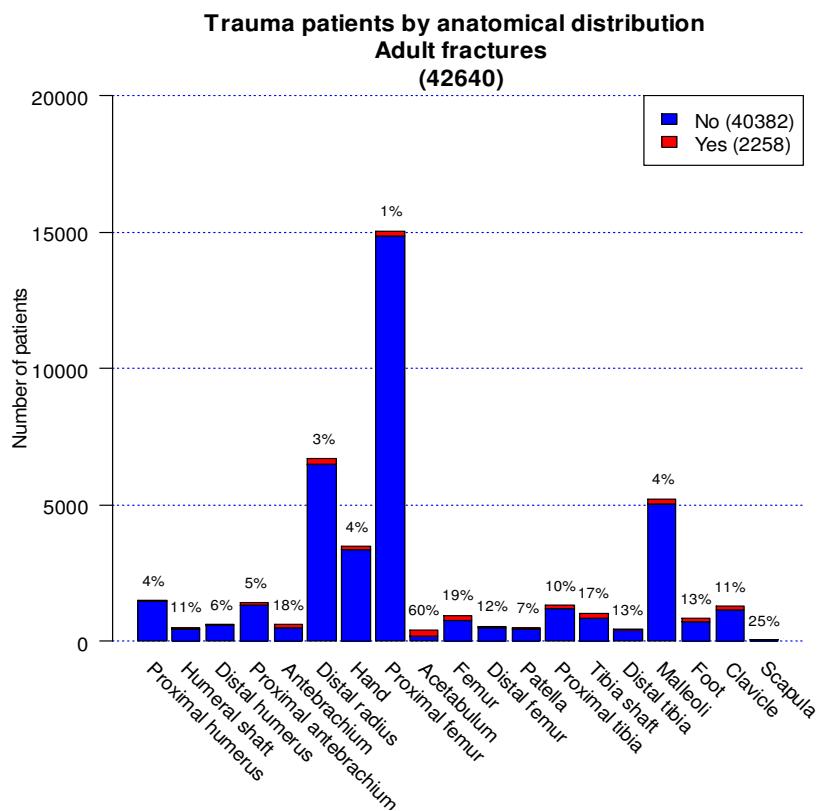


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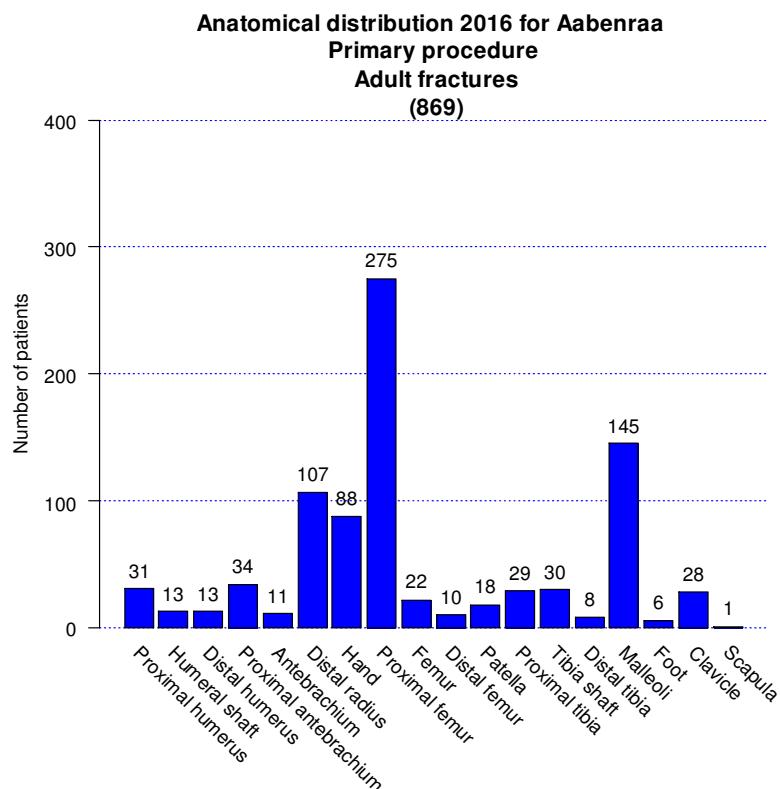
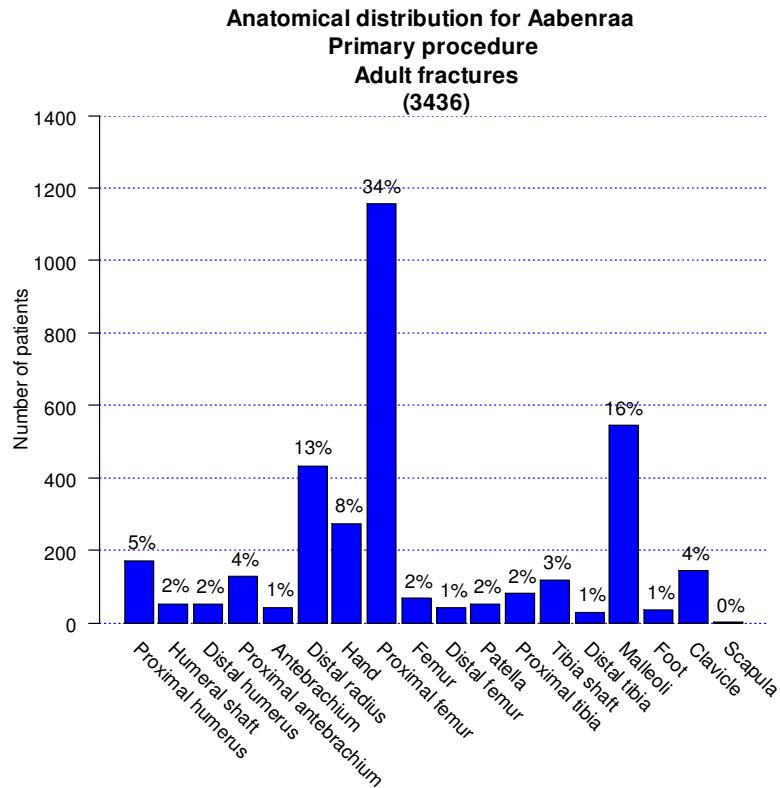


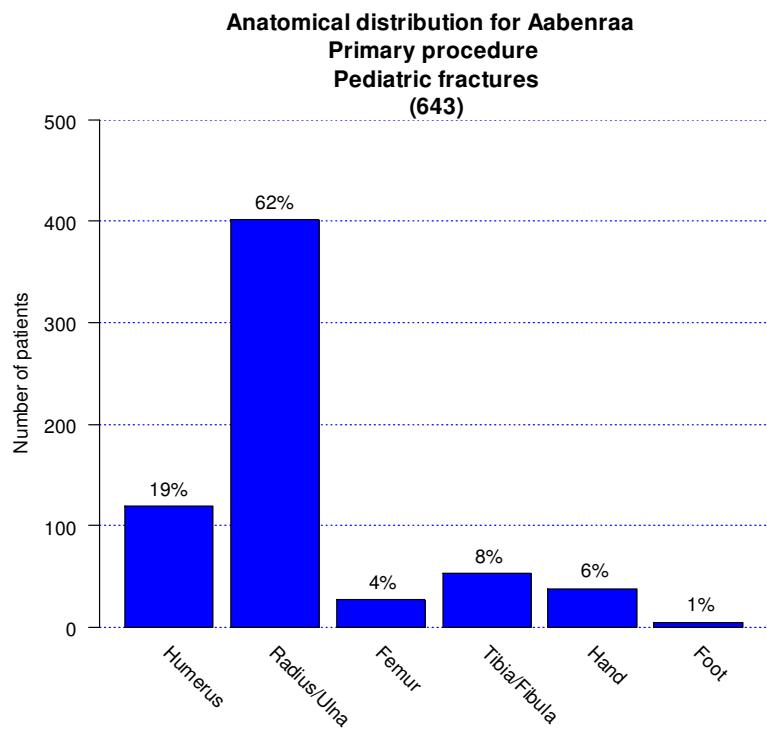


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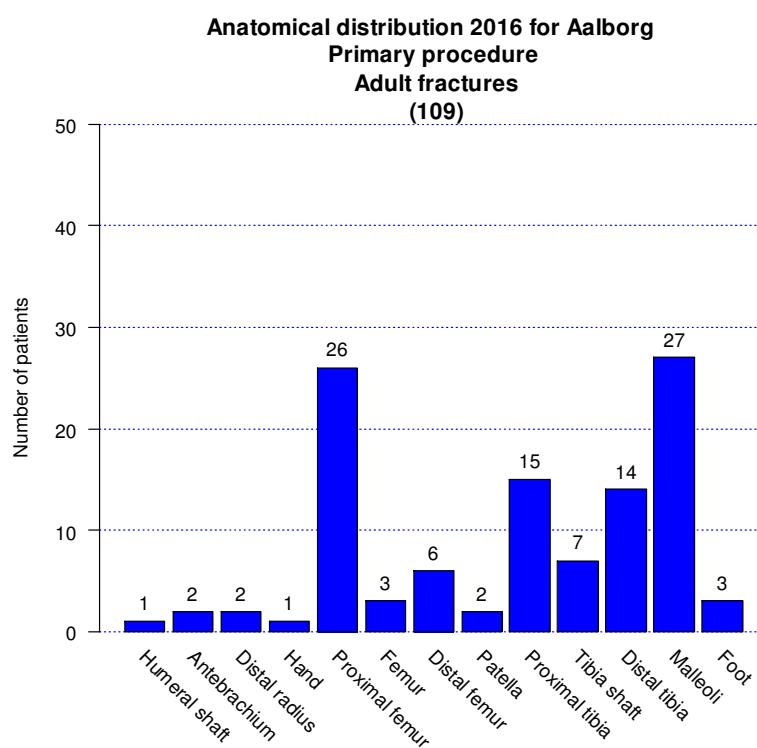
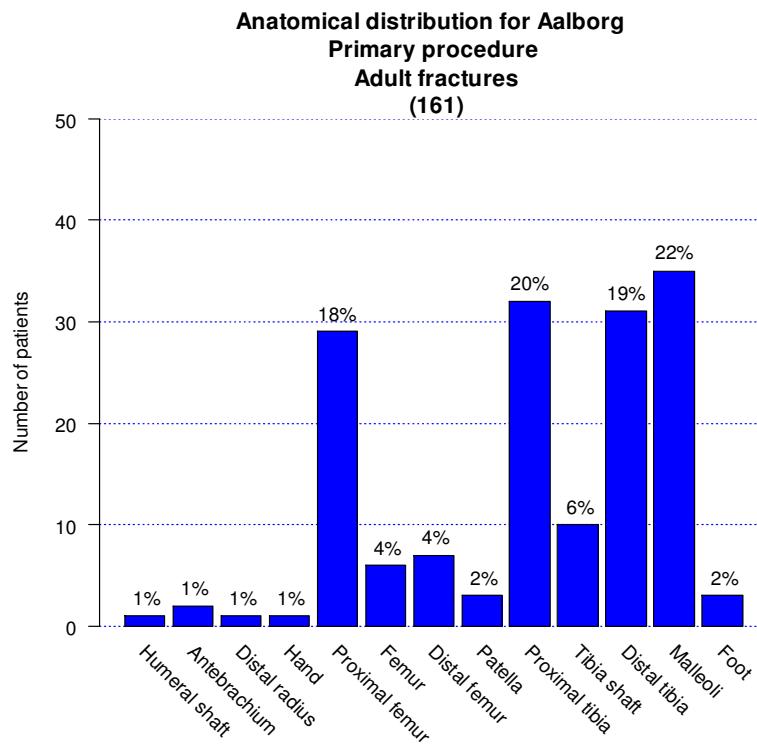
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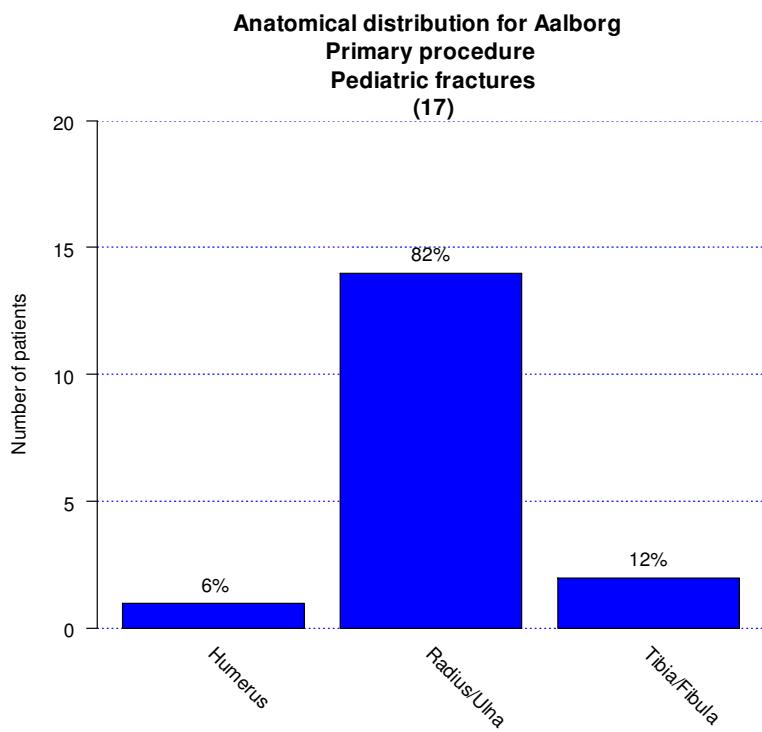
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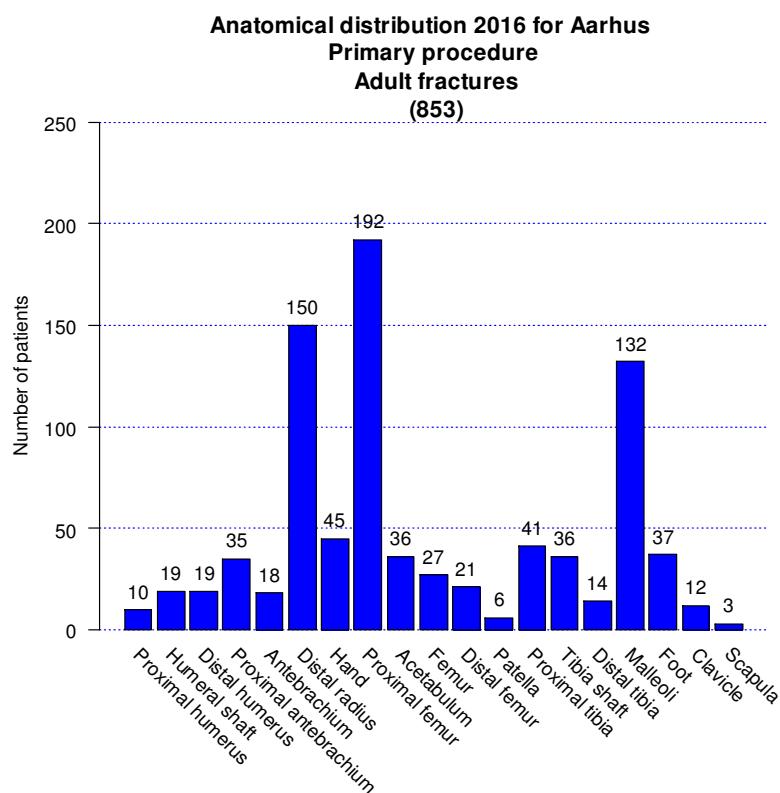
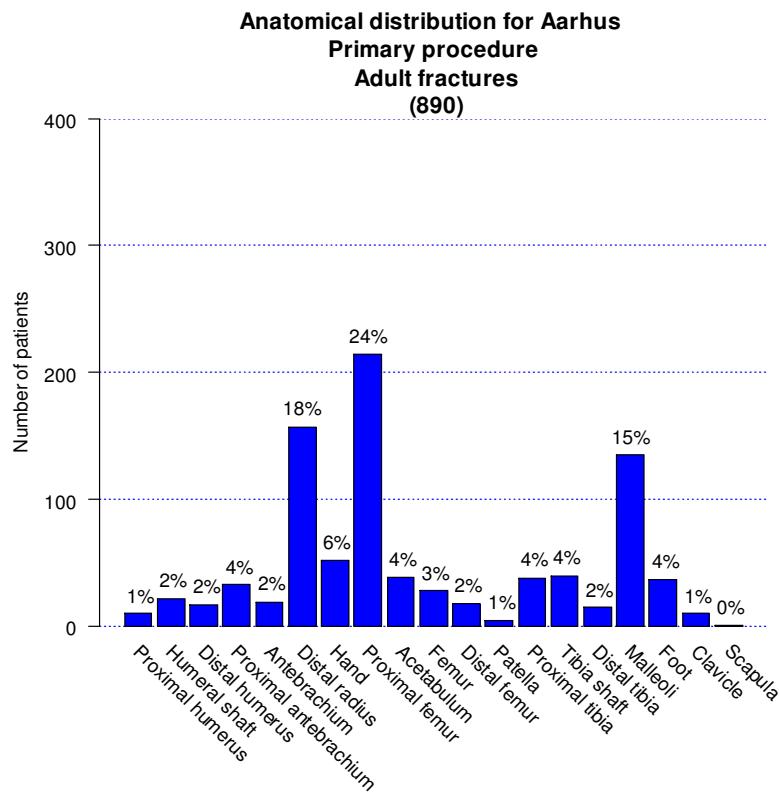


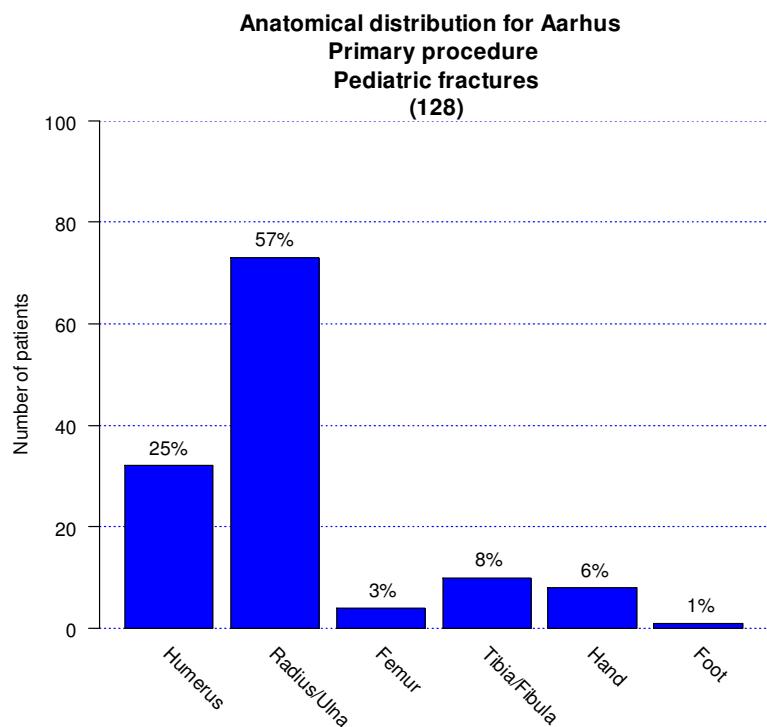
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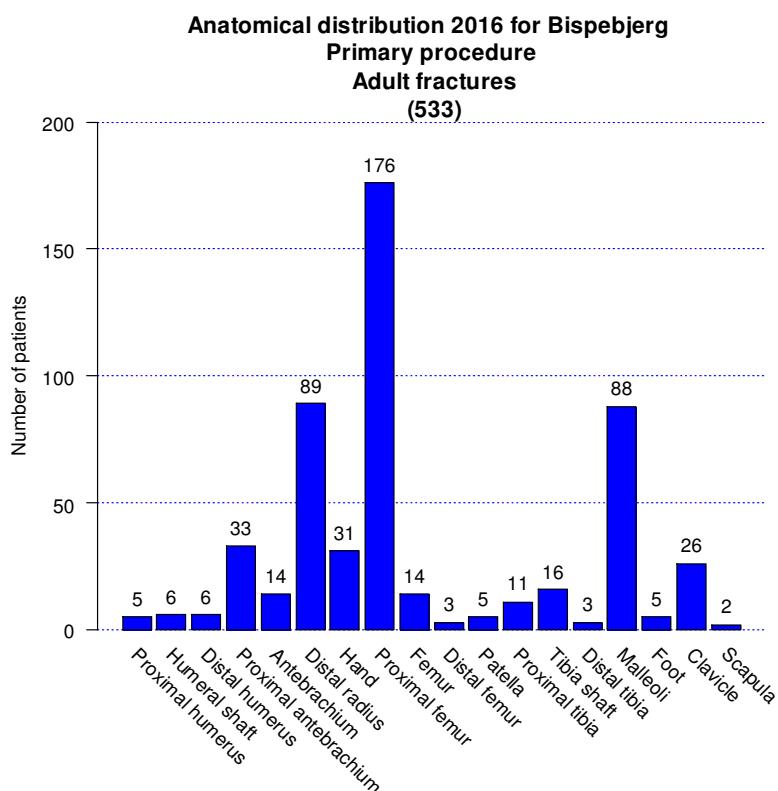
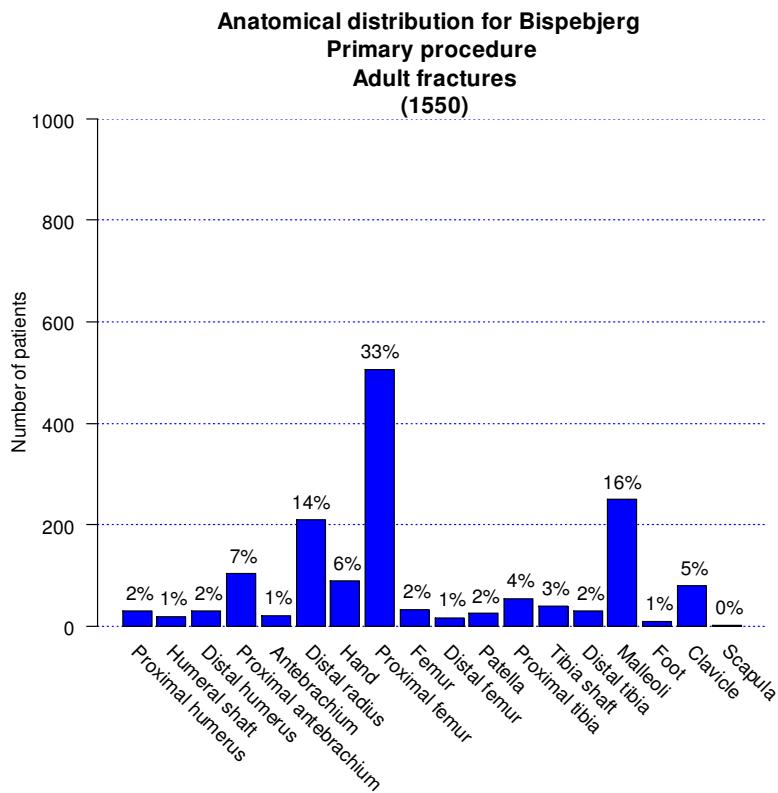


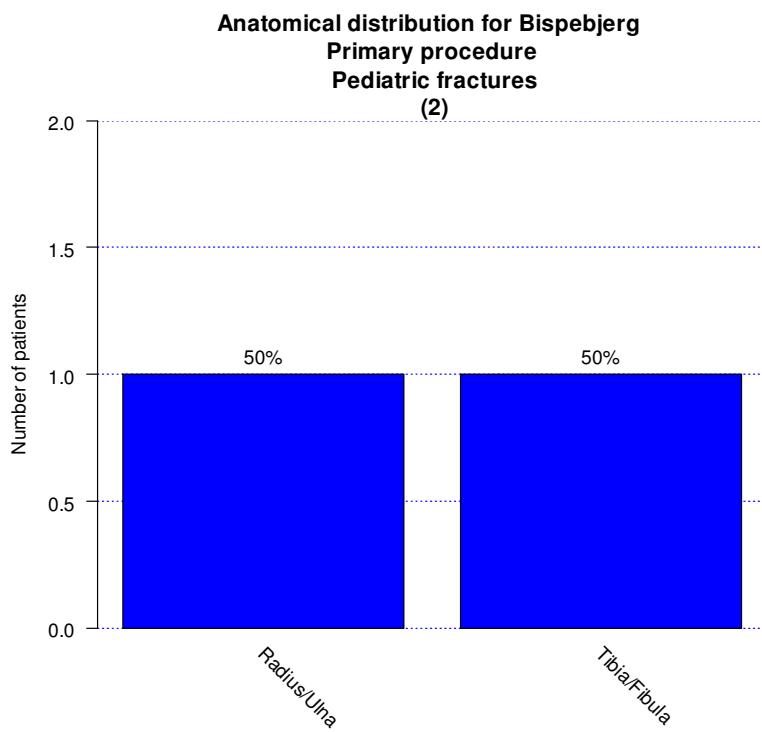
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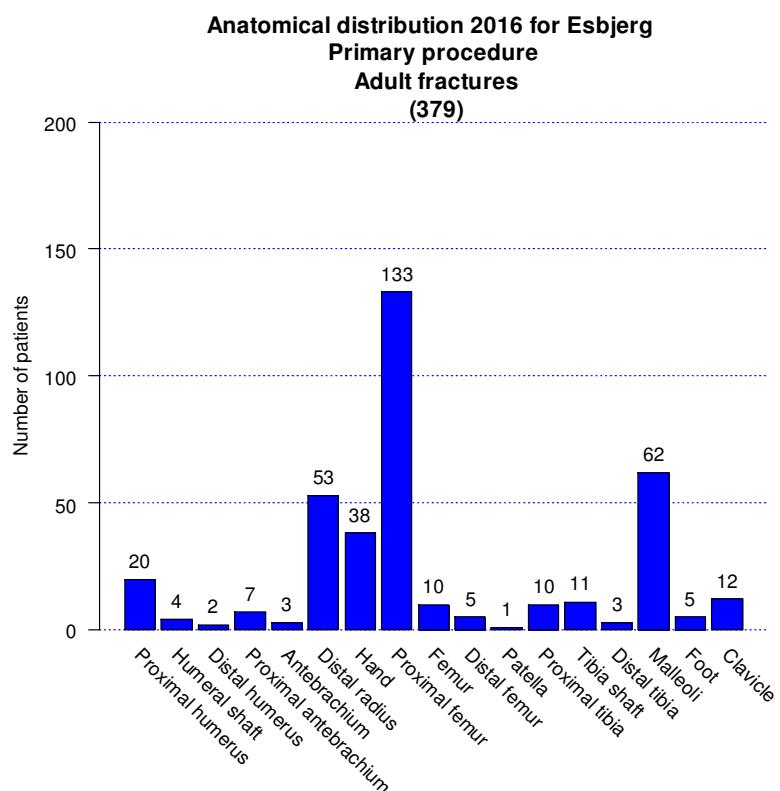
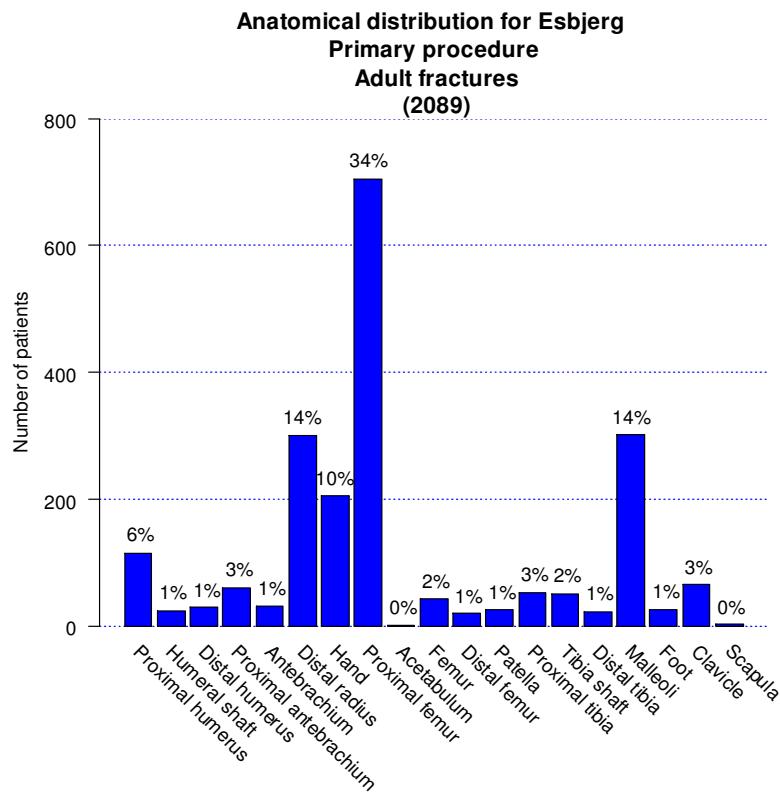


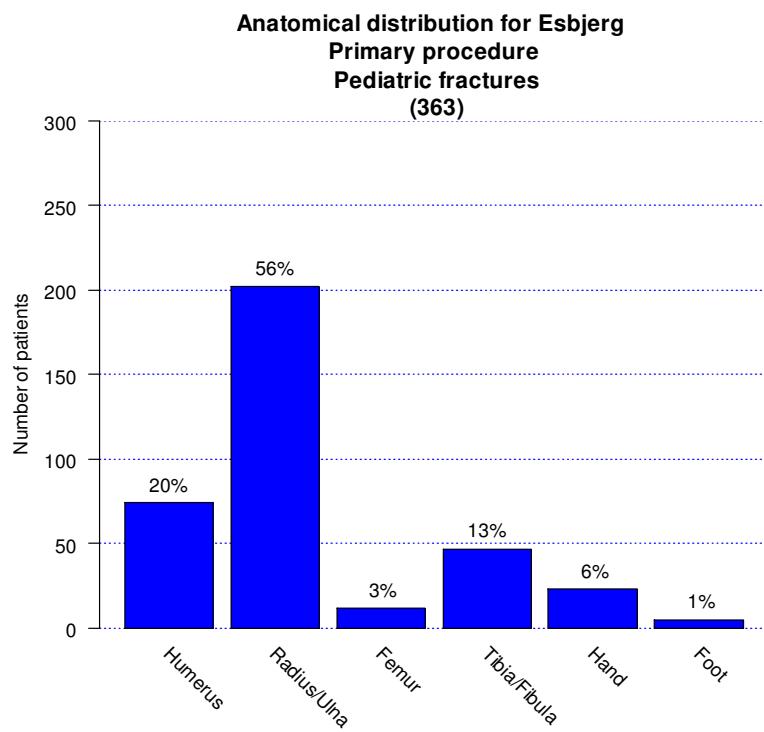
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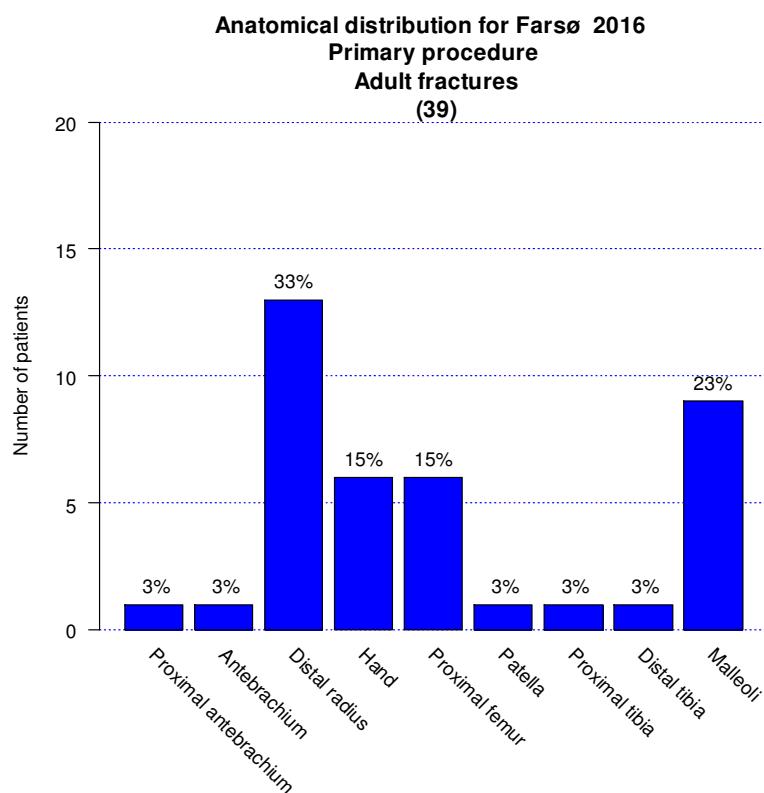
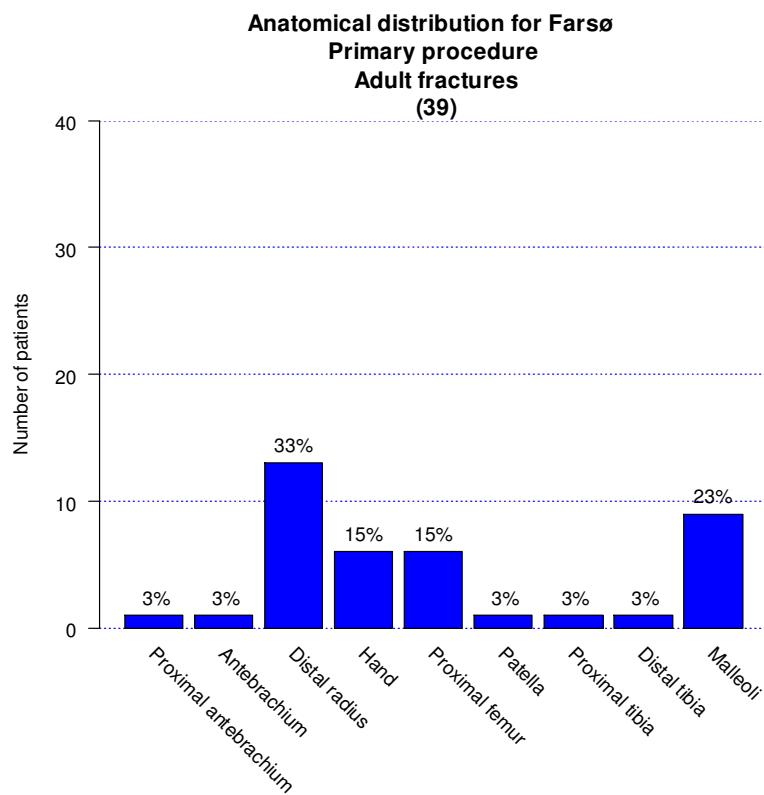




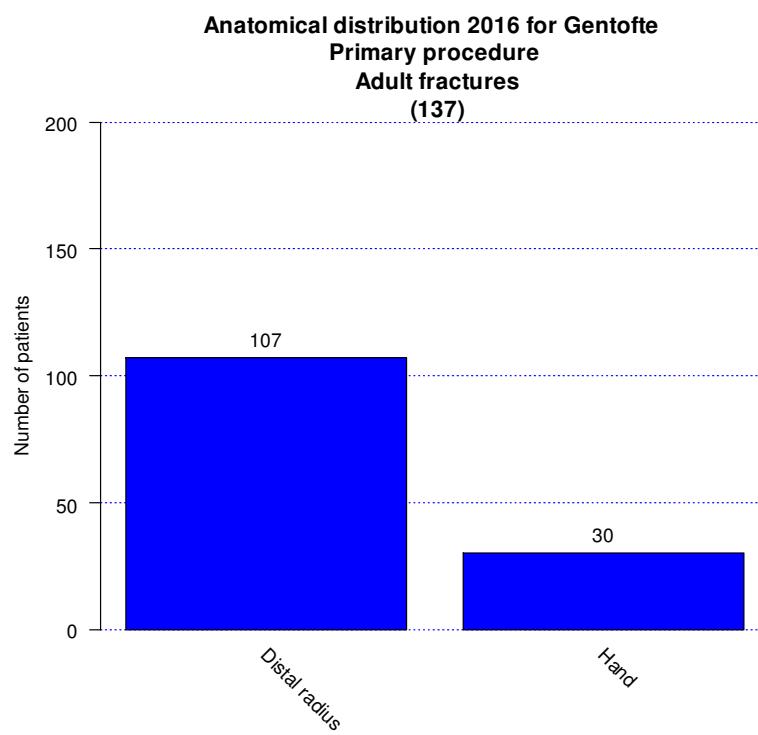
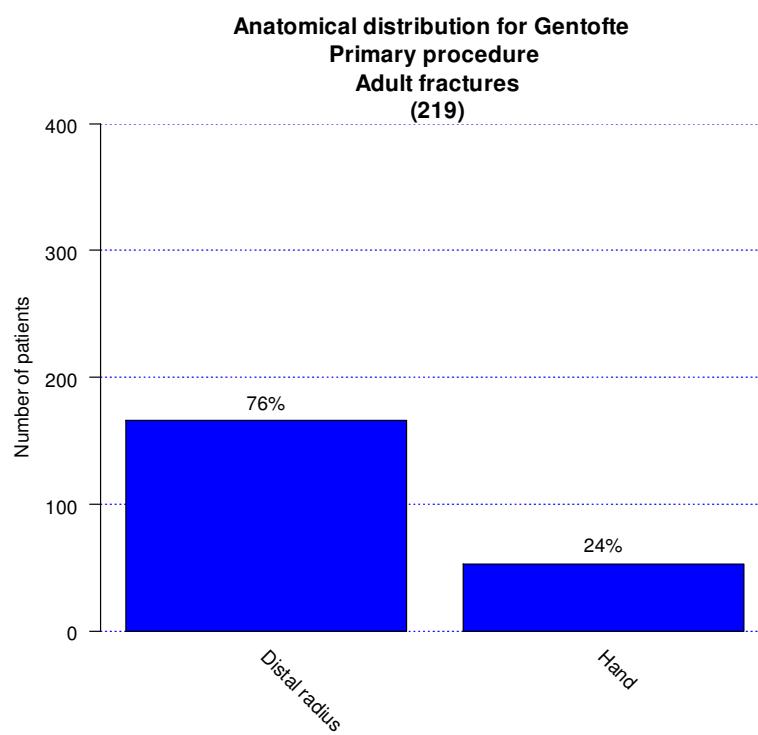
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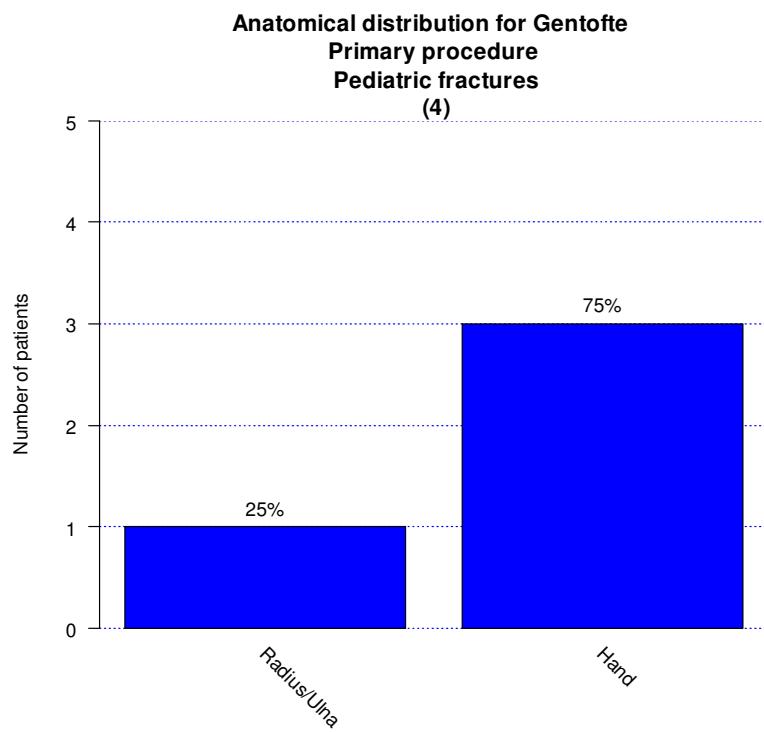




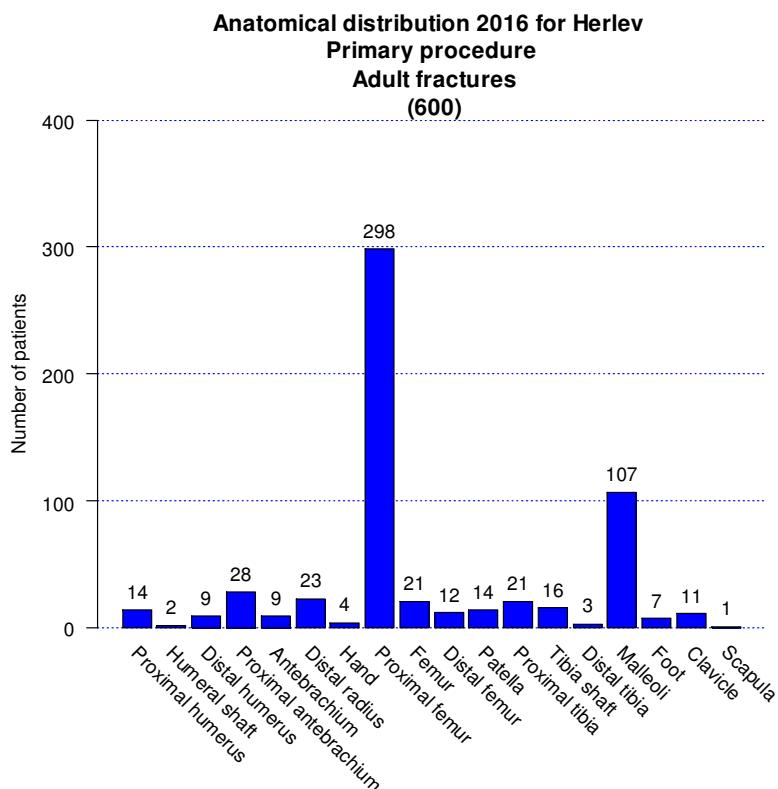
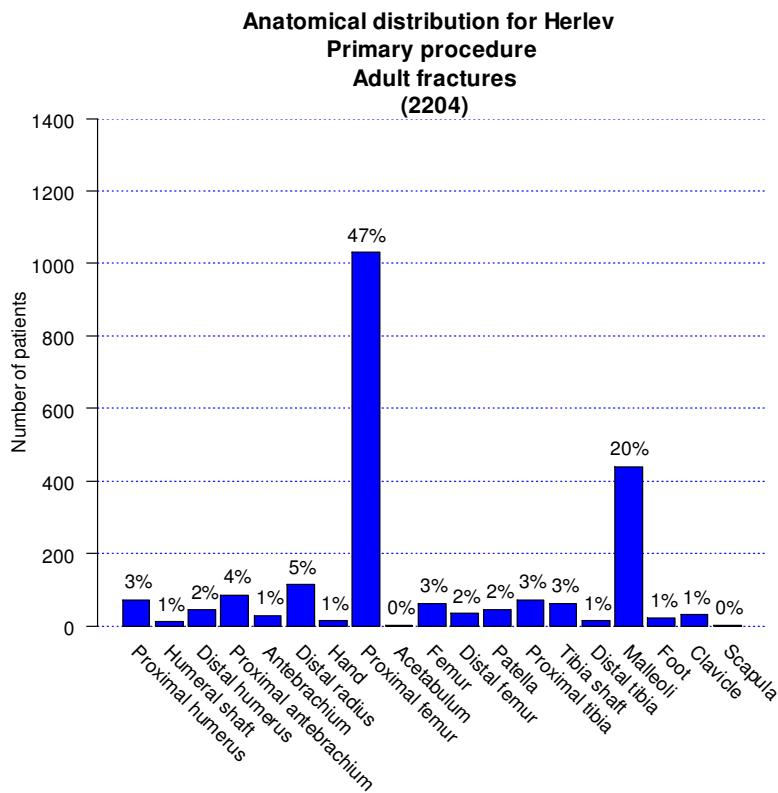


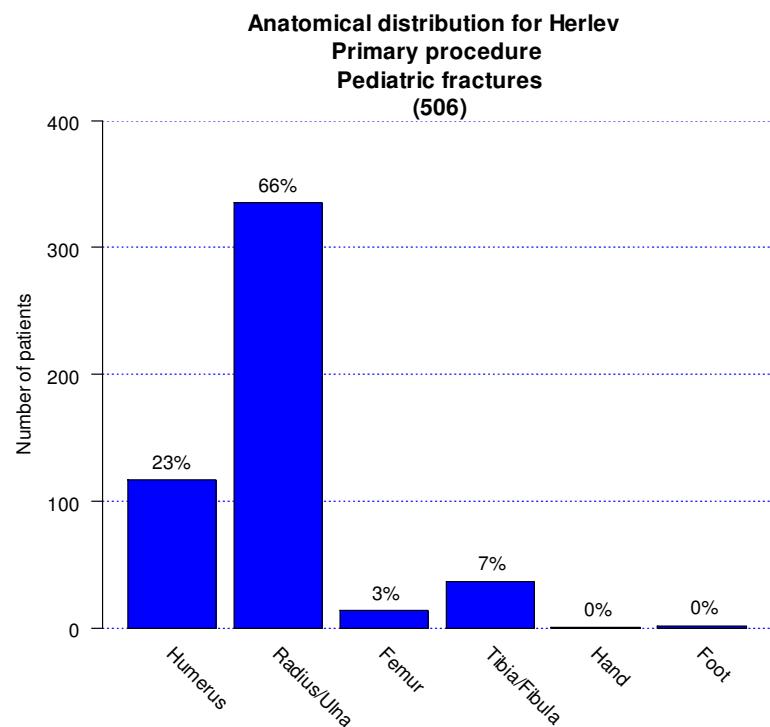
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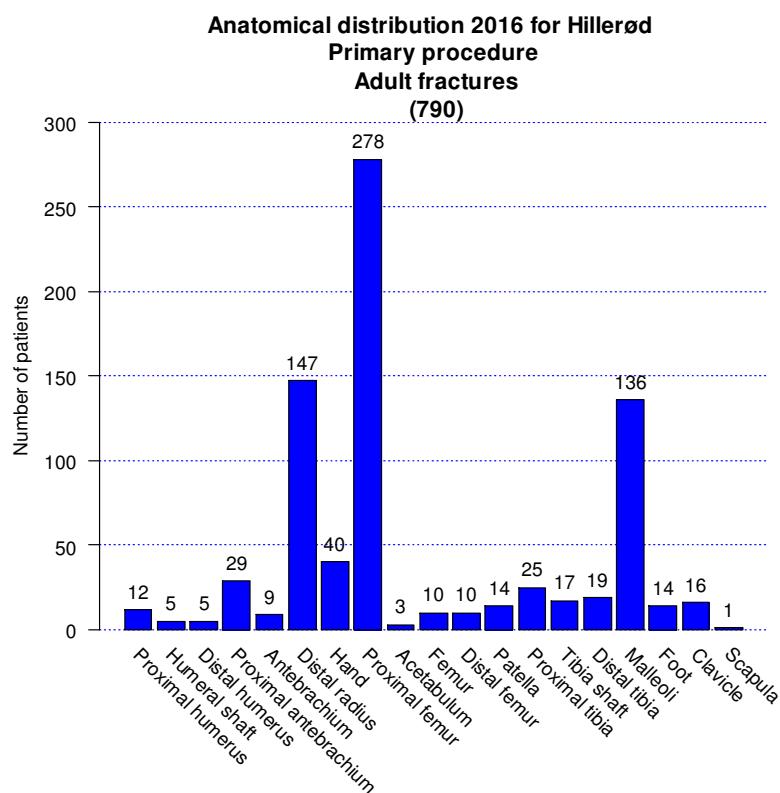
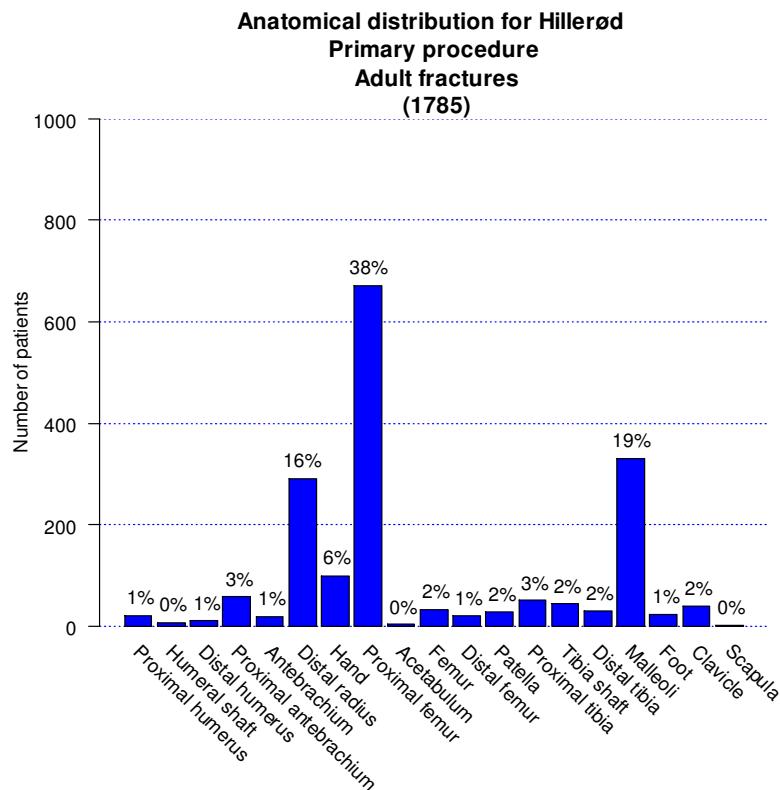


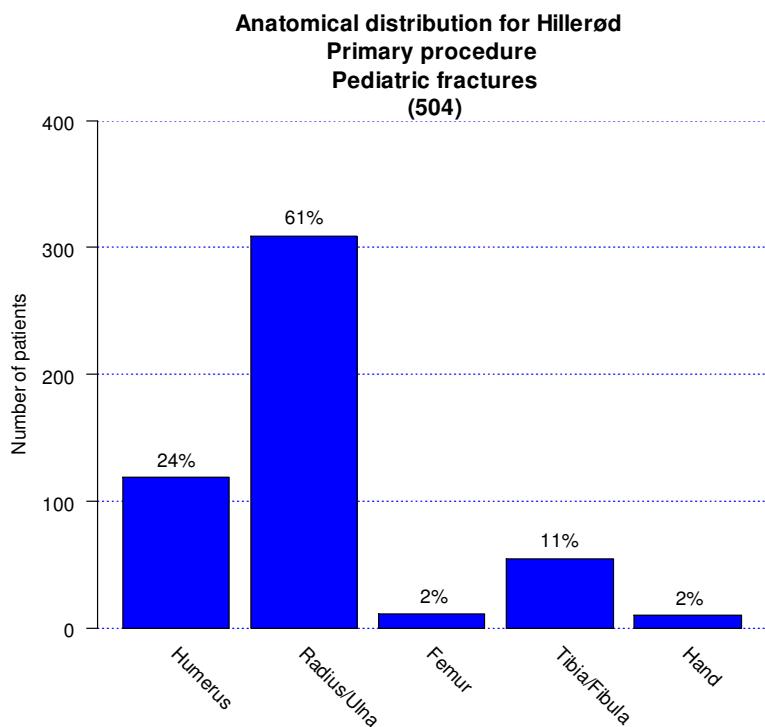
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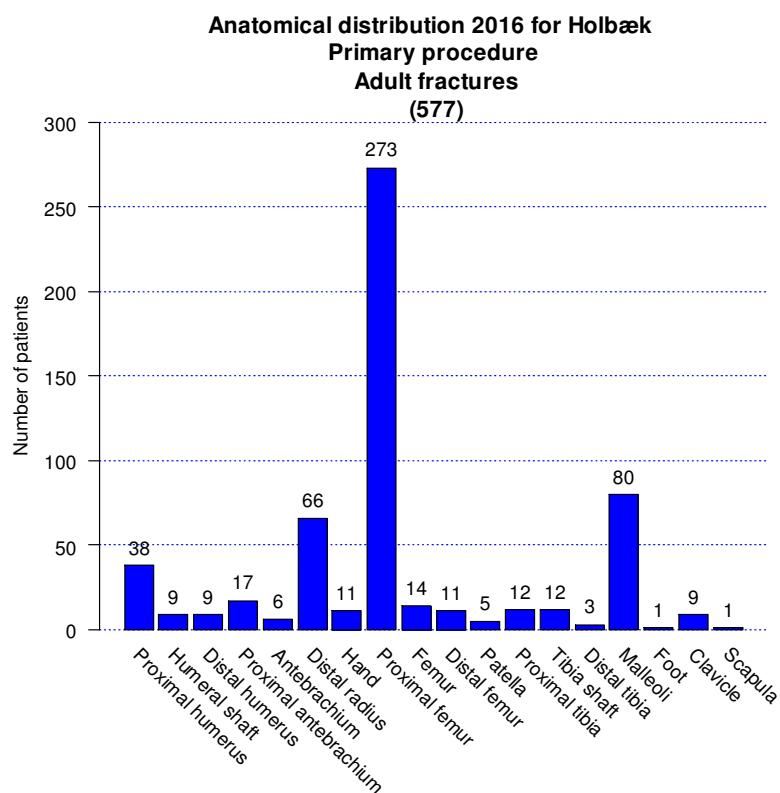
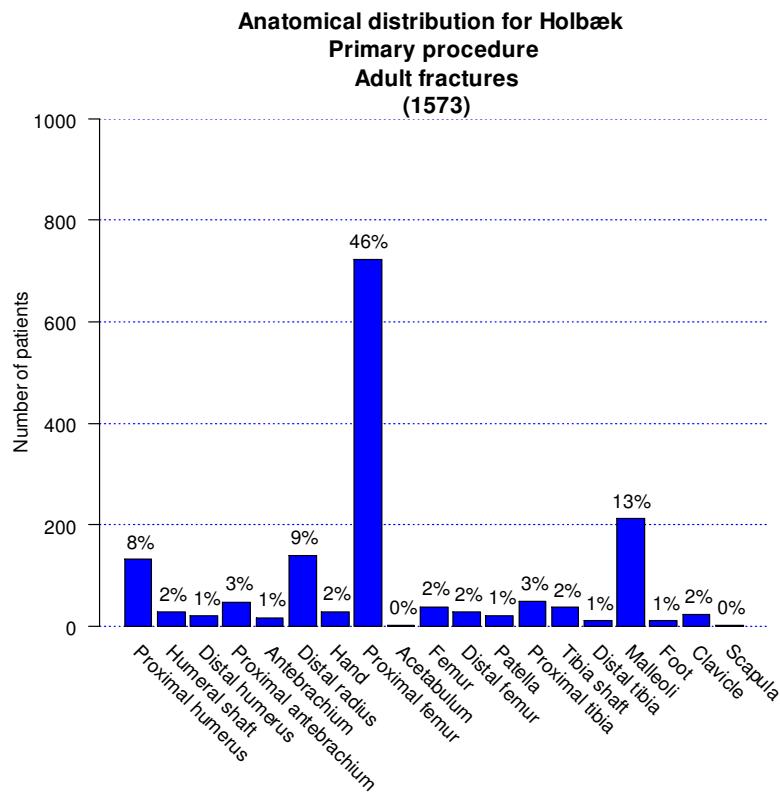


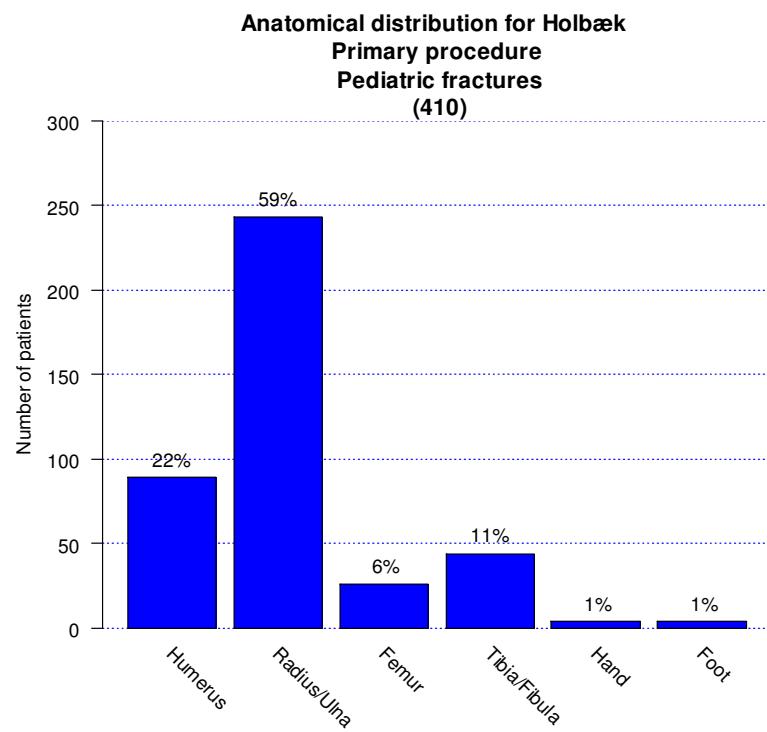


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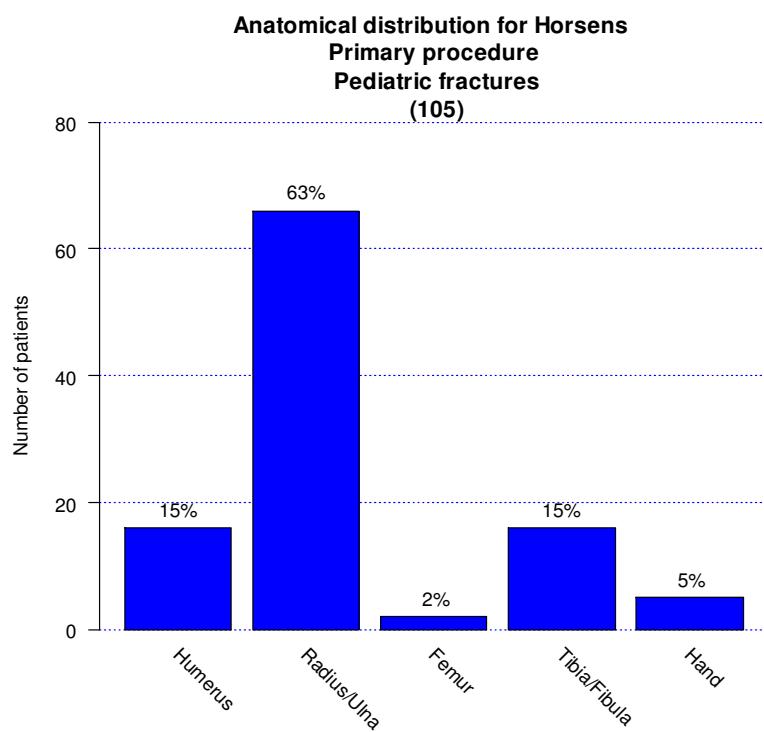
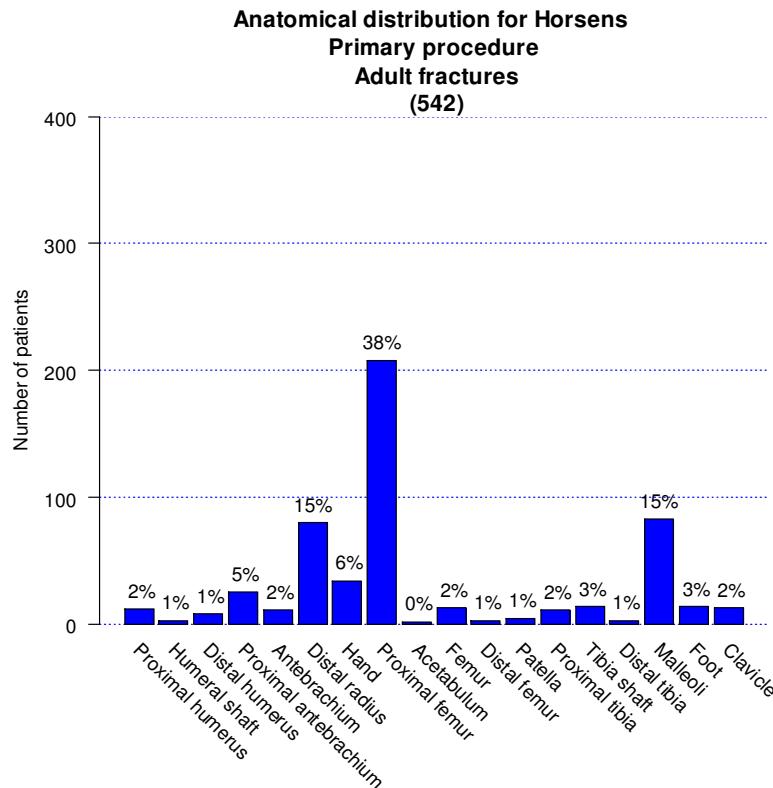




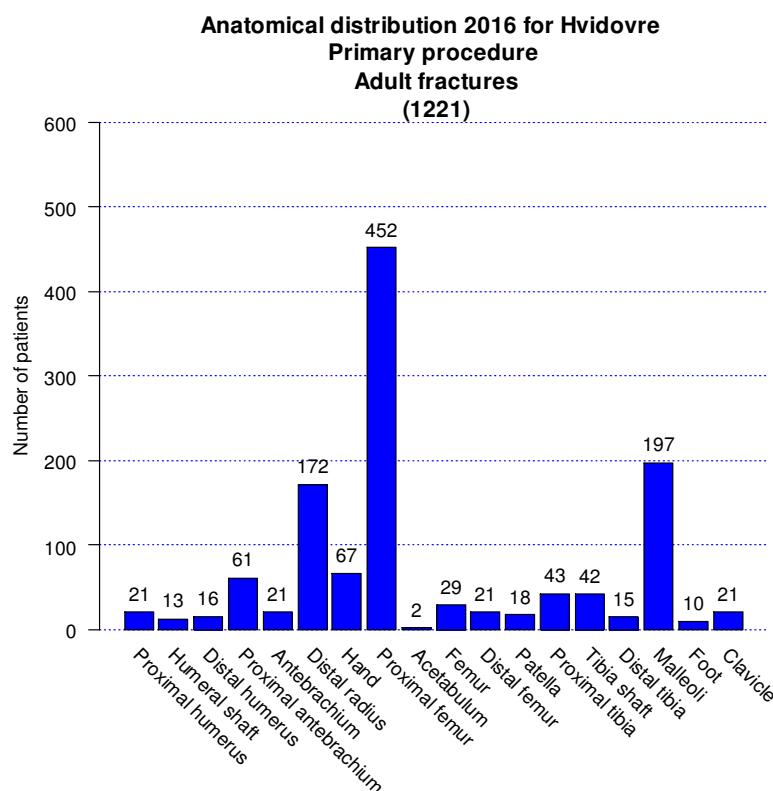
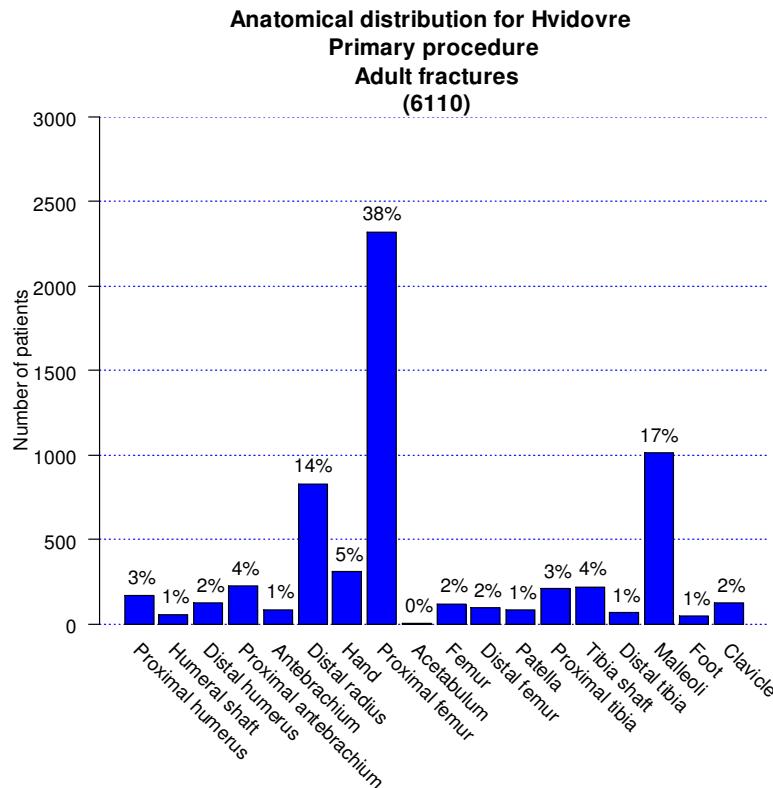


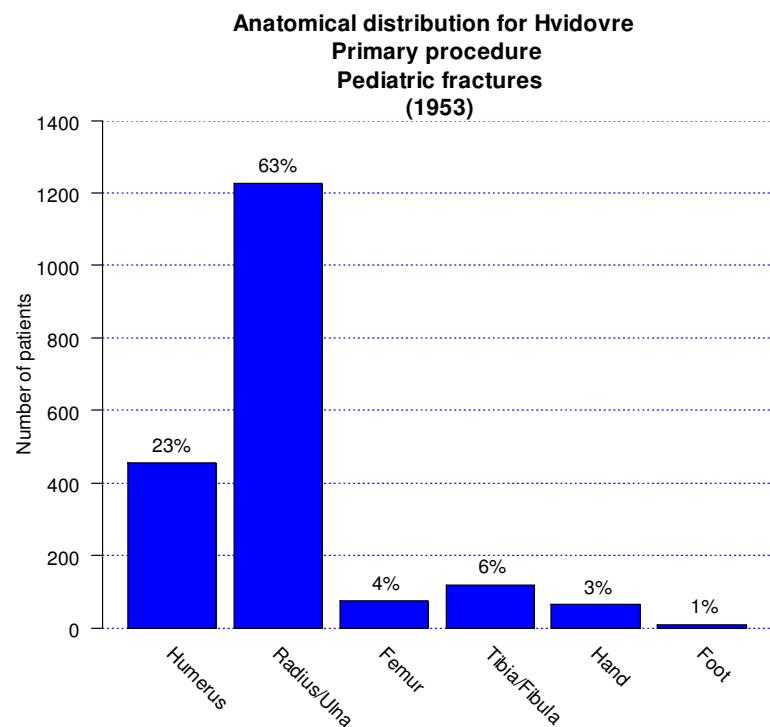


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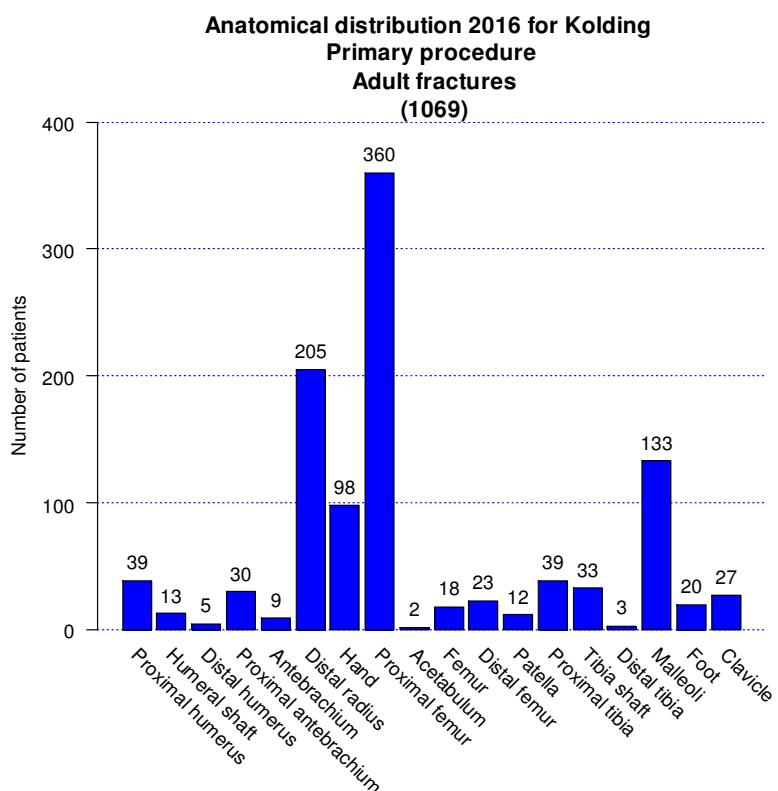
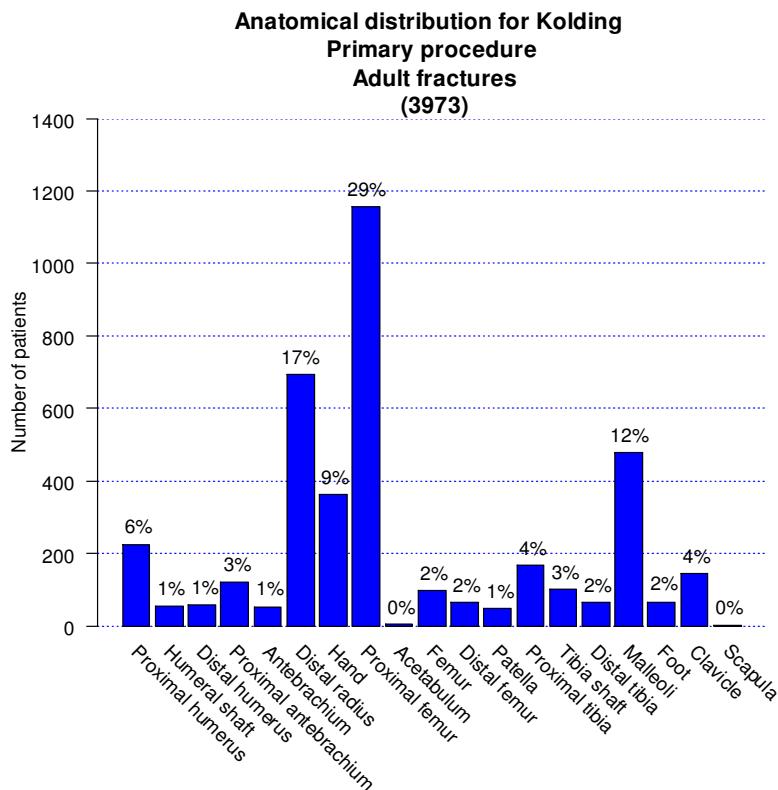


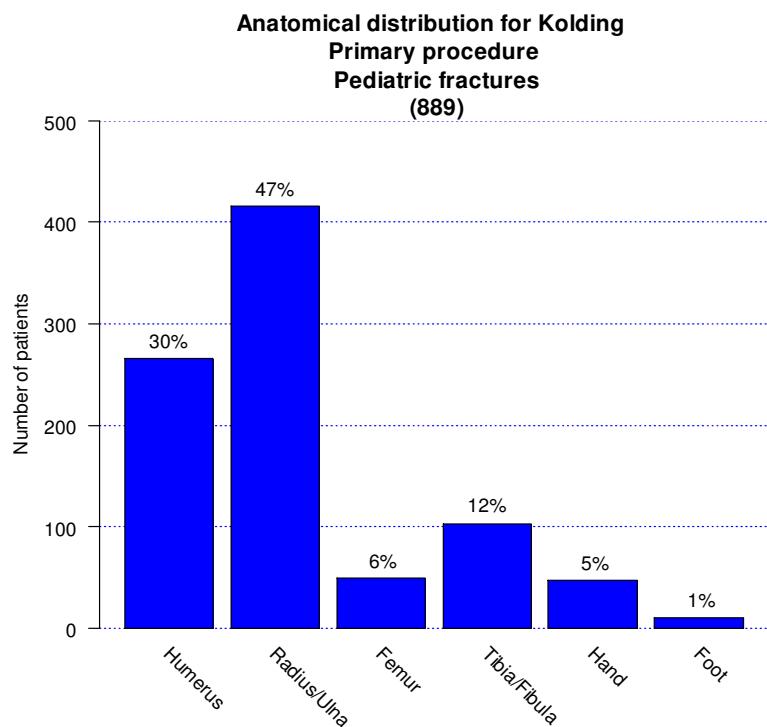
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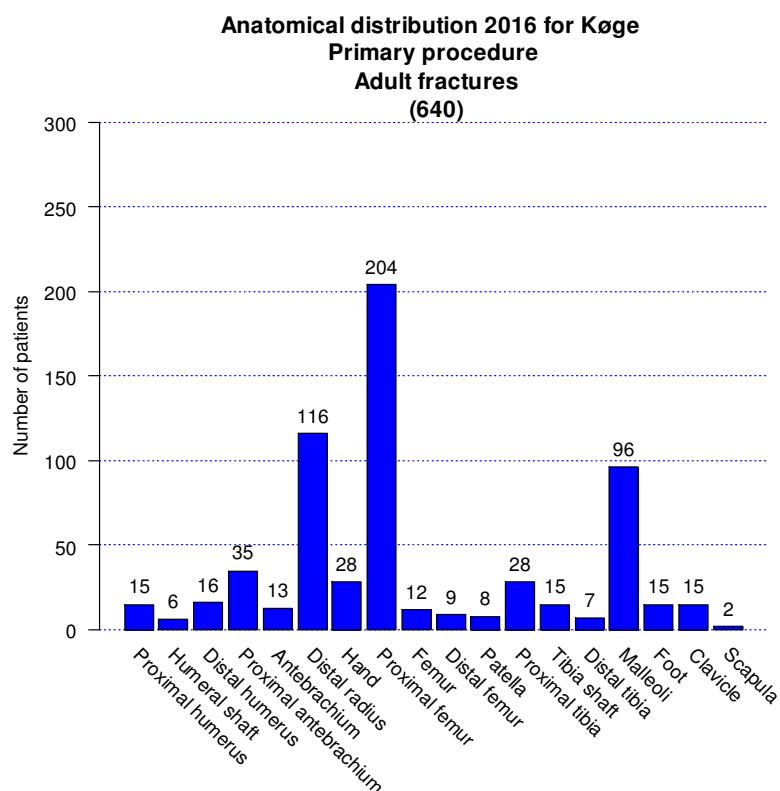
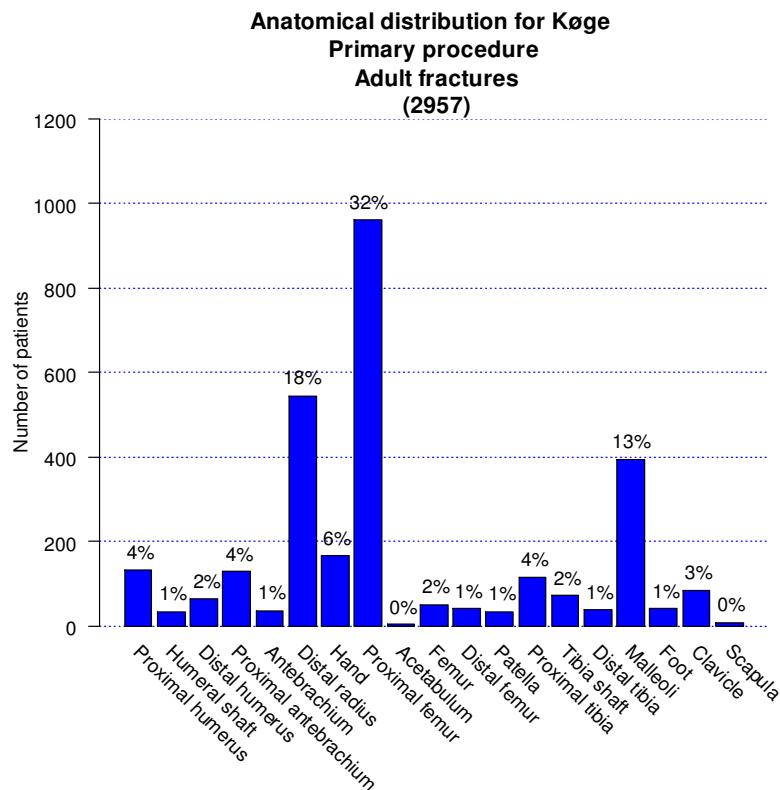


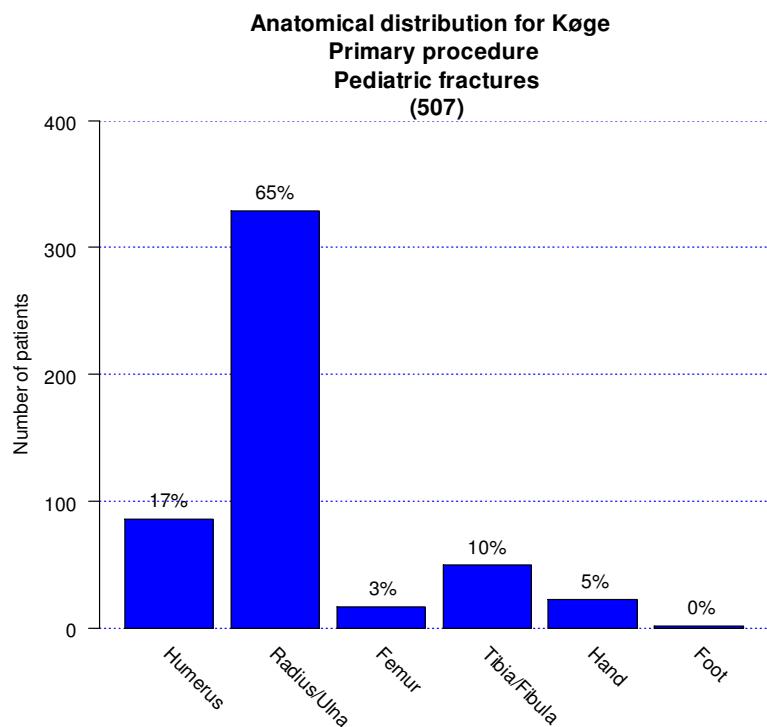
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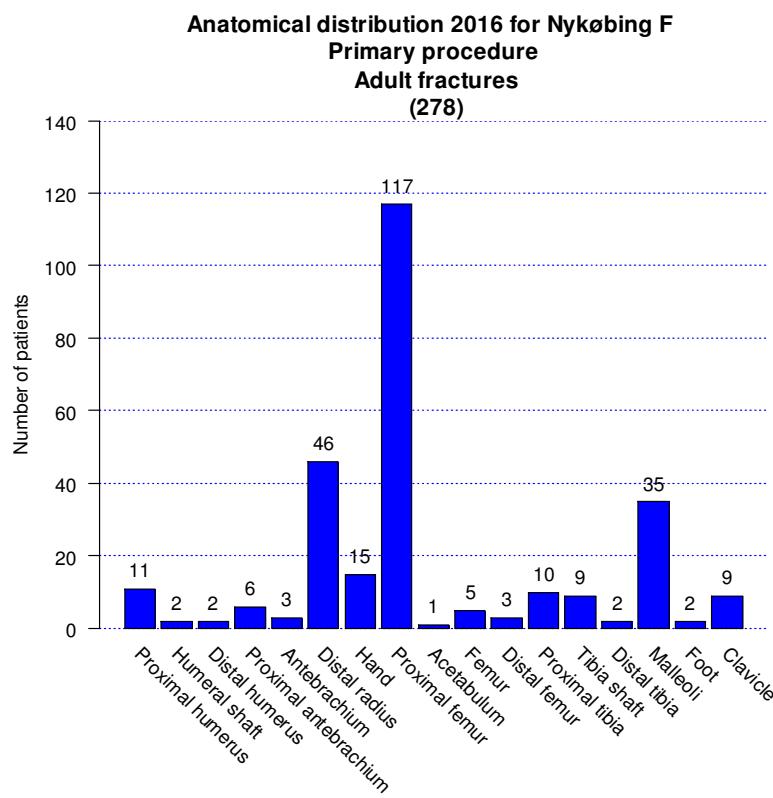
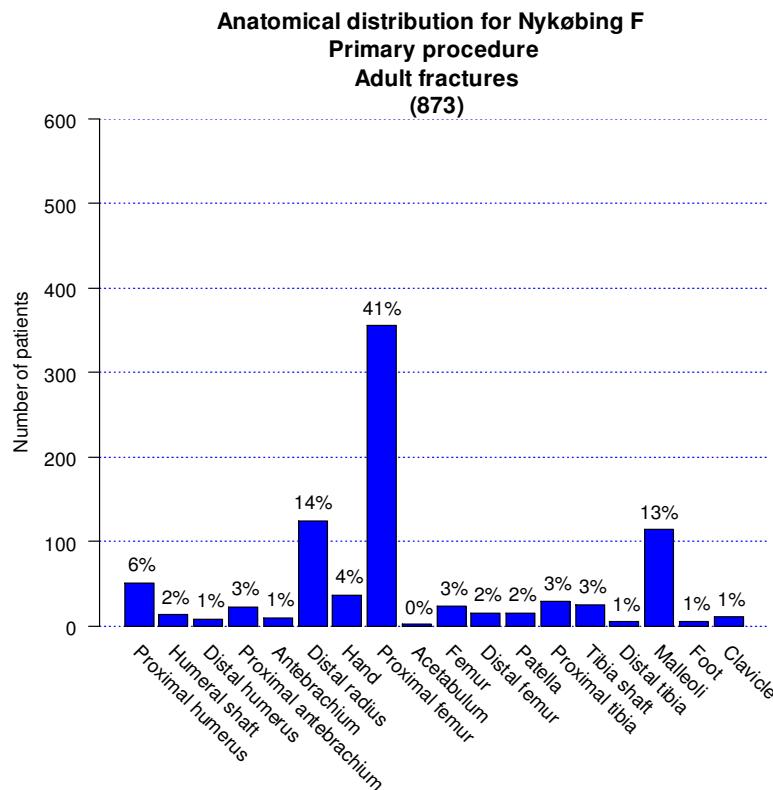


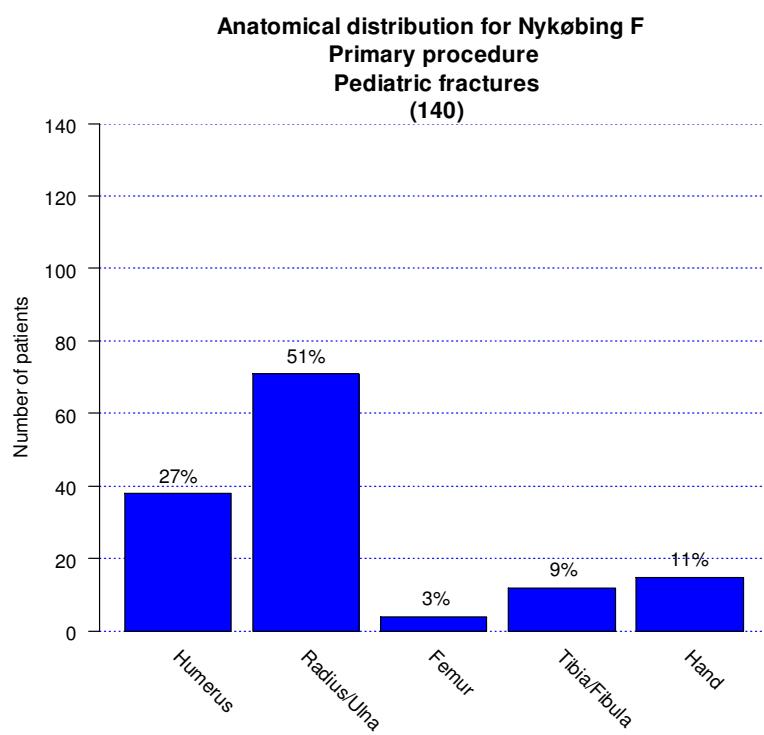
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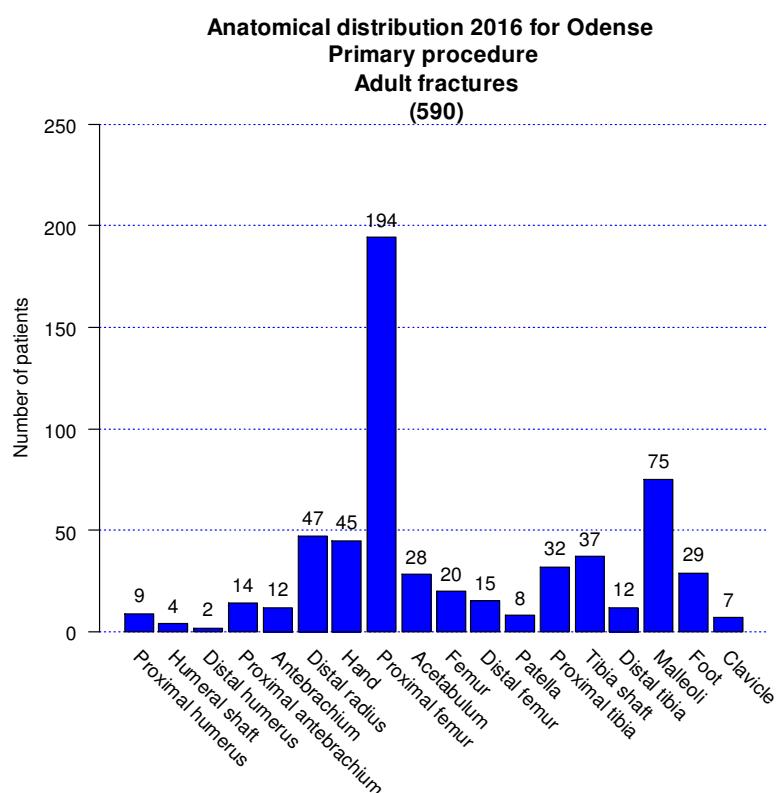
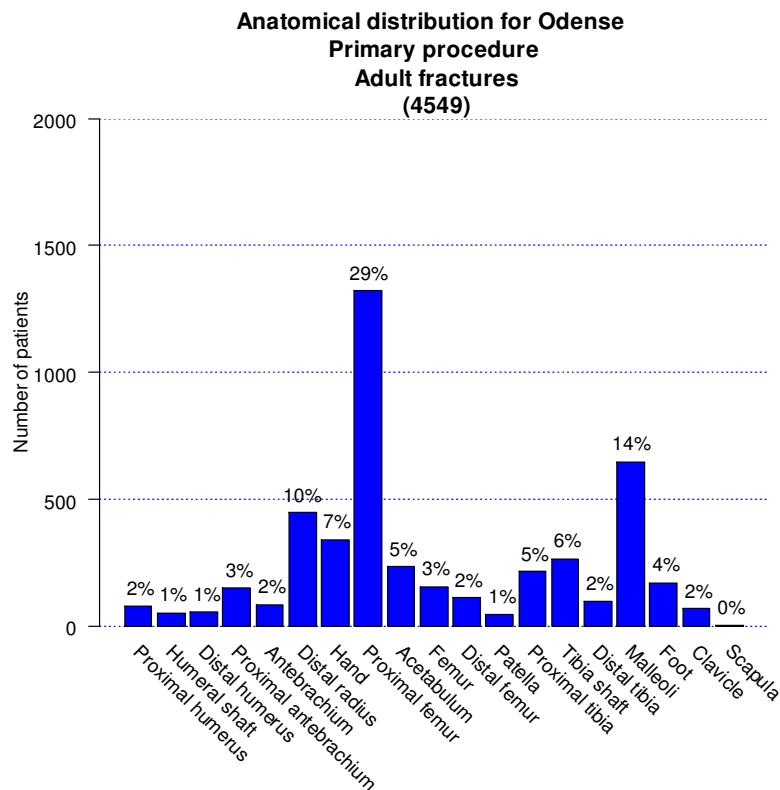


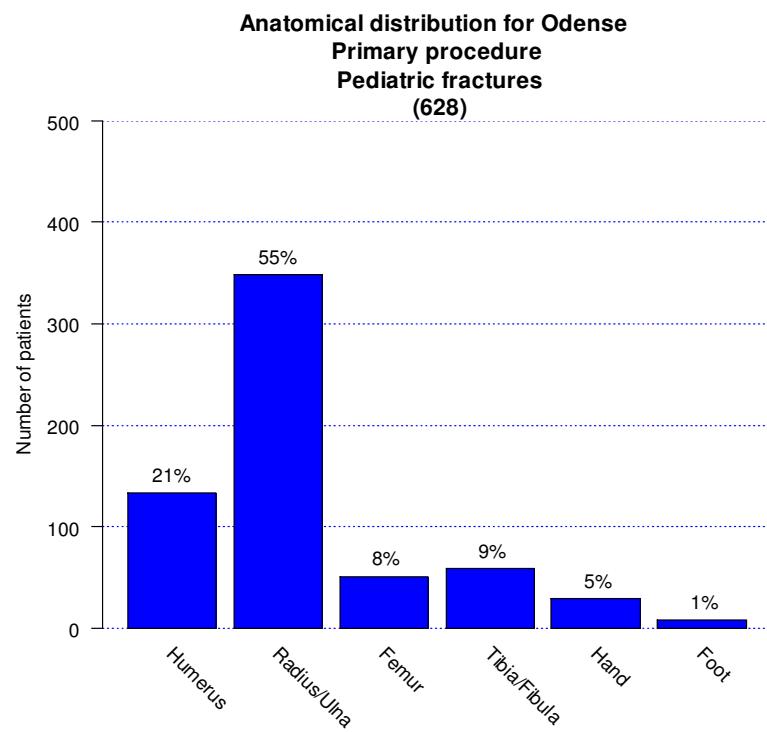
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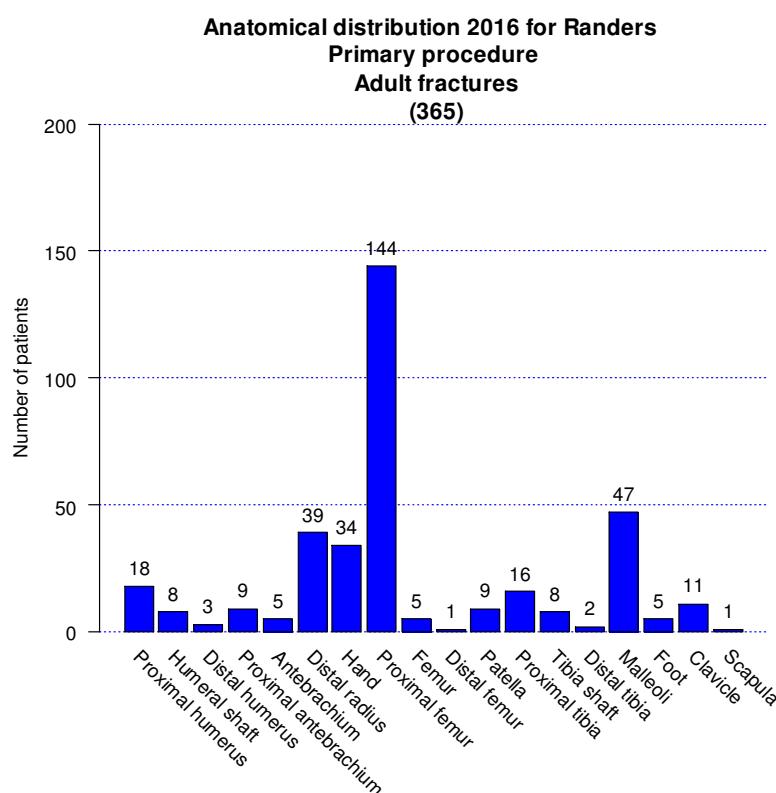
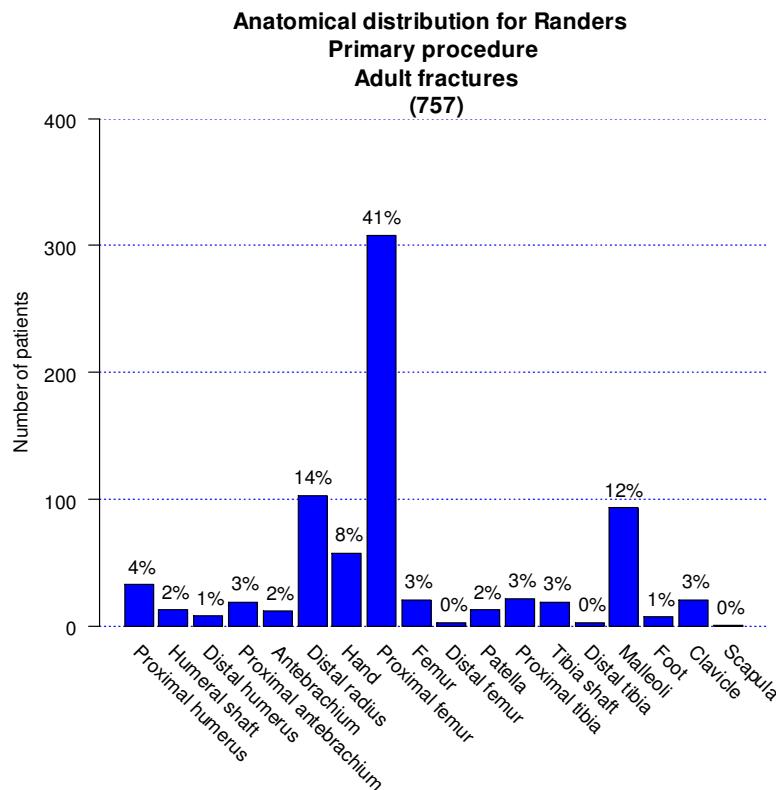


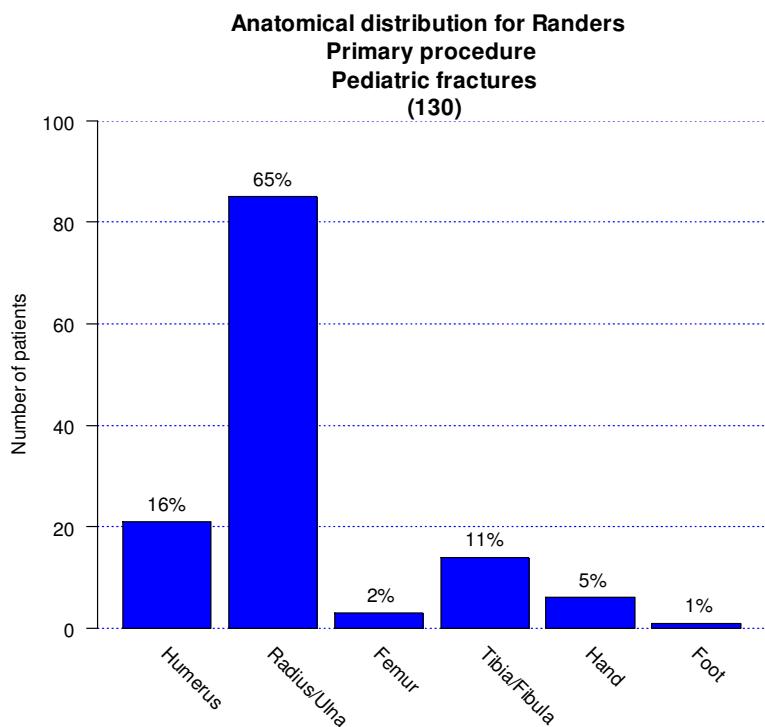
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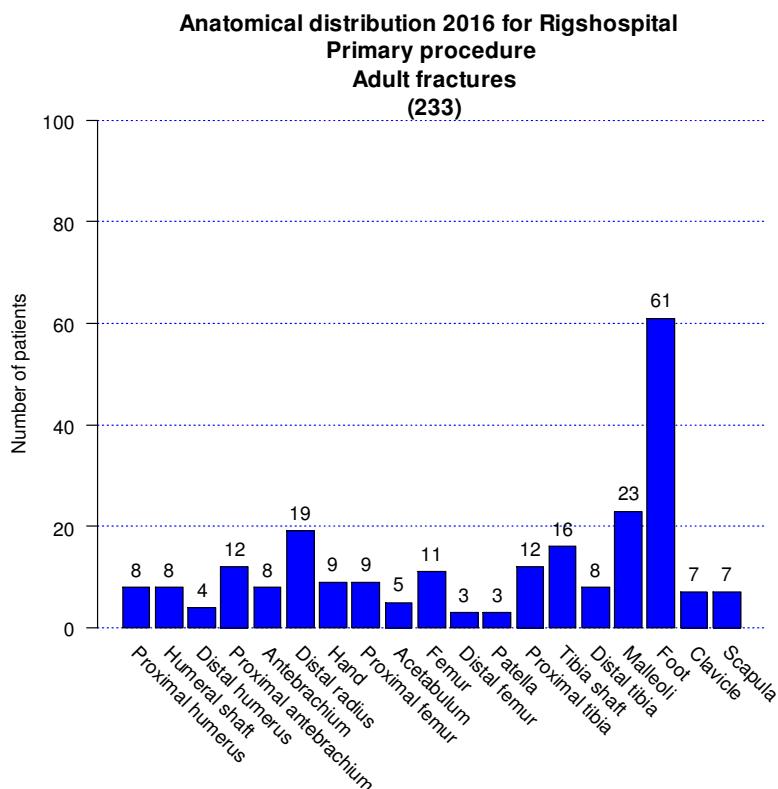
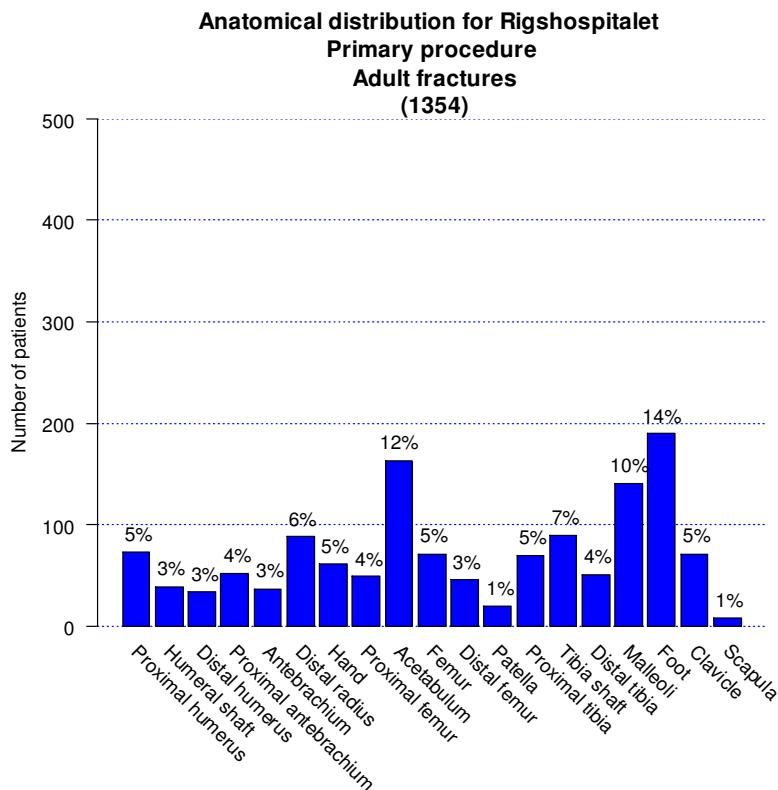


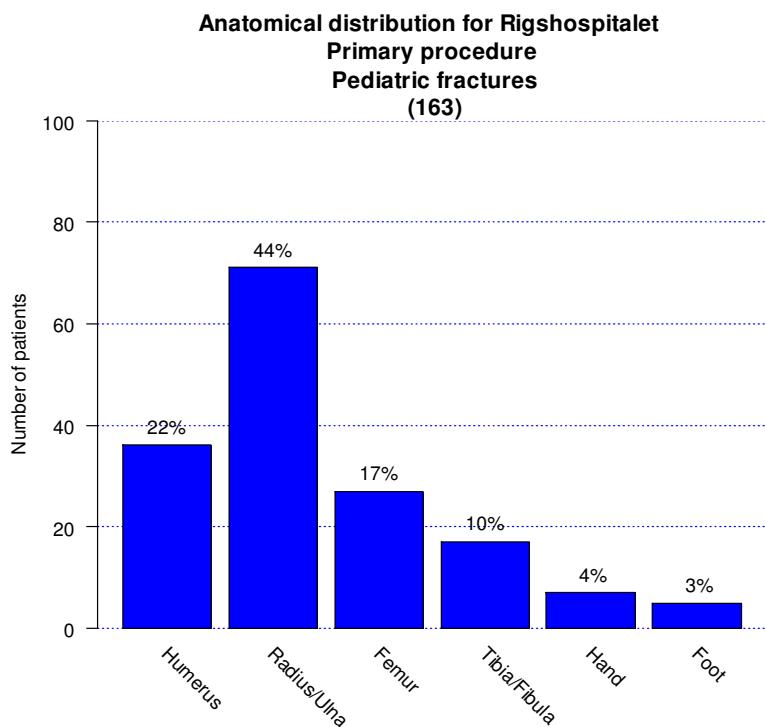


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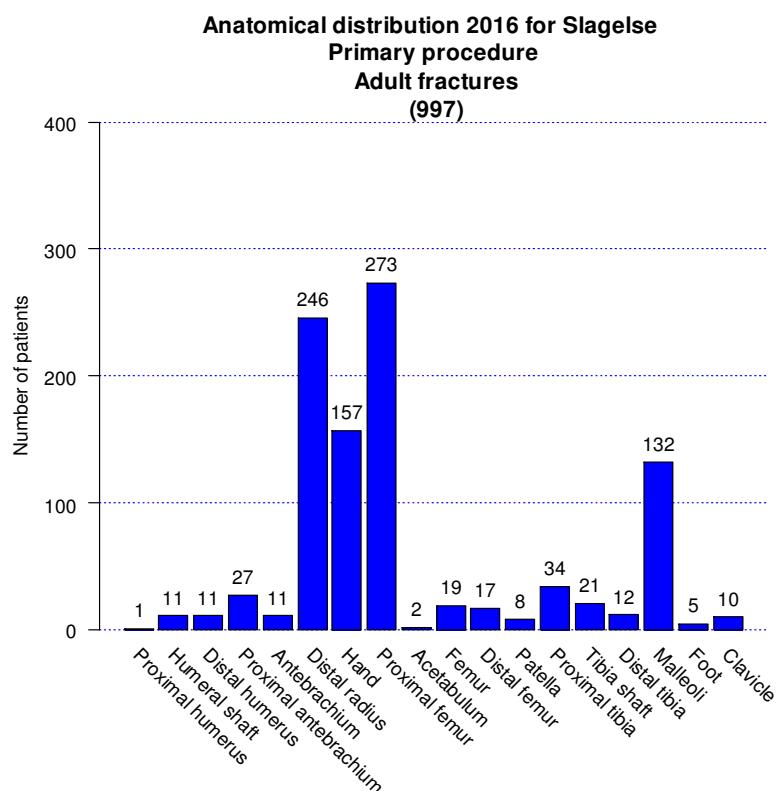
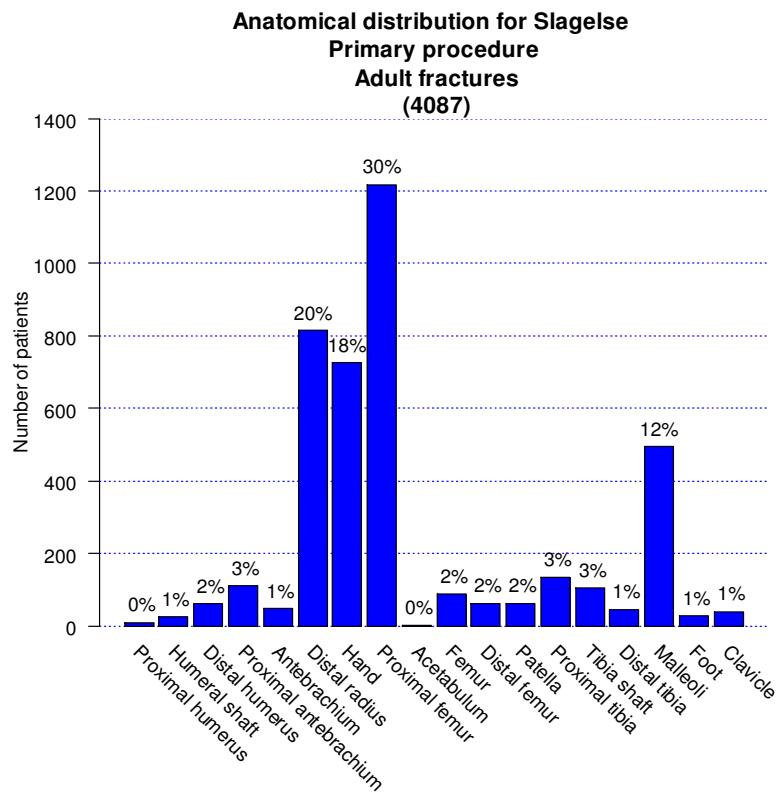


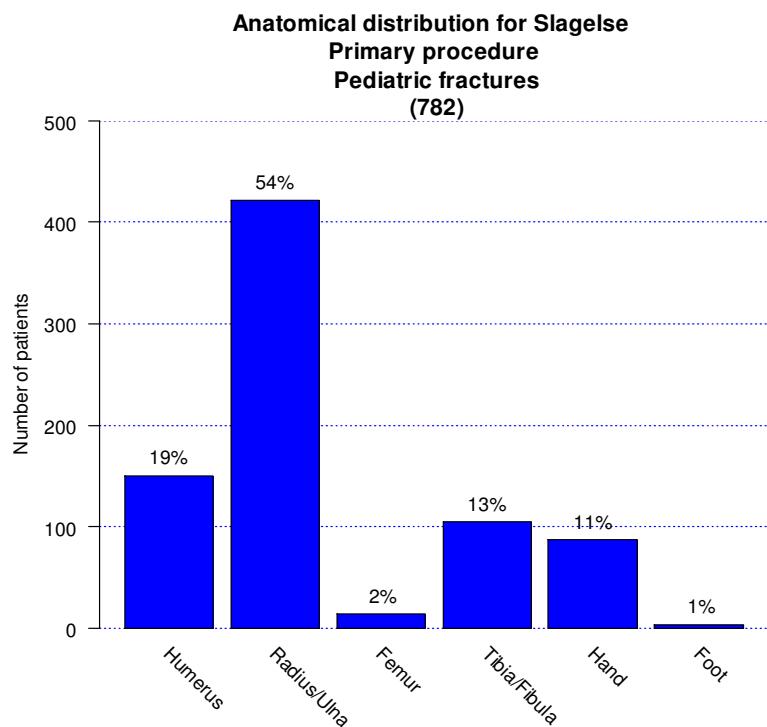




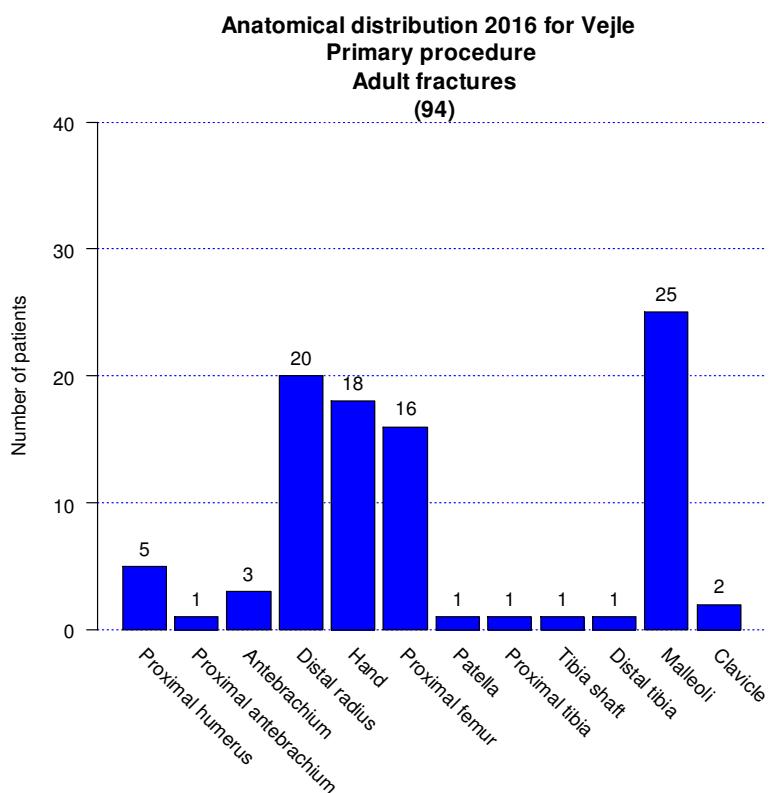
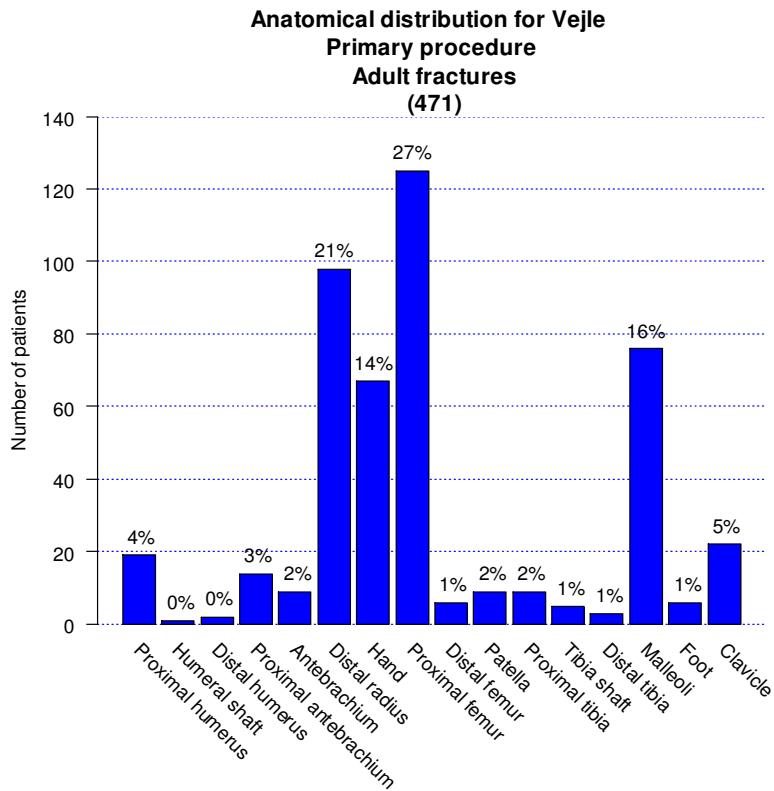


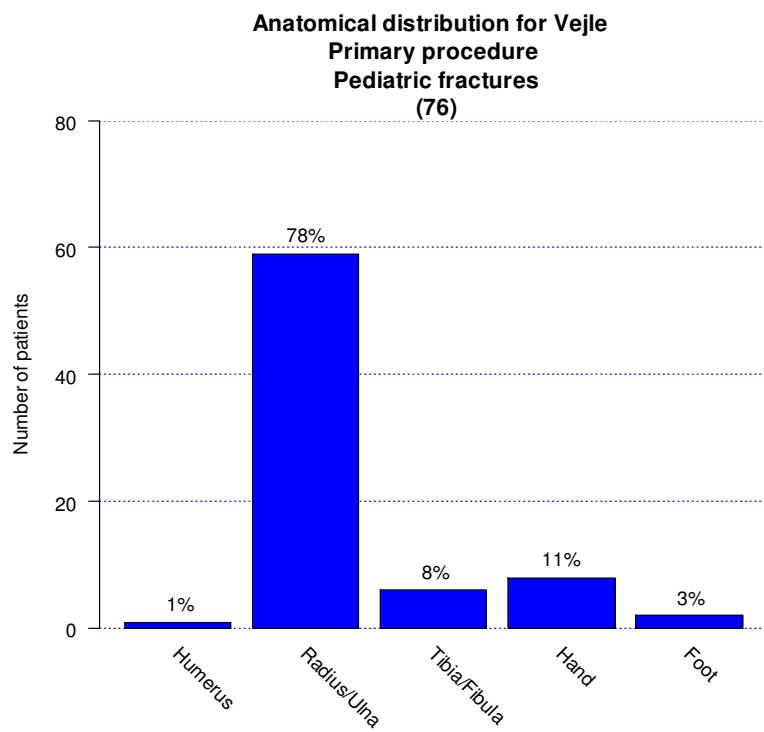
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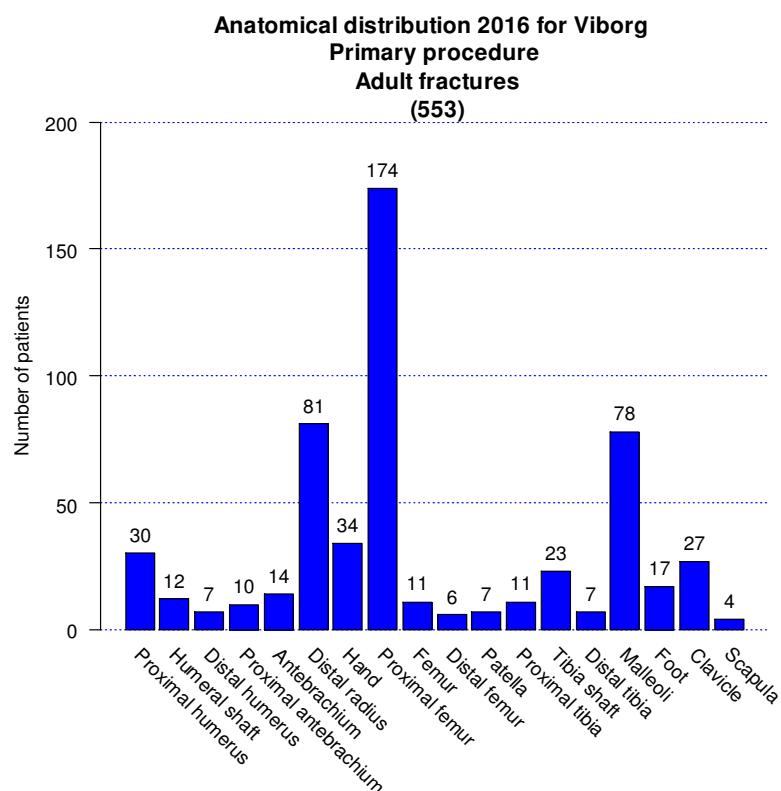
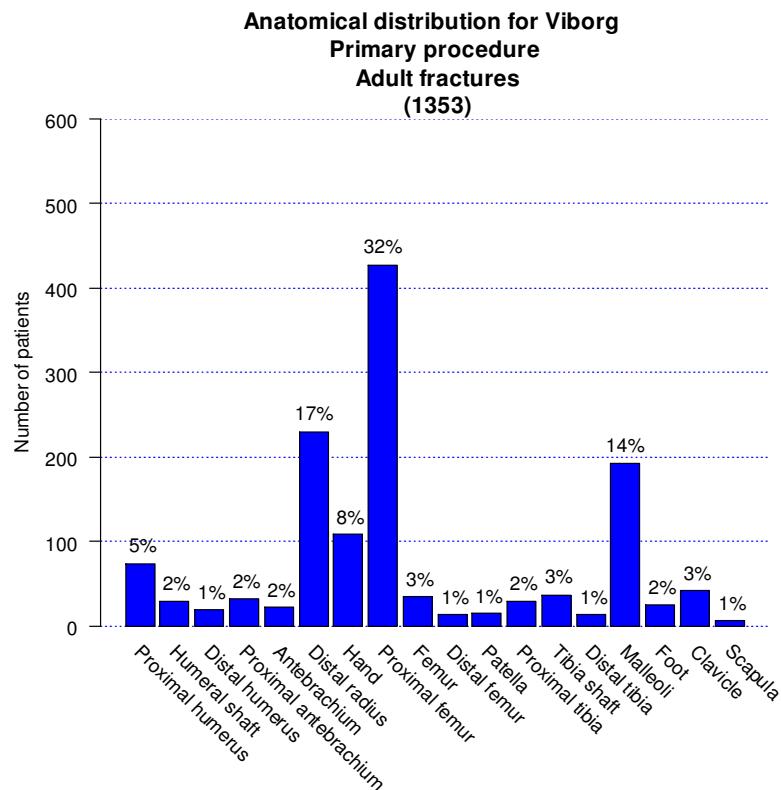


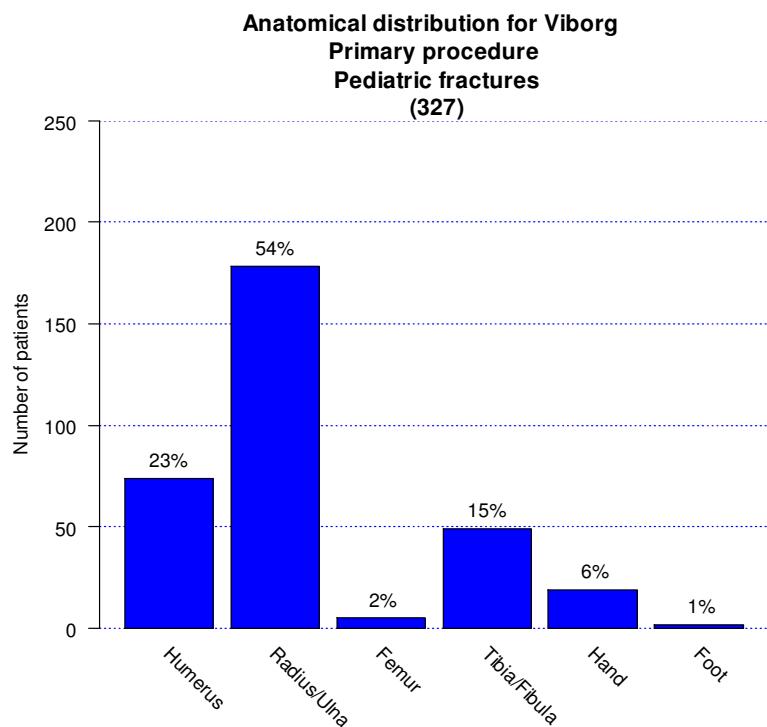


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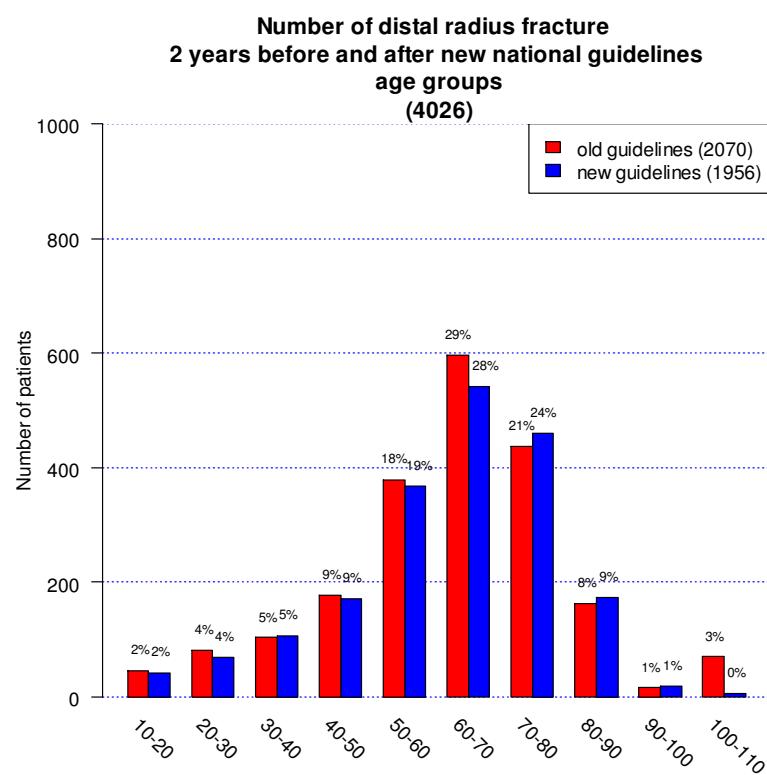
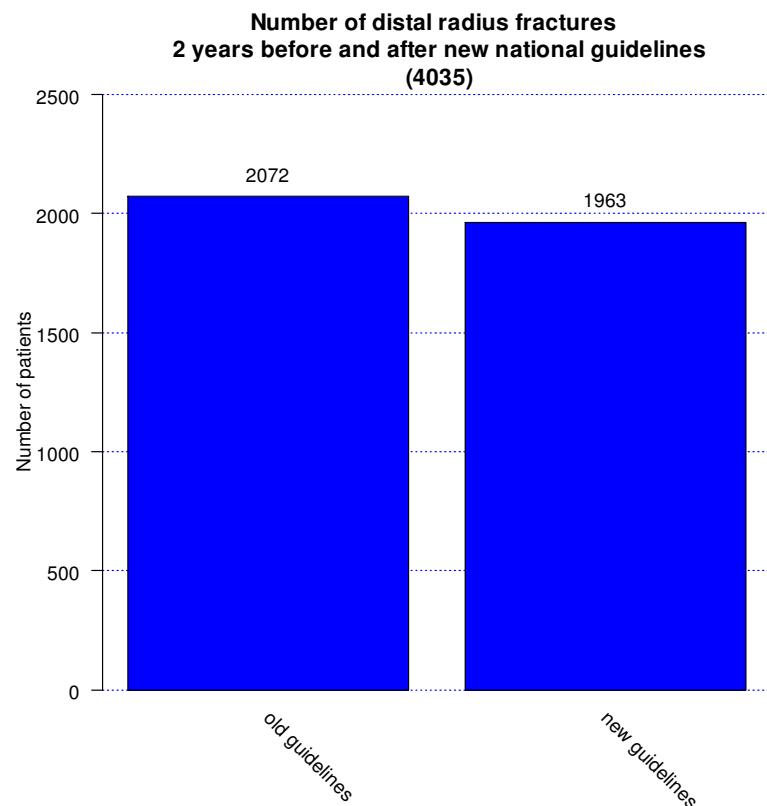


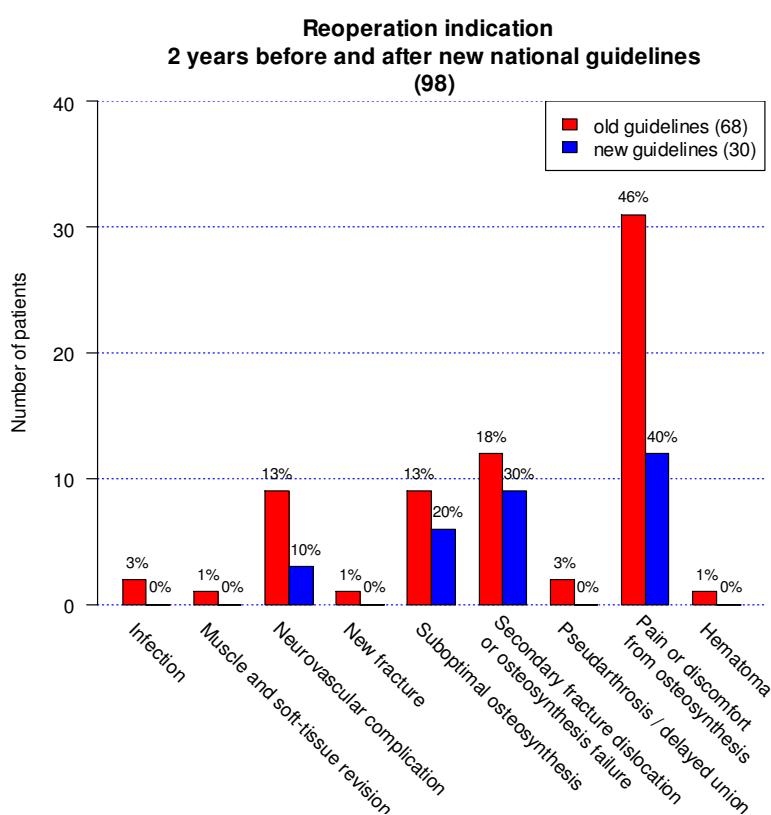
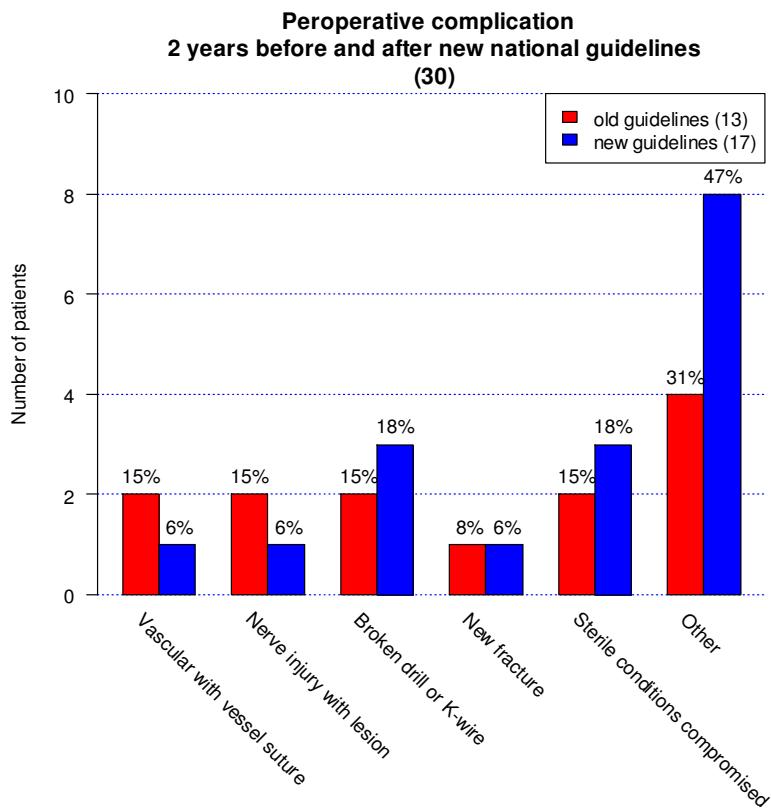


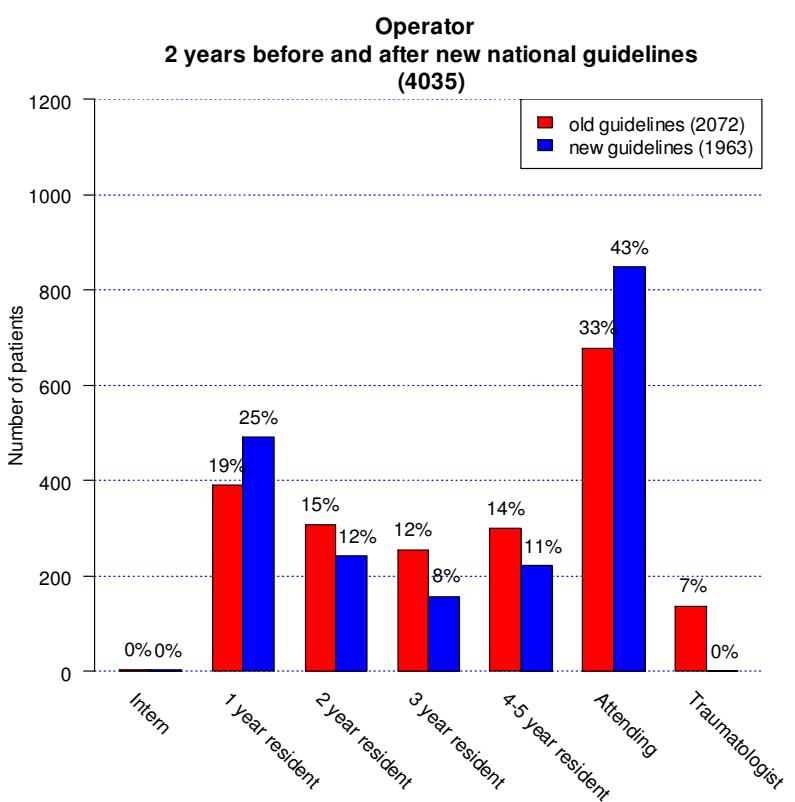
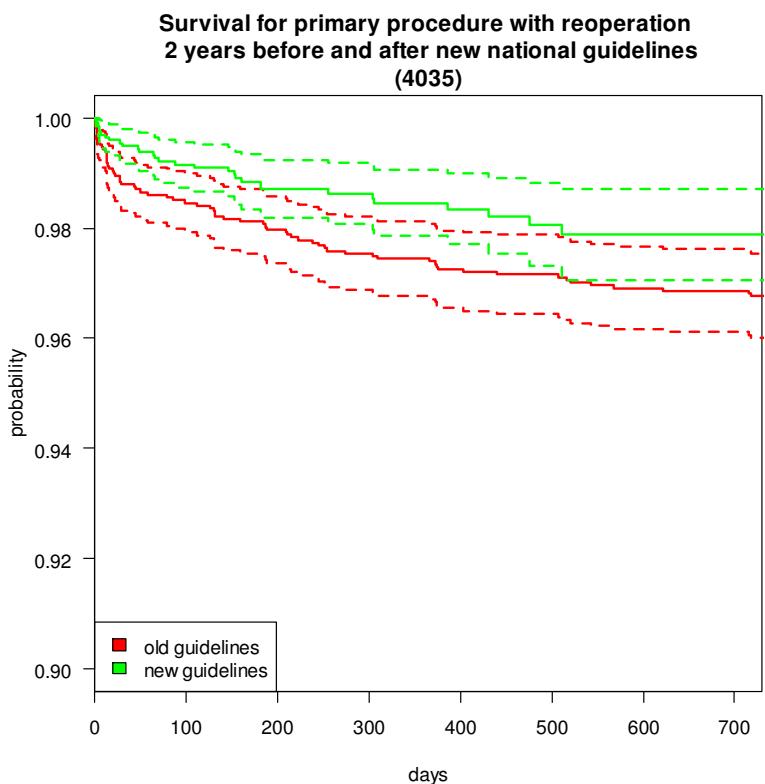




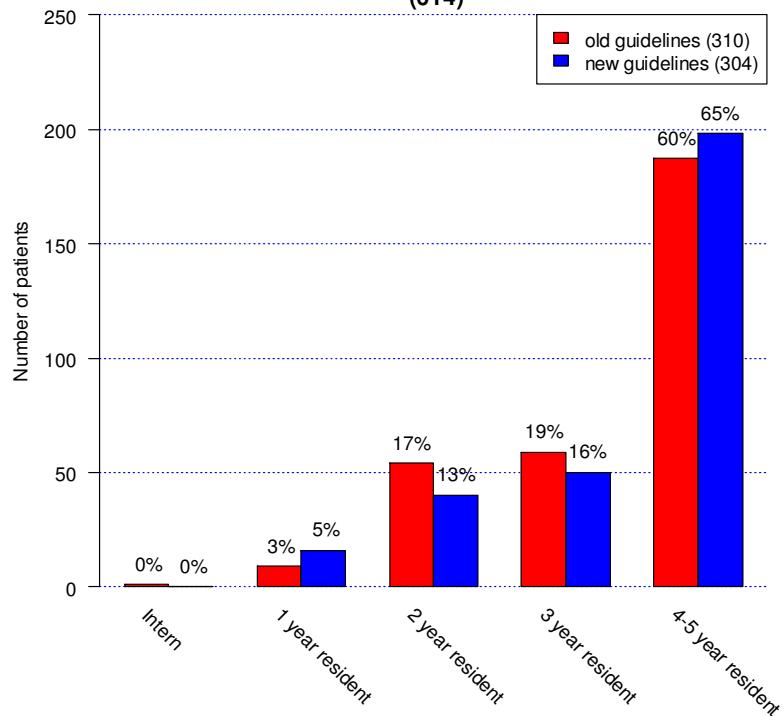
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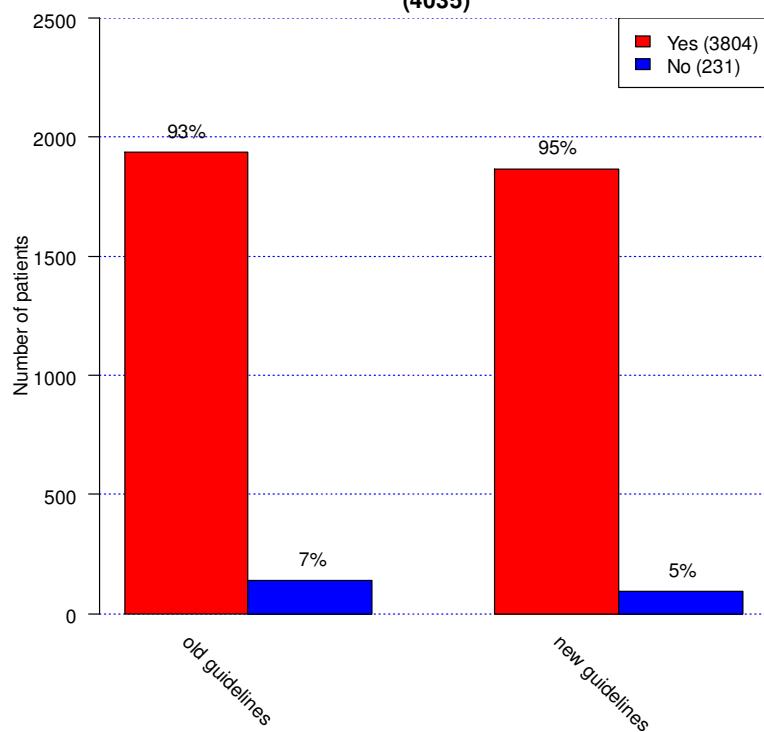


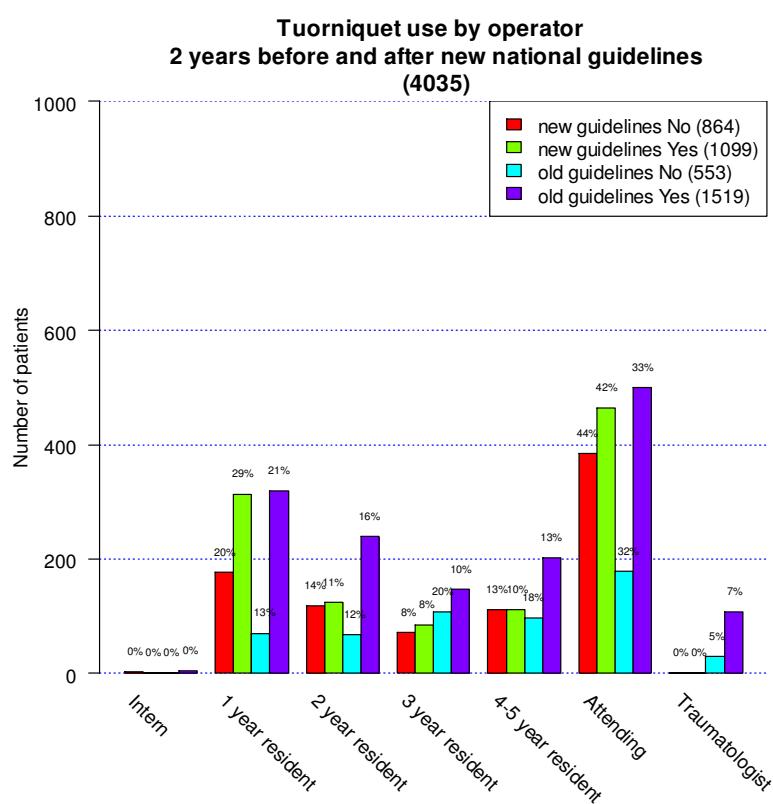
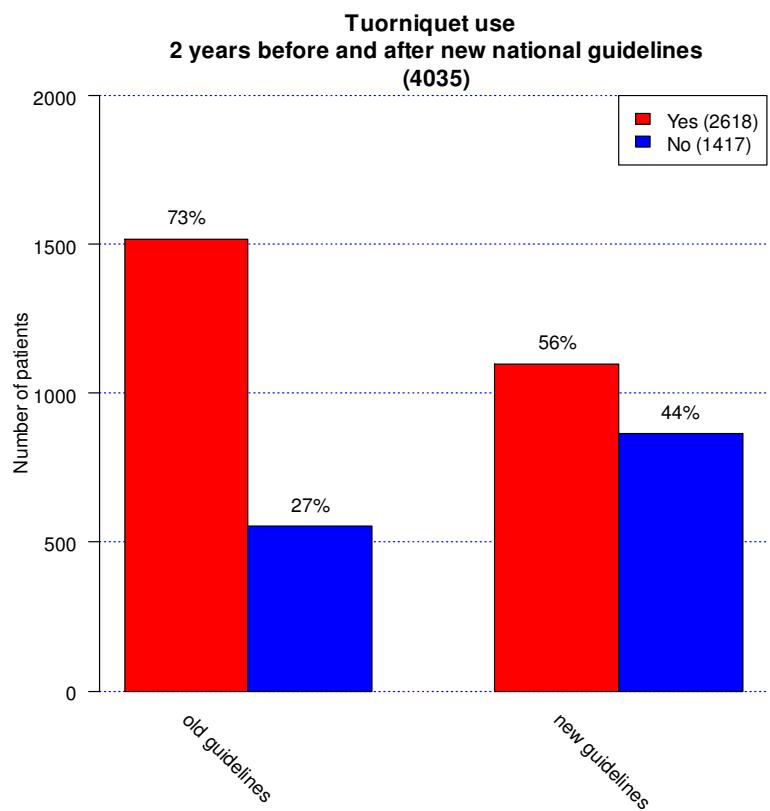


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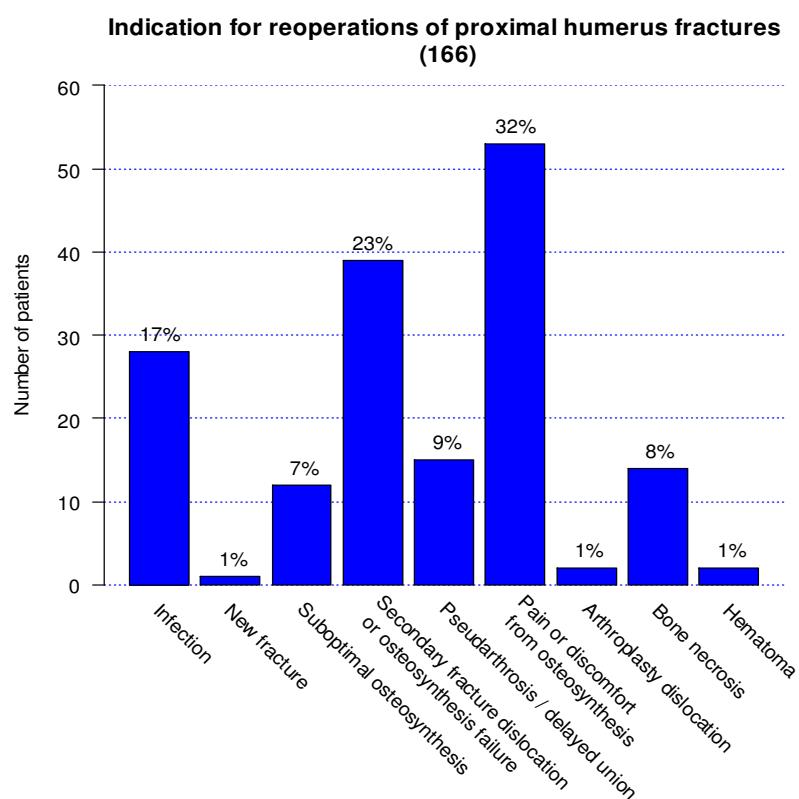
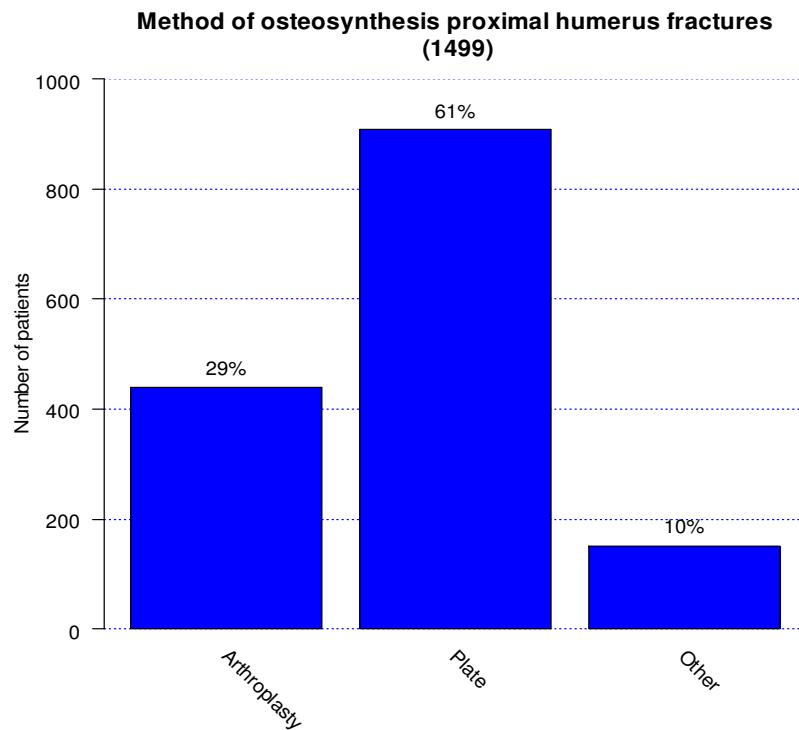
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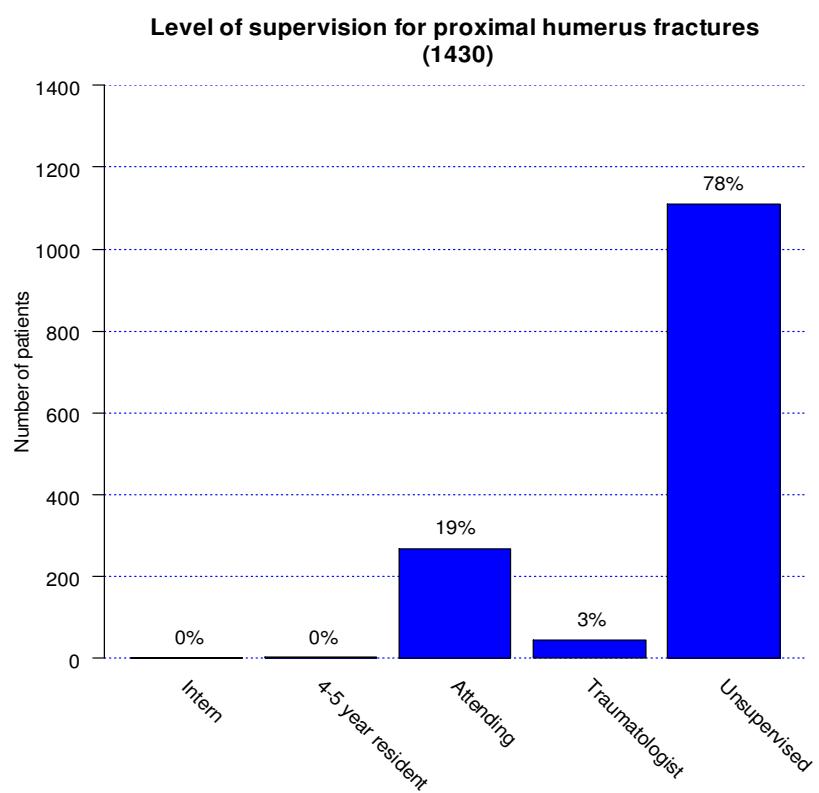
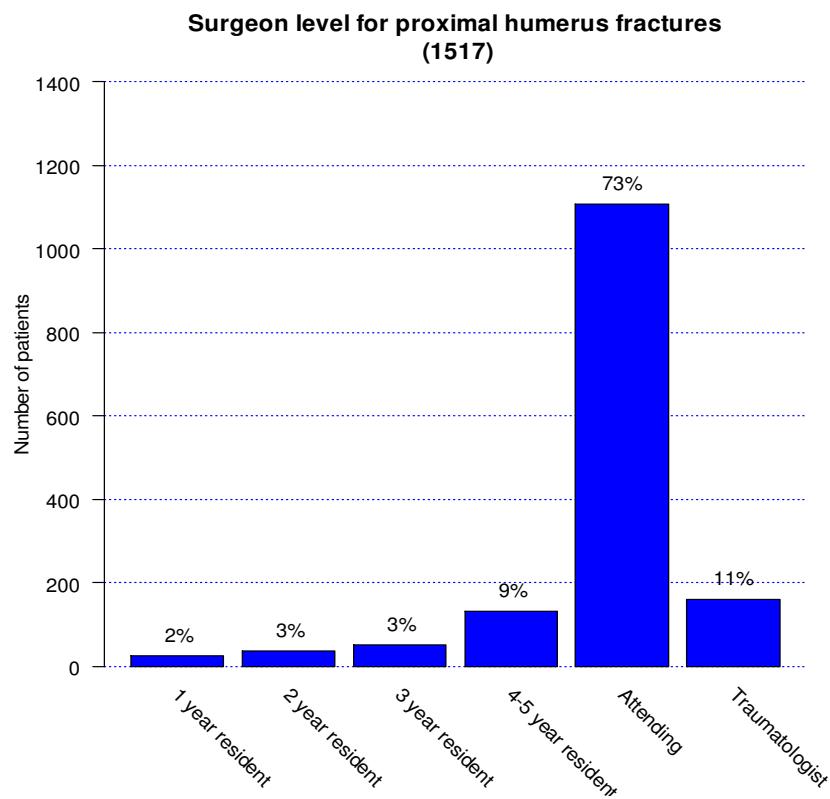


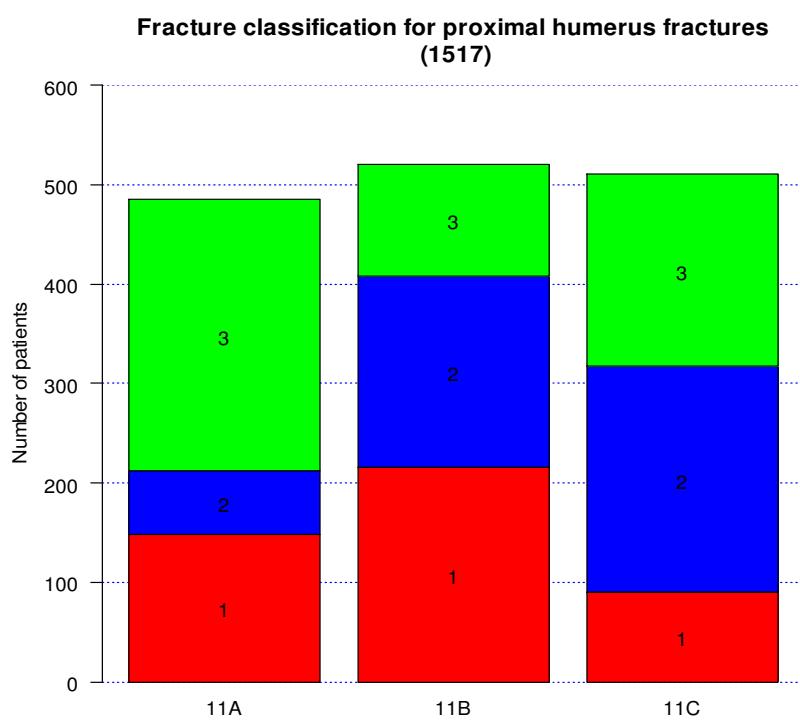
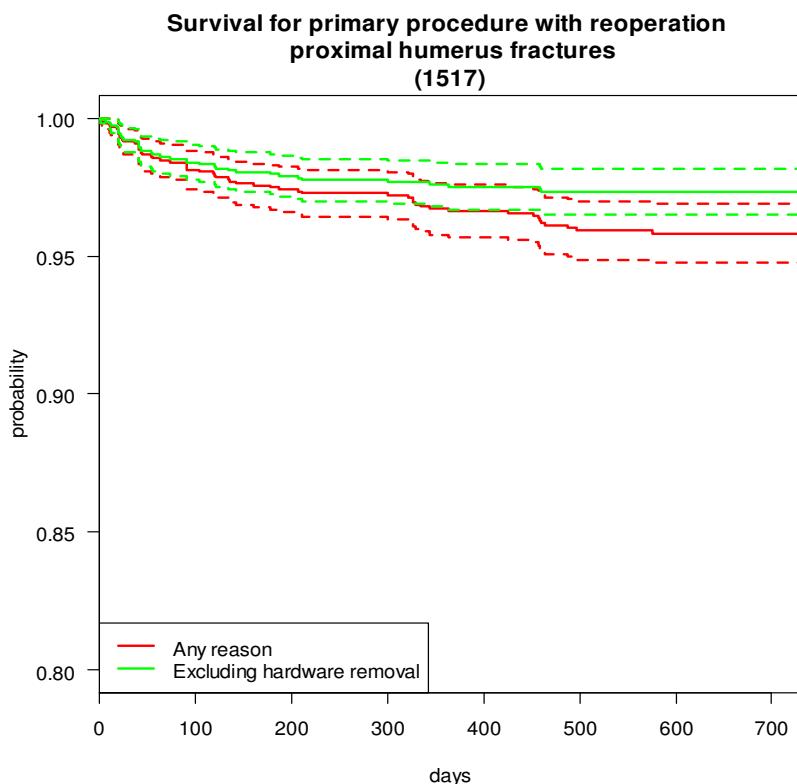


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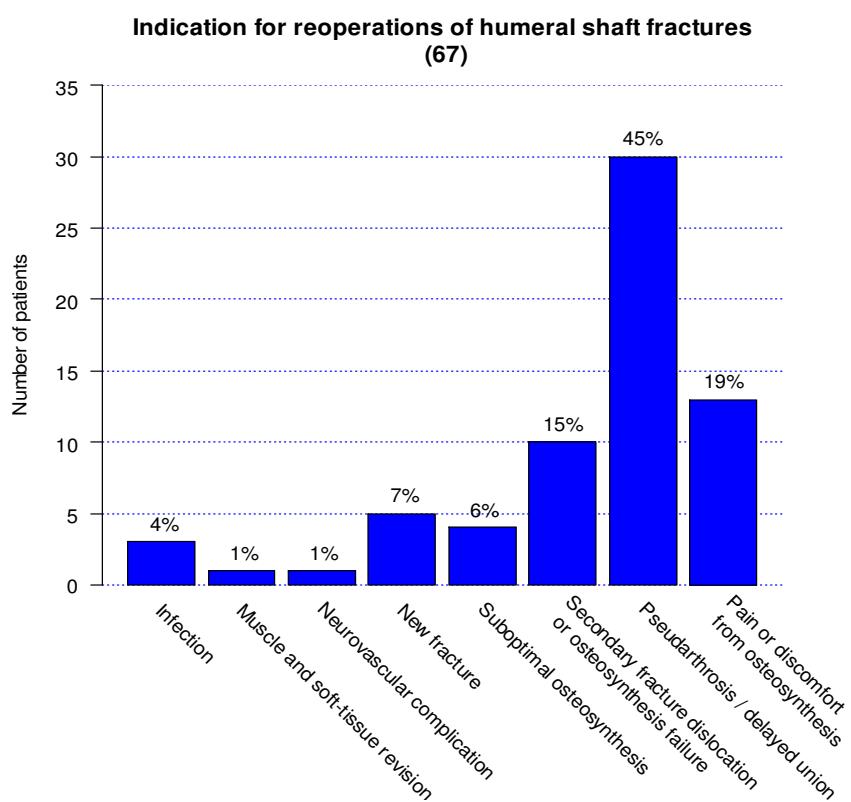
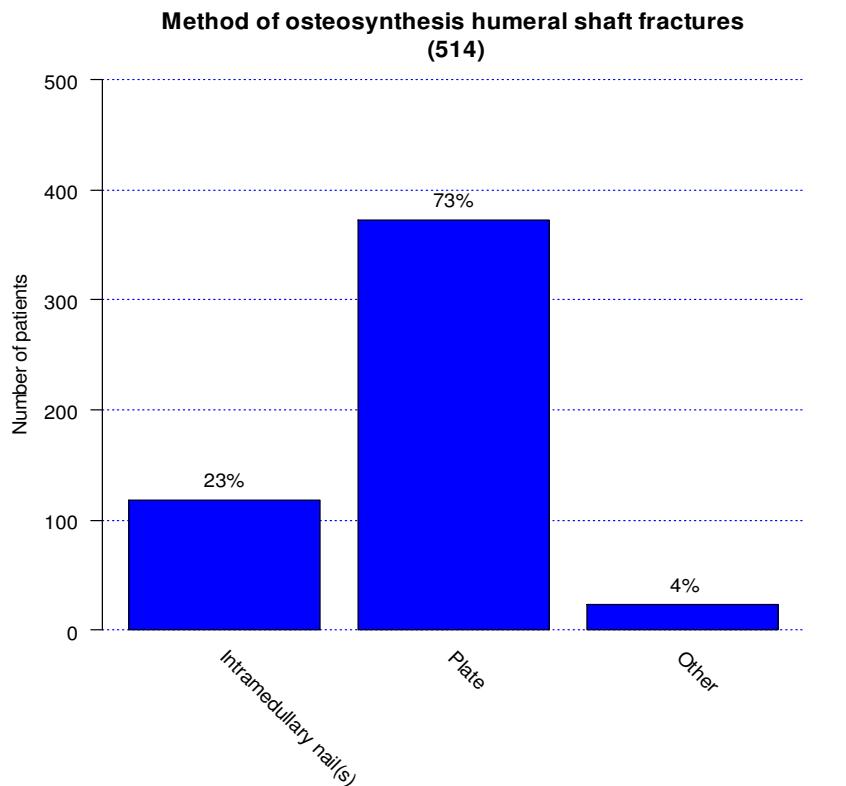
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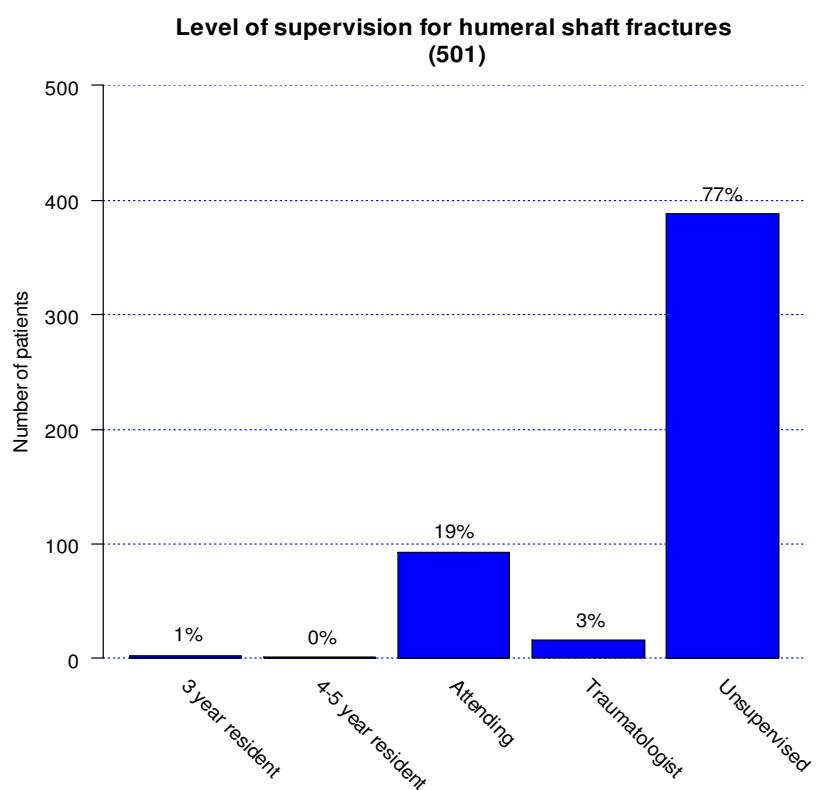
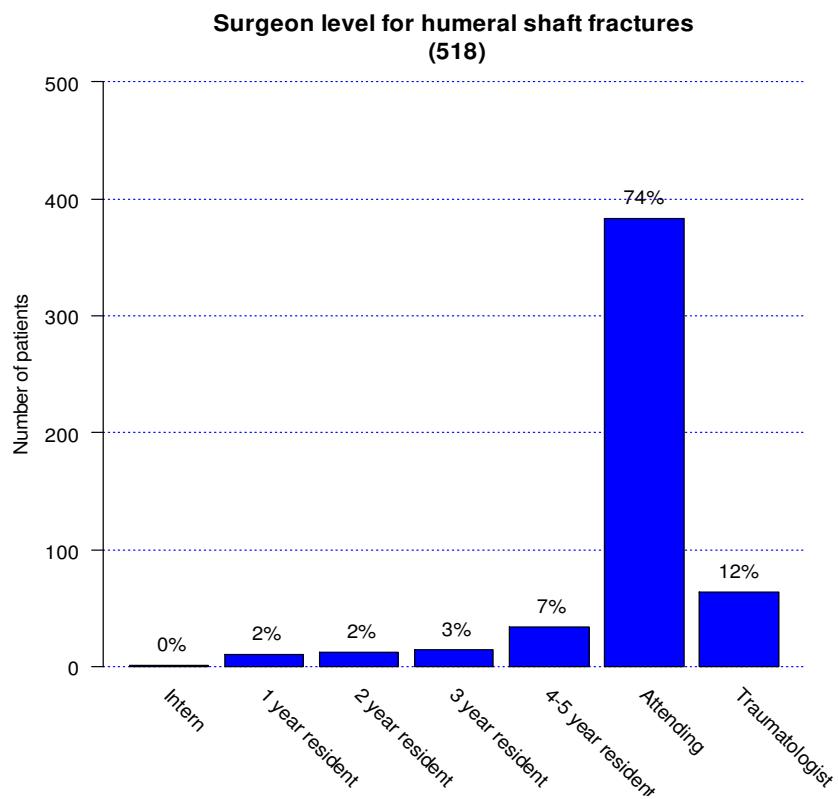


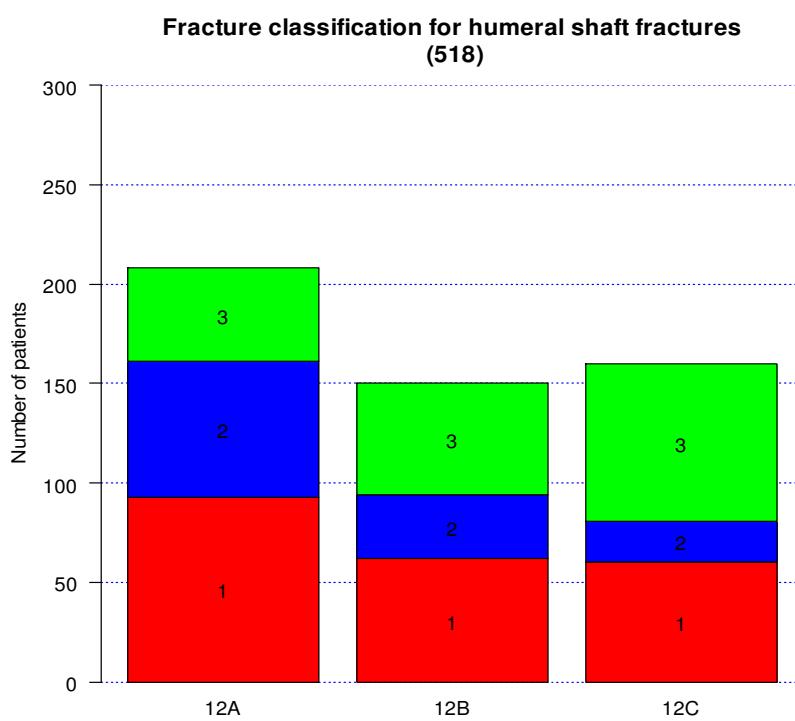
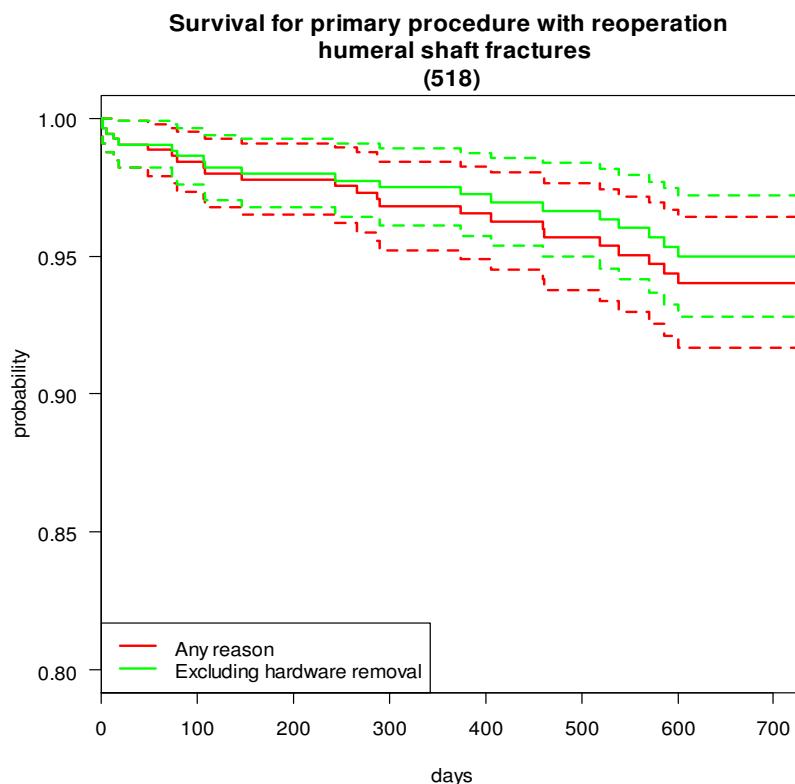




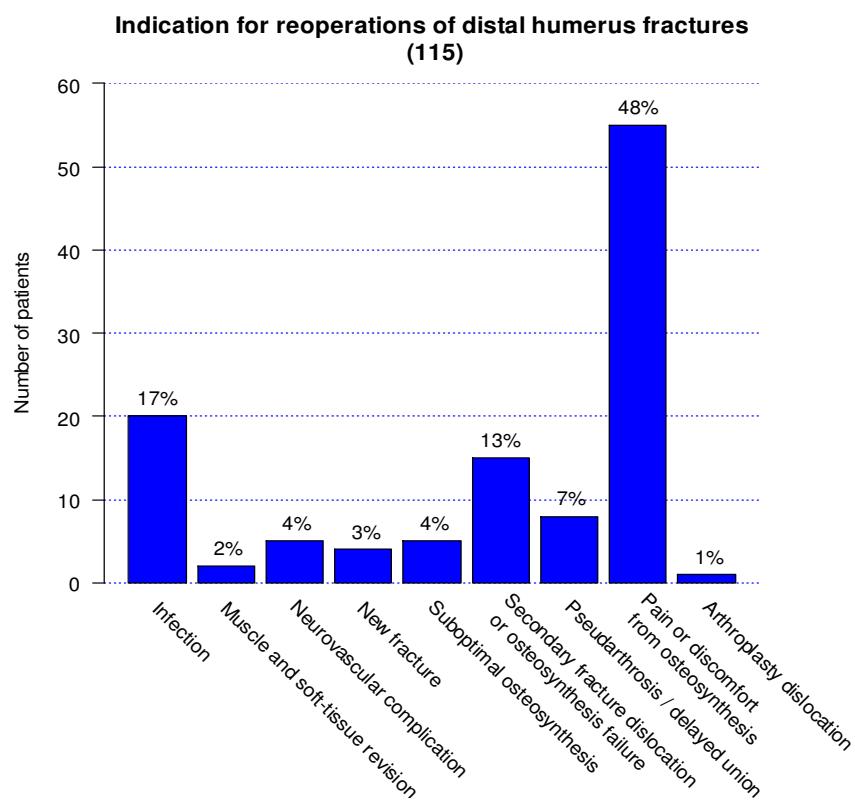
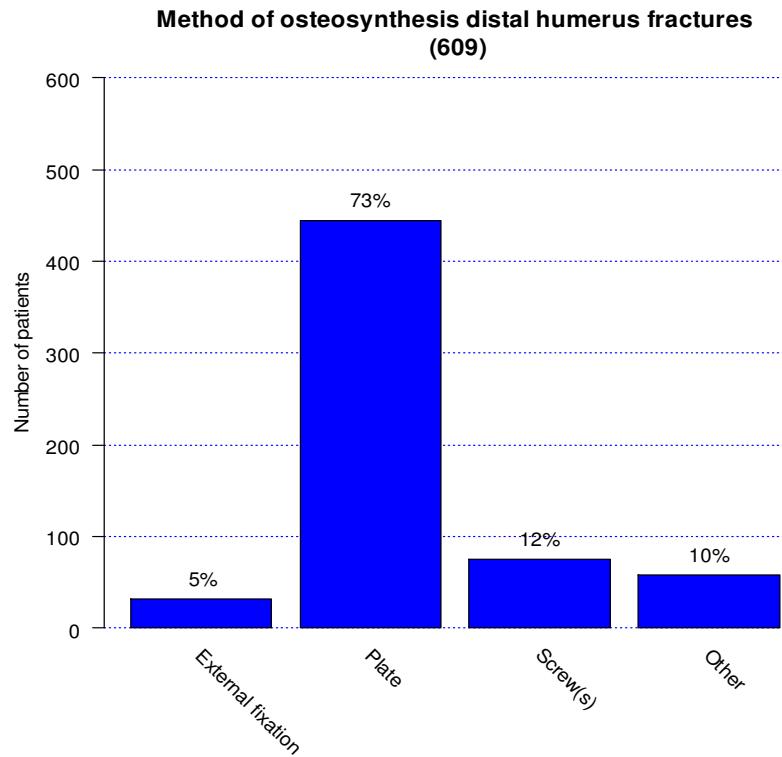
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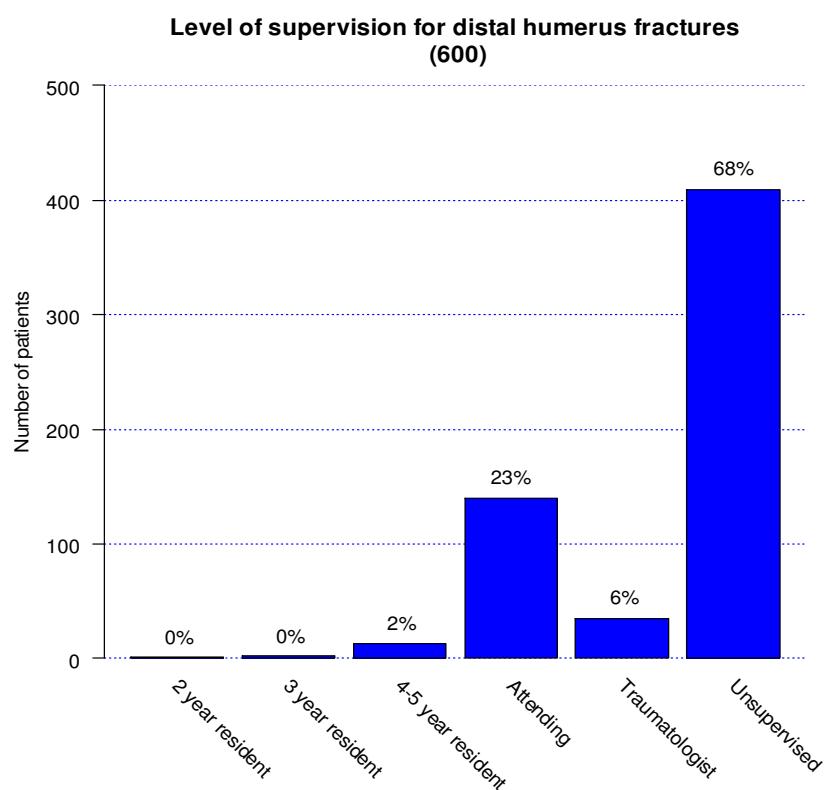
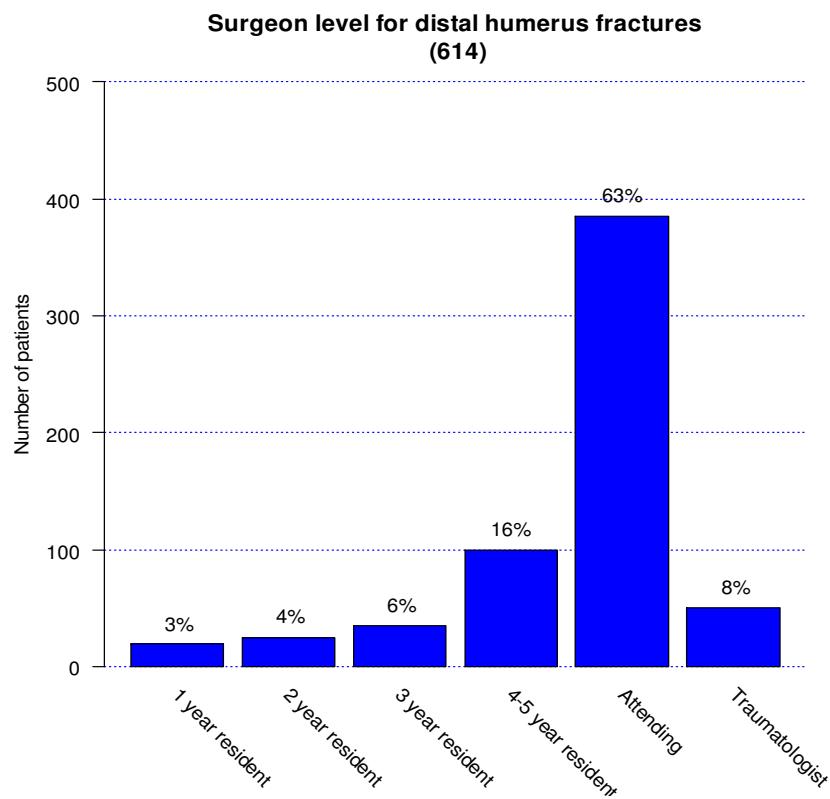


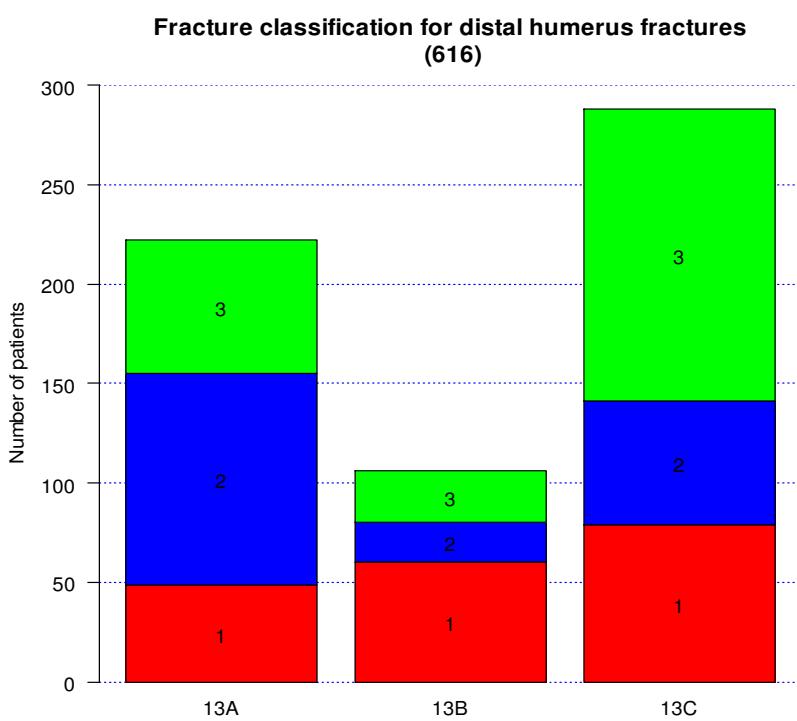
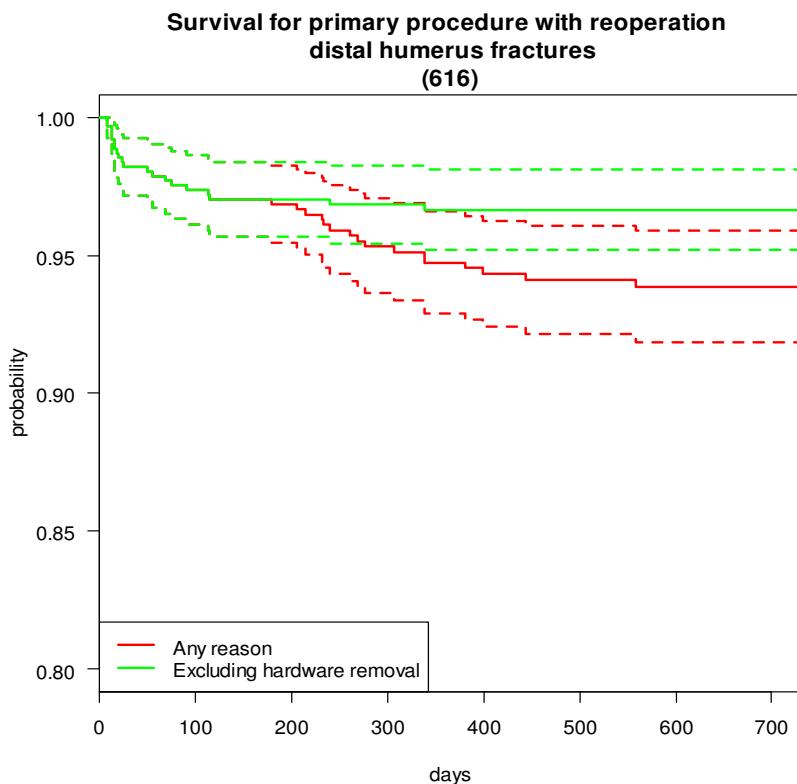




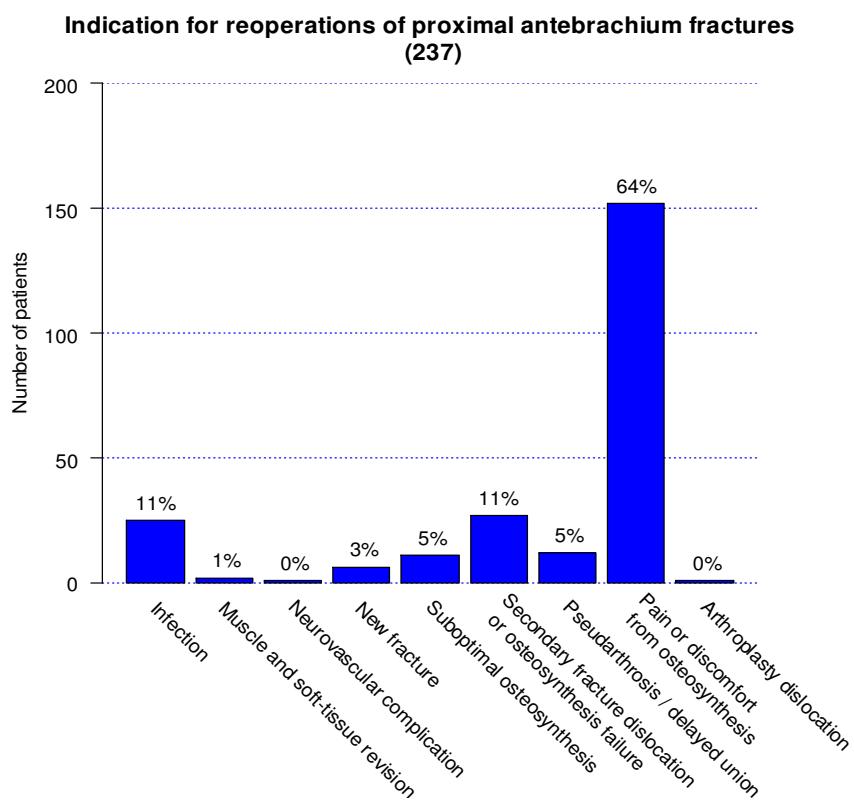
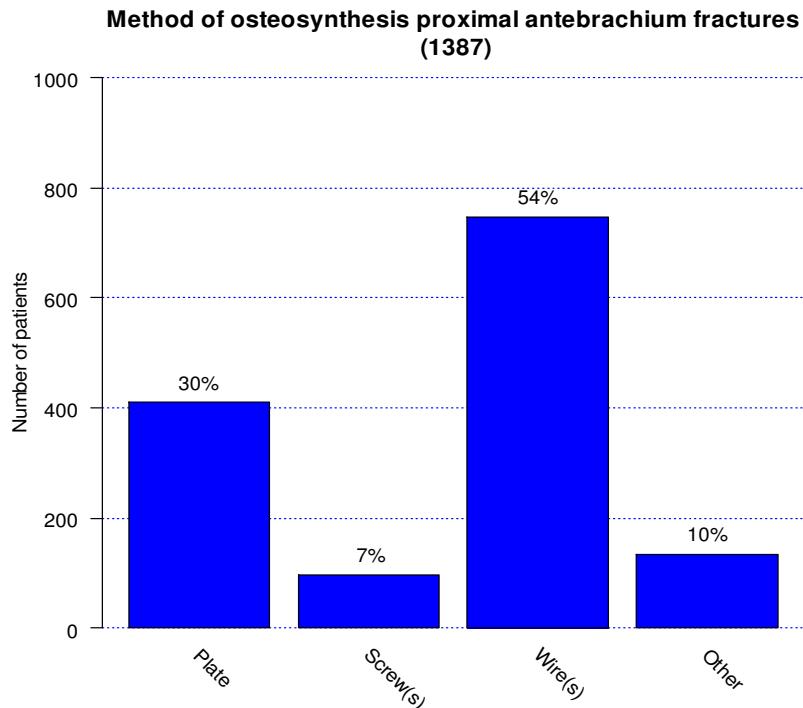
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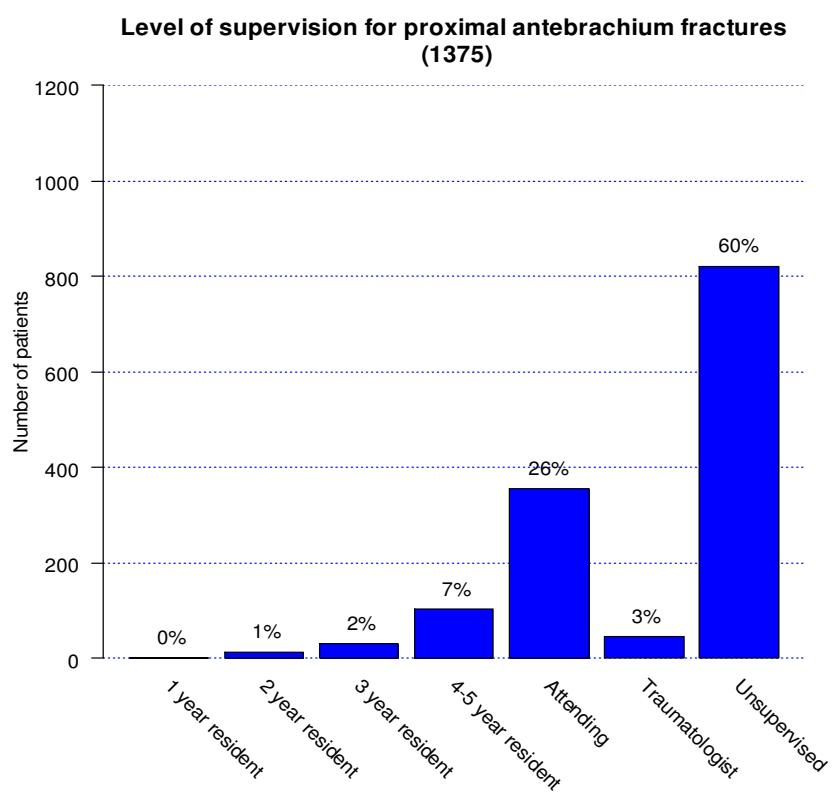
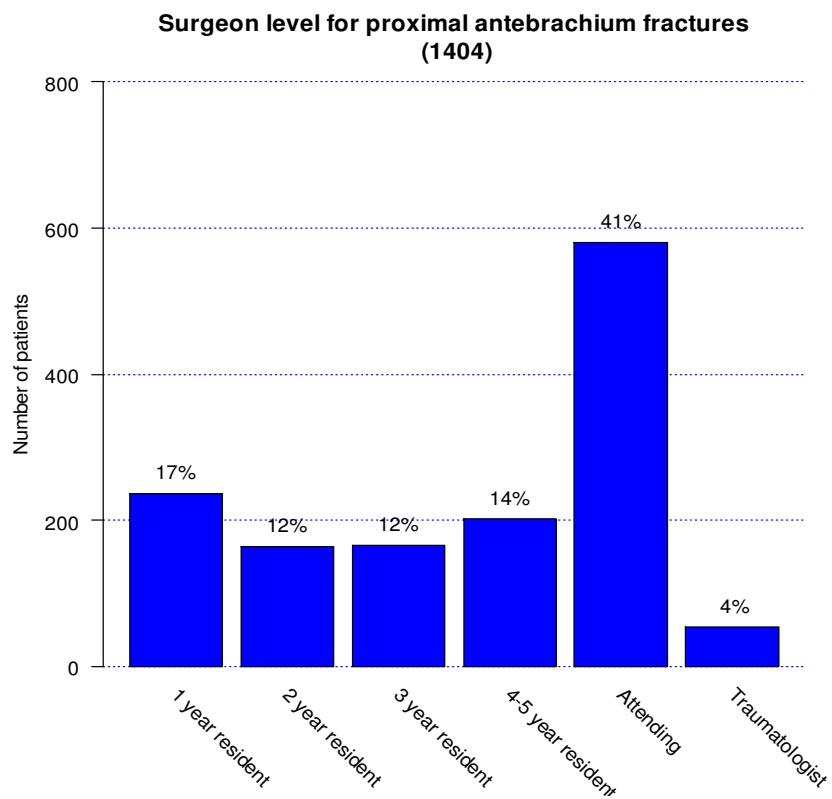


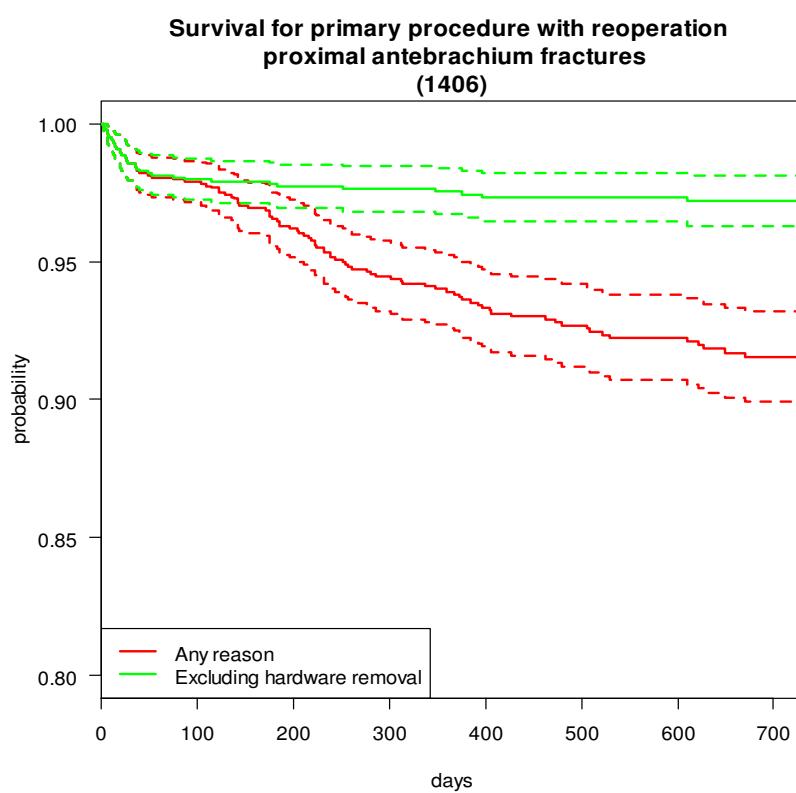
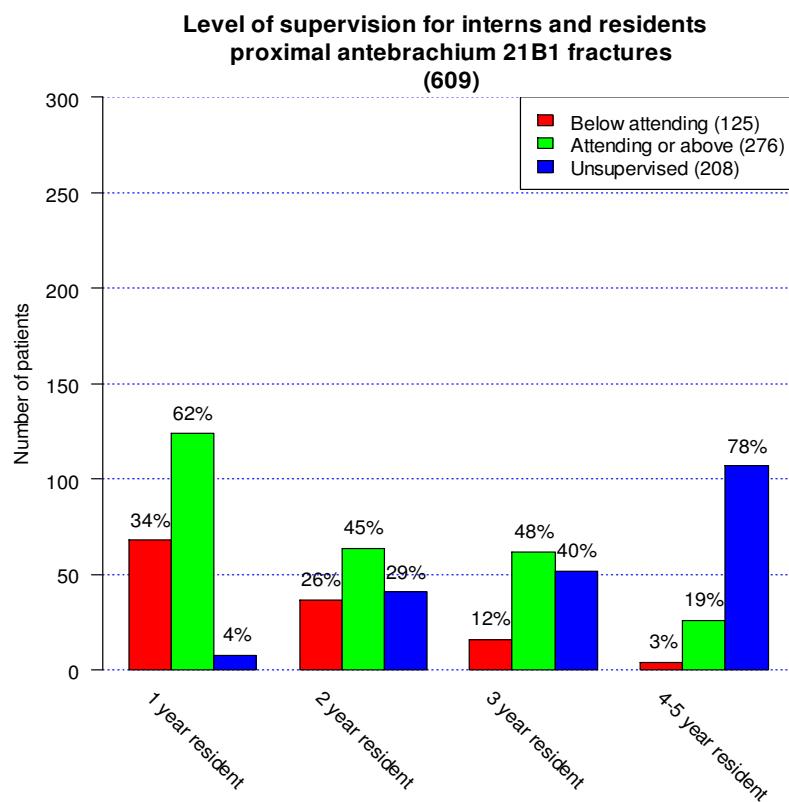




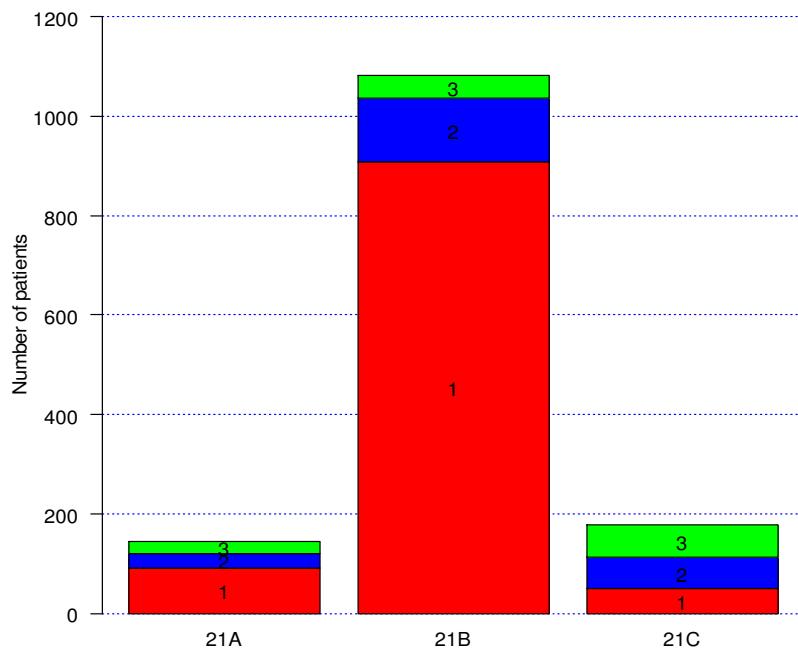
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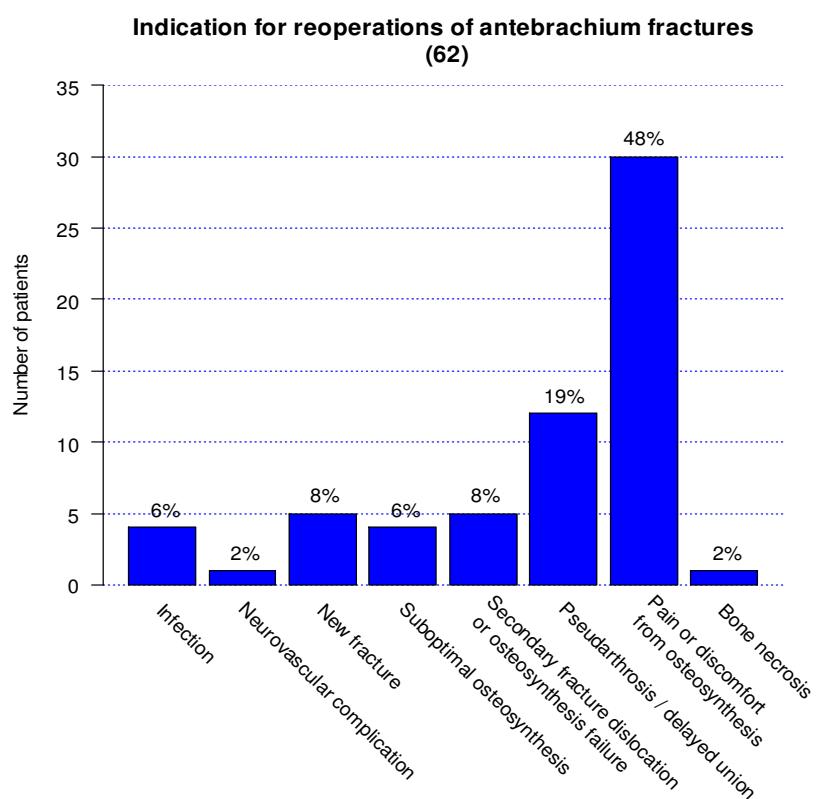
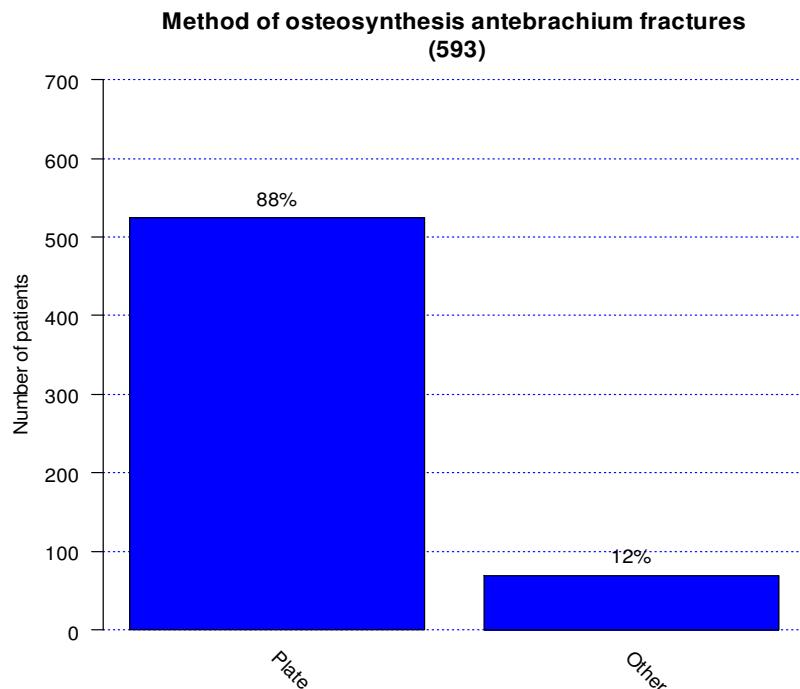


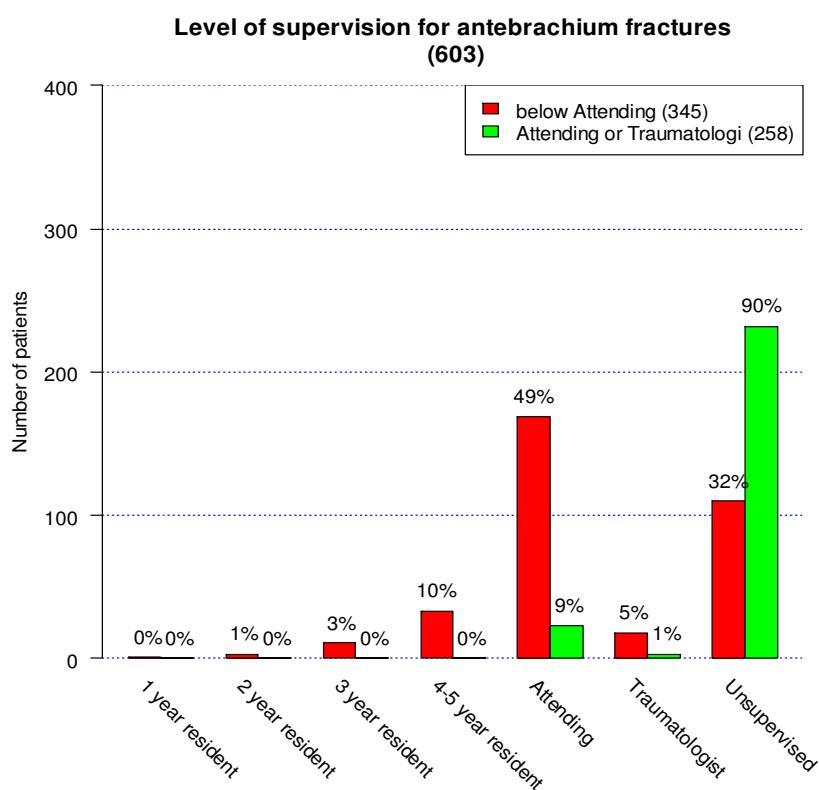
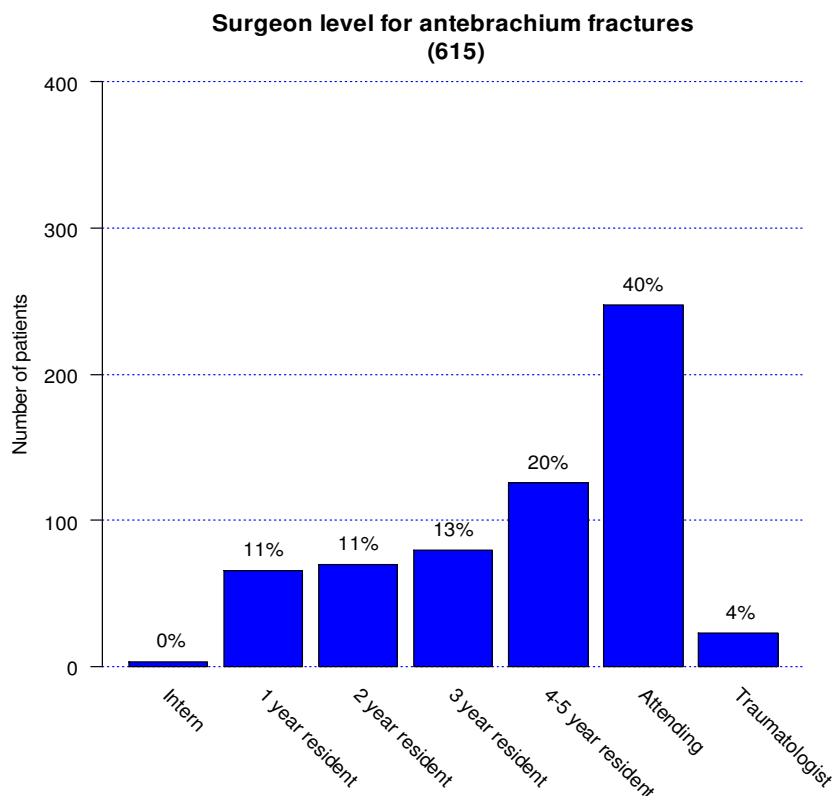


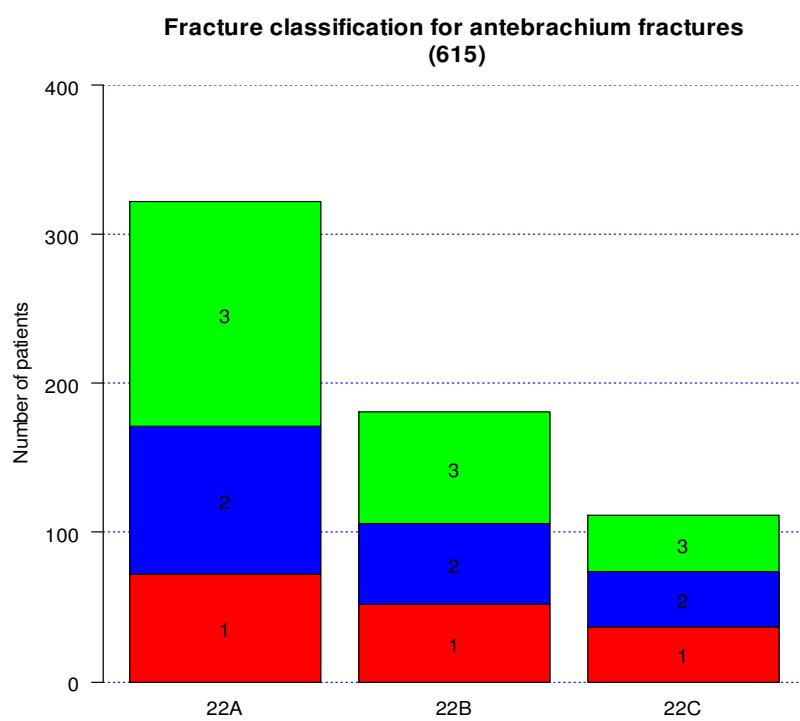
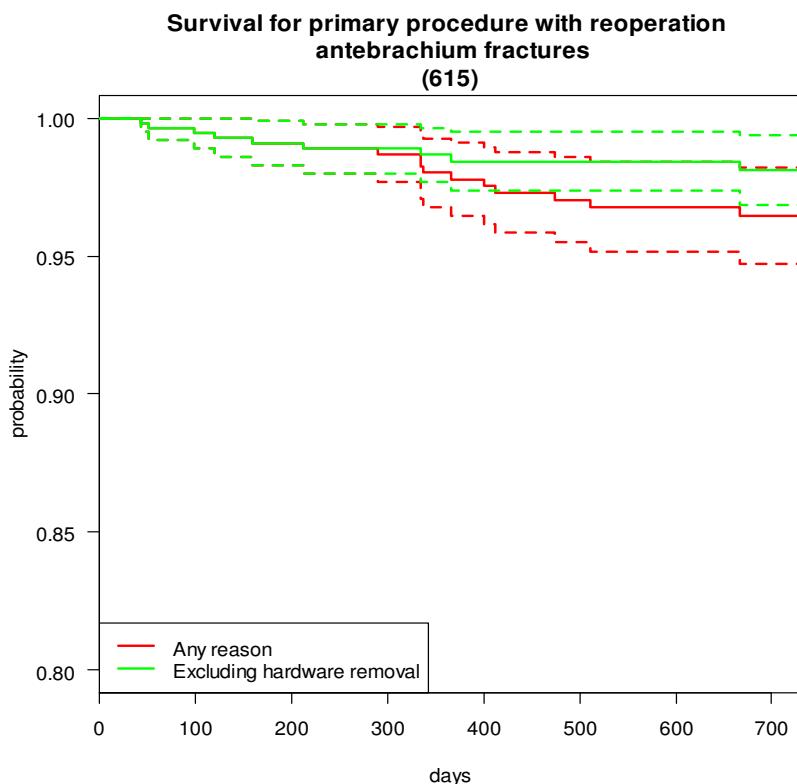
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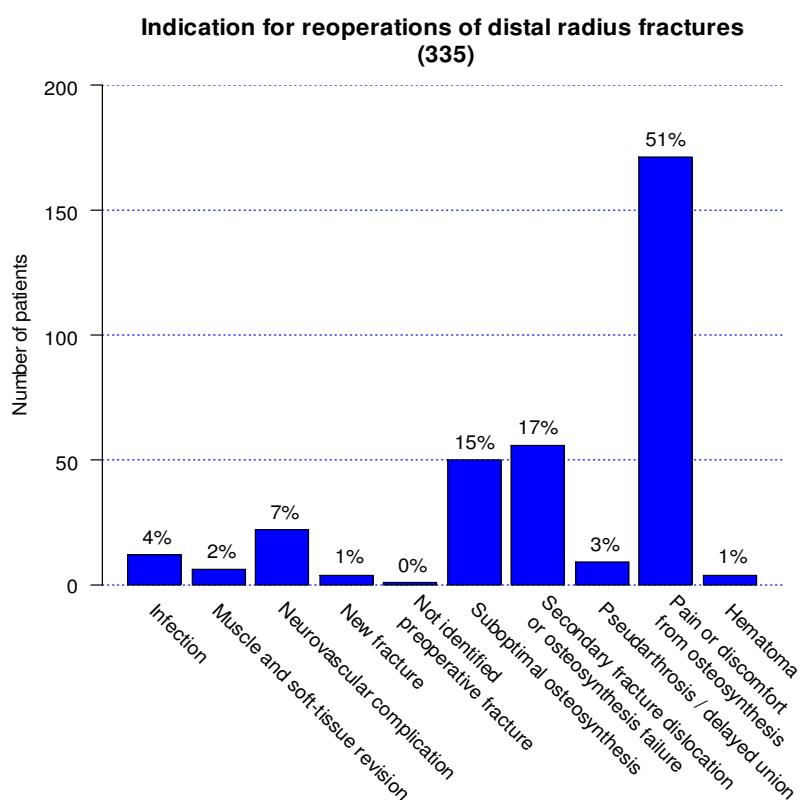
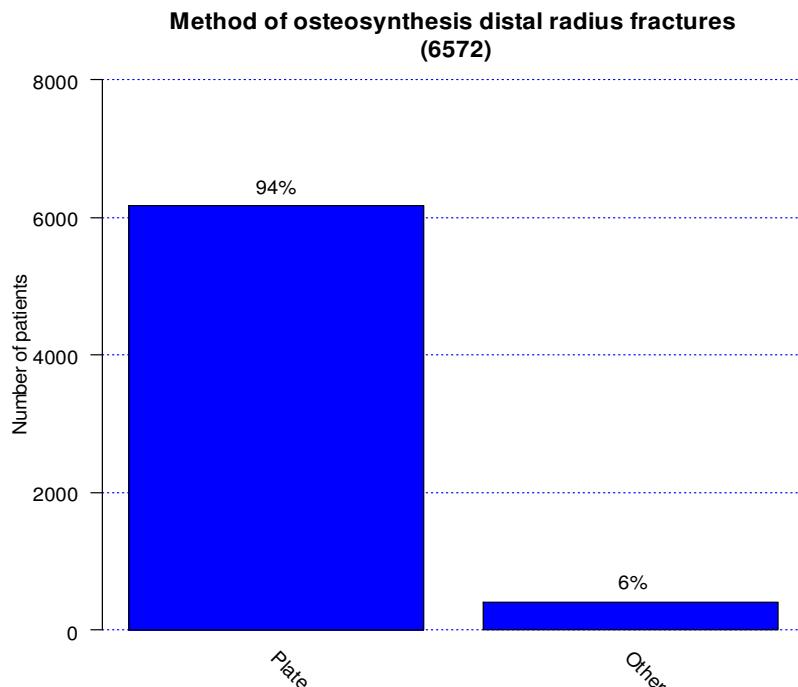
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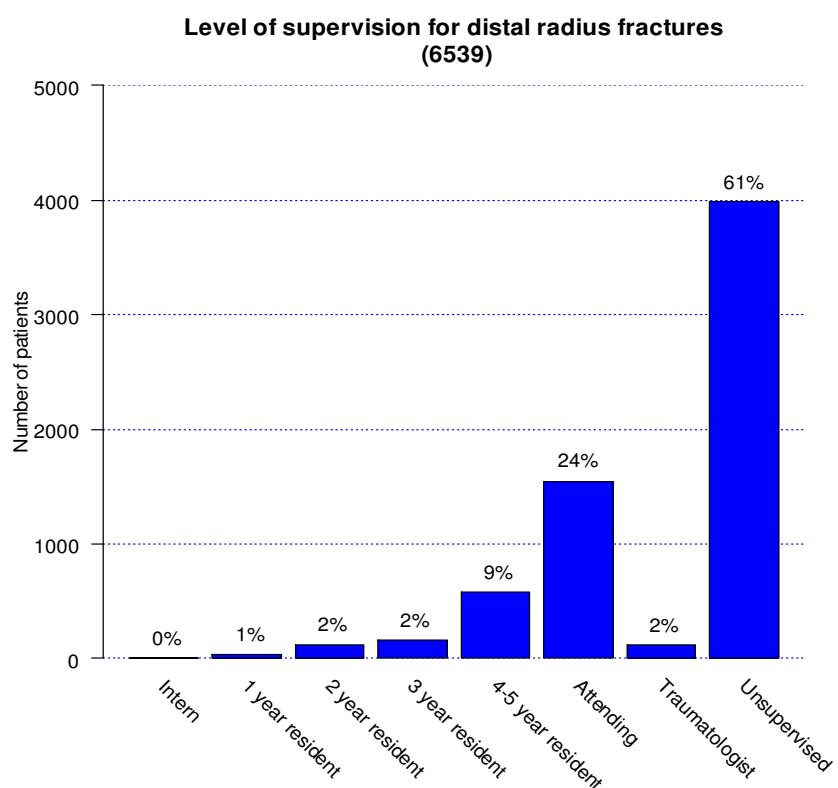
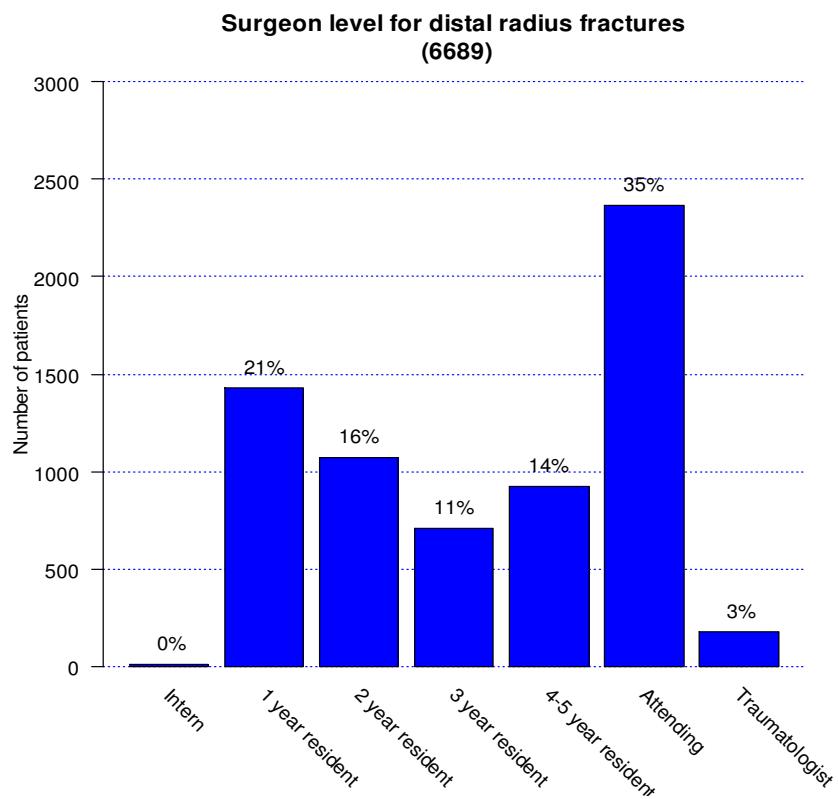


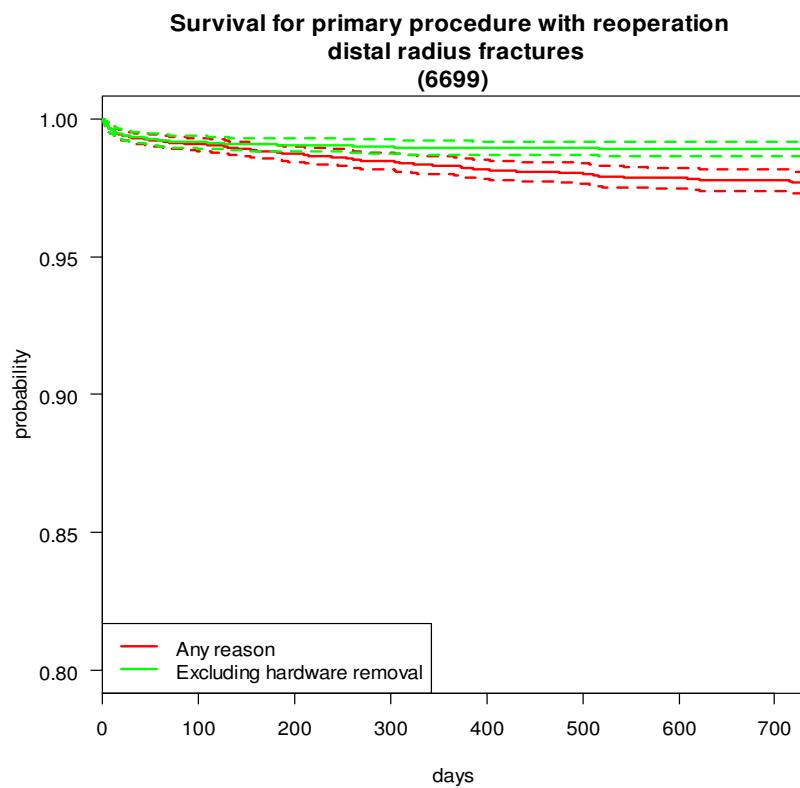
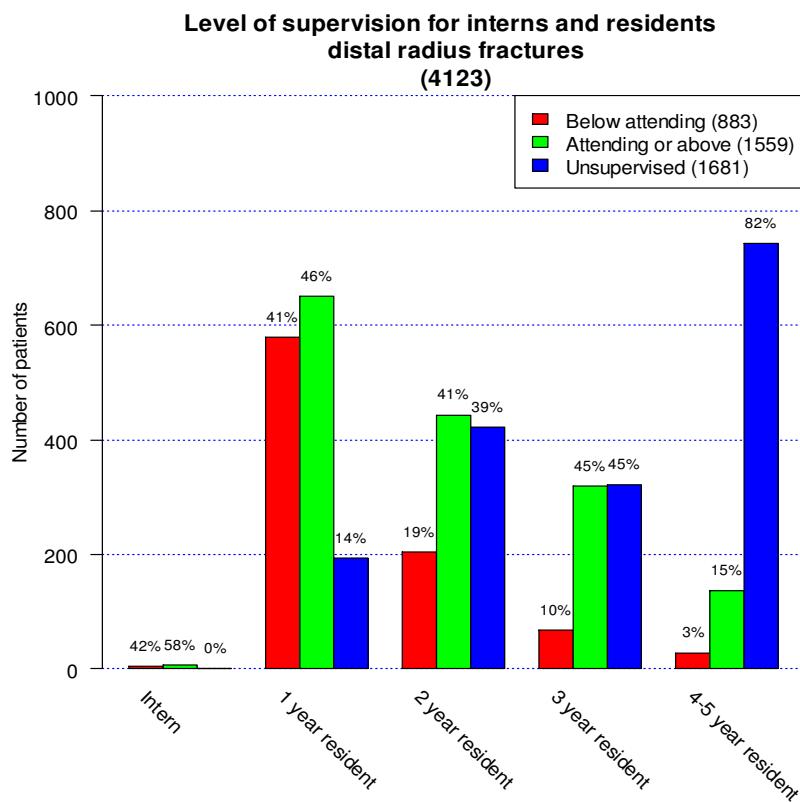




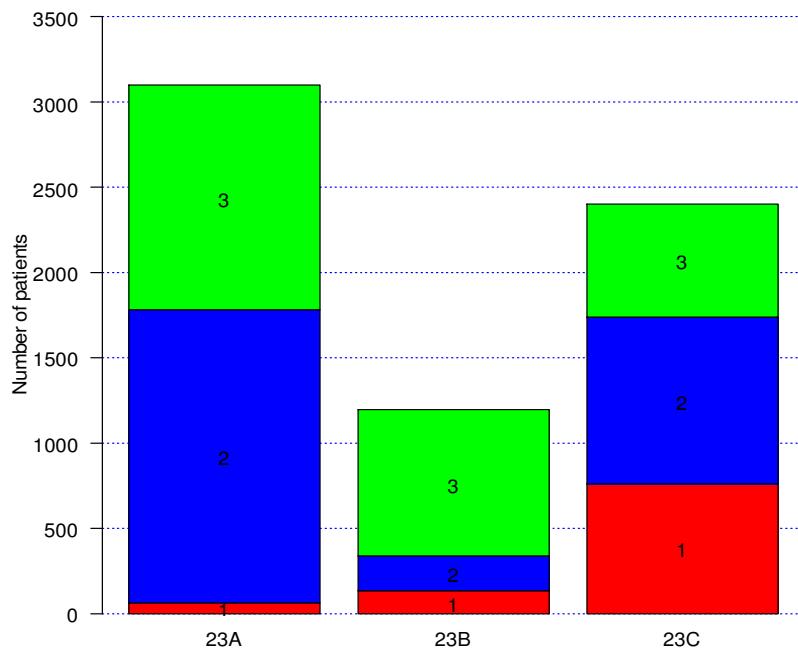
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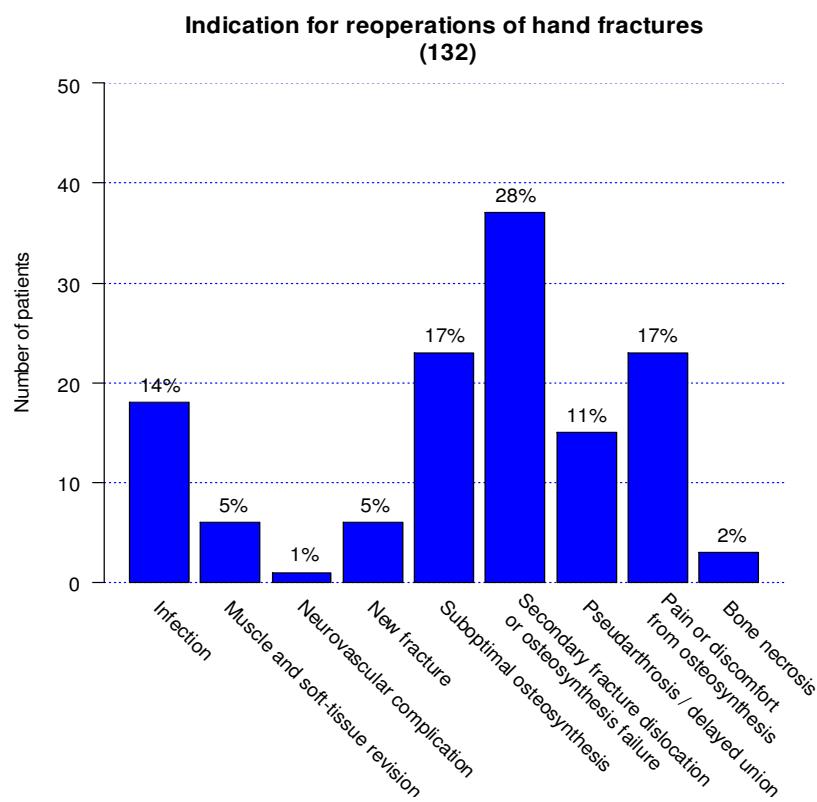
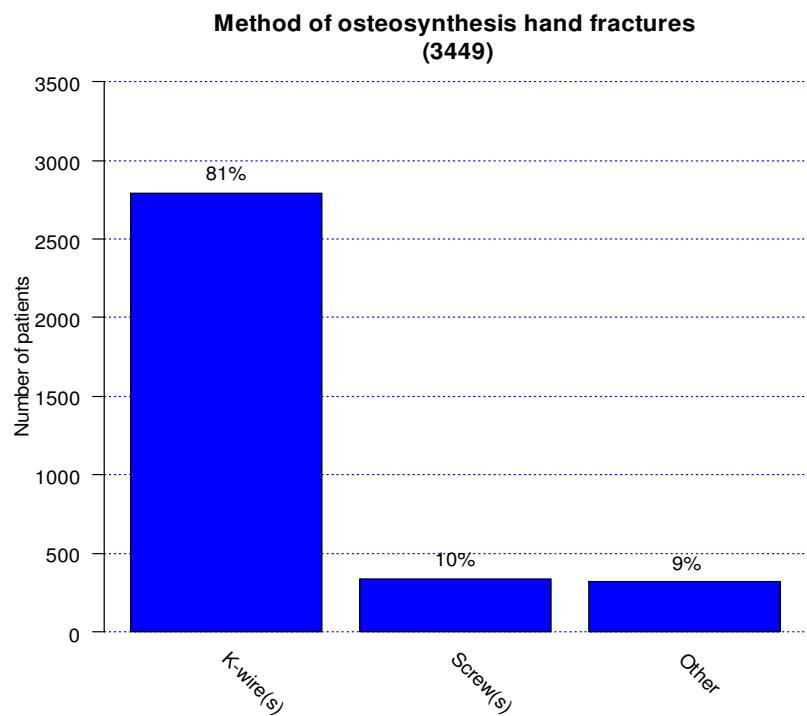


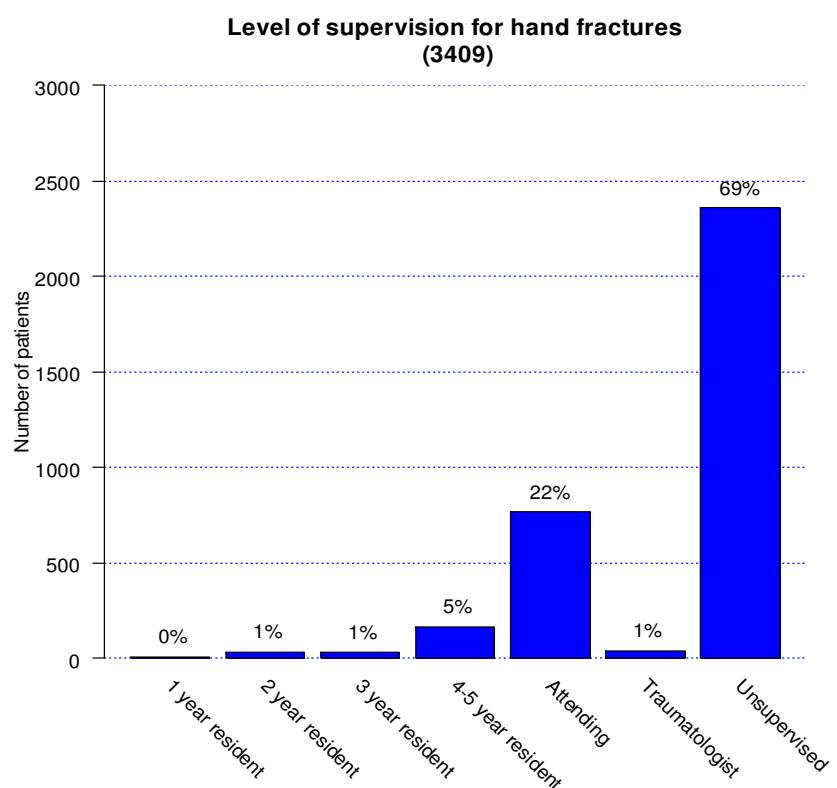
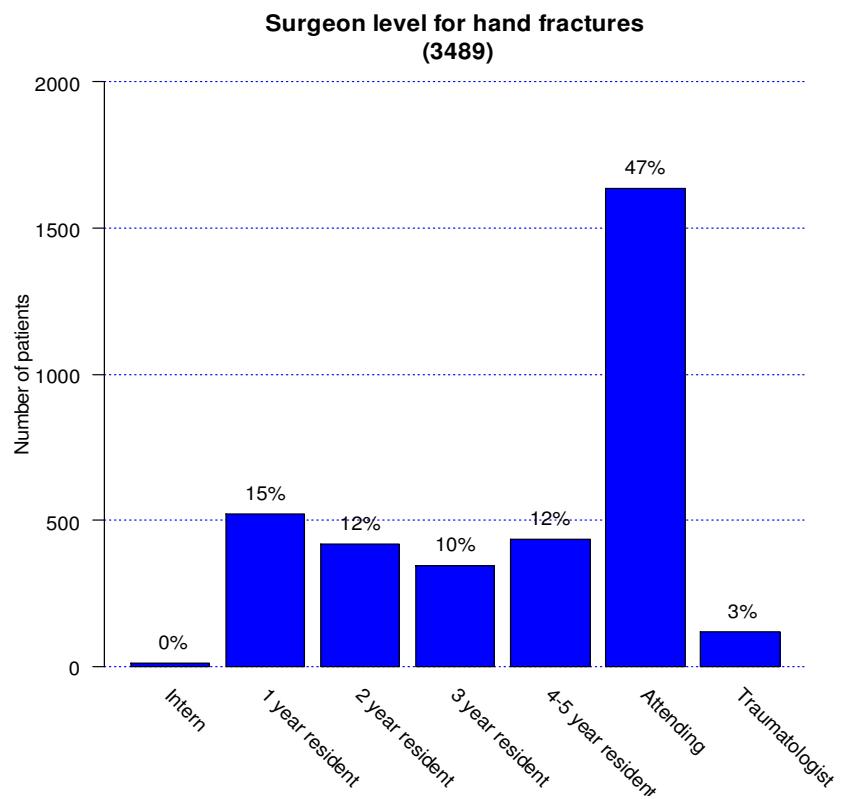


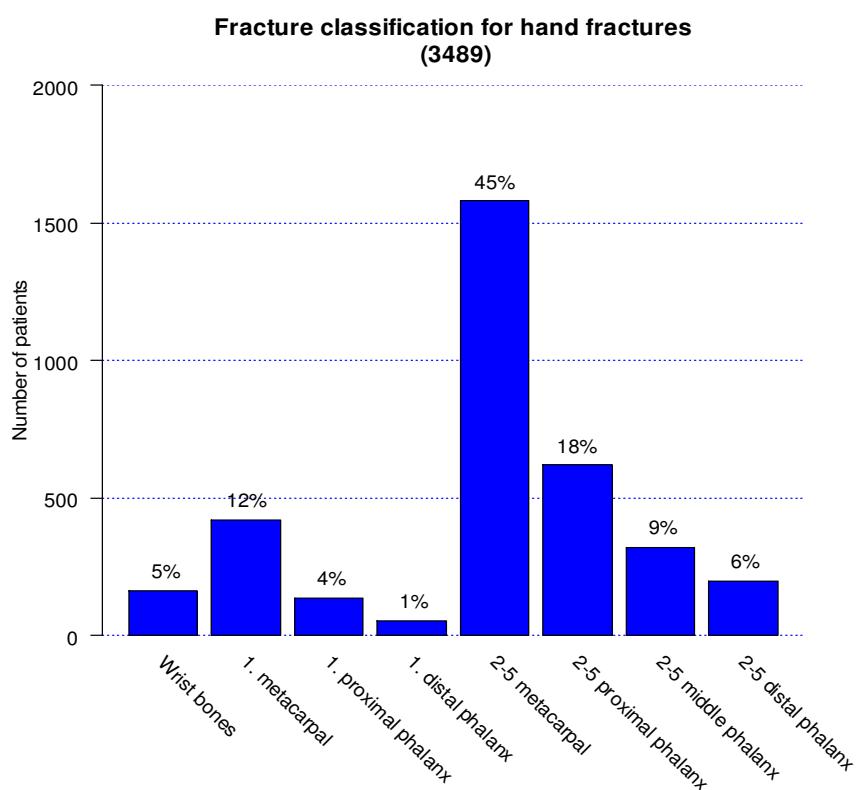
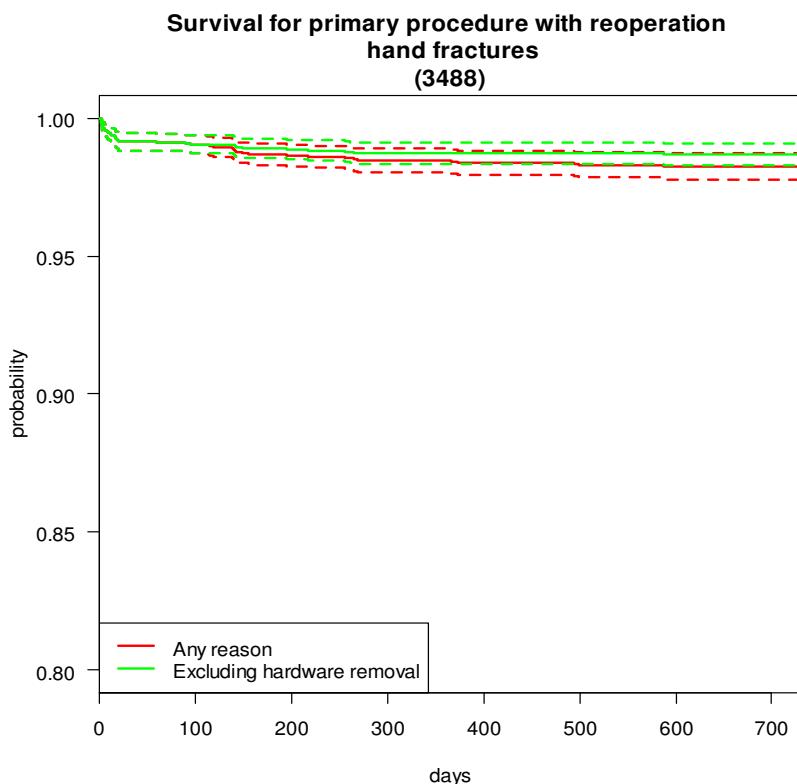


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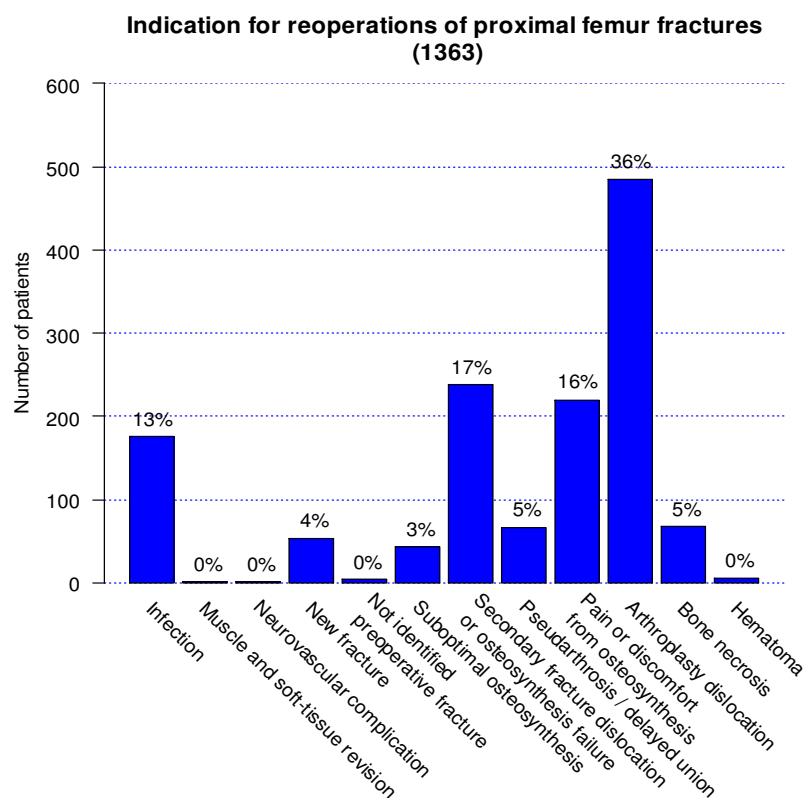
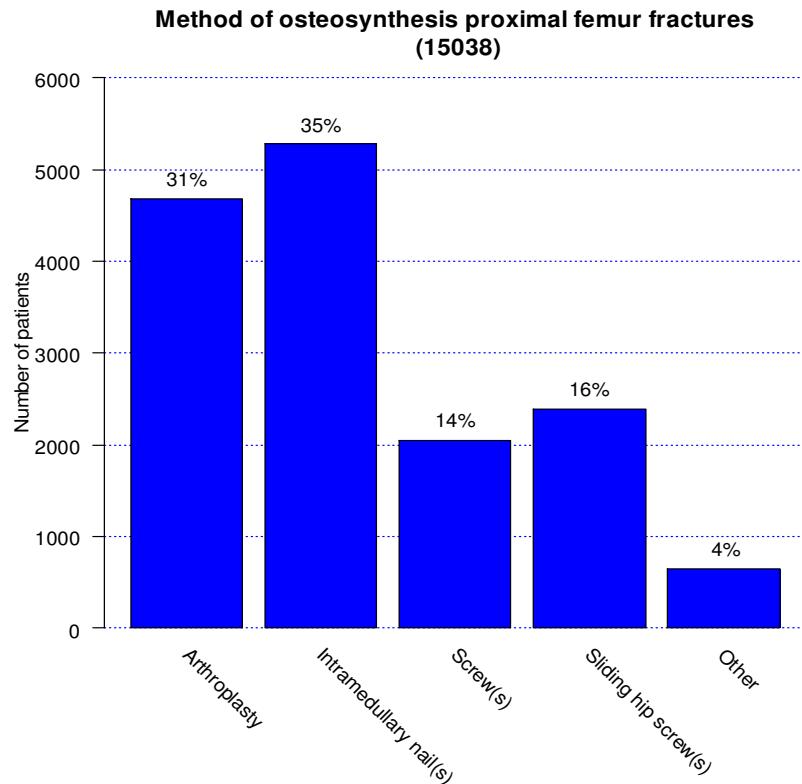


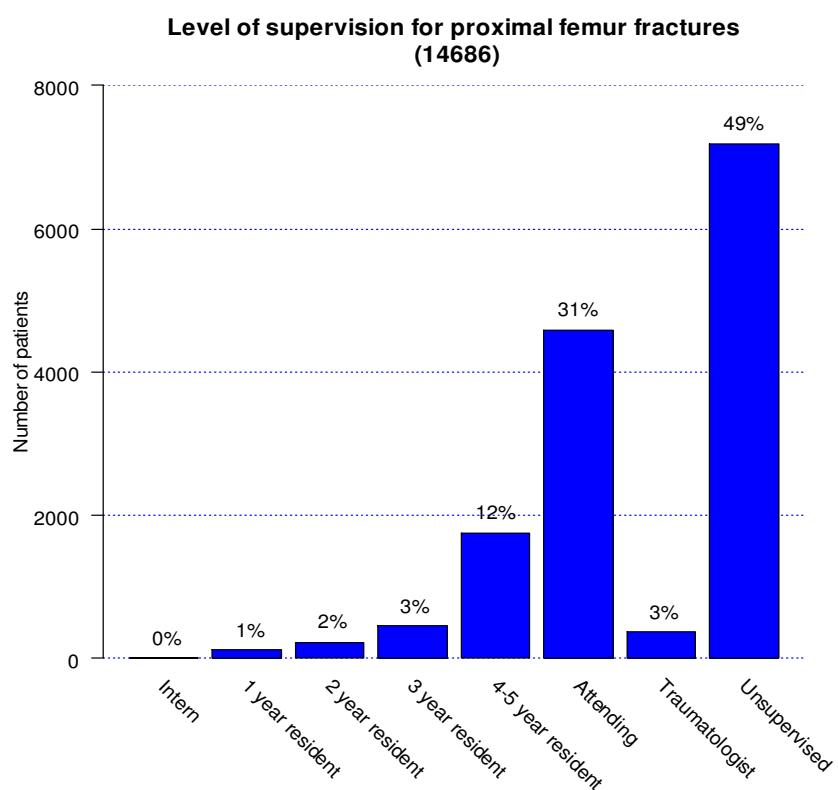
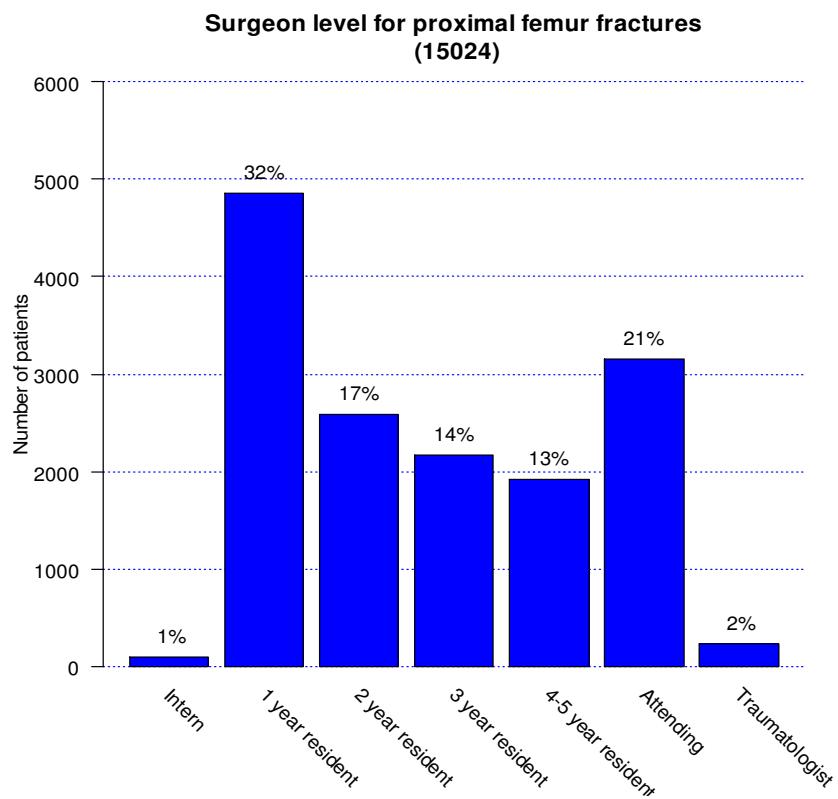


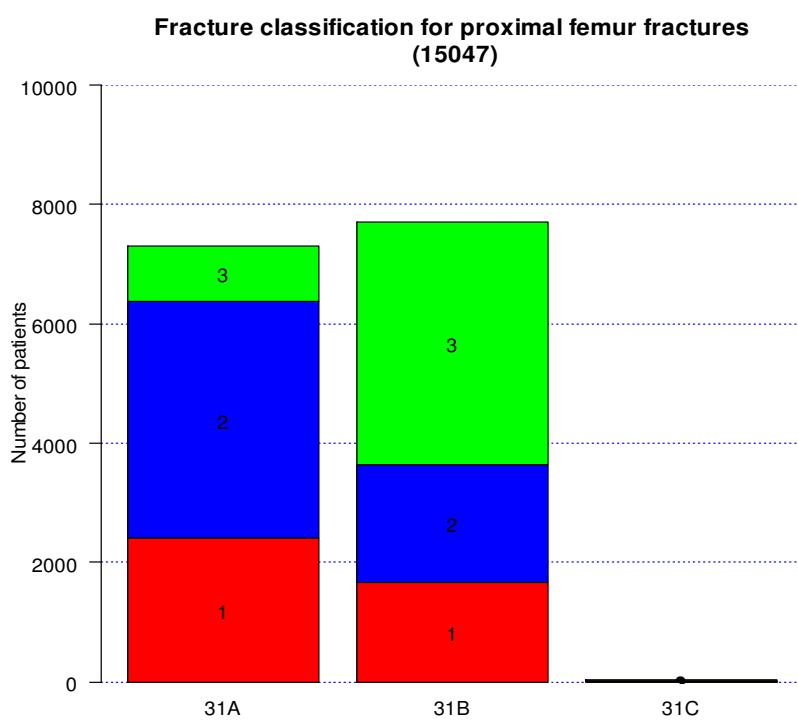
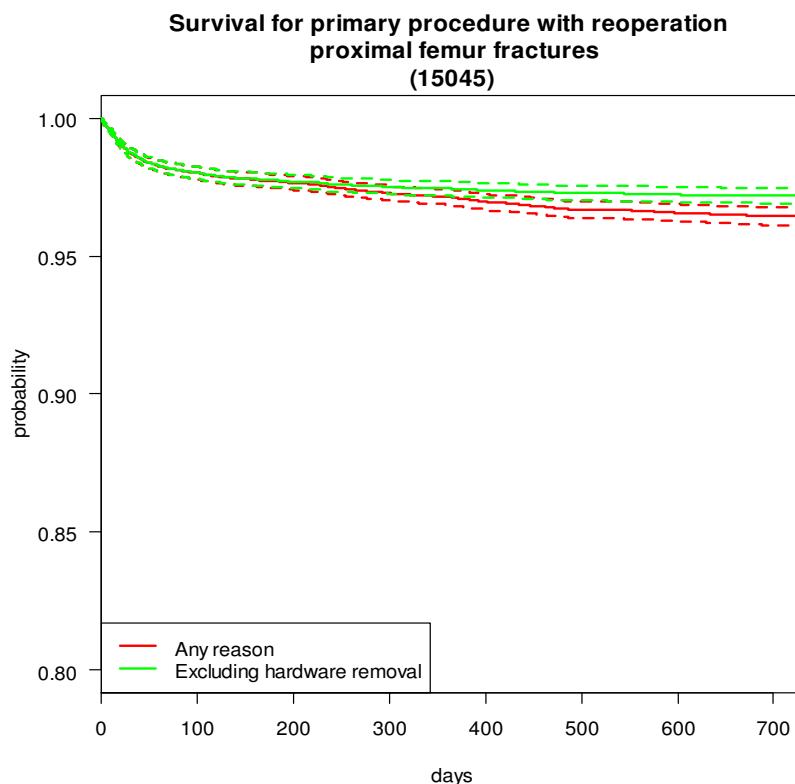




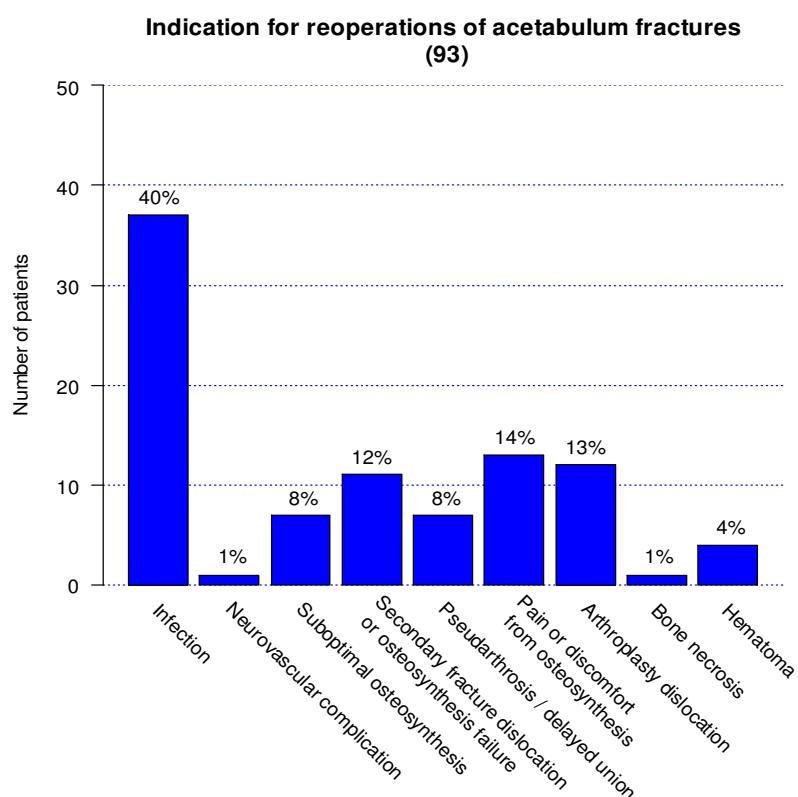
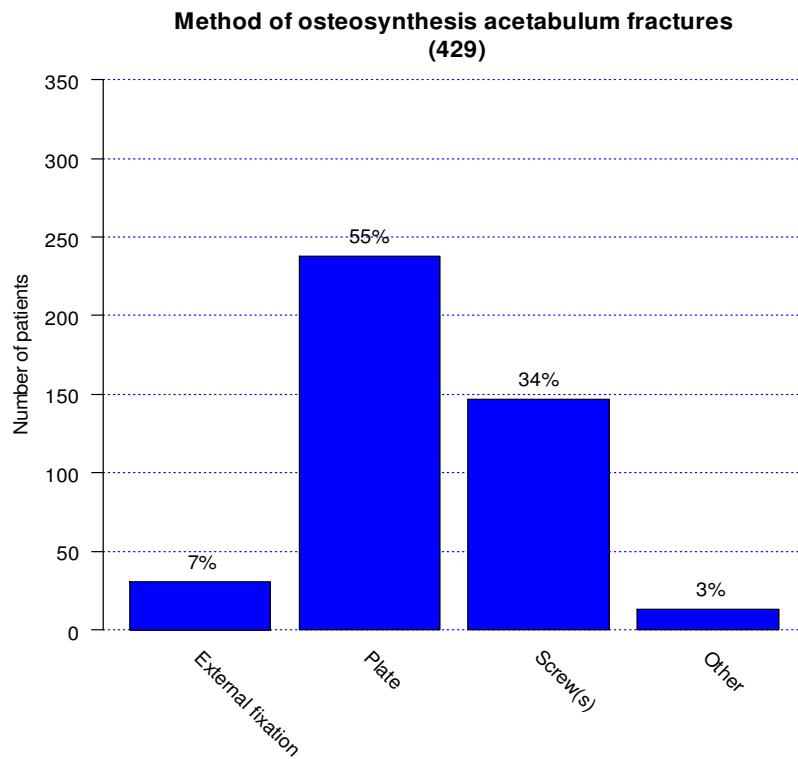
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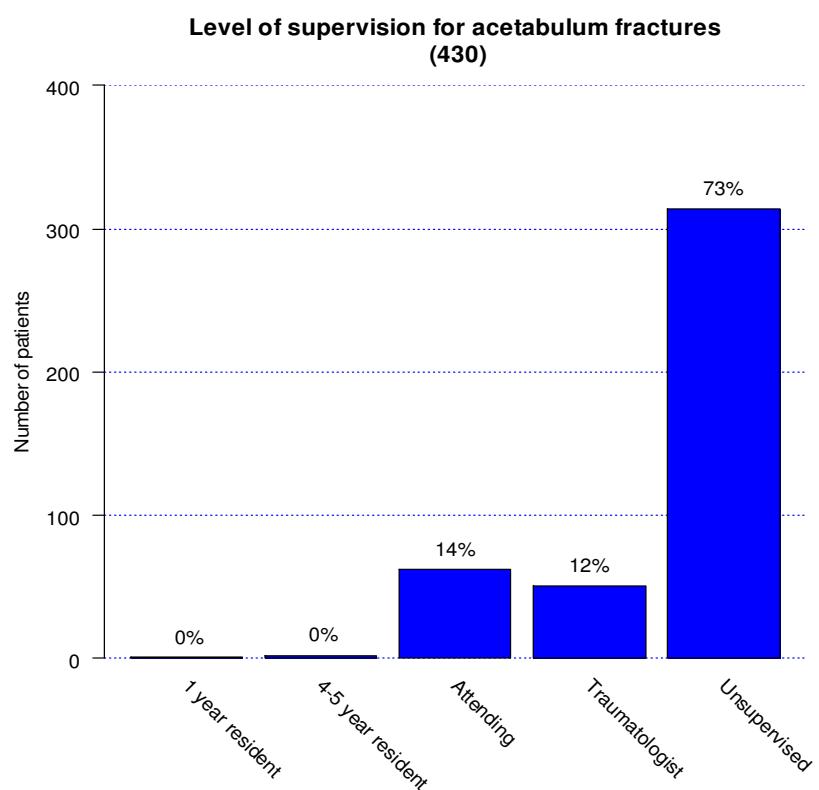
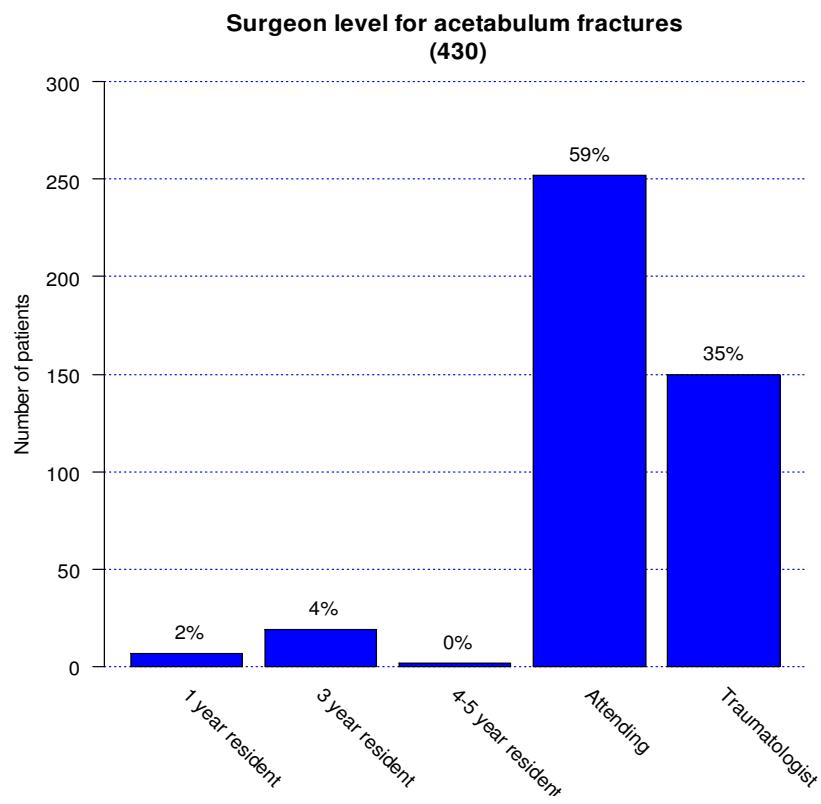


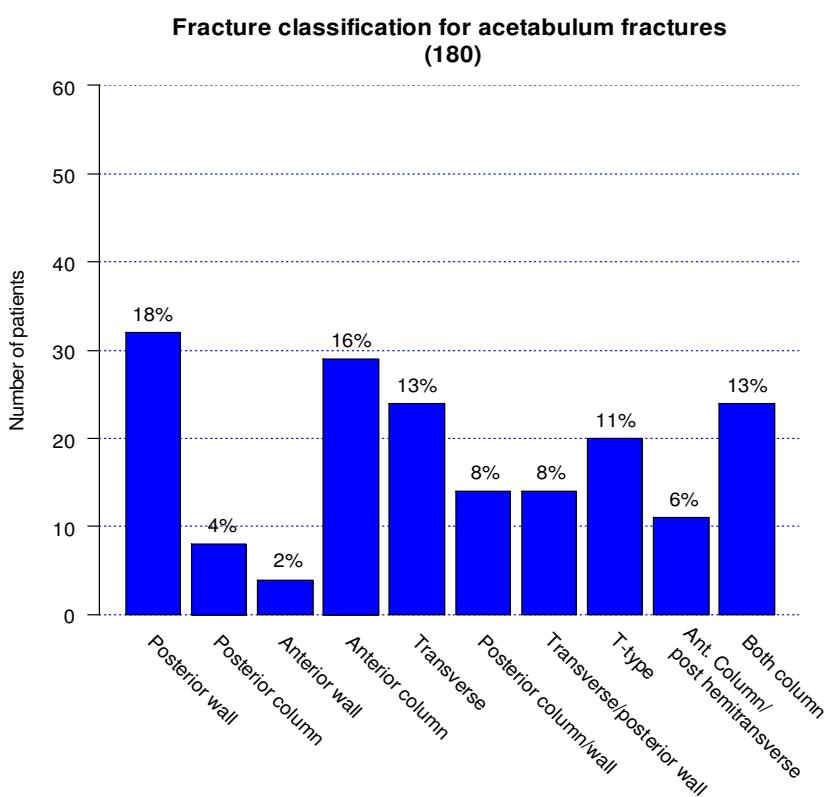
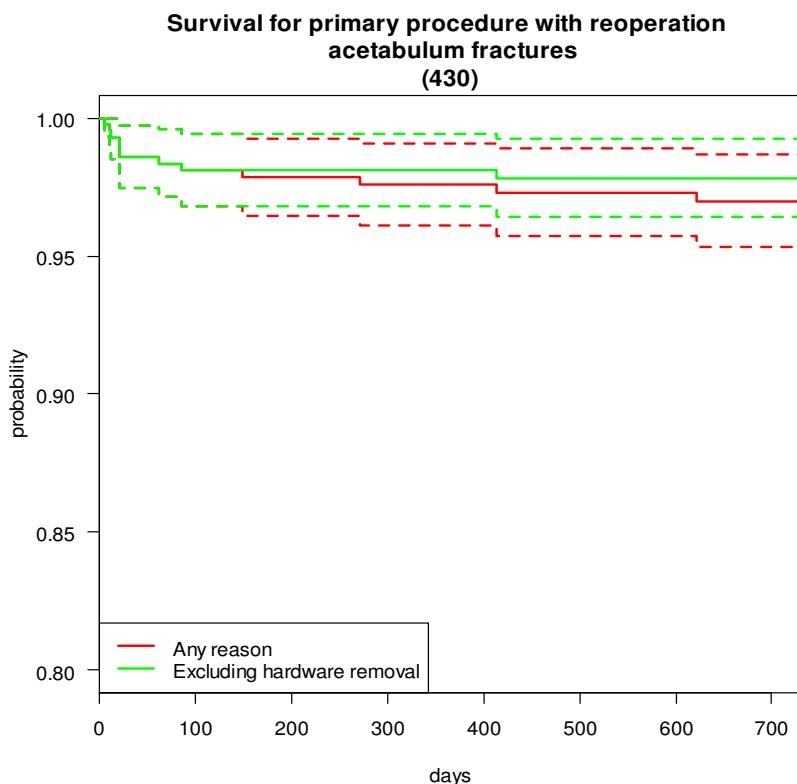




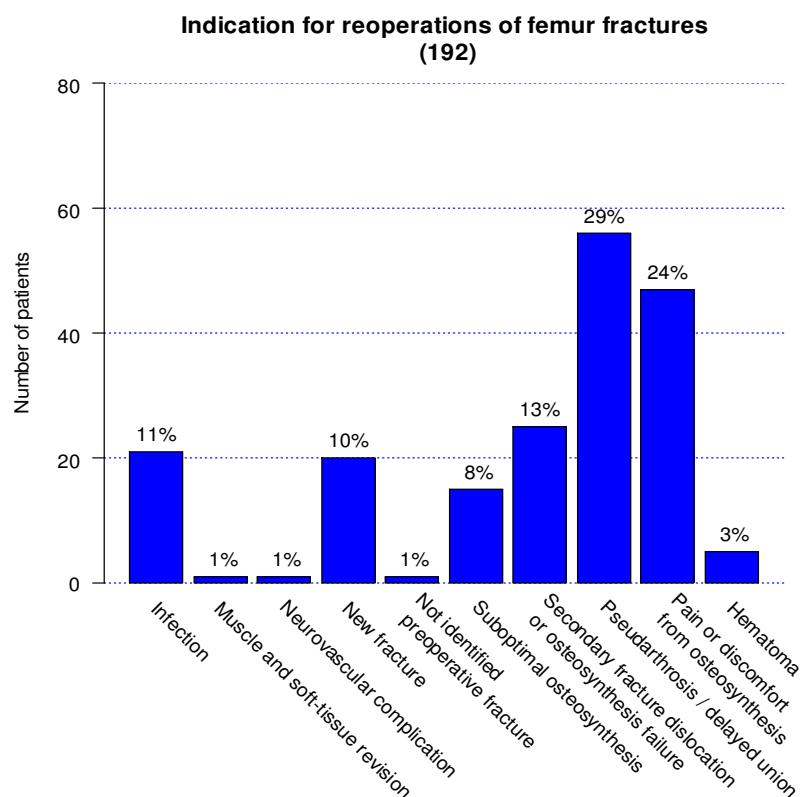
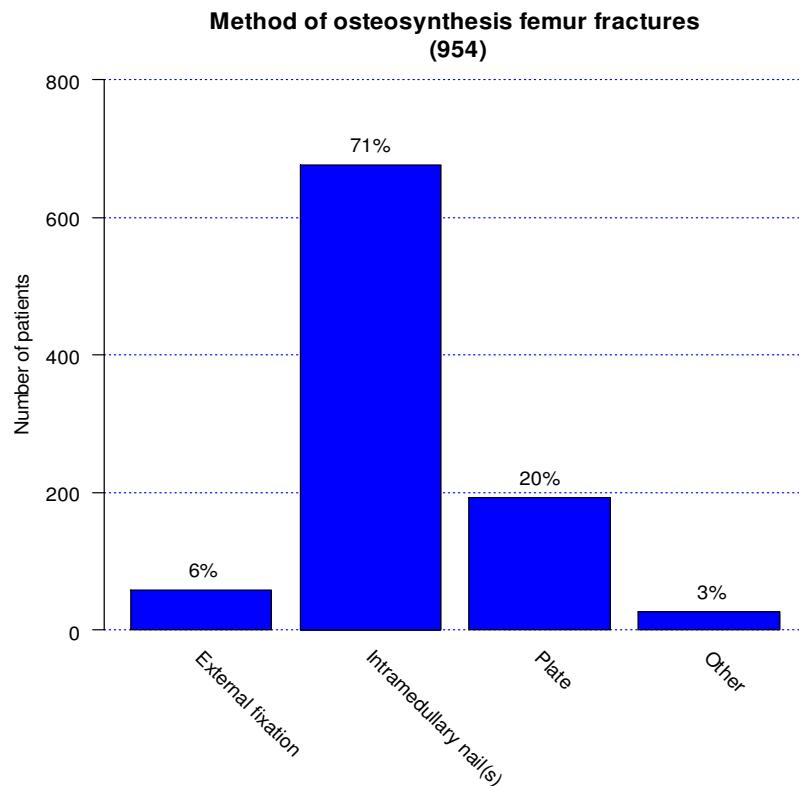
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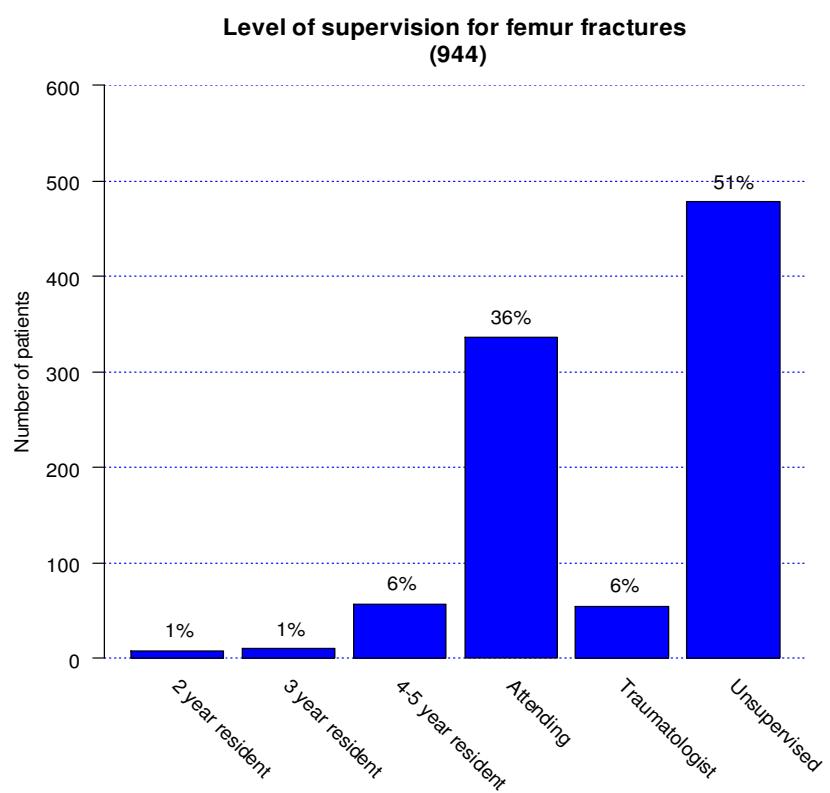
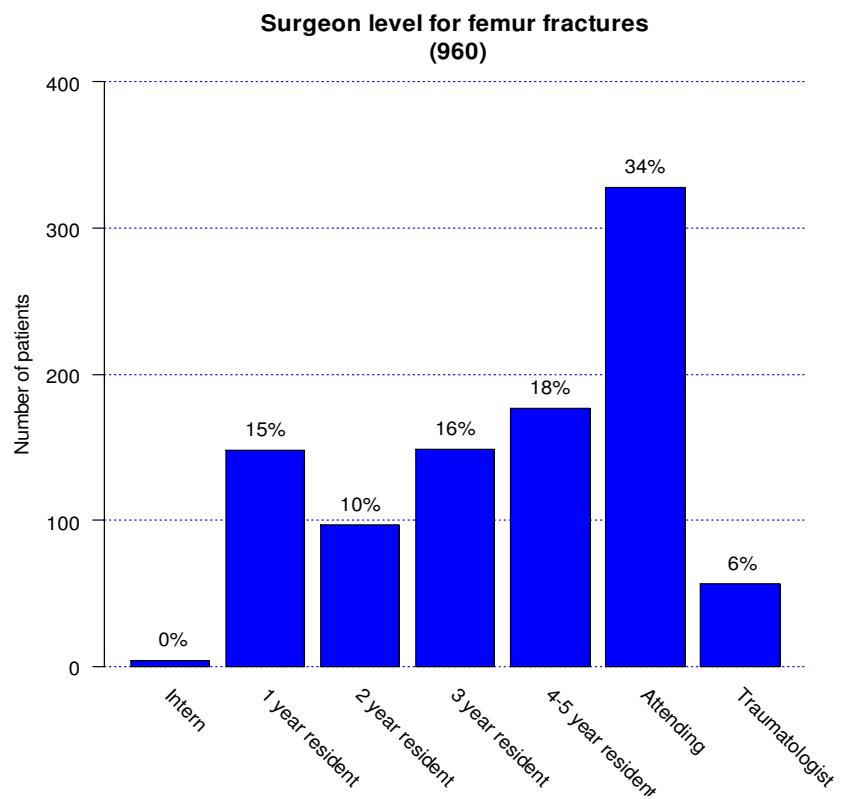


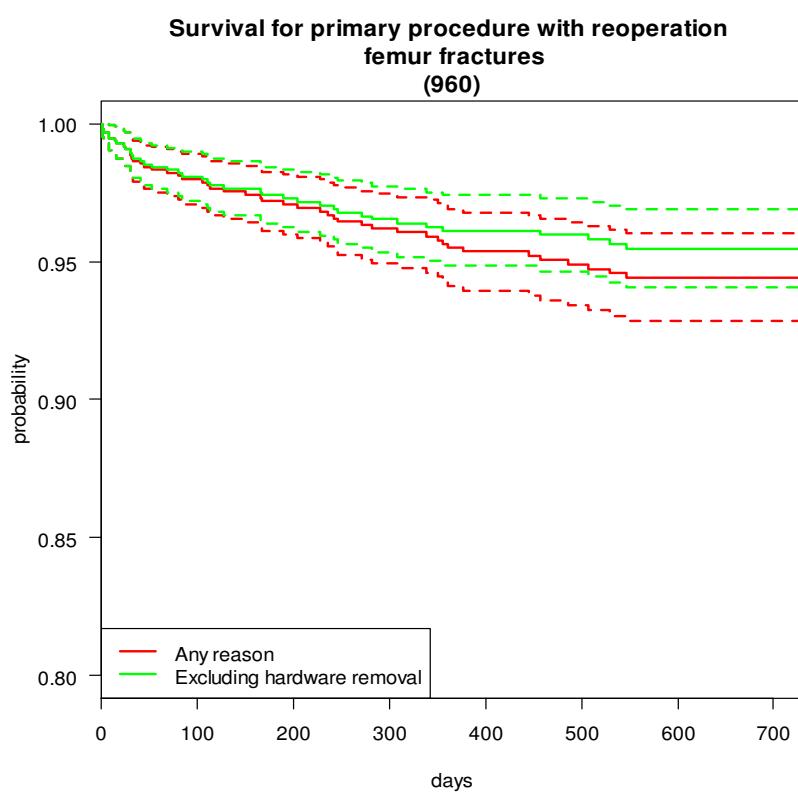
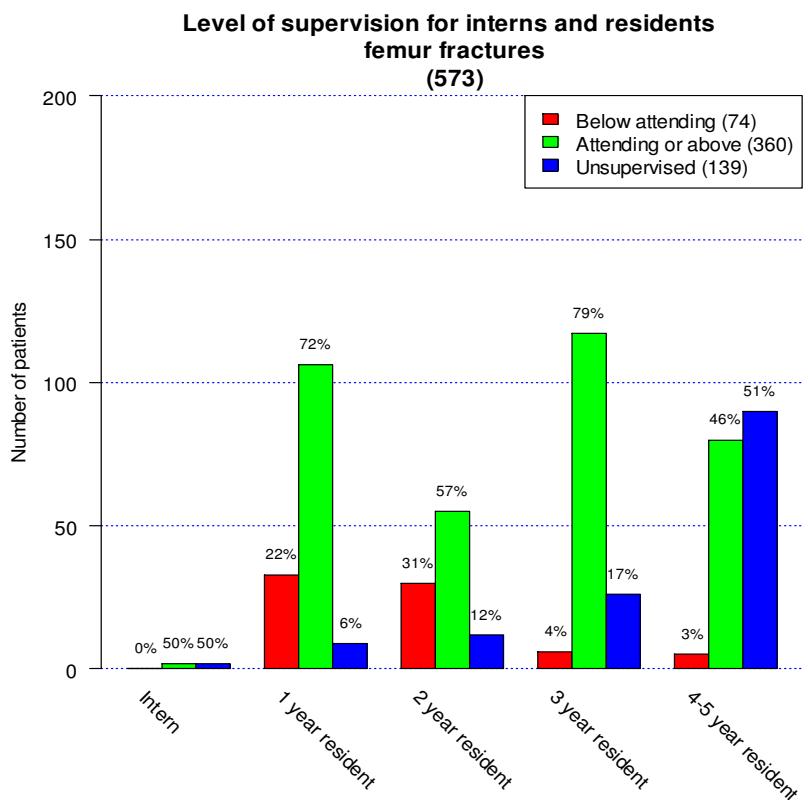


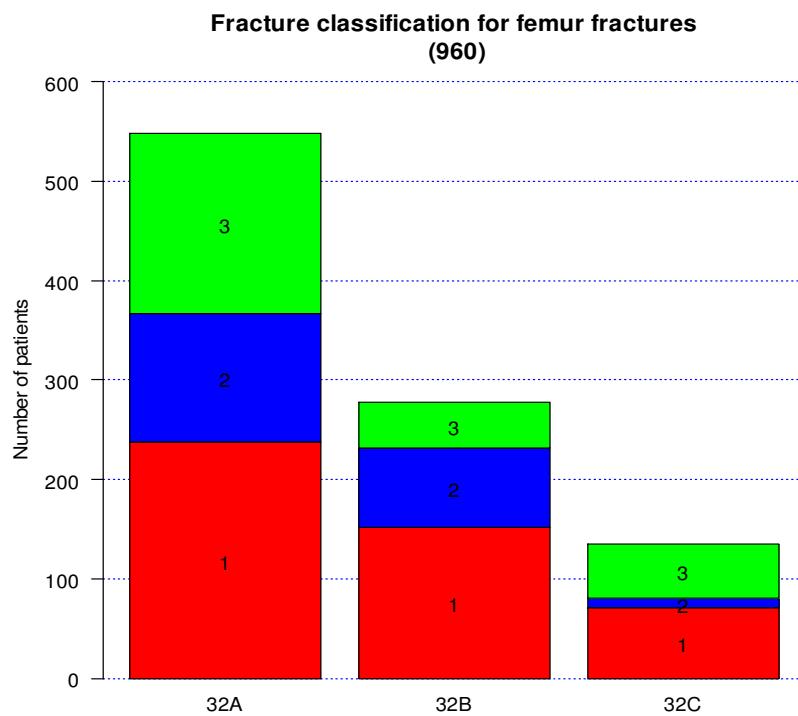


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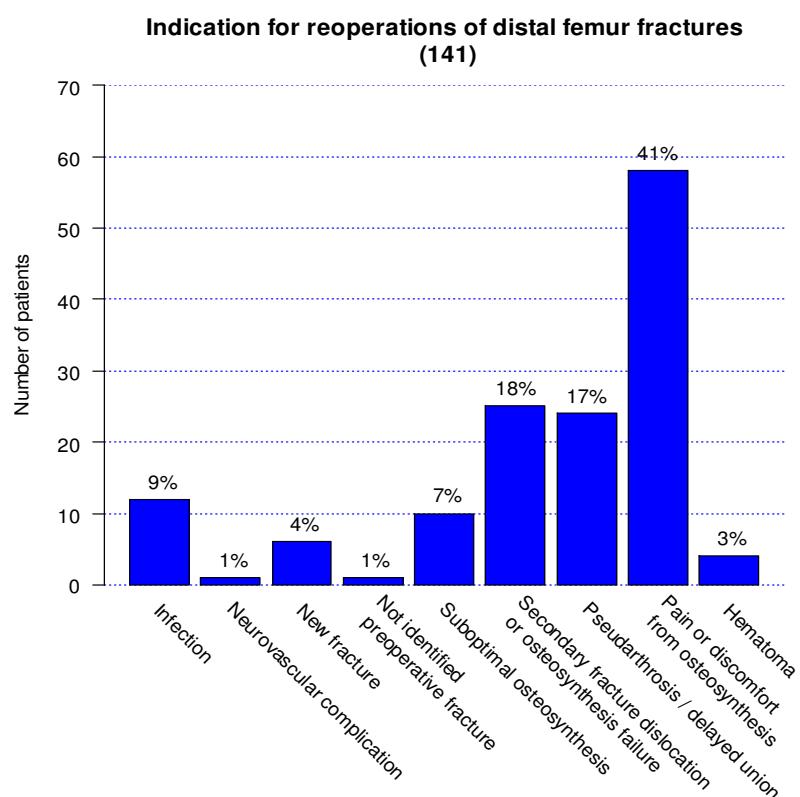
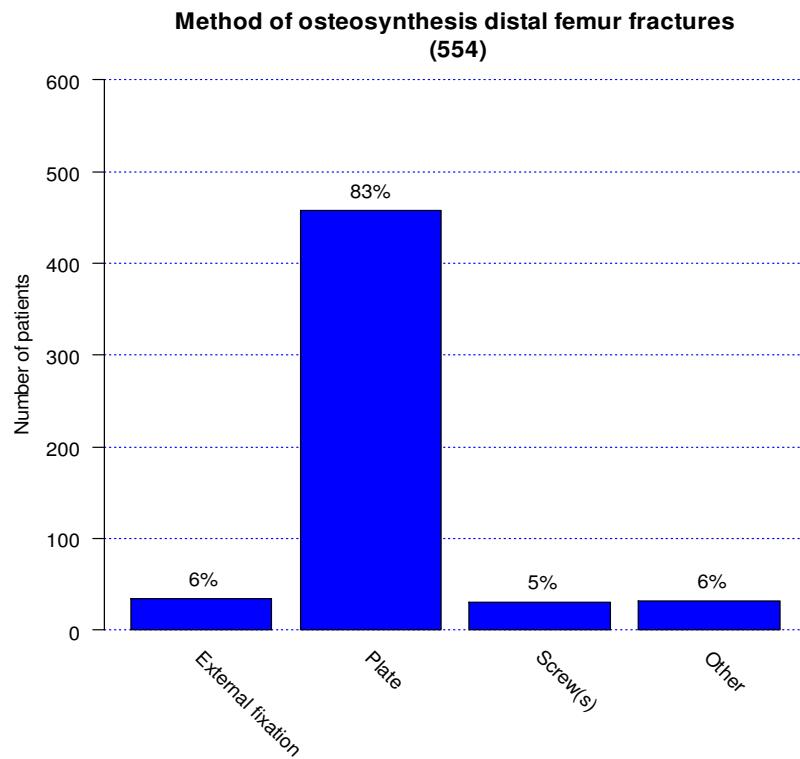


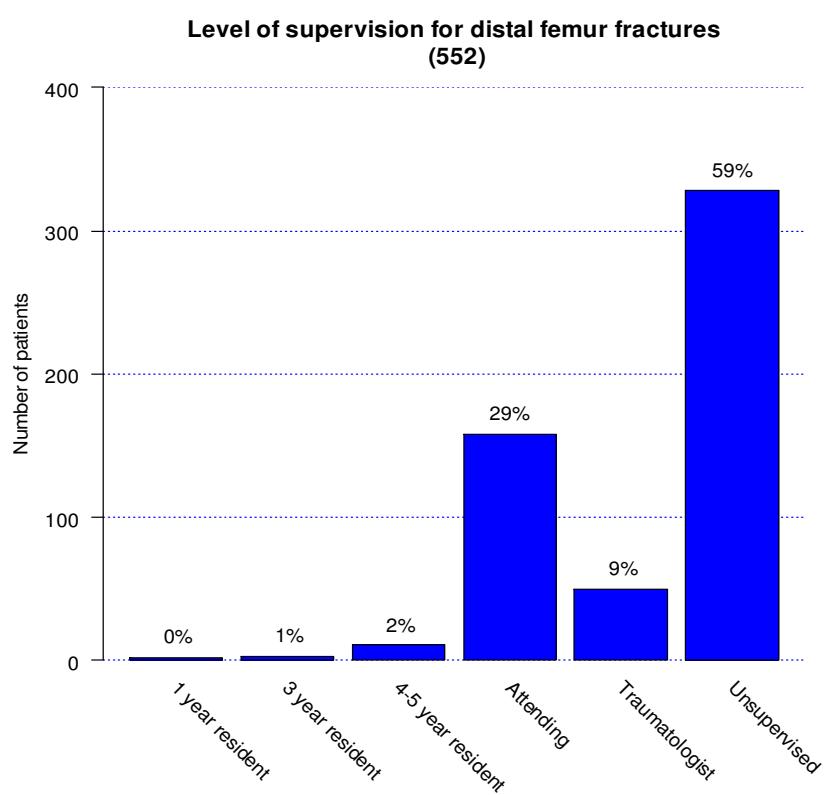
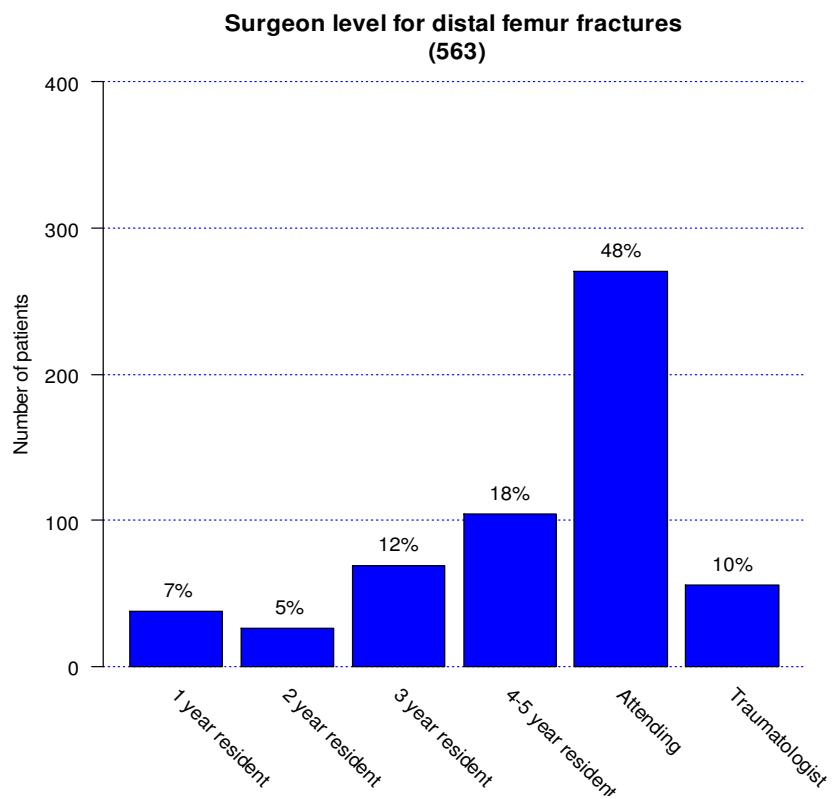


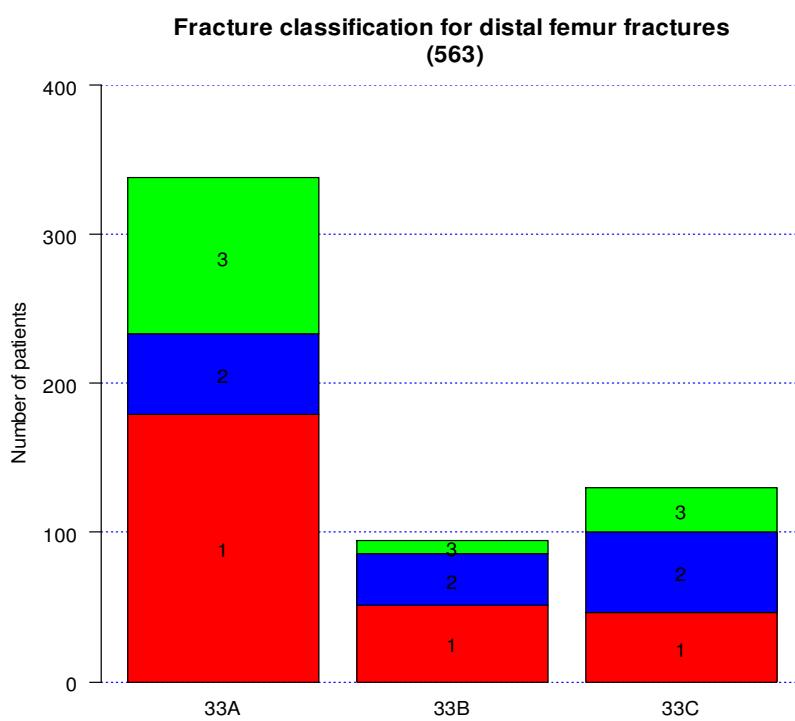
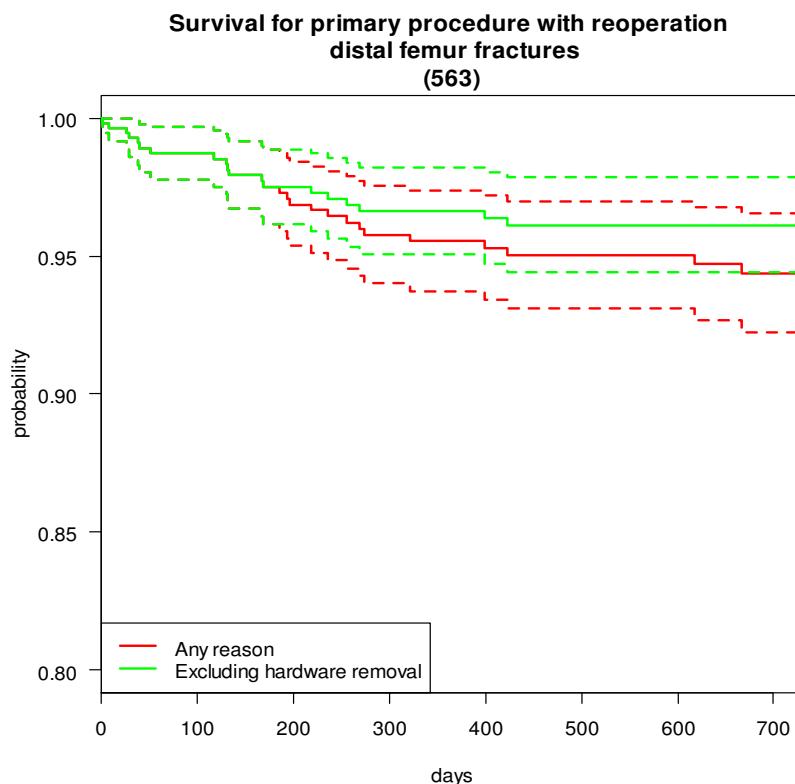




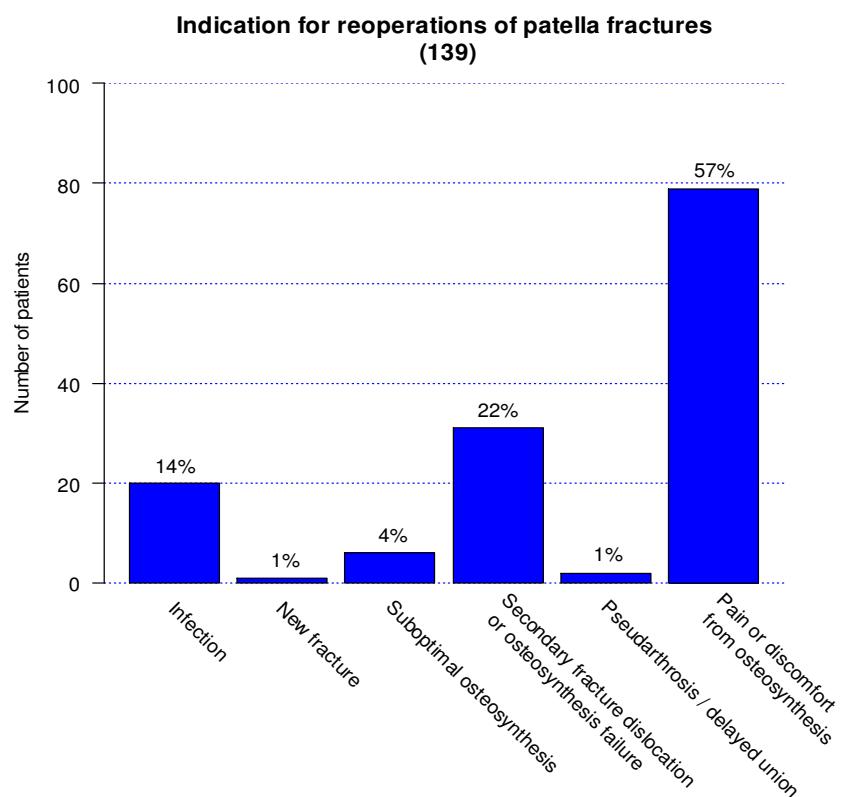
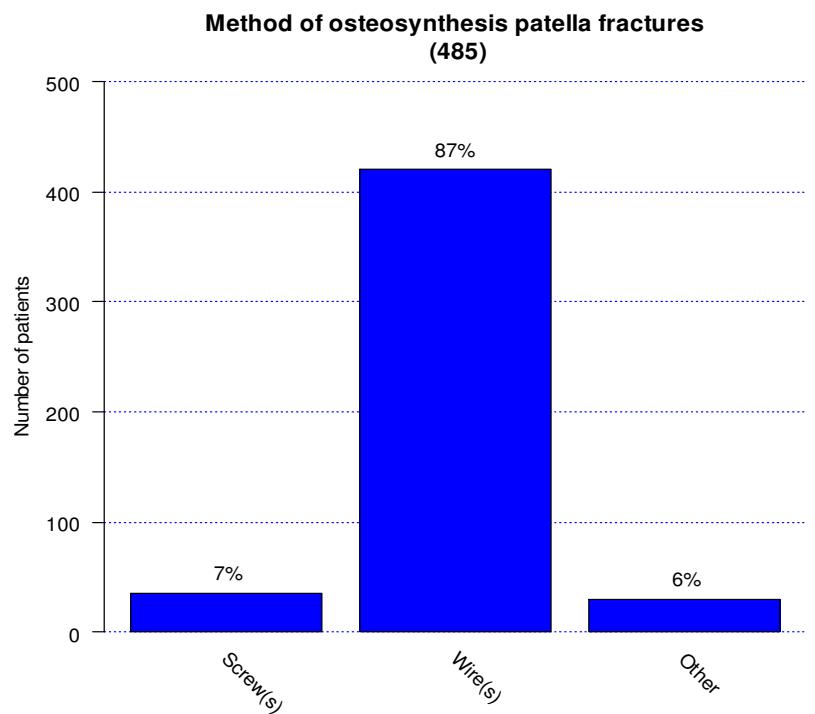
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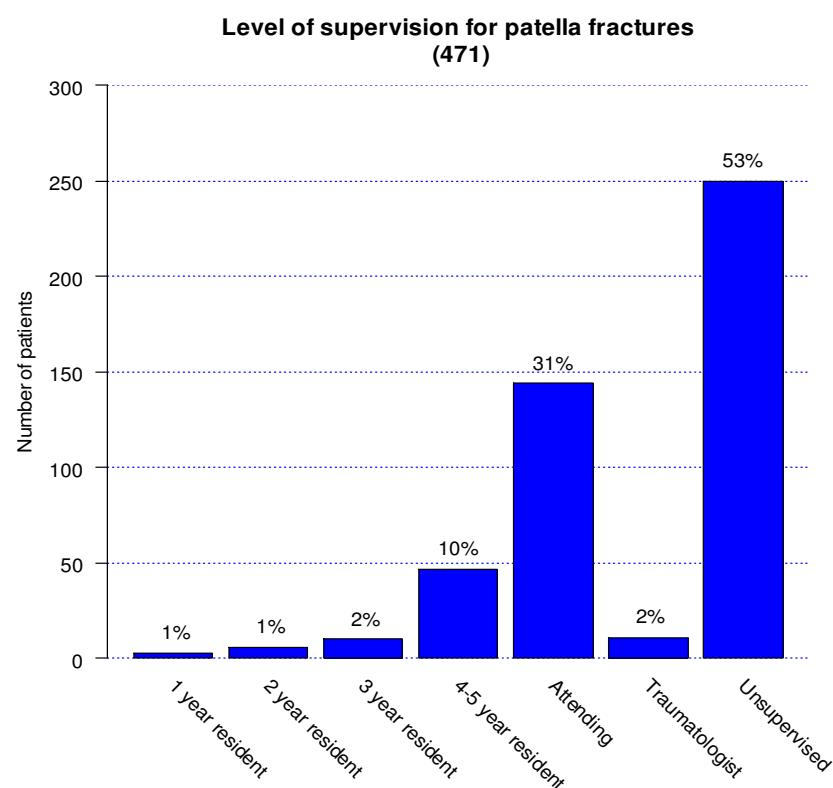
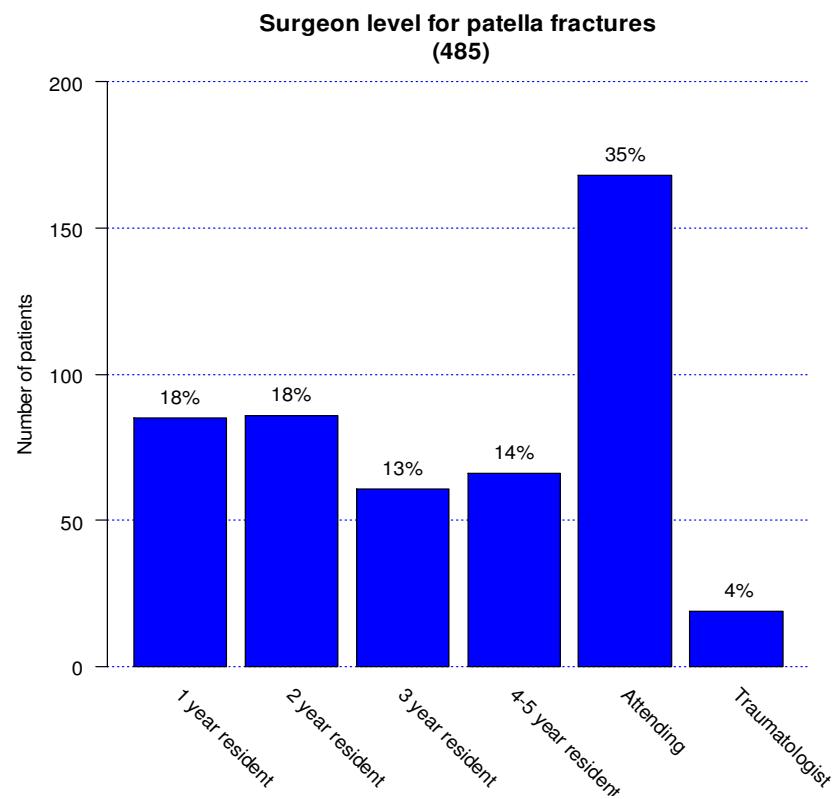


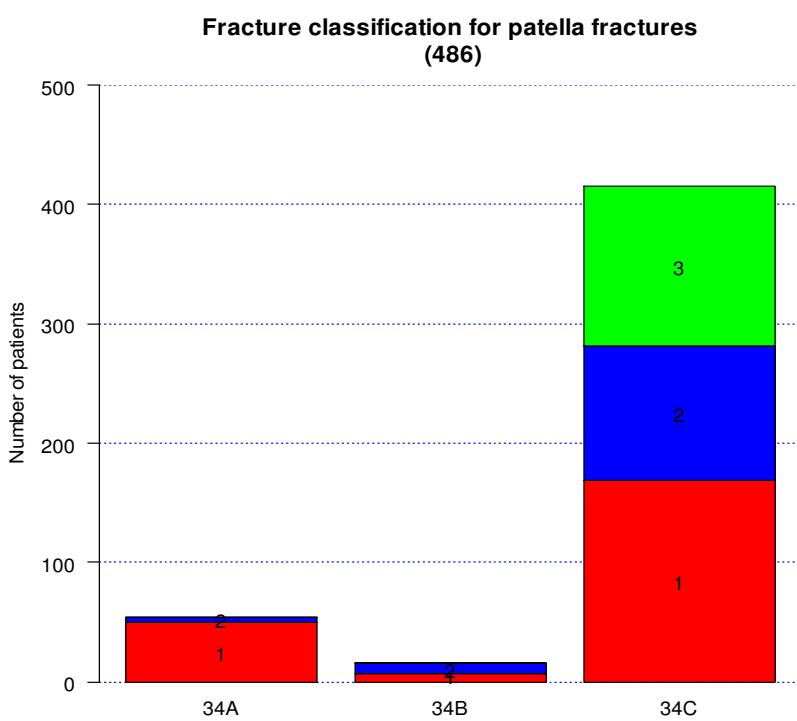
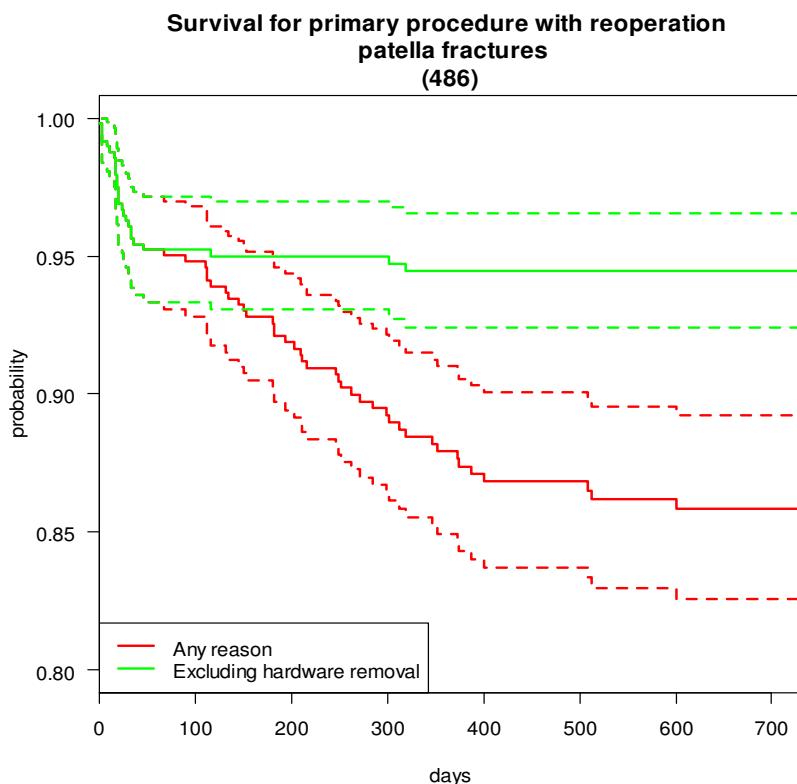




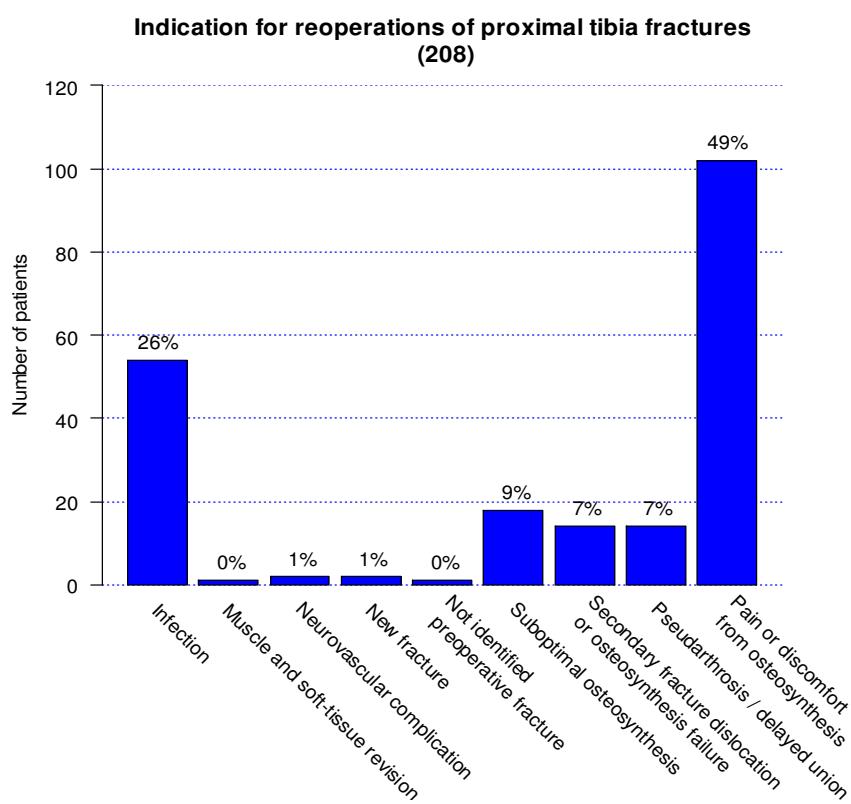
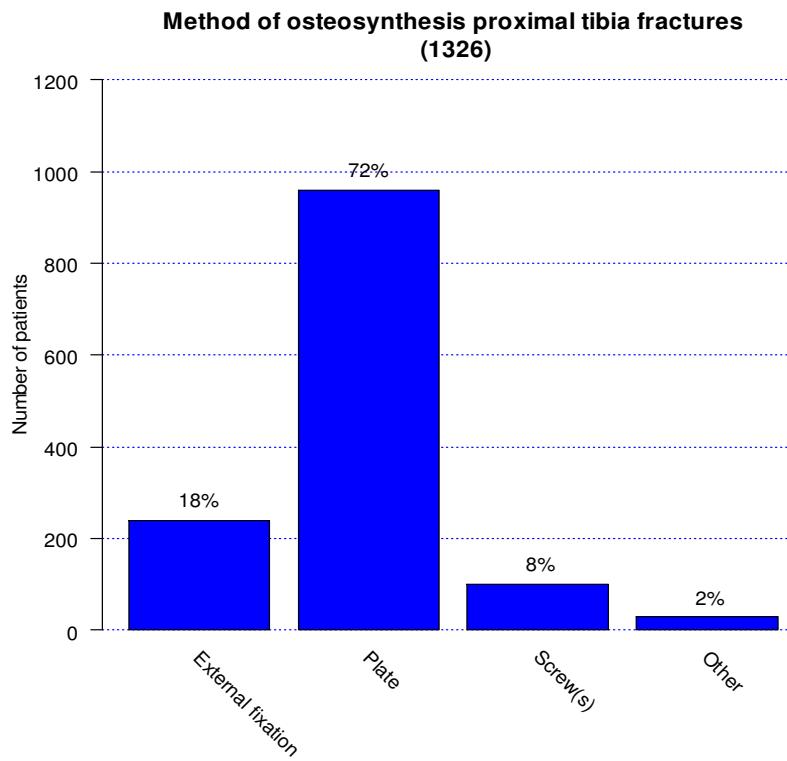
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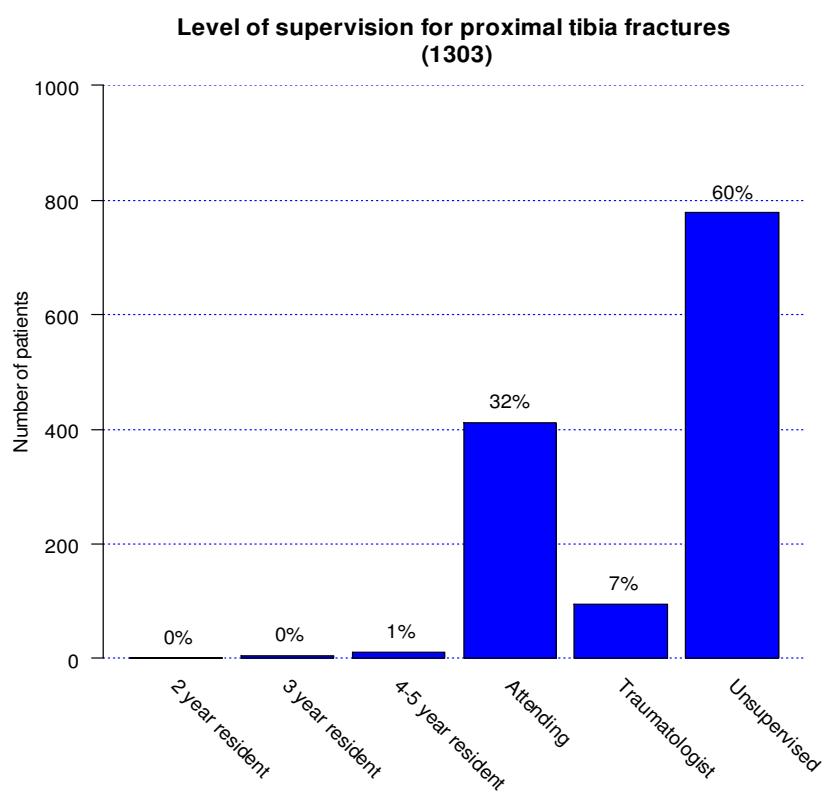
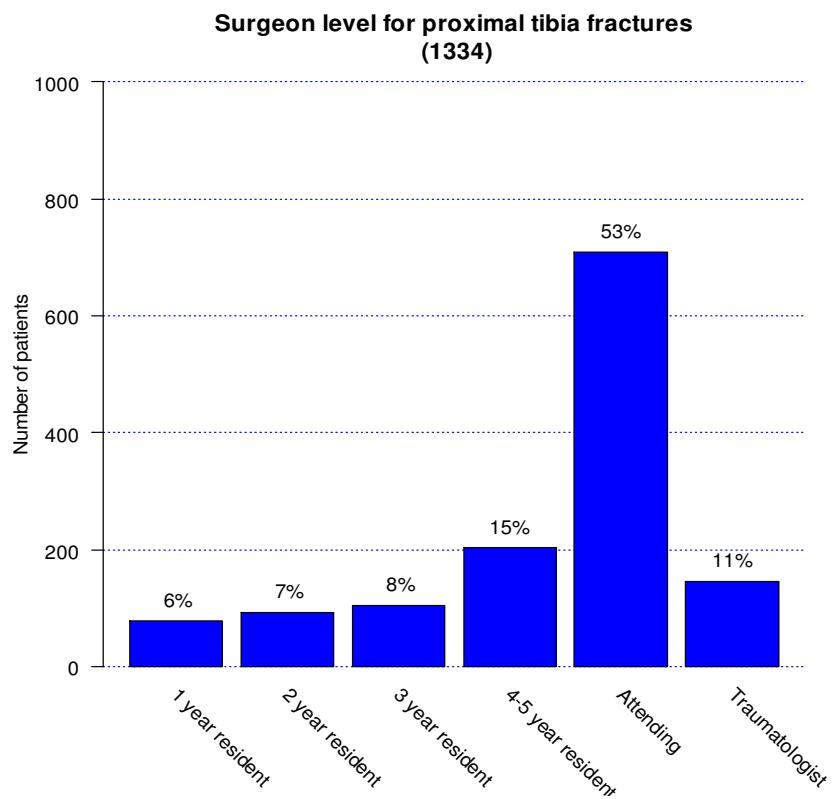


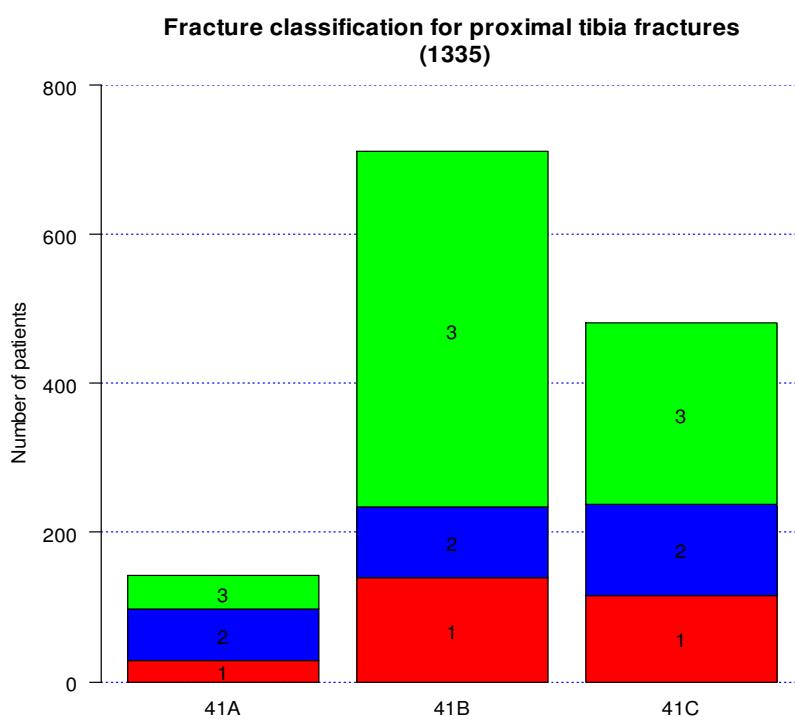
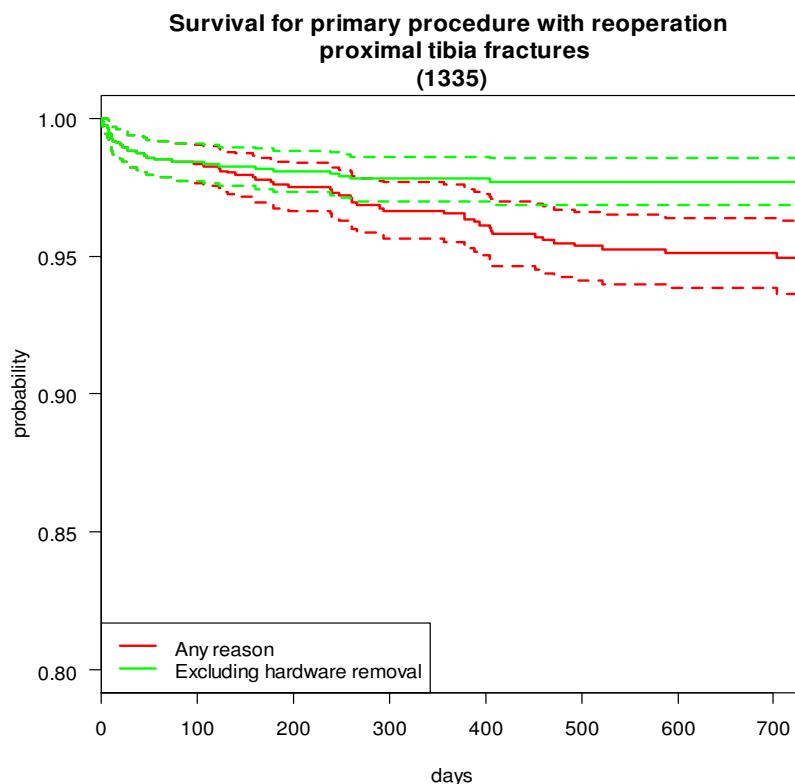




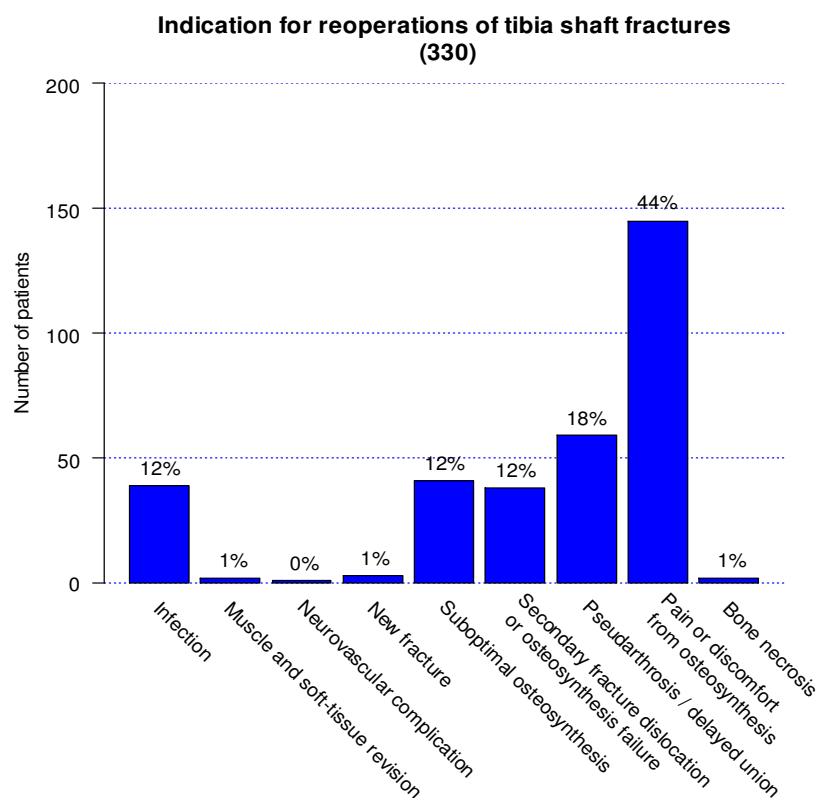
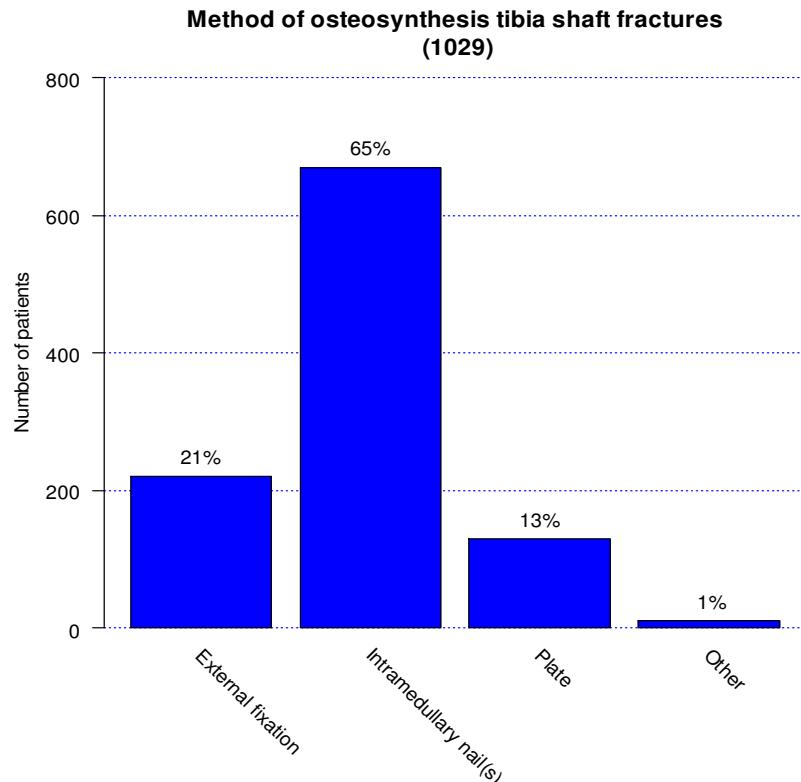
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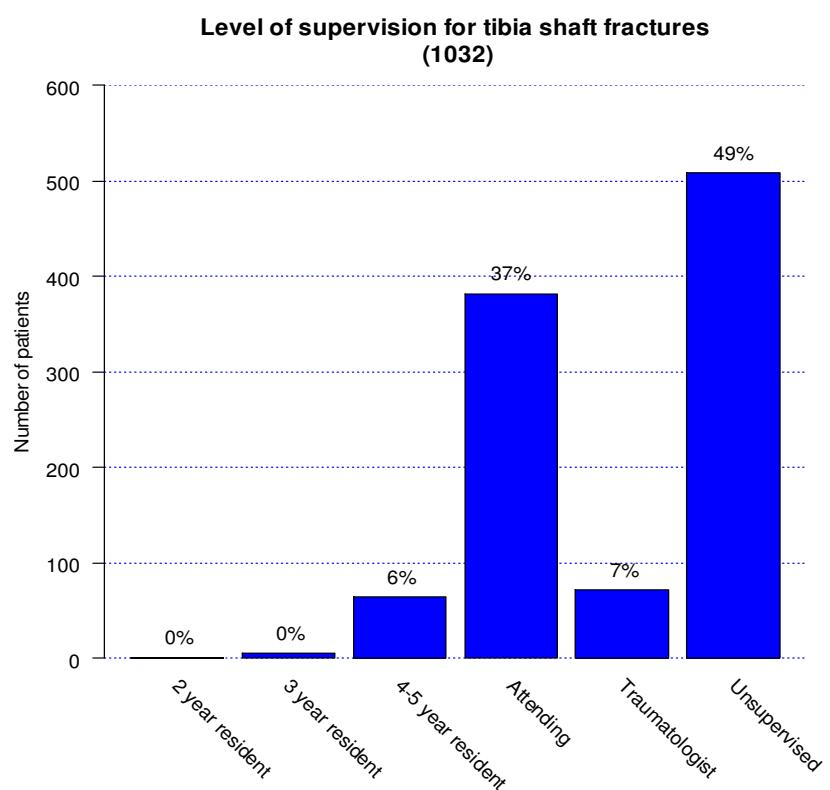
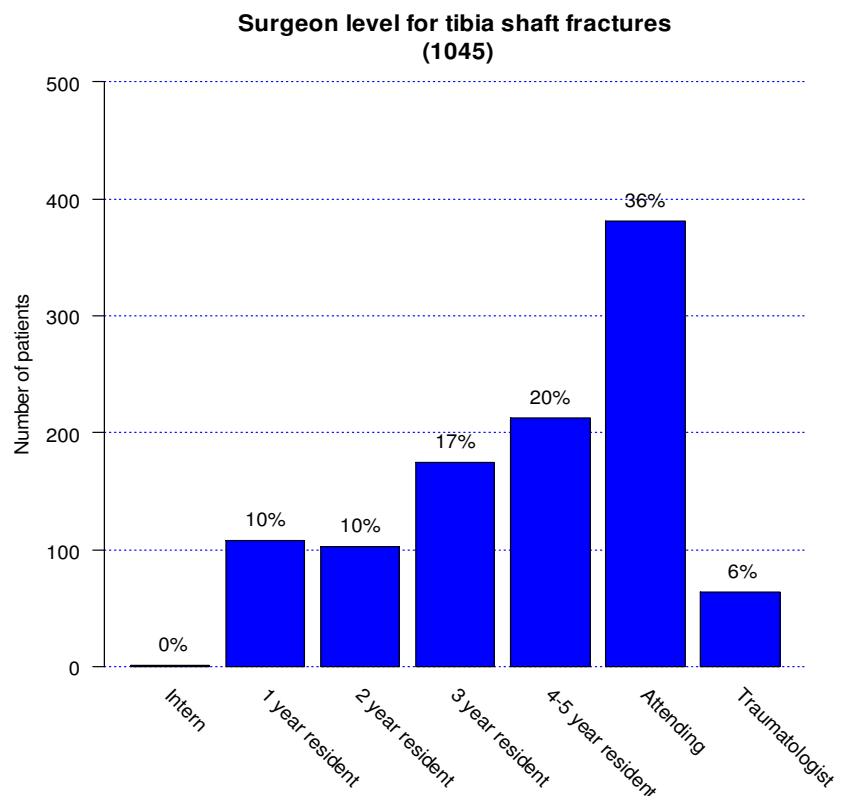


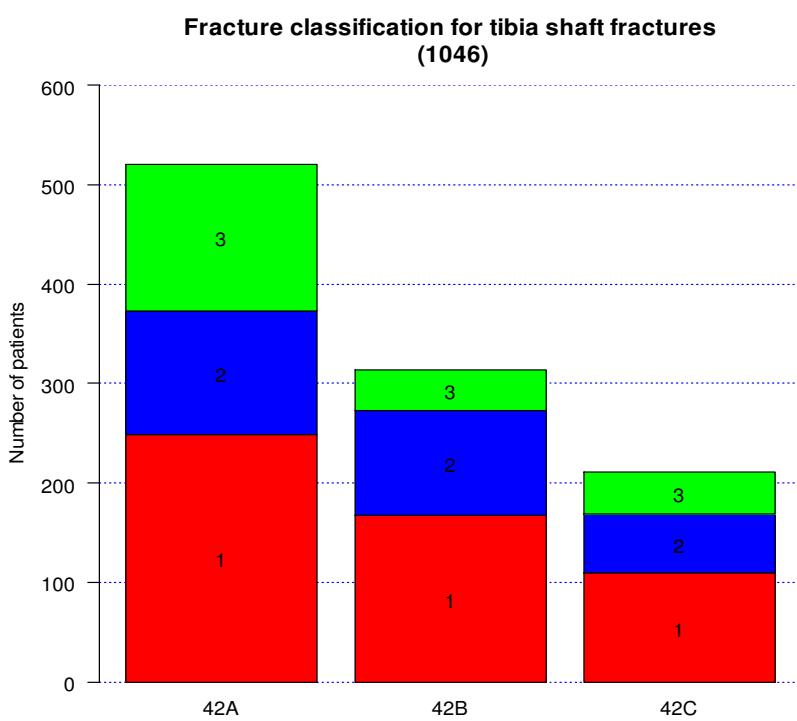
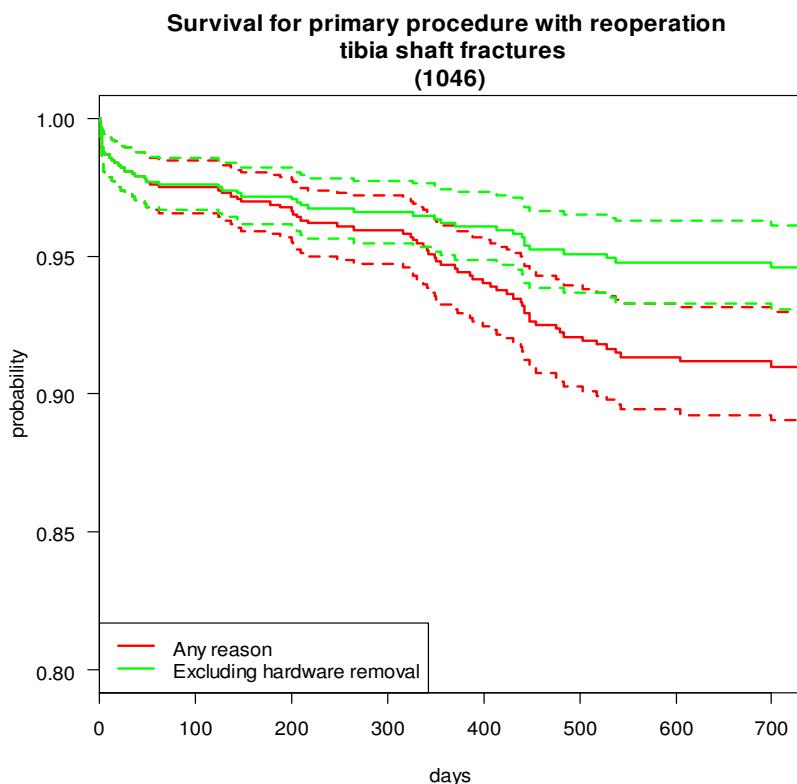




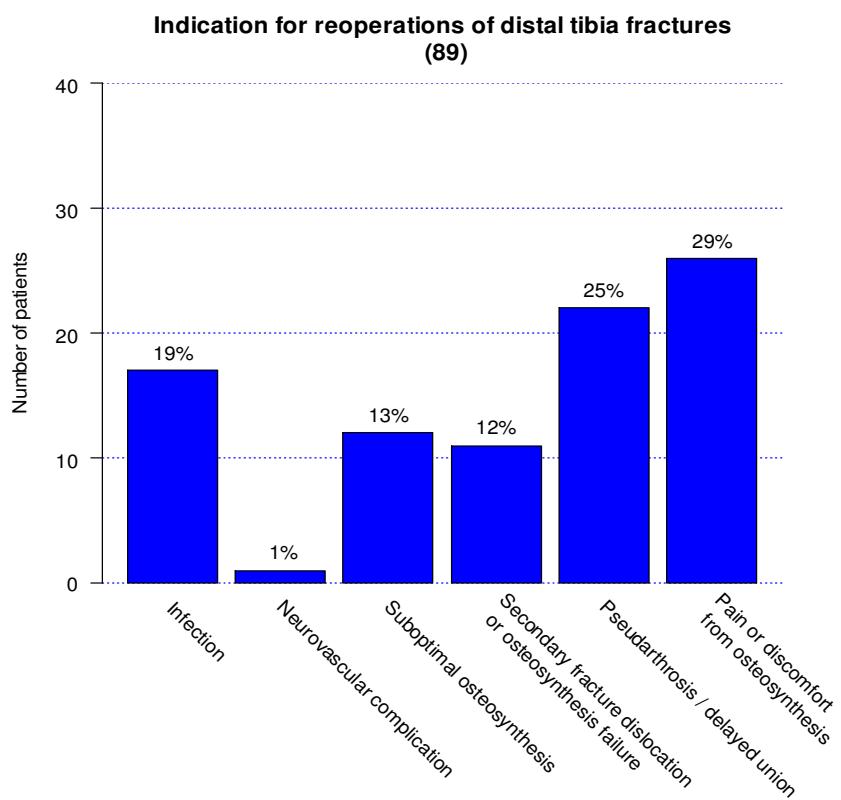
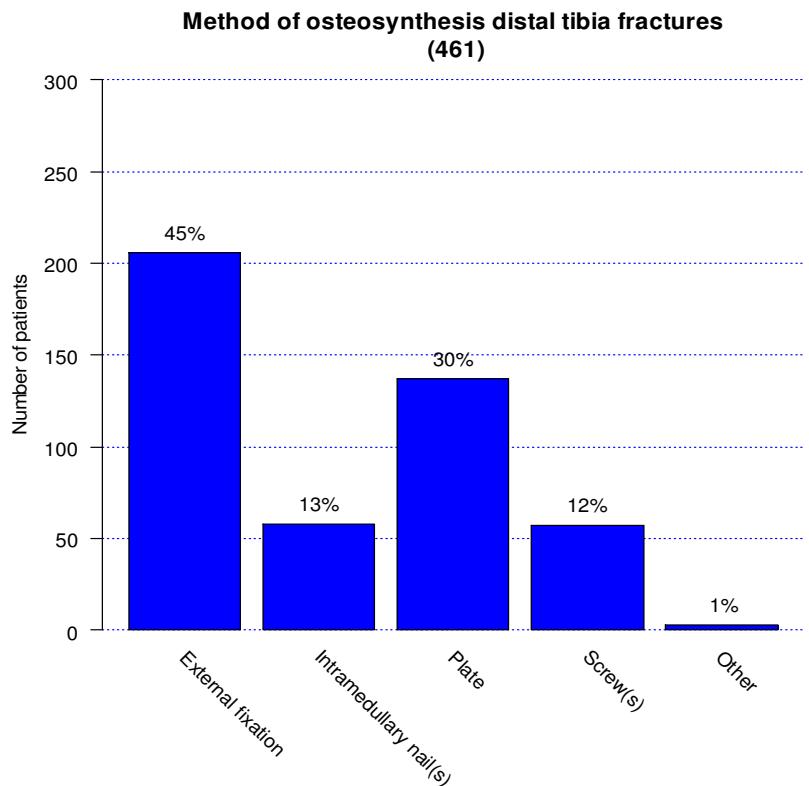
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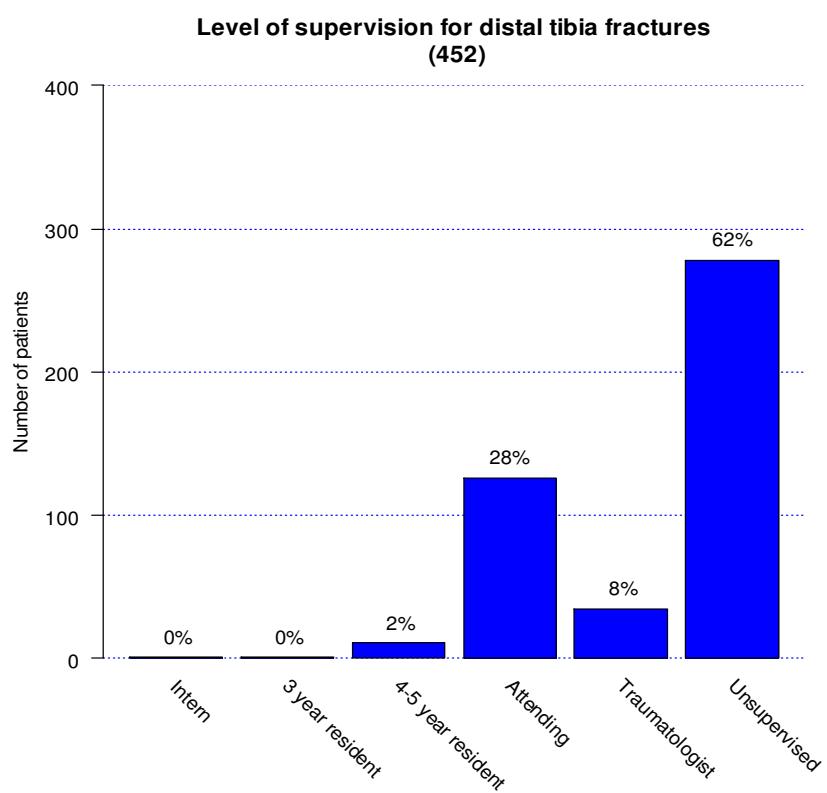
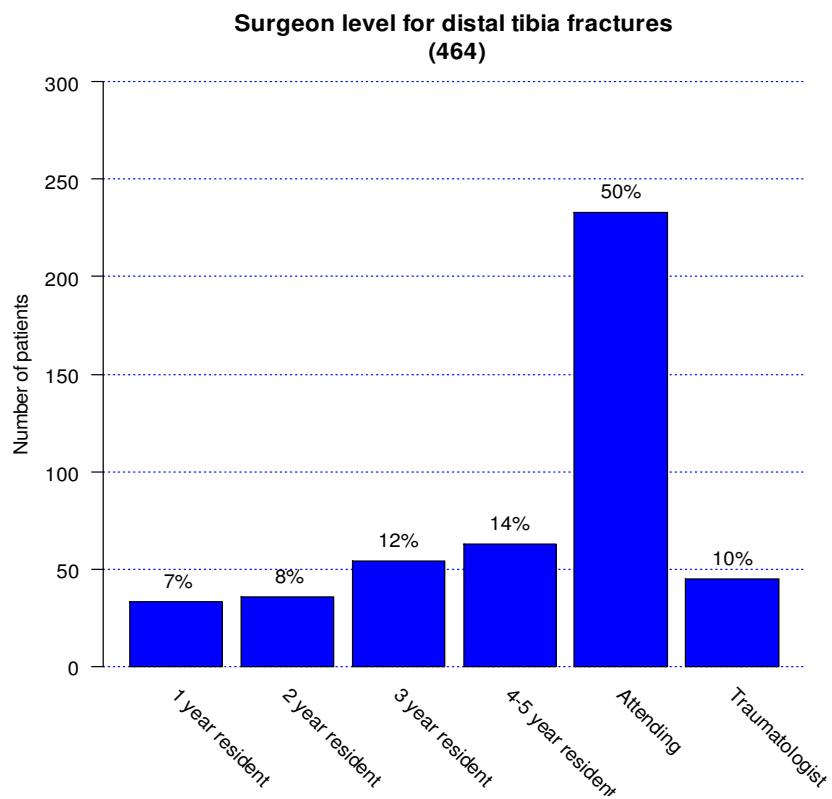


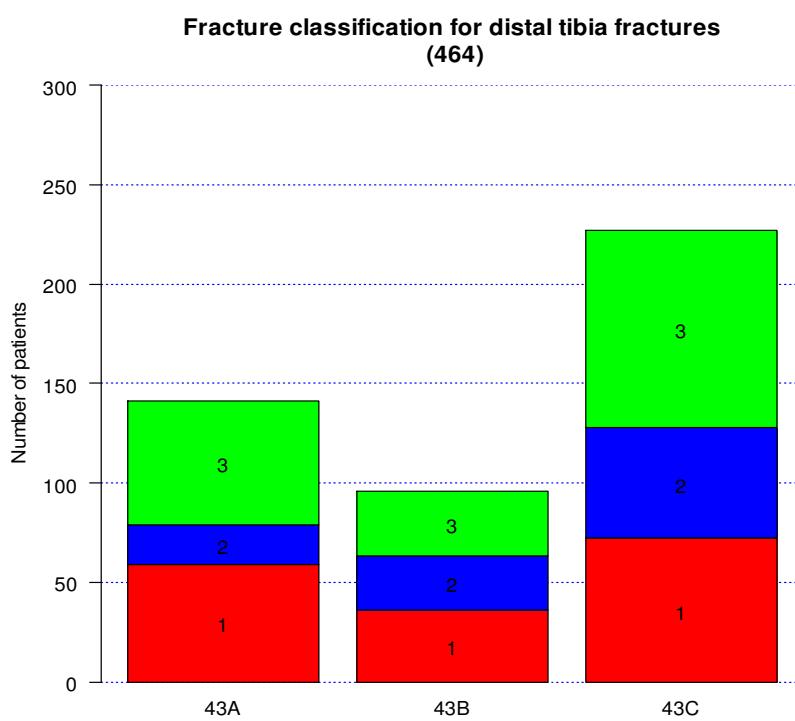
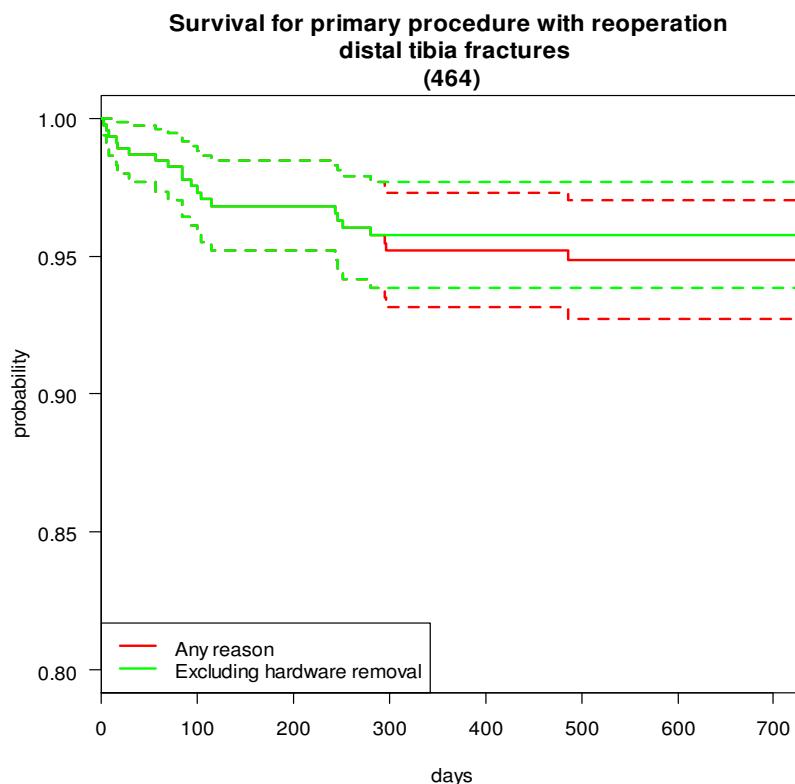




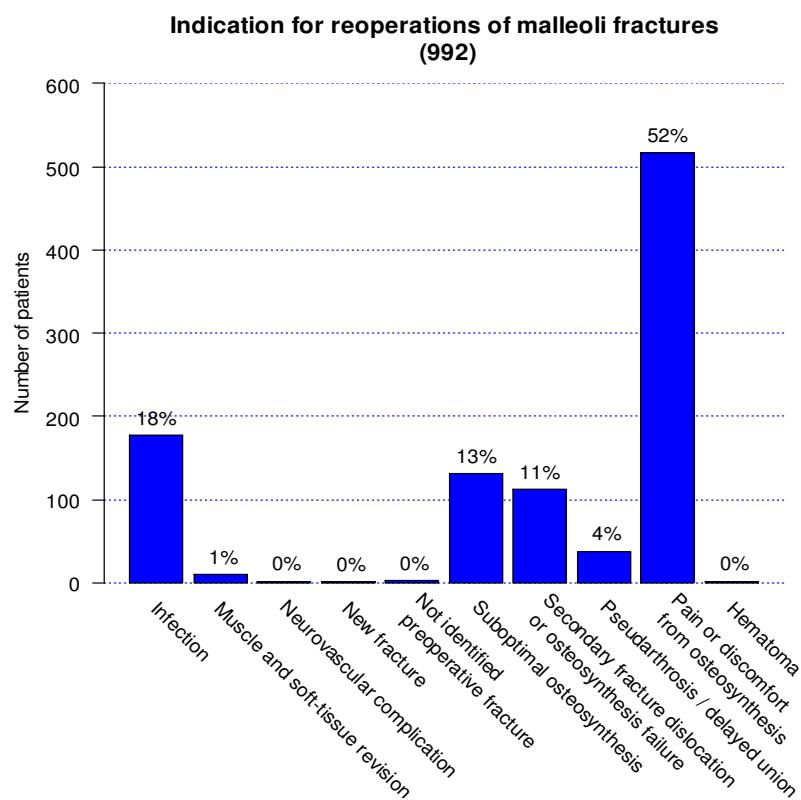
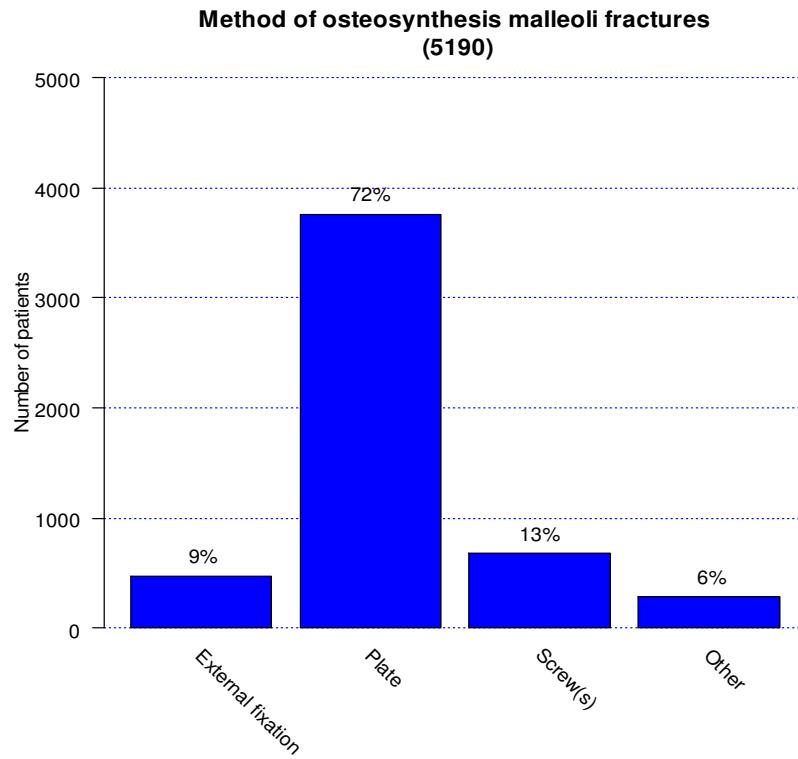
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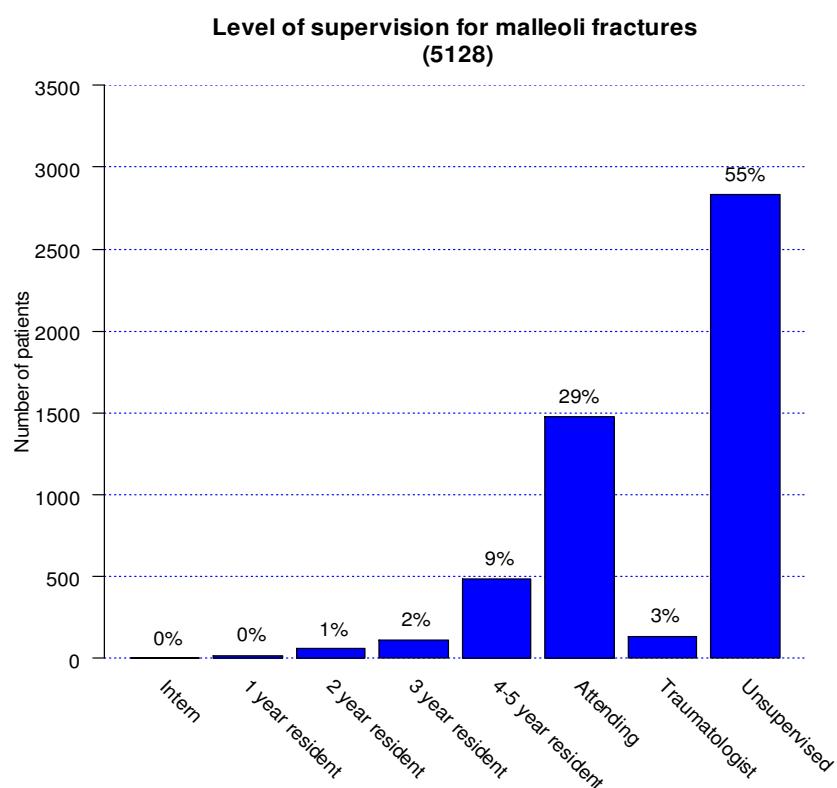
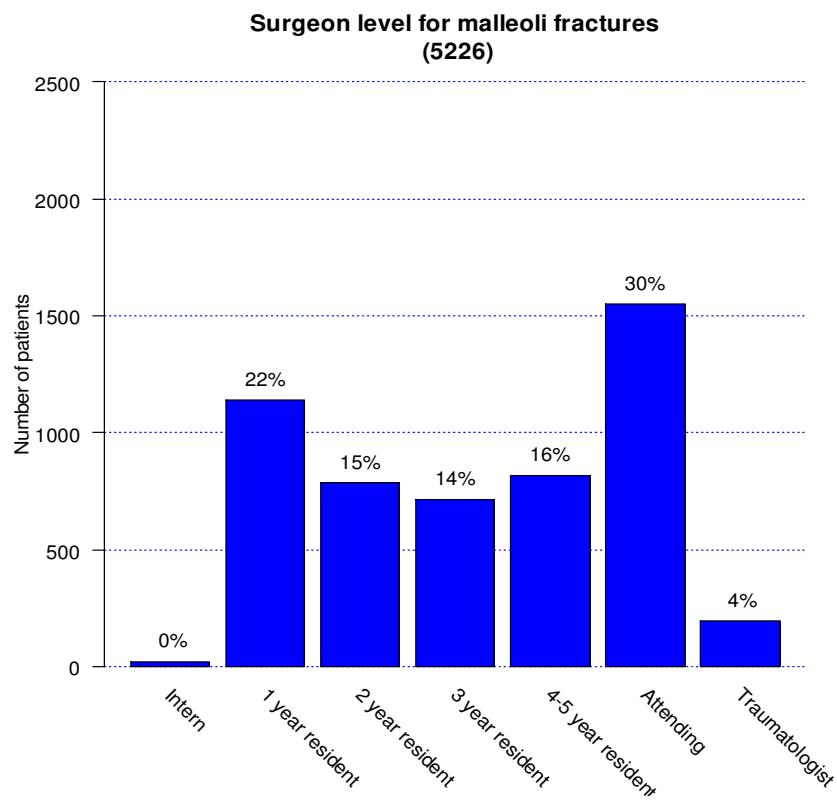


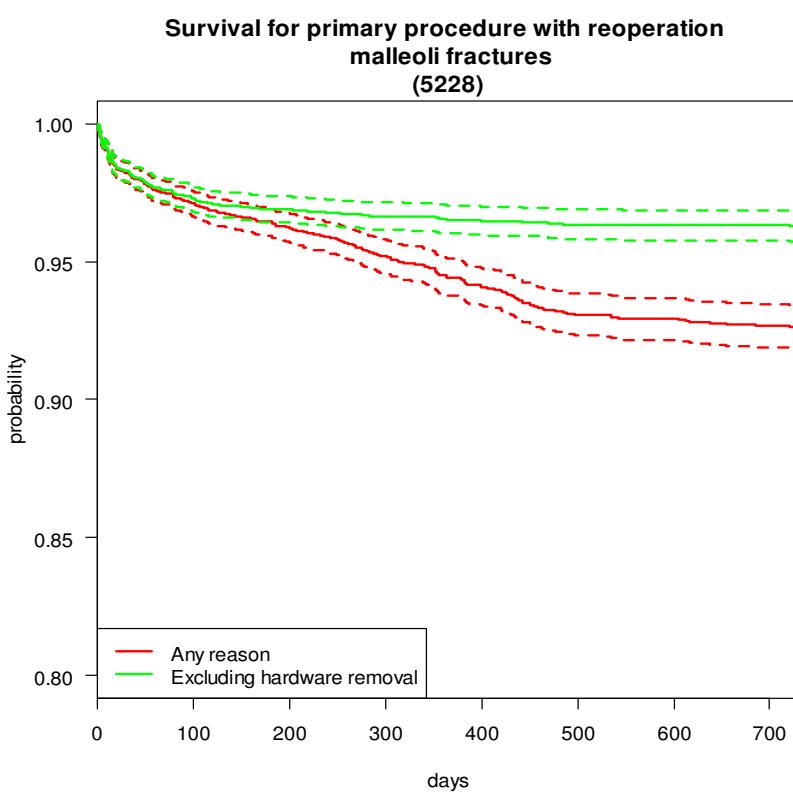
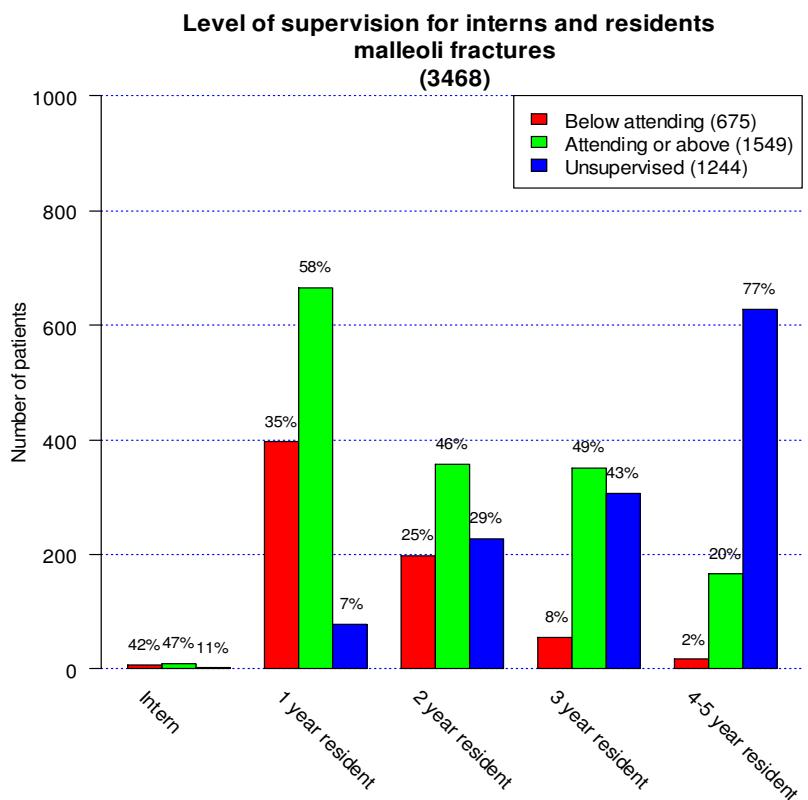




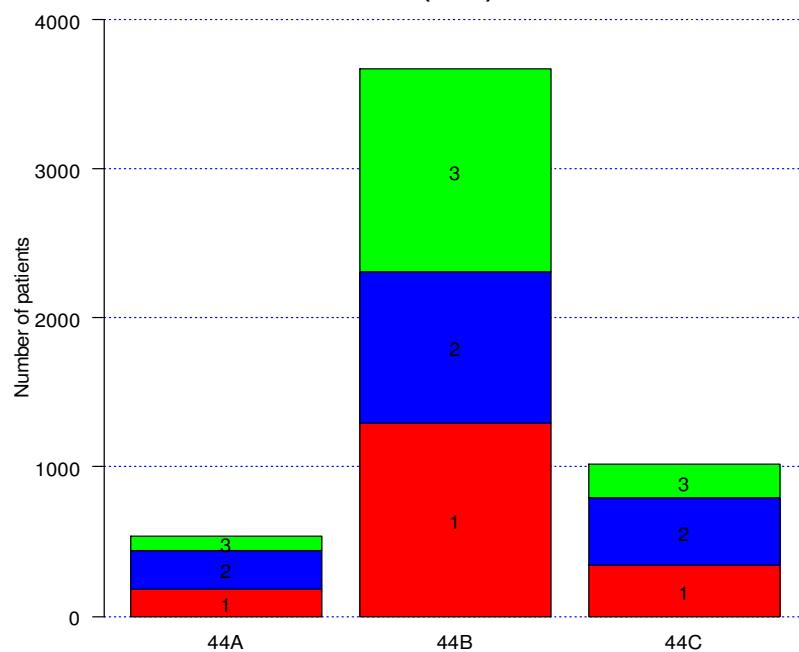
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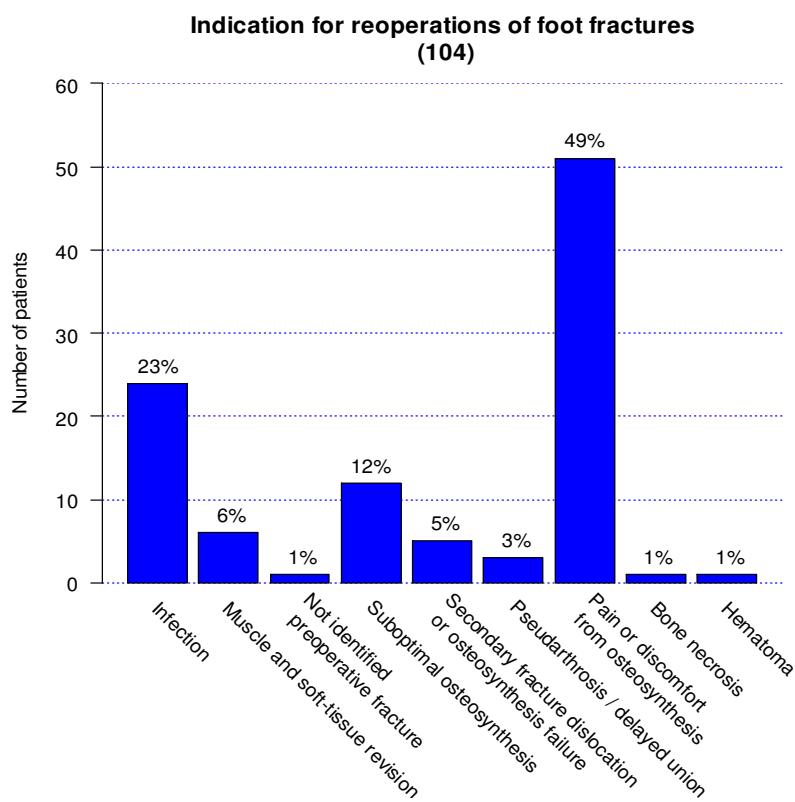
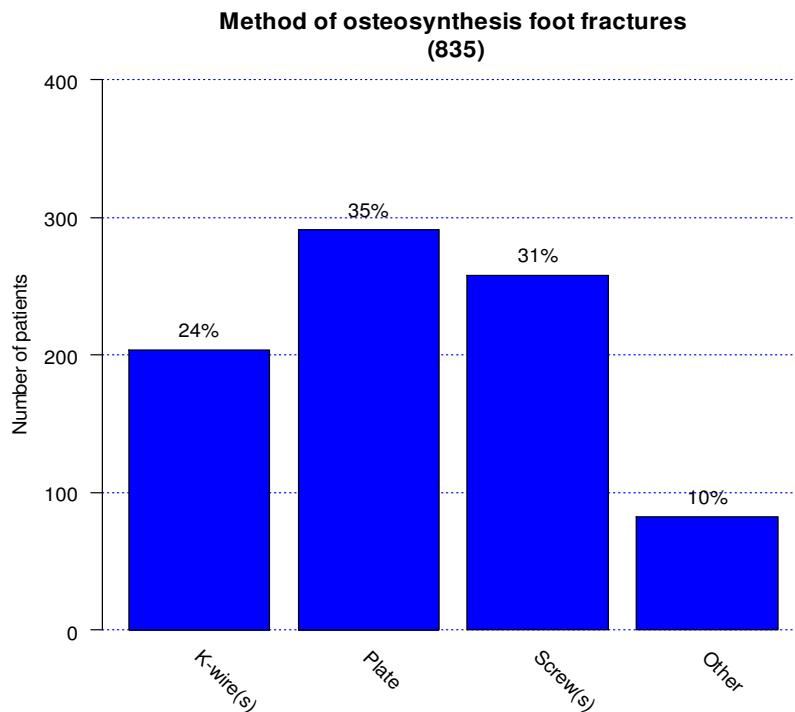


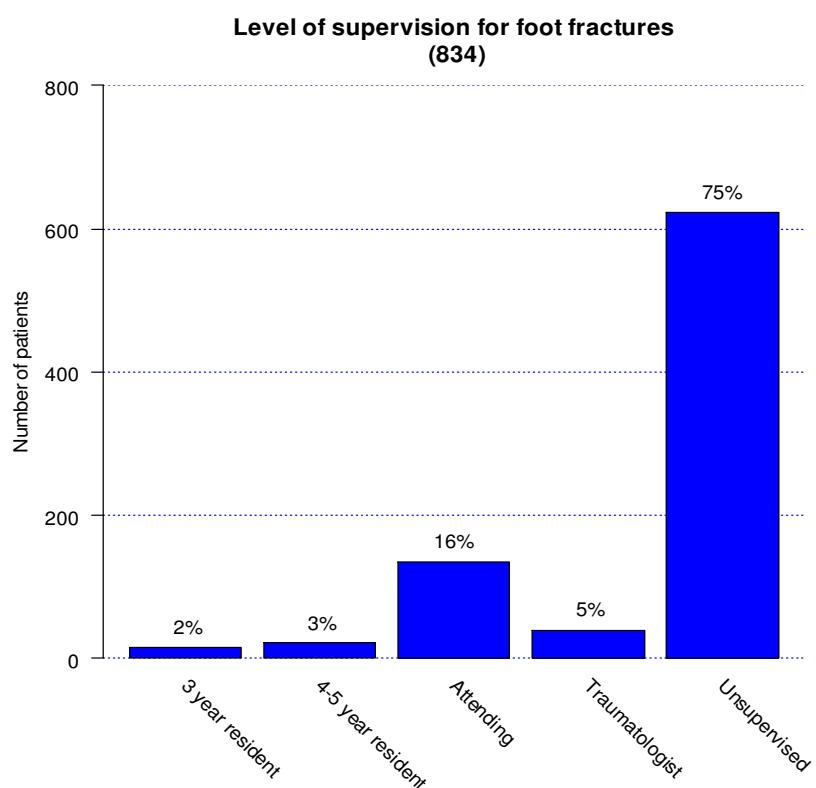
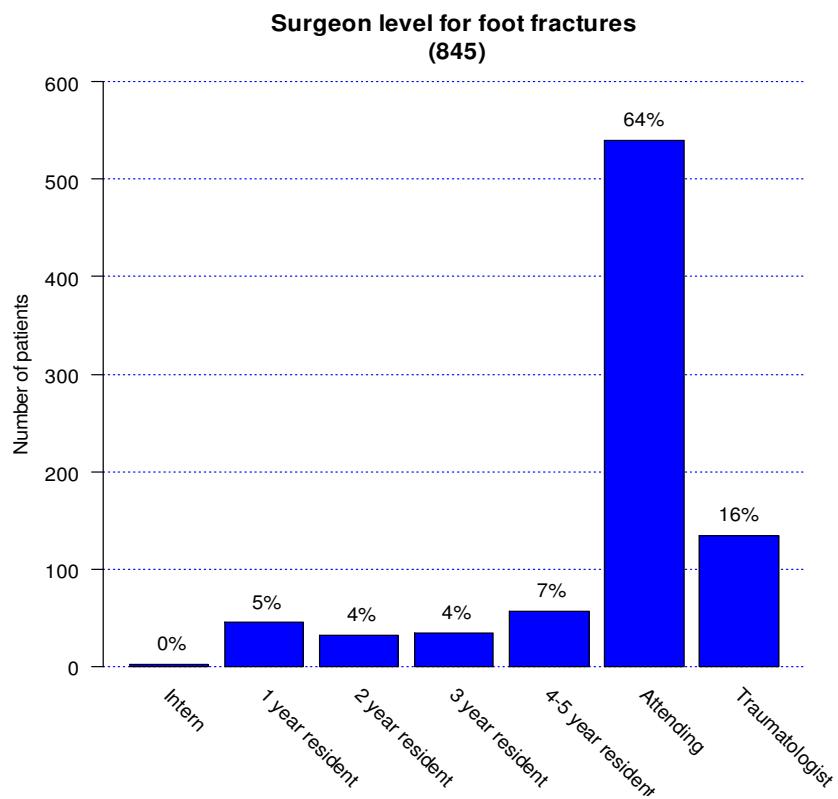


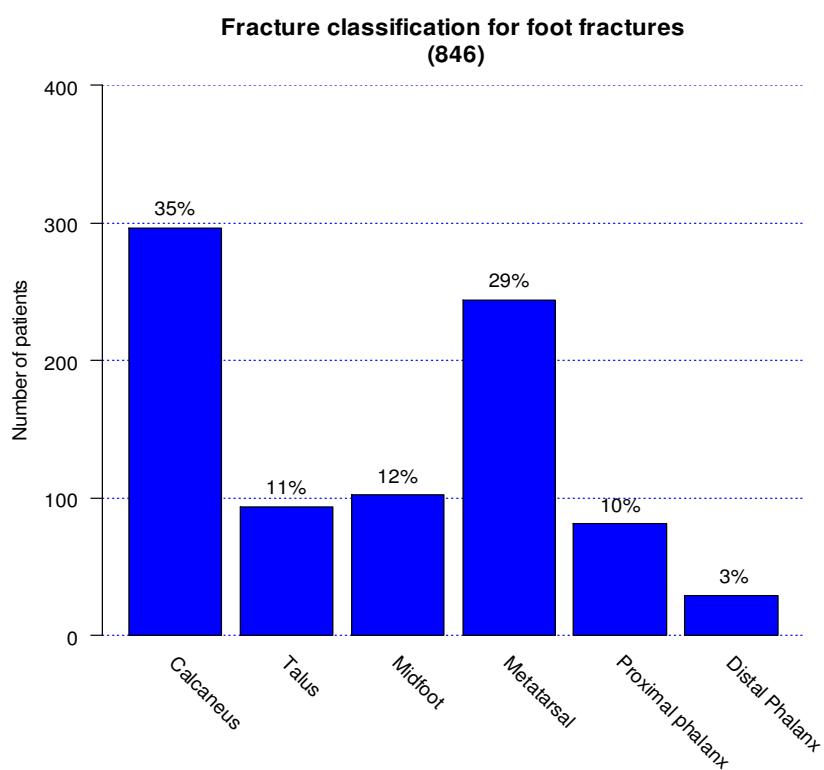
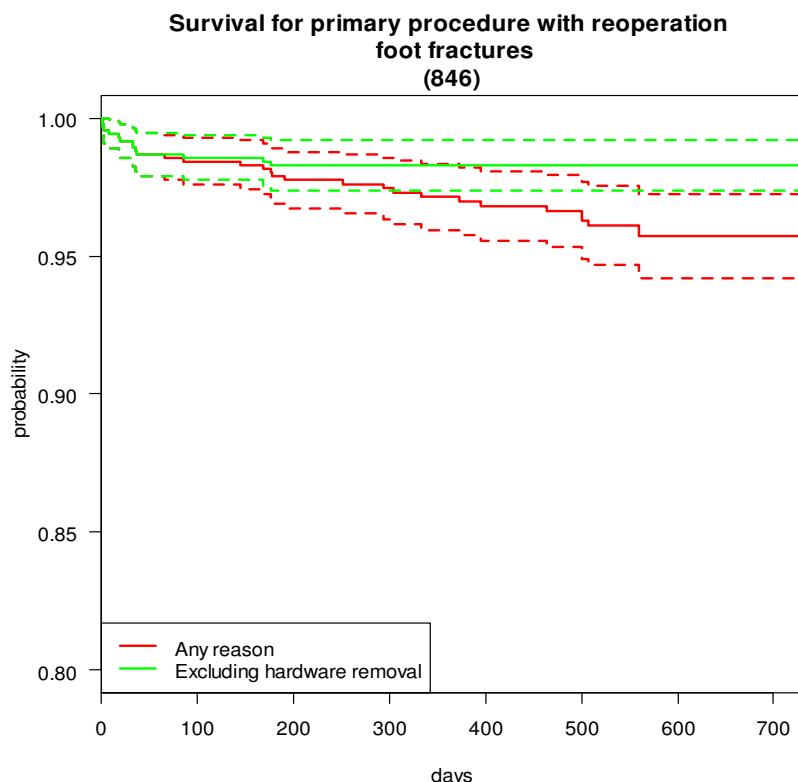
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(5228)**



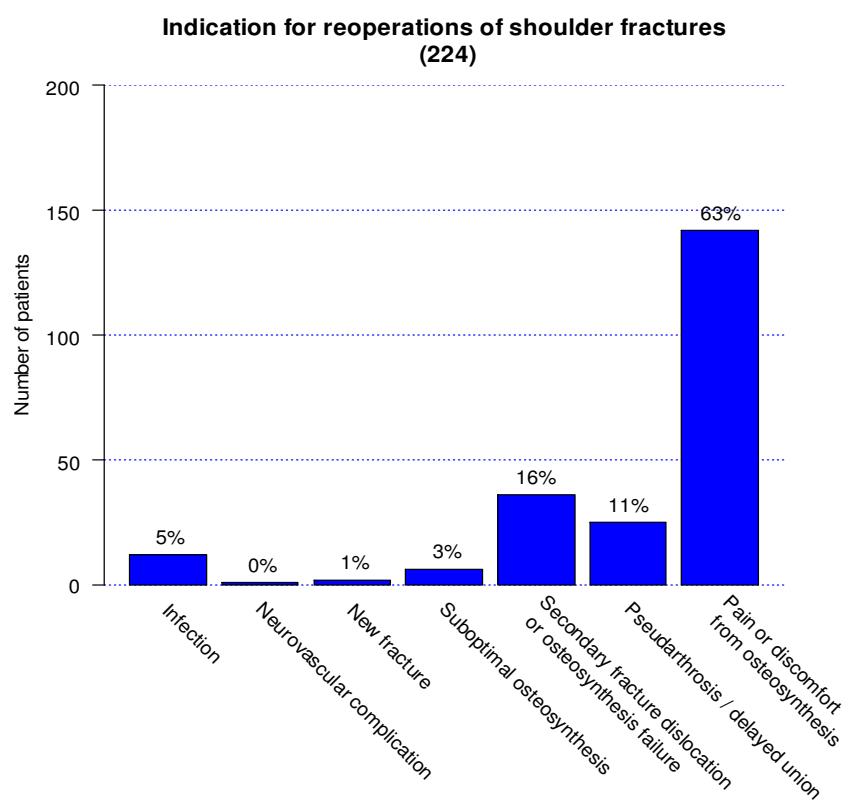
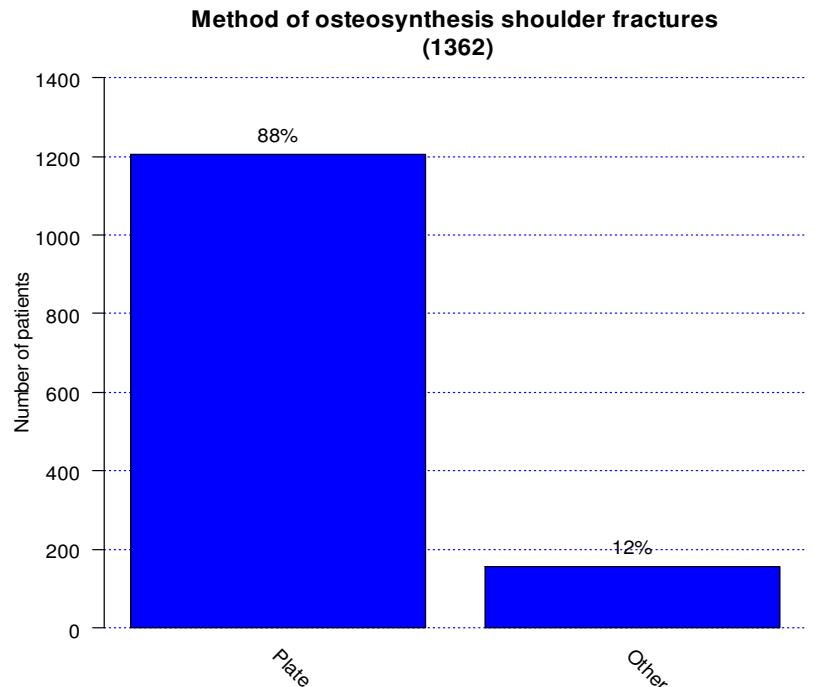
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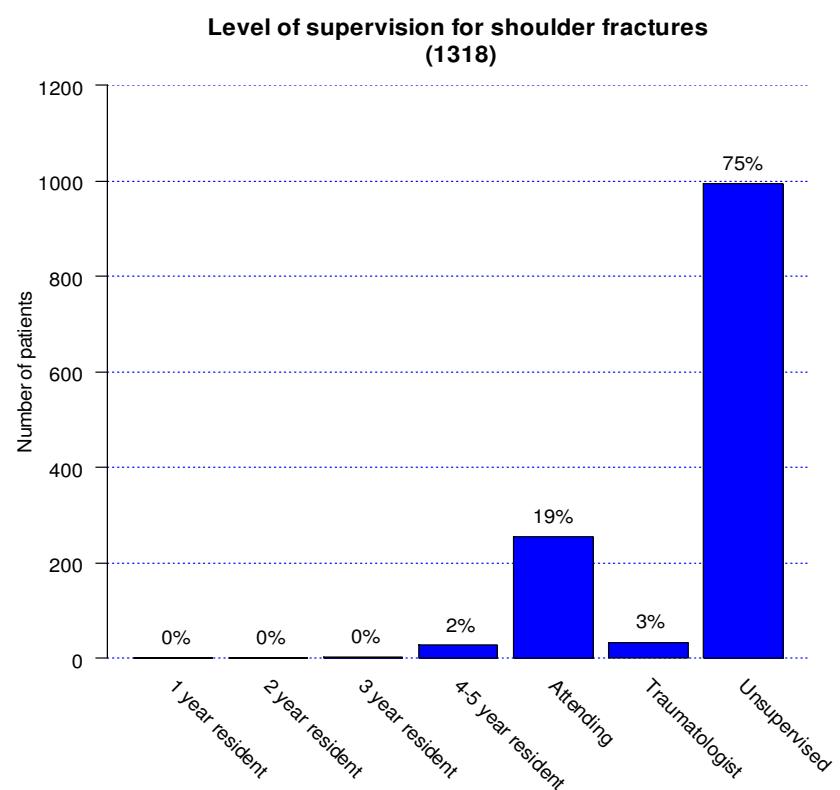
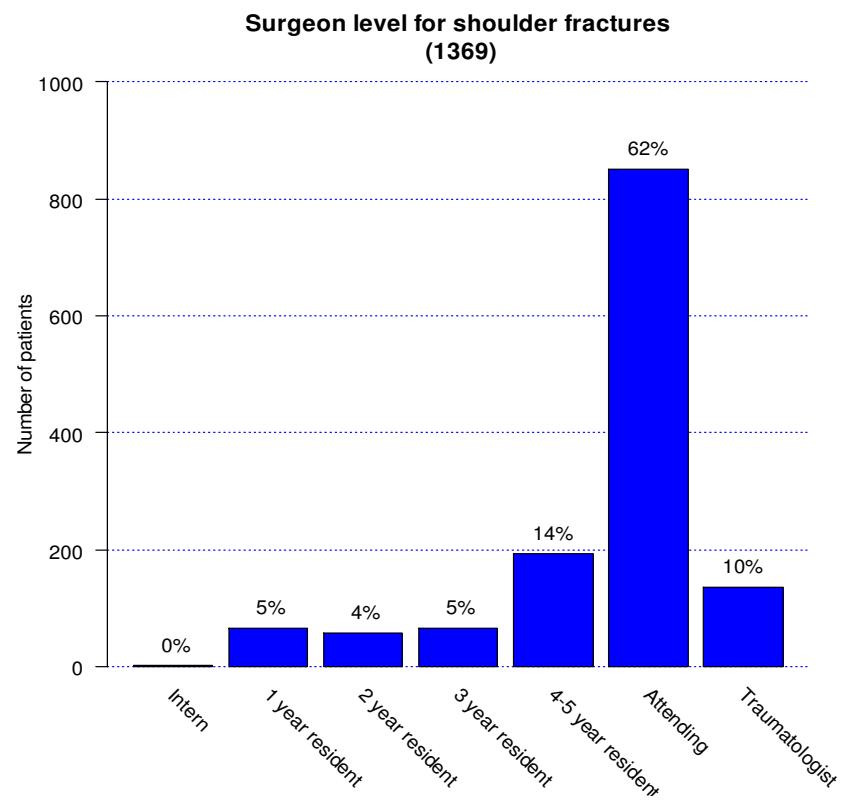


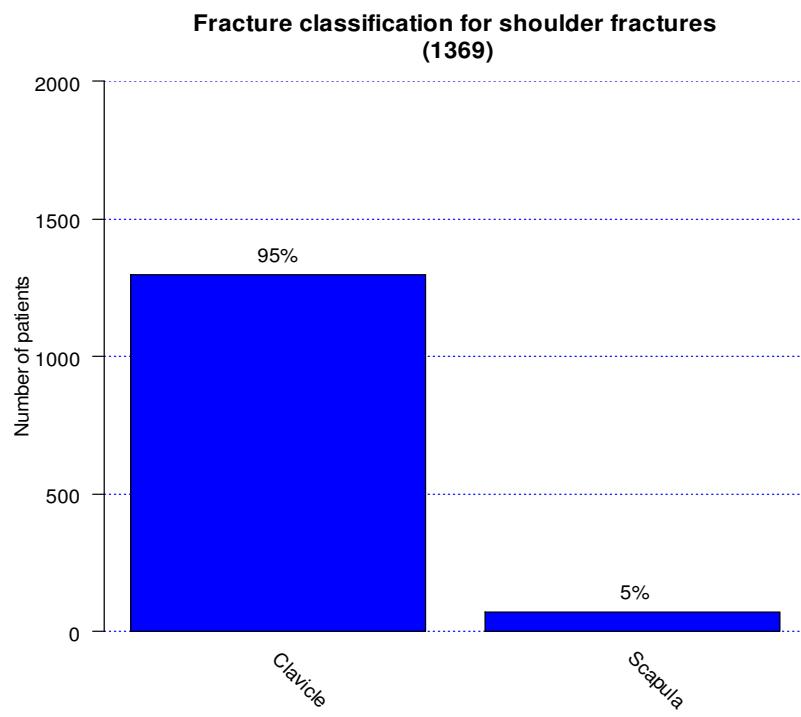
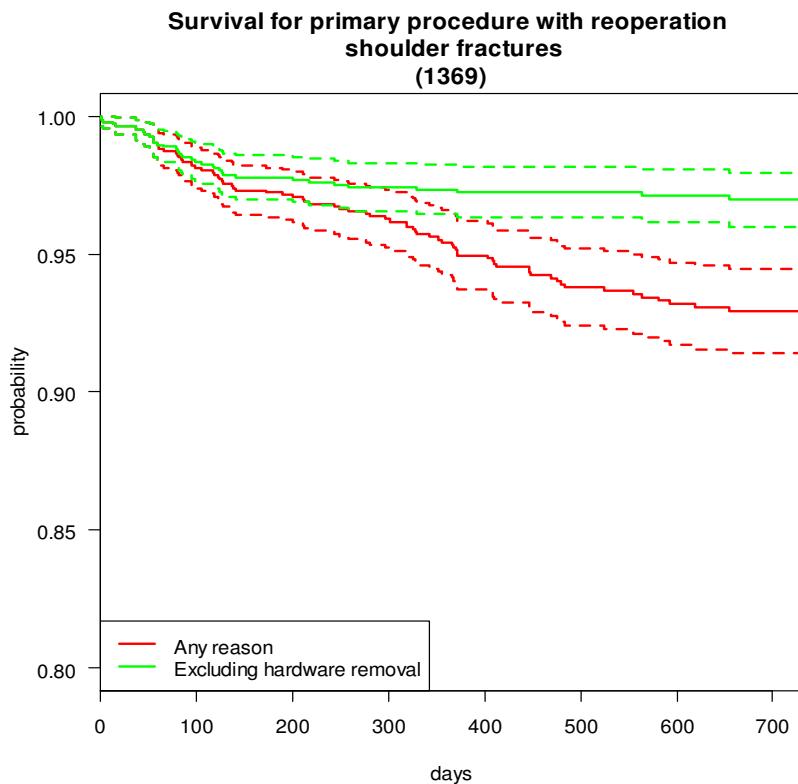




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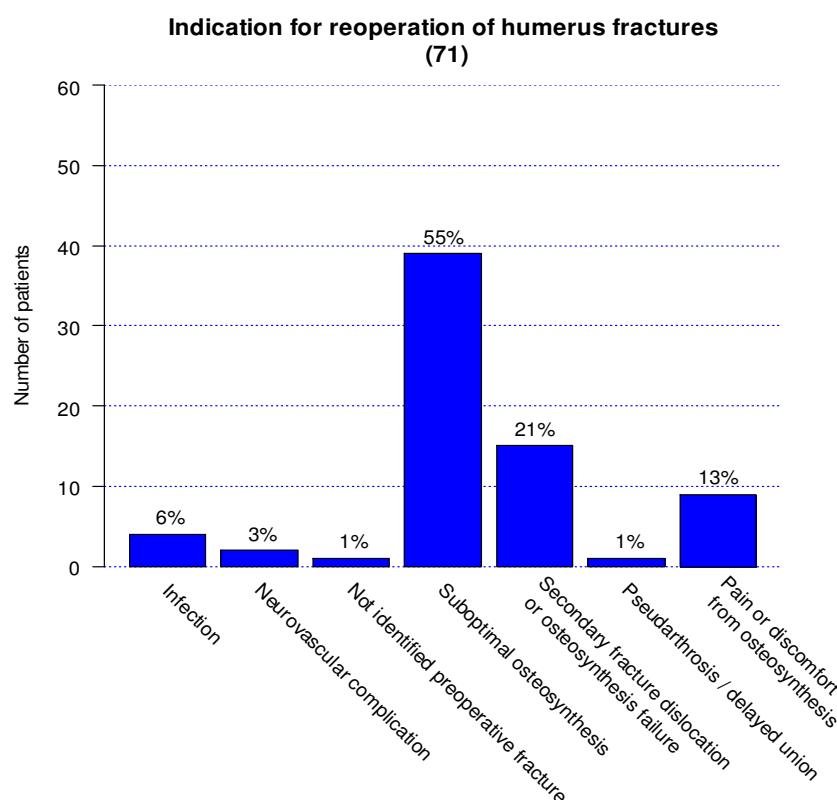
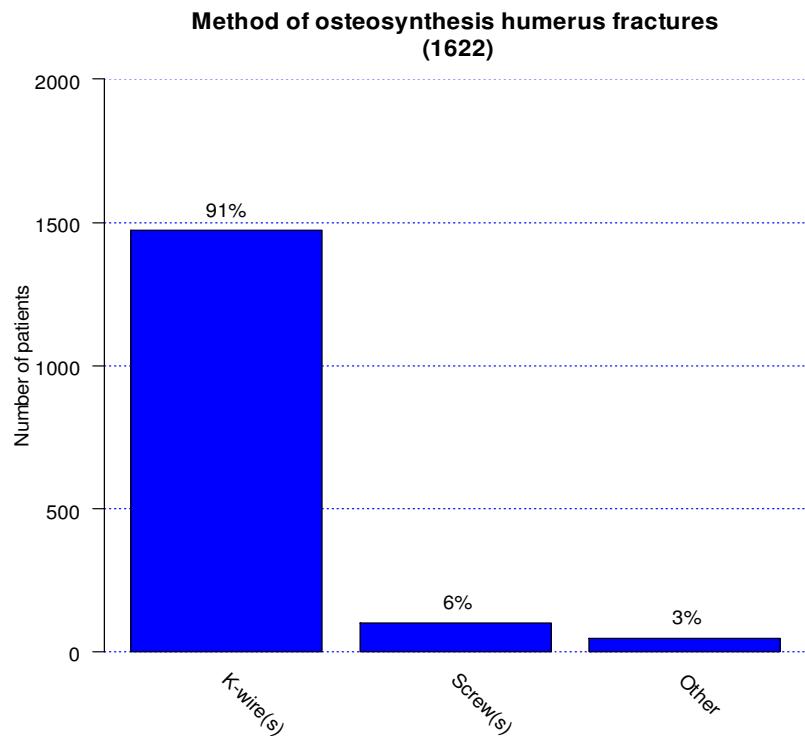


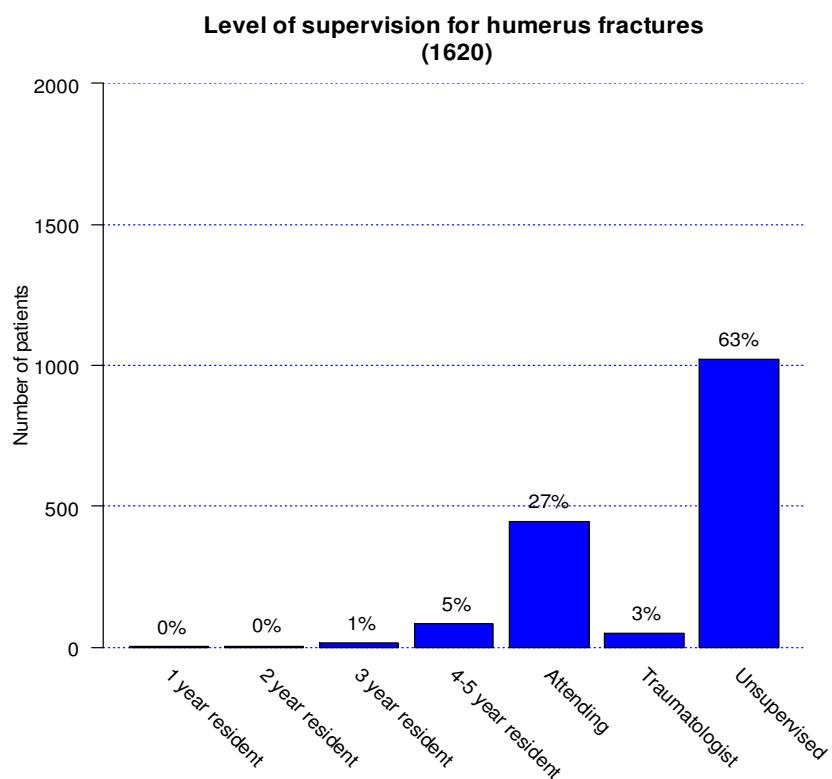
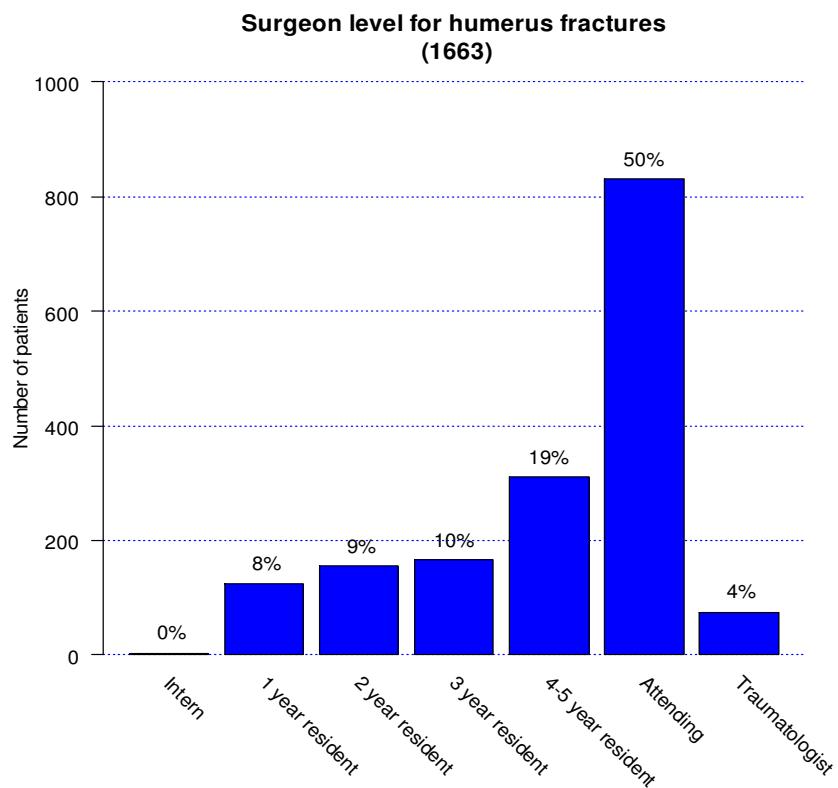


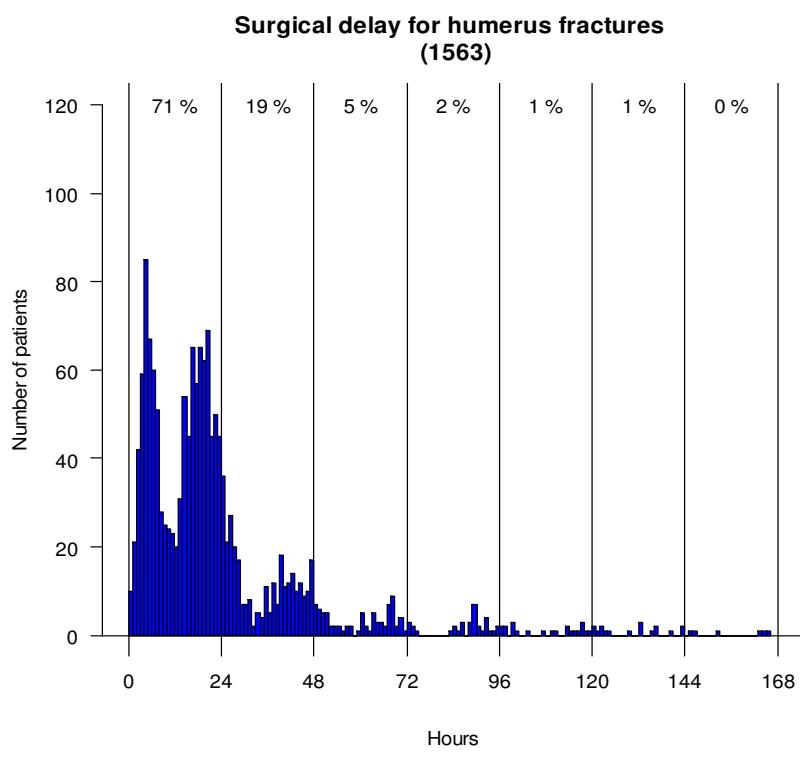
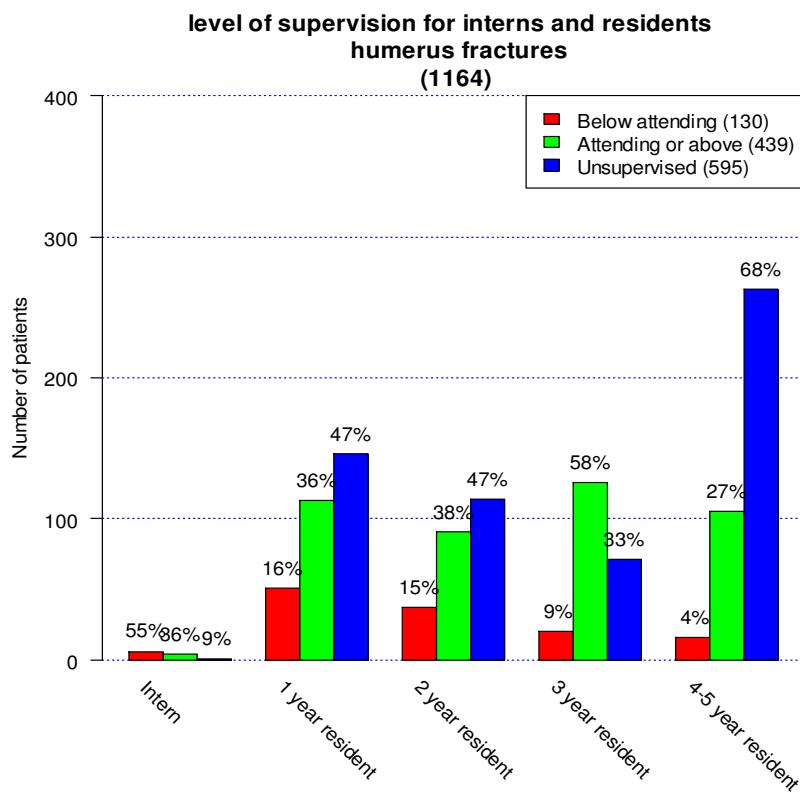


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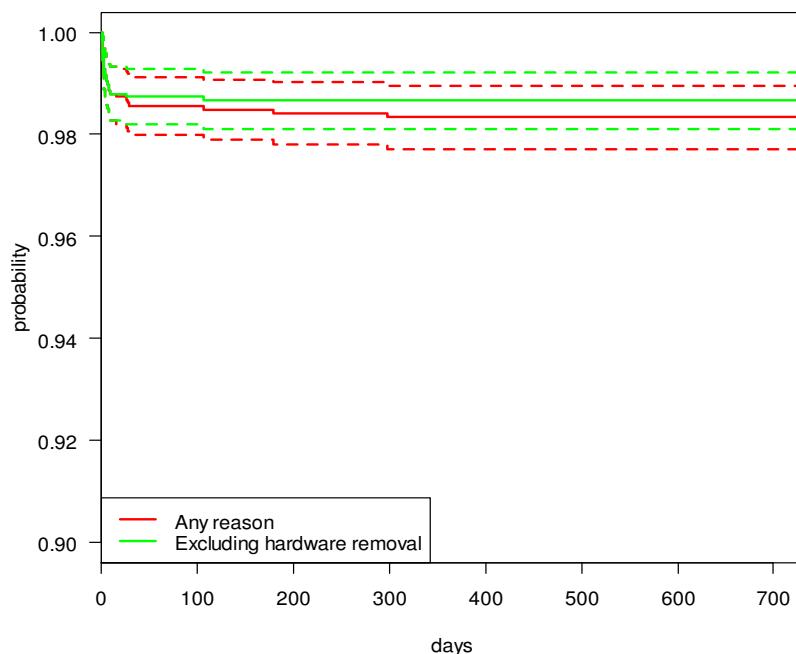
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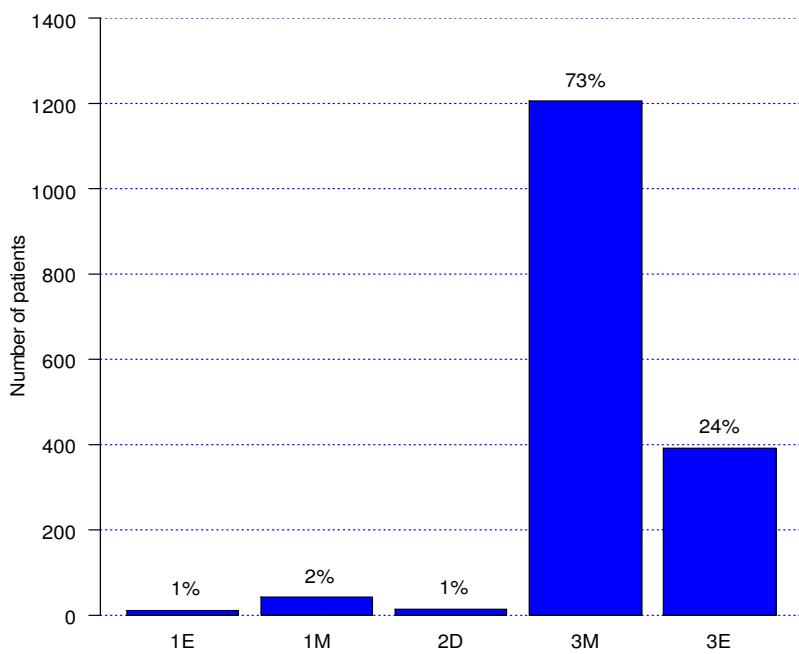




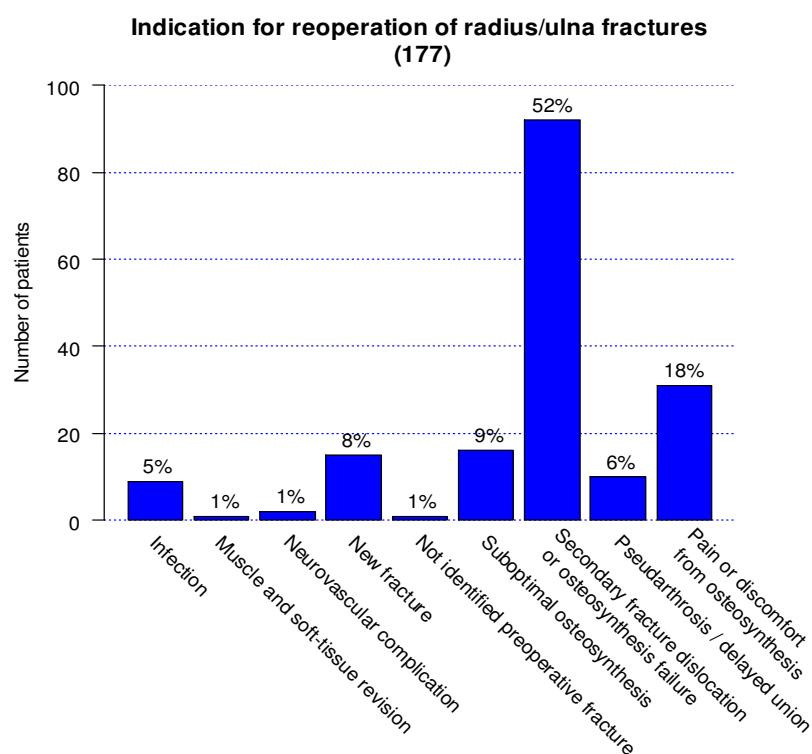
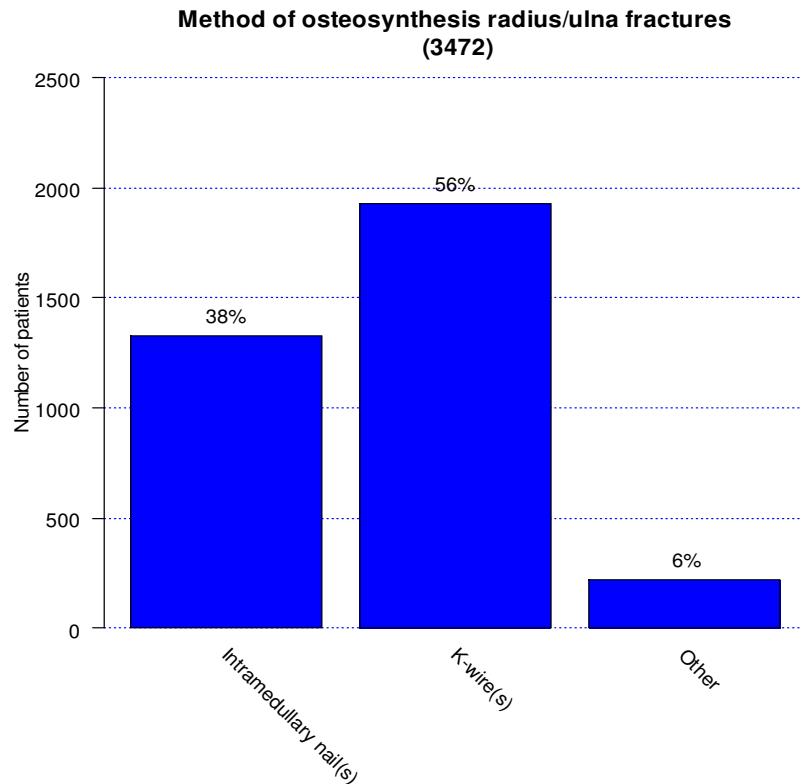
**Survival for primary procedure with reoperation  
humerus fractures  
(1664)**

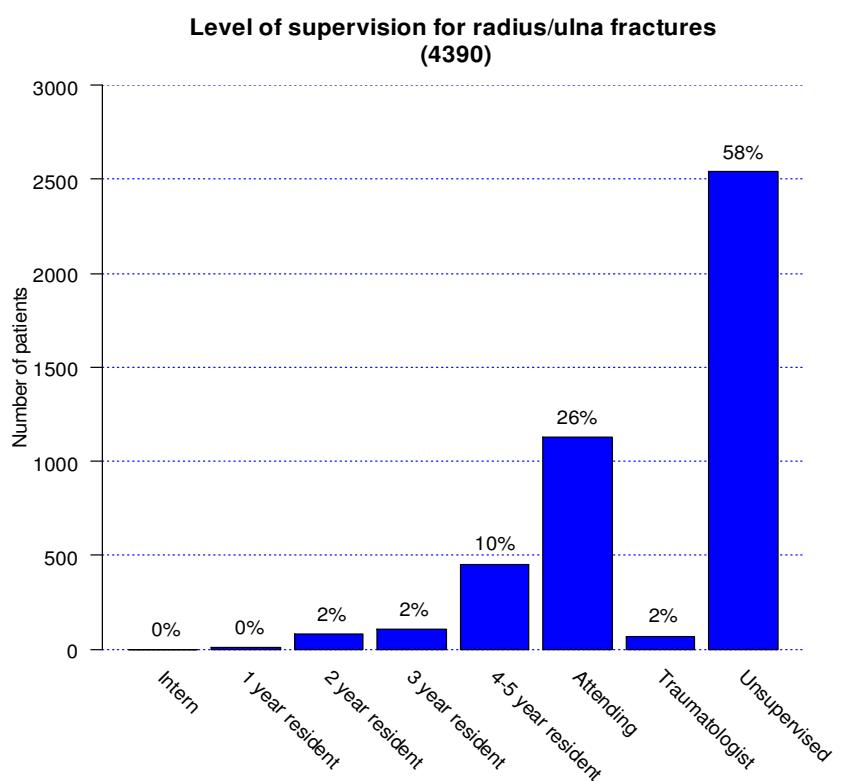
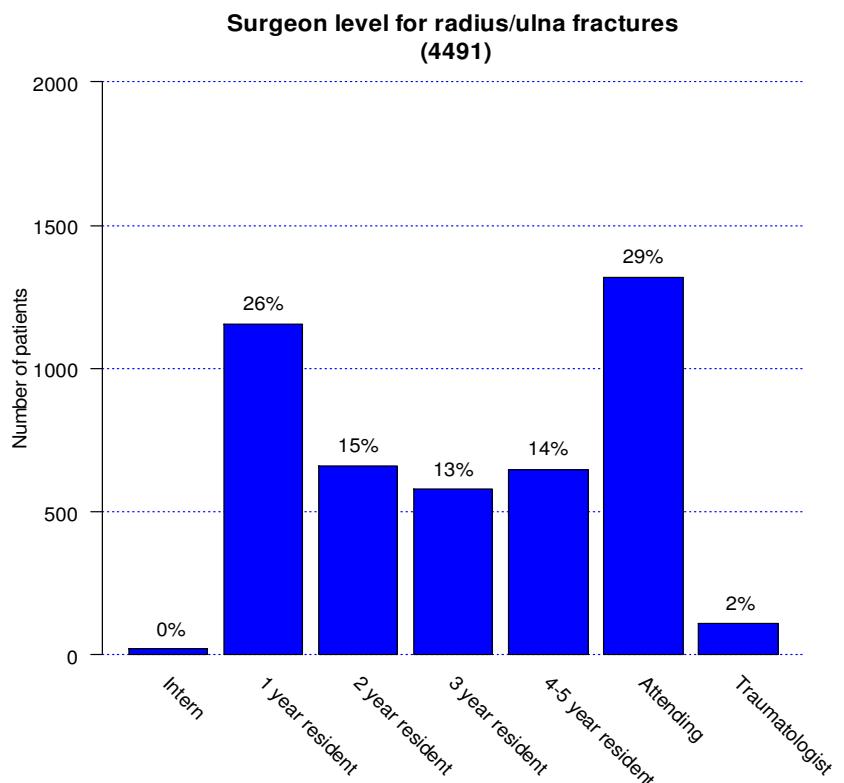


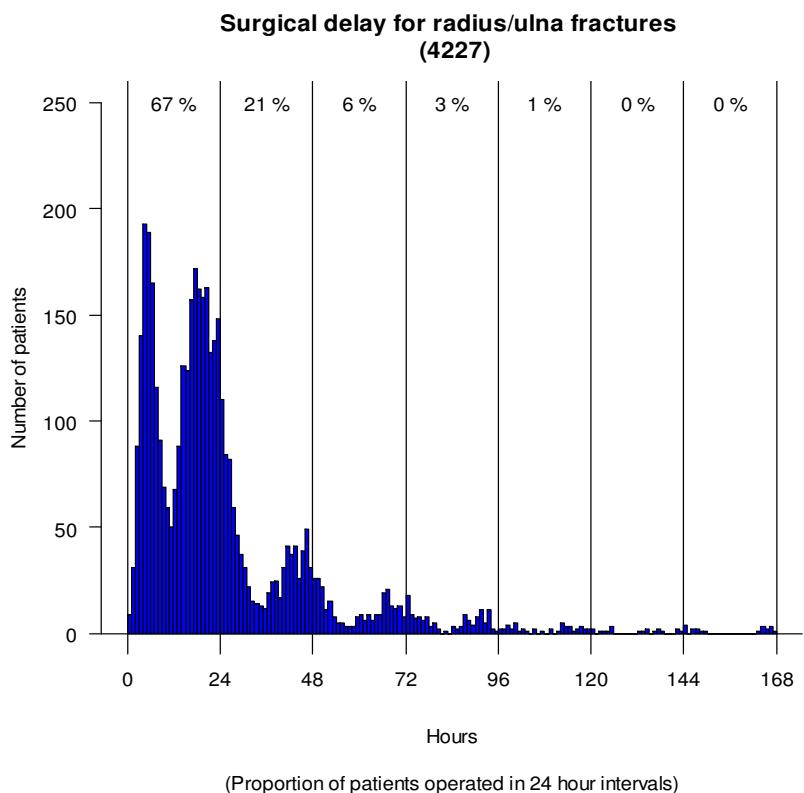
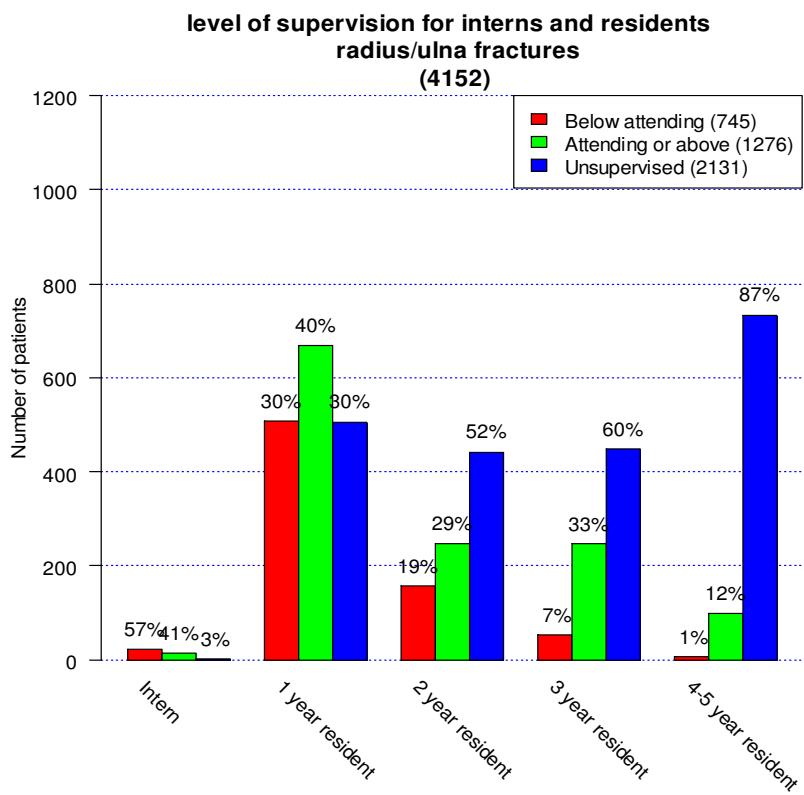
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(1663)**



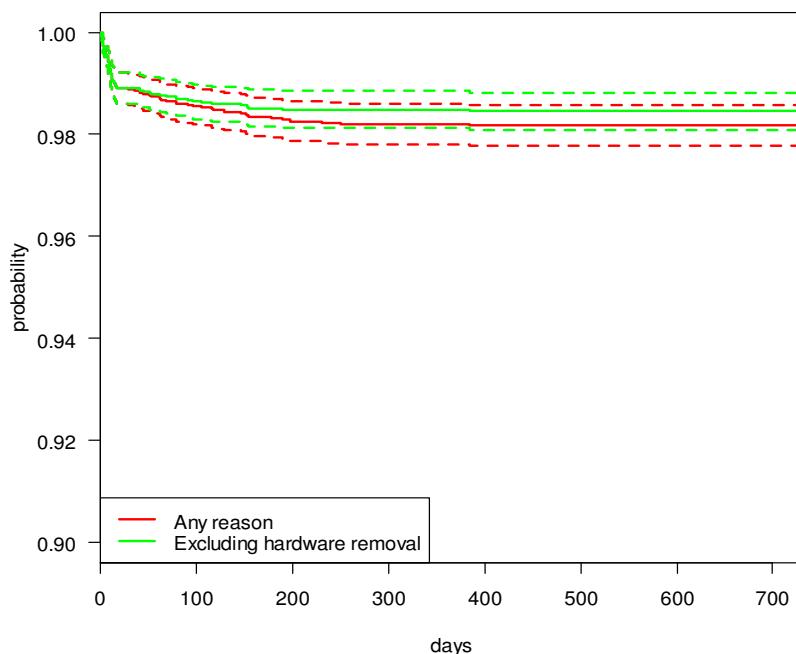
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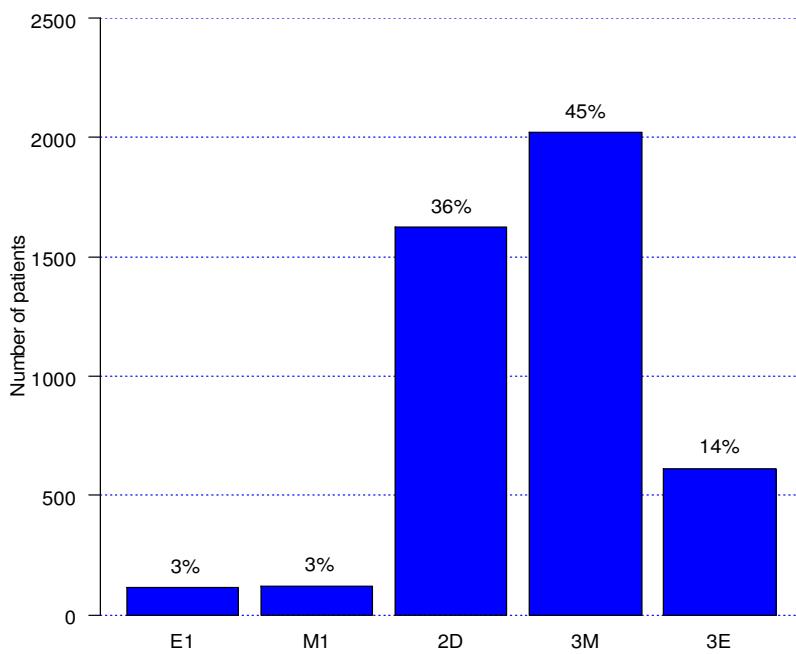




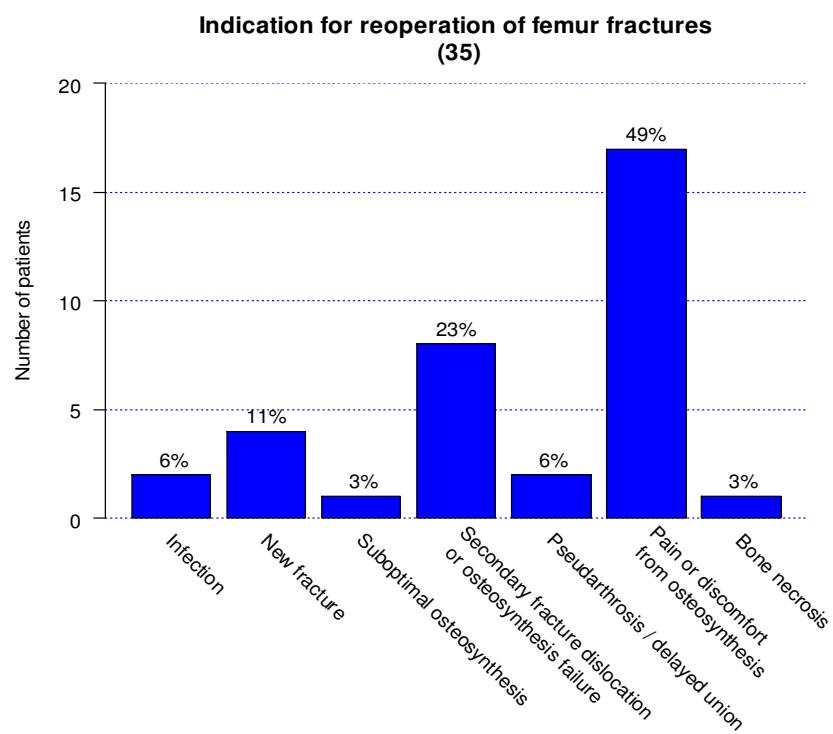
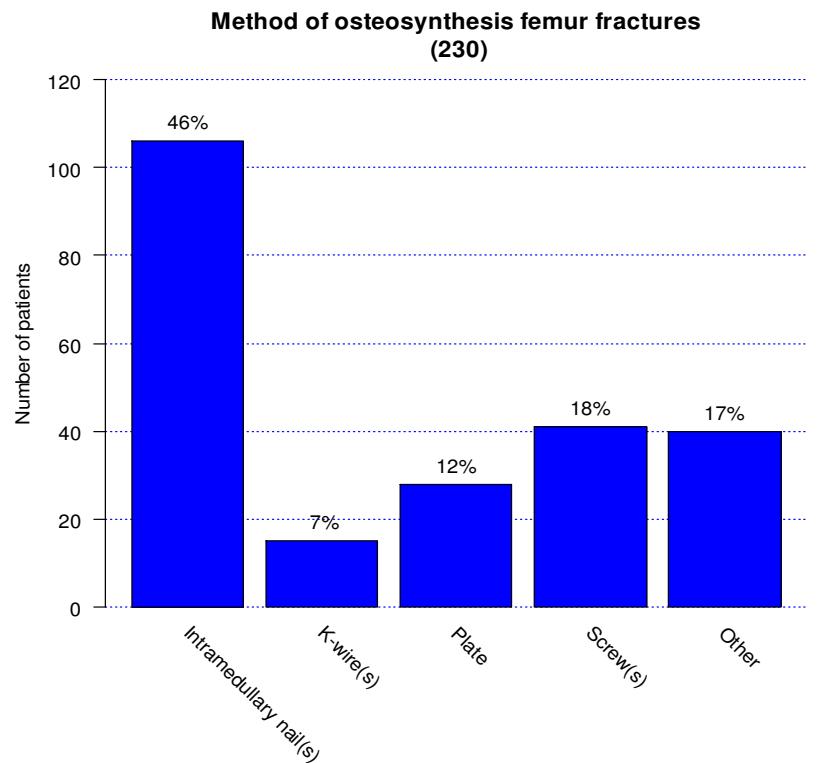
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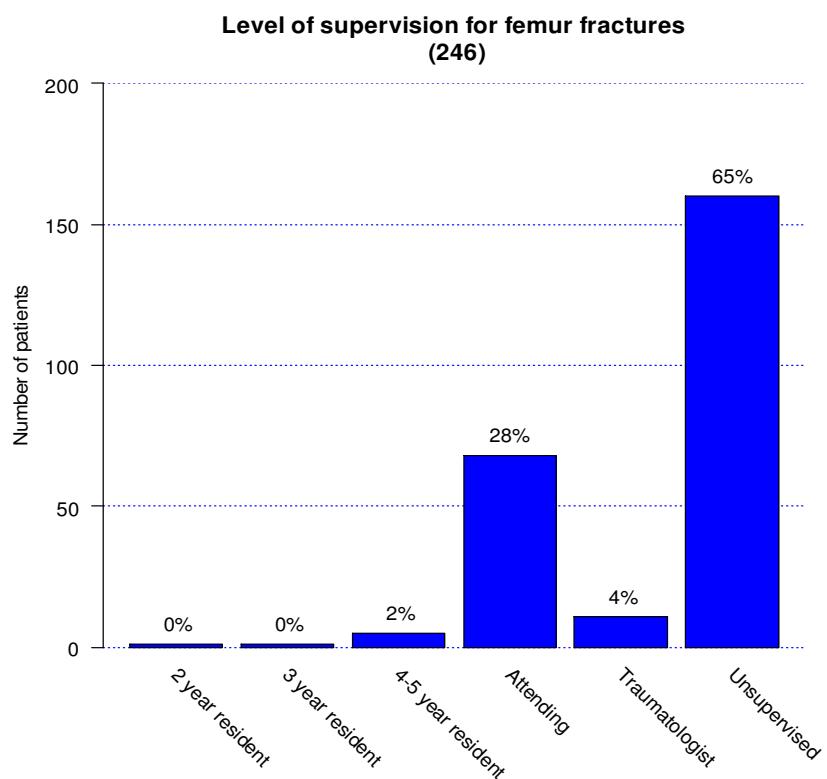
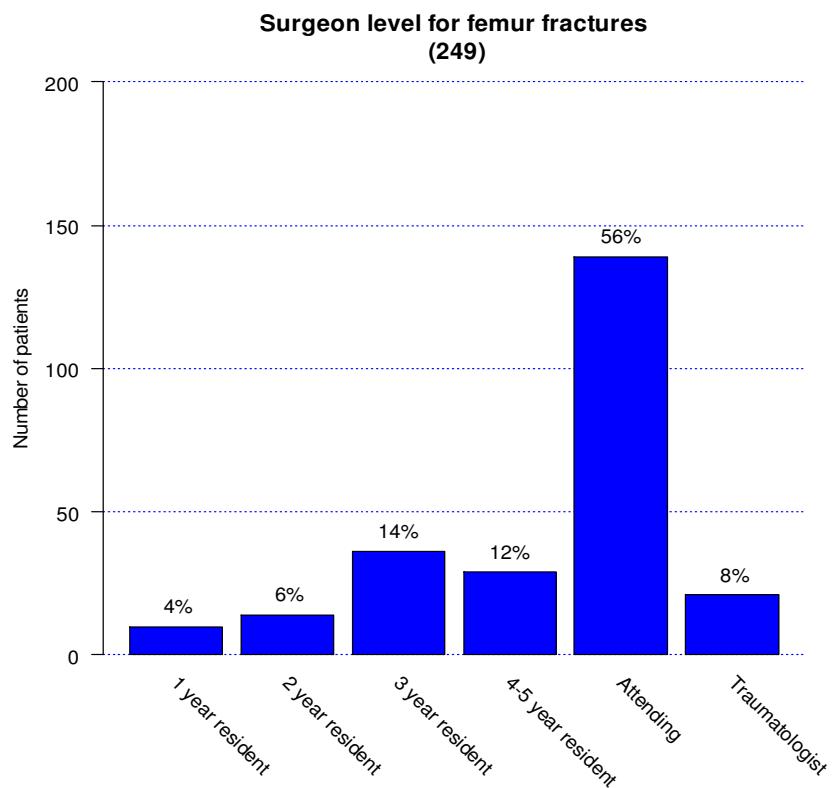


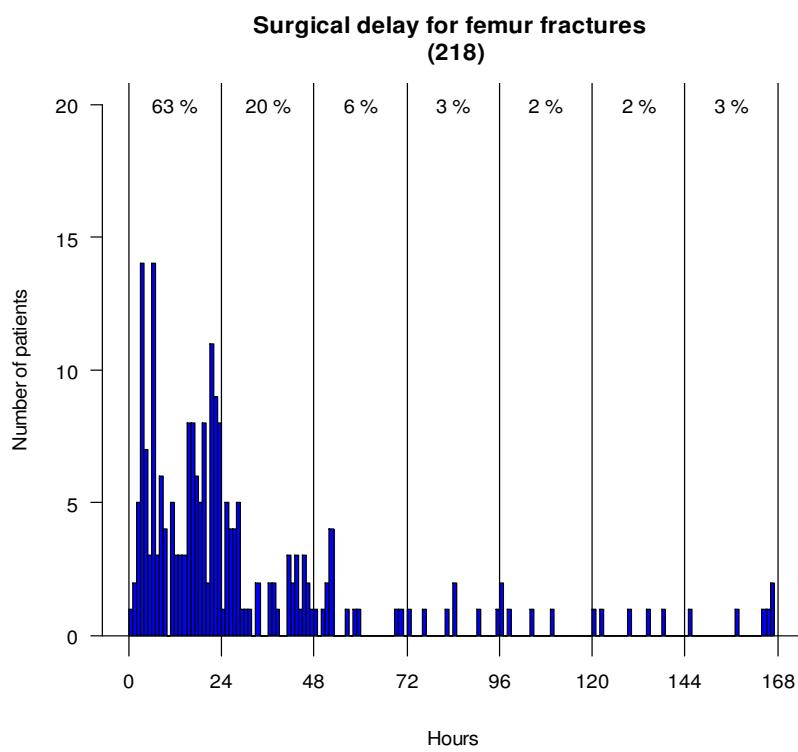
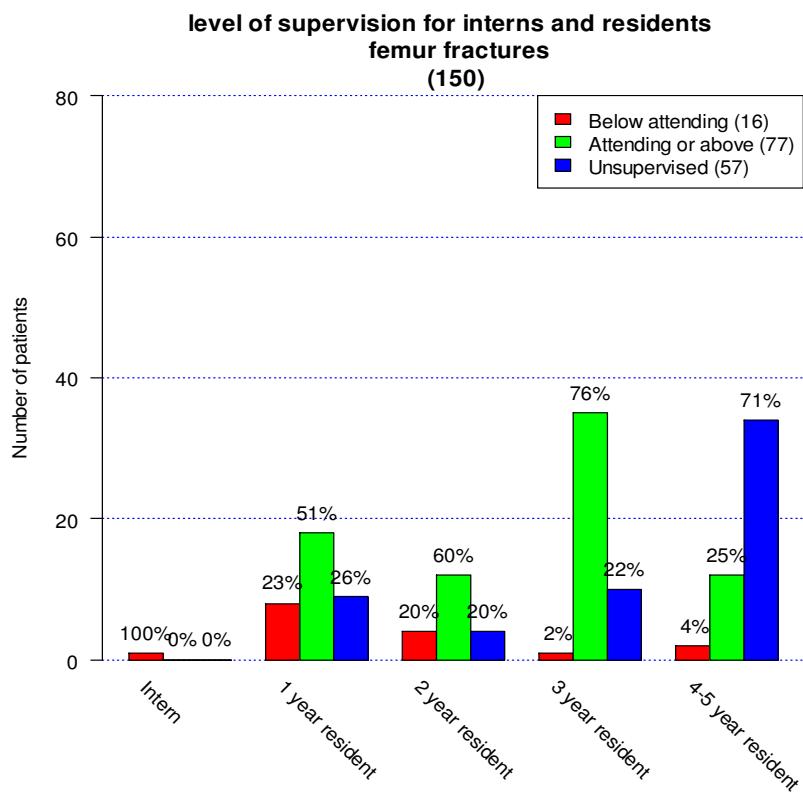
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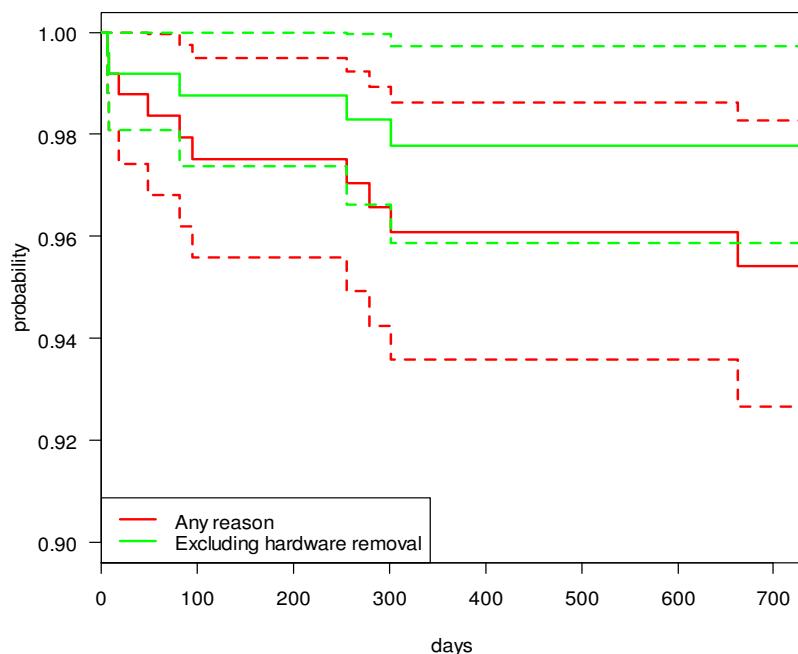
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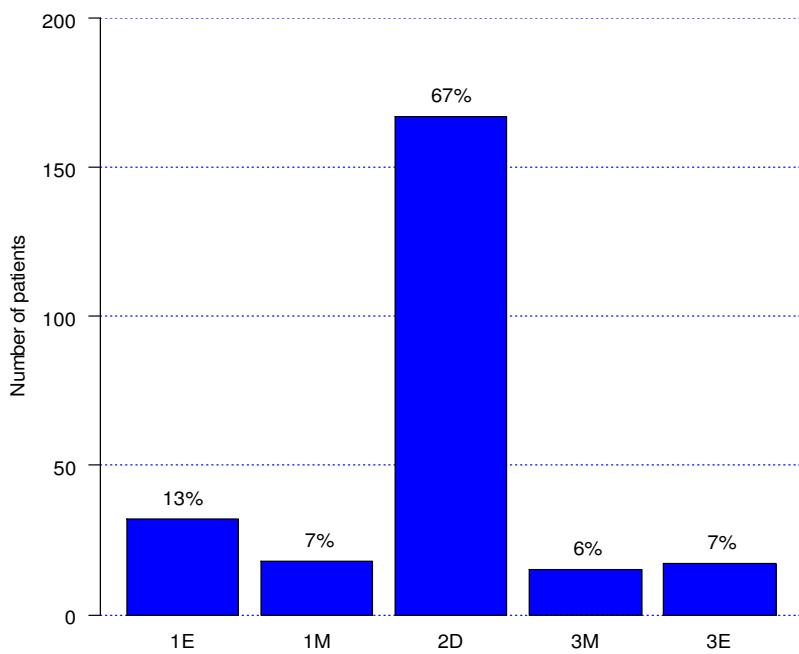




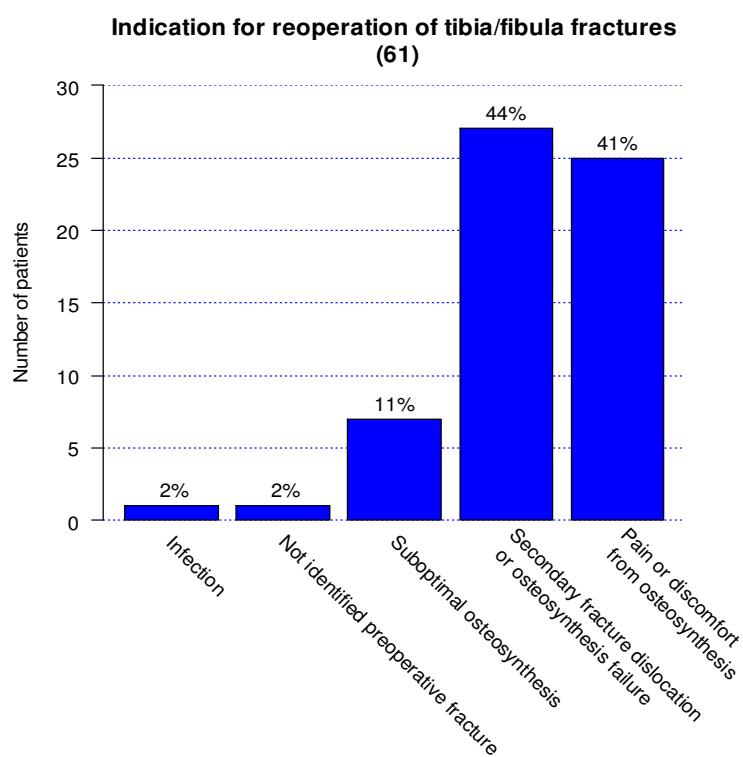
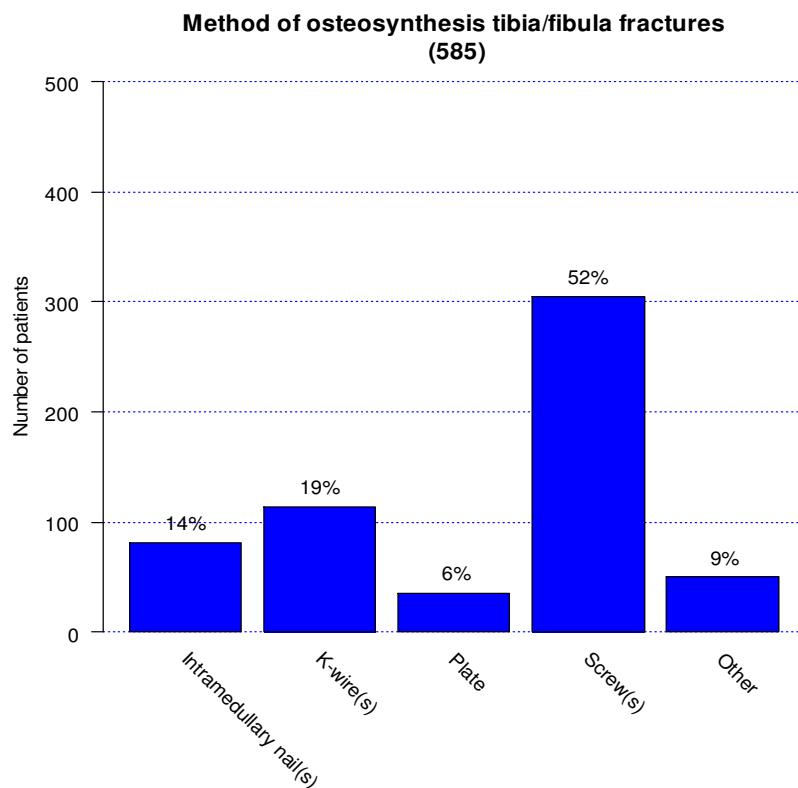
**Survival for primary procedure with reoperation  
femur fractures  
(249)**

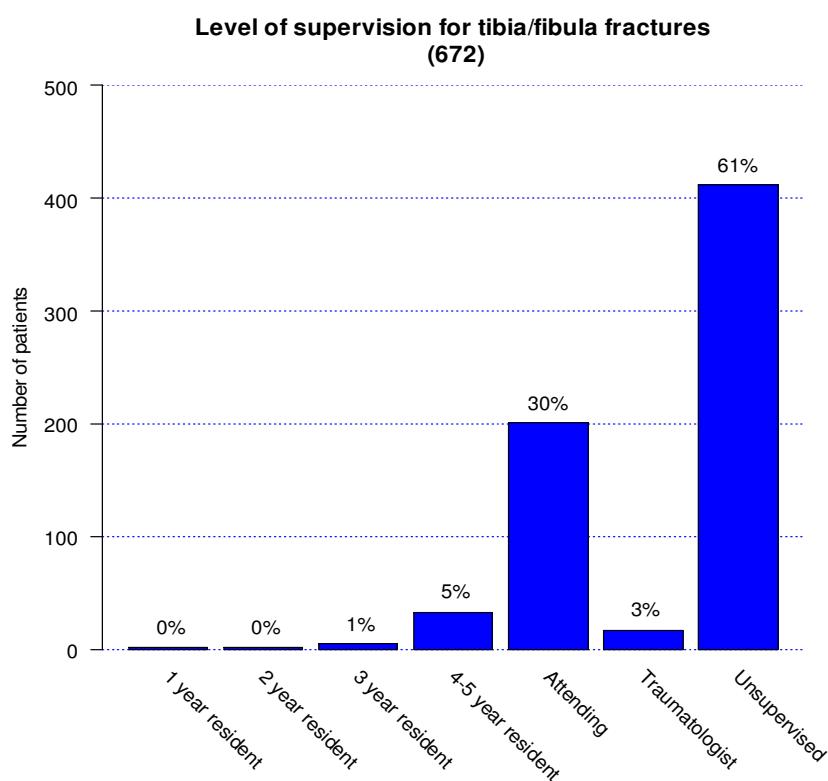
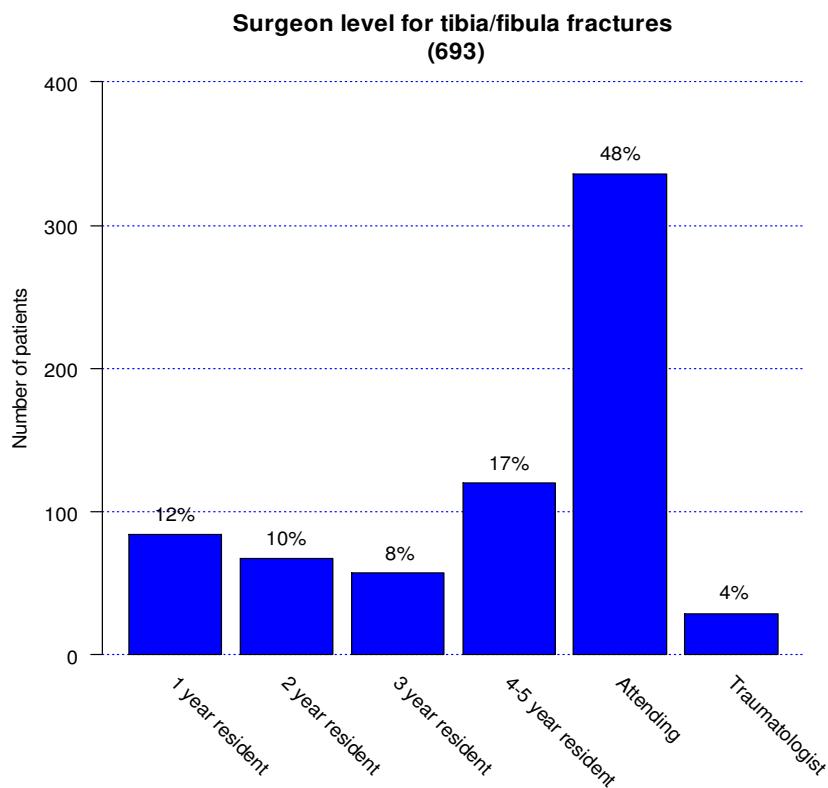


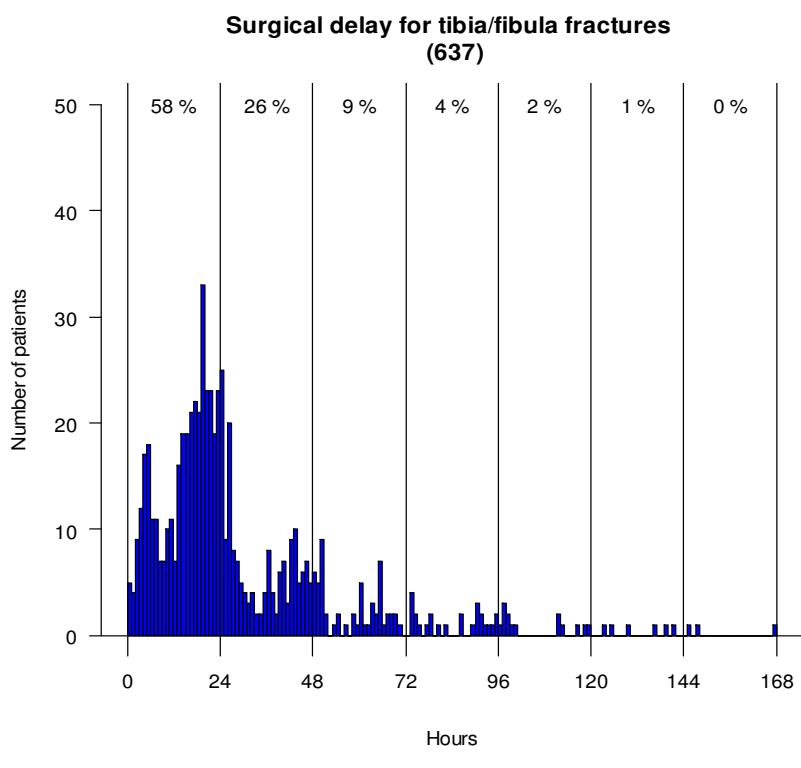
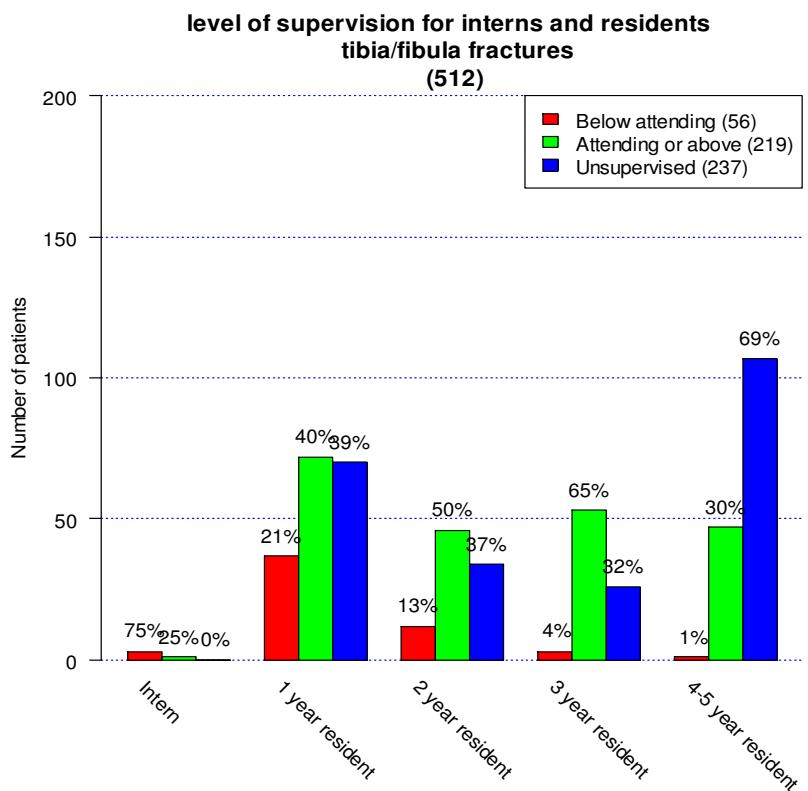
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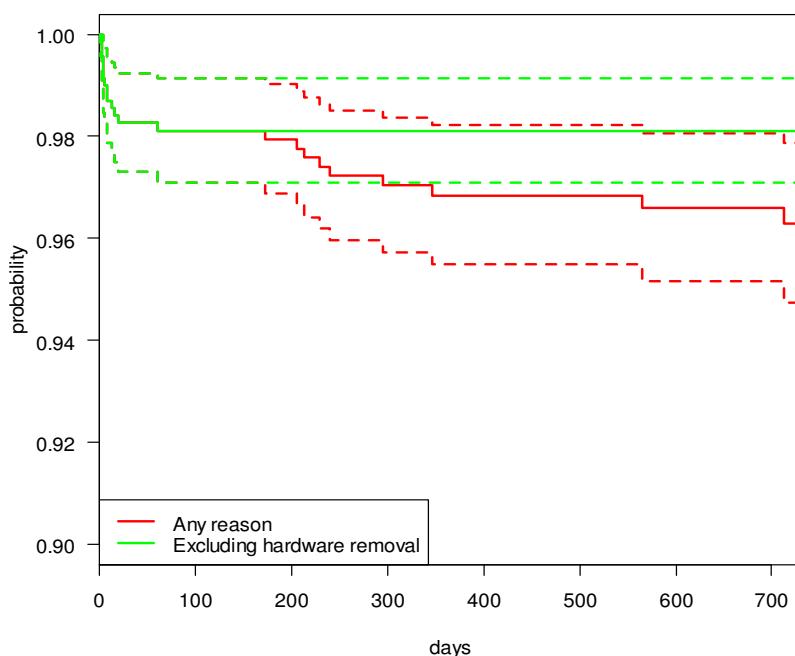
## Tibia/fibula



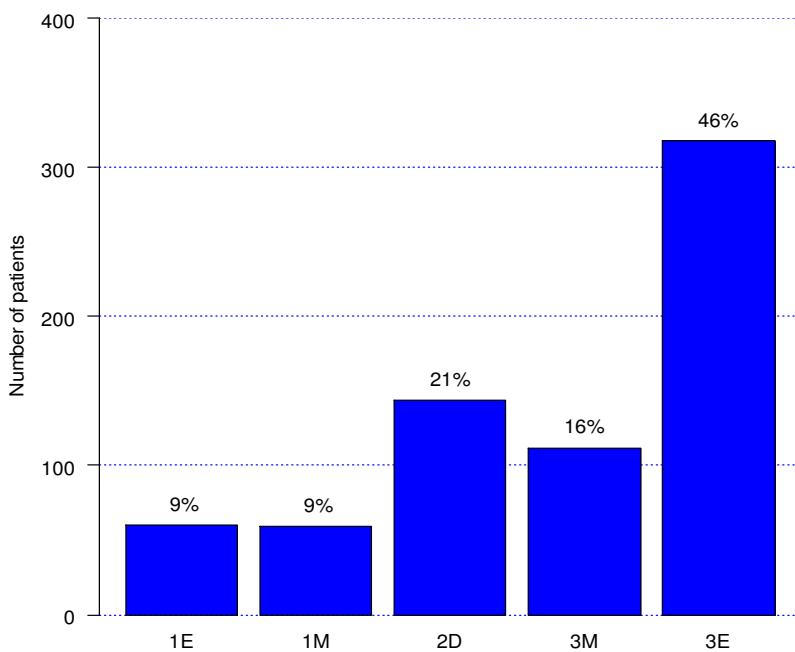


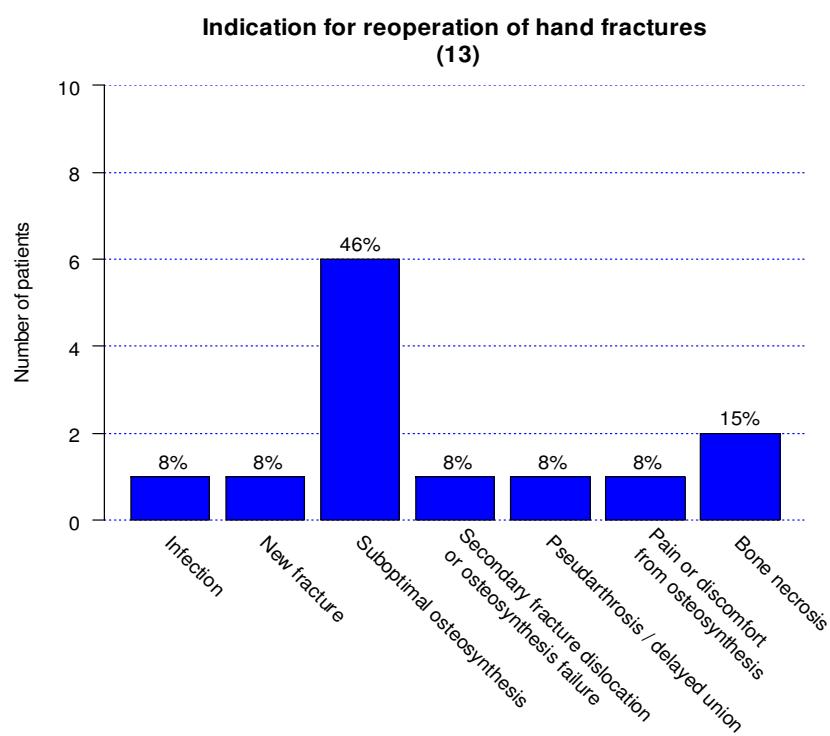
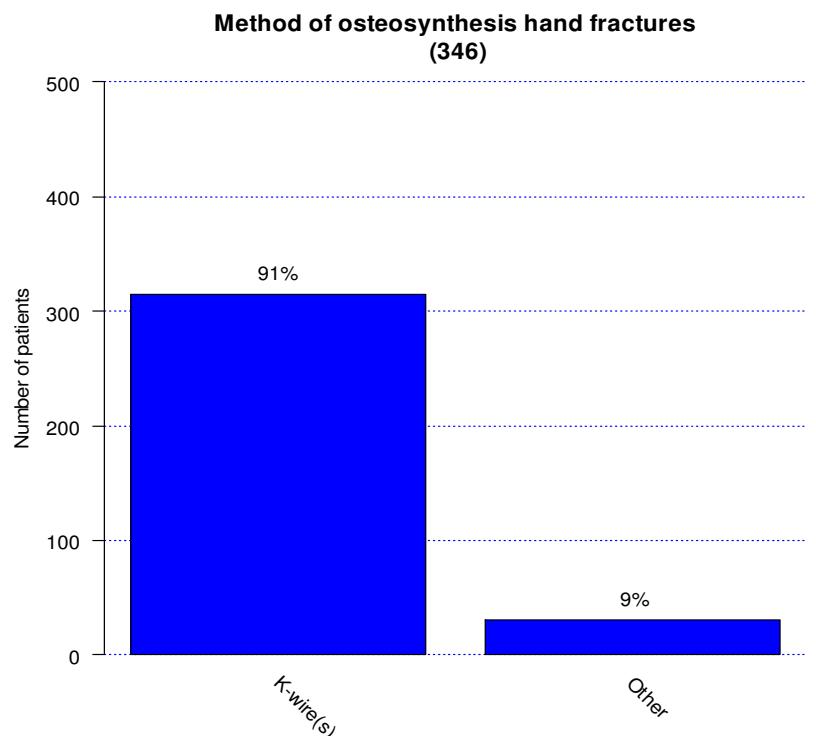


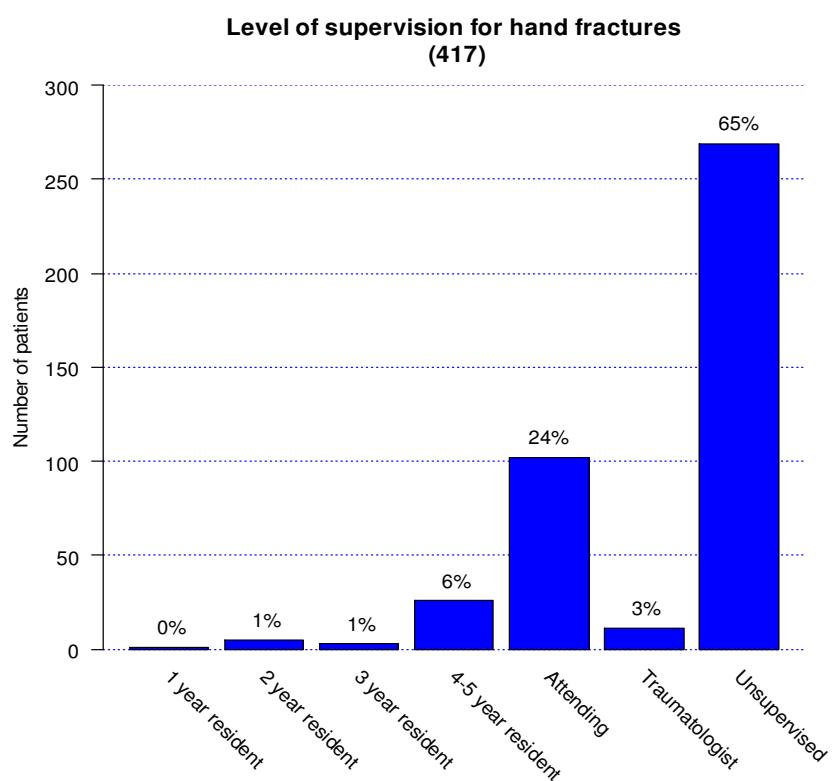
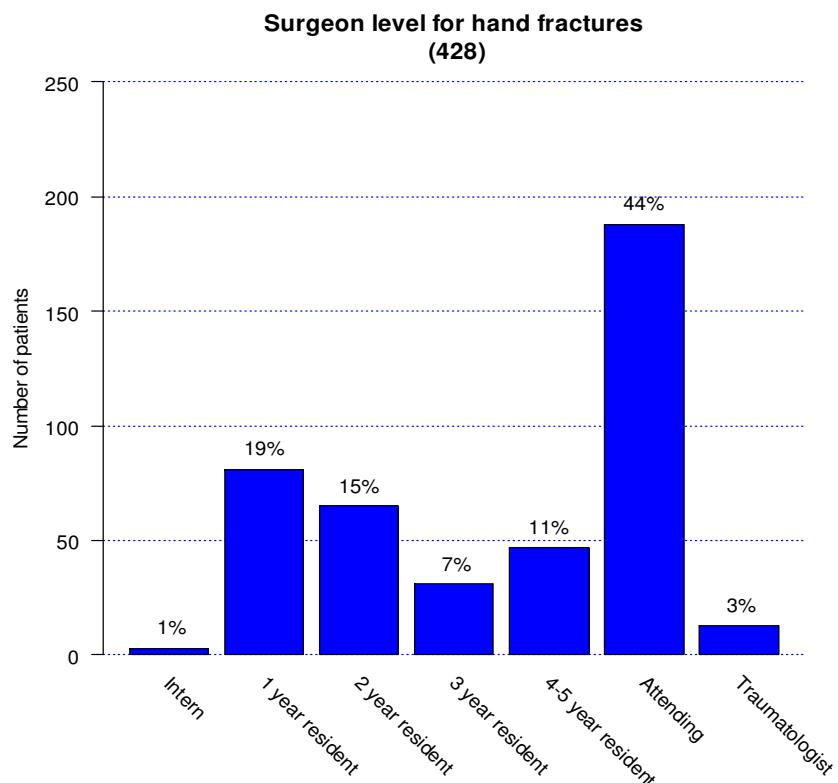
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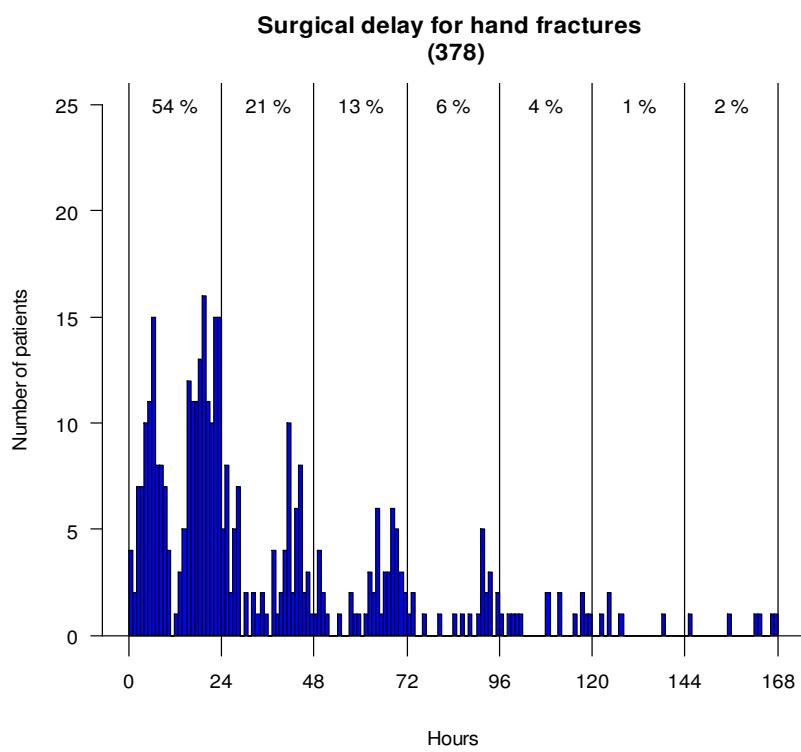
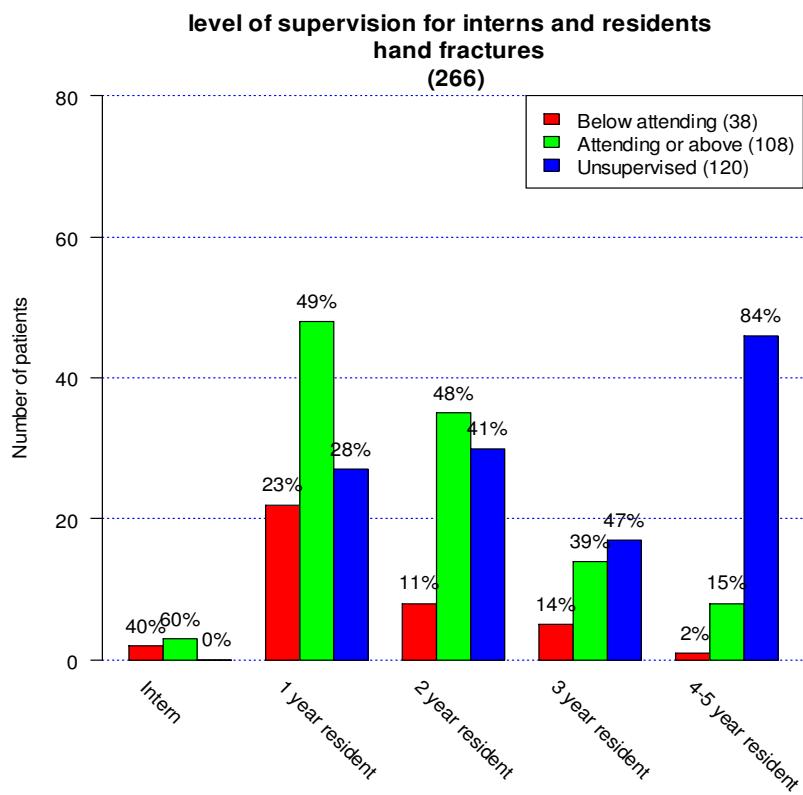


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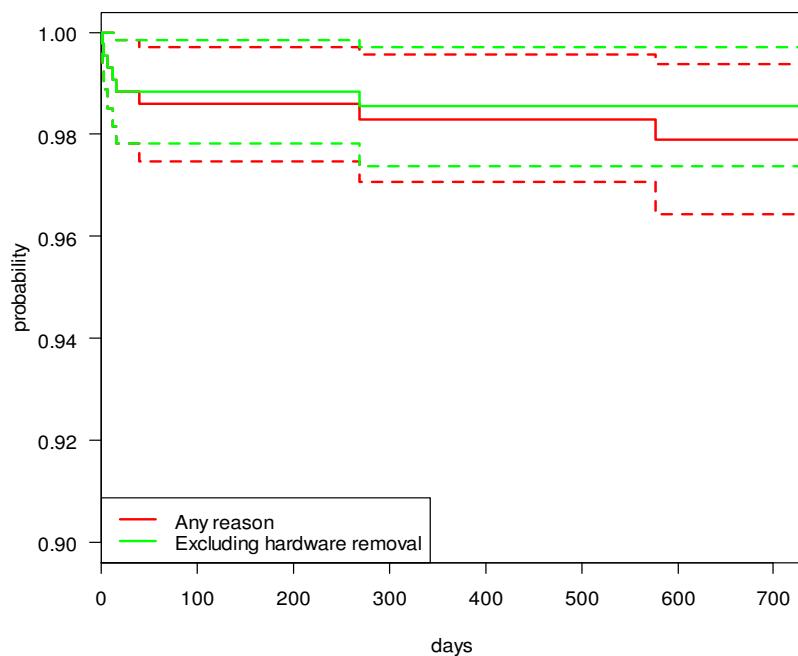




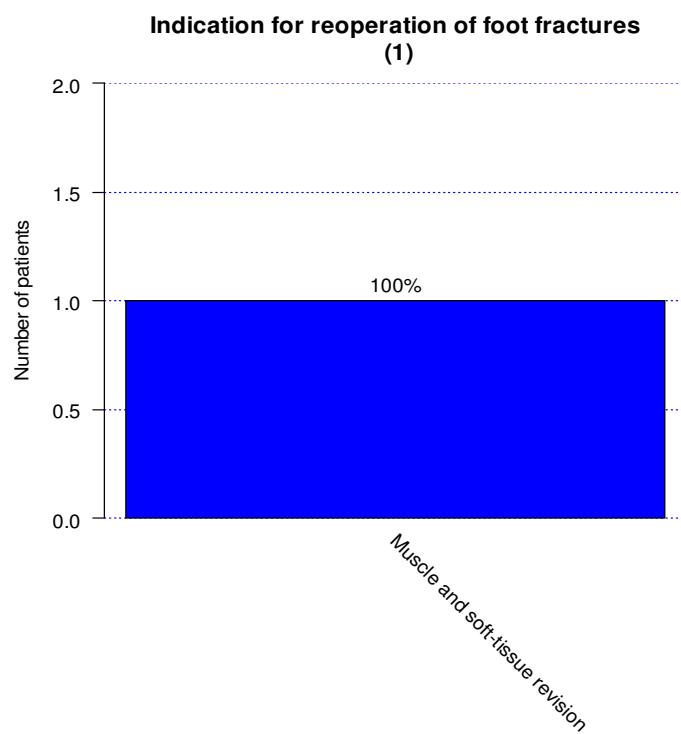
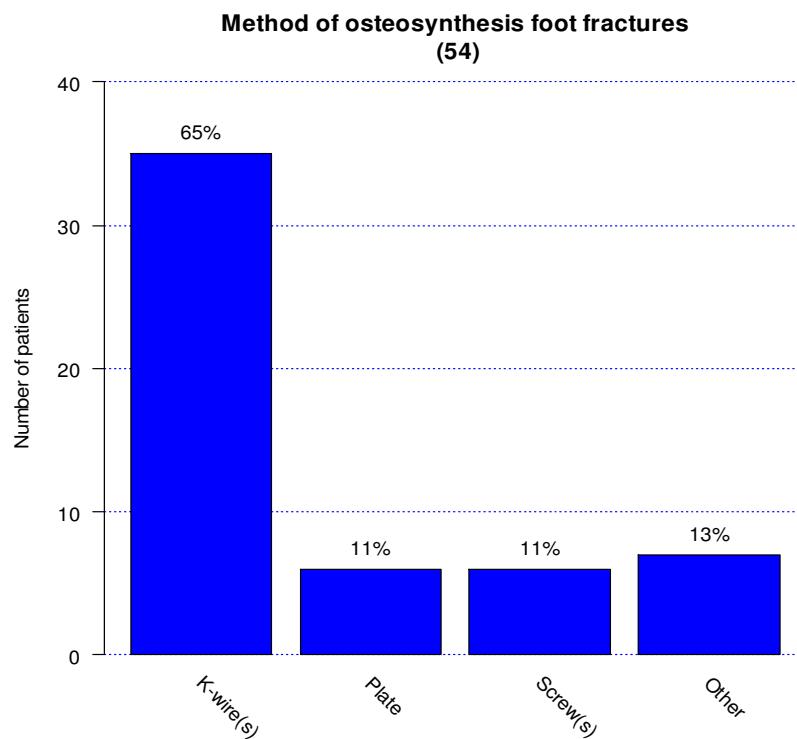


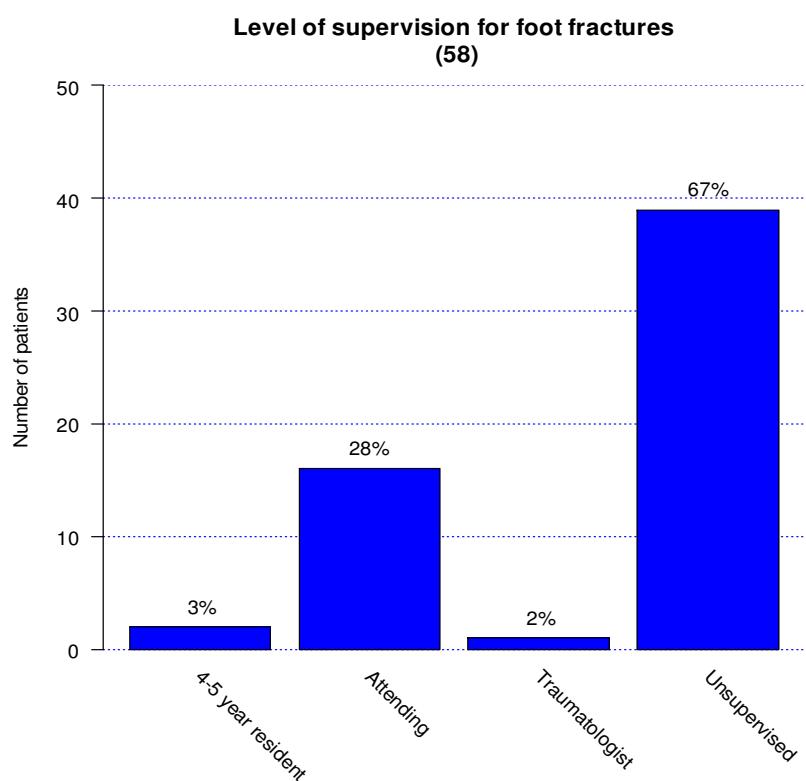
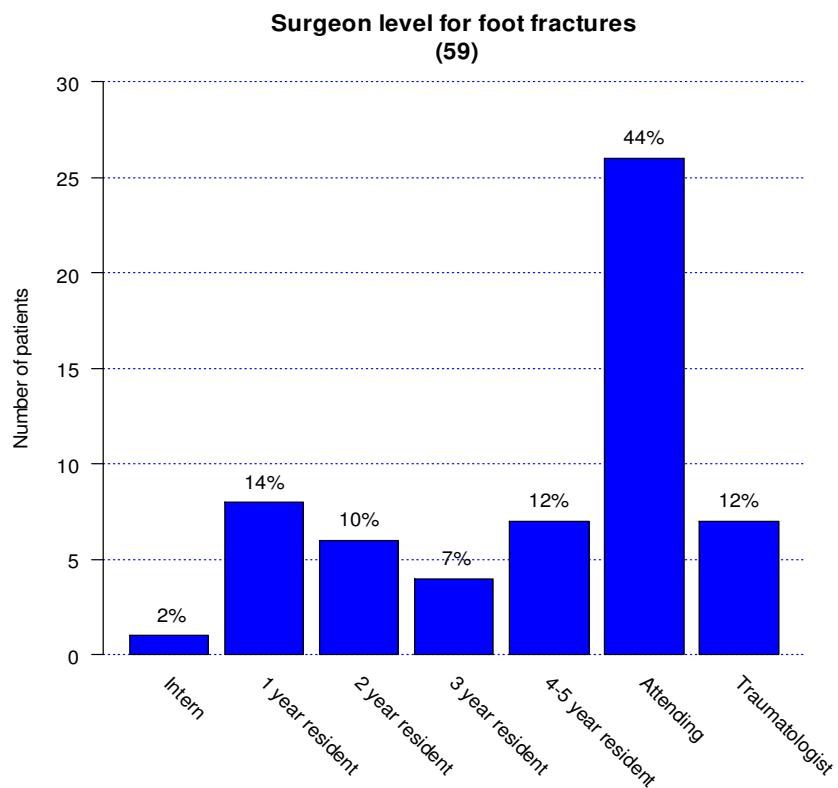


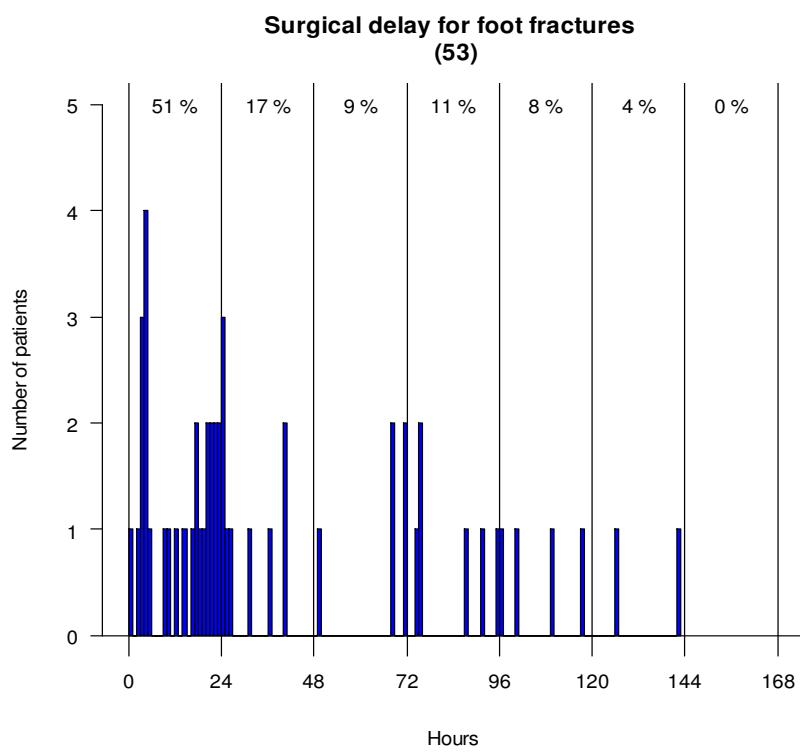
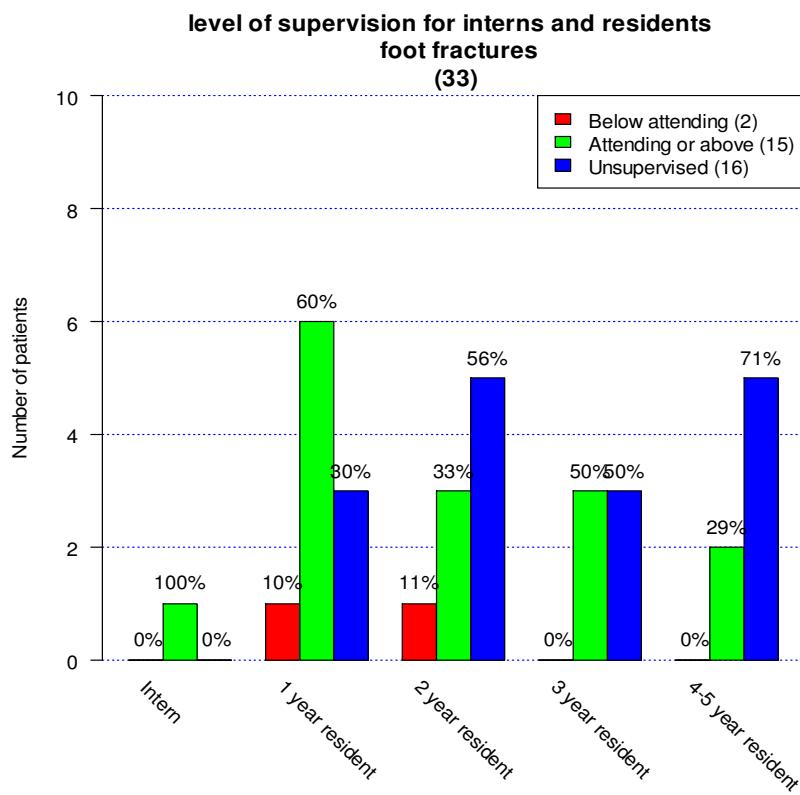
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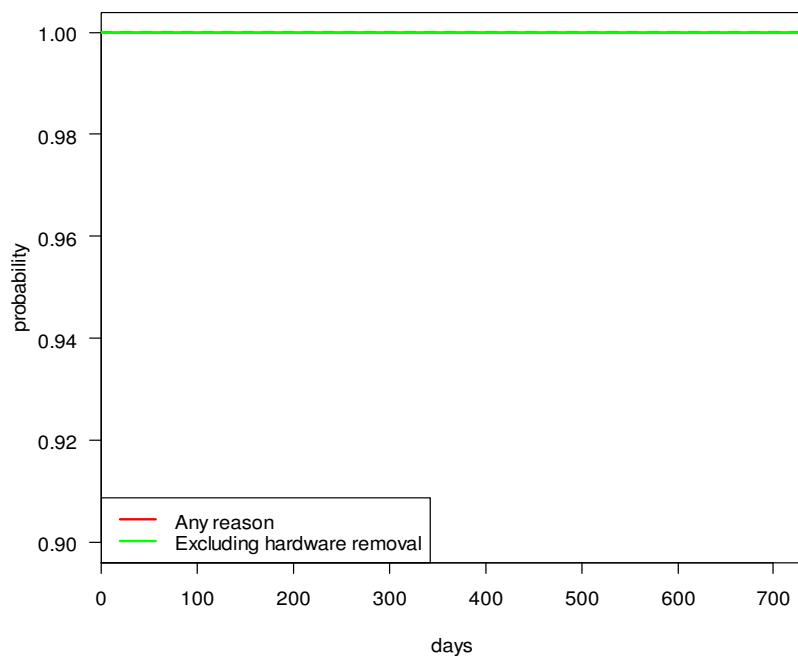
## *Foot*







**Survival for primary procedure with reoperation  
foot fractures  
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# Appendix 1

Registered parameter		Values
Patient related parameters	CPR	Unique ID
	Gender	Male / Female
	Age	Years
	ASA score*	1/2/3/4
Trauma related parameters	Operated side	Left / Right
	Date and Time of the radiological exam**	Time of the day and date
	Major Trauma ***	Yes / No
	Gustillo Type	Closed / 1 / 2 / 3a / 3b / 3c
	Neurovascular status	Unimpaired/ dyesthesia / paresthesia / lack of pulse
	Pathologic fracture****	Yes / No
Surgery related parameters	Date and Time of surgery	Time of the day and date
	Procedure Type	Primary / secondary / planned*****
	Fracture Type	Adult / pediatric / periprosthetic
	Fracture Diagnosis	AO Müller / Rorabeck / Vancouver classification
	Method of osteosynthesis	Locking plate, non-locking plate, screw (one or more), K-wire, steel wire, cable, threaded wire, intramedullary nail, elastic nail, external fixation (bars), external fixation (ring), hemi arthroplasty , total arthroplasty, sliding hip screw, intramedullary nail with sliding screw (short), intramedullary nail with sliding screw (long), Hook plate, removal of hardware, fracture reduction w/o osteosynthesis, Hook pins, Polyfix, arthroplasty reduction, locking attachment plate, syndesmotic screw(s), ASLS screw for intramedullary, none of the above.
	Supplemental surgical procedures	Arthrodesis, bone resection, osteotomy, bone suture, Bone transplant (autograft), Bone transplant (allograft), Bone transplant (substitute), Amputation, fasciotomy , soft-tissue debridement, brissement, hematoma evacuation, tendon surgery, nerve or vascular surgery, ligament surgery, none of the above, reaming, nerve decompression , secondary suture, meniscal / labral suture, meniscal / labral resection, prosthesis exchange, VAC therapy, skin transplant, joint reduction, arthroscopic assistance.
	Antibiotic prophylaxis	Yes / No
	Use of tourniquet	Yes / No
	Educational level of the surgeon	Intern, 1 <sup>st</sup> year resident, 2 <sup>nd</sup> year resident, 3 <sup>rd</sup> year resident, 4-5 <sup>th</sup> year resident, attending, traumatologist*****
	Educational level of the supervisor if present	Intern, 1 <sup>st</sup> year resident, 2 <sup>nd</sup> year resident, 3 <sup>rd</sup> year resident, 4-5 <sup>th</sup> year resident, attending, traumatologist*****

\*: American Society of Anaesthesiologist (ASA) score

\*\*: Date and time of the radiological examination that provided indication for surgery

\*\*\*: Major trauma was defined as when a trauma team was assembled upon arrival of the patient to the hospital

\*\*\*\*: Pathologic fracture as suspected on radiological exam

\*\*\*\*\*: A primary surgical procedure is defined as the first surgical procedure due to a fracture. A planned secondary procedure is defined as a surgical procedure that is a part of the primary treatment plan following primary surgery. A reoperation is defined as a surgical procedure that is not a part of an initial treatment plan following primary surgery

\*\*\*\*\*: Traumatologist: attending in orthopaedic surgery with at least 2 years of trauma subspecialization.

<b>Indications for reoperation:</b>
Infection
Muscle- and soft-tissue revision
Neurovascular complication
New fracture
Not identified intraoperative fracture
Suboptimal osteosynthesis
Secondary fracture dislocation or osteosynthesis failure
Pseudoarthrosis
Bone necrosis
Pain or discomfort from osteosynthesis

Indications for reoperation that are registered by the surgeon in DFDB when reoperation is registered.