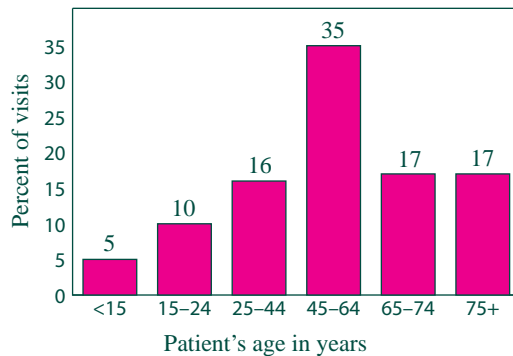


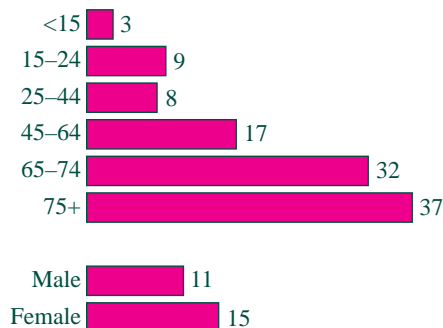
**In 2010, there were an estimated 39 million visits to nonfederally employed, office-based dermatologists in the United States. Over one-third of these visits were made by persons 45-64 years of age.**

Percent distribution of office visits by patient's age: 2010



**The visit rate was highest for persons 75 years and over. The visit rate increased with age.**

Annual office visit rates by patient's age and sex: 2010



Number of visits per 100 persons per year

**Expected source(s) of payment included:**

- Private insurance — 63%
- Medicare — 30%

**The major reason for visit was:**

- New problem — 38%
- Chronic problem, routine — 31%
- Chronic problem, flare-up — 12%
- Preventative care — 10%
- Pre- or post-surgery/injury follow-up — 9%

**The top 4 reasons given by patients for visiting dermatologists were:**

- Acne or pimples
- Discoloration or pigmentation
- Special examination
- Skin lesion

**The top 5 diagnoses were:**

- Acne
- Actinic and seborrheic keratosis
- Unspecified cause
- Benign neoplasm
- Malignant neoplasms

**Medications were provided or prescribed at 66 percent of office visits. The top 4 generic substances utilized were:**

- Aspirin
- Clobetasol Topical
- Simvastatin
- Tretinoin Topical

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