The New Emergency System for Mental Illness in Tokyo

Japanese Association of Mental Health Services (NPO)

Mental Health & Welfare Section, TOKYO Metropolitan Government

The system consists of two subsystems

Subsystem I

The system for the person who is under the protection of the police because of the obvious possibility that he/she would hurt himself/herself or others because of his/her mental disorder

Subsystem II

The system for the person who needs medical care and protection, and is thought not to have a clear possibility of the condition as described to the above

Subsystem I consists of

1. Four metropolitan general hospitals with 16 beds

2. The information center called Himawari with 2 clerks

Subsystem II consists of

- 1. Two private hospitals with 3 beds open 5pm to 9am
- 2. One private mental clinic open 5pm to 10pm
- 3. One general hospital for the psychosomatically complicated open 5pm to 9am
- 4. Metropolitan Emergency Infromation Center for the Mental Illness (MEICMI) with two or three para-medical staff

Institutions participating Subsystem II

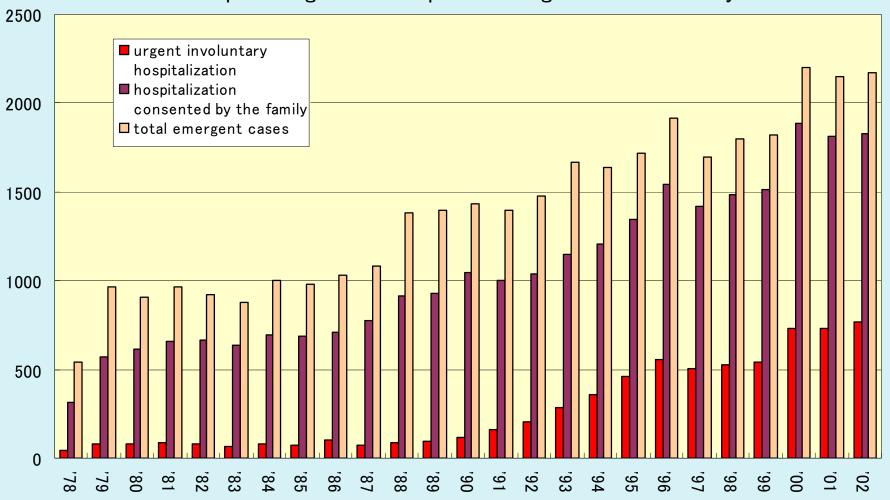
- 1. The private mental clinics participating in subsystem II are the members of the Tokyo Association of the Mental Clinics
- 2. The private mental hospitals participating in subsystem II are the members of the Tokyo Association of the mental hospitals
- 3. The general hospitals participating in subsystem II are miscellaneous.for example, several Metropolitan hospitals, several hospitals attached to the medical universities, etc.

Subsystem I

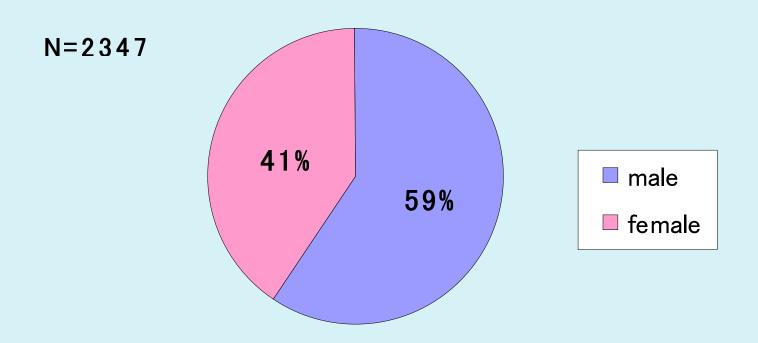
Subsystem I

Number of the emergency cases of mental illness dealt with by the

4 metropolitan general hospitals at night and on holidays



Male/Female ratio of the patients accepted by Subsystem I



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Subsystem II

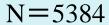
Number of the cases telephoned to

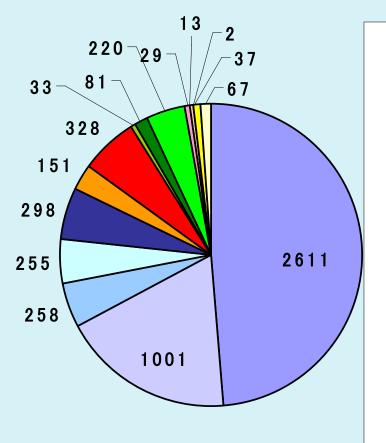
MEICMI ('02-Sep to '03- Mar)

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Number of the cases	831	945	889	941	904	727	959	6196
cases triaged as out-patients	11	10	9	16	23	13	10	92
cases triaged as in- patients	19	19	16	19	22	24	27	146
cases triaged as the psycho-somatically complicated	2	2	3	2	0	3	3	15

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Who made the emergency call to Metropolitan Emergency Information Center for Mental Illness(MEICMI)?

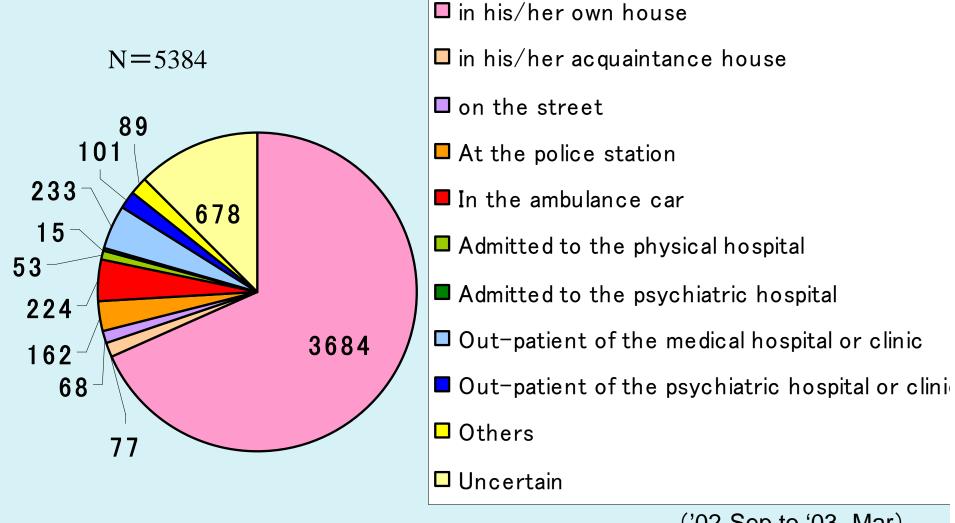




- He/She by him/herself
- Family member who lives with the patient
- Family member who does not live with the patient
- ☐ Family member uncertain about living with him/her
- Other acquaintance
- Police
- Emergency staff of the Fire Department
- Psychiatric institution (public)
- Psychiatric institution (private)
- Medical institution (general hospital & clinic)
- Other public institution
- Rehabilitation facilities
- Institution for the welfare of the aged people
- □ Others
- □ Uncertain

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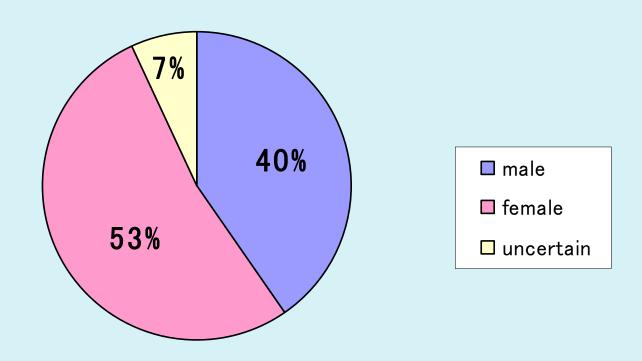
Where is the patient?



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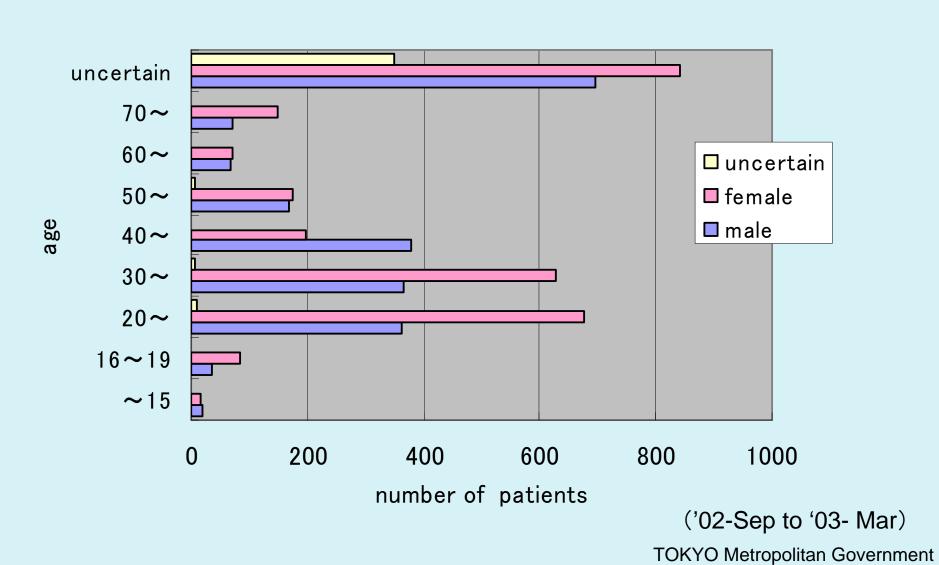
Male/Female ratio of the patients accepted by MEICMI

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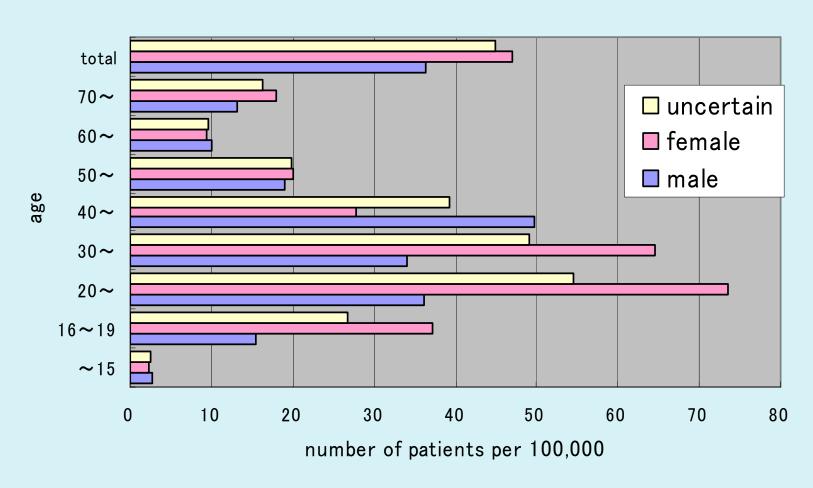
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Distribution of the Age of the patients phoned to MEICMI



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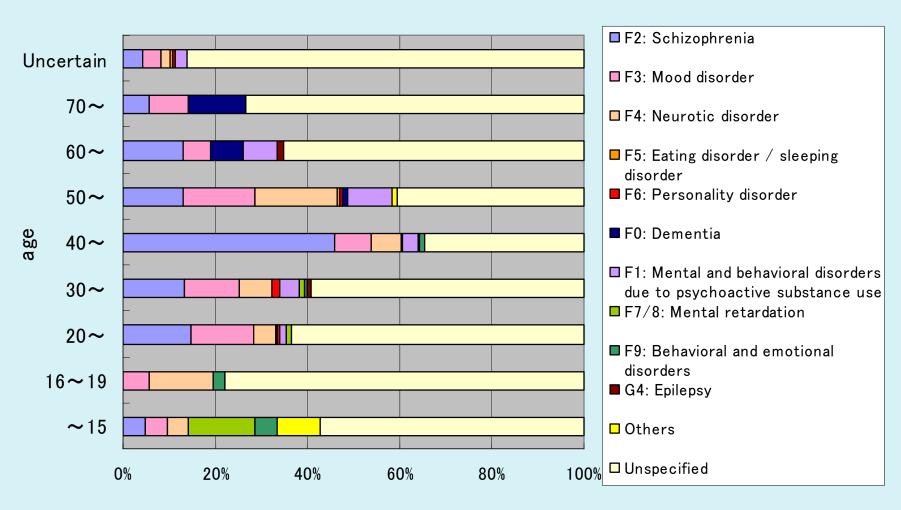
Incidence of patients as to age and sex



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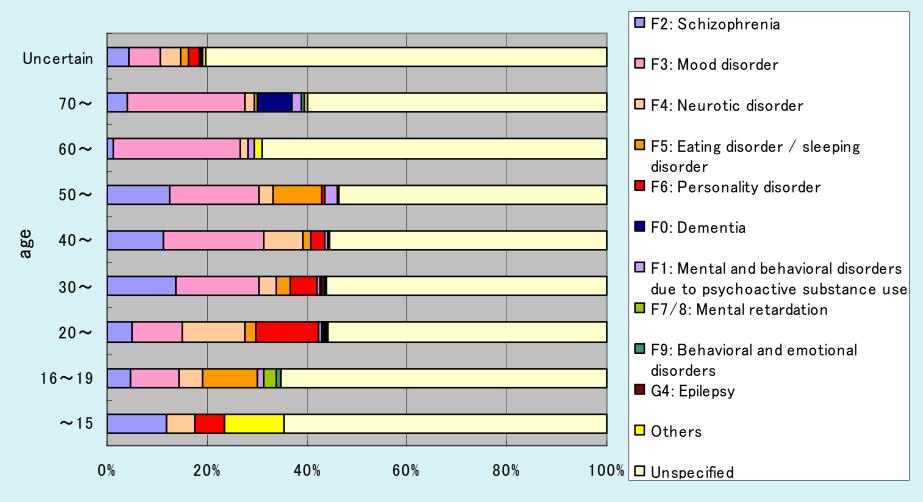
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Distribution of the type of disorder according to the information from patient or his/her family (Male)



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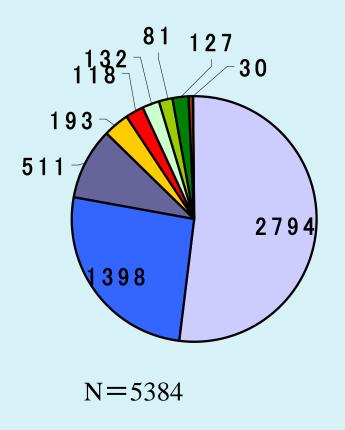
Distribution of the type of disorder according to the information from patient or his/her family (Female)



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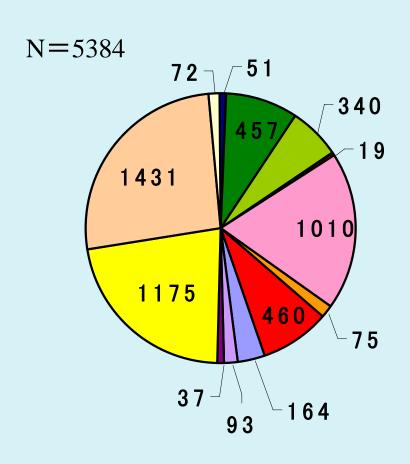
What MEICMI did for the emergency phone calls

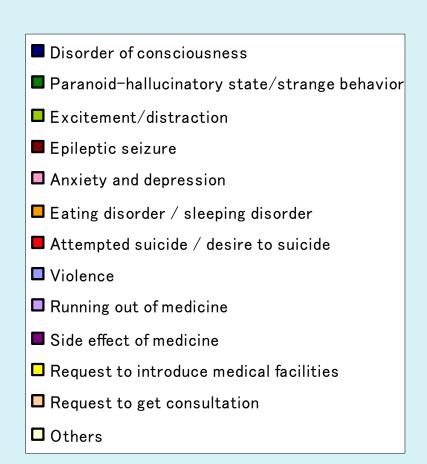


- ☐ Listening and giving advice
- Introduction of medical facilities
- Introduction of counseling facilities
- Advice to call police
- Advice to call fire department
- ☐ Advice by the triage-doctor
- Triaged as the primary emergent case
- Triaged as the secondary emergent case
- Triaged as the psycho somatically complicated

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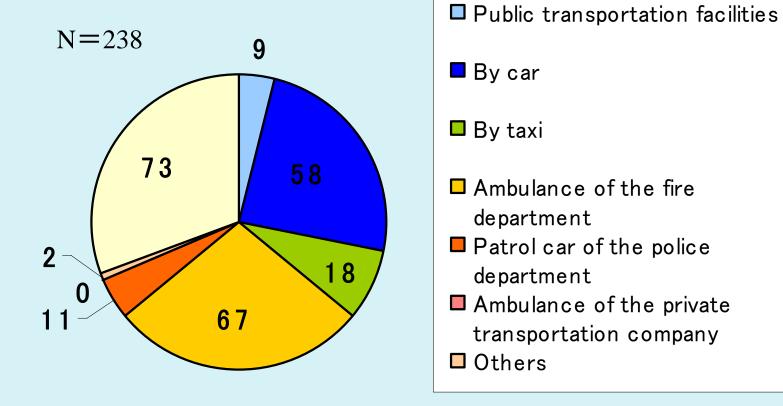
Major reason for phone call to MEICMI





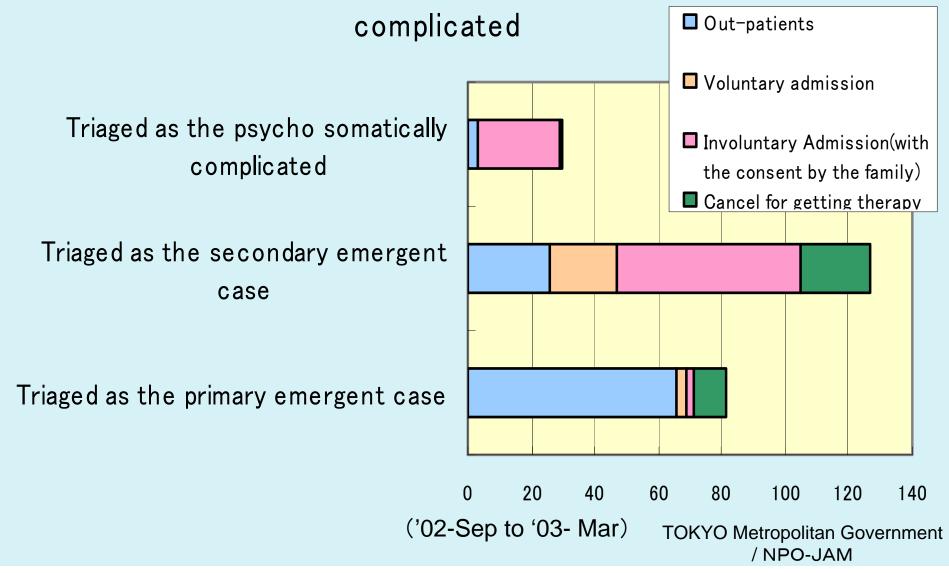
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Measure of transportation

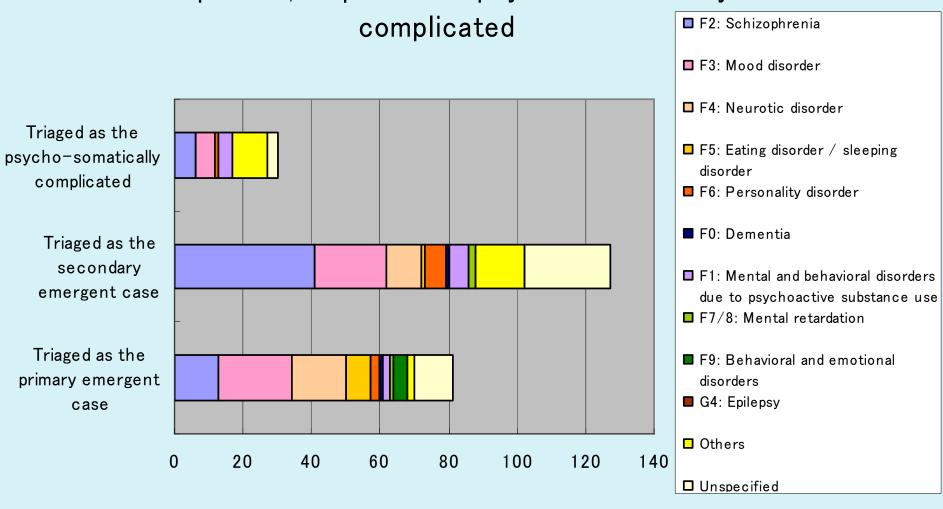


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What decision was made finally for the patient being triaged and brought to the mental clinic, mental hospital or facility for the psycho somatically



Distribution of diagnoses of patients being triaged as out-patient, in-patient or psycho-somatically



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