

**Table 3:** Characteristics of the 1,756 postoperative patients admitted to the intensive care unit: elective versus emergency surgery.

<b>Patient Characteristics</b>	<b>Emergency (n =286)</b>	<b>Elective (n =1470)</b>	<b>p</b>
Age (years) <sup>a</sup>	57 ± 19	61 ± 17	0.873
Sex (male/female)	164/122	848/622	0.914
Types of anesthesia			<0.001
General	284 (18.9)	1,222 (81.1)	
Regional	2 (0.8)	248 (99.2)	
Length of stay <sup>a</sup>	5 (1-418)	1 (1-226)	<0.001
Duration of MV <sup>a</sup>	5 (0-418)	1 (0-226)	<0.001
GCS	11.9 ± 4.1	14.9 ± 0.9	<0.001
APACHE II score	19.6 ± 5.8	12.1 ± 4.8	<0.001
Outcome			<0.001
Exitus	155 (60.5)	101 (39.5)	
Discharge to ward	131 (8.7)	1,369 (91.3)	

Data are given as: mean ± standard deviations, number and percent in brackets (% within the type of anesthesia and prognosis),

<sup>a</sup>: median (maximum-minimum), MV: Mechanical Ventilation, GCS: Glasgow Coma Score, APACHE: Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation.