

Table 1: Characteristics of the 317 patients hospitalized for skin and soft tissue infection in the Internal Medicine Department during a five-year period.

Patient characteristics	
Mean age (years, SD)	72.1 (15.7)
Male (n, %)	137 (43.2)
Past medical history	
Diabetes Mellitus (n, %)	130 (41)
Chronic Kidney Disease (n, %)	102 (32.2)
Heart failure (n, %)	95 (30)
Ischemic heart disease (n, %)	75 (23.7)
Dementia (n, %)	66 (20.8)
Chronic respiratory disease (n, %)	63 (19.9)
Cerebrovascular disease (n, %)	42 (13.2)
Peripheral artery disease (n, %)	33 (10.4)
Median Charlson Index (IQR)	6 (4-8)
Skin lesion predisposing to an SSTI (n, %)	77 (24.3)
Diabetic foot (n, %)	30 (9.5)
Trauma predisposing to an SSTI (n, %)	43 (13.6)
Immunosuppression (n, %)	23 (7.3)
Recent antibiotic use (n, %)	96 (30.3)
Previous SSTI (within the last 3 months) (n, %)	56 (17.7)
Same anatomical site (n, %)	46/56 (82.1)
Positive Culture [n, % of all cases (n =317)]	
Gram-negative (n, % of all pathogens)	94 (54.65)
Gram-positive (n, % of all pathogens)	65 (37.79)
Fungi (n, % of all pathogens)	13 (7.56)
Polymicrobial culture (% of culture-positive SSTI)	46 (62.2)
Median length of hospitalization (days, IQR)	7 (5-12)
Overall mortality (n, %)	19 (6)
Readmission at three months (n, %)	51 (17.1)

n: Number, SD: standard deviation, IQR: interquartile range.