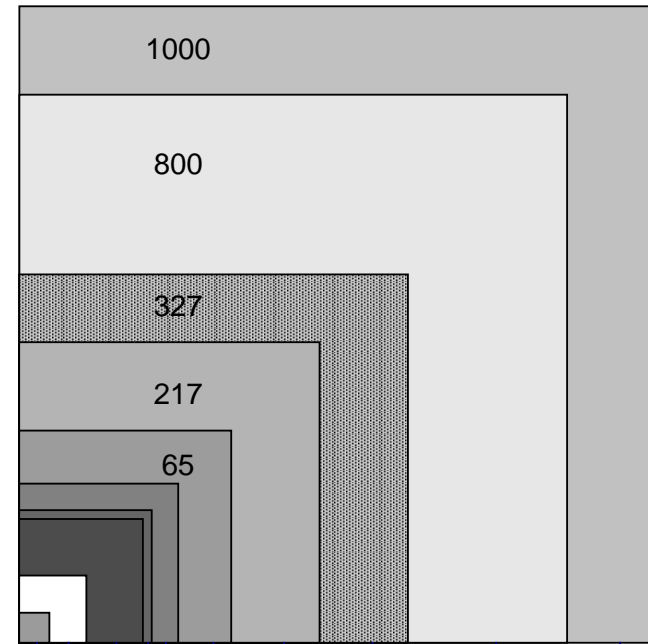
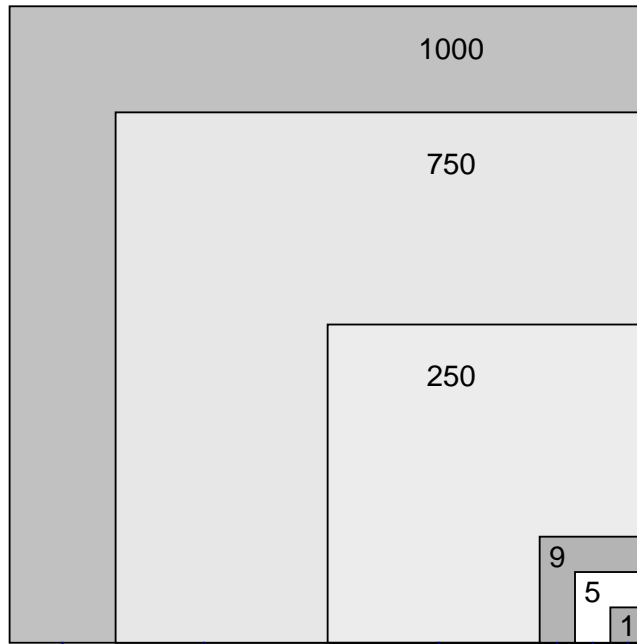


The Ecology of Medical Care

1961

1996



Adult Population

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Adults reporting 1 or more illnesses or injuries per month

Report symptoms

Adults consulting a physician 1 or more times per month

Consider seeking medical care

Visit a physician's office (113 of 217 see PCP)

Visit a complementary or alternative medical care provider

Adult patients admitted to a hospital per month

21 visit a hospital outpatient clinic

14 receive home health care

13 visit an emergency department

8 are hospitalized

Adult patients referred to another physician per month

Adult patients referred to a university medical center per month

0.7 are hospitalized in an academic medical center