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Authors stated that rates of diverticulitis increase with age it's worth noting, however, that the age below 50 years represents a risk factor recognized for recurrence of diverticulitis. Moreover, literature has reported an increase in the incidence of acute Diverticulitis among younger patients: In a large review of the Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS) of 267,000 admissions for AD between 1998 and 2005 incidence rates increased most dramatically in 18- to 44-year-olds and 45- to 64-year-olds, while they remained stable in 65 to 74-year-olds and actually decreased in persons 75 years of age or older.(1) Authors should therefore subdivide the population in at least 3 age groups (e.g.: < 50 years, 50-70 years, > 70 years) and, furthermore, investigate by univariate and multivariate analysis each subset of age-range of patients in order to be compared. If differences will arise they should be commented according to literature data (2). 1) Etzioni DA, Mack TM, Beart RW (2009) Diverticulitis in the United States: 1998-2005: changing patterns of disease and treatment. Ann Surg 249:210-217 2) Binda G.A , R. Cuomo R, Laghi A. et al. Practice parameters for the treatment of colonic diverticular disease: Italian Society of Colon and Rectal Surgery (SICCR) guidelines Tech Coloproctol.



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