Annual increase of facet joint procedures rate (per 100,000) among general physicians from 2002 to 2006: 277.3%

Annual increase of facet joint procedures rate (per 100,000) among NPs/CRNAs from 2002 to 2006: 99.5%

Annual increase of facet joint procedures rate (per 100,000) from 1997 to 2006: 60%

Annual increase patient visits rate (per 100,000) for facet joints from 1997 to 2006: 50%

Annual increase of patients rate (per 100,000) for facet joints from 1997 to 2006: 43%

Annual increase of facet joint procedures rate (per 100,000) among IPM physicians from 2002 to 2006: 30.5%

Annual increase chronic low back pain from 1992-2006*: 11.6%

Annual percent increase of Medicare beneficiaries from 1997 to 2006: 1.4%

Annual percent increase of US population from 1997 to 2006: 1.3%

Annual percent increase of Medicare beneficiaries ≥65 years from 1997 to 2006: 0.9%

Annual percent increase of US population ≥65 years from 1997 to 2006: 0.7%

* Data from Freburger JK et al. The rising prevalence of chronic low back pain. Arch Intern Med. 2009;169(3):251-258 [7].