**Appendix 1**

**Patient perceptions of physician communication according to sat/stood behavior**

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|  | Patients seen by seated physician | Patients seen by standing physician |   |
|   | N=60 | N=99 |   |
| Patient perception of physician communication on that day's rounds | n | % | n | % | p-value |
| *“Today on rounds, how often did this physician . . .”*Explain things in a way that was easy to understand?  |
| Never, sometimes or usually | 7 | 12.3 | 22 | 22.2 | 0.21 |
| Always | 50 | 87.7 | 77 | 77.8 |  |
| Listen carefully to you?  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never, sometimes or usually | 4 | 6.7 | 19 | 19.2 | 0.21 |
| Always | 56 | 93.3 | 80 | 80.8 |  |
| Interrupt you when you were talking?  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Always, sometimes or usually | 4 | 7.1 | 9 | 9.4 | 0.61 |
| Never | 52 | 92.9 | 87 | 90.6 |  |
| Treat you with courtesy and respect?  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never, sometimes or usually | 1 | 1.8 | 6 | 6.1 | not estimable |
| Always | 56 | 98.3 | 92 | 93.9 |  |
| Please rate the amount of time this physician spent with you today during morning rounds. |
| Too little | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4.2 | not estimable |
| Just right | 57 | 100 | 92 | 95.8 |  |
| Did you have any important questions or concerns about your care that you did not bring up with this doctor today?\* |
|  Yes | 3 | 5.6 | 10 | 10.6 | 0.09 |
|  No | 51 | 94.4 | 84 | 89.4 |  |
| Note: All variables missing less than 5% except as \* which had 6.9% missing |   |   |