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Title (type in CAPITAL LETTERS)	PREVALENCE OF OVERACTIVE BLADDER IN A WOMEN'S HOSPITAL POPULATION.

Aims of Study. The objective of this study consists in valorate some epidemiological aspects of the overactive bladder in women who search for external gynecological medical assistance in our Hospital.

Methods. A precodified questionnaire was used. The questions were performed only by one observer to women over 18 years of age searching for external gynecological medical assistance in a period of 3 months.

Results. Of a total of 200 women who went under the questionnaire 28% presented urinary incontinence as a symptom. From these patients those who had two or more clinic diagnostic criteria of overactive bladder were selected. 87% associated stress incontinence elements and 13% had a clinical overactive bladder as a unique and isolated urinary condition. A peak incidence was observed between 30 and 50 years of age. 26% had familiar history of urinary incontinence.

Conclusions. The prevalence of overactive bladder found was 13%. The major incidence was found between 30-50 years of age. 1 from 4 patients presented familiar history of urinary incontinence.