

## DEVELOPING DATA

ata from the 2014 Urgent Care Chart Survey of 1,778,075 blinded visits by patients to more than 800 different urgent care clinics, conducted by the *Journal of Urgent Care Medicine*, reveal that the top 3 procedures performed at U.S. urgent care centers in 2014 were as follows, in descending order:

- Medication administration (vaccine, IV, steroid injection, anesthesia)—59.7 million procedures (39.8% of visits)
- Rapid diagnostic tests and cultures—44 million procedures (29.4% of visits)
- Imaging (including radiographs, computed tomography scans and magnetic resonance images, electrocardiographs, and ultrasound images)—23.4 million procedures (15.6% of visits)

The survey's methodology and data abstraction forms were initially designed in 2008 by researcher Robin M. Weinick, PhD, then an assistant professor at Harvard Medical School and a senior scientist at the Institute for Health Policy at Massachusetts General Hospital, and now associate director of RAND Health.

