

Table 2. Length of episode by year of start of new long-term opioid prescription episode

Episode start year	Number of new long-term episodes	n (%) in episode more than 1 year		n (%) in episode more than 2 years	
2002	5330	2,253	42.3	1,525	28.6
2003	5788	2,382	41.2	1,567	27.1
2004	6256	2,548	40.7	1,716	27.4
2005	6495	2,765	42.6	1,886	29.0
2006	6999	2,904	41.5	2,017	28.8
2007	7556	3,112	41.2	2,176	28.8
2008	7659	3,171	41.4	2,199	28.7
2009	7958	3,223	40.5	2,190	27.5
2010	7977	3,206	40.2	2,192	27.5
2011	8274	3,439	41.6	2,461	29.7
2012	7579	2,940	38.8	-	-