

**Table 2- Frequency of VRE by patient and hospital characteristic, AR-ISS, Italy, June 1,2001-January 31, 2002**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>%VRE (N. strains tested)</b>
<b>Age group</b>	
0-64 years	5,2% (135)
≥65 years	4,8% (187)
<b>Sex</b>	
Males	7,7% (235)
Females	4,9 (143)
<b>Area of the country</b>	
North	4,8% (248)
Centre	6,3% (96)
South	19,4% (36)
<b>Hospital size</b>	
0-600 beds	1,3% (78)
601-900 beds	6,3% (126)
> 900 beds	9,1% (176)
<b>Wards</b>	
Medicine	6,6% (136)
Surgery	9,8% (61)
Intensive care	5,9% (68)