Vienna, 2019-02-28 – According to Statistics Austria, the number of hospital discharges in acute care hospitals was 2,668,607 in 2017, and 163,788 in long-term care, rehabilitation and prevention. These related to 4,785,218 medical procedures – 1.0% less than in the previous year. Almost three quarters of those were non-surgical, while 26.5% (1,266,215) were surgical procedures. The average length of inpatient stays was 6.4 days in 2017. The number of day cases in acute care was 639,253 (24.0% of all discharges in acute care).

Particularly the number of day cases in acute care hospitals has increased fivefold since the mid-1990s. Surgical procedures in a day-care setting have almost tripled during the last ten years (from 93,581 in 2007 to 264,200 in 2017). This is mainly the result of particular surgical procedures, primarily eye surgery, being increasingly performed without an inpatient stay.

For more detailed information please refer to the German version.