ABSTRACT
Introduction: Admissions to hospital due to Joint dislocations are relatively rare in children. Often depending on age and circumstance a physeal injury or fracture will often result from trauma rather than a dislocation. Methodology: This was a retrospective hospital based multivariate study of children aged 0–13 years over a period of five years 2003 to 2007. Results: There were 1052 admissions due to injury over a five year period. Of these 16 were due to joint dislocations thus accounting for 1.52% of injury admissions. The Elbow was the most commonly injured joint accounting for 9 of 16 joint dislocations (56.3%) followed by the shoulder with 18.8%. Discussion: Fortunately these injuries are relatively easy to diagnose. The challenge is in any other injury is for the attending physician to keep abreast with current knowledge of how best to manage them safely and effective.