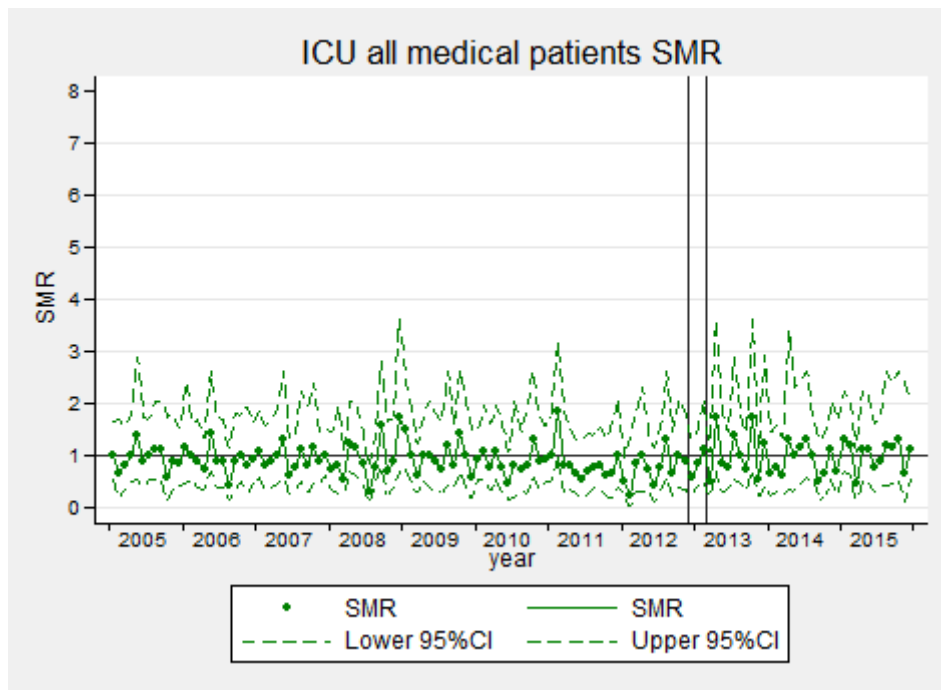
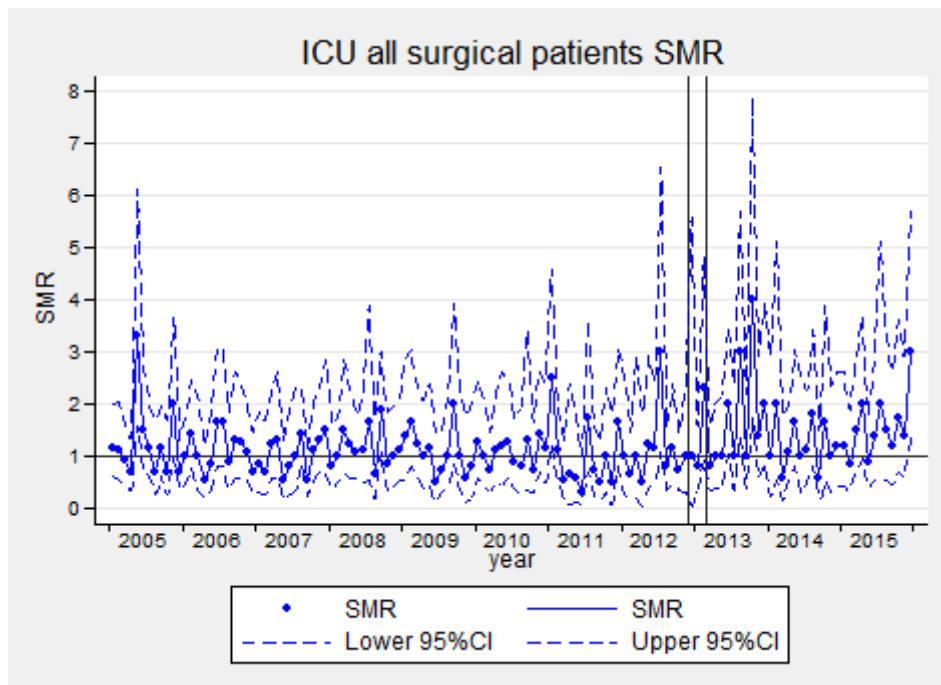


SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE

Supplementary figure 1. Observed SMR for (a) medical and (b) surgical admissions with confidence intervals showing months 96 and 99.



(a) Medical patients



(b) Surgical patients

SUPPLEMENTARY FINDINGS OF SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

The sensitivity analysis of daily medical admissions again showed no seasonal pattern and no weekly pattern of admissions. There were no additional findings about the effects of the intervention from having greater numbers of observations of daily counts. Daily surgical admissions were lower on weekend days and this was confirmed with statistically significant sine and cosine terms representing the weekly cycle, but there was again no seasonal pattern. The findings for surgical admissions in terms of the intervention were unchanged.