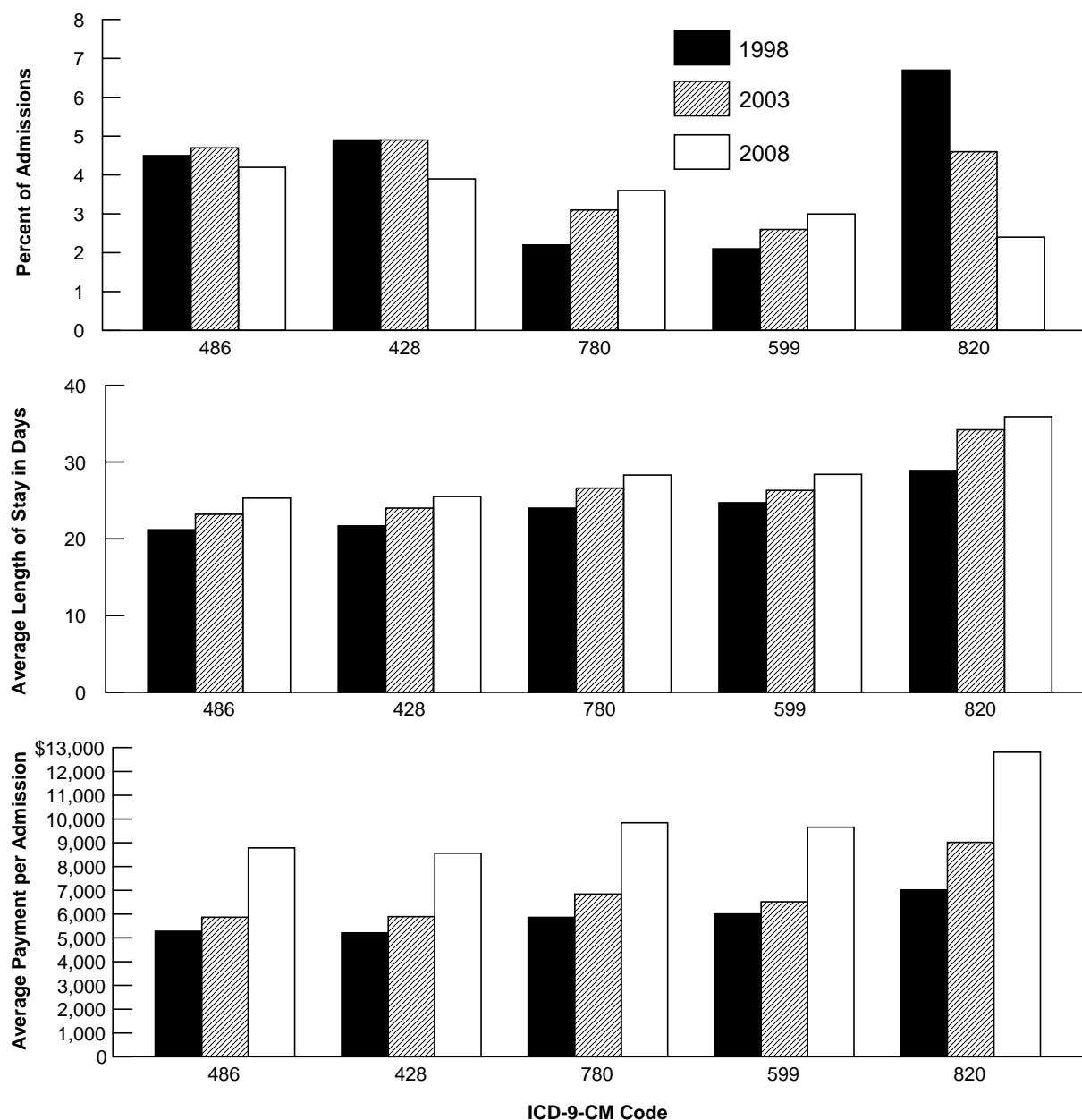


Figure 6.3
Trends in the Top Five Medicare Skilled Nursing Facility
Principal Diagnoses, Based on Number of Admissions:
Calendar Years 1998, 2003, and 2008



NOTES: ICD-9-CM is *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification* (Volume 1). ICD-9-CM codes for principal diagnoses are: pneumonia, organism unspecified, 486; heart failure, 428; general symptoms, 780; other disorders of urethra and urinary tract, 599; and fracture of neck of femur, 820.

SOURCE: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Office of Information Services: Data from the Medicare Data Extract System; data development by the Office of Research, Development, and Information.