

Appendix 5: Additional baseline characteristics of Walkerton health study participants. With the exception of laboratory and blood pressure parameters, which were assessed at the initial health study visit, characteristics were assessed by participant recall of conditions prior to the outbreak.

	No gastroenteritis <i>n=331</i>	Mild gastroenteritis <i>n=414</i>	Severe gastroenteritis <i>n=153</i>	<i>p value</i>
Smoker	116 (35.0%)	171 (41.3%)	67 (43.8%)	0.1
Hypertension	71 (21.5%)	76 (18.4%)	23 (15.0%)	0.2
Cardiovascular/ hypertension medication use	58 (17.5%)	58 (14.0%)	21 (13.7%)	0.6
Aspirin use at least once a week	27 (8.2%)	29 (7.0%)	7 (4.6%)	0.6
Low sodium diet	96 (29.0%)	131 (31.6%)	48 (31.4%)	0.7
Hypercholesterolemia	51 (15.4%)	73 (17.6%)	22 (14.4%)	0.6
Obesity (BMI \geq 30 kg/m ²)	116 (35.0%)	164 (39.6%)	53 (34.6%)	0.5
Median serum creatinine, μ mol/L (IQR)	80 (71-90)	79 (69-88)	79 (70-90)	0.5
Median urine protein, g/d (IQR)	0.17 (0.13-0.25)	0.17 (0.12-0.24)	0.16 (0.11-0.24)	0.5
Median urine albumin creatinine ratio, mg/mmol (IQR)	0.65 (0.45-1.14)	0.61 (0.45-1.03)	0.60 (0.43-1.10)	0.7
Median systolic blood pressure, mmHg (IQR)	129 (115-139)	126 (115-141)	128 (116-142)	0.8
Median diastolic blood pressure, mmHg (IQR)	76 (70-83)	76 (70-82)	76 (70-83)	0.8

Note: IQR= interquartile range, SD = standard deviation.

All data was complete with the exception of aspirin use at least once a week which was missing in 52% of participants, urine protein which was missing in 58% of participants, and urine albumin creatinine which was missing in 0.7% of participants