

Table S4. Summary of available patient characteristics at baseline between study cohort and those excluded due to missing Medicare history.

Factor	Study patient cohort with 2-year previous Medicare history (N=69,411) % or mean (SD) [IQR]	Population excluded from the study with missing 2-year Medicare history (N=22,899) % or mean (SD) [IQR]
Age (year)	76.9(6.5) [71-82]	75.9(6.4)[71-80]
Sex – Female	46.4	42.5
Race – White	75.3	70.9
Black	20.0	21.9
Other	4.7	7.2
Ethnicity - Hispanic	8.2	14.3
Dialysis modality – hemodialysis	95.6	95.3
Access at 1 st dialysis – catheter only	60.3	60.3
Patient informed regarding transplant	66.6	69.5
BMI	28.0(7.0)[23.2-31.5]	27.6(6.8)[23.0-31]
Albumin (g/dl)*	3.2(0.7)[2.7-3.6]	3.2(0.7)[2.8-3.7]
Hemoglobin (g/dl)*	10.0(1.5)[9.0-10.9]	9.9(1.5)[9.0-10.9]
Creatinine (mg/dl)	5.3(2.3)[3.8-6.2]	5.7(2.7)[4.0-6.7]
GFR (ml/min/1.73 m2)	12.2(5.1)[8.5-14.9]	11.6(5.0)[8.1-14.3]
Current smoker	3.5	3.8
Drug dependence	0.1	0.2
Need assistance with daily living	21.3	17.7
Institutionalized	12.2	9.4

*About 75% and 91% patients in 1st column and 74% and 91% in 2nd column had complete (i.e., nonmissing) data on albumin and hemoglobin, respectively. All other variables are complete.