WEB APPENDIX: SUPPLEMENTARY CONTENT

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Rank	Study Cohort		
	Index Observation Stays (N=363,037)	Index Emergency Department Treatment-and-Discharge Stays (N=2,540,000)	Index Inpatient Stays (N=2,667,525)
1 2	Nonspecific chest pain (19.3%) Syncope (5.2%)	Superficial injury; contusion (6.6%) Nonspecific chest pain (5.6%)	Congestive heart failure; nonhypertensive (5.4%) Pneumonia (except that caused by tuberculosis or sexually transmitted disease) (5.1%)
3 4	Cardiac dysrhythmias (4.2%) Coronary atherosclerosis and other heart disease (4.2%)	Urinary tract infections (3.7%) Abdominal pain (3.3%)	Osteoarthritis (4.6%) Cardiac dysrhythmias (4.1%)
5 6	Fluid and electrolyte disorders (3.4%) Conditions associated with dizziness or vertigo (2.3%)	Sprains and strains (3.1%) Spondylosis; intervertebral disc disorders; other back problems (2.9%)	Septicemia (except in labor) (3.6%) Coronary atherosclerosis and other heart disease (3.4%)
7	Abdominal pain (2.0%)	Open wounds of extremities (2.8%)	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and bronchiectasis (3.4%)
8	Deficiency and other anemia (1.9%)	Conditions associated with dizziness or vertigo (2.6%)	Urinary tract infections (3.0%)
9 10	Transient cerebral ischemia (1.9%) Congestive heart failure; nonhypertensive (1.8%)	Other lower respiratory disease (2.6%) Other injuries and conditions due to external causes (2.5%)	Acute cerebrovascular disease (2.9%) Acute myocardial infarction (2.6%)
11	Spondylosis; intervertebral disc disorders; other back problems (1.8%)	Open wounds of head; neck; and trunk (2.5%)	Fracture of neck of femur (hip) (2.5%)
12	Residual codes; unclassified (1.7%)	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and bronchiectasis (2.5%)	Fluid and electrolyte disorders (2.1%)
13 14	Other lower respiratory disease (1.7%) Urinary tract infections (1.6%)	Other connective tissue disease (2.4%) Other non-traumatic joint disorders (2.2%)	Complication of device; implant or graft (2.1%) Acute and unspecified renal failure (1.9%)
15	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and bronchiectasis (1.5%)	Syncope (2.2%)	Spondylosis; intervertebral disc disorders; other back problems (1.9%)
16 17 18 19	Biliary tract disease (1.4%) Other gastrointestinal disorders (1.3%) Other nervous system disorders (1.3%) Other connective tissue disease (1.2%)	Other gastrointestinal disorders (2.2%) Fracture of upper limb (2.1%) Cardiac dysrhythmias (2.1%) Residual codes; unclassified (1.8%)	Nonspecific chest pain (1.8%) Gastrointestinal hemorrhage (1.6%) Skin and subcutaneous tissue infections (1.5%) Respiratory failure; insufficiency; arrest (adult) (1.4%)
20 21 22	Malaise and fatigue (1.2%) Gastrointestinal hemorrhage (1.2%) Complication of device; implant or graft	Essential hypertension (1.6%) Fluid and electrolyte disorders (1.6%) Genitourinary symptoms and ill-defined	(1.4%) Intestinal obstruction without hernia (1.4%) Syncope (1.4%) Diverticulosis and diverticulitis (1.3%)

	(1.2%)	conditions (1.5%)	
23	Diabetes mellitus with complications	Skin and subcutaneous tissue infections	Biliary tract disease (1.2%)
	(1.1%)	(1.5%)	
24	Other circulatory disease (1.0%)	Malaise and fatigue (1.5%)	Other fractures (1.2%)
25	Abdominal hernia (1.0%)	Other upper respiratory disease (1.5%)	Diabetes mellitus with complications (1.1%)

Web Appendix Figure 1A. Flow Diagram Describing Index Observation Stay Cohort Exclusions

from 2006 to 201	ys among patients ≥65 1	
	Less than 30 days pre-observation er Medicare FFS* (2.9%, N= 10,983)	rollment in
	Less than 30 days post-discharge en Medicare FFS in the absence of deat (3.1%, N= 11,738)	
	In-hospital death* (0.2%, N= 871)	
	Transfer to another acute care facility (1.8%, N= 6,636)	¢
	Discharge against medical advice* (0.5%, N= 1,686)	

Final cohort N=363,037 index observation stays (278,530 unique patients)

*Categories are not mutually exclusive

Web Appendix Figure 1B. Flow Diagram Describing Index Emergency Department Treatment-and-Discharge Stay Cohort Exclusions

Total index ED treatment-and-discharge stays among patients ≥65 years-old from 2006 to 2011 N=2,694,171

	Less than 30 days pre-emergency department enrollment in Medicare FFS* (3.0%, N= 81,463)
	Less than 30 days post-discharge enrollment in Medicare FFS in the absence of death* (3.2%, N= 86,396)
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	In-hospital death* (0.9%, N= 23,650)
	Transfer to another acute care facility* (3.2%, N= 86,910)
	Discharge against medical advice* (0.9%, N= 23,144)

Final cohort N=2,540,000 index ED treatmentand-discharge stays (1,093,786 unique patients)

*Categories are not mutually exclusive

Web Appendix Figure 1C. Flow Diagram Describing Index Inpatient Stay Cohort Exclusions

Total index inpatient stays among patients \geq 65 years-old from 2006 to 2011 N=2,796,997

	Less than 30 days pre-hospital enrollment in Medicare FFS* (3.9%, N= 108,028)
	Less than 30 days post-discharge enrollment in Medicare FFS in the absence of death* (4.0%, N= 111,361)
	In-hospital death* (3.5%, N= 98,420)
	Transfer to another acute care facility* (1.9%, N= 51,699)
	Discharge against medical advice* (0.3%, N= 9,313)

Final cohort N=2,667,525 index inpatient stays (1,156,675 unique patients)

*Categories are not mutually exclusive