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This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

eAppendix. Sensitivity Analyses

We stratified our primary analysis by the AMI location in the heart: (1) STEMI MIs, which are approximated by anterolateral, anterior wall, inferolateral, inferior wall, infero-posterolateral, true posterior, and not otherwise specified locations, and (2) NSTEMI MIs, approximated by subendocardial location. Changes in early PCI were inversely associated with 180-day mortality, **eTable 3**. The association between early PCI growth and the 180-day mortality decline was larger among STEMI (beta = -0.172, p<0.0014) than NSTEMI patients (beta = -0.0917, p<0.0014), **Table 1**. Results were similar for 30-day mortality rates (**eTable 1**).

eTable 1. Association Between Early Percutaneous Coronary Intervention and 180-day Acute Myocardial Infarction Mortality, Stratified by Type of Acute Myocardial Infarction

Full Sample: N=668,486	30d	180d	31-180d
run Sample. N=000,400	mort	mort	mort
Early PCI Rate	-0.033**	-0.068**	-0.034**
	-0.0066	-0.0093	-0.0061
	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]
Log(Mean Total 180-day \$)	-0.003	-0.012*	-0.009**
	-0.0036	-0.0049	-0.0033
	[0.479]	[0.013]	[0.005]
NSTEMI Sample: N=455,389	30d	180d	31-180d
110 1 EWH Sample: 11–433,307	mort	mort	mort
Early PCI Rate	-0.041**	-0.081**	-0.040**
	-0.0084	-0.0121	-0.009
	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]
Log(Mean Total 180-day \$)	-0.004	-0.012*	-0.007
	-0.0034	-0.0051	-0.0038
	[0.230]	[0.018]	[0.052]
STEMI Sample: N=213,097	30d	180d	31-180d
51EWH Sample: 14–213,097	mort	mort	mort
Early PCI Rate	-0.118**	-0.156**	-0.032**
	-0.0078	-0.0097	-0.0049
	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]
Log(Mean Total 180-day \$)	-0.007	-0.020**	-0.011**
	-0.0049	-0.0058	-0.0028
	[0.172]	[0.001]	[0.000]
m	2		
* for 5% significance level, Bonferroni	p <=		
correction	0.025		
** for 1% significance level, Bonferroni	p <=		
correction	0.005		

^aEach column within each panel is a separate regression.

^bPCI is percutaneous coronary intervention.

^cOutcome variables are 30 day mortality, 180 day mortality, and 31-180 day mortality.

^d31-180-day mortality is conditional on surviving to 30 days.

^eLogit model estimated; marginal effects reported using "margins, atmeans" in Stata.

^fAll regressions control for patient characteristics, hospital fixed effects, and year fixed effects.

^gIncludes years 1999, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2013, and Q1-Q2 2014.

^hEarly PCI rate and Log(Mean Total 180-day Spending) are at the hospital-level.

P values are in brackets.

ⁱEarly PCI means receiving PCI within a day of admission.

^jLog(Mean Total 180-day Spending) are calculated using patients who live 180-days.

^kStandard errors are clustered at the hospital-level and are reported in parentheses.

eTable 2. Components of Spending Across Quartiles of Hospital Early Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Change. 1999-2014

	Change in 180d Early PCI Rates (2013/2014 vs 1999/2000)				Differenc e 4 th vs.
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1 st
	Quartile	Quartile	Quartile	Quartile	Quartile
Part A	\$(1,398)	\$(1,335)	\$(1,286)	\$(1,642)	\$(244)
Cardiac	\$752	\$678	\$725	\$855	\$103
Procedures					
Other Procedures	\$666	\$576	\$535	\$498	\$(168)
HHA/Hospice/D	\$1,107	\$1,003	\$841	\$809	\$(298)
ME					
Skilled Nursing	\$2,013	\$1,717	\$1,548	\$1,313	\$(700)
Facility					
Testing	\$160	\$183	\$179	\$210	\$50
Visits	\$583	\$509	\$460	\$473	\$(110)
Early PCI rate	1.09	12.81	21.20	33.05	\$32

^aQuartiles based on absolute differences in hospital use of early PCI rates between 2013/2014 and 1999/2000.

^bHHA = Home Health Agency, DME = Durable Medical Equipment.

^cPCI = Percutaneous Coronary Intervention.

^dEarly PCI means receiving PCI within a day of admission.

eTable 3. Association Between Early Percutaneous Coronary Intervention and 180-day Acute Myocardial Infarction Mortality

Outcome Variable:	-1	-2	-3
180-day Mortality	Full Sample	Full Sample	Full Sample
Early PCI Rate	-0.066**	-0.078**	-0.078**
	-0.0094	-0.0096	-0.009
	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]
Any CABG Rate	0.029	0.005	
	-0.0129	-0.0139	
	[0.024]	[0.696]	
Mean Total 180-day (\$1000)	-0.0004*		
	-0.0001		
	[0.006]		
Mean 180-day Testing (\$1000)		-0.004	-0.004
		-0.0027	-0.0027
		[0.133]	[0.122]
Mean 180-day Visits (\$1000)		-0.004	-0.004
		-0.0023	-0.0027
		[0.072]	[0.053]
Mean 180-day Cardiac Procedures (\$1000)		0.004	0.004
		-0.0016	-0.0016
		[0.011]	[0.008]
Mean 180-day Other Procedures (\$1000)		-0.004	-0.004
		-0.0018	-0.0017
		[0.020]	[0.017]
Mean 180-day Part A Spending (\$1000)		0.0002	0.0002
		-0.0003	-0.0002
		[0.544]	[0.392]
Mean 180-day Post-Acute Care (\$1000)		-0.0021**	
		-0.0002	
		[0.000]	
Mean 180-day Skilled Nursing Facility (\$1000)			-0.0024**
			-0.0006
			[0.000]
Mean 180-day Home Health Agency (\$1000)			-0.0014
			-0.0015
			[0.377]

Mean 180-day Hospice (\$1000)			-0.0022
			-0.0019
Outcome Variable:	-1	-2	-3
180-day Mortality	Full	Full	Full
	Sample	Sample	Sample
			[0.253]
Mean 180-day Durable Medical Equipment			0.0004
(\$1000)			
			-0.0043
			[0.924]
N	479,893	479,893	479,893
m	3	8	10
* for 5% significance level, Bonferroni	p < 0.017	p <	p < 0.005
correction		0.00625	
** for 1% significance level, Bonferroni	p < 0.0033	p <	p < 0.001
correction		0.00125	

^aEach column is a separate regression.

^bPCI is percutaneous coronary intervention, CABG is coronary artery bypass grafting. Early PCI occurs on the same day as the admission.

^cLogit model estimated; marginal effects reported using "margins, atmeans" in Stata.

^dAll regressions control for patient characteristics, hospital fixed effects, and year fixed effects.

^eAll spending measures are calculated for each hospital-year using patients who live 6 months.

^fIncludes years 1999, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2013, and Q1-Q2 2014.

^gStandard errors are clustered at the hospital-level and are reported in parentheses.

^hP values are in brackets.

eTable 4. The Return to Early PCI in High vs Low Volume Hospitals

Outcome Variable:	(1)	(2)	(3)
180-day Mortality	Full Sample	NSTEMI	STEMI
	•		
Early PCI Rate*Q1 Hospital Volume	-0.0455**	-0.0505*	-0.1470**
	(0.0126)	(0.0192)	(0.0129)
	[0.000]	[0.009]	[0.000]
Early PCI Rate*Q2 Hospital Volume	-0.0700**	-0.0907**	-0.1507**
	(0.0158)	(0.0192)	(0.0150)
	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]
Early PCI Rate*Q3 Hospital Volume	-0.0863**	-0.0855**	-0.1680**
	(0.0158)	(0.0224)	(0.0144)
	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]
Early PCI Rate*Q4 Hospital Volume	-0.0998**	-0.1396**	-0.1690**
	(0.0184)	(0.0289)	(0.0180)
	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]
Mean Total 6-Month (\$1000)	-0.0003	-0.0002	-0.0002
	(0.0001)	(0.0001)	(0.0001)
	[0.018]	[0.115]	[0.090]
p-value from F-test: beta1=beta4	0.0067	0.0075	0.2061
N	479,873	331,635	148,077
m	5	5	5
* for 5% significance level using Bonferroni			
correction	p < 0.01	p < 0.01	p < 0.01
** for 1% significance level using Bonferroni			
correction	p < 0.002	p < 0.002	p < 0.002

^aEach column is a separate regression.

^bSample includes patients who visited hospitals that appeared in the data in all years and that treated >=10 AMI patients per year.

^cLogit model estimated; marginal effects reported using "margins, dydx() atmeans" in Stata.

^dAll regressions control for patient characteristics, hospital fixed effects, and year fixed effects.

^eAll spending measures are calculated for each hospital-year using patients who live 180-days.

^fIncludes years 1999, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2013, and Q1-Q2 2014.

^gStandard errors are clustered at the hospital-level and are reported in parentheses.

^hP values are in brackets.