

**Supplemental table 3: Baseline characteristics of general population hospital controls, by year**

	Year Groups								
	Oxfordshire					All-England			
	Oxford Record Linkage Study		Hospital Episode Statistics (Oxfordshire)			Hospital Episode Statistics (All-England)			
	1970-1990	1991-1996	2000-2002	2003-2005	2006-2008	2000-2002	2003-2005	2006-2008	
N	406,897	125,122	86,476	87,000	79,593	1,667,316	1,596,382	1,564,995	
<b>Demographics</b>									
Female	56.9%	51.8%	51.0%	49.7%	49.6%	50.3%	49.5%	49.2%	
Median age (years)	40 (29-57)	41 (30-63)	47 (33-65)	47 (33-66)	47 (33-64)	49 (34-68)	51 (35-69)	51 (35-68)	
18 - 40	49.5%	47.3%	39.3%	37.3%	37.2%	36.3%	33.2%	33.3%	
40 - 50	15.4%	13.8%	14.5%	15.4%	16.0%	14.0%	14.6%	15.3%	
50 - 60	12.4%	10.3%	13.9%	14.3%	14.7%	13.4%	13.8%	13.9%	
60 - 70	10.4%	10.4%	12.1%	12.8%	13.2%	12.7%	13.3%	14.0%	
70 - 80	8.5%	10.4%	11.7%	11.6%	10.6%	13.6%	14.0%	13.1%	
≥80	4.0%	7.8%	8.4%	8.5%	8.4%	9.9%	11.0%	10.3%	
<b>Comorbidities</b>									
Diabetes	0.8%	1.2%	2.2%	3.1%	4.1%	3.2%	4.5%	5.5%	
Vascular	2.0%	2.6%	2.9%	3.3%	3.6%	3.9%	4.3%	4.4%	
Non-vascular	3.6%	3.6%	5.7%	6.6%	9.8%	8.2%	9.7%	11.7%	

Excludes patients dying within 90 days. Data are n or % or median (IQR). The 'controls' were individuals who had been admitted to hospital for any one of a wide range of minor medical or surgical conditions. These included admissions with diagnoses of squint, cataracts, otitis externa/media, varicose veins, hemorrhoids, upper respiratory tract infections, nasal polyps, teeth disorders, inguinal hernia, nail diseases, sebaceous cyst, soft tissue knee complaints, bunions, contraceptive advice, limb fractures, dislocations sprains and strains, minor head injury, superficial injuries or contusions and gallbladder disease, and operations included appendectomy, dilation and curettage, primary lower limb arthroplasties, tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy. For individuals with more than one control condition, the episode of care which was included in the analysis as the control event was selected at random and any patients entering the renal replacement therapy cohort were excluded.