

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S1. COMPARISON OF DEMOGRAPHICS AND BASELINE HEALTH CARE UTILIZATION  
OF NURSES' HEALTH STUDY PARTICIPANTS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE LINKAGE AGAINST  
THOSE WHO WERE INELIGIBLE

	<i>NHS participants eligible<sup>a</sup> for Medicare linkage, N = 47,391</i>	<i>NHS participants ineligible<sup>a</sup> for Medicare linkage, N = 25,452</i>	p - Value
Age [mean (SD)]	76.6 (7)	75.3 (7)	<0.01
Died between January and December 2012 [N (%)]	1,590 (3)	753 (3.0)	<0.01
Race [N (%)]			<0.01
White	46,221 (98)	24,436 (96)	
Black	704 (2)	593 (2)	
Other (includes Hispanic)	466 (1)	423 (2)	
Employment status [N (%)]			<0.01
Full-time	555 (1)	990 (4)	
Part-time	3,087 (7)	1,969 (8)	
Not employed	26,720 (56)	13,509 (53)	
Census region [N (%)]			<0.01
Northeast	22,545 (48)	11,841 (47)	
South	11,895 (25)	3,896 (15)	
Midwest	7,053 (15)	5,323 (21)	
West	5,898 (13)	4,380 (17)	
Health indicators [N (%)]			
Current smoker	2,193 (5)	1,296 (5)	<0.01
Physical exam	29,836 (63)	16,187 (64)	0.96
Mammogram	25,081 (53)	13,793 (54)	<0.01
Eye exam	29,002 (61)	15,697 (62)	0.52
Colonoscopy	10,643 (23)	5,624 (22)	0.13
Screened for depression	1.77 (2)	1.66 (2.2)	<0.01
Body mass index [mean (std)]	26.06 (5)	26.41 (5.5)	<0.01

<sup>a</sup>Women eligible for the Medicare linkage were required to have continuous enrollment in fee for service (Part A and B only) Medicare for 12 months January 2012 through December 2012. Reasons for ineligibility included discontinuous enrollment, partial year enrollment, or any Part C coverage.  
NHS, Nurses' Health Study.