# **Supplementary Online Content**

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

## eAPPENDIX. Details of Study Outcome Coding

### (Ontario Hospital Insurance Plan database)

STUDYOUTCOME	CODING
Posterior capsule rupture	fee_schedule_code= 'E940A'
	service_date=reg_dt
	fee_schedule_code = ('E142A' or 'E148A')
	1<=service_date-reg_dt <=14)
Dropped lens fragments	AND
	fee_schedule_code ='E141A'
	service_date = service_date of E142A or E148A
	fee_schedule_code = ('E152A', 'E142A', or 'E148A')
	1<=service_date-reg_dt <=14
Retinal detachment	AND
	fee_schedule_code='E936A'
	service_date = service_date of E152A, E142A or E148A
	fee_schedule_code= ('E142A' or 'E148A')
	1<=service_date-reg_dt <=14)
	<ul> <li>excluding cases where</li> </ul>
	(fee_schedule_code='E936A' and service_date =
	service_date of E142A or E148A)
	<ul> <li>excluding cases where</li> </ul>
	(fee_schedule_code='E141A' and service_date=
Suspected endophthalmitis	service date of E142A or E148A
	OR
	fee_schedule_code='E149A'
	1<=service_date-reg_dt<=14
	<ul> <li>excluding cases where</li> </ul>
	(fee_schedule_code='E936A' and
	service_date=service_date of E149A)
	<ul> <li>excluding cases where</li> </ul>
	(fee_schedule_code='E151A' and service_date is
	between 1 and 14 days of service_date of E149A)

	Odds Ratio	95% Confidence Interval	p-Value
Surgeon Level Effects			-
Late career <sup>c</sup>	0.89	0.65 to 1.21	0.447
Early career <sup>c</sup>	1.11	0.87 to 1.40	0.399
Surgical volume (25-250 cases/year) <sup>d</sup>	2.65	1.66 to 4.22	<0.001
Surgical volume (251-500 cases/year) <sup>d</sup>	1.87	1.22 to 2.86	0.004
Surgical volume (501-1000 cases/year) <sup>d</sup>	1.20	0.81 to 1.76	0.364
Patient Level Effects			
Female gender	0.94	0.85 to 1.04	0.224
Age (71-75) <sup>e</sup>	1.13	0.98 to 1.31	0.084
Age (76-80) <sup>e</sup>	1.09	0.94 to 1.27	0.262
Age (≥81) <sup>e</sup>	1.61	1.41 to 1.84	<0.001
Number of unique medications used <sup>f</sup>	1.02	1.01 to 1.02	<0.001
Glaucoma medication use <sup>g</sup>	1.38	1.20 to 1.58	<0.001
Tamsulosin use <sup>f</sup>	1.29	1.07 to 1.56	0.008
Diabetes	1.01	0.91 to 1.12	0.877
Non-academic surgical center h	0.81	0.63 to 1.05	0.111

#### eTable 1. Effect of late surgeon career stage and covariates on posterior capsule rupture risk<sup>a,b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Overall cataract surgery complications represent a composite of the four individual cataract surgical complications (posterior capsule rupture, dropped lens fragments, retinal detachment, and suspected endophthalmitis). <sup>b</sup> Adjusted for calendar year to control for secular trends

<sup>°</sup> Reference category: Mid career (15-25 years since medical school graduation) <sup>d</sup> Reference category: Surgical volume (>1000 cases/year)

<sup>e</sup> Reference category: Age (66-70 years)

<sup>f</sup> Within the year preceding surgery

<sup>g</sup> Within the 90 days preceding surgery <sup>h</sup> Reference category: Academic surgical center

	Odds Ratio	95% Confidence Interval	p-Value
Surgeon Level Effects			
Late career <sup>c</sup>	2.30	1.50 to 3.54	<0.001
Early career <sup>c</sup>	1.35	0.80 to 2.28	0.252
Surgical volume (25-250 cases/year) <sup>d</sup>	7.56	3.16 to 18.09	<0.001
Surgical volume (251-500 cases/year) <sup>d</sup>	4.66	2.08 to 10.43	0.000
Surgical volume (501-1000 cases/year) <sup>d</sup>	3.19	1.48 to 6.90	0.003
Patient Level Effects			
Female gender	0.91	0.72 to 1.15	0.422
Age (71-75) <sup>e</sup>	1.02	0.71 to 1.46	0.926
Age (76-80) <sup>e</sup>	1.17	0.82 to 1.69	0.384
Age (≥81) <sup>e</sup>	1.66	1.20 to 2.29	0.002
Number of unique medications used <sup>f</sup>	1.02	1.00 to 1.04	0.016
Glaucoma medication use <sup>g</sup>	1.15	0.82 to 1.61	0.422
Tamsulosin use <sup>f</sup>	1.82	1.24 to 2.69	0.002
Diabetes	1.05	0.83 to 1.33	0.699
Non-academic surgical center <sup>h</sup>	0.81	0.55 to 1.20	0.286

#### eTable 2. Effect of late surgeon career stage and covariates on dropped lens fragment risk <sup>a,b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Overall cataract surgery complications represent a composite of the four individual cataract surgical complications (posterior

capsule rupture, dropped lens fragments, retinal detachment, and suspected endophthalmitis).

<sup>b</sup> Adjusted for calendar year to control for secular trends
 <sup>c</sup> Reference category: Mid career (15-25 years since medical school graduation)

<sup>d</sup> Reference category: Surgical volume (>1000 cases/year) <sup>e</sup> Reference category: Age (66-70 years) <sup>f</sup> Within the year preceding surgery

<sup>g</sup> Within the 90 days preceding surgery

<sup>h</sup> Reference category: Academic surgical center

eTable 3. Effect of late surgeon career stage and covariates on retinal detachment	
risk <sup>a,b</sup>	

	Odds Ratio	95% Confidence Interval	p-Value
Surgeon Level Effects			
Late career <sup>c</sup>	1.57	0.94 to 2.61	0.085
Early career <sup>c</sup>	1.18	0.61 to 2.27	0.624
Surgical volume (25-250 cases/year) <sup>d</sup>	2.06	0.86 to 4.93	0.104
Surgical volume (251-500 cases/year) <sup>d</sup>	0.90	0.42 to 1.92	0.787
Surgical volume (501-1000 cases/year) d	1.06	0.57 to 1.96	0.854
Patient Level Effects			
Female gender	0.52	0.32 to 0.83	0.007
Age (71-75) <sup>e</sup>	1.72	0.88 to 3.33	0.111
Age (76-80) <sup>e</sup>	1.01	0.47 to 2.18	0.981
Age (≥81) <sup>e</sup>	1.39	0.70 to 2.74	0.348
Number of unique medications used <sup>f</sup>	0.98	0.93 to 1.02	0.313
Glaucoma medication use <sup>9</sup>	0.99	0.45 to 2.17	0.977
Tamsulosin use <sup>f</sup>	1.14	0.48 to 2.75	0.763
Diabetes	1.25	0.76 to 2.06	0.381
Non-academic surgical center <sup>h</sup>	0.65	0.40 to 1.07	0.089

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<sup>c</sup> Reference category: Mid career (15-25 years since medical school graduation)
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	Odds Ratio	95% Confidence Interval	p-Value
Surgeon Level Effects			
Late career <sup>c</sup>	1.41	1.01 to 1.98	0.046
Early career °	1.58	1.07 to 2.33	0.023
Surgical volume (25-250 cases/year) <sup>d</sup>	2.67	1.48 to 4.81	0.001
Surgical volume (251-500 cases/year) <sup>d</sup>	1.26	0.75 to 2.12	0.386
Surgical volume (501-1000 cases/year) <sup>d</sup>	1.27	0.80 to 2.02	0.307
Patient Level Effects			
Female Gender	0.66	0.52 to 0.83	<0.001
Age (71-75) <sup>e</sup>	0.85	0.61 to 1.19	0.348
Age (76-80) <sup>e</sup>	0.90	0.63 to 1.28	0.545
Age (≥81) <sup>e</sup>	1.21	0.89 to 1.65	0.228
Number of unique medications used <sup>f</sup>	1.03	1.01 to 1.05	0.002
Glaucoma medication use <sup>g</sup>	1.04	0.72 to 1.52	0.826
Tamsulosin use <sup>f</sup>	0.69	0.41 to 1.17	0.172
Diabetes	0.99	0.77 to 1.28	0.946
Non-academic surgical center h	0.71	0.51 to 0.99	0.043

### eTable 4. Effect of late surgeon career stage and covariates on suspected endophthalmitis risk<sup>a,b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Overall cataract surgery complications represent a composite of the four individual cataract surgical complications (posterior

capsule rupture, dropped lens fragments, retinal detachment, and suspected endophthalmitis). <sup>b</sup> Adjusted for calendar year to control for secular trends

<sup>c</sup> Reference category: Mid career (15-25 years since medical school graduation) <sup>d</sup> Reference category: Surgical volume (>1000 cases/year)

<sup>e</sup> Reference category: Age (66-70 years)

<sup>f</sup> Within the year preceding surgery

<sup>g</sup> Within the 90 days preceding surgery

<sup>h</sup> Reference category: Academic surgical center