

Additional file 1: Patient characteristics stratified by transfer status

| Characteristics | Not transferred (n=380) | Transferred (n=380) |
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| Demographics | | |
| Age in years, median (IQR) | 59 (36-72) | 60 (44-74) |
| Male sex, N (%) | 179 (47) | 222 (58) |
| Pre-existing conditions | | |
| Charlson Comorbidity Index, median (IQR) | 2 (0-4) | 2 (1-4) |
| Diabetes, N (%) | 79 (21) | 78 (21) |
| Chronic liver disease, N (%) | 7 (2) | 11 (3) |
| Chronic kidney disease, N (%) | 39 (10) | 46 (12) |
| Chronic cardiovascular disease, N (%) | 25 (7) | 22 (6) |
| Chronic lung disease, N (%) | 32 (8) | 28 (7) |
| Cancer, N (%) | 12 (3) | 5 (1) |
| HIV, N (%) | 5 (1) | 4 (1) |
| Modified SOFA score, median (IQR) | 1 (0-3) | 4 (3-7) |
| Subjects with modified SOFA score ≥ 2 , N (%) | 166 (44) | 326 (86) |
| Died within 28 days, N (%) | 40 (11) | 70 (18) |