

■ MANAGERIAL ■

■ Appendix. Baseline Characteristics of the Study Population\*

Patient Characteristic	Younger Cohort (<65 y) (n = 42 159)	Older Cohort (≥65 y) (n = 85 816)
<b>Age, y</b>		
0-44	5293 (12.6)	—
45-64	36 867 (87.4)	—
65-74	—	35 203 (41.0)
75-84	—	37 593 (43.8)
≥85	—	13 020 (15.2)
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	22 991 (54.5)	39 703 (46.3)
Female	19 168 (45.5)	46 113 (53.7)
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>		
White	21 526 (51.1)	52 077 (60.7)
African American	4033 (9.6)	4656 (5.4)
Hispanic	2109 (5.0)	2492 (2.9)
Other	1700 (4.0)	2601 (3.0)
Missing	12 792 (30.3)	23 990 (28.0)
<b>Median income level by ZIP code, \$</b>		
1-24 999	1523 (3.6)	3314 (3.9)
25 000-34 999	7803 (18.5)	16 286 (19.0)
35 000-44 999	10 532 (25.0)	22 420 (26.1)
≥45 000	21 319 (50.6)	42 006 (48.9)
Missing	982 (2.3)	1790 (2.1)
<b>Insurance status, younger cohort/older cohort</b>		
Medicare/Medicare only	1955 (4.6)	46 623 (54.3)
Medicaid/Medicare or Medicaid (dually eligible)	3839 (9.1)	4319 (5.0)
Private insurance/Medicare or private insurance	32 397 (76.8)	34 273 (39.9)
Uninsured	2267 (5.4)	— <sup>†</sup>
Other/Medicare or other	1701 (4.0)	601 (0.7)
<b>Health status</b>		
Noncompromised	28 935 (68.6)	46 050 (53.7)
Compromised <sup>‡</sup>	11 322 (26.9)	34 192 (39.8)
Missing	1902 (4.5)	5575 (6.5)
<b>Metastatic cancer</b>		
Absent	22 080 (52.4)	50 181 (58.5)
Present	18 177 (43.1)	30 061 (35.0)
Missing	1902 (4.5)	5575 (6.5)
<b>No. of comorbidities</b>		
0	19 782 (46.9)	19 877 (23.2)
1	11 932 (28.3)	28 937 (33.7)
2	5945 (14.1)	20 498 (23.9)
≥3	2598 (6.2)	10 930 (12.7)
Missing	1902 (4.5)	5575 (6.5)
<b>Teaching hospital status</b>	20 492 (48.6)	35 343 (41.2)

\*Data are given as weighted number (percentage). Because of the rounding with sampling weights, weighted frequencies in the columns may not add up to the total above.

<sup>†</sup>Because almost all individuals 65 years and older would be covered by Medicare, the option of being uninsured was implausible for those in this age group.

<sup>‡</sup>Weight loss, electrolyte disorder, blood loss anemia, deficiency anemia, or coagulation disorder.