

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Table A1: Correlation between symptoms, quality of life, and outcome variables

Variable	Utilisation*	Cost [^]
CCI		
coef.	0.203	0.119
p-value	0.053	0.260
n	92	92
IPOS-Renal		
coef.	0.081	0.090
p-value	0.471	0.421
n	82	82
SF-36		
coef.	-0.057	-0.171
p-value	0.647	0.167
n	67	67

CCI Charlson Comorbidity Index; IPOS Integrated Palliative care Outcome Scale; SF-36 Short Form 36;

* weekly health care utilization excl. dialysis;

[^] weekly health care cost excl. dialysis

Table A2: Specification tests after regression analysis

Variable	Statistic [^]	p-value
Shapiro-Wilk test for normal data		
Residual	1.106	0.134
Outcome	-0.162	0.564
Shapiro-Francia test for normal data		
Residual	1.067	0.143
Outcome	0.043	0.483
Skewness/Kurtosis test for Normality		
Residual	2.8	0.250
Outcome	2.1	0.359

[^] z statistic for Shapiro-Wilk and Shapiro-Francia, chi2(2) for Skewness/Kurtosis

Table A3: Results of alternative model specification (death variable included)

	Utilisation model (1)				Cost model (2)			
	Coef.	p	95% CI		Coef.	p	95% CI	
male	0.053	0.696	-0.21	0.32	0.169	0.461	-0.28	0.62
age	0.004	0.484	-0.01	0.01	0.002	0.791	-0.02	0.02
diabetes	0.248	0.164	-0.10	0.60	0.594	0.045	0.01	1.18
cvd	0.199	0.196	-0.10	0.50	-0.150	0.550	-0.65	0.35
dialysis_part	0.961	0.000	0.62	1.30	1.367	0.000	0.77	1.96
dialysis_full	0.436	0.023	0.06	0.81	0.528	0.064	-0.03	1.09
died	0.230	0.271	-0.18	0.64	1.181	0.000	0.63	1.73
conservative	0.327	0.022	0.05	0.61	0.542	0.022	0.08	1.00
log_time	-0.322	0.000	-0.50	-0.14	-0.340	0.038	-0.66	-0.02
constant	-0.020	0.970	-1.08	1.04	6.255	0.000	4.39	8.12
N	102				102			
Test stat*	78.01				9.28			
p-value	0.0000				0.0000			
R-squared^	11.8%				42.3%			

(1) Poisson model (contacts with health care for reasons other than dialysis)

(2) OLS with log-transformed outcome variable (costs of health care other than dialysis)

* Wald chi2(9) for model (1) and F(9, 92) for model (2)

^ In the case of model (1) reported is pseudo-R²