

**Table 1. Characteristics of Case-Patients and Controls**

Characteristic	Case-Patients (n = 2844)	Controls (n = 56 880)
Mean age $\pm$ SD, y*	78.1 $\pm$ 5.4	78.1 $\pm$ 5.4
<b>Sex, %</b>		
Female	53.5	68.0
Male	46.5	32.0
<b>Comorbid conditions, %†</b>		
Hypertension	57.0	49.8
Coronary artery disease	30.1	16.5
Cerebrovascular disease	1.4	0.7
Peripheral vascular disease	3.5	1.2
Congestive heart failure	13.5	6.7
Diabetes	23.1	11.0
Respiratory illness	24.0	18.5
Gastrointestinal ulcer disease	26.6	23.6
Thyroid disorders	16.5	17.1
Depression/psychiatric illness	14.7	14.4
Cancer	2.9	2.7
<b>Use of concomitant therapy, %†</b>		
Antilipemic agent	22.3	19.3
Anticoagulants	5.5	4.2
Low-dose aspirin	35.7	21.8
Oral corticosteroids	8.8	6.4
<b>Health care utilization, %‡</b>		
Hospitalizations		
0	62.3	62.4
$\geq 1$	37.7	23.6
Outpatient medical visits		
All physician visits		
$\leq 12$	63.0	72.5
12	37.0	27.5
Cardiologist visits		
0	75.5	85.2
$\geq 1$	24.5	14.8
<b>Comorbidity indices‡</b>		
Mean different drugs $\pm$ SD, n	10.9 $\pm$ 6.2	8.3 $\pm$ 5.2
Mean chronic disease score $\pm$ SD	7.2 $\pm$ 4.2	5.4 $\pm$ 3.9
Mean Charlson index score $\pm$ SD	0.73 $\pm$ 1.6	0.33 $\pm$ 1.1

\* At index date.

† In the year preceding initiation of therapy with an anti-inflammatory agent (that is, cohort entry).

‡ In the year preceding the index date.