

Appendix 3: Baseline Demographics and their Distribution in the Study Cohort

Baseline demographic	Frequency (N = 1,138,532)	Percent of study cohort
Sex		
Female	651,890	57.3%
Male	486,642	42.7%
Income quintile (1=lowest, 5=highest)		
Missing	3,181	0.3%
1	226,139	19.9%
2	238,787	21.0%
3	227,673	20.0%
4	220,451	19.4%
5	222,301	19.5%
Location indicator		
Missing	985	0.1%
Urban	988,768	86.9%
Rural	148,779	13.1%
Age at surgery date		
18-19	144	0.01%
20-24	515	0.05%
25-29	684	0.06%
30-34	1,178	0.1%
35-39	2,643	0.2%

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40-44	6,408	0.6%
45-49	15,210	1.3%
50-54	32,882	2.9%
55-59	64,652	5.7%
60-64	115,290	10.1%
65-69	187,711	16.5%
70-74	232,763	20.4%
75-79	232,732	20.4%
80-84	160,851	14.1%
85-89	68,349	6.0%
90-94	14,601	1.3%
95-99	1,818	0.2%
100+	101	0.01%
Calendar Year of Surgery		
2005	82,818	7.3%
2006	79,441	7.0%
2007	78,563	6.9%
2008	75,257	6.6%
2009	74,136	6.5%
2010	73,128	6.4%
2011	74,041	6.5%
2012	71,805	6.3%

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2013	71,573	6.3%
2014	71,461	6.3%
2015	71,313	6.3%
2016	75,662	6.7%
2017	76,992	6.8%
2018	80,123	7.0%
2019	82,219	7.2%
Local Health Integration Network		
Central	137,901	12.1%
Central East	145,332	12.8%
Central West	61,042	5.4%
Champlain	113,009	9.9%
Erie St. Clair	72,000	6.3%
Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant	133,502	11.7%
Mississauga Halton	77,992	6.9%
North East	59,382	5.2%
North Simcoe Muskoka	40,663	3.6%
North West	21,253	1.9%
South East	51,361	4.5%
South West	89,904	7.9%
Toronto Central	80,907	7.1%

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Waterloo Wellington	54,284	4.8%
Institution type		
Missing	327,439	28.8%
Hospital	517,511	45.5%
Ambulatory care centre	270,648	23.8%
Other	22,934	2.0%
Number of potential referrals		
1	268,808	23.6%
2	697,057	61.2%
3	172,667	15.2%
Potential optometrist referral		
Yes	897,524	78.8%
Potential ophthalmologist referral		
Yes	315,416	27.7%
Potential family physician referral		
Yes	967,983	85.0%

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