Appendix 1: Cohort creation

Decedents who died between March 31, 2013 and March 31, 2018, n=489,082

Excluded = 312,851 decedents without home care referral

Homecare referral from any physician within five years of death, n=176,231

Excluded = 41,713 decedents without rostered physician

Patients formally rostered at least 6 months before index (if multiple, closest to index referral) n=134,518

Excluded = 1,627 decedents without OHIP eligibility, 85 decedents not aged 18-105 years, and 47 with missing age, sex, or postal code

Patients eligible for OHIP three years before death, including all data elements, and aged 18-105 years old n=132,759

Excluded = 26,943 decedents who entered long-term care

Decedents not admitted to long-term care facilities during study period n=105,816

Decedents with a homecare referral within five years, and complete covariate information n=104,510

Descriptive analysis

Decedents referred to homecare services from any physician within the last year of life n=58,753

Regression analysis*

Excluded = 47,063 decedents who were referred previously

Decedents referred last year of life with cause of death information n=58,242

Excluded = 511 decedents without cause of death information

Supplementary Figure: Cohort creation for analysis based on the linked databases and exclusion criteria

Legend: OHIP= Ontario Health Insurance Plan, *Controlled for referral in the last year of life

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