

Appendix 1 (as supplied by the authors): Table S1. Summary of administrative health care databases

Database	Description
Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI)-Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)	The CIHI-DAD is a national database that contains demographic, clinical, and administrative data for acute inpatient hospital hospitalizations.
CIHI-National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS)	The CIHI-NACRS contains data for all ambulatory care including emergency department visits, and day surgery outpatient clinics.
National Rehabilitation Reporting System (NRS)	The NRS contains national data on rehabilitation facilities and clients, collected from participating adult inpatient rehabilitation facilities and programs.
Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB)	The ODB program includes data on all drugs dispensed in community pharmacies and long-term care/nursing facilities. The ODB program covers all seniors in Ontario (aged 65 and over) and those on social assistance for all prescriptions listed in the provincial formulary.
Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP)	The OHIP data cover all services and procedures provided by health care providers who can claim under OHIP (physicians, laboratory services).
Home Care Database (HCD)	The HCD provides data on government-funded services coordinated by Ontario's Community Care Access Centres (CCAC), for individuals requiring home care.
Continuing Care Reporting System (CCRS)	The CCRS contains clinical and demographic information on individuals receiving facility-based continuing care. These services include medical long-term care, rehabilitation, geriatric assessment, respite care, and palliative care, and nursing home care.
Client Profile Database (CPRO) (for 2003-2010) Continuing Care Reporting System (CCRS) (from 2010 onwards)	The CPRO provides the date of admission to LTC facilities from 2003 through 2010, while the CCRS provides admission and discharge dates from 2010 onwards.
Ontario Mental Health Reporting System (OMHRS)	The OMHRS collects, analyzes and reports on information about individuals admitted to designated adult mental health beds in Ontario. Some mental health patients are recorded in the CIHI-DAD.
Assistive Devices Program (ADP)	The ADP is a program operated by the Ministry of Health that provides consumer support and funding to Ontario residents who have long-term physical disabilities.