

e-Methods

Criteria for the initial screening of the study population

The patients were identified from hospital discharge records (inpatient and outpatient) with the following criteria:

1) The patient had at least one of the following main or additional diagnosis (ICD-10) during 2003-2012:

I60.0-I60.9, I61.0 - I61.9, I62.0 - I62.9, I63.0 - I63.9, I64.0 - I64.9, I65.0-I65.9, I66.0-I66.9, I69.0 - I69.9, G45.0 - G45.9, G46.0 - G46.9, S06.0- S06.9

AND

2) Main or additional diagnosis of I48 (atrial fibrillation or atrial flutter) at any time during 2003-2012

