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Appendix 1a. Total median and mean pre-operative costs presented as cost ratios.

Treatment Group	Comparative Median Pre-Operative Cost Ratios Across Groups*	Comparative Mean Pre-Operative Cost Ratios Across Groups*#
Appropriate Surgery	vs. Inappropriate Surgery 1.67 (p=0.60)	vs. Inappropriate Surgery 1.56 (p=0.59)
Inappropriate Non-Surgery	vs. Inappropriate Surgery: 4.07 (p=0.003)^ vs. Appropriate Surgery: 2.44 (p<0.001)^	vs. Inappropriate Surgery: 1.69 (p=0.01)^ vs. Appropriate Surgery: 1.10 (p=0.02)^
Appropriate Non-Surgery	vs. Inappropriate Surgery: 0 (p<0.001)^& vs. Appropriate Surgery: 0 (p<0.001)^& vs. Inappropriate Non-Surgery: 0 (p=0.33)^&	vs. Inappropriate Surgery: 4.99 (p<0.001)^ vs. Appropriate Surgery: 3.25 (p<0.001)^ vs. Inappropriate Non-Surgery: 2.94 (p=0.01)^

*For each row, the group in the left column is set as 1 for cost ratio analysis.

^p<0.05 = statistically significant

#Because median values are not as clearly representative of outlier costs, we also present mean comparisons.

&Median of at least one group is 0, no cost ratio can be calculated.

Appendix 1b. Total median and mean operative costs presented as cost ratios.

Treatment Group	Comparative Median Operative Cost Ratios Across Groups*	Comparative Mean Operative Cost Ratios Across Groups*#
Appropriate Surgery	vs. Inappropriate Surgery 0.96 (p=0.99)	vs. Inappropriate Surgery 0.96 (p=0.99)
Inappropriate Non-Surgery	vs. Inappropriate Surgery: 0 (p<0.001)^& vs. Appropriate Surgery: 0 (p<0.001)^&	vs. Inappropriate Surgery: 83.4 (p<0.001)^ vs. Appropriate Surgery: 87.0 (p<0.001)^
Appropriate Non-Surgery	vs. Inappropriate Surgery: 0 (p<0.001)^& vs. Appropriate Surgery: 0 (p<0.001)^& vs. Inappropriate Non-Surgery: 0 (p=0.99)^&	vs. Inappropriate Surgery: 44.9 (p<0.001)^ vs. Appropriate Surgery: 46.7 (p<0.001)^ vs. Inappropriate Non-Surgery: 0.54 (p=0.2)

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Appendix 1c. Total median and mean post-operative costs presented as cost ratios.

Treatment Group	Comparative Median Post-Operative Cost Ratios Across Groups*	Comparative Mean Post-Operative Cost Ratios Across Groups*#
Appropriate Surgery	vs. Inappropriate Surgery 1.33 (p=0.99)	vs. Inappropriate Surgery 1.55 (p=0.49)
Inappropriate Non-Surgery	vs. Inappropriate Surgery: 1.61 (p=0.99) vs. Appropriate Surgery: 1.21 (p=0.25)	vs. Inappropriate Surgery: 1.85 (p<0.001)^ vs. Appropriate Surgery: 1.20 (p<0.001)^
Appropriate Non-Surgery	vs. Inappropriate Surgery: 2.23 (p=0.14) vs. Appropriate Surgery: 1.68 (p<0.001)^ vs. Inappropriate Non-Surgery: 1.39 (p=0.04)^	vs. Inappropriate Surgery: 2.55 (p<0.001)^ vs. Appropriate Surgery: 1.65 (p<0.001)^ vs. Inappropriate Non-Surgery: 1.38 (p=0.03)^

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