**Supplementary material 1:**

**Frailty Index (44-item)**

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| **Demographics-Social** |
| 1. Marital Status |
| 1. VA Service Period |
| 1. VA Service Connection |
| 1. Religion |
| **Medical Conditions** |
| 1. Congestive heart failure |
| 1. Peripheral vascular disease |
| 1. Coronary disease |
| 1. COPD |
| 1. Stroke |
| 1. Hypertension |
| 1. Atrial Fibrillation |
| 1. Arthritis |
| 1. Osteoporosis |
| 1. Cancer |
| 1. OSA |

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| **N of Medications** |
| 1. > 5 |

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| **Psychological** |
| 1. Dementia |
| 1. Depression |
| 1. Psychosis |
| 1. Anxiety |
| 1. PTSD |
| 1. Alcohol abuse |
| 1. Smoking |
| 1. Substance Abuse |

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| **Laboratories** |
| 1. White blood cells |
| 1. Hemoglobin |
| 1. Platelets |
| 1. Sodium |
| 1. Potassium |
| 1. Chloride |
| 1. BUN |
| 1. GFR |
| 1. Glucose |
| 1. CO2 |

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| **Vitals and Measures** |
| 1. BMI |
| 1. SBP |
| 1. DBP |
| **Functional** |
| 1. Bathing |
| 1. Toileting |
| 1. Feeding |
| 1. Dressing |
| 1. Transferring |
| 1. Incontinence |

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| **Sensory problems** |
| 1. Hearing loss |

**Supplementary material 2:**

**Table. Patients characteristics stratified by age:**

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|  | **<75 y (n=533)** | **≥75y (n=230)** | **P value** |
| **Age, mean (SD)** | 69.2 (2.6) | 81.5 (5.6) | <.0001 |
| **White, n (%)** | 289 (54.2%) | 144 (62.6%) | .032 |
| **Median Household Income, $ (SD)** | 50,937 (22,792) | 55,877 (26,398) | .009 |
| **BMI, mean (SD)** | 30.8 (5.5) | 27.9 (5.3) | <.0001 |
| **Diabetes with end organ damage, n (%)** | 192 (36.0%) | 55 (23.9%) | .001 |
| **Duration of Diabetes, y (SD)** | 8.3 (5.2) | 10.6 (5.2) | <.0001 |
| **Charlson CI, mean (SD)** | 5.9 (1.8) | 7.2 (1.8) | <.0001 |