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| **Supplementary Table 1: Health Assets Index and Scoring System** | | |
| Domain and Question number | Question | Scoring system |
| **Education** | | |
| 1 | At approximately what age did you start school?  At approximately what age did you finish school? | 0 if <9.5 years  1 if ≥ 9.5 years |
| **Carer** | | |
| 2 | Do you have a carer or someone you can rely on to help with day-to-day activities? | 0 no  1 yes |
| 3 | Do you have a support person who is positive towards discharge or maintaining residence in the community? | 0 no  1 yes |
| 4 | Do you live alone or with others? | 0 alone  1 with others |
| **General Practitioner** | | |
| 5 | Do you have a regular General Practitioner? | 0 no  1 yes |
| **Financial** | | |
| 6 | Do you have private health insurance or other form of health services over such as Dept of Veterans’ Affairs Gold Card?? | 0 no  1 yes |
| 7 | Do you own your own home? | 0 No  0.5 yes with mortgage  1 yes |
| 8 | How do you manage on the income you have available? | 0 It is difficult/impossible most of the time  0.5 It is difficult some of the time  1 It is mostly/always manageable |
| **Number of children** | | |
| 9 | How many children do you have? | 0 zero  0.5 for one to two  1 for three or more |
| **Social engagement** | | |
| 10 | Can you count on anyone to provide you with emotional support eg talking over a problem, or helping with a decision? | 0 no  1 yes |
| 11 | How many times a week do you see or talk to a family member or friend who does not live with you? | 0 never  0.5 less that once a week  1 once a week or more |
| 12 | In the 3 days prior to the onset of the illness precipitating admission, number of days went out of the house or building in which he/she resides | 0. No days out  1 days out |
| **Psychosocial wellbeing** | | |
| 13 | Do you have control over the important things in life? | 0 never  0.5 sometimes  1 mostly |
| 14 | Overall how would you rate your quality of life? | 0 mostly bad  0.5 sometimes good, sometimes bad  1 mostly good |
| 15 | In general would you say your health is: | 0 poor/fair  1 good excellent |

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| **Supplementary Table 2: Outcomes** | |
| **30 day mortality** |  |
| No | 281(94.3) |
| Yes | 17(5.7) |
| **ADL at discharge mean (SD) N=277** | 3.6(2.0) |
| **Functional Decline(%)** | |
| No | 119(43.6) |
| Yes | 154 (56.4) |
| **Length of stay mean (SD); median (IQR)** | 25.3(23.8); 19 (9,35) |
| **ADL 30 days after discharge N=112** | 5.1(1.3) IQR(4,6) |
| **iADL 30 days after discharge N=110** | 4.8(2.5) IQR(3,7) |
| **Readmission 30 days** |  |
| Yes | 235(91.9) |
| No | 33(8.1) |
| **Functional decline at 30 days(%) in those who returned home** | |
| No | 32(71.2) |
| Yes | 79(28.8) |