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### STUDY DESIGN

Analysis of hospitalization data in the Cost and Utilization Project National Inpatient Sample from 2009 to 2019 to identify pulmonary disease admissions, complications, procedures, and interventions for **end-stage lung disease**

Patients with lung transplant were excluded

### RESULTS

- **4.1% (109,924) admissions resulted in in-hospital mortality**
- **94% hospitalizations were from obstructive lung disease with 88.1% of in-hospital mortality**
- **Estimated $29,981 per hospitalization with wide variation by diagnosis and procedure**
- **Use of mechanical ventilation, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), and dialysis over time**

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