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The database utilized in this study does not have any identifiable patient information.

The study utilizes the National Inpatient Sample (NIS), which is a de-identified database that consists of a collection of billing and diagnostic codes used by participating hospitals, and therefore it does not require informed consent.

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