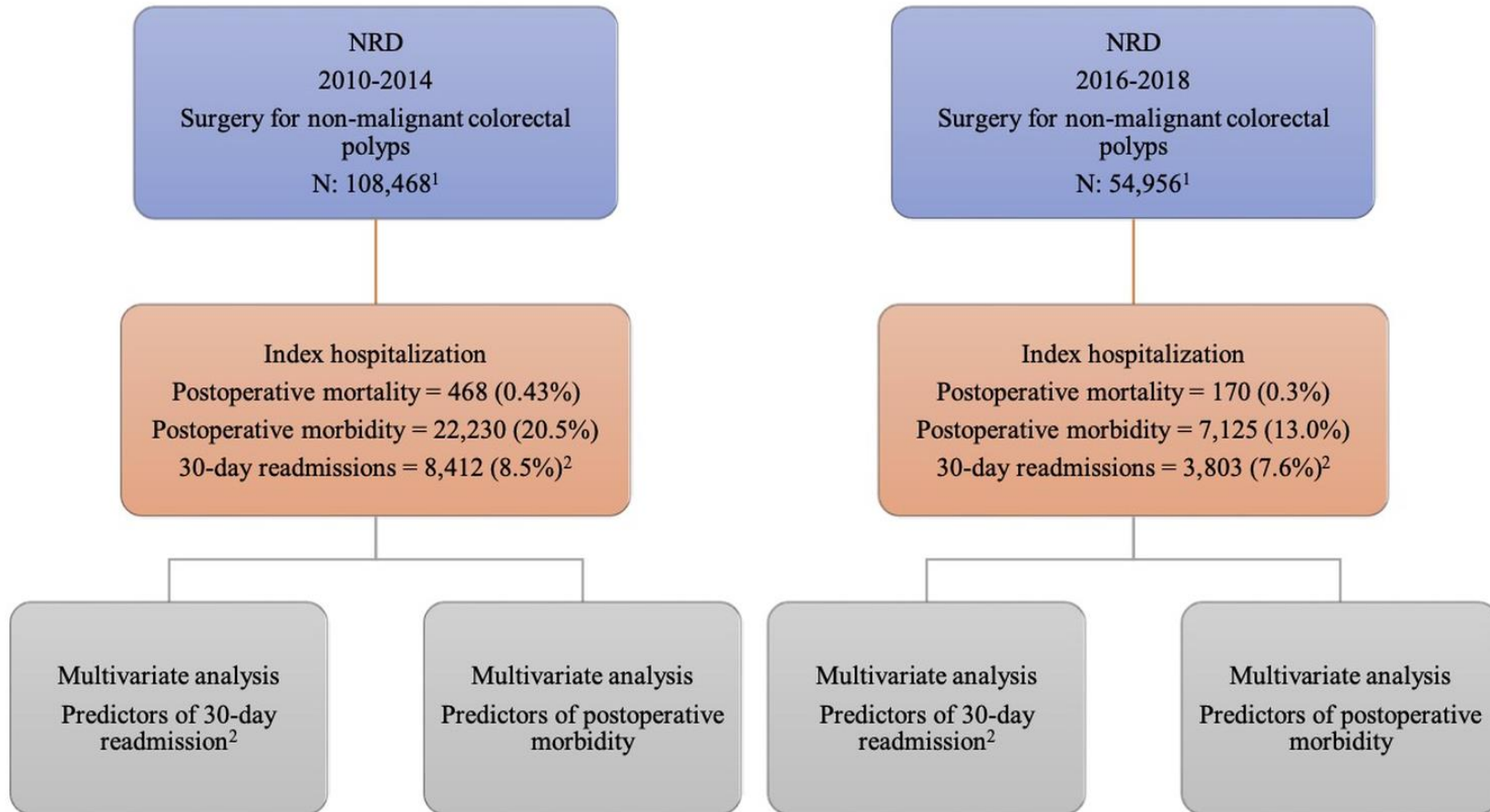


Supplemental Figure 1. Study Schema



NRD: Nationwide readmission database

1: After primary exclusions - age \leq 17 years, pregnancy, non-elective admissions, and diagnosis of colorectal cancer, intestinal perforation, inflammatory bowel disease, total colectomy, or diverticulitis.

2: After excluding patients who died at the index admission or discharged in December