

Effect of Surgeon Type on Outcomes After Ankle Surgery

Study evaluated whether outcomes for ankle surgery differed between orthopedists and podiatrists performing...



Ankle arthrodesis
n=4,980

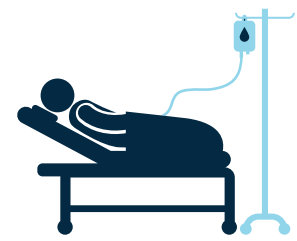
Total ankle arthroplasty (TAA)
n=3,674

...by retrospectively reviewing data from a national claims database

Outcomes evaluated:



Opioid utilization



Length of hospitalization

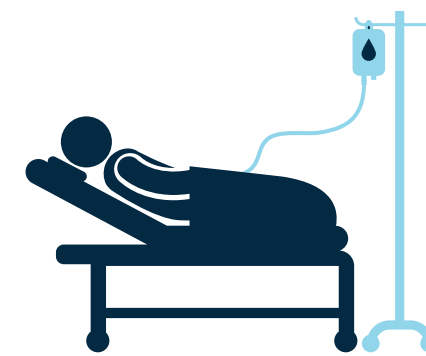


Cost of hospitalization

Proportion of procedures performed by each surgeon type:



Procedures performed by podiatrists were associated with:



↑ Length of hospitalization



↑ Cost of hospitalization



As demand for ankle surgeries grows, factors associated with resource utilization such as the type of surgeon may need to be carefully considered on the population level

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