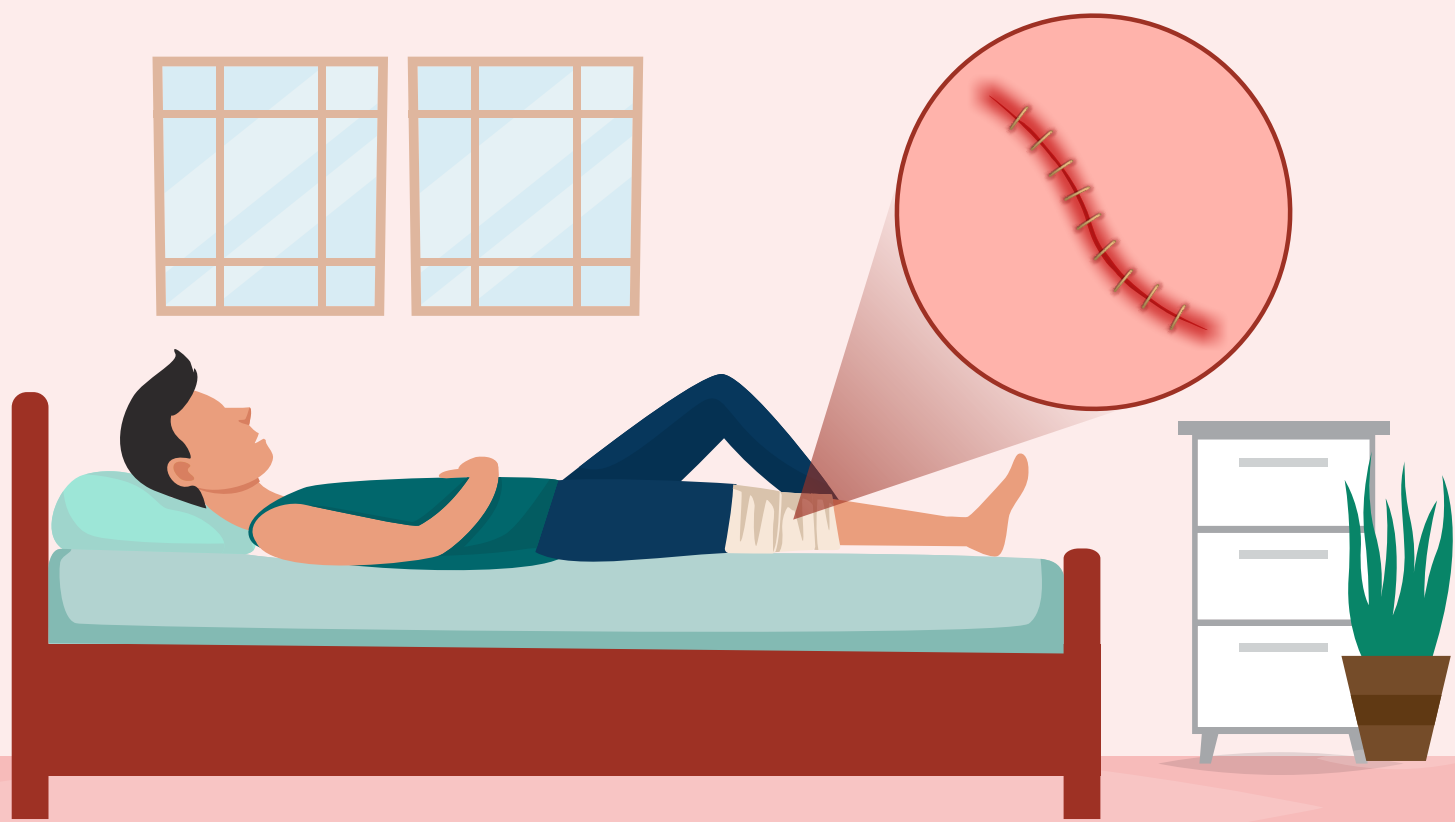


Long-Term Effects of Postoperative Surgical Site Infections

The long-term effects of postoperative surgical site infections (SSIs) on healthcare utilization and costs are typically measured for 90 days postoperatively but their long-term impact is unknown

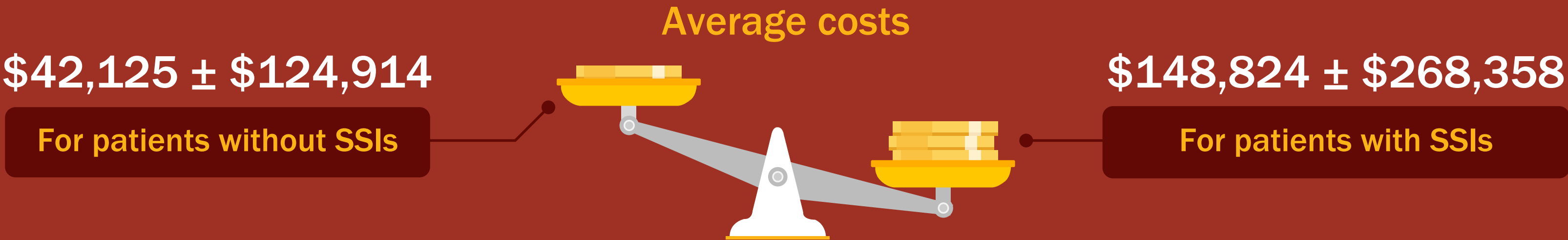


Observational cohort study

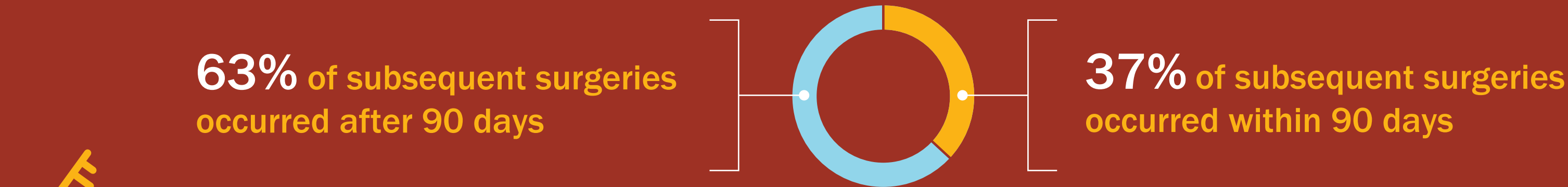
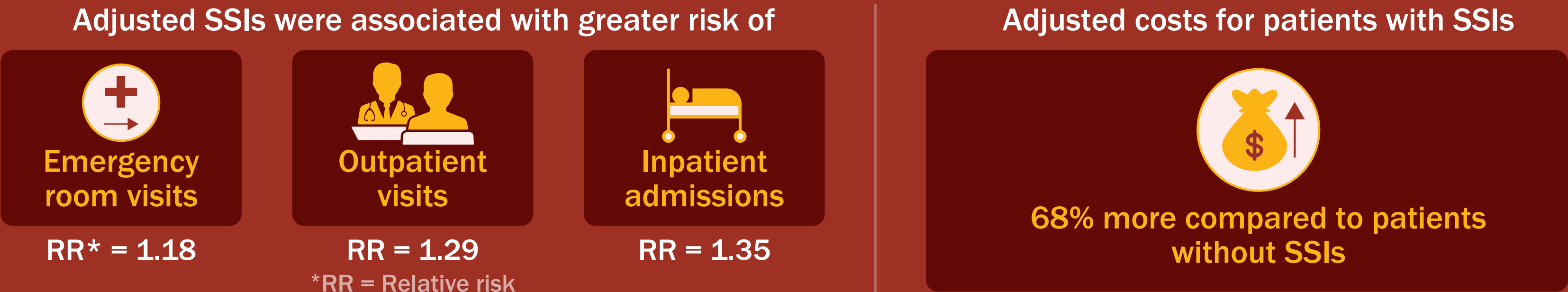
Patients in the Veterans Affairs healthcare system who underwent orthopaedic surgeries (N = 96,983)



Difference in healthcare utilization and cost 2 years post-discharge



At 2 years post-surgery



The healthcare utilization and high costs for patients with orthopaedic SSIs are sustained for up to 2 years after index surgery

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