

Table 1: Distribution of characteristics by type of hospital where surgery was initially performed

Characteristic	No. (and %) of patients*		
	Community hospital	Teaching hospital	Odds ratio (and 95% CI)
No. of women	646	292	
No. (and %) of deaths (all causes)	85 (13)	26 (9)	
No. (and %) of deaths from breast cancer	55 (9)	15 (5)	
Mean age, yr	60	58	
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< 50	149 (23)	85 (29)	1.44 (1.01–2.06)
50–64	249 (39)	109 (37)	1.11 (0.80–1.53)
≥ 65	248 (38)	98 (34)	1.00
Family income			
< \$ 45 000	337 (52)	159 (54)	1.10 (0.83–1.45)
Urban residence	542 (84)	258 (88)	1.46 (0.96–2.20)
Mean tumour size, mm	18.5	17.6	
Tumour size ≤ 20 mm	436 (67)	211 (72)	1.28 (0.94–1.75)
Tumour grade			
Well-differentiated	59 (9)	43 (15)	1.00
Moderate	169 (26)	139 (48)	1.13 (0.72–1.77)
Poor	129 (20)	57 (20)	0.61 (0.37–1.00)
Unknown	289 (45)	53 (18)	0.25 (0.15–0.41)
ER status			
Positive	409 (63)	188 (64)	1.00
Negative	137 (21)	44 (15)	0.70 (0.48–1.02)
Missing	100 (15)	60 (21)	1.31 (0.91–1.88)
Extensive DCIS	78 (12)	54 (18)	1.65 (1.13–2.41)
Multifocal tumour	40 (6)	33 (11)	1.93 (1.19–3.13)

Note: CI = confidence interval, ER = estrogen receptor, DCIS = ductal carcinoma in situ.

*Unless stated otherwise.

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