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Hospital charges associated with “never events”: comparison of anterior cervical discectomy and fusion, posterior lumbar interbody fusion, and lumbar laminectomy to total joint arthroplasty

TO THE READERSHIP: An error appeared in our recent article (Daniels AH, Kawaguchi S, Contag AG, et al: Hospital charges associated with never events: comparison of anterior cervical discectomy and fusion, posterior lumbar interbody fusion, and lumbar laminectomy to total joint arthroplasty. *J Neurosurg Spine* 25:165–169, 2016).

Our paper is an analysis of the State Inpatient Database (SID), a restricted-access, publicly available data set that is maintained by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). One of the provisions of the SID Data Use Agreement (DUA), which we signed when we purchased the data, is that no data observation involving less than or equal to 10 observations is to be published. This measure was put in place by the AHRQ to protect individual patients' privacy and to prevent the potential disclosure

of personal information. In our published paper, there were some tabulated cells that are in violation of this provision. This error represents an oversight on our part and an inadvertent failure to comply with the Data Use Agreement. For this, we apologize. While we are fully confident that nothing in our paper could be used to identify individuals or their personal information, the fact remains that the disclosures were in violation of the AHRQ guidelines. We have therefore asked the editors of the *Journal of Neurosurgery: Spine* to post a revised online version of our paper that is in compliance with the AHRQ guidelines, and request that, going forward, authors cite the corrected version of our paper.

The corrected table (Table 2) is shown below.

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TABLE 2. Charges for patients with uncomplicated versus complicated procedures

Complication	ACDF	PLIF	LL	TKR	THR
None					
Patients (%)	15,272 (97.0)	18,778 (95.3)	13,929 (91.5)	54,524 (96.6)	28,167 (96.3)
Median total charges (\$)	73,432	143,601	51,817	70,116	74,459
2015 Inflation adjusted (\$)	80,983	158,368	57,146	77,326	82,116
DVT					
Patients (%)	94 (0.6)	194 (1.0)	215 (1.4)	709 (1.3)	284 (1.0)
Median total charges (× Index)*	\$313,536 (4.3)	\$284,121 (2.0)	\$222,455 (4.3)	\$108,387 (1.5)	\$126,951 (1.7)
2015 Inflation adjusted (\$)	345,779	313,339	245,331	119,533	140,006
PE					
Patients (%)	13 (0.1)	46 (0.2)	37 (0.2)	195 (0.3)	56 (0.2)
Median total charges (× Index)*	\$213,088 (2.9)	\$246,637 (1.7)	\$159,566 (3.1)	\$127,958 (1.8)	\$143,473 (1.9)
2015 Inflation adjusted (\$)	235,001	272,000	175,975	141,117	158,227
SSI					
Patients (%)	<10	31 (0.2)	29 (0.2)	344 (0.6)	180 (0.6)
Median total charges (× Index)*	\$172,967 (2.4)	\$385,753 (2.7)	\$196,112 (3.8)	\$168,964 (2.4)	\$171,697 (2.3)
2015 Inflation adjusted (\$)	190,754	425,422	216,279	186,339	189,354

* Number indicates multiplier of median charge compared to that in an uncomplicated procedure.