Supplementary Data

Supplementary Figure 1. Diagram outlining creation of analytic cohort of older adults admitted for COVID-19 in the Veterans Affairs Health Care System.

| Age – Mean (SD) | 76.1 (7.80) |
|----------------|------------|
| 65 - 74 - N (%) | 5,931 (53.1%) |
| 75 - 84 - N (%) | 3,297 (29.5%) |
| 85+ - N (%)     | 1,934 (17.3%) |
| Female - N (%)  | 250 (2.2%)   |
| Race - N (%)    |
| White           | 7,278 (65.2%) |
| Black           | 3,074 (27.5%) |
| Other           | 241 (2.2%)    |
| Unknown         | 569 (5.1%)    |
| Charlson Index - Mean (SD) | 7.16 (2.95) |
| SIRS Criteria - N (%) | 2,477 (22.2%) |
| Region – N (%)    |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Continental      | 2,140 (19.2%) |
| Midwest          | 2,979 (26.7%) |
| North Atlantic   | 2,135 (19.1%) |
| Pacific          | 1,538 (13.8%) |
| Southeast        | 2,370 (21.2%) |

**Supplementary Table 1.** Baseline characteristics of 11,162 Veterans aged ≥65 years admitted with COVID-19 to the Veterans Affairs Health Care System March 1-Nov 30, 2020.

| Age Category | Z-Statistic | P-value |
|--------------|-------------|---------|
| 65+  | 10.3925     | <0.0001 |
| 65-74 | 6.998       | <0.0001 |
| 75-84 | 4.1357      | <0.0001 |
| 85+  | 7.1125      | <0.0001 |

**Supplementary Table 2.** Cochrane-Armitage test of trend results for change in 30-day mortality among veterans admitted to the VAHCS with COVID-19, March 1 – November 30, 2020, by age category.