**Supplemental Table 2**: Characteristics of Non-frail and Frail Older Patients with Suspected Infection (*n* = 203). *Abbreviations:* CPR = cardiopulmonary resuscitation; CTAS = Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale; ICU = Intensive Care Unit; SD = Standard deviation

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| **Characteristic** | **No Frailty**  **(*n* = 86)** | **Frailty**  **(*n* = 117)** | ***P* Value** |
| **Age, years, mean (SD)** | 83.0 (5.6) | 86.5 (6.5) | <0.001 |
| **Male, n (%)** | 41 (47.7) | 34 (29.1) | <0.01 |
| **Comorbidities** | | |  |
| Congestive Heart Failure | 9 (10.5) | 19 (22.1) | 0.04 |
| Atrial Fibrillation | 19 (22.1) | 30 (25.6) | 0.56 |
| Cerebrovascular Disease | 12 (14.0) | 30 (25.6) | 0.04 |
| Hypertension | 53 (61.6) | 80 (68.4) | 0.32 |
| Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease | 16 (18.6) | 25 (21.4) | 0.63 |
| Diabetes Mellitus | 18 (20.9) | 39 (33.3) | 0.05 |
| Chronic Kidney Disease | 12 (14.0) | 21 (17.9) | 0.45 |
| Malignancy | 13 (15.1) | 15 (12.8) | 0.64 |
| **Functional Abilities, *n* (%)** |  |  |  |
| Bladder Incontinence | 10 (11.6) | 48 (41.0) | <0.001 |
| Bowel Incontinence | 2 (2.3) | 27 (23.1) | <0.001 |
| Assistance with Mobility | 9 (10.5) | 85 (72.6) | <0.001 |
| Assistance with Activities of Daily Living | 8 (9.3) | 98 (83.8) | <0.001 |
| Cognitive Impairment | 6 (7.0) | 71 (60.7) | <0.001 |
| **Origin, *n* (%)** |  |  | <0.001 |
| Home | 58 (67.4) | 33 (28.2) |  |
| Long-term Care Facility | 28 (32.6) | 84 (71.8) |  |
| **CTAS, mean (SD)** | 2.6 (0.6) | 2.5 (0.6) | 0.16 |
| **CTAS, Distribution** |  |  | 0.38 |
| 1 | 1 (1.2) | 2 (1.8) |  |
| 2 | 34 (39.5) | 54 (46.2) |  |
| 3 | 46 (53.5) | 59 (50.4) |  |
| 4 | 5 (5.8) | 2 (1.8) |  |
| 5 | 0 (0.0) | 0 (0.0) |  |
| **Clinical Frailty Score, mean (SD)** | 3.2 (0.8) | 6.4 (0.9) | <0.001 |
| **Suspected Source of Infection, *n* (%)** |  |  | 0.11 |
| Pulmonary | 47 (54.7) | 49 (41.9) |  |
| Urinary Tract | 19 (22.1) | 41 (35.0) |  |
| Gastrointestinal | 6 (7.0) | 4 (3.4) |  |
| Other/Unknown | 14 (16.3) | 23 (19.7) |  |
| **Initial Emergency Department Vital Signs** |  |  |  |
| Temperature, degrees Celsius, mean (SD) | 36.6 (3.8) | 36.8 (1.0) | 0.62 |
| Heart Rate, beats/minute, mean (SD) | 89.7 (25.4) | 90.2 (23.2) | 0.89 |
| Respiratory Rate, breaths/minute, mean (SD) | 20.1 (4.9) | 20.8 (6.2) | 0.40 |
| Systolic Blood Pressure, mmHg, mean (SD) | 133.4 (26.2) | 139.1 (33.2) | 0.67 |
| **Limitations in Care, *n* (%)** |  |  | <0.001 |
| Full Code | 35 (40.7) | 32 (27.4) |  |
| No CPR Only | 21 (24.4) | 18 (15.4) |  |
| No CPR and No ICU Admission | 29 (33.7) | 67 (57.3) |  |