Alberta adults with ≥1 hospitalization discharging between Apr 1, 2012 and Mar 31, 2013

n=219,106

**High use**

≥3 inpatient episodes of care

n=12,707

**High use**

≥56 cumulative inpatient days

n=11,095

**High use**

≥$63,597 (CAD) cumulative inpatient costs

 n=10,956

**Non-high use**

<3 inpatient episodes of care

n=206,399

**Non-high use**

<56 cumulative inpatient days

n=208,011

**Non-high use**

< $63,597 (CAD) cumulative inpatient costs

n=208,150

Number of inpatient episodes

Length of stay

Cost

Supplementary Figure 1. Study cohort and definitions of high use. Patients were defined as high use based on the upper 5th percentile (with ties) of each definition.