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| Supplemental Table 1: Cohort characteristics by presence/absence of non-invasively collected sputum sample sent for bacterial culture (n=1,172). |
| **Characteristic** | **Non-invasively collected sputum sample present** | **Non-invasively collected sputum sample absent** | **p-value** |
|  | n=344 | n=828 |  |
| **Age in years – median (25th,75th percentile)** | 68.0 (57-76) | 66.5 (55-79) | 0.84 |
| **Gender** |  |  | **0.001** |
| Female | 127 (36.9) | 407 (49.2) |  |
| Male | 217 (63.1%) | 421 (50.9) |  |
| **Service** |  |  | 0.86 |
| Medical | 244 (70.9) | 583 (70.4) |  |
| Non-medical | 100 (29.1) | 245 (29.6) |  |
| **Comorbidities** |  |  |  |
| Congestive Heart Failure | 62 (18.0) | 148 (17.9) | 0.95 |
| Chronic Lung Disease | 84 (24.4) | 145 (17.5) | **0.01** |
| Diabetes Mellitus | 85 (24.7) | 217 (26.2) | 0.59 |
| Chronic Liver Disease | 26 (7.6) | 66 (8.0) | 0.81 |
| Dialysis | 31 (9.0) | 65 (7.9) | 0.51 |