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DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION: The inpatient Medicare cohort represents a minority of THA patients with distinct demographics, higher comorbidity burden, and worse outcomes compared to outpatient Medicare THA patients. Focusing solely on the inpatient Medicare cohort in the new CMS PROMs collection policy may lead to an underestimation of overall THA volumes and an overestimation of the potential improvements in patient-reported outcomes. To ensure representativeness and accurately assess the impact of the policy, it may be necessary to collect PROMs from both inpatient and outpatient Medicare THA patients. However, the costs and logistics associated with collecting PROMs from outpatient Medicare THA patients remain unknown and warrant further investigation to ensure feasibility and sustainability of the policy implementation.

Continuous variables presented as Median (IQR). Categorical variables presented as N (column %).