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Propensity matching – removes confounding by indicated variables

Demographic variables
Comorbidities at baseline,
Dialysis vintage, medication

Reasons for drop out:
Visual impairment during study
Modality change including transplantation
No motivation, Death

Restriction to individuals with measurements at baseline and during follow-up

Modality choice → Modality during study → Cognitive impairment over time

Unobserved residual confounding by factors not included in propensity score

Other unmeasured factors associated with dialysis modality choice at start (not measured)
(e.g. cognitive function at baseline, social network, disability, self-sufficiency)