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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

Modality choice

Modality during study

Cognitive impairment over time

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

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)