**Appendices**

**Table S1. Detailed Patient Characteristics of Lung POCUS and Control Groups**

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|  | | **Lung POCUS group** | | **No lung POCUS group** | |  |
| **Characteristics** | | **n = 81** | | **n = 243** | | **P value** |
| Past history, n (%) | |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hypertension | | 61 | (75.3) | 174 | (71.6) | 0.57 |
| Diabetes | | 35 | (43.2) | 92 | (37.9) | 0.43 |
| Smoking | | 31 | (38.3) | 108 | (44.4) | 0.37 |
| MI/Angina | | 30 | (37.0) | 121 | (49.8) | 0.054 |
| Atrial fibrillation | | 26 | (32.1) | 104 | (42.8) | 0.12 |
| Chronic kidney disease | | 21 | (25.9) | 68 | (28.0) | 0.78 |
| Pacemaker | | 16 | (19.8) | 13 | (5.4) | 0.0004 |
| Stroke/TIA | | 14 | (17.3) | 32 | (13.2) | 0.36 |
| Asthma | | 4 | (4.9) | 17 | (7.0) | 0.61 |
| Home oxygen, n (%) | | 5 | (6.2) | 26 | (10.7) | 0.28 |
| Current cardiac medication, n (%) | |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diuretics | | 50 | (61.7) | 148 | (60.9) | 1.00 |
| Beta blockers | | 49 | (60.5) | 134 | (55.1) | 0.44 |
| Statins | | 44 | (54.3) | 144 | (59.3) | 0.44 |
| ACEIs/ARBs | | 39 | (48.2) | 122 | (50.2) | 0.80 |
| Ca blockers | | 32 | (39.5) | 72 | (29.6) | 0.10 |
| Nitrates | | 17 | (21.0) | 57 | (23.5) | 0.76 |
| Antiarrhythmics | | 8 | (9.9) | 15 | (6.2) | 0.32 |
| Current respiratory medication, n (%) | |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inhaled beta agonists | | 33 | (40.7) | 106 | (43.6) | 0.70 |
| Inhaled steroids | | 22 | (27.2) | 61 | (25.1) | 0.77 |
| Inhaled anticholinergics | | 18 | (22.2) | 62 | (25.5) | 0.66 |
| Oral steroids | | 8 | (9.9) | 28 | (11.5) | 0.84 |
| Symptoms, n (%)  Cough  Sputum production  Orthopnea  Palpitation | 48  34  34  1 | | (59.3)  (42.0)  (42.0)  (1.2) | 163  94  87  14 | (67.1)  (38.7)  (35.8)  (5.8) | 0.23  0.60  0.35  0.13 | |
| Physical examination, n (%)  Peripheral edema  Bilateral crackles  Bilateral wheezes | 52  51  23 | | (64.2)  (63.0)  (28.4) | 141  144  83 | (58.0)  (59.3)  (34.2) | 0.36  0.60  0.41 | |

POCUS=point-of-care ultrasonography; MI=myocardial infarction; TIA=transient ischemic attack, ACEI=angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB=angiotensin II receptor antagonist, SD=standard deviation; BP=blood pressure

**Table S2. Characteristics of Lung POCUS**

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|  | **Lung POCUS group** | |
| **Characteristics** | **n = 81** | |
| Physician initial assessment time to POCUS time (minutes), median, Q1-Q3 | 71.0 | 34-153 |
| POCUS time to patient left ED time (minutes), median, Q1-Q3 | 374.0 | 221-848 |
| Timing of POCUS performed, n (%)  Before disease-specific treatment administration  After disease-specific treatment administration | 45  29 | (55.6)  (35.8) |
| POCUS findings, n (%) |  |  |
| B-lines  Positive  Negative  Indeterminate | 64  17  0 | (79.0)  (21.0)  (0) |
| \*Non-physician sonographers refer to trained medical students or trained ultrasound technicians  POCUS=point-of-care ultrasonography | | |

**Table S3. Incidence of Adverse Events for POCUS Group Versus No POCUS Group**

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|  | **Lung POCUS group** | | | **No lung POCUS group** | |
| **Adverse events** | **n = 81** | | | **n = 243** | |
| Potentially unnecessary treatment\*, n (%)  Beta agonists  Anticholinergics  Steroids  Diuretics  Vasodilators | 8  5  3  1  2  1 | (9.9)  (6.2)  (3.7)  (1.2)  (2.5)  (1.2) | 30  23  18  6  4  2 | | (12.4)  (9.5)  (7.4)  (2.5)  (1.6)  (0.8) |
| Return within 7 days, n (%) | 3 | (3.7) | 12 | | (4.9) |
| Inaccurate ED diagnosis, n (%) | 0 | (0) | 10 | | (4.1) |

\*Potentially unnecessary treatment is defined as administration of disease-specific treatment for inaccurate diagnosis based on the final diagnosis

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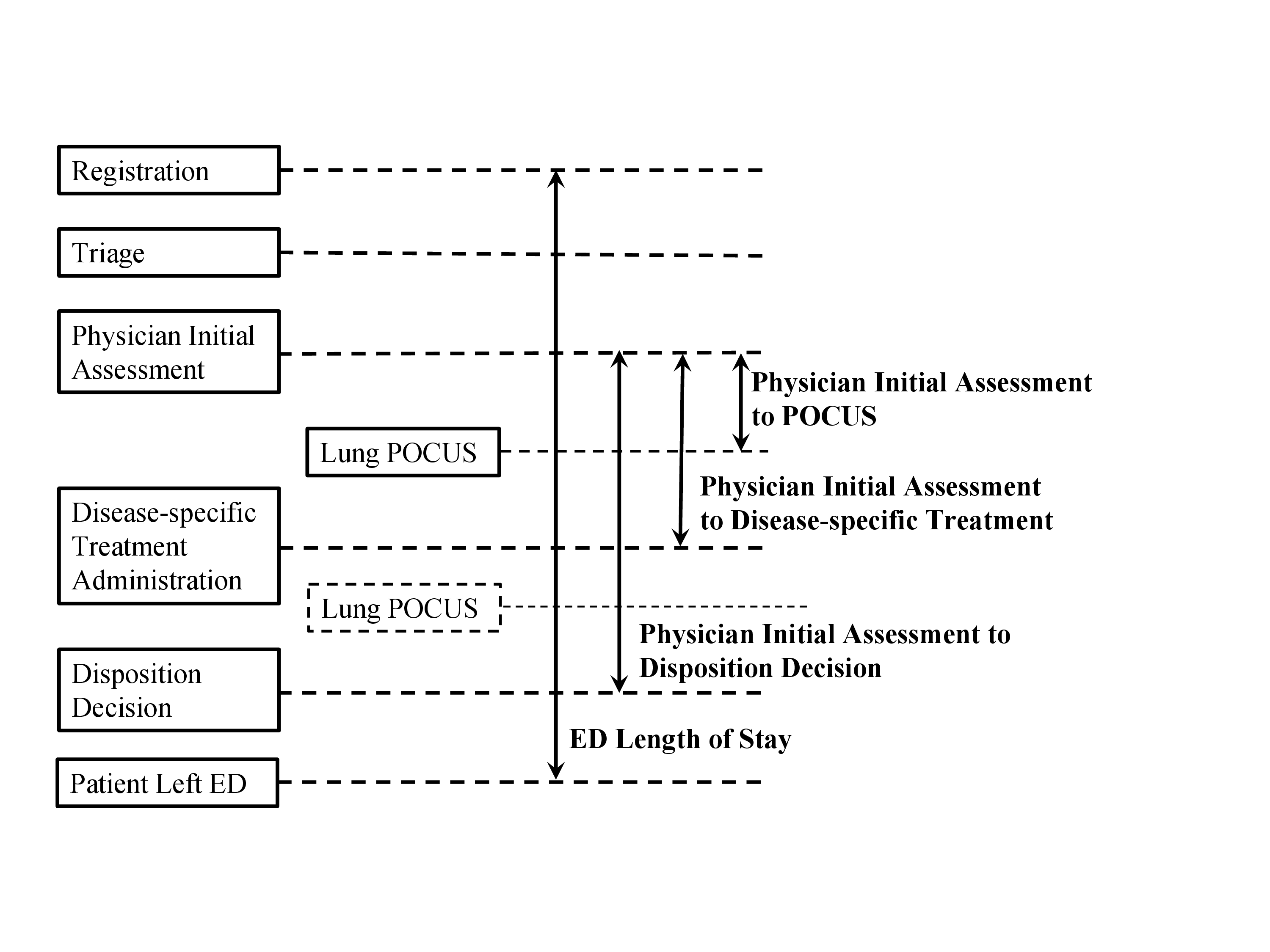
**Table S4. Unadjusted and Adjusted Odds Ratios Comparing Incidence of Adverse Events for POCUS Group Versus No POCUS Group**

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|  | **Unadjusted** | |  | **Adjusted** | |  |
| **Adverse events** | **OR** | **95% CI** | **P value\*** | **OR** | **95% CI** | **P value** |
| Potentially unnecessary treatment\* | 0.78 | 0.30 to 1.84 | 0.71 | 0.62 | 0.22 to 1.54 | 0.37 |
| Return within 7 days | 0.74 | 0.13 to 2.85 | 0.92 | 0.80 | 0.14 to 3.15 | 1.00 |
| Inaccurate ED diagnosis | 0.21 | 0 to 1.03 | 0.054 | 0.25 | 0 to 1.24 | 0.08 |

\*Potentially unnecessary treatment is defined as administration of disease-specific treatment for inaccurate diagnosis based on the final diagnosis

POCUS=point-of-care ultrasonography; ED=emergency department; OR=odds ratio; CI=confidence interval

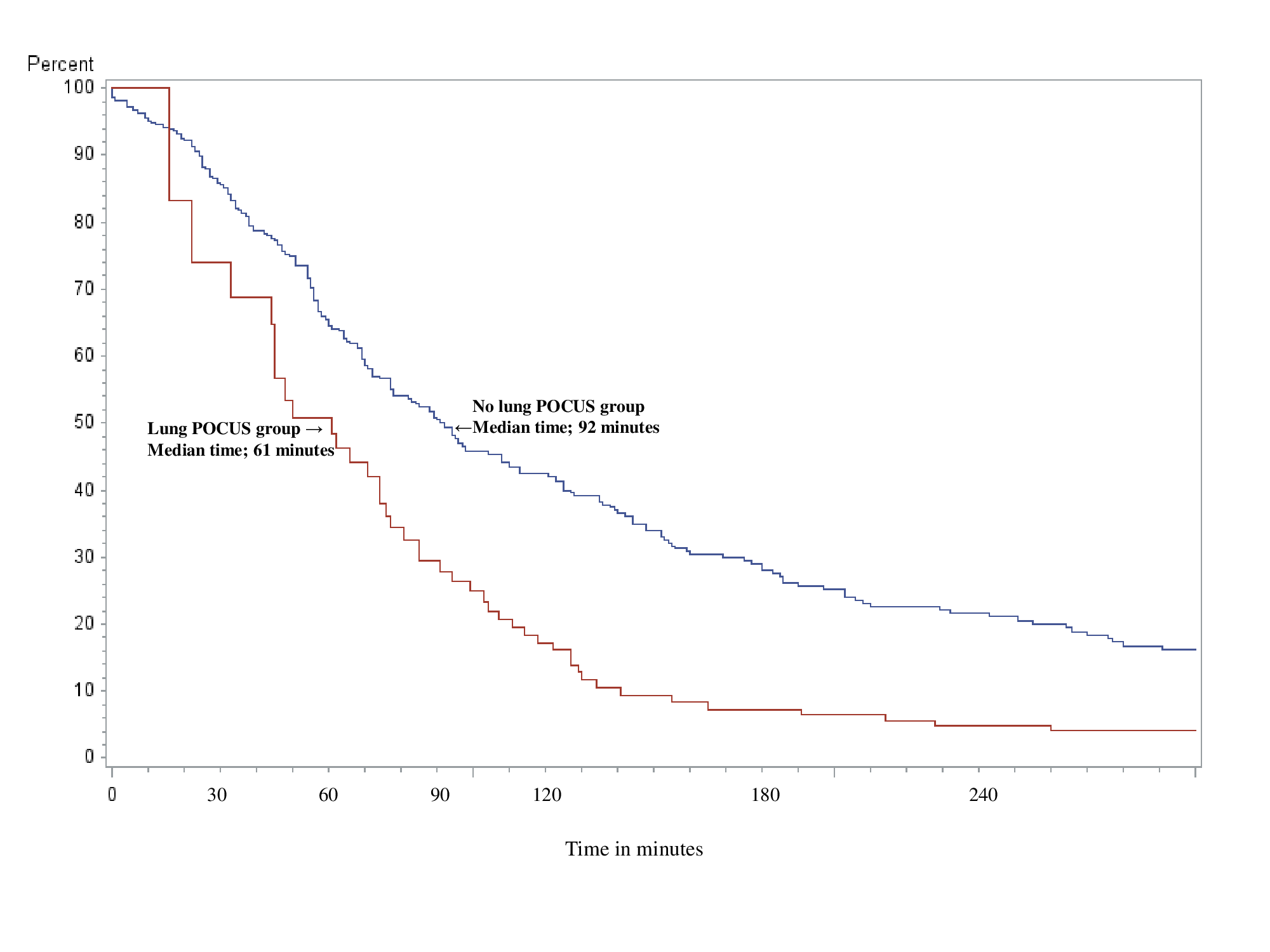
**Figure S1. Schema of Timeline and Time Intervals in the ED**



POCUS may be done anytime after Physician Initial Assessment

ED=emergency department; POCUS=point-of-care ultrasonography

Figure S2. Kaplan-Meier Curves for Time to Disease-Specific Treatment for Patients with and without Lung POCUS, Accounting for POCUS as a Time-Dependent Variable



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