Screened for VHA ACS Study n=3352

- Negative troponin n=309
- Physician determined not ACS n=1476

Enrolled in VHA ACS Study n=832

- Unstable angina n=327

AMI n=505

- Had DNR n=35
- Female n=2

Excluded for one or more of the following criteria:
- Patient refused;
- Physician refused;
- Patient too critical;
- Patient not competent;
- Patient does not speak English;
- Patient died;
- Or other n=735

Missing baseline demographics n=5

Missing time from symptom onset n=69

Analytic cohort n=335

- Early hospital presenters, ≤12h from symptom onset n=106
- Late hospital presenters, ≥12h from symptom onset n=229

Had one of the following concurrent acute noncardiac conditions at admission:
- GI bleed; severe pneumonia; major trauma; stroke; exacerbation of COPD; septic shock; cancer; coma; acute renal failure; ischemic bowel; intracerebral hemorrhage; pneumothorax; abdominal aortic aneurysm rupture; psychosis; delirium; hepatic failure/end stage cirrhosis; or decubitus ulcer n=59