

TABLE 2. Results of Intercessory Prayer

| <i>Study Variable</i> | <i>Intercessory Prayer</i> | <i>Control Group</i> | <i>P</i> |
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| Days in CCU after entry | 2.0 ± 2.5 | 2.4 ± 4.1 | NS |
| Days in hospital after entry | 7.6 ± 8.9 | 7.6 ± 8.7 | NS |
| Number of discharge medications | 3.7 ± 2.2 | 4.0 ± 2.4 | NS |
| <i>New Problems, Diagnoses, and Therapeutic Events After Entry</i> | <i>% (No.)</i> | <i>% (No.)</i> | <i>P</i> |
| Antianginal agents | 11 (21) | 10 (19) | NS |
| Unstable angina | 10 (20) | 9 (18) | NS |
| Antiarrhythmics | 9 (17) | 13 (27) | NS |
| Coronary angiography | 9 (17) | 11 (21) | NS |
| VT/VF | 7 (14) | 9 (17) | NS |
| Readmissions to CCU | 7 (14) | 7 (14) | NS |
| Mortality | 7 (13) | 9 (17) | NS |
| Congestive heart failure | 4 (8) | 10 (20) | <0.03 |
| Inotropic agents | 4 (8) | 8 (16) | NS |
| Vasodilators | 4 (8) | 6 (12) | NS |
| Supraventricular tachyarrhythmia | 4 (8) | 8 (15) | NS |
| Arterial pressure monitoring | 4 (7) | 8 (15) | NS |
| Central pressure monitoring | 3 (6) | 7 (15) | NS |
| Diuretics | 3 (5) | 8 (15) | <0.05 |
| Major surgery before discharge | 3 (5) | 7 (14) | NS |
| Temporary pacemaker | 2 (4) | 1 (1) | NS |
| Sepsis | 2 (4) | 4 (7) | NS |
| Cardiopulmonary arrest | 2 (3) | 7 (14) | <0.02 |
| Third-degree heart block | 2 (3) | 1 (2) | NS |
| Pneumonia | 2 (3) | 7 (13) | <0.03 |
| Hypotension (systolic <90 torr) | 2 (3) | 4 (7) | NS |
| Extension of infarction | 2 (3) | 3 (6) | NS |
| Antibiotics | 2 (3) | 9 (17) | <0.005 |
| Permanent pacemaker | 2 (3) | 1 (1) | NS |
| Gastrointestinal bleeding | 1 (1) | 2 (3) | NS |
| Intubation/ventilation | 0 (0) | 6 (12) | <0.002 |

NS = $P > .05$; VT/VF = ventricular tachycardia or ventricular fibrillation.