| **Table 1.** Descriptive statistics of the patient cohort. | | | | | |
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|  | **Total**  (N=366) | **Cohort 1**  (N=62) | **Cohort 2**  (N=110) | **Cohort 3**  (N=116) | **Cohort 4**  (N=78) |
| **Age in years** | 56.0 [42.0- 69.0] | 58.0 [46.2-72.0] | 56.0 [40.0-66.8] | 60.0 [48.0-73.0] | 52.0 [40.0-61.8] |
| **Sex (males)** | 117 (32.0) | 25 (40.3) | 52 (47.3) | 31 (26.7) | 9 (11.5) |
| **PTH at baseline** | 4.0 [2.7-5.5] | 4.2 [3.2-5.2] | 2.5 [2.0-3.7] | 4.6 [3.7-5.5] | 5.3 [3.6-7.2] |
| Missing | 19 (5.2) | 0 (0.0) | 6 (1.6) | 4 (1.1) | 9 (2.5) |
| **Calcium at baseline** | 2.4 [2.3-2.4] | 2.4 [2.3-2.5] | 2.4 [2.3-2.4] | 2.4 [2.3-2.4] | 2.4 [2.2-2.4] |
| Missing | 25 (6.8) | 0 (0.0) | 3 (0.8) | 6 (1.6) | 16 (4.4) |
| **Albumin at baseline** | 43.0 [40.0-46.0] | 44.0 [41.0-46.0] | 44.0 [40.0-46.0] | 44.0 [42.0-47.0] | 39.0 [37.5-43.0] |
| Missing | 20 (5.5) | 0 (0.0) | 3 (0.8) | 6 (1.6) | 11 (3.0) |
| **Corrected calcium at baseline** | 2.2 [2.2-2.3] | 2.3 [2.2-2.3] | 2.2 [2.2-2.3] | 2.2 [2.1-2.2] | 2.2 [2.2-2.3] |
| Missing | 27 (7.4) | 0 (0.0) | 3 (0.8) | 6 (1.6) | 18 (4.9) |
| **Surgery type** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completion | 74 (20.2) | 11 (17.7) | 15 (13.6) | 23 (19.8) | 25 (32.1) |
| Total | 292 (79.8) | 51 (82.3) | 95 (86.4) | 93 (80.2) | 53 (67.9) |
| **Central LND = “Yes”** | 112 (31.2) | 17 (27.4) | 57 (52.8) | 33 (29.2) | 5 (6.6) |
| Missing | 7 (1.9) | 0 (0.0) | 2 (1.8) | 3 (2.6) | 2 (2.6) |
| **No parathyroid gland seen during surgery** | 48 (13.8) | 3 (4.8) | 9 (8.5) | 20 (18.9) | 16 (21.9) |
| Missing | 19 (5.2) | 0 (0.0) | 4 (3.6) | 10 (8.6) | 5 (6.4) |
| **PTH at 24 hours** | 1.4 [0.5-2.4] | 1.6 [0.7-2.7] | 1.1 [0.5-1.6] | 1.5 [0.6-2.6] | 2.1 [0.6-3.3] |
| Missing | 28 (7.7) | 0 (0.0) | 7 (1.9) | 11 (3.0) | 10 (2.7) |
| **ΔPTH** | 60.4 [35.9-84.7] | 61.8 [30.2-84.4] | 61.0 [38.9-86.1] | 64.3 [36.0-85.2] | 58.1 [38.4-79.4] |
| Missing | 47 (12.8) | 0 (0.0) | 13 (3.6) | 15 (4.1) | 19 (5.2) |
| **Albumin at 24 hours** | 38.0 [35.0-40.0] | 37.0 [35.0-39.0] | 38.0 [35.0-41.0] | 40.0 [38.0-41.0] | 36.0 [33.0-39.0] |
| Missing | 14 (3.8) | 5 (1.4) | 0 (0.0) | 7 (1.9) | 2 (0.5) |
| **Calcium at 24 hours** | 2.1 [2.0-2.2] | 2.1 [2.0-2.3] | 2.1 [2.0-2.2] | 2.1 [2.0-2.2] | 2.1 [2.1-2.2] |
| Missing | 9 (2.5) | 0 (0.0) | 0 (0.0) | 7 (1.9) | 2 (0.5) |
| **Corrected calcium at 24 hours** | 2.1 [2.0-2.2] | 2.0 [1.9-2.2] | 2.1 [2.0-2.2] | 2.0 [1.9-2.1] | 2.1 [2.0-2.2] |
| Missing | 14 [3.8] | 5 [1.4] | 0 [0.0] | 7 [1.9] | 2 [0.5] |
| **Δ Corrected calcium** | 7.3 [4.1-11.7] | 8.3 [4.5-12.6] | 8.2 [4.7-11.5] | 7.6 [4.2-12.1] | 6.1 [3.0-9.1] |
| Missing | 33 (9.0) | 5 (1.4) | 3 (0.8) | 7 (1.9) | 18 (4.9) |
| **Δ Calcium** | 10.1 [6.7-14.2] | 11.7 [6.7-17.0] | 10.8 [8.1-14.5] | 10.0 [6.7-13.8] | 8.9 [6.3-12.4] |
| Missing | 26 (7.1) | 0 (0.0) | 3 (0.8) | 7 (1.9) | 16 (4.4) |
| **Readmissions related to hypocalcemia** | 27 (7.4) | 3 (4.8) | 9 (8.2) | 5 (4.3) | 10 (12.8) |
| **Persistent hypoparathyroidism** | 44 (12.0) | 12 (19.4) | 9 (8.2) | 15 (12.9) | 8 (10.3) |
| Data are expressed as numbers (percentage) or as median [IQR]. Abbreviations: PTH, parathyroid hormone; ΔPTH, (PTH at baseline - postoperative PTH after 24 hours) / (PTH at baseline) x 100%; Corrected calcium, measured calcium (mmol/L) + 0.016 x (34 - albumin (g/L)); ΔCorrected calcium, (corrected calcium at baseline – postoperative corrected calcium after 24 hours) / (corrected calcium at baseline) x 100%; ΔCalcium, (calcium at baseline – postoperative calcium after 24 hours) / (calcium at baseline) x 100%; LND, lymph node dissection. | | | | | |

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| **Table 2**. Full and final model predicting hypoparathyroidism, and calibrated model to predict readmission. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | **Full model** | | | | **Final model** | | | | **Readmission** |
|  | OR | 95% CI | SOR | Imp. | OR | 95% CI | SOR | Imp. | CSOR |
| Intercept | 3.24 | [2.23; 4.70] | 2.52 |  | 2.30 | [1.60; 3.29] | 1.86 |  | 0.67 |
| ΔPTH  (1% increase) | 1.09 | [1.05; 1.14] | 1.08 | 20.6 | 1.09 | [1.05; 1.13] | 1.08 | 22.5 | 1.06 |
| Corrected calcium at 24 hours  (0.2 versus 0.1) | 1.56 | [1.15; 2.12] | 1.47 | 8.1 | 1.52 | [1.13; 2.05] | 1.44 | 7.8 | 1.34 |
| Parathyroid gland not seen during surgery | 4.48 | [1.55; 12.94] | 3.67 | 7.7 | 4.85 | [1.75; 13.41] | 3.94 | 9.3 | 3.02 |
| Age in years  (i.q.r. 69 versus 42 years) | 1.16 | [0.57; 2.37] | 1.14 | 0.2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males versus females | 0.95 | [0.40; 2.25] | 0.95 | 0.0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completion surgery versus total | 1.56 | [0.39; 6.25] | 1.47 | 0.4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Central LND = Yes versus No | 1.39 | [0.57; 3.37] | 1.33 | 0.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Concordance index* | 0.88 | [0.85; 0.92] |  |  | 0.88 | [0.84; 0.92] |  |  |  |
| Table displays odds ratios and the 95% confidence intervals of the logistic regression model predicting the probability of hypoparathyroidism. The final model is selected using backward selection with p-values < 0.05. The coefficients are averaged over the ten imputed data sets. The Concordance index is corrected for optimism by bootstrapping using the full hypoparathyroidism model.  Abbreviations: OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval; SOR, shrunk odds ratio with a uniform shrinkage factor of 0.868; CSOR, calibrated shrunk odds ratio for readmission with a uniform shrinkage factor of 0.868 and calibration factor of 0.81; Imp., importance defined by the Chi-square of the Wald-statistic; PTH, parathyroid hormone; ΔPTH, (PTH at baseline - postoperative PTH after 24 hours) / (PTH at baseline) x 100%; Corrected calcium, measured calcium (mmol/L) + 0.016 x (34 - albumin (g/L)); LND, lymph node dissection. | | | | | | | | | |

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| **Table 3.** Predictions of hypothyroidism and readmission for all patients. | | | |
|  | Predicted probability of hypoparathyroidism | | |
|  | **Low risk**  (p < 10%)  n=229 | **Intermediate risk**  (10% ≤ p ≤ 30%)  n=74 | **High risk**  (p > 30%)  n=63 |
| Persistent hypoparathyroidism | 4 (1.7%) | 12 (16.2%) | 28 (44.4%) |
| Hypocalcemia-related readmission | 2 (0.9%) | 7 (9.5%) | 18 (28.6%) |
| The predictions were averaged over the ten imputed data sets. | | | |

**Figure 1.** Patient enrollment process flowchart.

**Identification**

1280 patients with total or completion thyroidectomy identified

897 patients excluded due to ineligibility

* no PTH measurements
* less than one year follow-up

**Screening**

17 patients excluded based on exclusion criteria

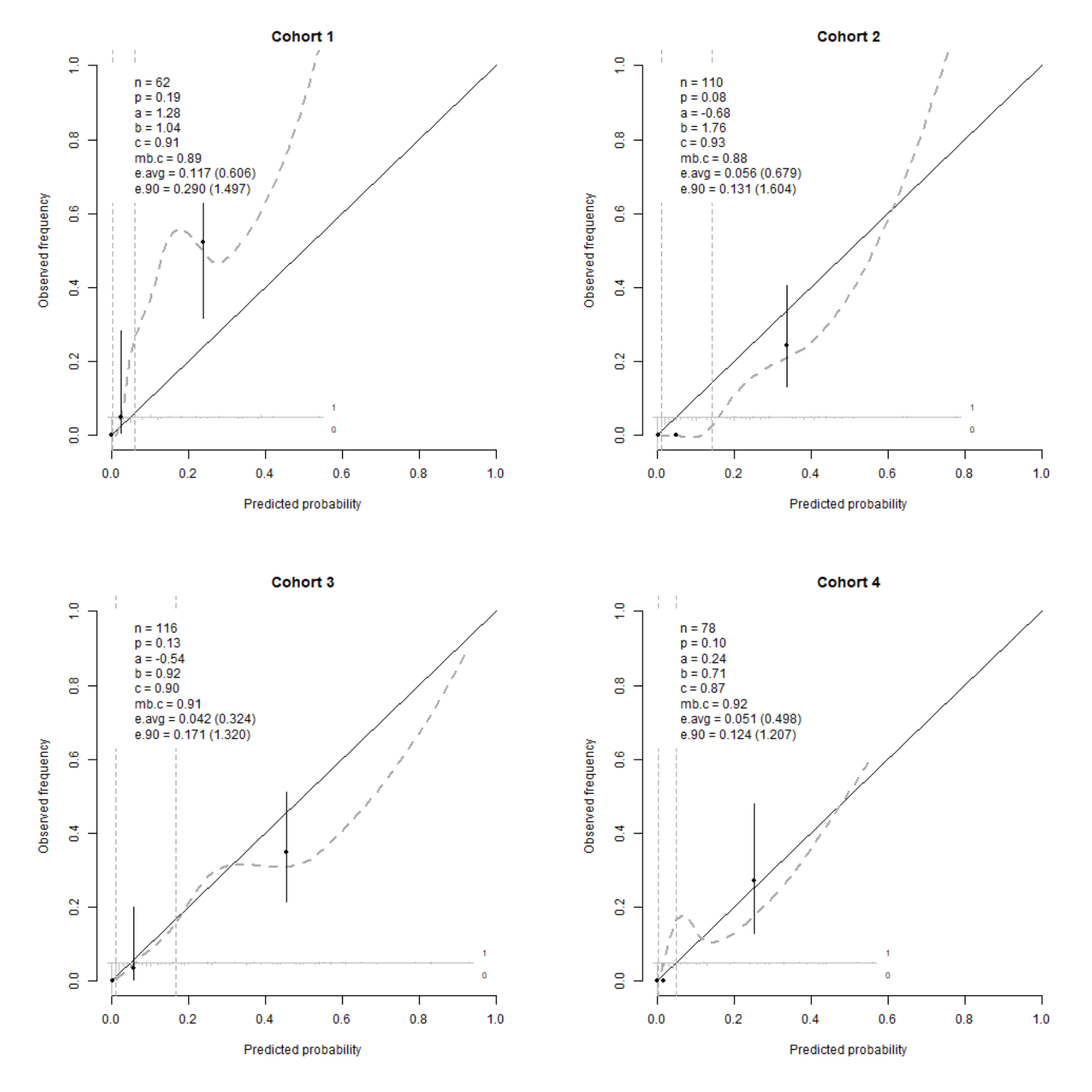
* 16 patients with central lymph node dissection within one year
* 1 patients with external neck radiation within one year

383 eligible patients

**Included**

**366 patients included**

**Figure 2.** Internal-external model performance of the final model without shrinkage averaged over ten imputed data sets. Abbreviations: a, calibration intercept; b, calibration slope; c, Harrel’s concordance index; mb.c, model-based concordance index; e.avg, E-average or Integrated Calibration Index; e.90, 90th percentile of the absolute difference between observed and predicted probabilities.



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| **Supplemental Table 1.** Comparison of functional form of PTH and calcium in the full model without shrinkage in one single imputed data set. | | |
| **Functional form of PTH** | **Functional form of Calcium** | **AIC** |
| PTH24u | Ca24u | 205.9 |
| PTH24u | CorrCa24u | 200.7 |
| PTH24u | ΔCa | 211.1 |
| PTH24u | ΔCorrCa | 207.9 |
| ΔPTH | Ca24u | 186.7 |
| ΔPTH | CorrCa24u | 182.7 |
| ΔPTH | ΔCa | 190.4 |
| ΔPTH | ΔCorrCa | 188.3 |
| Abbreviations: AIC, Akaike information criterion; PTH, parathyroid hormone; ΔPTH, (PTH at baseline - postoperative PTH after 24 hours) / (PTH at baseline) x 100%; Ca24u, calcium measured 24 hours after surgery; CorrCa24u, corrected calcium measured 24 hours after surgery (calcium (mmol/L) + 0.016 x (34 - albumin (g/L))); ΔCorrCa, (corrected calcium at baseline – postoperative corrected calcium after 24 hours) / (corrected calcium at baseline) x 100%; ΔCa, (calcium at baseline – postoperative calcium after 24 hours) / (calcium at baseline) x 100%. | | |

**Supplemental Table 2.** Flexibility of ΔPTH, calcium, and age in the full model   
without shrinkage in one single imputed data set.

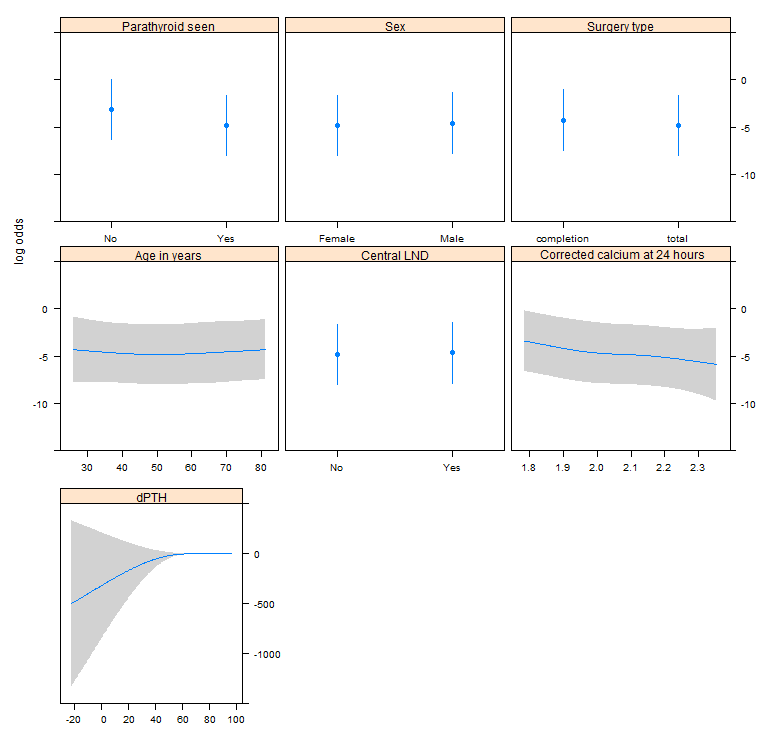
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| **ΔPTH** | **Corrected calcium** | **Age** | **AIC** |
| ΔPTH | CorrCa24u | Age | 182.7 |
| rcs(ΔPTH, 3) | CorrCa24u | Age | 183.9 |
| rcs(ΔPTH, 4) | CorrCa24u | Age | 182.4 |
| rcs(ΔPTH, 5) | CorrCa24u | Age | 184.9 |
| ΔPTH | rcs(CorrCa24u, 3) | Age | 184.1 |
| ΔPTH | rcs(CorrCa24u, 4) | Age | 185.9 |
| ΔPTH | rcs(CorrCa24u, 5) | Age | 187.6 |
| ΔPTH | CorrCa24u | rcs(Age\_Years, 3) | 183.8 |
| ΔPTH | CorrCa24u | rcs(Age\_Years, 4) | 185.8 |
| ΔPTH | CorrCa24u | rcs(Age\_Years, 5) | 185.0 |
| rcs(ΔPTH, 4) | rcs(CorrCa24u, 3) | Age | 184.1 |
| rcs(ΔPTH, 4) | CorrCa24u | rcs(Age\_Years, 3) | 183.7 |
| ΔPTH | rcs(CorrCa24u, 3) | rcs(Age\_Years, 3) | 185.1 |
| rcs(ΔPTH, 4) | rcs(CorrCa24u, 3) | rcs(Age\_Years, 3) | 185.3 |
| Likelihood ratio test of best flexible model versus rigid model . Abbreviations: AIC, Akaike information criterion; PTH, parathyroid hormone; ΔPTH, (PTH at baseline - postoperative PTH after 24 hours) / (PTH at baseline) x 100%; CorrCa24u, corrected calcium measured 24 hours after surgery (calcium (mmol/L) + 0.016 x (34 - albumin (g/L))); rcs, restricted cubic spline. | | | |

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| **Supplemental Table 3**. Simple model predicting hypoparathyroidism. | | | | |
|  | OR | 95% CI | SOR | Imp. |
| Intercept | 0.00 | [0.00; 0.00] | 0.00 |  |
| ΔPTH  (1% increase) | 1.10 | [1.06; 1.14] | 1.09 | 28.3 |
| *Concordance index* | 0.85 | [0.81; 0.90] |  |  |
| Table displays odds ratios and the 95% confidence intervals of the logistic regression model predicting the probability of hypoparathyroidism. The final model is selected using backward selection with p-values < 0.05. The coefficients are averaged over the ten imputed data sets. The Concordance index is corrected for optimism by bootstrapping.  Abbreviations: OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval; SOR, shrunk odds ratio with a uniform shrinkage factor of 0.868; Imp., importance defined by the Chi-square of the Wald-statistic; PTH, parathyroid hormone; ΔPTH, (PTH at baseline - postoperative PTH after 24 hours) / (PTH at baseline) x 100%; Corrected calcium, measured calcium (mmol/L) + 0.016 x (34 - albumin (g/L)); LND, lymph node dissection. | | | | |

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| **Supplemental Table 4.** PTH and outcomes of hypoparathyroidism and readmissions. | | |
|  | **PTH 70%**  N=216 | **PTH ≥ 70%**  N=150 |
| Persistent hypoparathyroidism | 2 (0.9%) | 42 (28.0%) |
| Hypocalcemia-related readmission | 0 | 27 (18.1%) |
| ΔPTH is averaged over the ten imputed data sets. Abbreviations: PTH, parathyroid hormone; ΔPTH, (PTH at baseline - postoperative PTH after 24 hours) /(PTH at baseline) x 100%. | | |

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| **Supplemental** **Table 5**. Refitted final and full model predicting readmission without shrinkage. | | | | | | |
|  | Refitted full model | | | Refitted final model | | |
|  | OR | 95% CI | Imp. | OR | 95% CI | Imp. |
| Intercept | 0.30 | [0.19; 0.47] |  | 0.46 | [0.30; 0.72] |  |
| ΔPTH  (1% increase) | 1.09 | [1.03; 1.15] | 9.3 | 1.09 | [1.03; 1.16] | 10.1 |
| Corrected calcium at 24 hours  (0.2 versus 0.1) | 1.55 | [1.12; 2.14] | 7.2 | 1.55 | [1.13; 2.12] | 7.3 |
| Parathyroid gland not seen during surgery | 1.29 | [0.35; 4.83] | 0.1 | 1.13 | [0.32; 3.97] | 0.0 |
| Age in years  (i.q.r. 69 versus 42 years) | 1.26 | [0.56; 2.85] | 0.3 |  |  |  |
| Males versus females | 0.56 | [0.20; 1.57] | 1.2 |  |  |  |
| Completion surgery versus total | 0.50 | [0.05; 4.74] | 0.4 |  |  |  |
| Central LND = Yes versus No | 0.95 | [0.35; 2.55] | 0.0 |  |  |  |
| *C-index uncorrected for optimism* | 0.88 | [0.83; 0.92] |  | 0.87 | [0.82; 0.92] |  |
| Table displays odds ratios and the 95% confidence intervals of the logistic regression model predicting the probability of readmission. The redeveloped model is selected using backward selection with p-values < 0.05. The coefficients are averaged over the ten imputed data sets. Abbreviations: OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval; Imp., importance defined by the Chi-square of the Wald-statistic; PTH, parathyroid hormone; ΔPTH, (PTH at baseline - postoperative PTH after 24 hours) / (PTH at baseline) x 100%; Corrected calcium, measured calcium (mmol/L) + 0.016 x (34 - albumin (g/L)); LND, lymph node dissection. | | | | | | |

**Supplemental Figure 1.** Plot predict of flexible model without shrinkage, i.e., PTH, calcium, and age modelled with restricted cubic splines with three degrees of freedom of one single imputed data set. Abbreviations: LND, lymph node dissection; dPTH, (PTH at baseline - postoperative PTH after 24 hours) / (PTH at baseline) x 100%.

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**Supplemental Figure 2. Model performance of models uncorrected for optimism**. The predicted probabilities were averaged over the ten imputed data sets. No shrinkage was applied to the models in these figures. There is statistical evidence that the final model is better than the simple model (Likelihood ratio test ). There is no statistical evidence that the full model is better than the final model, therefore we choose the sparse model (Likelihood ratio test ). Abbreviations: a, calibration intercept; b, calibration slope; c, Harrel’s concordance index; mb.c, model-based concordance index; e.avg, E-average or Integrated Calibration Index; e.90, 90th percentile of the absolute difference between observed and predicted probabilities.

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| **Full model predicting hypoparathyroidism** | **Final model predicting hypoparathyroidism** | **Simple model predicting hypoparathyroidism** |
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