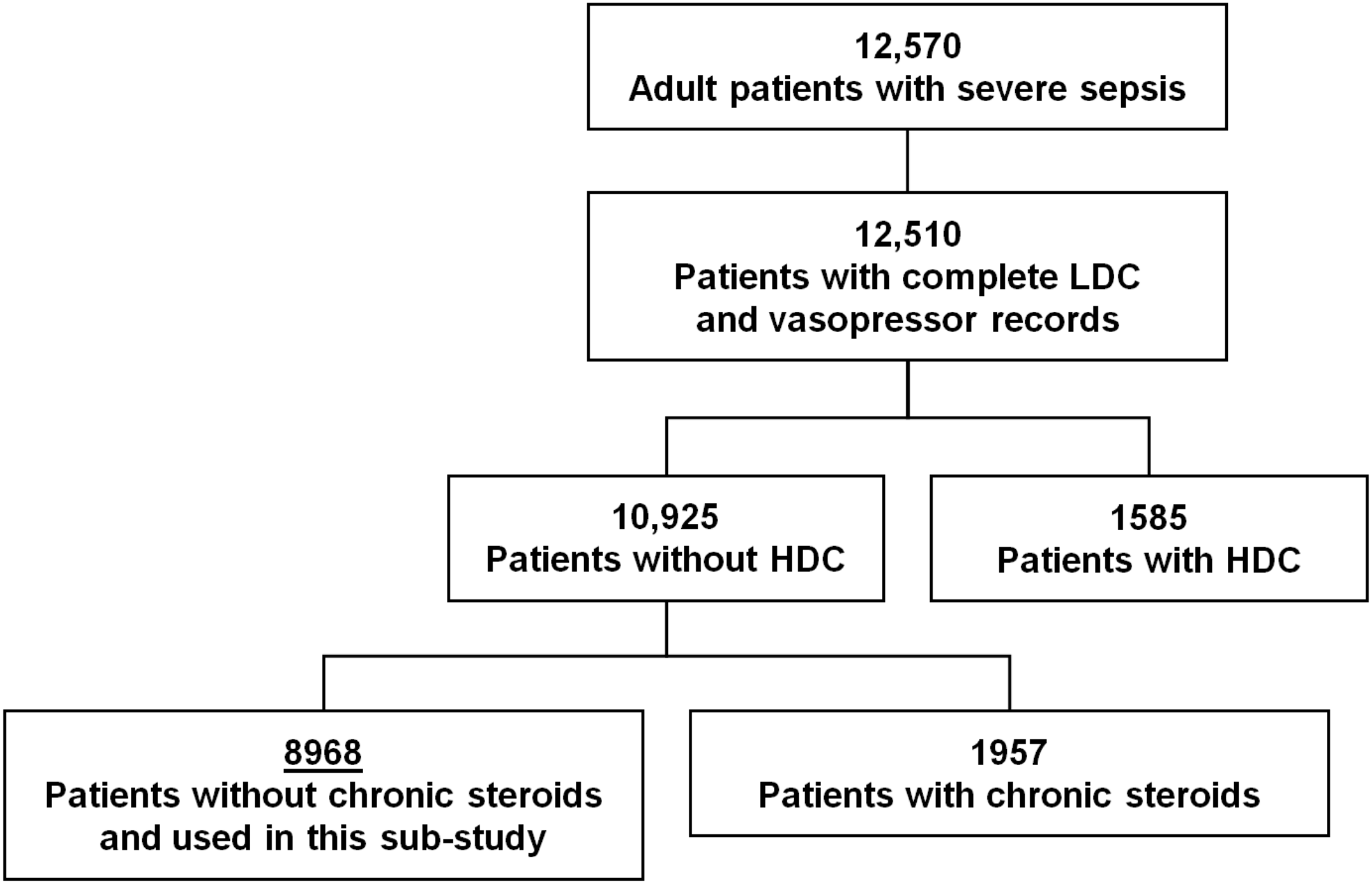
12,570
Adult patients with severe sepsis
12,510
Patients with complete LDC
and vasopressor records
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Patients without HDC
1585
Patients with HDC
8968
Patients without chronic steroids
and used in this sub-study
1957
Patients with chronic steroids