

Assessing Natural History, Drug Use and Treatment Impact for COVID-19 in the Sentinel System

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Use Cases

- Monitor for shortages of drugs used for treatment of COVID-19 and its complications in hospitalized patients
- COVID-19 natural history cohorts
 - To aid interpretation of, or as external control for, single-arm clinical trials
 - Serve as a basis for creating cohorts for studies of impact of drug use on COVID-19 outcomes
 - Cohort of hospitalized patients to study drug treatment impact
 - e.g. hydroxychloroquine
 - Cohort of hospitalized patients using certain drugs chronically to evaluate whether use of these drugs predict COVID-19 outcomes
 - e.g. ACE inhibitors
 - Subcohorts with unique characteristics, e.g. cancer patients

Sentinel System

Launched in 2008 in response to the FDA Amendments Act (FDAAA) 2007



- Numerous data partnerships with private and public data holders
- Access to healthcare claims, EHRs, medical records
- Network with academia, health insurers, research organizations

*NETWORK OF
COLLABORATORS*



- >300 million patient identifiers
- 70 million members currently accruing new data
- Data partners retain physical and operational control of their data behind their own firewalls

DATA AT A GLANCE



- Rapid, parameterizable, flexible, reusable tools
- Propensity score and other advanced analytics
- Capable of signal detection, refinement, and evaluation

METHODS

Sentinel System Projects

■ Drug shortages

- The goal of the first Sentinel COVID-19 project is to set up a sequential drug monitoring capability with an emphasis on in-hospital (especially critical care) drugs in up to 20 data partners for drug use data for 60 priority drugs by state and week.
 - Partners with inpatient EHR data can generate counts of prescriptions/administrations by day/week by state

■ Natural history cohorts

- **HCA Healthcare** cohort using inpatient EHR data from large hospital system
 - Get a first, descriptive look at characteristics and outcomes of hospitalized COVID-19 patients
- **TriNetX**
 - Data can be queried interactively in real-time to investigate COVID-19 treatment, natural hx, medical care use, and outcomes
- **In development**
 - Integrated Data Systems, PCORnet, and other EHR partners

Sentinel System Projects

- **Question** to help understand likely demand for drugs for serious COVID-19 patients
 - For a cohort of hospitalized COVID-19 patients what are the proportions of patients with tachypnea (respiratory rate ≥ 24 breaths/min) or requiring supplemental oxygen or a $SpO_2 \leq 94\%$ on room air, or requiring mechanical ventilation?
 - The greatest interest is for patients requiring supplemental oxygen and requiring mechanical ventilation



TriNetX

**Analyze Data. Generate Evidence.
Take Action.**

TRINETX AND COVID-19: CODING, DATA, AND OUTCOMES

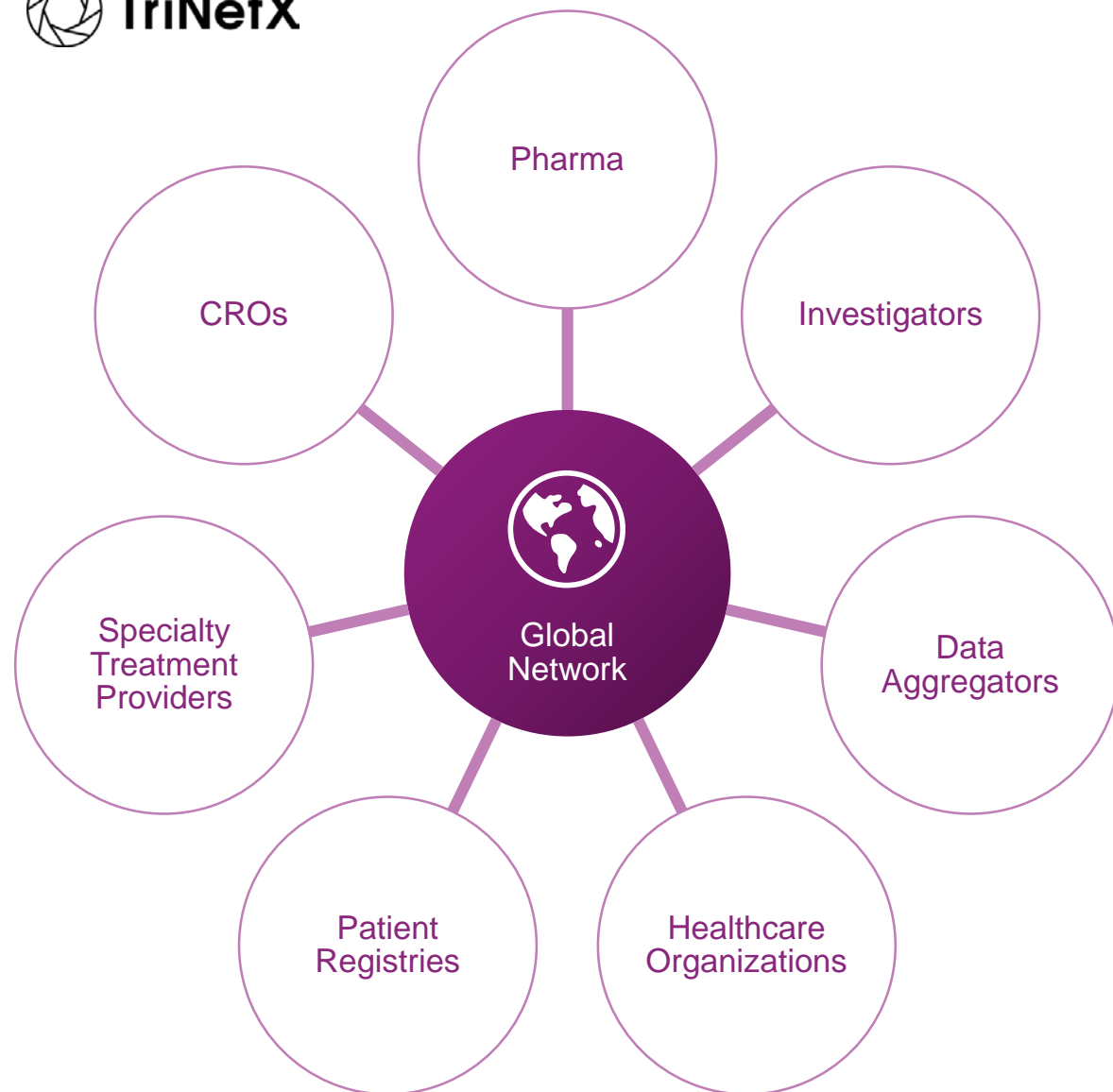
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REAL-WORLD DATA



USE CASES

Clinical Trial Optimization

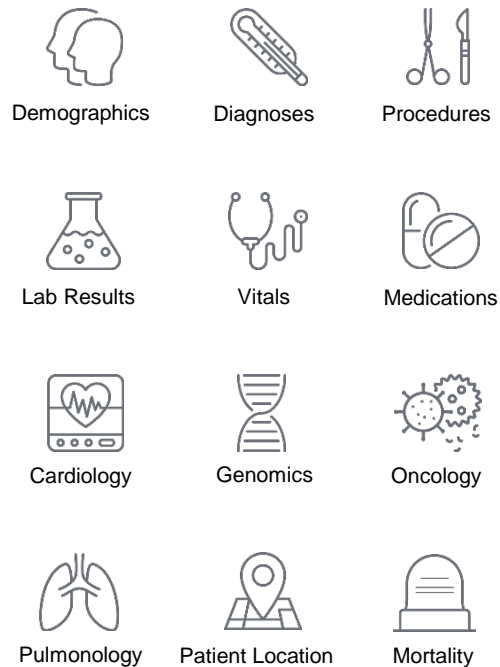


Real-World Evidence Generation

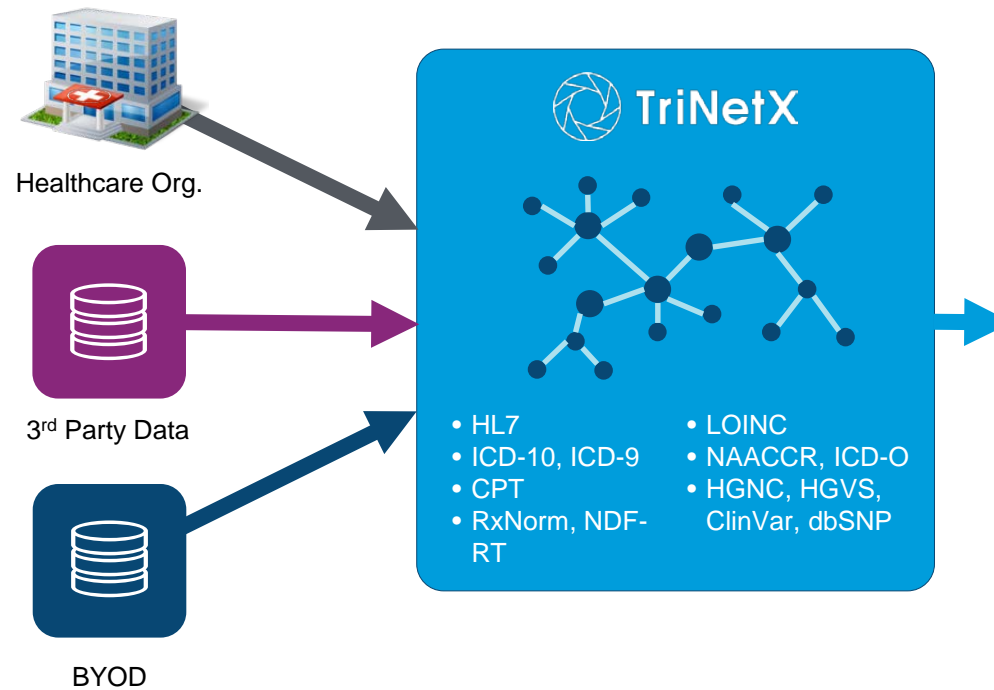
TRINETX'S APPROACH TO REAL-WORLD DATA CAPTURE

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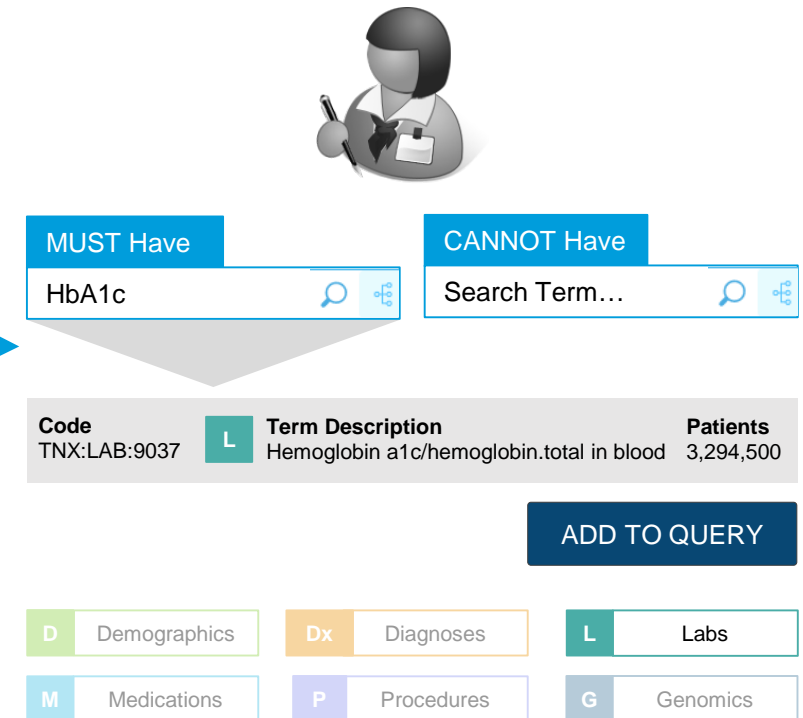
VARIOUS AND DISPARATE DATA



MAPPED TO INDUSTRY STANDARD TERMINOLOGIES



MASTER TERMINOLOGY / INTELLIGENT SYNONYM SEARCH





COVID-19 CODING TRENDS



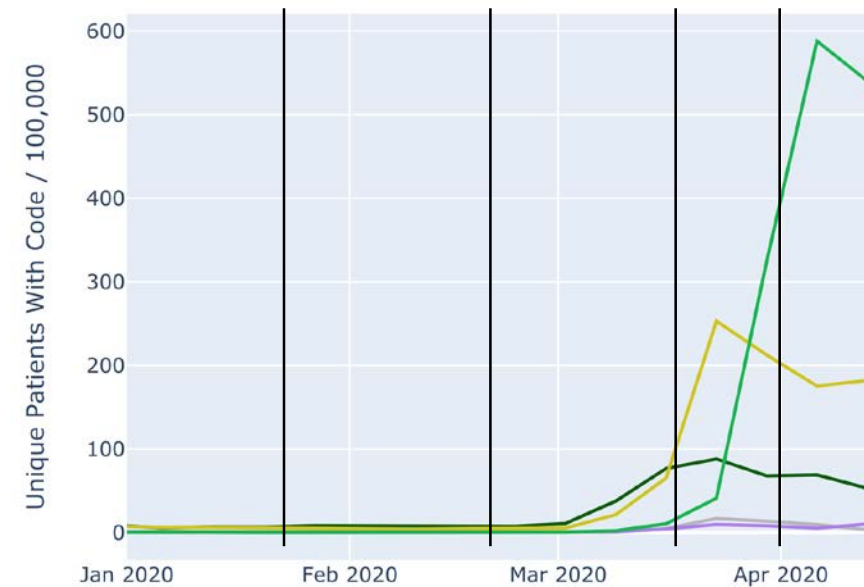
PATIENTS WITH COVID-19-RELATED DIAGNOSES PER 100,000 PERSONS PER WEEK IN THE USA NETWORK

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January 1, 2019 through April 15, 2020



January 1, 2020 through April 15, 2020



- B34.2 – Coronavirus infection, unspecified
- B97.21 – SARS-associated coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere
- B97.29 – Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere
- J12.81 – Pneumonia due to SARS-associated coronavirus
- U07.1 – COVID-19

January 21 – First confirmed case of COVID-19 in the US

February 20 – CDC releases guidance around coding COVID-19-related encounters

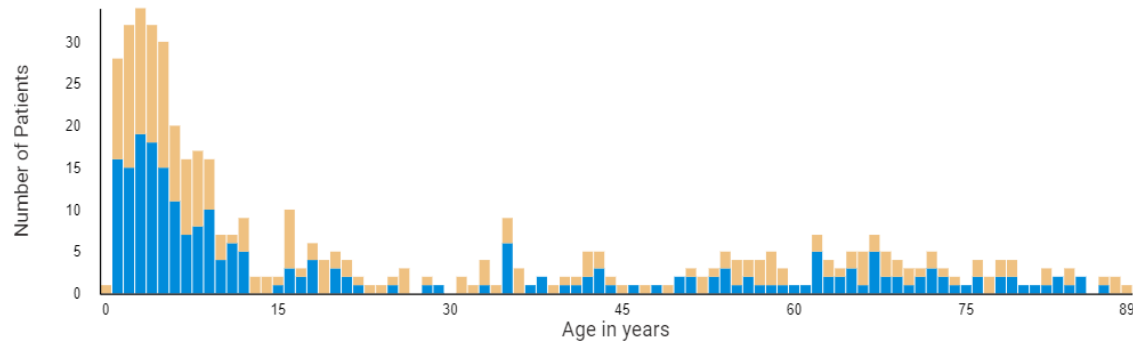
March 18 – CDC announces new ICD-10-CM diagnosis code “U07.1” effective April 1

April 1 – Effective date for new “U07.1” code for reporting COVID-19

CHANGES IN AGE DISTRIBUTIONS OF DIAGNOSED PATIENTS

The age distributions of patients coded with non-specific COVID-19-related diagnoses, such as diagnosis codes B34.2, B97.29, and J12.81, substantially changed in 2020. Below, we can see that J12.81 was more commonly used among pediatrics before January 1, 2020. After January 1, 2020, adults make up the majority of the J12.81-defined population.

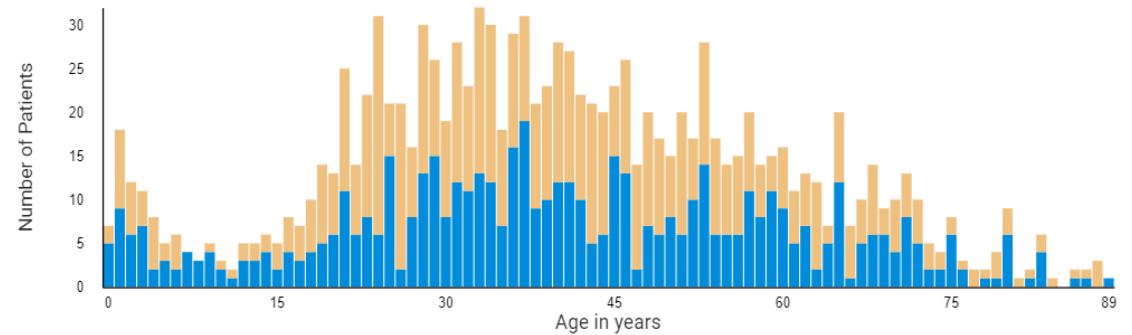
Before January 1, 2020



Patients 90 and Older: 11

Total Patients	Minimum Age	Maximum Age	Mean Age	Standard Deviation
480	0	90	28	29

After January 1, 2020



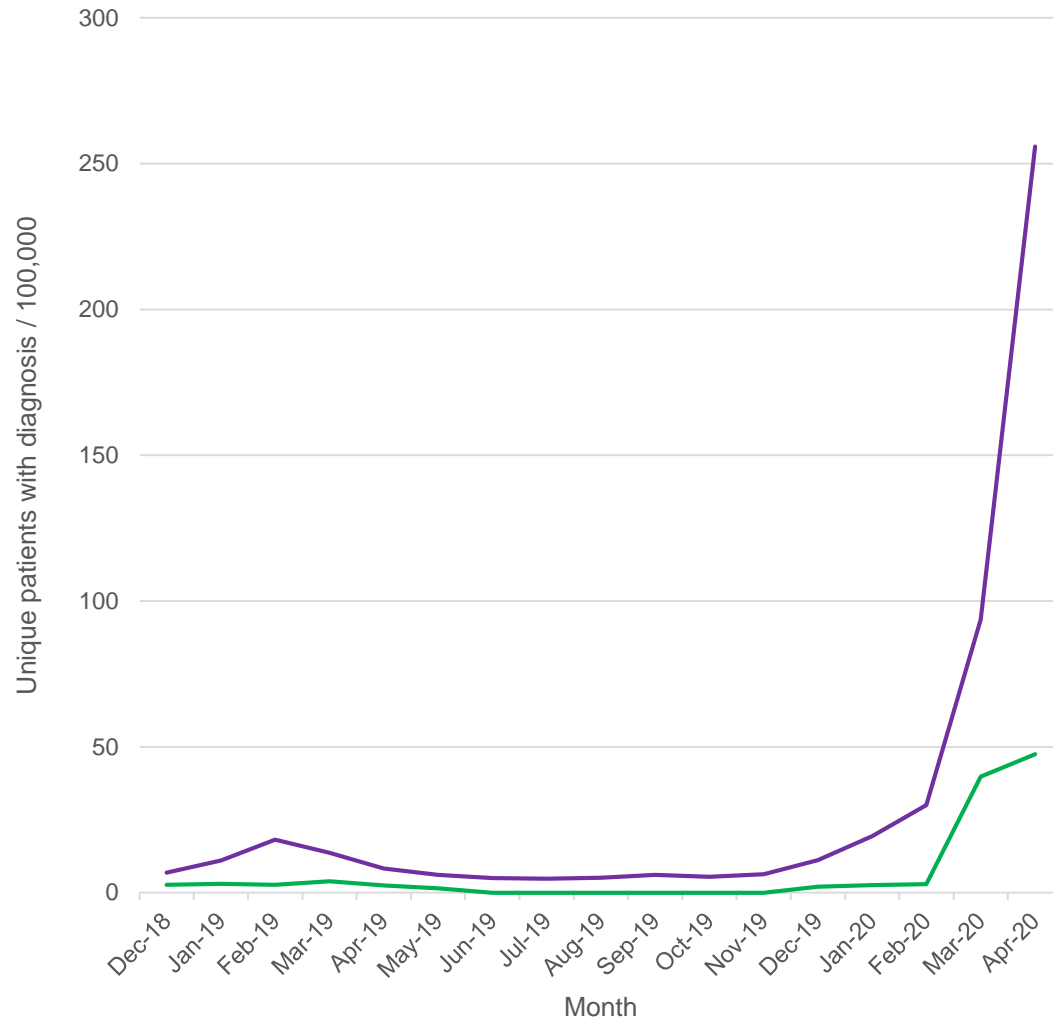
Patients 90 and Older: 3

Total Patients	Minimum Age	Maximum Age	Mean Age	Standard Deviation
1,220	0	90	40	19

J12.81 – Pneumonia due to SARS-associated coronavirus

PATIENTS WITH COVID-19-RELATED DIAGNOSES PER 100,000 PERSONS PER MONTH IN THE USA NETWORK

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Patients with B97.29, used to diagnose other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere, recorded along with a specific respiratory related diagnosis:

J20 Acute bronchitis
OR
J12.89 Other viral pneumonia
OR
J22 Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection
OR
J98.8 Other specified respiratory disorders
OR
J80 Acute respiratory distress syndrome

Patients with Z20.828, used to code for suspected exposure to a viral communicable disease, coupled with a key symptom:

R05 Cough
OR
R06.02 Shortness of breath
OR
R07.1 Chest pain on breathing
OR
R07.89 Other chest pain
OR
R50.9 Fever, unspecified
OR
R07.9 Chest pain, unspecified



COVID-19 IDENTIFYING PATIENTS



BASE QUERY FOR COVID-19 PATIENT IDENTIFICATION

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Initial query logic used by TriNetX as of April 3, 2020:

Network	Number of Patients
USA	1,330

Event 1A: The terms in this event occurred on or after Jan 20, 2020

B34.2

Coronavirus infection, unspecified

49,990

OR

B97.29

Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere

53,570

OR

J12.81

Pneumonia due to SARS-associated coronavirus

570

OR

U07.1

2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease (WHO)

0

079.89

Other specified viral infection

42,590

+ Add Related Event

×



Inclusion requirements: coronavirus codes used in EMRs for COVID-19

- B34.2 and J12.81 used more before CDC guidelines
- B97.29 used more after CDC guidelines released
- U07.1 new code specific to COVID-19
- Any code must be present Jan 20, 2020 or after to yield patients



Exclusion requirement: ICD-9 other specified viral infection code

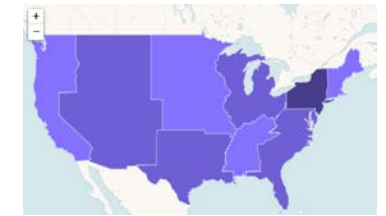
- Mapped to B34.2 and B97.29
- Still used occasionally as 'catch all' code for 50+ viral infections

BASE QUERY FOR COVID-19 PATIENT IDENTIFICATION

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Current query logic used by TriNetX as May 13, 2020:

Network	# of Patients
USA	31,070



Event 1A: The terms in this event occurred on or after Jan 20, 2020

[+ Add Related Event](#)

B34.2	Coronavirus infection, unspecified	53,030
OR		
B97.29	Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere	76,560
OR		
J12.81	Pneumonia due to SARS-associated coronavirus	650
OR		
U07.1	2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease (WHO)	17,890
OR		
U07.2	COVID-19, virus not identified (WHO)	0
OR		
9088	SARS coronavirus 2 and related RNA [Presence]	132,350
> Positive, Ever		

079.89	Other specified viral infection	42,880
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Inclusion requirements: coronavirus codes used in EMRs for COVID-19

- Same inclusions as prior query
- Added new U07.1 and U07.2 diagnosis codes
- Many lab tests 'rolled up' as 9088 and added



Exclusion requirement: ICD-9 other specified viral infection code

- Same exclusion as prior query





COVID-19 USE CASES

#1 – INPATIENT QUERY & VENTILATION OUTCOMES
APRIL 5, 2020



SPECIFIED COVID-19 QUERY: INPATIENT COHORT

17

 COVID-19 Age 12+ inpatients in Live-US 


580


PATIENTS


Apr 05, 2020, 6:13 am. Jennifer Stacey. Live Network - USA.


28

HCOS


 Count Patients




 View History


 Network


Live Network - USA
61 of 61 HCOs online



 Population


≥ 12 years, Any sex
77,728,494 patients on network






MUST Have


Search Term...







CANNOT Have

Search Term...





Event 1A: The terms in this event occurred on or after Jan 20, 2020 

834.2

OR

897.29

J12.81

U07.1

Coronavirus infection, unspecified

Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere

Pneumonia due to SARS-associated coronavirus

2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease (WHO)

50,010

53,590


570

0

879.89

Other specified viral infection

42,590

Event 1B: Any instance of Event 1B occurred within 2 Weeks before or any time after any instance of Event 1A 

1013659

OR

1013699

OR

1013729

OR

Visit: Inpatient Acute

OR

Visit: Inpatient Encounter

OR

Visit: Inpatient Non-acute

OR

Visit: Short Stay

Hospital Inpatient Services

Initial Inpatient Consultation Services

Critical Care Services

Visit: Inpatient Acute

Visit: Inpatient Encounter

Visit: Inpatient Non-acute

Visit: Short Stay

5,567,220

1,519,210

1,495,820

173,460

14,554,200

143,910

1,092,170

ID's 580 patients

- US Network
- Age ≥12 years
- Same base query logic
- Inpatient code required 2 weeks before or anytime after COVID-19 diagnosis

INPATIENT COHORT OUTCOME: MECHANICAL VENTILATION

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Selected inputs:

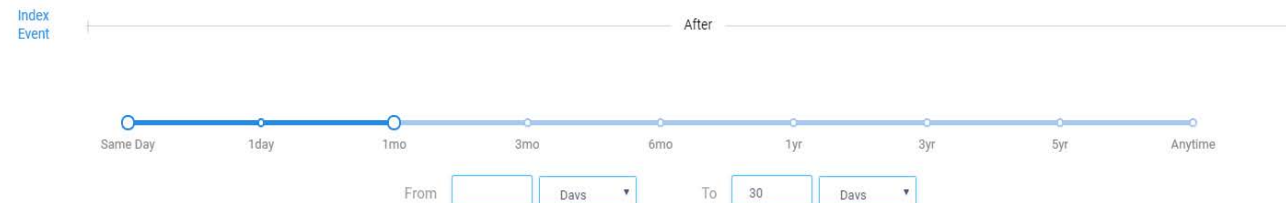
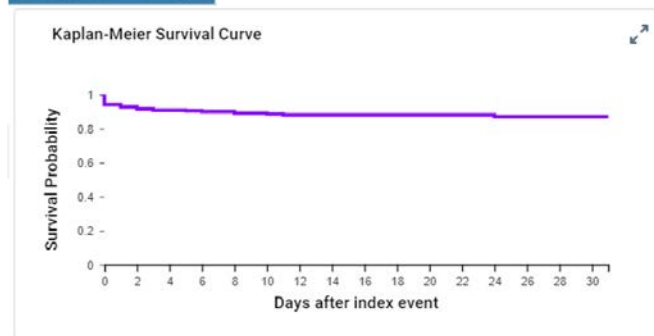
- Mechanical ventilation CPT or ICD-10-PCS codes
- Must occur on the same day to 1 month after both COVID-19 diagnosis and inpatient status

Results:

1a : Risk

Cohort		Cohort Statistics		
	Patients in Cohort	Patients with Outcome	Risk	
1 COVID-19 Age 12+ inpatients in...	570	60	10.526%	

1b : Kaplan-Meier Analysis



MUST Have

Search Term...

31500	Intubation, endotracheal, emergency procedure	246,630
OR		
1015098	Ventilator Management	421,320
OR		
5A1935Z	Respiratory Ventilation, Less than 24 Consecutive Hours	306,610
OR		
5A1945Z	Respiratory Ventilation, 24-96 Consecutive Hours	348,300
OR		
5A1955Z	Respiratory Ventilation, Greater than 96 Consecutive Hours	254,250
OR		
0BH17EZ	Insertion of Endotracheal Airway into Trachea, Via Natural or Artificial Opening	413,830
OR		
0BH18EZ	Insertion of Endotracheal Airway into Trachea, Via Natural or Artificial Opening Endoscopic	270,770
OR		
0BH13EZ	Insertion of Endotracheal Airway into Trachea, Percutaneous Approach	110
OR		
1022227	Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO)/extracorporeal life support (ECLS) provided by physician	7,070
OR		
39.65	Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation [ECMO]	4,720



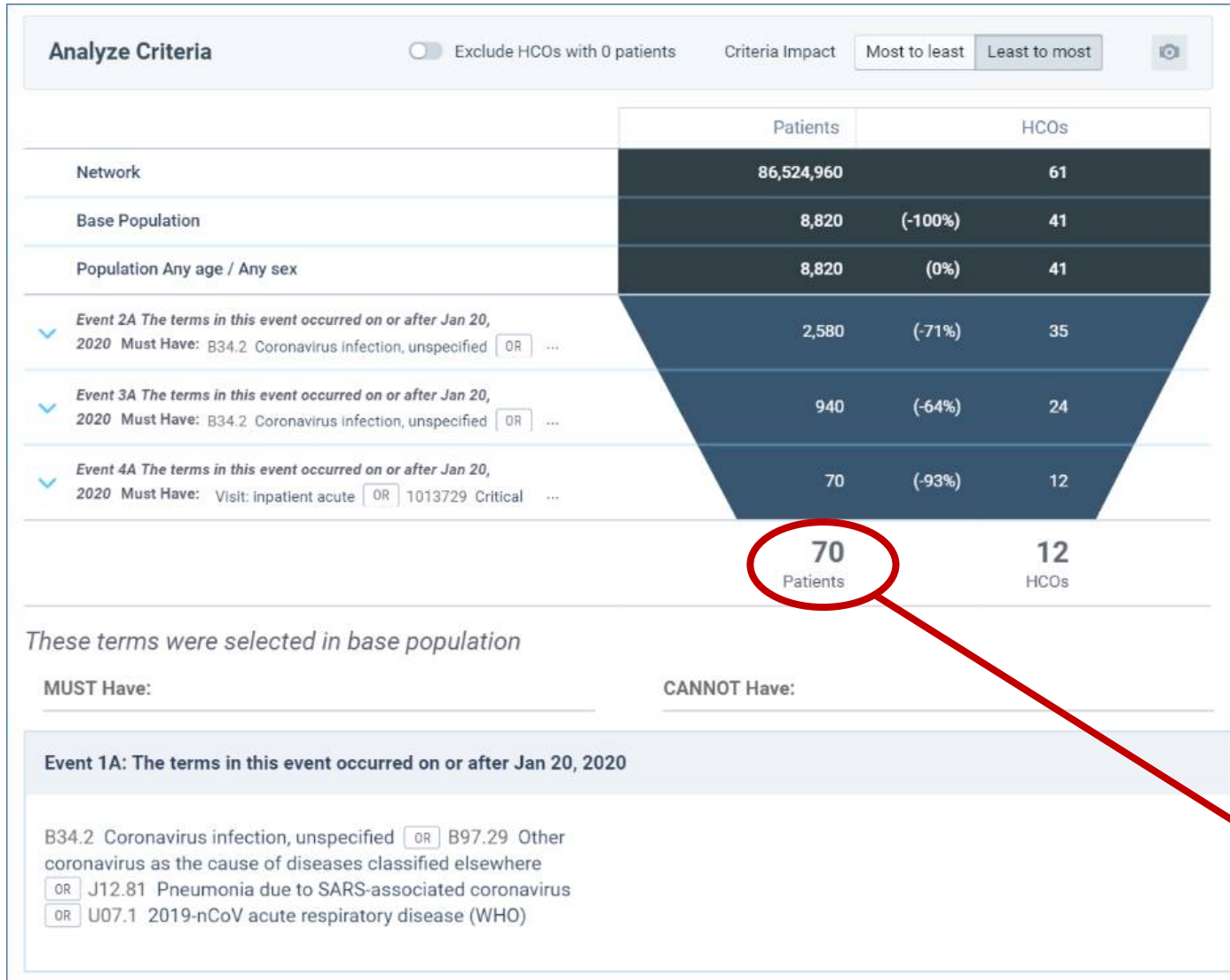
COVID-19 USE CASES

**#2 – ASSESSING POSSIBLE DIALYSATE SHORTAGES
DUE TO UNEXPECTED KIDNEY FAILURE OUTCOMES
APRIL 19, 2020**



DIALYSIS PATIENT ATTRITION FUNNEL

20



COVID patients

- 8,820 patients as of April 19, 2020

COVID patients with an inpatient visit

- 2,580 patients (Cohort #1)

Of cohort #1, how many have evidence of an ICU stay?

- 940 patients (Cohort #2)

Of cohort #1, how many patients have evidence of continuous renal replacement therapy?

- 170 patients

How many of #2 (COVID+ICU) have evidence of dialysis in the ICU?

- 70 patients

*Inpatient status may be enough vs getting more granular with ICU status considering the overcrowding and other unit conversions to handle the intensive care demands.



COVID-19 USE CASES

**#3 – ASSESSING SUPPLEMENTAL O2 USE
MAY 1, 2020 & MAY 13, 2020**



RESPIRATORY SUB COHORT ATTRITION FUNNELS

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For a cohort of hospitalized COVID patients can we get counts on tachypnea (respiratory rate ≥ 24 breaths/min) or requiring supplemental oxygen or a $\text{SpO}_2 \leq 94\%$ on room air, or requiring mechanical ventilation?

	Patients	HCOs
Network	83,520,140	60
Base Population See All	20,300 (-100%)	44
Population Any age / Any sex	20,300 (0%)	44
✓ Event 1A The terms in this event occurred on or after Feb 20, 2020 Must ...	5,880 (-71%)	41
✓ Event 2A The terms in this event occurred on or after Feb 20, 2020 Must Have: Visit: ...	1,550 (-74%)	27

**Tachypnea
(26%)**

1,550
Patients
27
HCOs

	Patients	HCOs
Network	83,520,140	60
Base Population See All	20,300 (-100%)	44
Population Any age / Any sex	20,300 (0%)	44
✓ Event 1A The terms in this event occurred on or after Feb 20, 2020 Must ...	5,880 (-71%)	41
✓ Event 2A The terms in this event occurred on or after Feb 20, 2020 Must Have: Visit: ...	190 (-97%)	28

**Supplemental O2
(3%)**

190
Patients
28
HCOs

	Patients	HCOs
Network	83,520,140	60
Base Population See All	20,300 (-100%)	44
Population Any age / Any sex	20,300 (0%)	44
✓ Event 1A The terms in this event occurred on or after Feb 20, 2020 Must ...	5,880 (-71%)	41
✓ Event 2A The terms in this event occurred on or after Feb 20, 2020 Must Have: Visit: ...	2,550 (-57%)	32

**O2 Saturation
(43%)**

2,550
Patients
32
HCOs

	Patients	HCOs
Network	83,520,140	60
Base Population See All	20,300 (-100%)	44
Population Any age / Any sex	20,300 (0%)	44
✓ Event 1A The terms in this event occurred on or after Feb 20, 2020 Must ...	5,880 (-71%)	41
✓ Event 2A The terms in this event occurred on or after Feb 20, 2020 Must Have: Visit: ...	880 (-85%)	34

**Mechanical Ventilation
(15%)**

880
Patients
34
HCOs

IDENTIFYING PATIENTS ON SUPPLEMENTAL OXYGEN

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- Initial codes used the following diagnosis to identify 190 patients:

Z99.81	Dependence on supplemental oxygen	453,690
OR		
7886	Oxygen	10,780

- Expanded codes list used the following diagnosis to now identify 320 patients

Z99.81	Dependence on supplemental oxygen	453,690
OR		
7886	Oxygen	10,780
OR		
E1390	Oxygen concentrator, single delivery port, capable of delivering 85 percent or greater oxygen concentration at the prescribed flow rate	48,510
OR		
S8120	Oxygen contents, gaseous, 1 unit equals 1 cubic foot	380
OR		
S8121	Oxygen contents, liquid, 1 unit equals 1 pound	70
OR		
E1391	Oxygen concentrator, dual delivery port, capable of delivering 85 percent or greater oxygen concentration at the prescribed flow rate, each	20
OR		
5A09	Physiological Systems / Assistance / Respiratory	305,290
OR		
94660	Continuous positive airway pressure ventilation (CPAP), initiation and management	326,760
OR		
5A19054	Respiratory Ventilation, Single, Nonmechanical	1,670
OR		
E0601	Continuous positive airway pressure (cpap) device	58,580

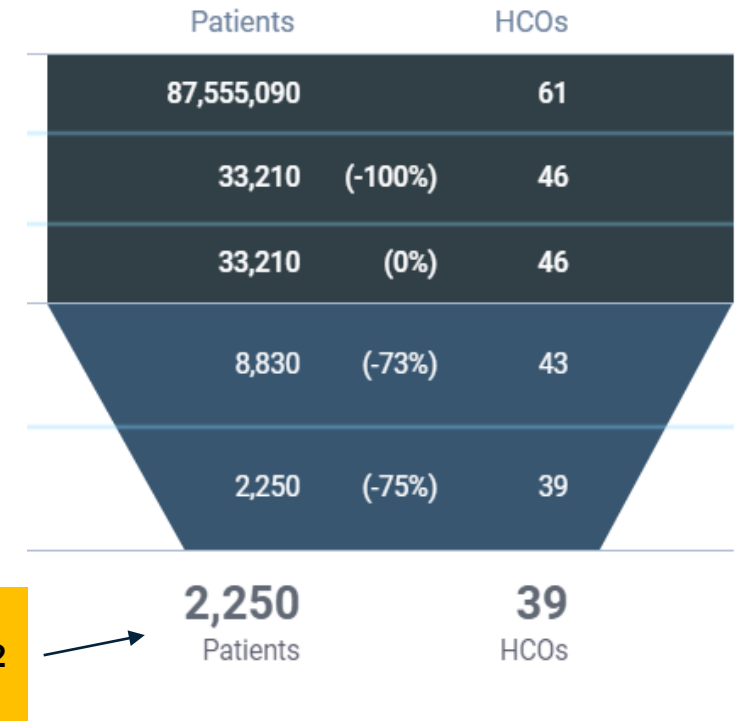
Patients		HCOs
86,784,960		61
20,300	(-100%)	44
20,300	(0%)	44
5,880	(-71%)	41
320	(-95%)	33
Updated Supplemental O2 (5%)	→	320 Patients
		33 HCOs

RATIONALE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL OXYGEN CODING

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Supplemental oxygen may not be coded in a patients EHR accurately and/or in structured manner

- Initial query did not include non-invasive ventilation codes (i.e. – CPAP) for supplemental O2 as they don't specify if an oxygen condenser was used or not, but making assumption along with additional codes increased patients on O2 from 3% to 5% of cohort
- Adding **hypoxia** is another consideration. While not specifically stating O2 was administered, added to the query it identifies that 25% of patients in the cohort were *in need of* supplemental O2.



Reality of RWD may be that oxygen supplementation may be noted in the patient's chart instead of being coded, especially if it's not a long-term supplement



Reagan-Udall Foundation - Covid-19 Lab Presentation

Translating early observations to scalable RWD/RWE

Proportion of patients requiring supplemental oxygen

TABLE 2. Health care use, interventions, and outcomes in adults hospitalized with COVID-19 (N = 305), by age group and race/ethnicity* — eight hospitals, Georgia, March 2020

Characteristic of hospitalization	Total no. (%) (N = 305)	Age group (yrs)			P-value [§]	Race/Ethnicity ^{*,†}		P-value [§]
		No. (%)				No. (%)		
		18–49 (n = 89)	50–64 (n = 99)	≥65 (n = 117)		Black (n = 247)	Other (n = 50)	
Health care use								
Median hospital duration, days [¶]	8.5 (5.0–14.0)	7.0 (4.3–11.8)	8.0 (5.0–12.8)	10.0 (6.0–16.0)	0.001	8.0 (5.0–13.8)	8.0 (4.0–14.0)	0.084
Any supplemental oxygen	232 (76.1)	58 (65.2)	70 (70.7)	104 (88.9)	<0.001	186 (75.3)	40 (80.0)	0.59
Nasal cannula	220 (72.1)	57 (64.0)	67 (67.7)	96 (82.1)	0.007	177 (71.7)	37 (74.0)	0.86
Noninvasive ventilation	11 (3.6)	2 (2.2)	4 (4.0)	5 (4.3)	0.80	10 (4.0)	0 (—)	0.22
High-flow nasal cannula	69 (22.6)	13 (14.6)	17 (17.2)	39 (33.3)	0.002	55 (22.3)	14 (28.0)	0.37
ICU admission and interventions								
Admitted to ICU	119 (39.0)	24 (27.0)	32 (32.3)	63 (53.8)	<0.001	96 (38.9)	21 (42.0)	0.75
Median ICU duration, days [¶]	8.0 (5.0–12.0)	7.0 (4.0–14.0)	8.0 (6.0–11.0)	9.0 (5.0–12.0)	0.74	8.0 (5.0–12.0)	9.0 (6.0–11.0)	0.92
Invasive mechanical ventilation	92 (30.2)	17 (19.1)	27 (27.3)	48 (41.0)	0.003	75 (30.4)	16 (32.0)	0.87
Median ventilator days [¶]	9.0 (5.0–12.0)	8.5 (5.0–13.3)	9.0 (5.5–10.5)	10.0 (6.0–12.0)	0.74	9.0 (5.0–11.5)	9.5 (6.3–13.3)	0.20
Acute renal replacement therapy	23 (7.5)	2 (2.2)	8 (8.1)	13 (11.1)	0.037	19 (7.7)	3 (6.0)	>0.99
Vasopressor support	84 (27.5)	13 (14.6)	21 (21.2)	50 (42.7)	<0.001	70 (28.3)	13 (26.0)	0.86
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation	13 (4.3)	2 (2.2)	3 (3.0)	8 (6.8)	0.25	11 (4.5)	2 (4.0)	>0.99
Outcome								
Discharged alive	233 (76.4)	85 (95.5)	83 (83.8)	65 (55.6)	<0.001	192 (77.7)	34 (68.0)	0.15
Still hospitalized	24 (7.9)	1 (1.1)	7 (7.1)	16 (13.7)	0.002	18 (7.3)	6 (12.0)	0.26
Died**	48 (17.1)	3 (3.4)	9 (9.8)	36 (35.6)	<0.001	37 (16.2)	10 (22.7)	0.28
Invasive mechanical ventilation or death**	86 (30.6)	16 (18.2)	22 (23.9)	48 (47.5)	<0.001	69 (30.1)	16 (36.4)	0.48

Abbreviations: COVID-19 = coronavirus disease 2019; ICU = intensive care unit; IQR = interquartile range.

* Black was defined as non-Hispanic black race/ethnicity; other includes all other racial/ethnic groups.

[†] Eight patients were excluded from race comparisons because race and ethnicity data were missing.

[§] P-values were calculated using Fisher's exact tests for proportions and the Wilcoxon rank-sum test or the Kruskal-Wallis H test for medians.

[¶] Continuous variables are presented as median (IQR).

** Among 281 total patients who were no longer hospitalized, 88 (31.3%) were aged 18–49 years, 92 (32.7%) were aged 50–64 years, and 101 (35.9%) were aged ≥65 years; among 273 patients with available race/ethnicity data who were no longer hospitalized, 229 (83.9%) were non-Hispanic black, and 44 (16.1) were of other race/ethnicity.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

MMWR

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

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Characteristics and Clinical Outcomes of Adult Patients Hospitalized with COVID-19 — Georgia, March 2020

- 8 Georgia hospitals (7 in Atlanta); data summarized via medical record–abstraction for adult patients with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 admitted in March 2020.
- Any supplemental oxygen: 76%
- Nasal cannula: 72%
- Non-invasive ventilation: 3.6%
- Invasive mechanical ventilation: 30%

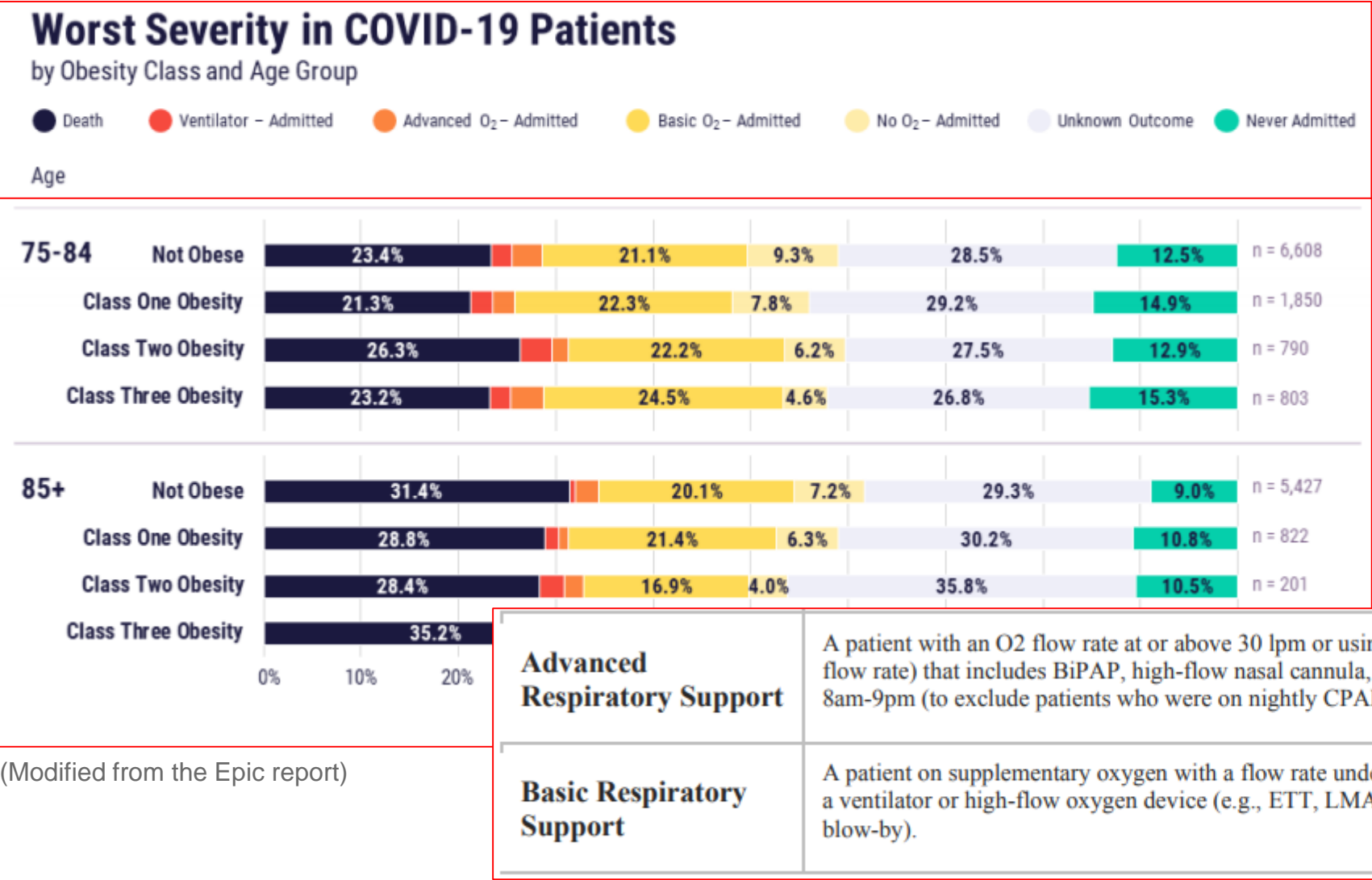
Oxygen Support – Preliminary Results from Inpatient EHRs

Oxygen delivery	Hospitalizations with coronavirus or COVID-19 diagnosis codes (B97.29, U07.1, or B34.2) (N=360)		Hospitalizations with CDC recommended COVID-19 codes (B97.29 or U07.1) (N=339)	
	1/1/20 – 4/6/20	2/20/20 – 4/6/20	1/1/20 – 4/6/20	2/20/20 – 4/6/20
Supplemental O2 on admission*	28.5%	15.8%	27.6%	15.9%
Supplemental O2 after admission*	43.5%	25.3%	42.1%	24.8%
Mechanical ventilation on admission*	8.5%	4.4%	8.2%	4.7%
Mechanical ventilation after admission*	13.9%	12.5%	14.2%	13.3%
Any mechanical ventilation during the hospitalization**	18.4%	15.0%	18.5%	15.9%

*One hospitalization could contribute to both rows if the patient had relevant codes ‘on admission’ and also ‘after admission’

**There is no “any supplemental oxygen during the hospitalization” in the current report

Proportion of patients requiring supplemental oxygen



(Modified from the Epic report)

- Focus on obesity, not O₂ supplementation
- Includes all patients, not just hospitalized
- Different definitions of O₂ supplementation

<https://ehrn.org/obesity-and-covid-19-severity/>
<https://ehrn.org/wp-content/uploads/Obesity-and-COVID-19.pdf>

How to make sense of all the Covid-19 Data?

- COVID-19 creates a perfect storm for the promise and perils of real-world data
- Rapid and real-time information versus definitive studies
- Inpatient electronic health records (EHRs) were initial focus
- Registries and ambulatory EHRs now contributing
- Can health insurance billing data help?
- Easy availability of RWD enabled rapid and prolific generation of real-world information
- **But how can we make sense of it all? Which analyses are right? How can the data be used?**

Pieces of the Puzzle

- It's all right and it might all be wrong
- Hard to see all the puzzle pieces or to know what is missing
- Gathering data quickly is akin to organizing the pieces
- Current information helps us ask better questions - putting the puzzle together...*together*
- Flexibility and transparency are critical: Understand what was done
- **Formal analyses should focus on matching the right data to right methods to the intended use**

