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Session 4 – September 20, 2023



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UNMC ID Health Equity and Quality Improvement ECHO Project

Using Data to Understand Inequity

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TARGET AUDIENCE

This accredited continuing education activity is intended for physicians, APPs, nurses, social workers, case managers, and anyone else interested in learning about health equity in underserved populations.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

Achieving health equity, addressing COVID-19 disparities, and improving the health of all Nebraskans using a quality improvement approach are the goals for our newly launched educational initiative. This COVID-19-focused health equity and quality improvement educational series will use the ECHO model for training healthcare workers.

The course is being offered through the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) infectious diseases (ID) ECHO program and is funded by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) via a CDC grant.



EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this live activity, the participants should be better able to:

1. Describe the role that data play in understanding health disparities and the impact of changes on health equity.
2. Explain how this knowledge has been applied to improve our understanding of health disparities related to long COVID-19/post-COVID conditions.
3. Apply this knowledge to clarify the impact of health disparities in the context of a case example.

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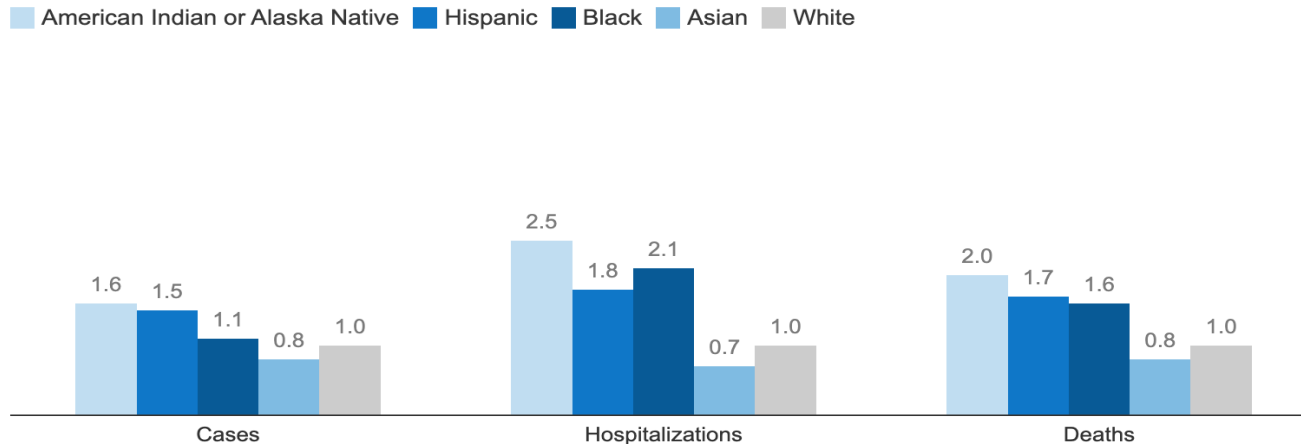
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Disparities in Acute COVID-19

Figure 2

Cumulative Age-Adjusted Risk of COVID-19 Infection, Hospitalization, and Death, Compared to White People in the United States



NOTE: Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race but are categorized as Hispanic; other groups are non-Hispanic; data for Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (NHOPI) people are not reported.

SOURCE: CDC, [Risk for COVID-19 Infection, Hospitalization, and Death By Race/Ethnicity](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/investigations-discovery/hospitalization-death-by-race-ethnicity.html), <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/investigations-discovery/hospitalization-death-by-race-ethnicity.html>. Data as of December 28, 2022, accessed February 28, 2023. • PNG

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Occupational Risk and Severity of COVID

Demographics of people employed in occupations with increased risk for SARS-CoV-2 infection overlap with those at high risk for severe COVID. **In a study using pooled National Health Interview Survey data on HCW who have direct patient contact:** ¹

38.6% were at high risk of severe COVID due to known risk factors (age \geq 65, BMI \geq 40, comorbidities).

Of those:

28.3% had \geq 2 high-risk comorbidities

74.9% were women

17.8% were African American and 9.9% were Latino



Among HHAs, Medical Assistants, and workers in support roles who were at high risk of severe COVID:

25.8% were African American and 15.6% Latino

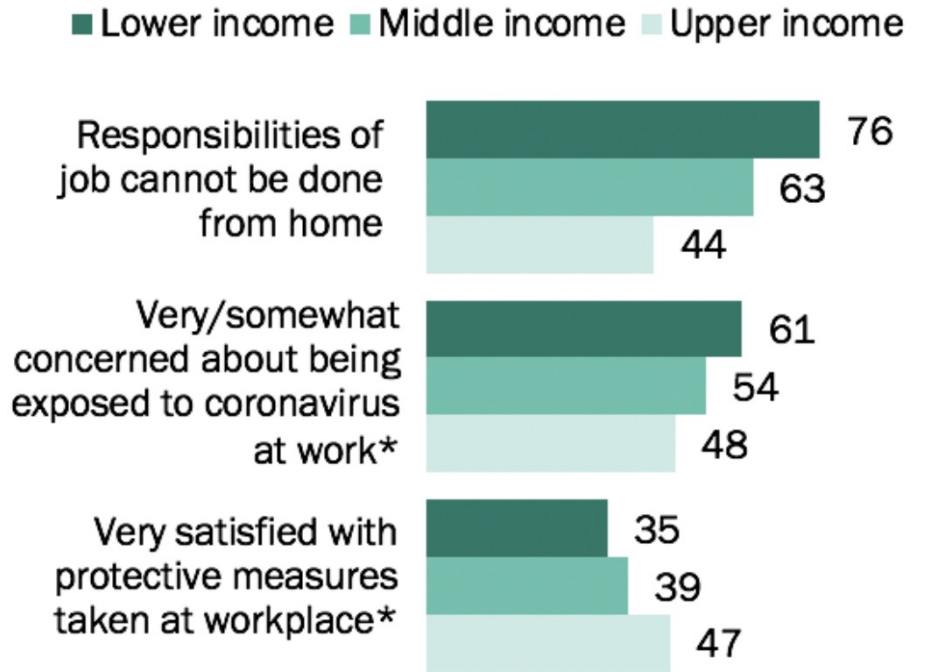
36.9% had family income <200% of the federal poverty line

17.5% could not afford Rx meds in the past 12 months

26.6% worried that food would run out in the past 30 days.

1. Gibson DM, Greene J. J Gen Intern Med 2020; 35(9):2804-06. DOI: 10.1007/s11606-020-05992-y

Lower income workers less likely to have option of teleworking, more likely to be concerned about COVID exposure



*Based on those who are not working at home all of the time and who have at least some in-person interaction with others at their job.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 13-19, 2020.

“How the Coronavirus Outbreak Has – and Hasn’t – Changed the Way Americans Work”

Long COVID

Post-COVID
Conditions (PCC)

Post-acute
Sequelae of
SARS CoV-2
Infection (PASC)

CDC:

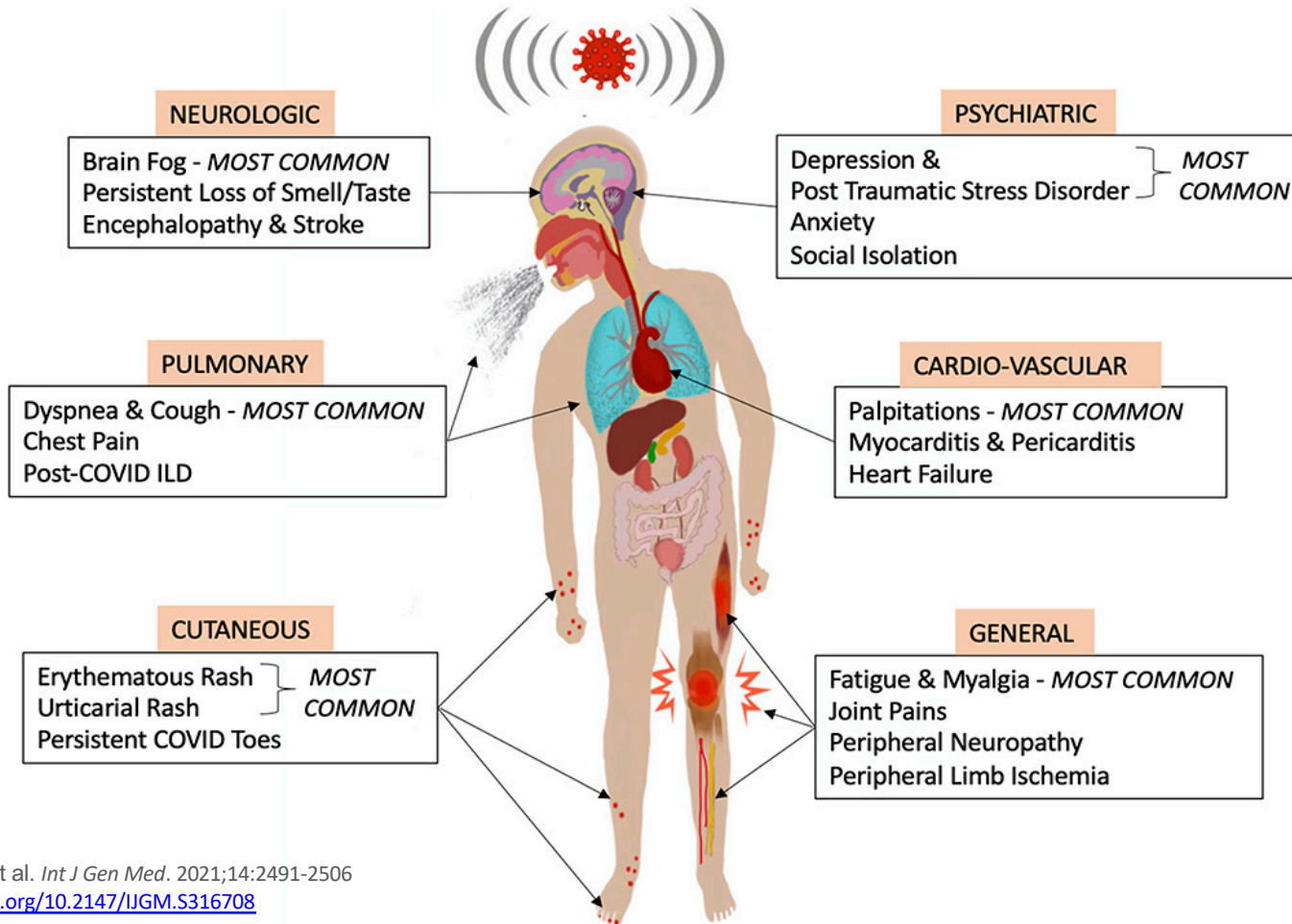
Physical and mental health symptoms that persist or develop ≥ 4 weeks after initial SARS-CoV-2 infection. Includes new or recurring symptoms.

World Health Organization (WHO):

The continuation or development of new symptoms 3 months after the initial SARS-CoV-2 infection, with these symptoms lasting for at least 2 months with no other explanation.



Long-COVID-19 : Common Manifestations





Risk Factors for Long COVID

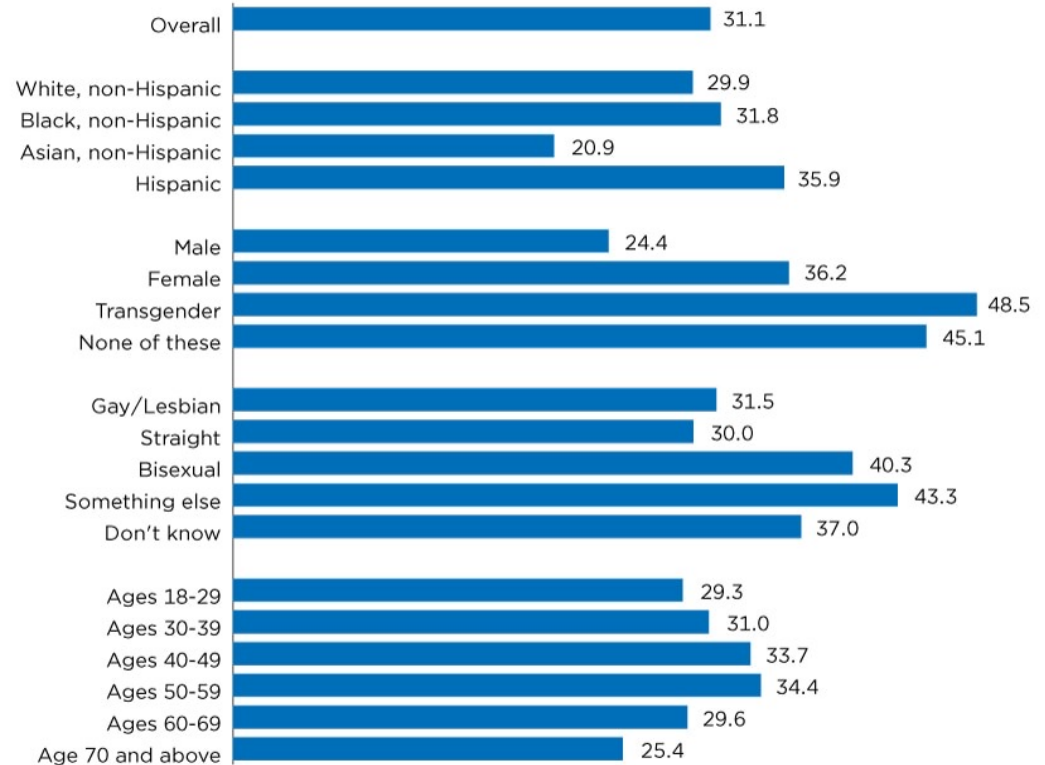
- Female sex
- Underlying co-morbid conditions
- Not having received a COVID-19 vaccine
- Having had severe COVID

Those populations more likely to have had COVID and survived COVID are more likely to develop long COVID, but unmeasured bias is still a concern in identification of clear risk factors

Disparities in rates of Long COVID

United States Census Bureau (Brian Glassman, May 01, 2023).
<https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2023/05/long-COVID-19-symptoms-reported.html> Accessed 06 Sept 2023

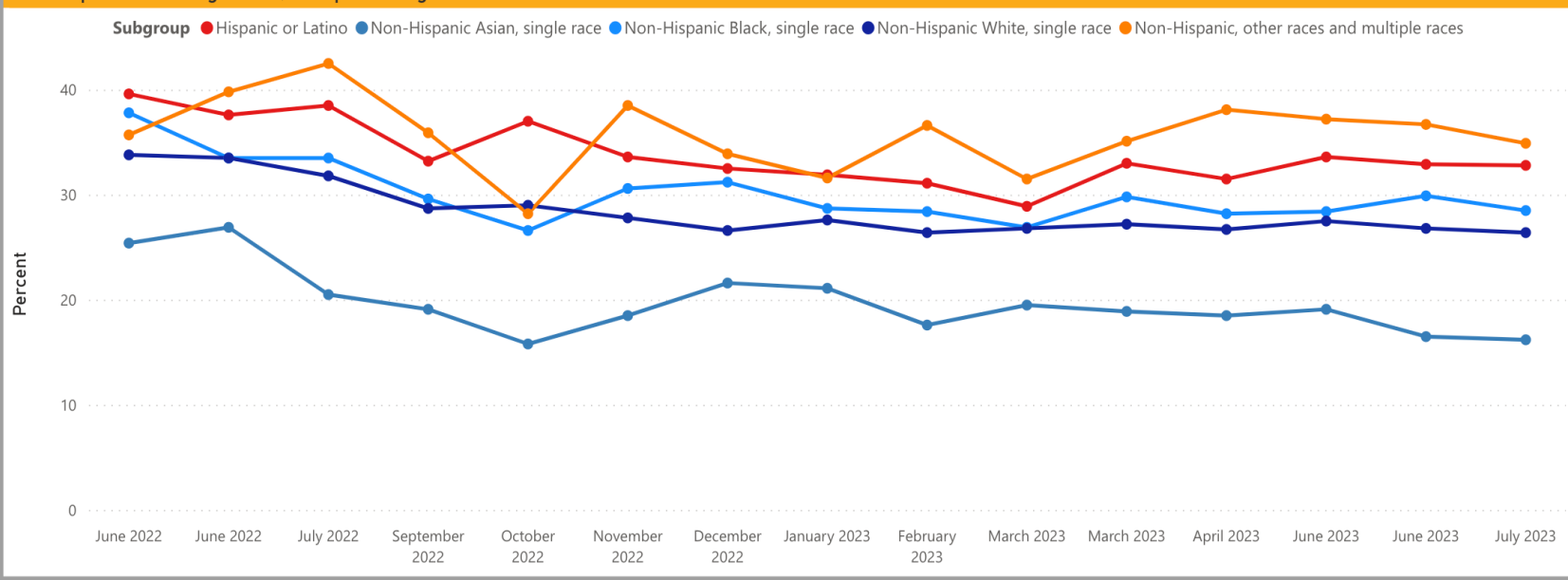
Figure 1.
Share of COVID-19 Sufferers Who Had Long COVID by Age, Race, Sex
(In percent)



Note: Estimates from respondents ages 18 and older surveyed June through December 2022.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey Public Use File Weeks 46 through 52.

U.S. National Data: “Ever Experienced Long COVID”

Ever experienced long COVID, as a percentage of adults who ever had COVID



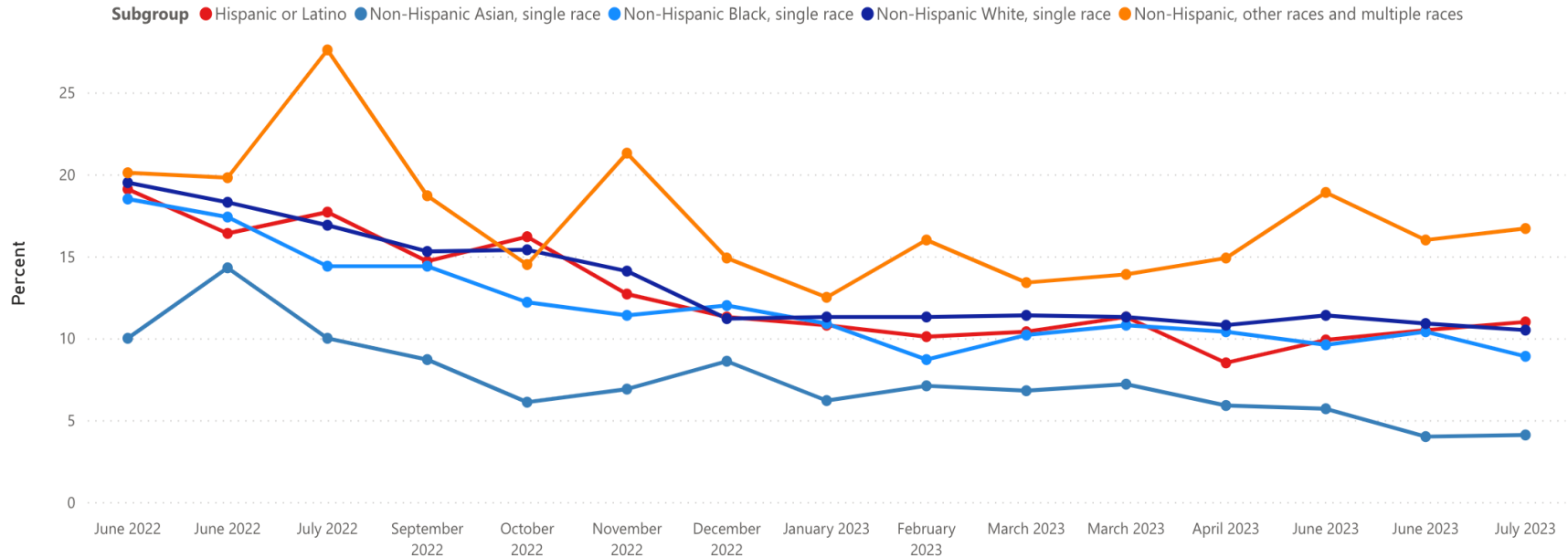
NOTE: All estimates shown meet the NCHS standards of reliability. See Technical Notes below for more information about the content and design of the survey.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey, 2022-2023

National Center for Health Statistics. U.S. Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey, 2022–2023. Long COVID. Generated interactively: from <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/COVID19/pulse/long-COVID.htm> (Accessed 06, September 2023)

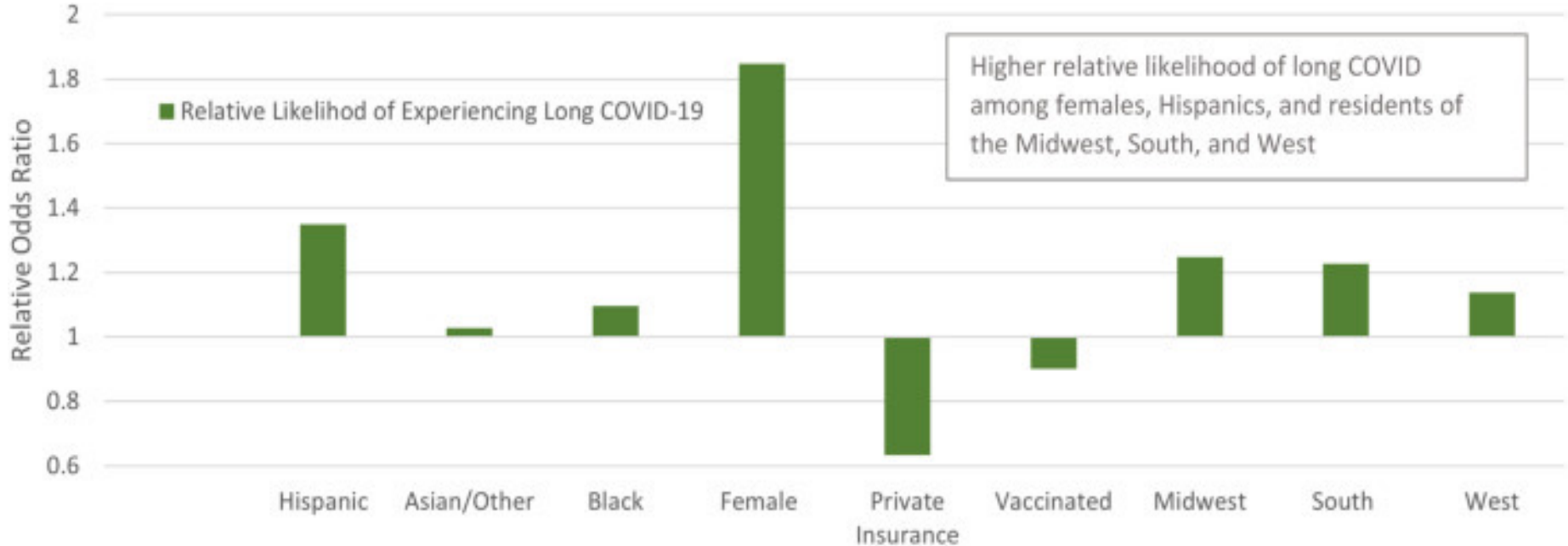
U.S. National Data: “Currently Experienced Long COVID”

Currently experiencing long COVID, as a percentage of adults who ever had COVID



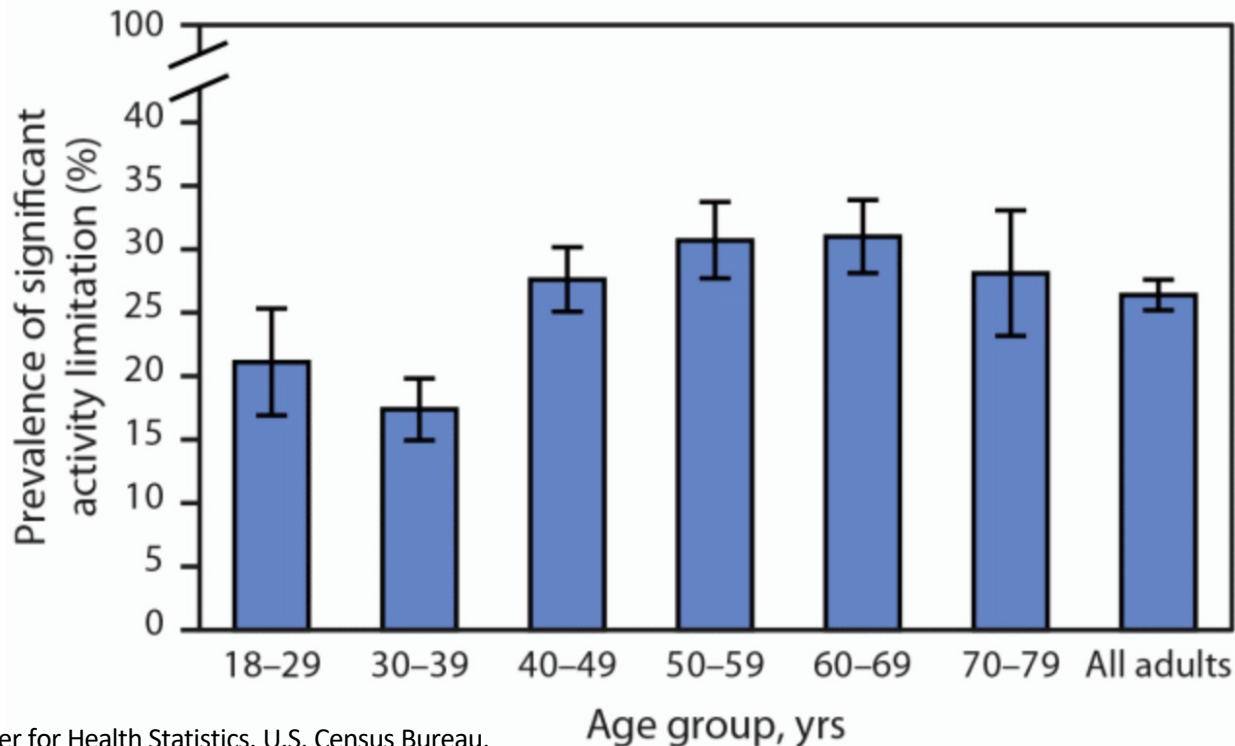
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Differences in Relative Likelihood of Long COVID by Subgroup



Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey data, June – October 2022. Multivariate analysis adjusting for age, race, ethnicity, sex, and vaccination status.

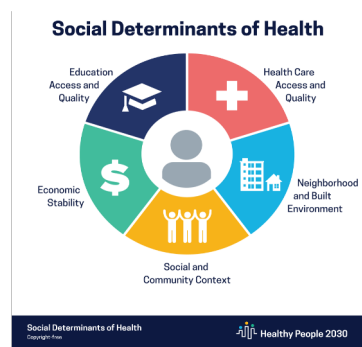
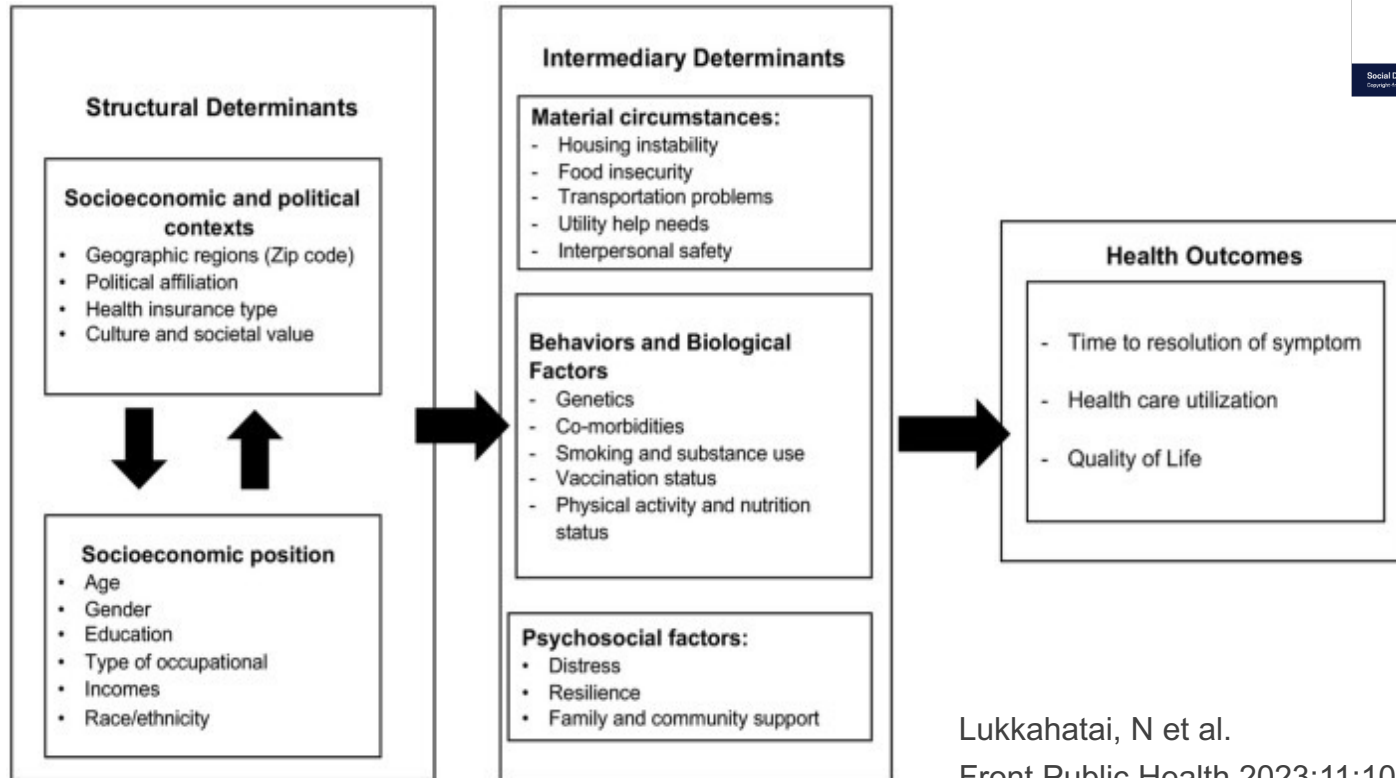
Activity Limitation among Adults with Long COVID in the U.S. (June 7-19, 2023)



National Center for Health Statistics. U.S. Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey, 2022-2023. Long COVID



Long COVID and SDOH

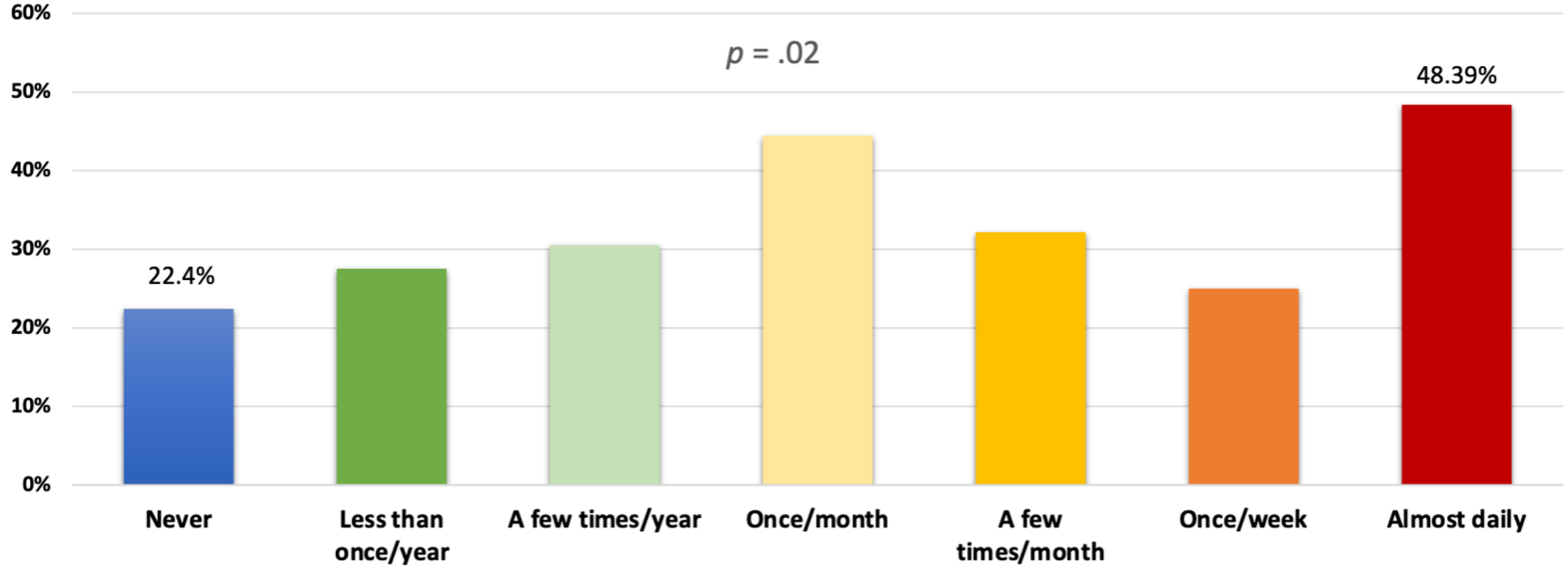


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SDOH and Long COVID Symptoms

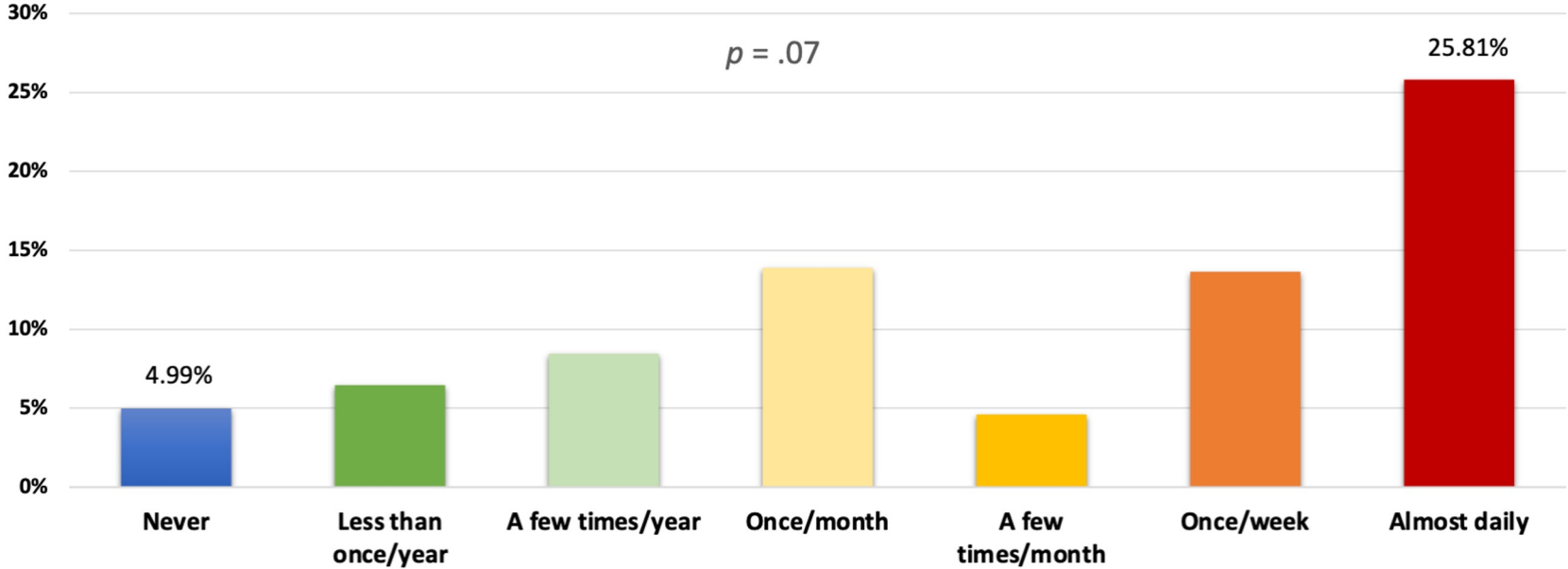
Perceived Discrimination & Lasting Neurological Symptoms



Thomason ME, et al. Translational Psychiatry (2022)12:284 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41398-022-02047-0>

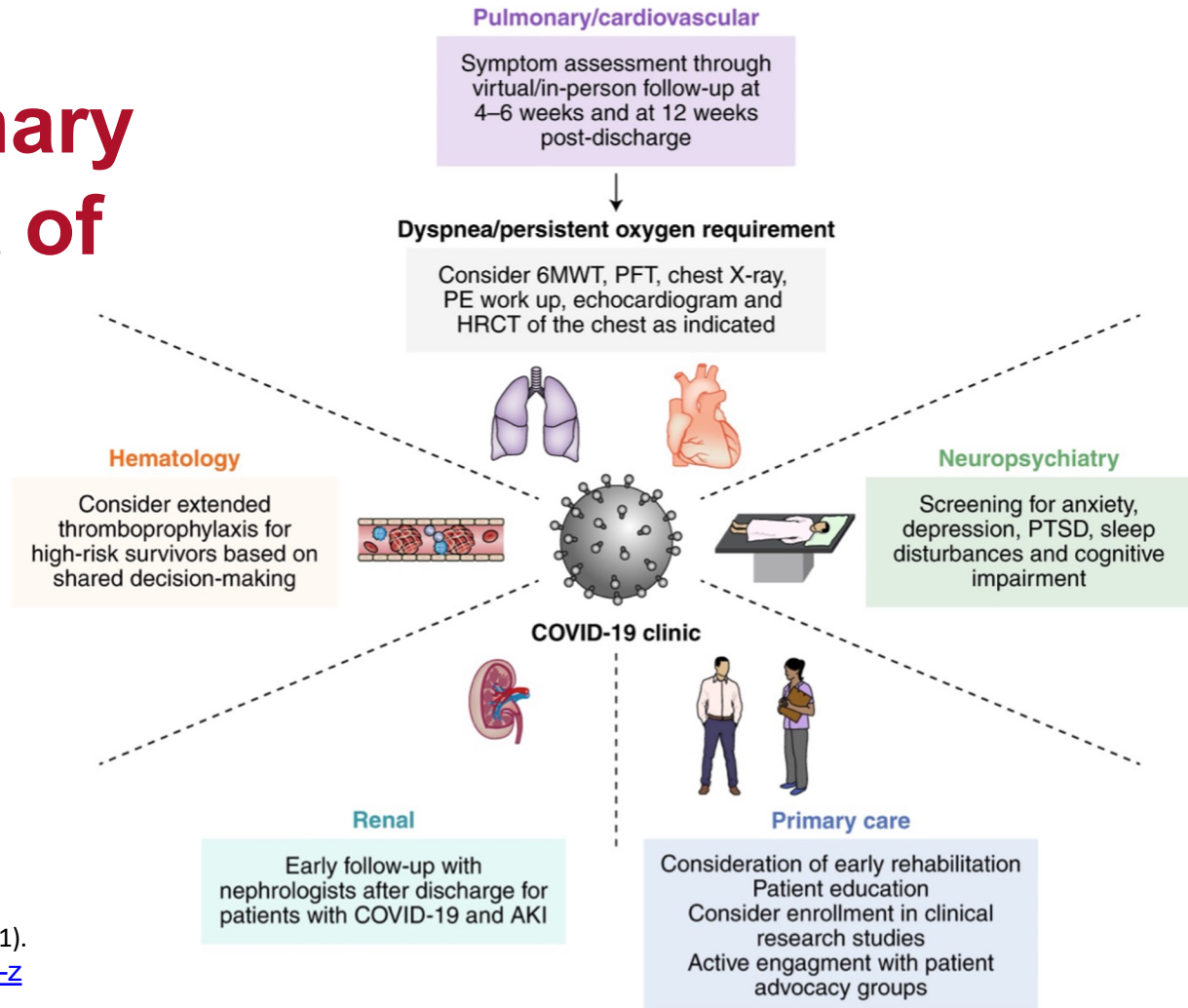
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Perceived Discrimination & Lasting Mood Symptoms



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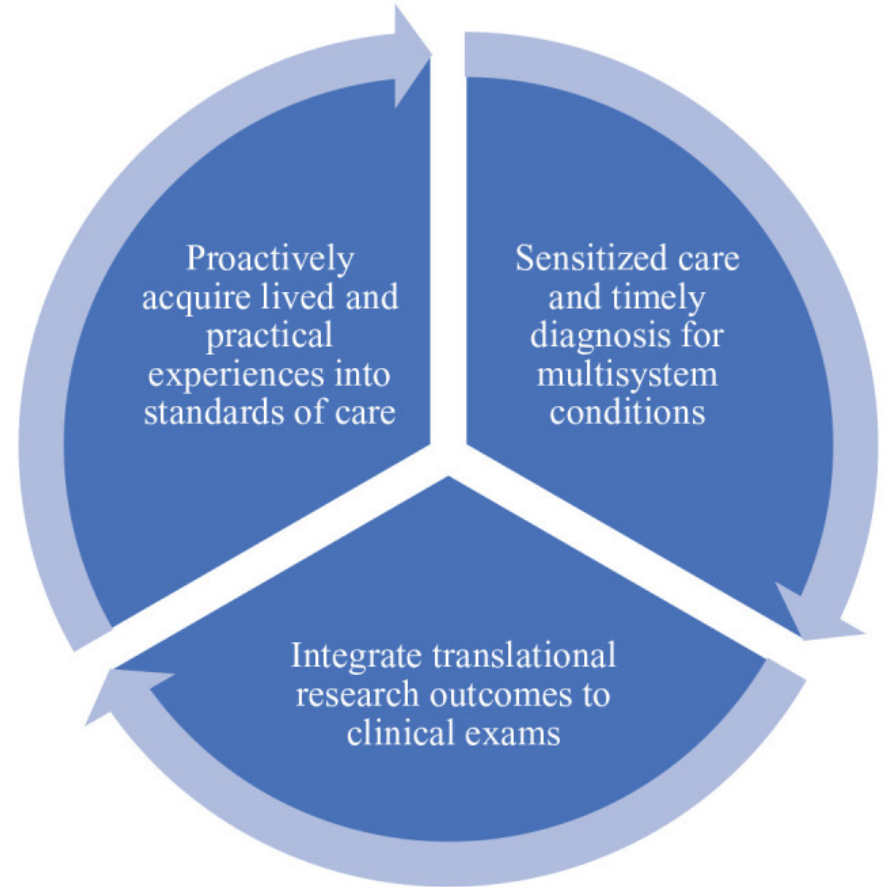
Interdisciplinary Management of Long COVID



Pursuing Equity in Long COVID-19 Care

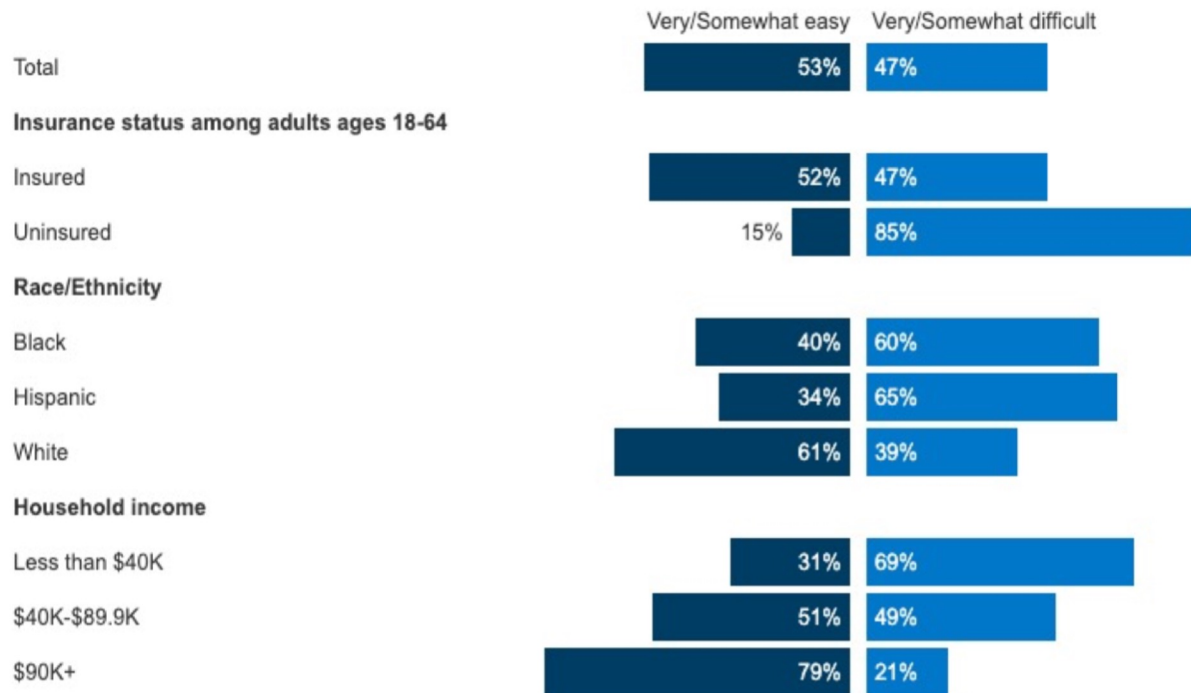
Some barriers that need to be addressed to improve access to Long COVID care:

- Insurance coverage
- Transportation
- Financial barriers
- Health literacy



Challenges Accessing Health Care due to Cost

In general, how easy or difficult is it for you to afford your health care costs?



NOTE: See topline for full question wording.

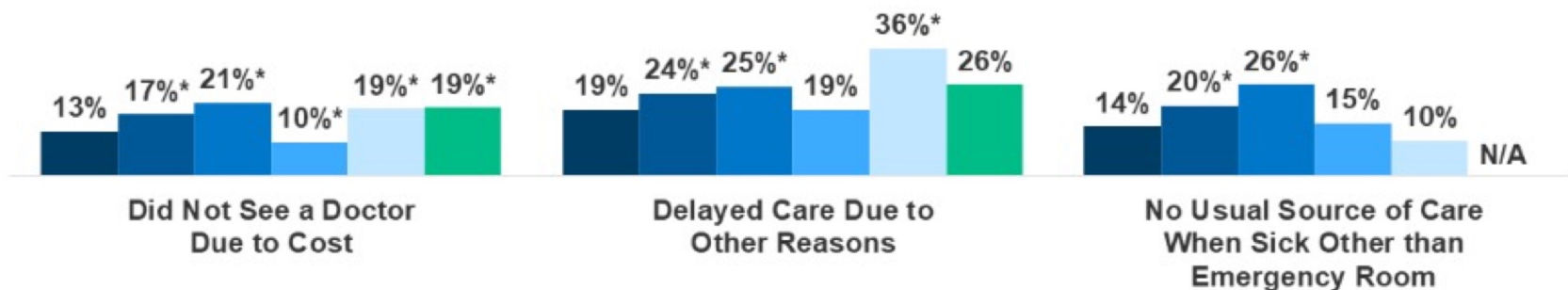
SOURCE: KFF Health Care Debt Survey (Feb. 25-Mar. 20, 2022) • PNG

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Americans' Challenges with Health Care Costs, (KFF, Jul 14, 2022) <https://www.kff.org/health-costs/issue-brief/americans-challenges-with-health-care-costs/> Accessed 10/10/22.

Share of Nonelderly Adults Reporting Selected Barriers to Accessing Health Care by Race/Ethnicity, 2018

■ White ■ Black ■ Hispanic ■ Asian ■ AIAN ■ NHOPI



* Indicates statistically significant difference from the White population at the $p < 0.05$ level.

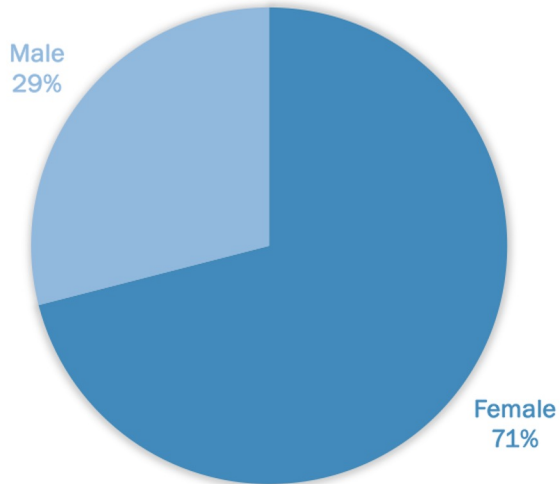
NOTE: AIAN refers to American Indians and Alaska Natives. NHOPI refers to Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders. N/A: data cannot be separately identified. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race, but are categorized as Hispanic for this analysis; other groups are non-Hispanic. Includes nonelderly adults 18-64 years of age.

SOURCE: KFF analysis of 2018 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and National Health Interview Survey data.

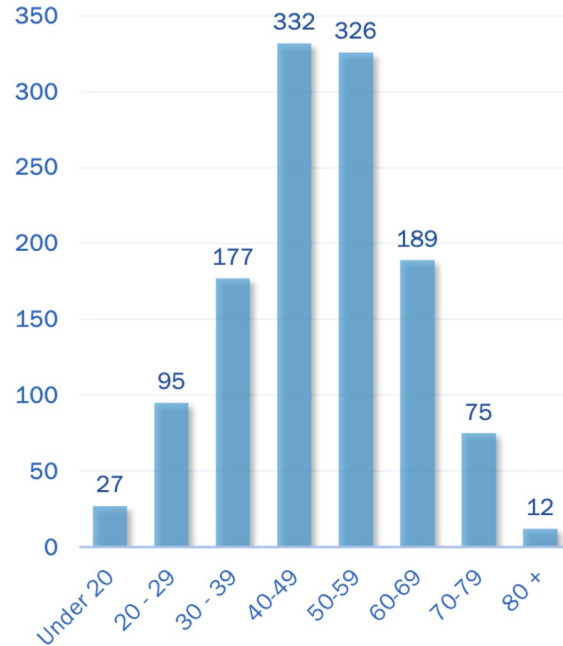


UNC COVID Recovery Clinic

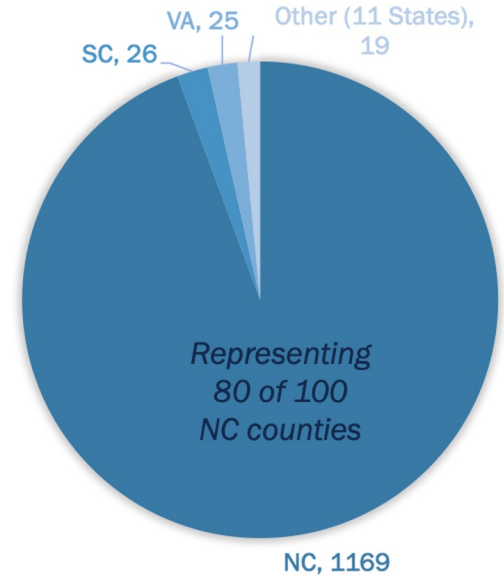
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AGE (13 - 85)



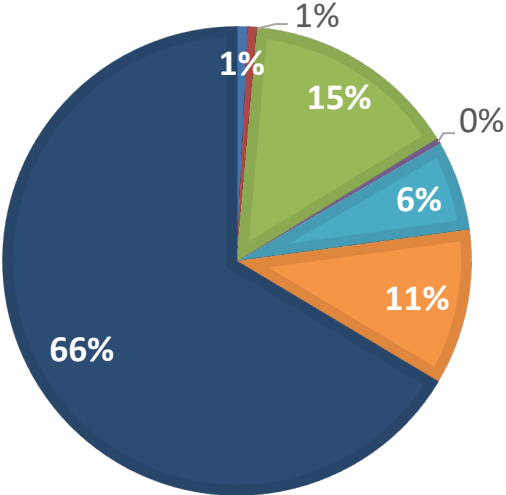
STATE OF RESIDENCE



COVID Recovery Clinic: Race/Ethnicity

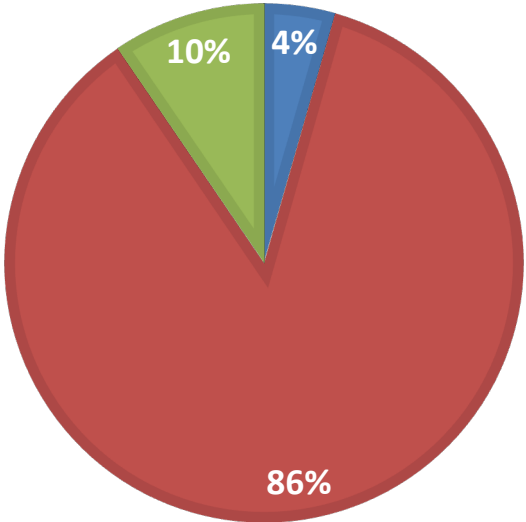
RACE

- AIAN
- Asian
- Black
- NHPI
- Other Race
- Unkown Race
- White

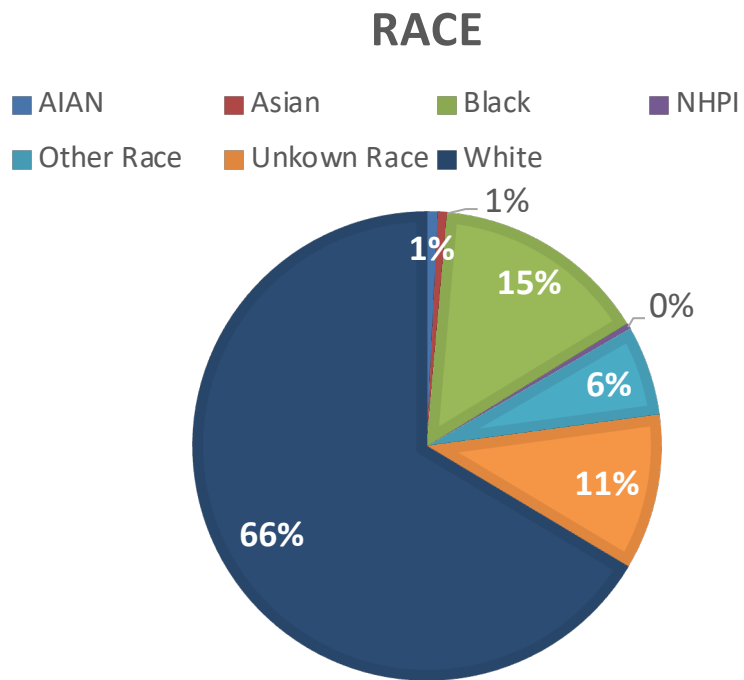


ETHNICITY

- Hispanic/Latino
- Not Hispanic/Latino
- Unknown



Race in Clinic Compared to COVID Cases in NC



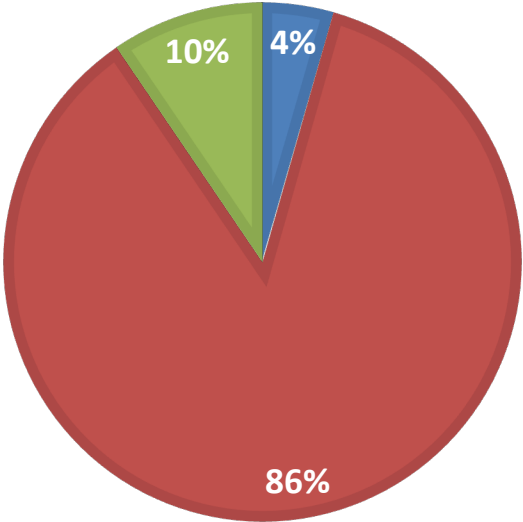
Race	% of COVID Cases in NC
AIAN	1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3%
Black	25%
White	59%
Additional Races	12%



Ethnicity in Clinic Compared to COVID Cases in NC

ETHNICITY

■ Hispanic/Latino ■ Not Hispanic/Latino ■ Unknown



Ethnicity	% of COVID Cases in NC
Hispanic/Latino	9%
Not Hispanic/Latino	91%

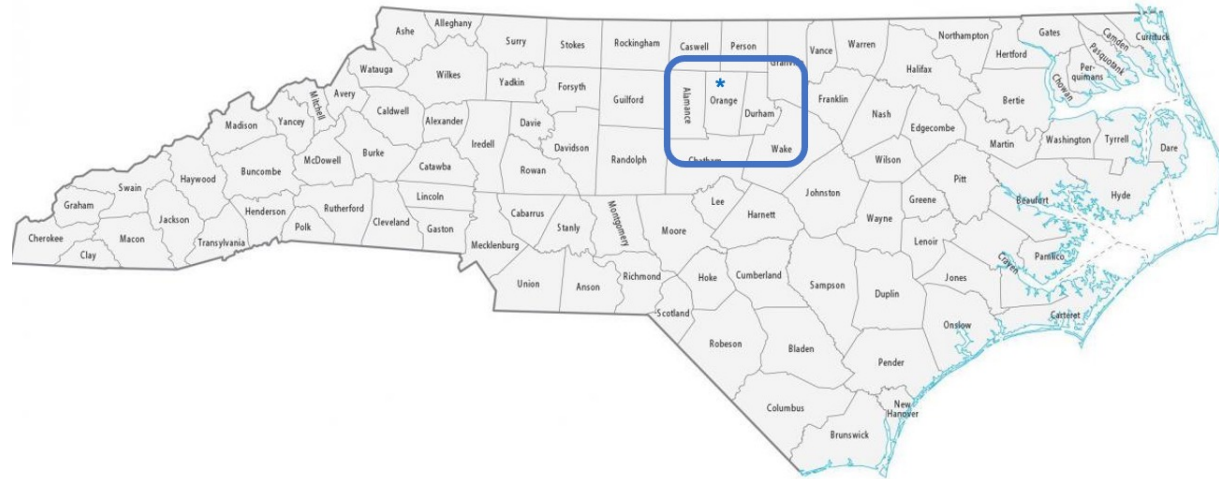
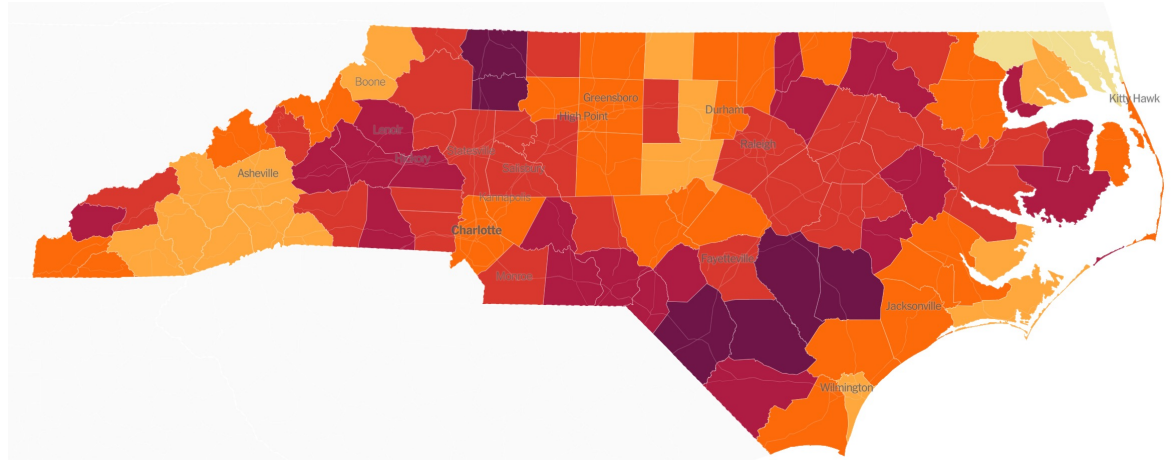


North Carolina County Map

UNC Medical Center
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COVID-19 Prevalence in North Carolina



Poll Question



Poll Question

How useful have you found the one-pagers for our Project ECHO sessions to be?

- Not at all
- Slightly
- Moderately
- Extremely



Case Discussion



Ground Rules

1. Be present & turn on your videos
2. Make Space, Take Space
3. ELMO: Enough Let's Move On
4. Take the lessons, leave the details
5. Assume positive intent
6. Be open to learning
7. Building, not selling
8. Yes/and, both/and



Discussion

1. You are a provider in a Long COVID clinic in an urban setting. You notice a pattern that patients who list a language other than English as their preferred language are overrepresented among no-shows in your clinic.

What might your next steps be?



Discussion

2. You have heard from two providers in your clinic that transportation access is a commonly reported barrier to accessing care for Long COVID in your area.

What data might you collect to learn more?





NC Community Engaged Alliance (CEAL)

- Funded by NIH, the CEAL Alliance works to understand factors that contribute to health inequities in the nation especially the disproportionate burden of COVID-19 and Long COVID in underserved communities.
- Targeted communities: Black/African, Hispanic/Latinx, and American Indian/Native American communities
- **Goals:**
 1. Disseminate trustworthy and science-based COVID-19 information and resources.
 2. Train Community Leaders on evolving issues related to COVID-19 and sequelae; educate communities
 3. Rapidly Assess, Innovate, and Evaluate Efforts to Prevent and Reduce COVID-19 Burden
- Efforts are driven by a Community Response Team, Coalition, and an Equity in Access Task Force.

At a Glance

Slide courtesy of Dr. Anissa Vines, UNC Gillings School of Public Health, NC-CEAL PI.



Equity in Access Task Force

- The Task Force is focused on thinking critically about the local needs, existing resources, and how to best leverage CHWs to connect the community to local clinics and pharmacies.
- **Task force in action**
 - Conducting focus groups with providers on clinician and patient experiences with the COVID-19 pandemic and Long COVID.
 - Identifying ways to provide education and training opportunities for providers around emerging topics related to COVID-19.
 - Developing a treatment equity project.

Wrap-up



What can you do this month?

- Identify a data source that you can use to strengthen your health equity project, or
- Identify an area where you know that you need additional data sources.

Our Follow-up

You will receive:

- Today's presentation
- A one-pager with key-takeaways
- Relevant supporting resources
- Next session's agenda and information
- Links to priority session recordings from Phase 1



Session 5: October 18

Conducting an Equity-focused Needs Assessment

1. Explain how a needs assessment informs the scope of a Quality Improvement project
2. Apply definitions of reliable practice to health equity improvements
3. Describe how system-level factors contribute to unreliability and inequity in case examples



Thank you!

