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### Longitudinal Changes in Comorbidity Rates in Patients With Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis: Analysis of Medicare Data

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**PURPOSE:** Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) is associated with an increased risk of multiple comorbidities. Little is known about these relationships in the Medicare population. The objective of this analysis was to determine the longitudinal change in comorbidity rates of Medicare patients with IPF compared with matched controls.

**METHODS:** A retrospective analysis of Medicare data for patients aged  $\geq 65$  years in the US who were newly diagnosed with IPF in 2010 (ICD-9-CM code 516.3) and who lacked indication of a non-IPF ILD after the last observed IPF claim compared with disease-free (non-IPF) controls was performed. Patients were matched 1:1 on age, sex and region. Disease-free data were obtained from the 5% sample data set. Medicare enrollment was continuous the year before diagnosis (index date). Patients were followed for  $\leq 4$  years post-index;  $\geq 1$  year of continuous enrollment after the index date was required unless patients died within 1 year. Comorbidities at baseline and at 1 and 4 years post-index were reported for IPF and control groups.

**RESULTS:** 13,615 patients with IPF and their matched controls were identified. Mean age (SD) in the groups was 78.9 years (7.1); 50.3% were men. Patients with IPF had significantly more chronic conditions (mean [SD], 6.3 [2.2] vs. 4.7 [2.4];  $P < 0.001$ ) and a higher Charlson Comorbidity Index at baseline compared with controls (mean [SD], 3.6 [2.9] vs. 2.3 [2.7];  $P < 0.001$ ). Baseline rates of all comorbidities were significantly higher among patients with IPF vs. controls: COPD including emphysema (51.7% vs. 15.8%), bacterial pneumonia (31.4% vs. 6.9%), gastroesophageal reflux (30.9% vs. 18.6%), obstructive sleep apnea (8.3% vs. 2.7%), obesity (6.9% vs. 4.1%), lung cancer (3.7% vs. 1.8%), pneumothorax (0.3% and 0.1%) and cardiovascular conditions (67.6% vs. 44.2%); all  $P < 0.001$ . In the 1- and 4-year post-index periods, comorbidity rates were progressively higher among patients with IPF compared with controls: COPD including emphysema (1 y, 61.1% vs. 16.5%; 4 y, 72.4% vs. 26.9%), bacterial pneumonia (1 y, 38.4% vs. 9.8%; 4 y, 55.6% vs. 21.4%), gastroesophageal reflux (1 y, 33.9% vs. 18.5%; 4 y, 48.3% vs. 33.8%), obstructive sleep apnea (1 y, 11.7% vs. 3.2%; 4 y, 17.3% vs. 6.8%), obesity (1 y, 8.2% vs. 4.3%; 4 y, 14.4% vs. 10.3%), lung cancer (1 y, 5.6% vs. 2.2%; 4 y, 8.0% vs. 3.7%), pneumothorax (1 y, 0.5% vs. 0.1%; 4 y, 2.2% vs. 0.8%) and cardiovascular conditions (1 y, 74.3% vs. 46.4%; 4 y, 84.6% vs. 61.7%); all  $P < 0.001$ . The difference between comorbidity event rates for IPF and control groups increased at 1 year post-index compared with baseline; a larger difference between groups was observed at 4 years.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Comorbidity rates were significantly higher in newly diagnosed patients with IPF compared with matched patients without IPF in the Medicare population at baseline and became progressively higher over 4 years of follow-up; furthermore, the difference in comorbidity rates between the 2 groups became greater over time.

**CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS:** The higher comorbidities rates in newly diagnosed and surviving patients with IPF should be taken into consideration in their overall clinical management plan.

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# Background

- Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF):
  - Chronic, progressive, interstitial pneumonia of unknown cause that occurs predominantly in older adults<sup>1</sup>
  - Median survival from diagnosis is approximately 3-5 years.<sup>2</sup>
- A study using commercial insurance claims found increased rates of pulmonary, cardiovascular, and other comorbid conditions in patients with IPF in the 6 months before diagnosis.<sup>3</sup>
- The majority of IPF patients are  $\geq 65$  and have Medicare, rather than commercial insurance.
- No prior studies have reported comorbidity prevalence in the Medicare population.

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# Objective

- To compare the prevalence of comorbidities between patients with IPF and disease free controls (DFC) during 1-year and 4-years of follow-up.
- To determine whether the difference in comorbidity prevalence between IPF and DFC increases over time.

# Study Design and Data Source

- Retrospective cohort study of patients newly diagnosed with IPF and matched DFC
- Patients identified between 1/1/2010 and 12/31/2010
- IPF patients identified from the Medicare Research Identifiable Files (RIF; 100% of beneficiaries)
  - DFC patients identified from the Medicare Limited Data Set (LDS; 5% sample)
- RIF and LDS Datasets
  - Data comprised all claims submitted to CMS for included patients
  - Inpatient, outpatient, and carrier (physician) claims used to identify comorbidities

# IPF Selection Criteria

- IPF patients met the following 3 criteria:
  - $\geq 1$  inpatient IPF diagnosis or  $\geq 2$  outpatient IPF diagnoses within 12 months (ICD-9-CM: 516.3), with the first IPF diagnosis during the ID period; AND
  - no diagnoses of “other interstitial lung diseases”<sup>a</sup> after the last IPF diagnosis<sup>1</sup>; AND
  - no IPF diagnosis in the 1 year before the index date (baseline)

<sup>a</sup> (ICD-9-CM: 500-505, 506.x-508.x, 516.0, 516.1, 516.2, 516.8, 516.9, 517.2, 517.8, 518.3, 495.x, 714.81)

<sup>1</sup> Raghu G, Weycker D, Edelsberg J et al. Incidence and prevalence of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 2006;174(7):810-816.

# IPF Selection Criteria

- Additional inclusion criteria:
  - age  $\geq 66$  and  $\leq 97^a$  on the index date
  - continuous enrollment in fee-for-service (FFS) Medicare and eligible for Medicare Parts A and B during the baseline period
  - continuous enrollment in FFS Medicare during the first year after the index date (unless the patient died)
- Patients followed up to 4 years or until end of enrollment/death

<sup>a</sup> The 5% Medicare sample codes all patients age  $\geq 98$  as 98 years old; therefore, matching could only be done for patients  $\leq 97$ .



# DFC Matching Criteria

- IPF patients matched 1:1 to beneficiary (from LDS) with same age, gender, and region, but no IPF diagnoses during the study timeframe
  - For IPF patients, date of first IPF diagnosis was defined as index date.
  - Each DFC assigned same index date as matched IPF patient
  - Continuous enrollment during baseline and first year of follow-up required

# Study Measures and Statistical Analysis

- Main Outcome: Prevalence of comorbid conditions during 1-year and 4-years follow-up
  - Comorbid conditions identified using ICD-9 codes:
    - cardiovascular conditions (e.g., stroke, ischemic heart disease)
    - pulmonary conditions (e.g., bacterial pneumonia, COPD)
    - other conditions (i.e., GE reflux, obesity and depression).
  - Comorbidity measured using the Charlson Index<sup>1</sup> and the HCUP Chronic Condition Indicator<sup>2</sup> (number of chronic conditions).
- Descriptive statistics for both 1-year and 4-year follow-up periods
- Difference in prevalence between IPF and DFC compared at 1 and 4-years

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# Results: 13,615 IPF patients and 13,615 matched controls included

- Mean follow-up (SD) for IPF patients vs. DFC patients was 2.3 (1.4) vs. 2.8 (1.2) years.

	<b>Matched IPF Patients</b> N = 13,615	<b>Matched DFC Patients</b> N = 13,615
<b>Age, year, mean (SD)</b>	78.9 (7.1)	78.9 (7.1)
<b>Female, no. (%)</b>	6,768 (49.7)	6,768 (49.7)
<b>Region, no. (%)</b>		
Midwest	3,499 (25.7)	3,499 (25.7)
Northeast	2,559 (18.8)	2,559 (18.8)
South	5,238 (38.5)	5,238 (38.5)
West	2,311 (17.0)	2,311 (17.0)
Other/Unknown	8 (0.1)	8 (0.1)

# Baseline rates of all conditions significantly higher in IPF compared to controls

	IPF	DFC
<b>Charlson Comorbidity Index, mean (SD)</b>	3.6 (2.9)	2.3 (2.7)
<b>No. of Chronic Conditions, mean (SD)</b>	6.3 (2.2)	4.7 (2.4)
<b>COPD<sup>a</sup>, no. (%)</b>	7,039 (51.7)	2,156 (15.8)
<b>Bacterial pneumonia, no. (%)</b>	4,281 (31.4)	938 (6.9)
<b>Obstructive sleep apnea, no. (%)</b>	1,125 (8.3)	372 (2.7)
<b>Lung cancer, no. (%)</b>	504 (3.7)	239 (1.8)
<b>Cor pulmonale, no. (%)</b>	407 (3.0)	51 (0.4)
<b>Pneumothorax, no. (%)</b>	35 (0.3)	9 (0.1)
<b>Cardiovascular conditions, no. (%)</b>	9,205 (67.6)	6,019 (44.2)
Ischemic heart disease	6,600 (48.5)	4,206 (30.9)
Congestive heart failure	4,708 (34.6)	2,021 (14.8)
Atrial fibrillation	3,444 (25.3)	2,266 (16.6)
Venous thromboembolism	1,216 (8.9)	569 (4.2)
Stroke	1,047 (7.7)	925 (6.8)
Pulmonary hypertension	903 (6.6)	135 (1.0)
<b>Gastroesophageal reflux, no. (%)</b>	4,201 (30.9)	2,526 (18.6)
<b>Obesity, no. (%)</b>	938 (6.9)	561 (4.1)
<b>Depression, no. (%)</b>	862 (6.3)	650 (4.8)

<sup>a</sup>includes emphysema

*P*<0.005 for all comparisons.

# One-year post-index comorbidity rates were higher in IPF patients compared to controls

	1-year Follow-up	
	IPF no. (%)	DFC no. (%)
<b>COPD</b>	8,321 (61.1)	2,248 (16.5)
<b>Bacterial pneumonia</b>	5,234 (38.4)	1,335 (9.8)
<b>Obstructive sleep apnea</b>	1,589 (11.7)	433 (3.2)
<b>Cor pulmonale</b>	761 (5.6)	69 (0.5)
<b>Lung cancer</b>	757 (5.6)	302 (2.2)
<b>Pneumothorax</b>	69 (0.5)	8 (0.1)
<b>Cardiovascular conditions</b>	10,120 (74.3)	6,314 (46.4)
Ischemic heart disease	6,905 (50.7)	4,263 (31.3)
Congestive heart failure	5,668 (41.6)	2,299 (16.9)
Atrial fibrillation	4,184 (30.7)	2,551 (18.7)
Venous thromboembolism	1,647 (12.1)	650 (4.8)
Pulmonary hypertension	1,362 (10.0)	139 (1.0)
Stroke	1,116 (8.2)	973 (7.1)
<b>Gastroesophageal reflux</b>	4,617 (33.9)	2,516 (18.5)
<b>Depression</b>	1,175 (8.6)	646 (4.7)
<b>Obesity</b>	1,110 (8.2)	590 (4.3)

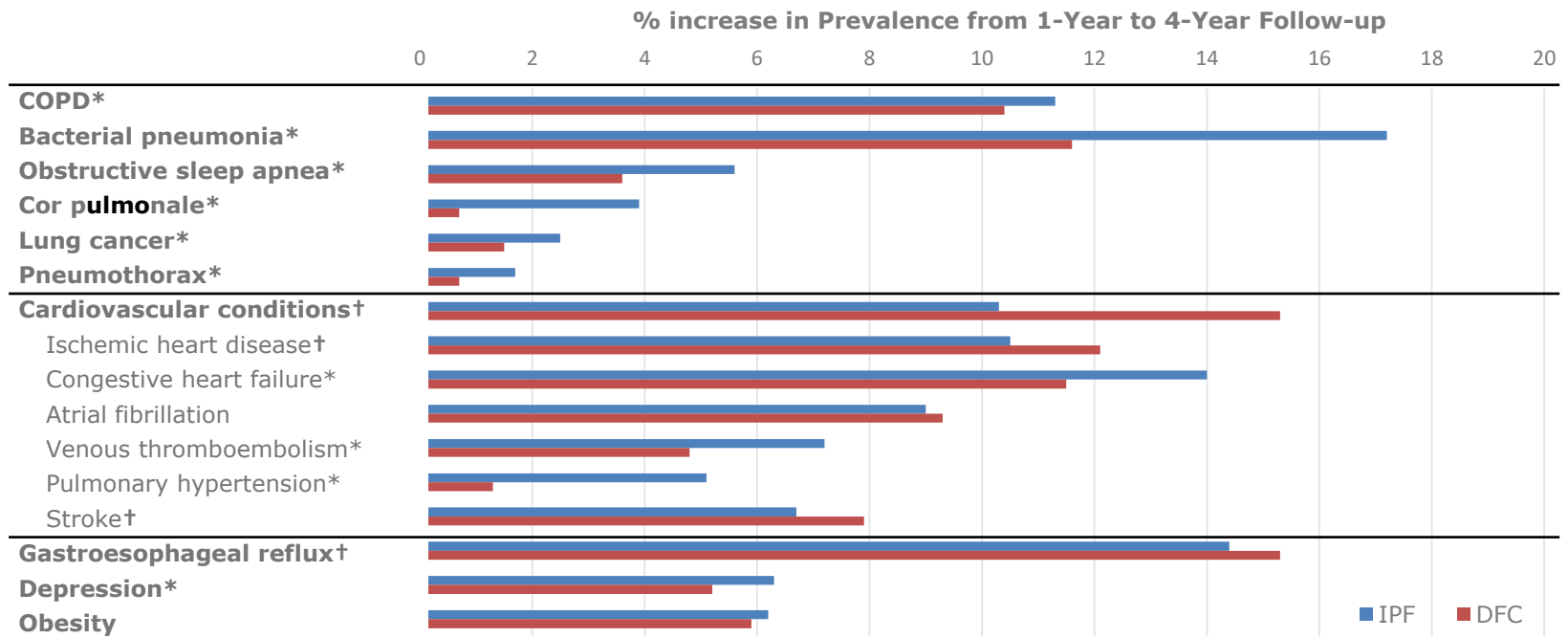
*P* ≤ 0.001 for all comparisons

# Four-year post-index comorbidity rates were higher in IPF compared to controls

	4-year Follow-up	
	IPF no. (%)	DFC no. (%)
<b>COPD</b>	9,859 (72.4)	3,665 (26.9)
<b>Bacterial pneumonia</b>	7,576 (55.6)	2,918 (21.4)
<b>Obstructive sleep apnea</b>	2,350 (17.3)	926 (6.8)
<b>Cor pulmonale</b>	1,287 (9.5)	160 (1.2)
<b>Lung cancer</b>	1,094 (8.0)	501 (3.7)
<b>Pneumothorax</b>	299 (2.2)	110 (0.8)
<b>Cardiovascular conditions</b>	11,524 (84.6)	8,399 (61.7)
Ischemic heart disease	8,328 (61.2)	5,907 (43.4)
Congestive heart failure	7,579 (55.7)	3,862 (28.4)
Atrial fibrillation	5,411 (39.7)	3,819 (28.0)
Venous thromboembolism	2,629 (19.3)	1,307 (9.6)
Pulmonary hypertension	2,056 (15.1)	320 (2.4)
Stroke	2,034 (14.9)	2,054 (15.1)
<b>Gastroesophageal reflux</b>	6,579 (48.3)	4,605 (33.8)
<b>Depression</b>	2,030 (14.9)	1,349 (9.9)
<b>Obesity</b>	1,957 (14.4)	1,398 (10.3)

*P*≤0.001 for all comparisons except the comparison for rate of stroke (*p*=0.734).

# % Increase in Prevalence from 1 to 4-Years



\*Increase in comorbidity prevalence was significantly greater in IPF than DFC at  $p < 0.05$ .

†Increase in comorbidity prevalence was significantly lower in IPF than DFC at  $p < 0.05$ .

# Limitations

- Mean follow-up was shorter for IPF compared to DFC.
- Results may not be representative of non-Medicare aged IPF patients.
- The data were from 2009-2013, during which time there were no FDA-approved anti-fibrotic therapies.



# Conclusion

- Cardiovascular, pulmonary, and other comorbidities were more prevalent in Medicare patients newly diagnosed with IPF than in matched controls at all time points.
- Pulmonary comorbidities increased in both groups, but more for IPF than for controls.
- Overall, CV comorbidities increased more for controls than for IPF
  - May reflect differential mortality between groups
  - “Coding fatigue” e.g. pulmonary conditions coded preferentially for IPF
- Clinical research warranted on effect of IPF on comorbid conditions, particularly given data were collected before the availability of FDA-approved antifibrotic agents.

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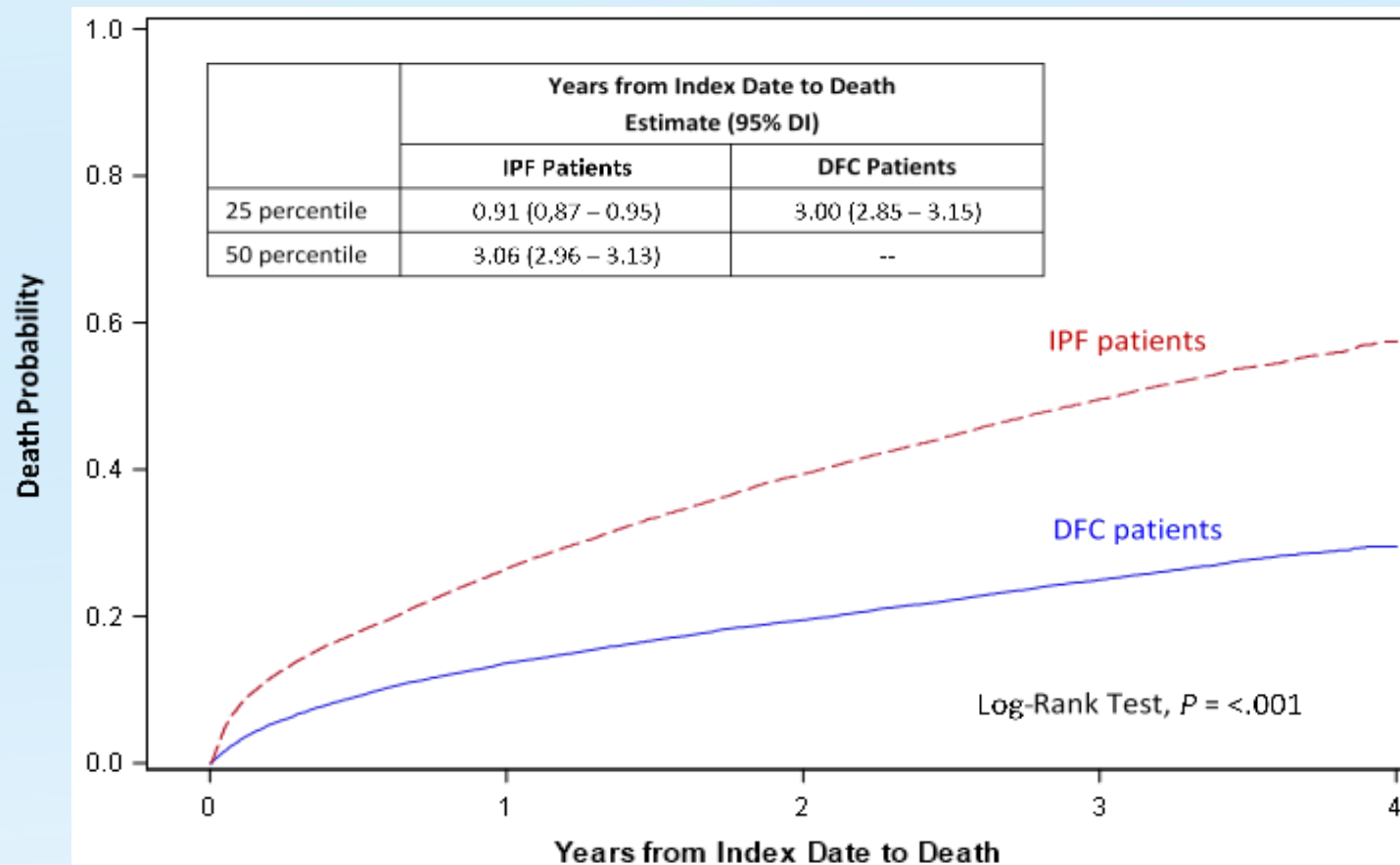
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# Kaplan-Meier Mortality Curves



# Proportion of IPF Patients with CT Evidence of Emphysema<sup>1</sup>

Study	Proportion of Patients with Pulmonary Fibrosis and Emphysema	%
Akira	15/80	18.8
Copley	76/212	35.8
Doherty	9/23	39.1
Jankowich	20/44	45.5
Kurashima	221/660	33.5
Mejía	31/110	28.2
Schmidt	86/169	50.9
Todd	28/102	27.4

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