Tools for IMSA from Strom Study 2005

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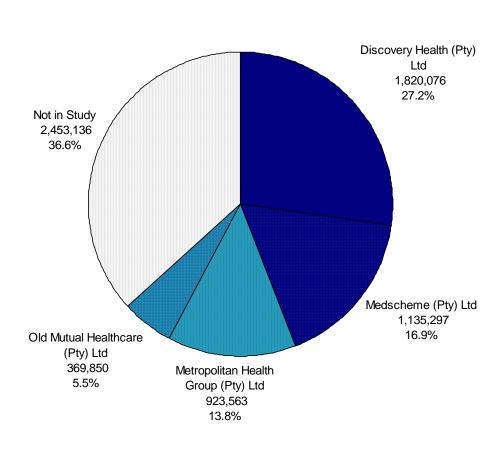


Study of the Prevalence of **Chronic Disease** in Medical Schemes

April 2007



REF Study 2005 Beneficiaries



Sep 2005

REF Study 2005 used 63.4% of beneficiaries in industry in REF Grids September 2005

There were 54 schemes with 149 options.
9 options in REF Grids not submitted to Study



REF Study 2005

- Tables derived from data in REF Study 2005:
 - Four administrators: Discovery Health, Medscheme, MHG and Old Mutual Healthcare.
 - Data on prevalence and PMB expenditure for calendar 2005.
 - ◆ TREATED data is beneficiaries meeting all criteria in REF Entry and Verification Criteria v2, in force from 1 January 2007.
 - CASES data is before test for "treated patient".
- Graphs show final prevalence table published with REFCT2007:
 - Uses TREATED Revised Prevalence: TREATED data after application of multiple disease rules.
 - Final REFCT2007 used for order of diseases.
 - Female, Male and Total tables, no smoothing.
- The tables are effectively for calendar 2007. HIV has been adjusted to the expected level of the epidemic in 2007.

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Comparison: REF Study 2002 Prevalence, adj. to 2005.

TREATED Revised Prevalence

- ◆ The tables are for calendar 2007. HIV has been adjusted from the 2005 Study to the expected level of the epidemic in 2007.
- ◆ TREATED data is beneficiaries meeting all criteria in REF Entry and Verification Criteria v2, in force from 1 January 2007.
- Uses TREATED Revised Prevalence: TREATED data after application of multiple disease rules.
- ◆ This removes any effects of up-coding or multiple coding amongst similar diseases. It has the effect of equalising the coding practice between administrators in the Study.
- For example, the multiple disease rules allow only one of Asthma, COPD and Bronchiectasis.
- Schemes need to compare their own results to this tighter definition and not to prevalence that contains multiple coding for the same disease.
- Final REFCT2007 disease values used for order of diseases.



Ranking of Diseases in Multiple Disease Rules

- Effectively uses an approach similar to hierarchical co-existing conditions methodology.
- Order of diseases from REFCT2007 using gender as a risk factor.
- Only one disease in the following groups may be selected. Highest cost disease in <u>bold</u>:
 - respiratory: <u>COP</u>+AST+BCE
 - cardiac: CMY+CHF+IHD+DYS+HYP
 - renal: CRF+HYP
 - gastro: <u>CSD</u>+IBD
 - diabetes: DM1+DM2 (always default to DM2)
 - mental: <u>BMD</u>+SCZ
 - neuro: MSS+BMD+EPL
 - skeletal: <u>SLE</u>+RHA (other way around in REF Study 2002)

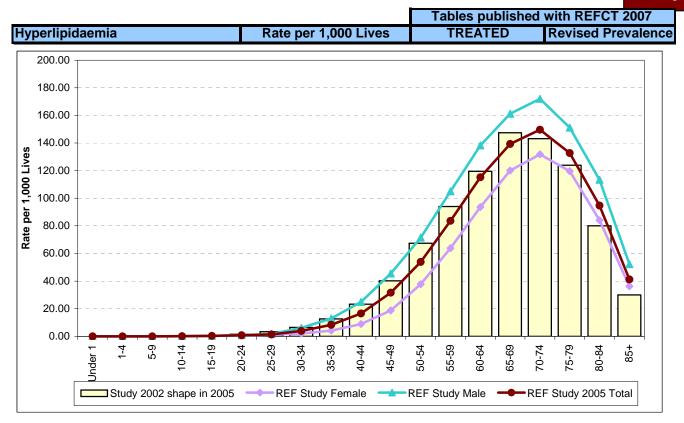
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Hyperlipidaemia Prevalence

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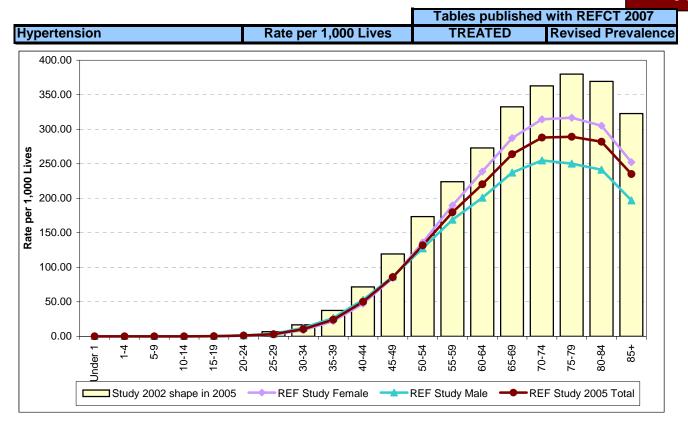


Not included in cardiac multiple rule. Levels similar to 2002. Predominantly male.



Hypertension Prevalence

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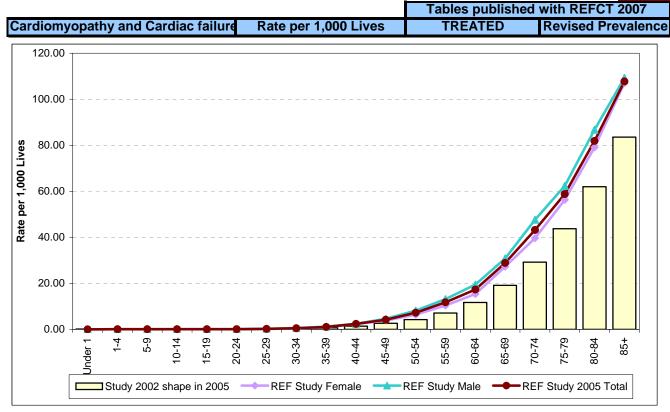


Impact of renal and cardiac multiple rules at older ages.



Cardiomyopathy and Cardiac Failure Prevalence

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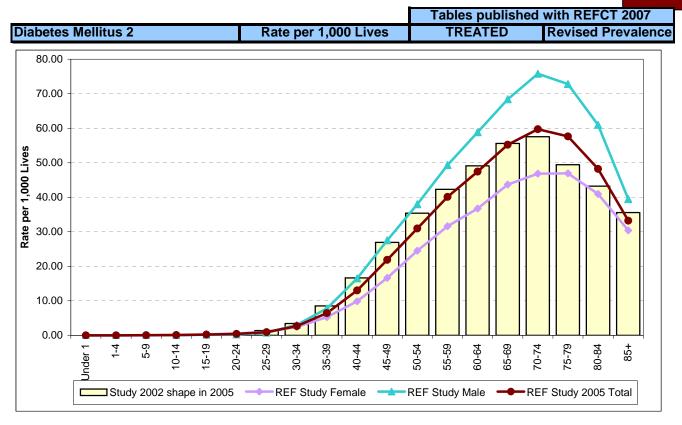


Diseases now combined but prevalence exceeds CHF+CMY in 2002.



Diabetes Type 2 Prevalence

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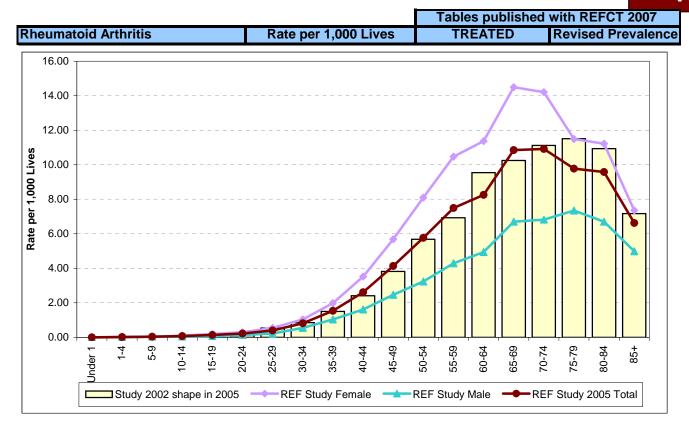


Similar to previous levels. Predominantly male.



Rheumatoid Arthritis Prevalence

TREATED Verified

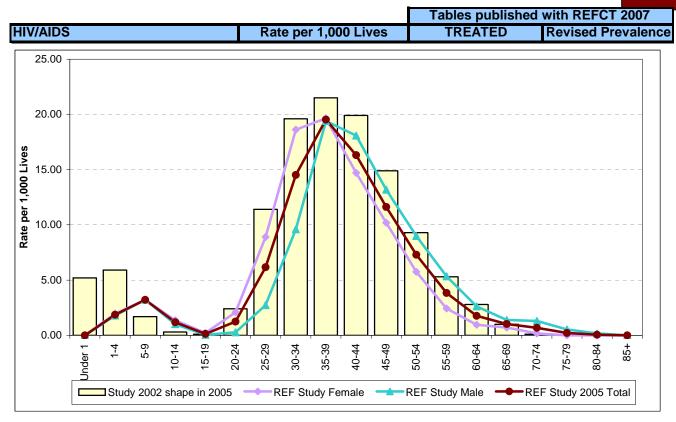


Female prevalence nearly double that of males.



HIV on ARVs Prevalence

TREATED Verified



Expected epidemic in 2007 using TREATED data very similar to previous estimate for 2005.



Study of the Impact on REF of Autochronic Definitions

April 2007

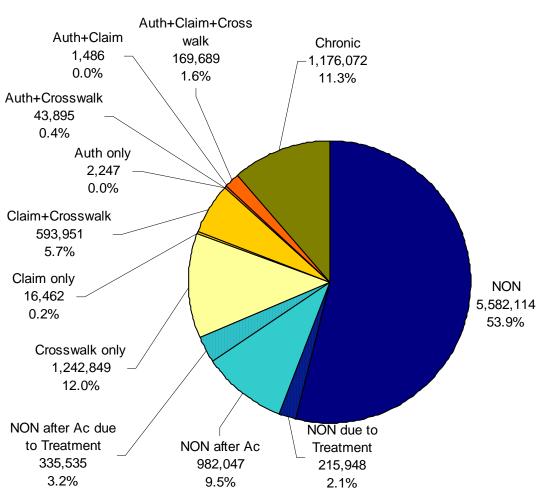


Source of Chronic Identification

- Three columns for the source of chronic identification, populated "Y" for True and "N" for False.
- These are not mutually exclusive, as the patient may be identifiable by all three methods.
- AuthICD: a granted authorisation was found outside 2005, (during 2006 or before 2005)
- ClaimICD: either the dispensing provider or the prescribing provider on a claim from any period was a medical practitioner (GP or Specialist)
- CrosswalkICD: a proxy diagnosis was made using the MHG in-house NAPPI-ICD crosswalk.



MHGr Beneficiaries

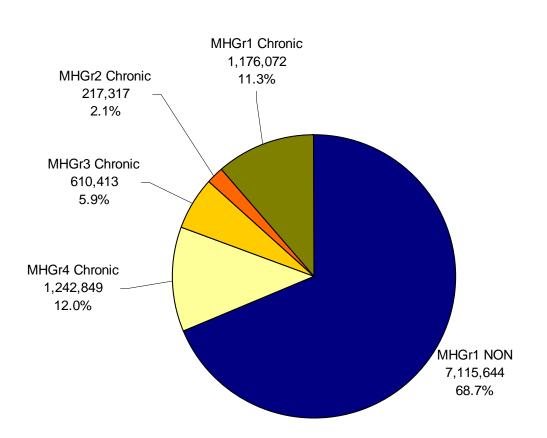


TREATED

TREATED: must meet additional criteria for "treated patient".



MHG Data Sets



TREATED

Four sets of data extracted for analysis

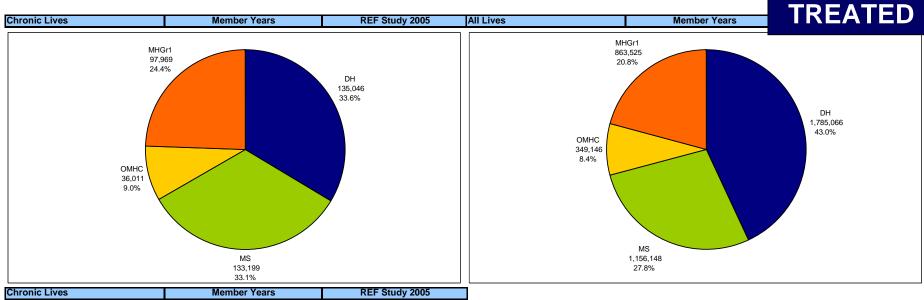


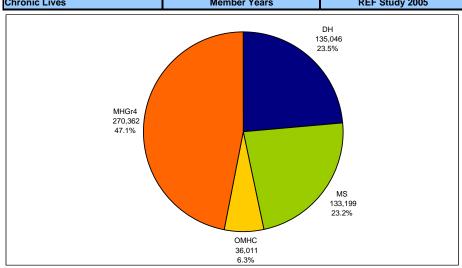
Four Sets of MHGr Data

- Four sets of data were analysed for MHG (for each of CASES and TREATED):
- MHGr1: MHG No Autochronic: all lives identified in Autochronic runs (contains the three Autochronic source columns) are defaulted to NON.
- MHGr2: MHG using AuthICD: all MHG1 lives plus those with AuthICD=Y. Others with chronic disease defaulted to NON.
- MHGr3: MHG using AuthICD or ClaimICD: all MHG1 lives plus those with AuthICD=Y or ClaimICD=Y. Others with chronic disease defaulted to NON.
- MHGr4: MHG with Autochronic: as submitted by MHG to the REF Study 2005.



Impact on Share of Chronic Lives





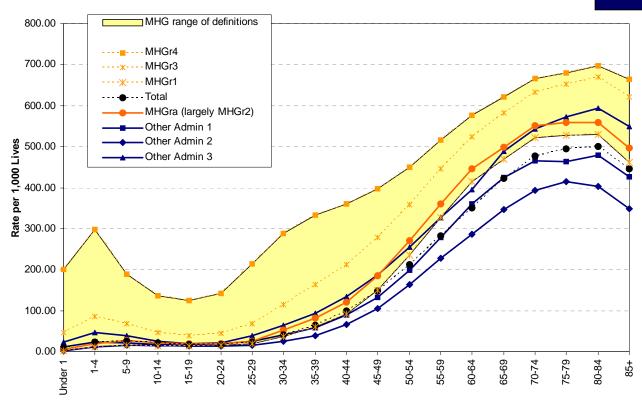
Source: REF Study 2005

MHGr1 97,969 chronic livesMHGr2 116,070 chronic livesMHGr3 166,901 chronic livesMHGr4 270,362 chronic lives



Impact on Chronic Rate per 1,000

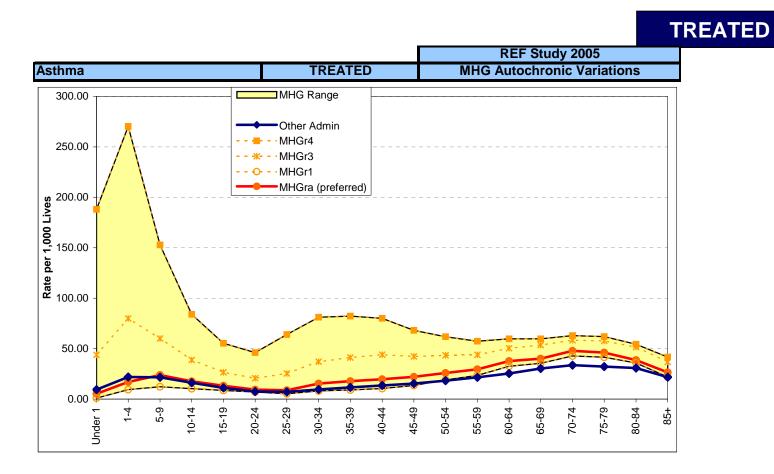
TREATED



MHGr4 impossible shape. MHGr3 too high. Choice between MHGr2 and MHGr1. MHGra is essentially MHGr2 with amended COP, DM1 and DM2



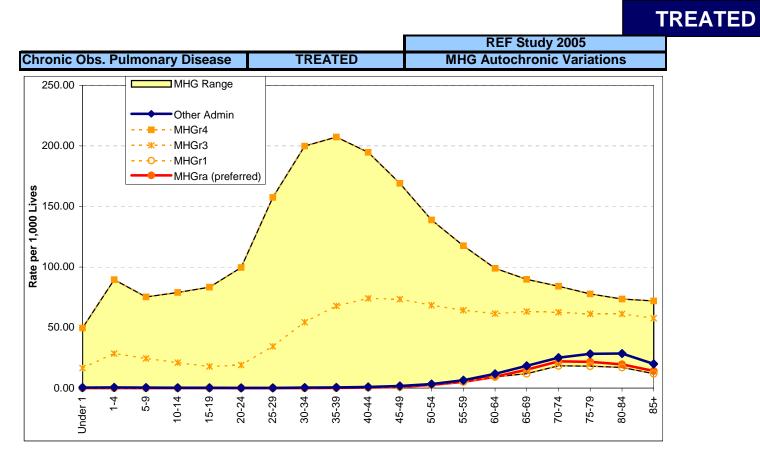
Autochronic Impact on AST



MHGr4 and MHGr3 clearly presents an overestimation of chronic disease.



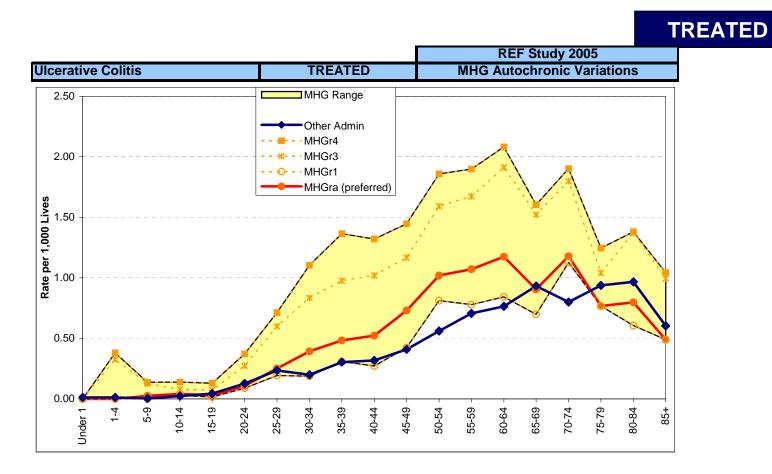
Autochronic Impact on COP



MHGr4 and MHGr3 clearly over-estimates. MHGra is MHGr2 but adjusted manually to convert CASES data to TREATED data.



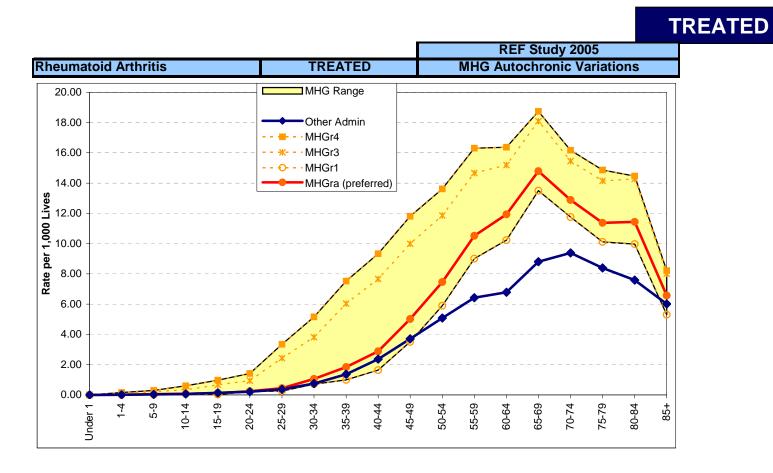
Autochronic Impact on IBD



MHGr4 and MHGr3 clearly too high.



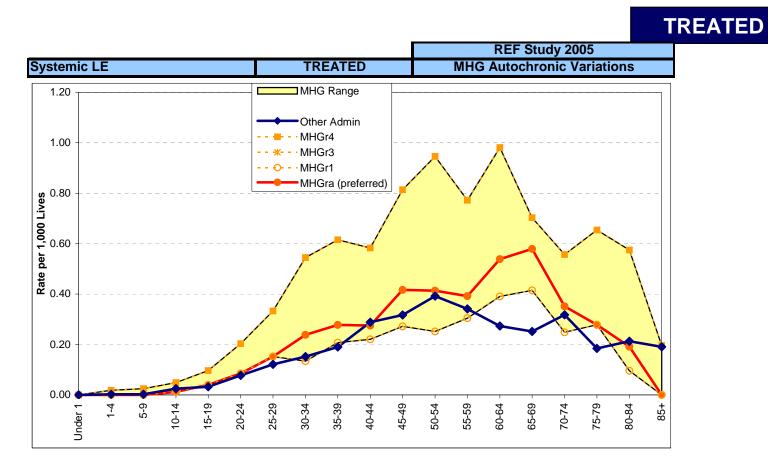
Autochronic Impact on RHA



MHGr4 and MHGr3 clearly too high. MHGra similar to two other administrators.



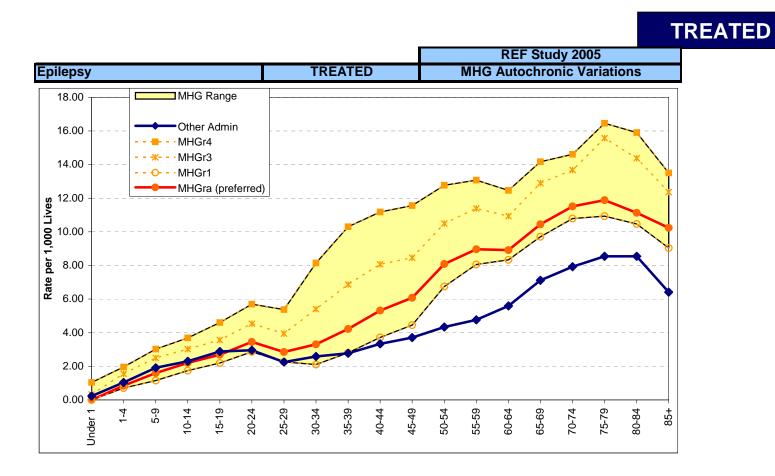
Autochronic Impact on SLE



MHGr4 and MHGr3 clearly too high. MHGra similar to two other administrators.



Autochronic Impact on EPL



MHGr4 and MHGr3 clearly too high. MHGra is somewhat higher than nearest two administrators



Conclusions from the Study

- The decision by the REF pricing team was to use MHGr2, except for:
 - Multiple diabetes rule applied to default all with DM1+DM2 to DM2.
 - COPD manually adjusted to deal with serious definitional issues.
- The only chronic definition acceptable to the REF Study was where there was a granted authorisation for a CDL disease, even if the authorisation was found outside that year (mostly during 2006 as schemes worked to record the authorisations required by the Verification Criteria).
- All other auto-chronic definitions / and or claims identification methods were not acceptable for the REF pricing.
- By extension, all other auto-chronic definitions are unacceptable for inclusion in REF Grid Counts submitted to Council and for REF shadow payments using REFCT2007.



Summary of Decision

- In terms of REF submissions: the only acceptable chronic definition is where there is a granted <u>authorisation</u> for a CDL disease, even if the authorisation is found in a period outside the submission period.
- All other auto-chronic definitions are unacceptable for REF purposes.
 Unacceptable definitions include:
 - any diagnosis made from a <u>claim</u> that contains an ICD-10 code from a healthcare professional (even if the dispensing provider or the prescribing provider on a claim was a medical practitioner (GP or Specialist)); and
 - any diagnosis made by <u>proxy</u> using the medicine or class of medicine prescribed to arrive at a diagnosis (for example, a NAPPI-ICD crosswalk or any similar tool).



The Impact of the Verification Criteria on the REF Grid Count

April 2007



Table 25: HIV / AIDS

HIV / AIDS

Documented proof that demonstrates that the patient qualifies for ART in accordance with the National Antiretroviral Treatment Guidelines must be made available to auditors on request but may be in the form of voice recordings or other electronic records

Diagnosis-related information							Proof of Treatment	
Provider code of the diagnosing provider	AND	ICD10 Codes(Any of the following)			Documented proof to demonstrate that patient qualifies for ART in accordance with the National Antiretroviral		Evidence of payment of claims for any product included in the ATC categories below, in two different calendar months in the three calendar months preceding the current month:	
Any registered medical practitioner		Z21 B20 B20.0 B20.1 B20.2 B20.3 B20.4 B20.5 B20.6 B20.7 B20.8 B20.9 B21 B21.0 B21.1 B21.2	B21.3 B21.7 B21.8 B21.9 B22 B22.0 B22.1 B22.2 B22.7 B23 B23.0 B23.1 B23.2 B23.8 B24	AND		AND	J05AE J05AF J05AG	

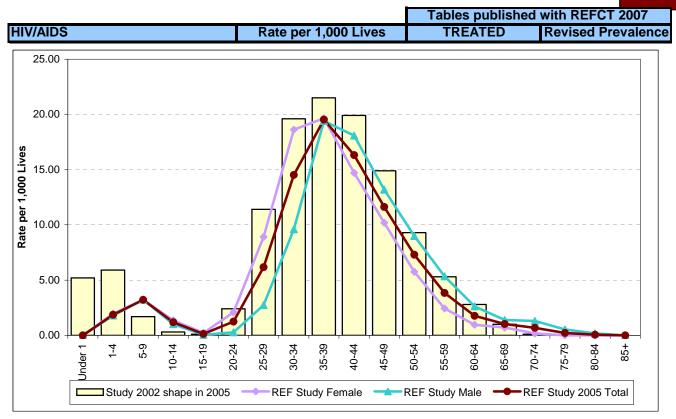
CASES and TREATED

TREATED requires Proof of Treatment i.e. evidence of payment for ARVs



HIV on ARVs Prevalence

TREATED Verified

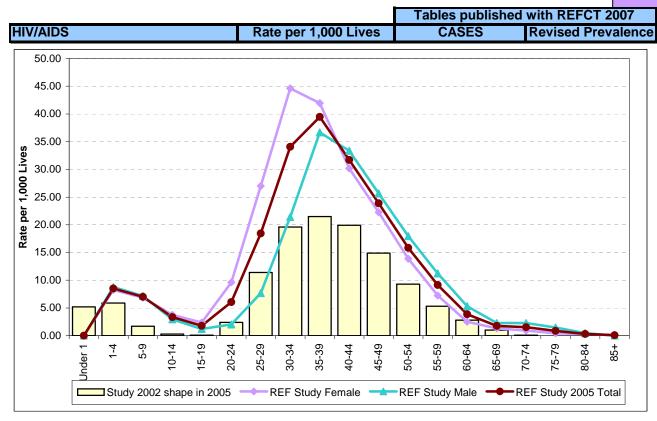


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HIV on ARVs Prevalence

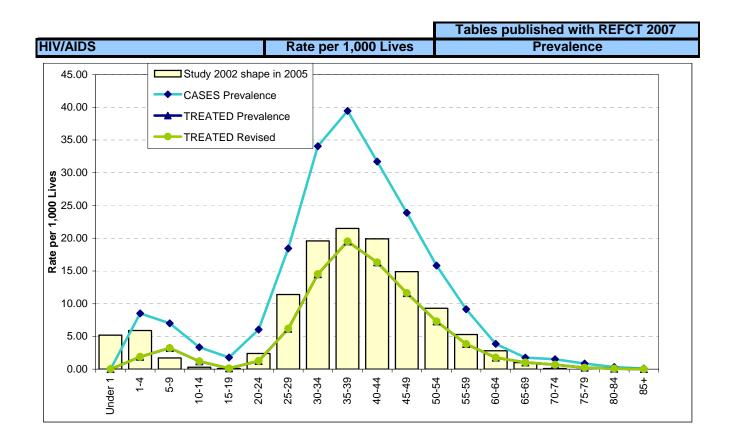
CASESVerified



CASES expected in 2007 almost double the expected level in 2005.



Effect of Verification Criteria on HIV on ARVs Prevalence



CASES and TREATED now projected to expected epidemic in 2007. TREATED in 2007 should be similar to originally expected in 2005.



Definition of TREATED and CASES

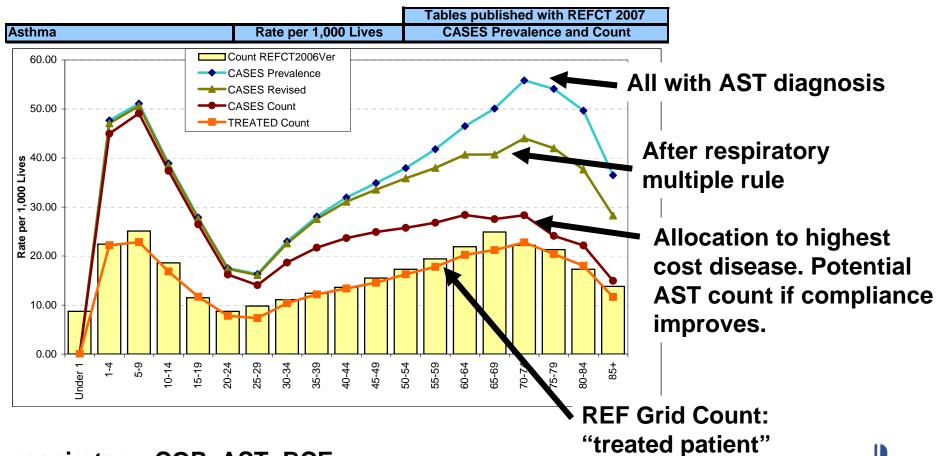
- Two sets of data were extracted:
 - The first used the full Entry and Verification definitions and was called the "Treated Patient Data set" or "TREATED"
 - The second set was extracted without the test for "treated patient" and was called the "Total Cases Data set" or "CASES".
- While this meant a doubling of the extractions, it provided a powerful tool to investigate potential prevalence and cost if compliance improves and to be able to determine the impact if more people in future fall within the definition of "treated patient".
- Most important comparison for REF financial sensitivity is CASES
 Count vs. TREATED Count. Difference represents "bubbling under" for each disease.

Risk Equalisation
Source: REF Study 2005

Amounts above NON for Diseases

Disease	REFCT2004	REFCT2005	REFCT2006	REFCT2007	REFCT2007 Gender	REFCT2007 CASES	Disease	REFCT2007 relative to 2006	CASES relative to REFCT2007
ADS	249.24	223.25	218.86	147.35	147.35	119.45	ADS	67.3%	81.1%
AST	404.55	379.09	383.86	303.90	304.73	154.08	AST	79.2%	50.7%
BCE	242.9	217.56	213.28	463.70	464.97	298.02	BCE	217.4%	64.3%
BMD	953.6	922.52	954.29	1178.43	1178.97	690.19	BMD	123.5%	58.6%
CHF	1155.81	1200.4	1328.36	1179.94	1173.80	1233.60	CHF	88.8%	104.5%
CMY	1370.97	1418.24	1328.36	1179.94	1173.80	1233.60	CMY	88.8%	104.5%
COP	823.5	815.48	856.28	1371.42	1356.44	658.76	COP	160.2%	48.0%
CRF	5350.59	5607.69	6092.36	15899.13	15886.07	3610.19	CRF	261.0%	22.7%
CSD	1635.2	1646.52	1746.88	1206.23	1205.70	921.30	CSD	69.1%	76.4%
DBI	1252.51	1121.87	1099.81	833.64	821.29	117.19	DBI	75.8%	14.1%
DM1	981.19	924.06	938.88	1418.31	1411.20	640.72	DM1	151.1%	45.2%
DM2	239.2	214.25	210.04	447.83	436.33	187.56	DM2	213.2%	41.9%
DYS	462.31	475.25	510.54	606.18	595.00	594.35	DYS	118.7%	98.0%
EPL	832.72	815.1	849.62	708.16	705.92	533.50	EPL	83.4%	75.3%
GLC	205.09	183.7	180.08	223.88	224.27	109.03	GLC	124.3%	48.7%
HAE	10018.77	6307.2	6702.98	10727.77	10727.77	5815.20	HAE	160.0%	54.2%
HYL	359.45	321.96	315.63	225.17	225.02	123.44	HYL	71.3%	54.8%
HYP	282.13	260.69	261.38	169.64	170.70	131.75	HYP	64.9%	77.7%
IBD	940.7	917.34	953.87	426.49	426.50	255.12	IBD	44.7%	59.8%
IHD	860.85	876.72	936.6	855.68	837.89	836.68	IHD	91.4%	97.8%
MSS	1238.3	1109.13	4596.03	8925.82	8924.99	3477.60	MSS	194.2%	39.0%
PAR	825.64	739.52	724.98	889.09	876.89	623.42	PAR	122.6%	70.1%
RHA	306.61	274.63	269.23	366.03	377.01	153.76	RHA	136.0%	42.0%
SCZ	759.31	680.11	666.74	639.44	639.45	339.64	SCZ	95.9%	53.1%
SLE	251.37	225.15	220.73	1254.40	1261.61	416.28	SLE	568.3%	33.2%
TDH	49.82	44.63	43.75	83.24	84.77	69.78	TDH	190.3%	83.8%
HIV	1471.59	1326.09	1434.75	997.33	995.29	748.62	HIV	69.5%	75.1%

Explanation of graphs using AST



Risk

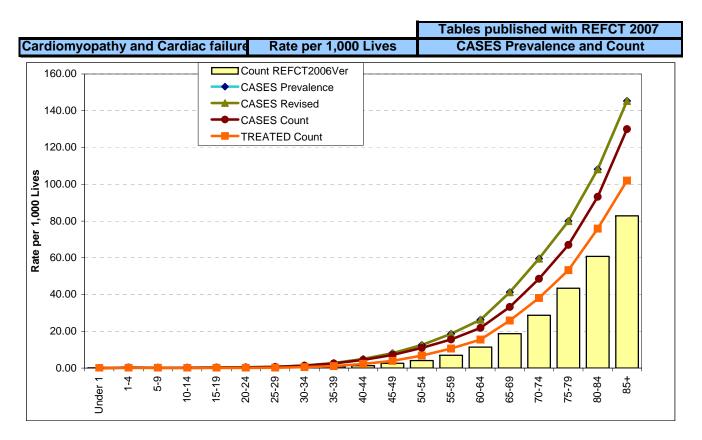
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respiratory: COP+AST+BCE

COP>BCE>AST

CMY

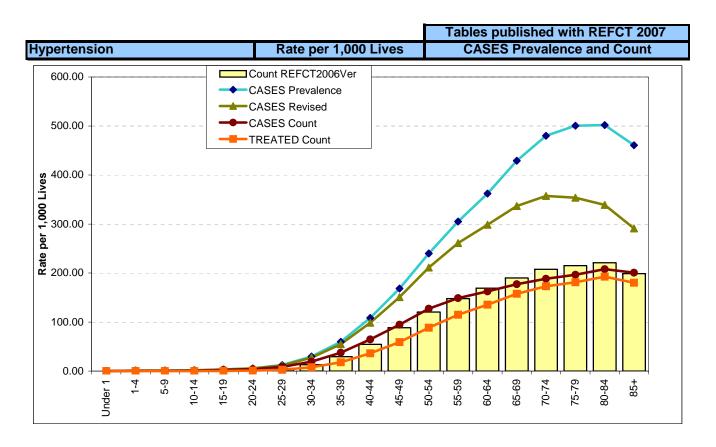


CHF no longer exists – combined with CMY. New combined disease exceeds CHF+CMY in 2002.

cardiac: CMY+CHF+IHD+DYS+HYP



HYP



Impact of renal and cardiac rules at older ages.

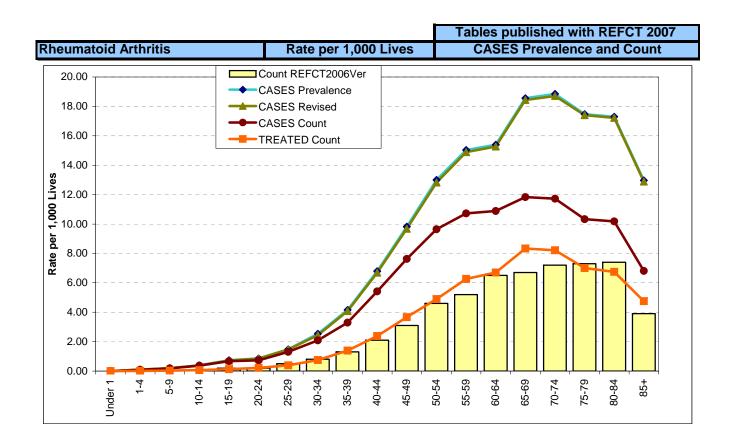
cardiac: CMY+CHF+IHD+DYS+HYP

renal: CRF+HYP

Source: REF Study 2005



RHA



SLE now greater than RHA but very little impact from rule.

skeletal: RHA+SLE

Source: REF Study 2005



REF Contribution Table 2007

[Base 2005, Use 2007]



Definitions and Guiding Principles

- ◆ In the context of the REF, risk is defined as:
 - The expected and predictable significant deviation from the theoretical national community-rated price for groups of beneficiaries with a measurable set of <u>risk</u> factors.
 - ◆ The national community-rated price is the <u>reasonably</u> <u>efficient achievable price</u> for the common set of benefits, which is the <u>PMBs</u>.



REF Contribution Table

- ◆ The REF Contribution Table is a table of amounts payable by the REF per beneficiary, according to the REF risk factors. The amount is determined from historic data and other inputs on costs per disease. The amount is set in order to cover:
 - a defined benefit package (the Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMBs));
 - for the entire medical scheme industry population that is expected for the next year (the Target Population); and

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 with an agreed dispensation of cost and other (managed care) efficiencies.

Risk Factors in SA Formula

- Age
- Deliveries
- Gender (recommended from 2007)
- Not ethnicity. Not geographic region
- Not open/restricted scheme
- Not primary member, marital status or family size
- Not income
- Measures of chronic disease burden:
 - Numbers with each CDL disease
 - Numbers with multiple CDL diseases
 - Numbers with HIV/AIDS on ARV therapy
- Not high cost, low frequency conditions.



Source: FCTT 5 November 2003; RETAP 2007

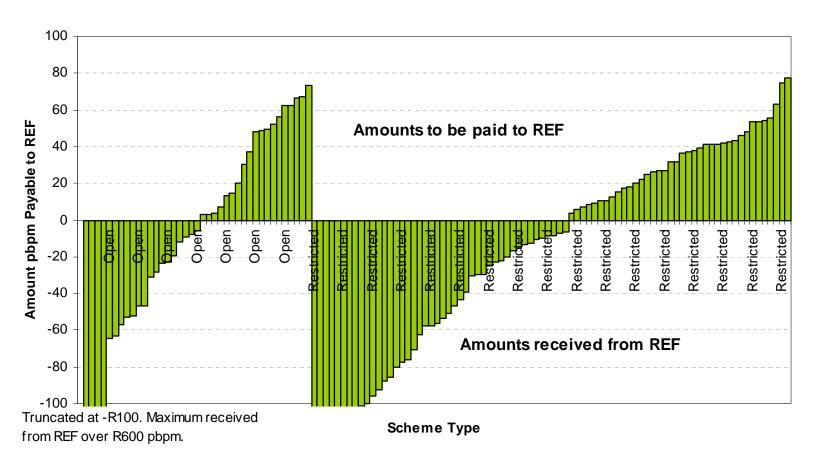
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Age Bands	No CDL Diseases												Chron	ic Disease L	ist (CDL) C	onditions
Dailas	NON	ADS	AST	BCE	BMD	CHF	CMY	COP	CRF	CSD	DBI	DM1	DM2	DYS	EPL	GLC
Column	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Under 1	505.04															
1-4	87.62	234.97	391.53	551.32	1,266.05	1,267.57	1,267.57	1,459.04	15,986.75	1,293.86	921.26	1,505.94	535.45	693.80	795.78	311.50
5-9	40.45	187.80	344.35	504.15	1,218.88	1,220.39	1,220.39	1,411.87	15,939.57	1,246.68	874.09	1,458.76	488.27	646.63	748.61	264.33
10-14	37.41	184.76	341.31	501.11	1,215.84	1,217.35	1,217.35	1,408.83	15,936.54	1,243.64	871.05	1,455.71	485.23	643.59	745.57	261.28
15-19	55.41	202.76	359.33	519.11	1,233.84	1,235.36	1,235.36	1,426.83	15,954.53	1,261.65	889.05	1,473.71	503.23	661.59	763.57	279.28
20-24	87.76	235.11	391.66	551.46	1,266.19	1,267.71	1,267.71	1,459.18	15,986.89	1,294.00	921.40	1,506.06	535.57	693.94	795.92	311.63
25-29	123.63	270.98	427.53	587.33	1,302.04	1,303.57	1,303.57	1,495.05	16,022.74	1,329.87	957.27	1,541.93	571.44	729.80	831.78	347.50
30-34	142.63	289.99	446.55	606.34	1,321.06	1,322.59	1,322.59	1,514.05	16,041.76	1,348.87	976.27	1,560.94	590.45	748.81	850.80	366.51
35-39		295.36		611.71	1,326.44	1,327.96	1,327.96	1,519.43	16,047.14	1,354.25	981.65	1,566.31	595.83	754.19	856.17	371.88
40-44	166.14	313.4	470.05	629.85	1,344.56	1,346.09	1,346.09	1,537.56	16,065.26	1,372.38	999.78	1,584.45	613.96	772.32	874.31	390.02
45-49		340.17		656.52	1,371.25	1,372.77	1,372.77	1,564.24	16,091.95	1,399.06	1,026.46	1,611.14	640.65	799.00	900.98	416.70
50-54	243.13	390.48	547.03	706.82	1,421.55	1,423.07	1,423.07	1,614.54	16,142.24	1,449.36	1,076.77	1,661.42	690.94	849.30	951.28	466.99
55-59	312.98	460.33	616.89	776.69	1,491.40	1,492.93	1,492.93	1,684.40	16,212.10	1,519.22	1,146.62	1,731.29	760.80	919.16	1,021.15	536.86
60-64	421.34	568.69	725.26	885.05	1,599.77	1,601.29	1,601.29	1,792.76	16,320.47	1,627.59	1,254.98	1,839.65	869.17	1,027.52	1,129.51	645.22
65-69	527.24	674.59	831.15	990.94	1,705.66	1,707.19	1,707.19	1,898.66	16,426.36	1,733.48	1,360.88	1,945.54	975.06	1,133.41	1,235.40	751.11
70-74	606.36	753.71	910.26	1,070.06	1,784.79	1,786.30	1,786.30	1,977.77	16,505.49	1,812.59	1,440.00	2,024.66	1,054.18	1,212.54	1,314.52	830.23
75-79	645.30	792.65	949.22	1,109.01	1,823.73	1,825.26	1,825.26	2,016.72	16,544.43	1,851.54	1,478.94	2,063.61	1,093.13	1,251.48	1,353.47	869.18
80-84	596.89	744.24	900.80	1,060.60	1,775.31	1,776.84	1,776.84	1,968.31	16,496.01	1,803.13	1,430.53	2,015.20	1,044.71	1,203.07	1,305.06	820.76
85+	534.18	681.53	838.11	997.89	1,712.61	1,714.14	1,714.14	1,905.60	16,433.31	1,740.43	1,367.82	1,952.49	982.01	1,140.36	1,242.34	758.06

Combined Female and Male Tables for Comparison

ronic conditions	number of chr	Modifier for		HIV/ AIDS											
3 4 or more	2	Number of		HIV	TDH	SLE	SCZ	RHA	PAR	MSS	IHD	IBD	HYP	HYL	HAE
CC3 CC4	CC2	Conditions		28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17
	194.88	All Ages													
		Amount is pe		1,084.96	170.86	1,342.03	727.06	453.66	976.71	9,013.45	943.30	514.11	257.26	312.80	0,815.39
0m Columno i lo 26.				1,037.77	123.69	1,294.85	679.89	406.48	929.54	8,966.27	896.12	466.94	210.09	265.62	0,768.22
<u> </u>	e to Under 1's.	Not applicable		_	120.64	1,291.81	676.85	403.44	926.50	8,963.23		463.90	207.05	262.58	0,765.18
				_	138.65	1,309.82	694.85	421.45	944.49	8,981.23		481.90	225.05	280.59	0,783.17
		Modifier for	હ	_	171.00	1,342.17	727.20	453.79	976.85	9,013.58	943.42	514.26	257.41	312.93	0,815.53
	MAT		difie	,	206.87	1,378.04	763.07	489.65	1,012.72	9,049.45		550.13	293.28	348.80	0,851.40
	17,515.39	All Ages	ਚ		225.88	1,397.04	782.08	508.68	1,031.72	9,068.46		569.13	312.28	367.82	0,870.40
Lemned).		Amount is pe	ě	_	231.25	1,402.42	787.45	514.05	1,037.10	9,073.83		574.50	317.65	373.19	0,875.77
not monthly.	e per delivery, n	Use only once	_	_	249.39	1,420.55	805.59	532.17	1,055.23	9,091.96		592.64	335.79	391.31	0,893.91
				_	276.06	1,447.23	832.26	558.86	1,081.91	9,118.65			362.46	418.00	0,920.59
				_	326.36	1,497.53	882.57	609.16	1,132.21	9,168.94		669.62	412.77	468.30	0,970.89
	Diel			_	396.23	1,567.39	952.43	679.01	1,202.07	9,238.80	1,168.65		482.63	538.15	1,040.75
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					610.48	1,781.65	1,166.69	893.28	1,416.33	9,453.06		953.74	696.89	752.41	1,255.01
ation V	ualisa	l Fai		_	689.60	1,860.76	1,245.80	972.39	1,495.45	9,532.17	_	1,032.85	776.00	831.53	1,334.12
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	Г				680.14	1,851.30	1,236.34	962.92	1,485.98	9,522.71	1,452.56	1,023.39	766.54	822.06	1,324.66
	<u> Func</u>			1,531.53	617.43	1,788.60	1,173.62	900.22	1,423.27	9,460.01	1,389.86	960.68	703.83	759.36	1,261.95

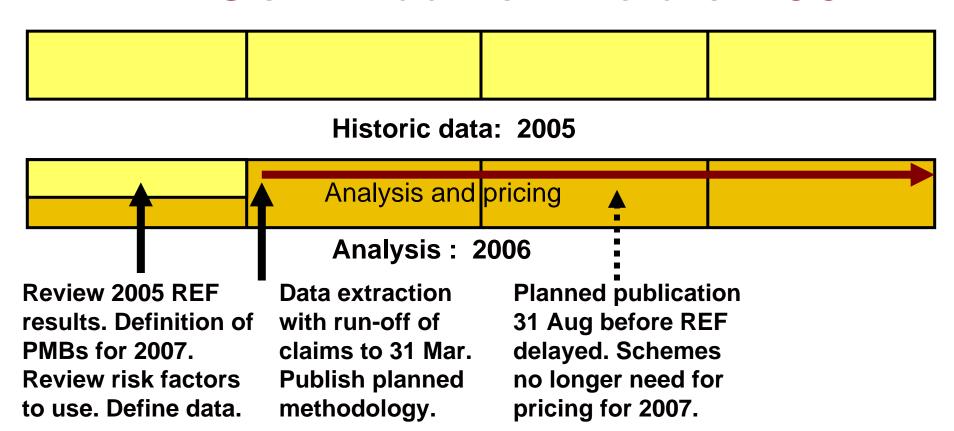
Amount pbpm Payable to REF



Industry Community Rate for March 2006 is R224.90

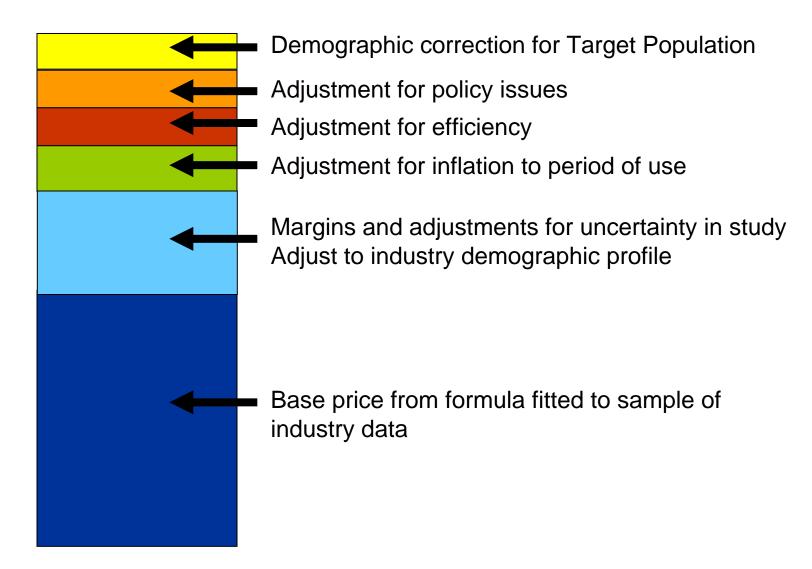


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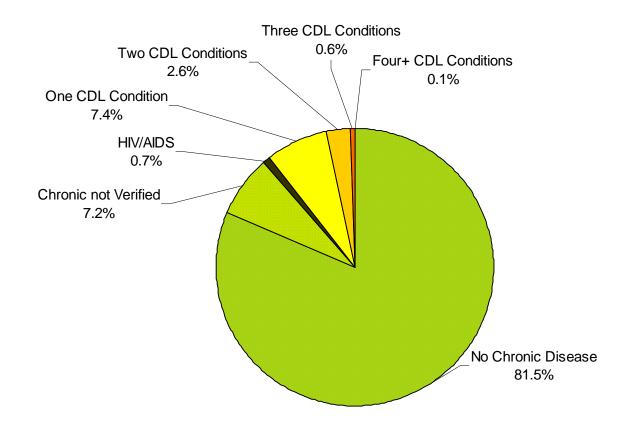


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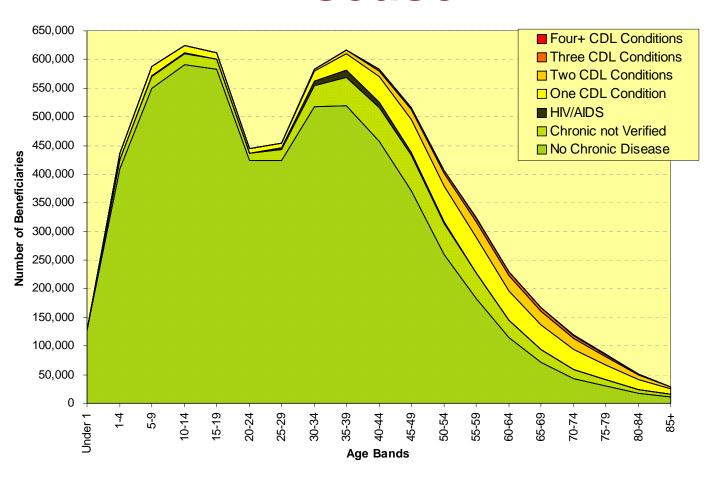
Prevalence of Chronic Disease



"Chronic not verified" are those identified with a chronic disease who do not meet the "treated patient" criteria for 2007.

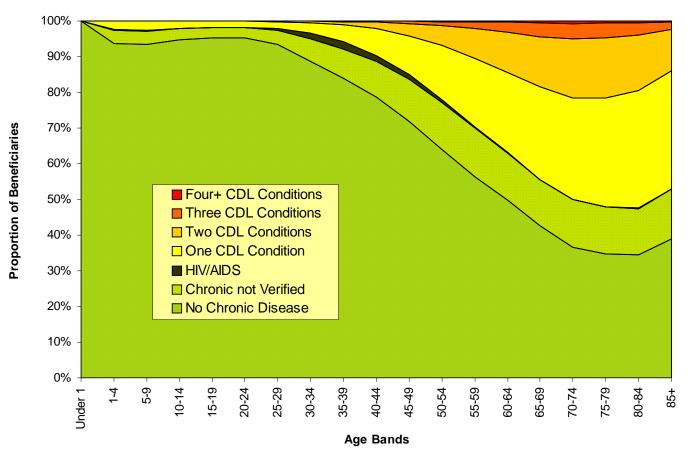


Prevalence by Age of Chronic Disease



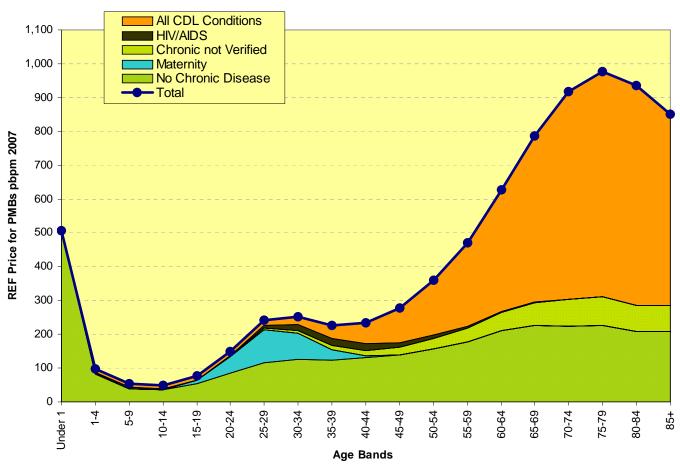


Proportion of Chronic Disease by Age



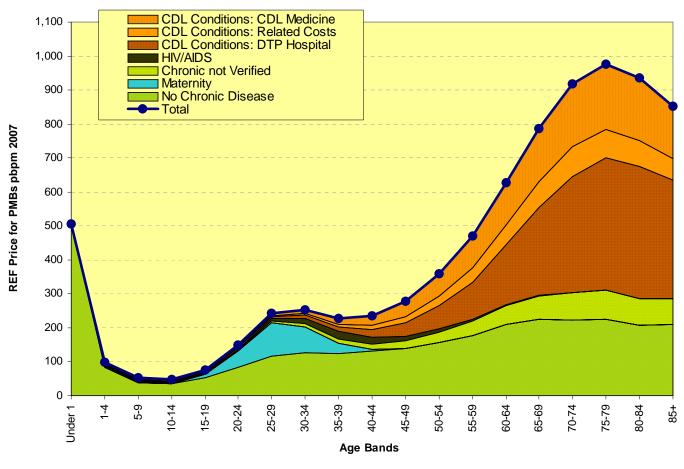


Price by Age of Chronic Disease



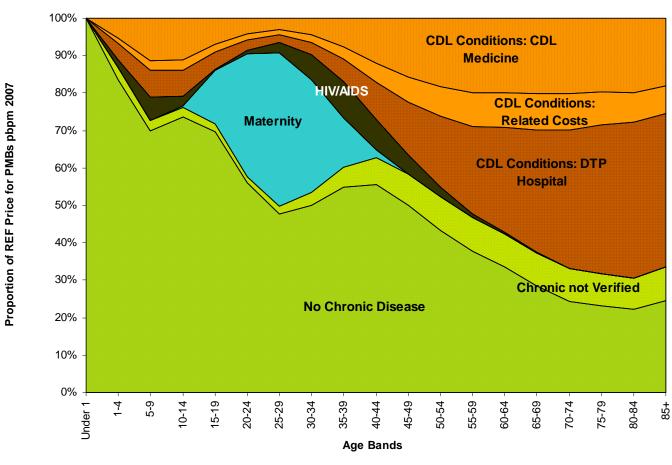


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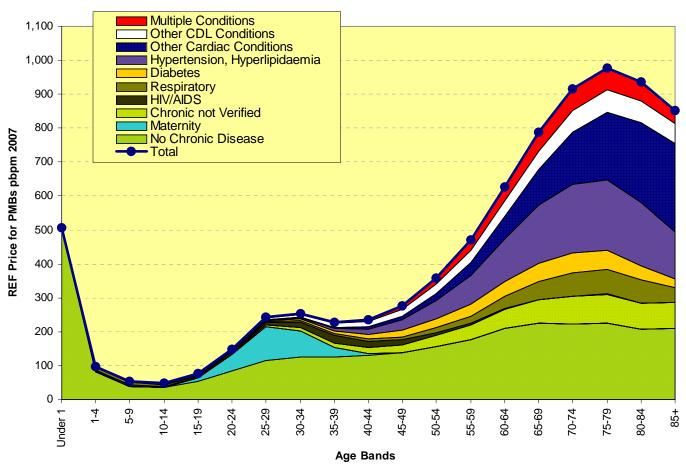


Proportion of Price by Age





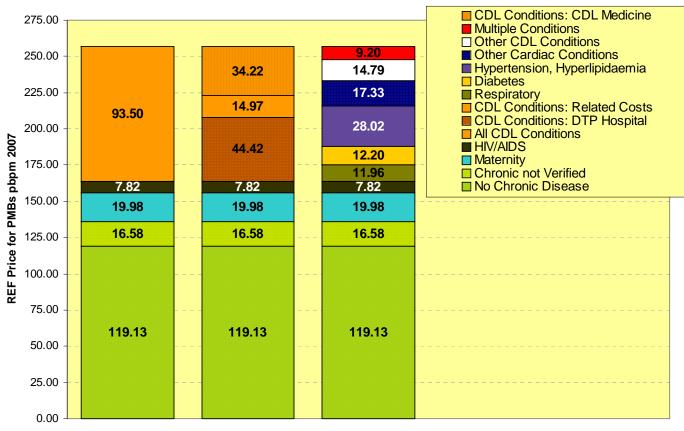
Price by Age of Chronic Disease



The burden of heart disease is clear.



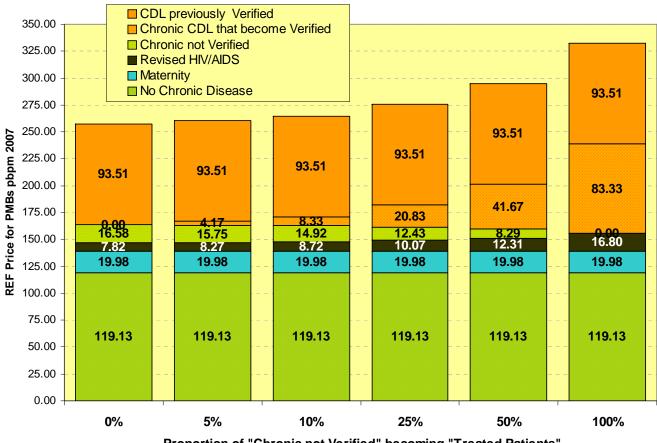
Chronic Disease in Price of PMBs



Community-rated PMB Price R257.05 pbpm



Sensitivity of Price of PMBs



Proportion of "Chronic not Verified" becoming "Treated Patients"

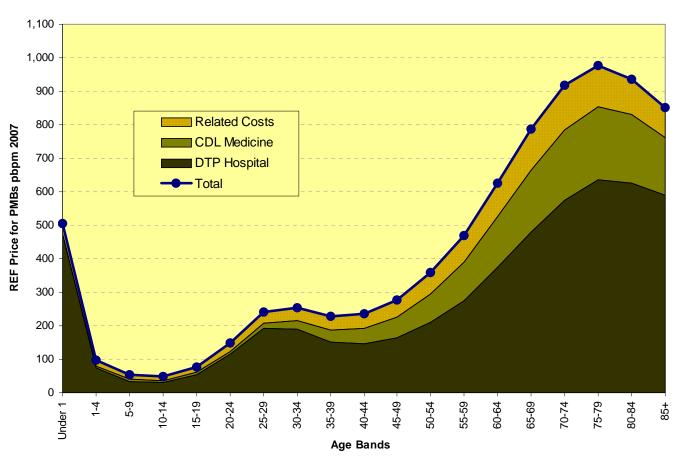
Community-rated PMB Price increases from R257.05 to R332.75 pbpm



Hospital, Medicine and Related Components

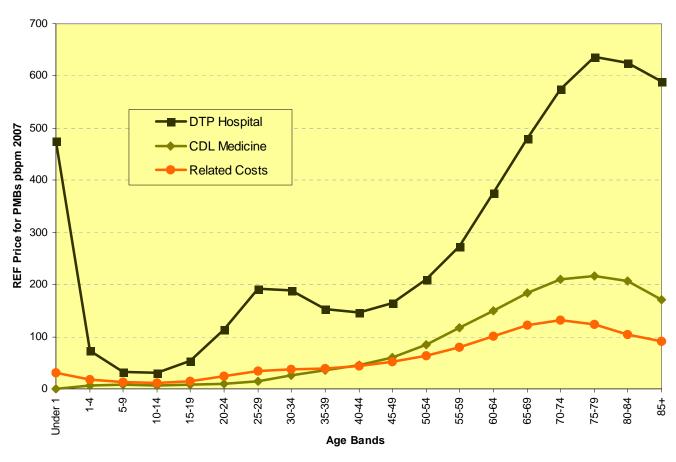


Components of PMB Price by Age



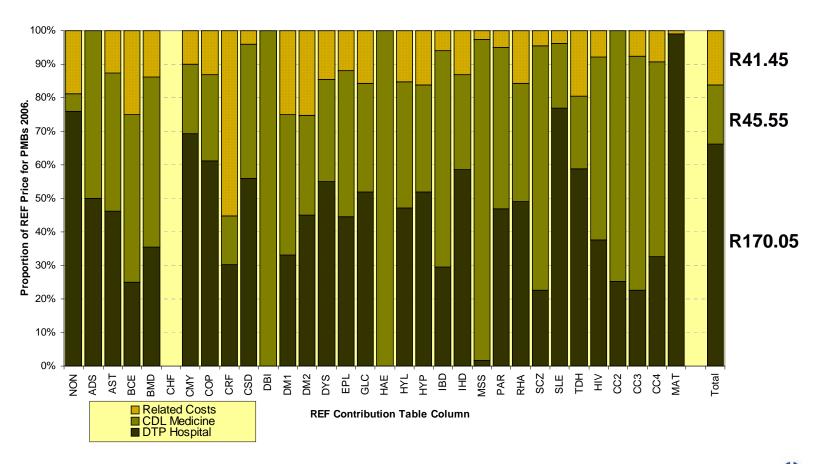


Components of PMB Price by Age





Components of PMB Price





Comment on Sensitivity

- The Community Rate would be highly unlikely to reach the higher levels.
- As more chronic people become "treated patients", so the values for each disease should be altered to be closer to the CASES regression (with additional CDL medicine costs). The average cost comes down as people are added with less serious disease.
- ◆ There is a timing issue the adjustment to the REF Table takes place annually while there could be an increase in the number of "treated patients" during the year.
- Schemes only need to consider changes in industry numbers of "treated patients" during a year, until the next revision of the REF Table.

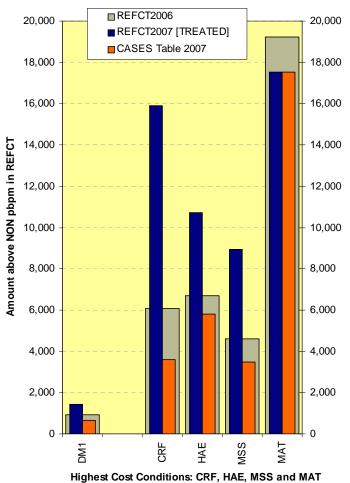
700 600 REFCT2006 CASES Table 2007 Price for NON pbpm in REFCT REFCT2007 [TREATED] 200 100 Under 1 35-39 Age Bands

REFCT2007 uses "treated patient" data. If all "chronic not verified" become treated, then the correct values would be from the CASES data, adjusted for additional medicine expenditure.

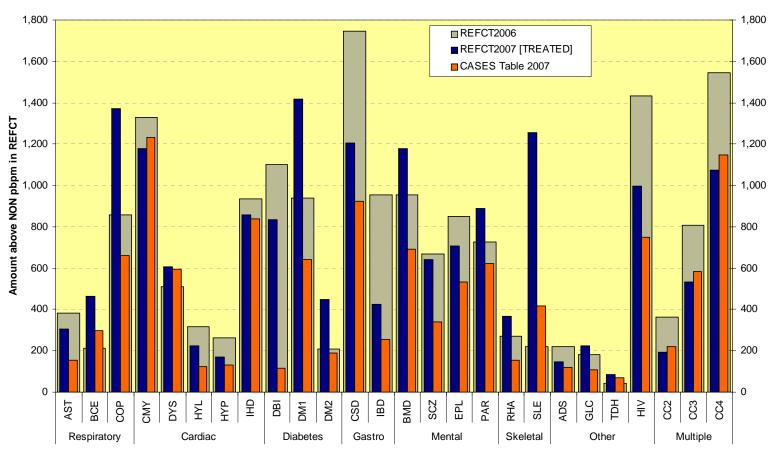
CASES values for diseases are usually much lower than TREATED values: patients added are less severe so average cost decreases.

Source: REF Contribution Table 2007

Sensitivity of REF Table



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Conditions excl. CRF, HAE, MSS and MAT





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