



Introduction to the HADES TreatmentPatterns Package

OHDSI Community Call
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Apr. 15	Treatment Patterns
Apr. 22	Current Practices in Estimation and Prediction
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May 27	Collaborator Showcase Brainstorm (Deadline is July 1)



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ORIGINAL STUDY

Gap Analysis of Standard Automated Perimetry Concept Representation in Medical Terminologies

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Abstract

Precis:

In this multi-institutional effort, we identified gaps in SAP data elements within medical terminologies. We proposed new concepts to LOINC to enhance SAP data standards and big data representation and improve interoperability across healthcare systems.



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Mapping National Vocabularies to International Standards Using OHDSI Standardized Vocabularies

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Abstract. Ensuring semantic interoperability in international studies is crucial. In this context, the mapping of national to international vocabularies is necessary. The Standardized Vocabularies of OHDSI provide such a mapping, which forms the basis for semantic interoperability in the standardized data model OMOP CDM. The aim of this paper is to provide a guideline for vocabulary mapping that supports developers in efficiently implementing the technical application of mappings into the ETL process for transforming data to OMOP CDM. By implementing materialized views and creating a decision tree, we provide a solid foundation for efficient semantic mapping in OMOP CDM. With our work, we mark an important step in realizing international observational studies based on OMOP CDM.

Keywords. OHDSI, OMOP CDM, vocabularies, semantic interoperability

1. Introduction

Research with secondary medical data across healthcare institutions requires the data to be interoperable. An important level of interoperability is semantic interoperability, which deals with the creation of a common understanding of message content. To ensure semantic interoperability, vocabularies with clearly defined codes have been introduced at national level, such as the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, German Edition (ICD-10-GM) for documenting diagnoses in Germany. However, these national, proprietary vocabularies cannot be used in full for international research as they may differ in structure, terminology or granularity from other standards.



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From Heterogeneity to Uniformity: A Metadata-Driven ETL Process for Transforming FHIR Data into OMOP CDM

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Abstract. Heterogeneous data formats complicate unified analysis in multisite clinical studies. Standardizing data in the Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership (OMOP) Common Data Model (CDM) requires Extract-Transform-Load (ETL) processes, which are complex and time-consuming to develop, especially with different source data specifications. The aim of our work is to develop a generalized, metadata-driven ETL process to transform Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) into OMOP CDM. In this paper, we present first results of the developed metadata-driven ETL process on the example of two different Patient FHIR specifications.

Keywords. OMOP CDM, FHIR, ETL, metadata

1. Introduction

Multisite clinical studies increasingly rely on real-world data. However, different hospital information systems generate heterogeneous data, complicating unified analysis. Standardization using CDMs such as the OMOP CDM [1] is crucial. This requires the implementation of ETL processes, which is time-consuming due to variety of data formats. Using standard data formats like FHIR can simplify the process, but country-specific variations (e.g., German Medical Informatics Initiative (MII) Core Data Set (CDS) and US-Core) add to the complexity. Metadata-driven ETL processes offer a promising solution to handle such variations in a single source format [2]. A previous review showed that ontology- and rule-based approaches are commonly used for this case [3]. Our work aims to develop a generalized, metadata-driven ETL process for



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Upcoming Workgroup Calls



Date	Time (ET)	Meeting
Tuesday	12 pm	CDM Vocabulary
Tuesday	12 pm	ATLAS
Wednesday	7 am	Medical Imaging
Wednesday	1 pm	Perinatal & Reproductive Health
Thursday	8 am	Medical Devices
Thursday	11 am	Themis
Thursday	12 pm	HADES
Thursday	7 pm	Dentistry
Friday	10 am	GIS - Geographic Information System
Friday	10 am	Transplant
Friday	10:30 am	Open-Source Community
Friday	11:30 am	Steering
Monday	11 am	Data Bricks User Group
Monday	11 am	Book of OHDSI
Monday	2 pm	Electronic Animal Health Records
Tuesday	9 am	Oncology Genomic Subgroup
Tuesday	9:30 am	Common Data Model



DevCon 2025: April 25

Agenda

9:00 – 9:15am ET • Welcome & Introduction

- Paul Nagy, Johns Hopkins University

9:15 – 11:30am ET • OHDSI Projects Lightning Talks

- Stabilizing Gaia Core – Robert Miller, Miller Data Solutions
- CustomVocabularyBuilder – Jared Houghtaling, Tufts University
- CohortConstructor – Núria Mercadé-Besora, University of Oxford
- Updates on Strategus – Anthony Sena, Johnson & Johnson
- Experiences with SQLMesh/CICD integration with Databricks – Vishnu Chandrabalan, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Updates from the Technical Advisory Board – Frank Defalco, Johnson & Johnson

11:30 – 12:30pm ET • Developer dialogue: Dev ops, DBT and, of course, LLMs

Moderator: Katy Sadowski, Boehringer Ingelheim

- Eduard Korchmar, EPAM Systems
- Egill Fríðgeirsson, Erasmus MC
- Martin Lavalley, Boehringer Ingelheim
- Lawrence Adams, Artificial Intelligence Centre for Value Based Healthcare

12:30 – 1:00pm ET • Break

1:00 – 2:00pm ET • Sustainable Open-Source Ecosystems Panel

Moderator: Paul Nagy, Sean O'Reilly

- Data4Life – Peter Hoffmann
- The Hyve – Jan Blom/Wouter Franke
- Cognome – James Green



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Save The Date!

The submission deadline for the
2025 Global Symposium
Collaborator Showcase is **July 1**.

The showcase will be accepting both posters and software demos, as well as interest in hosting lightning talks. More information on the symposium, including abstract submission and registration links, will be available soon.





Join the OHDSI Summer School!

Registration is open for the first ever OHDSI Summer School, held July 14-18, 2025, at the Columbia University Department of Biomedical Informatics.

The Columbia Summer School in Observational Health Data Science and Informatics, Artificial Intelligence, and Real World Evidence (RWE) offers health professionals, researchers and industry practitioners the opportunity to gain familiarity and hands-on experience with real world data and generating real world evidence. Participants will learn about the different types of healthcare data captured during routine clinical care, including electronic health records and administrative records, and how these data can be standardized to the OMOP Common Data Model to enable distributed data network research.



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Monday

Classification of RxNorm and RxNorm Extension Vaccine-related Terms in the Vaccine Ontology

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Background

The OHDSI OMOP CDM¹ is a widely recognized open-science community data model, standardizing data from diverse clinical domains and sources to support robust and reliable analysis. To make OMOP CDM powerful, many terminologies and ontologies are utilized. As standard OHDSI vocabularies in the Drug domain, RxNorm² and RxNorm Extension³ represent vaccines licensed in the USA and beyond the USA, respectively. The hierarchy structure of RxNorm/RxNorm Extension vaccines are mainly based on vaccine ingredients and components.

As an Open Biomedical Ontologies (OBO) Foundry⁴ library ontology, the Vaccine Ontology (VO)⁵ represents licensed/authorized vaccines, vaccines used in clinical trials and research, vaccine components, and vaccine responses. In this study, we integrated RxNorm and RxNorm Extension terms into the VO with the VO hierarchical structure, aiming to enhance the classification and analysis of various types of vaccines.

Methods

- The flowchart (Fig. 1) illustrates the process of integrating RxNorm and RxNorm Extension vaccines and ingredient terms with the Vaccine Ontology (VO).
- VO ontology design pattern (ODP) (Fig. 2) was developed to semantically represent the RxNorm and RxNorm Extension vaccines with their associated attributes and relations.
- The mappings between VO and RxNorm/RxNorm Extension terms are available at: https://github.com/vaccineontology/VO/blob/master/src/templates/vo_RxNorm.csv.

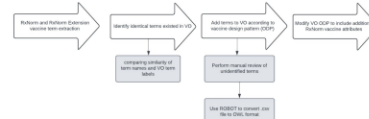


Fig. 1. Flowchart of mapping RxNorm and RxNorm Extension vaccine terms to the VO.

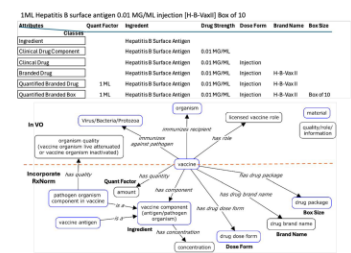


Fig. 2. RxNorm-to-VO design illustration. (A) RxNorm form of vaccine representation. (B) VO design pattern of representing vaccine terms in RxNorm and RxNorm Extension.

Results

We extracted a total of 7,440 vaccine and vaccine ingredient terms, including 2,051 terms from RxNorm (version 2023-07-03) and 5,389 terms from RxNorm Extension (version 2023-08-24). Our automated approach identified 681 RxNorm and 2 RxNorm extension terms that exist in the VO (release 2024-01-03).

The VO design pattern (Fig. 2) was used to represent RxNorm and RxNorm Extension vaccine terms. Overall, RxNorm includes six class types (i.e., clinical drug component, clinical drug, branded drug, quantified branded box) and quantified branded box and six attributes (i.e., ingredient, drug strength, dose form, brand name, quant factor, and box size). An example is shown of a hierarchical structure of Hepatitis B surface antigen vaccines (Fig. 3A) and one specific RxNorm vaccine in VO (Fig. 3B).

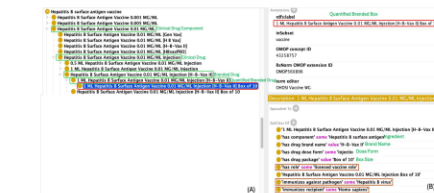


Fig. 3. VO representation of a vaccine (highlighted in red box) in a hierarchical structure (A) and ontology representation (B). Green boxes highlight the concepts in RxNorm or RxNorm Extension and the text in green indicates the mapped RxNorm concept class types or attributes. Orange boxes are new axioms added in VO based on the VO design pattern.

We found that the RxNorm vaccines targeted on 24 different pathogens, and we organized them according to targeted pathogen types in VO (Fig. 4A). Fig. 4B shows the hierarchy of influenza vaccines based on vaccine targeted flu season.

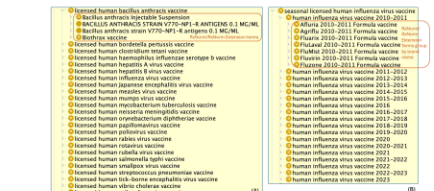


Fig. 4. VO classification of RxNorm vaccine terms. (A) Classification of RxNorm/RxNorm Extension terms based on pathogen/infectious disease types. (B) Classification of influenza virus vaccines based on flu season.

Results

We constructed a new hierarchy in VO based on vaccine attributes, pathogens, and flu seasons. Logical axioms, such as 'vaccine immunizes against pathogen' and 'vaccine has role', enhanced the classification. A DL query was developed to identify vaccines targeting specific pathogens, such as the retrieval of 315 vaccines against 'Hepatitis virus A' (Fig. 5).

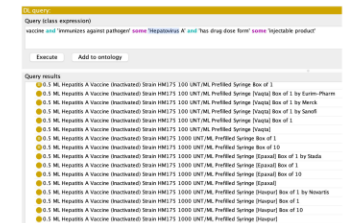


Fig. 5. Demonstration of a DL-query based on the VO representation.

Conclusions

We systematically represented 2,051 RxNorm terms (including vaccines and vaccine ingredient) and 4,091 RxNorm Extension terms in VO with added new hierarchies and semantic relations. RxNorm attributes, ingredient, dose form, brand name, and box size were represented using logical axioms in VO. The newly added hierarchies are aligned with the existing VO hierarchy. The intermediate VO terms were added to provide new hierarchical structure of RxNorm and RxNorm Extension terms based on different categories such as the targeted types of pathogens, diseases, and flu seasons. Such design and work greatly facilitate the representation, query, and analysis of various vaccine information in a single ontological knowledge resource. We look forward to more interactive communication with the OMOP community and support the needs of OMOP vocabulary construction and enhanced vaccine data analysis in OMOP.

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Tuesday

Common Data Elements for Maternal Health Research: An OMOP-CDM Concept Mapping Study

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Background

- In 2024, in collaboration with NICHD, we convened an expert panel (representatives from academic research centers, professional organizations, federal agencies) to develop common data elements (CDEs) for maternal health
- This analysis examines the extent to which maternal health constructs prioritized by the expert panel are available in the OMOP-CDM

Methods

- Employed modified Delphi exercise (response rate 84%) to prioritize maternal health constructs grouped as biomedical and psychosocial (consensus if >75% "yes" votes)
- Used the search function in ATLAS and the Johns Hopkins Medicine OMOP-CDM instance (~3.1 million records between 7/1/2016 and 5/31/2024) to identify concepts that correspond to priority constructs from Delphi exercise
- Quantified the number of standard and valid concepts for each priority construct; examined the common types of domains and standard vocabularies used for mapping; and noted whether the identified standard and valid concepts yield descendant person counts
- Through reviews of distance=1 parent and children concepts, qualified the perceived ease of deriving accurate concept sets in ATLAS for our Delphi priority constructs

Results

- 36 of 267 biomedical and 23 of 194 psychosocial constructs were prioritized for inclusion in a minimum NICHD-endorsed dataset to be used by all maternal health researchers
- Of these, only 1 biomedical and 2 psychosocial constructs did not have a standard and valid concept in our OMOP instance
- Among priority constructs with standard and valid concepts in OMOP, 31 (55%) mapped to <10 and only 4 (7%) to ≥100 concepts
- Nine in 10 priority constructs mapped to observation domain concepts
- SNOMED and LOINC were the most frequent source vocabularies for our priority constructs
- Derivation of accurate concept sets is relatively easy for 24 biomedical and 17 psychosocial priority constructs (70% total), moderate for 11 biomedical and 4 psychosocial constructs (25% total), and difficult for 1 biomedical and 2 psychosocial constructs (5% total)

Conclusions

- Our study provides support for using OMOP-CDM data to conduct research in maternal health
- There is need to develop phenotypes for key maternal health constructs, going beyond those included in this analysis

Notes: ¹Number of standard and valid OMOP concepts denoted: + if <10; ++ if 10-99; +++ if ≥100; ²Domains assessed include: condition (C); drug (D); measurement (M); observation (O); and procedure (P); ³DPC, descendant person counts; ⁴Perceived ease of deriving accurate concept sets in ATLAS categorized as follows: easy (shown in green), if an exact standard and valid concept match was identified in OMOP; moderate (shown in yellow), if related standard and valid concept matches were identified but they would require de-duplication or an OMOP extension; and difficult (shown in red), if related standard and valid concept matches were not identified or they would require derivation via cohort definition terms.

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Domains	Constructs	Delphi Vote	Standard & valid concepts ¹	Available in OMOP-CDM						Ease of deriving accurate concept set ⁴
				Domains ²	Vocabularies					
					SNOMED	LOINC	ICD10CM	ICD9CM	Other ³	
BIOMEDICAL										
Pregnancy Episode	Pregnancy status	97%	+	O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Gestational age at time of event	97%	++	C, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Plurality	97%	+	M, O	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Pregnancy outcome	94%	++	C, M, O	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Estimated due date	94%	+	C, O	x	x	x	x	x	0
Delivery Episode	Days postpartum at time of event	81%	+							0
	Mode of delivery	94%	++	C, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Date of delivery/end of pregnancy	93%	+	O, x						0
	Maternal death	97%	+	C, O	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Causes of maternal death	94%	++	C, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
Maternal Health Conditions and Outcomes	Gestational diabetes	93%	++	C, D, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Severe maternal morbidity	90%	+++	C, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Gestational hypertension	90%	++	C, D, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Preeclampsia	90%	++	C, D, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Obstetric hemorrhage	90%	+++	C, D, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
Neonatal Characteristics and Outcomes	Eclampsia	87%	++	C, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Date of maternal death	84%	+	O, x						0
	HELLP syndrome	81%	+	C, M, O	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Sepsis	81%	+++	C, D, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Placental complications	77%	+++	C, D, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
Maternal Health History	Neonatal death	97%	++	O, x						0
	Causes of neonatal death	90%	+	C, O	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Date of birth	84%	+	O, x						0
	Neonatal birthweight	84%	++	C, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Neonatal sex assigned at birth	84%	++	O, x						0
Maternal Health Status Assessments	Timing of neonatal death	77%	++	O, x						0
	Pregnancy history (GPA status)	97%	++	O, x						0
	Chronic (pre-gestational) diabetes	94%	++	C, D, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Chronic (pre-gestational) hypertension	94%	++	C, D, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Prior cesarean	87%	+	C, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
Care Encounters	Comorbidities	81%	+++	C, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Pre-pregnancy weight	90%	+	M, O	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Weight (current)	87%	+	M, O	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Height	81%	+	M, O	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Gestational weight gain	77%	+	C, M	x	x	x	x	x	0
Mental Health	ICU admission	77%	+	M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	PSYCHOSOCIAL									
	Depressive disorders	84%	+	C, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Smoking/tobacco use	92%	+	C, D, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Alcohol use	88%	+	C, D, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
Substance Use	Substance/drug use	84%	++	C, D, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Human milk or breastfeeding	84%	++	C, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Intimate partner violence	80%	++	C, M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Access to health care	92%	++	O, x						0
	Health insurance status prior to pregnancy	88%	+							0
Access to Medical Care	Health insurance status (current)	80%	++	O, x						0
	Health insurance type	76%	+	O, x						0
	Food security	88%	+	M, O, P	x	x	x	x	x	0
	Transportation	80%	++	O, x						0
	Everyday experiences of discrimination	88%	+							0
Patient Experience	Age	96%	+	O, x						0
	Educational attainment	96%	+	O, x						0
	Ethnicity and race	92%	+	O, x						0
	Sex assigned at birth	88%	+	O, x						0
	Partnership/marital status	84%	+	O, x						0
Demographics	Primary language	84%	+	O, x						0
	Current place of residence	84%	+	O, x						0
	Gender identity	80%	+	O, x						0
	Birthplace (country)	77%	+	O, x						0
	Disability status	76%	+	O, x						0



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Thursday

OHDSI in Africa and Partnerships with European Institutions

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The Africa Chapter is raising awareness of OHDSI in Africa to improve interoperability and promote collaboration across Africa and globally

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Background

Africa faces significant health challenges from a high burden of infectious diseases, maternal health issues, and rising incidence of non-communicable diseases. African governments are striving to establish efficient systems for sharing health data and promoting interoperability among various repositories as health data are increasingly migrating to electronic data capture. The OHDSI framework for data standardization and collaboration through a federated approach, as well as the extensive suite of programs for quality checks, visualization and rigorous analysis of observational data can accelerate efforts of African entities to strengthen health information systems and analyze large health data sets, both within and across African countries, to generate evidence for improving health systems and patient care, in a manner that is privacy protecting, transparent in methodology, and economical through use of open-source tools.

Methods

Africa Chapter members are spreading awareness of OHDSI to other African researchers, health data custodians and government officials, using the Value Proposition document written by Chapter members in 2023. Chapter members have begun the process to obtain permission to do an OMOP ETL of a specific healthcare database in their country. At Chapter meetings, more experienced members are transferring their knowledge and experiences, as well as introducing synthetic datasets, to give members who are new to OHDSI an opportunity to become familiar with OHDSI tools. The OHDSI Africa chapter is seeking to build collaborative relationships with other data science programs such as DS-I Africa, African Open Science Platform and VODAN.

Results

African countries represented among OHDSI Africa chapter members



- Institutions in Rwanda, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, and South Africa have created OMOP versions of local health data.
- The LAISDAR project located at the Rwanda Biomedical Center contains 3.6 million unique subjects in OMOP CDMs transformed from OpenMRS and OpenClinic EMRs at 15 hospitals.
- The INSPIRE network at the African Population Health and Research Centre (APHRC) carried out ETLs to the OMOP CDM using data from the Health and Demographic Surveillance System in Kenya, Tanzania and South Africa.
- APHRC is collaborating with UK institutions The Alan Turing Institute and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, CODATA (France), I-DAIR (Switzerland) and institutions in Cameroon, Ethiopia and Senegal on a Wellcome Trust funded project "Data Science Without Borders", which will conduct research using data harmonized to the OMOP CDM.
- The Virus Outbreak Data Network (VODAN) Africa has established data science partnerships in 12 African countries and invited OHDSI Africa Chapter members to meet at Leiden University (Belgium) on 04 Jun 2024 to discuss a plan for collaboration.

Conclusion

Awareness of OHDSI is growing in Africa with several African institutions successfully implementing the OMOP CDM and OHDSI tools. Several OHDSI Africa Chapter members are poised to do OMOP CDM implementations at their institutions. Despite the availability of vast amounts of health data in Africa, these remain siloed in different organizations and captured in varying formats and terminologies. Facilitating knowledge transfer from experienced OHDSI members, within Africa and globally, to those less familiar with OHDSI tools, will expedite interoperability and capacity building in Africa. **Funding is urgently needed to empower African scientists to lead this transformative effort.**



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Friday

Comorbidities among patients with Severe Maternal Morbidity: A comparison of conditions identified through active hospital-based surveillance versus OMOP CDM

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Comorbidities among patients with Severe Maternal Morbidity:

A comparison of conditions identified through active hospital-based surveillance versus OMOP CDM

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INTRO

- Patient characteristics, especially presence of comorbid conditions, strongly affect the risk of SMM.
- This analyses compares prevalence of comorbidities and risk factors for SMM identified through surveillance, based on manual chart abstraction, to those from a cohort characterization exercise in the OMOP common data model

METHODS

1. Data sources: Maryland Maternal Health Innovation Program (MDMOM)'s SMM facility-based surveillance; EHR data structured using the OMOP CDM in the Johns Hopkins Health System
2. We computed the incidence of 24 comorbidities and pregnancy risk factors identified using both sources
3. Conditions and risk factors with <20% difference in prevalence between the 2 methods=aligned, 20-50% different=moderately aligned, >50% different=not aligned.

RESULTS:

Prevalence of comorbidities and risk factors identified among patients with SMM

	OMOP Surveillance (n=1,014)	SMM (n=205)	Alignment
Mental health conditions	35.8	36.6	Close
Anxiety	22.1	22.0	Close
Depression	15.2	20.0	Moderate
Bipolar disorder	2.5	2.0	Moderate
Obesity	20.8	39.0	Close
Prior cesarean	22.8	30.7	Close
HTF	18.8	21.5	Close
Asthma	17.2	17.1	Close
Chronic hypertension	14.7	17.1	Close
Hypothyroidism	6.7	5.9	Close
Infections	6.7	5.9	Close
Fibrinolytic	6.5	6.8	Close
Sickle cell	4.9	4.9	Close
Anemia	29.7	22.0	Moderate
Gestational diabetes	12.0	8.8	Moderate
Substance use	9.9	16.1	Moderate
Preexisting diabetes	5.0	7.8	Moderate
Twins or higher order	4.7	3.4	Moderate
Lupus	2.0	1.5	Moderate
Renal conditions	15.3	1.5	Not aligned
Elderly primigravida	10.5	5.9	Not aligned
Prior preterm delivery	4.6	15.1	Not aligned
Placental complication	2.1	25.4	Not aligned
Cardiovascular disease	1.2	10.7	Not aligned

Prevalence of **comorbidities** and **pregnancy risk factors** identified using **manual chart abstraction** vs. **OMOP-CDM** were in close or moderate alignment for a majority of SMM cases



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MDMOM's SMM facility-based surveillance

- Trained clinician abstractors in each hospital identified all cases that met SMM surveillance definition
- Abstractors reviewed EHR to document information about the patient and SMM event using a standardized electronic REDCap form
- Surveillance data captures data between July 2020 and December 2023



JHM OMOP

- EHR data includes records from patients with live birth deliveries in the Johns Hopkins Health System between July 2016 -May 2024
- SMM events are identified using the CDC algorithm of 21 indicator corresponding to ICD10-CM codes during delivery hospitalization applied to the JHM OMOP instance

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Where Are We Going?





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