

Using OASIS to Prioritize Community Health Outcomes

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Quick examples of 4 tools of OASIS
- Quicker Example of Prioritizing Health Outcomes with OASIS
- How was OASIS created? Experiences and steps taken to create OASIS.

OASIS – Online Analytical Statistical Information System

OHIP purpose:

- Translate data into information for local and state health planning and assessment.
- Make that information available to anyone via OASIS
- Technical assistance for community health needs assessments
- Custom data requests (vital records, hospital discharge/ER visit data)

My background:

- Medical geography / public health epidemiology & behavioral science.
- Department of Public Health 24 years.
- Private sector healthcare setting 5 years (local community health needs assessments)
- Federal (CDC) 2 yrs – APEX (Assessment Protocol for Excellence in Public Health)

Examples of OASIS (live demo time!)



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EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS WEB QUERY

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Measure?

- ER Visits
- ER Visit Rate
- Age-Adjusted ER Visit Rate
- Standard ER Visit Ratio
- % of ER Visits by Cause
- % of ER Visits within State
- Deduplicated ER Visits
- Deduplicated ER Visit Rate
- Age-Adjusted Deduplicated ER Visit Rate

Age?

Stratify?

- Detailed Age Groups
- All Ages
 - <1 year
 - 1-4 years
 - 5-9 years
 - 10-14 years
 - 15-17 years
 - 18-19 years

Time?

- 2020
- 2019
- 2018
- 2017
- 2016
- 2015
- 2014
- 2013
- 2012
- 2011
- 2010
- 2009
- 2008
- 2007
- 2006
- 2005
- 2004
- 2003
- 2002

Geography?

- Counties
- Georgia
 - Rural
 - Non-Rural
 - Appling
 - Atkinson
 - Bacon
 - Baker
 - Baldwin
- Cause? Stratify?
- OASIS Detailed Causes
- External Causes
- Any Subcategory
 - Motor Vehicle Crashes (MVC)
 - Falls
 - Accidental Shooting
 - Drowning

Race?

- All Races
 - White
 - Black or African-American
 - Asian
 - American Indian or Alaska Native
- Ethnicity?
- All Ethnicities
 - Hispanic or Latino
 - Not Hispanic or Latino
- Payor
- All Payors
 - Medicaid
 - Medicare
- Sex?
- All Sexes
 - Male
 - Female

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ER Visits, ER Visit Rate by Residence, Motor Vehicle Crashes (MVC)

Geography	2018		2019		2020		Selected Years Total	
	ER Visits	ER Visit Rate	ER Visits	ER Visit Rate	ER Visits	ER Visit Rate	ER Visits	ER Visit Rate
Georgia	115,909	1,101.9	120,396	1,133.9	88,625	827.5	324,930	1,020.3
Appling	177	956.4	225	1,223.8	194	1,058.7	596	1,079.4
Atkinson	125	1,506.6	94	1,151.3	85	1,012.7	304	1,223.1
Bacon	90	804.6	93	833.0	116	1,051.1	299	895.6
Baker	32	1,034.9	47	1,547.1	48	1,615.6	127	1,395.5
Baldwin	715	1,595.2	656	1,461.3	593	1,314.9	1,964	1,456.8
County Summary	1,139	1,325.9	1,115	1,301.9	1,036	1,207.1	3,290	1,278.3

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Measure: Percent of Births

Mapping Unit: Census Tract

Geography: Counties

- Crisp
- Dade
- Dawson
- Decatur
- DeKalb

Aggregation: 5-Year Aggregates

Time: 2016-2020

- 2011-2015
- 2006-2010
- 2001-2005

Age: All Mothers Ages

- 10-14
- 15-17
- 18-19

Race: All Races

- White
- Black or African-American
- Asian

Ethnicity: All Ethnicities

Educational Level: All Education Levels

- Less than High School Education
- High School Diploma or GED (12)
- Some College or Higher

Gestational Age: All Gestation Ages

- Very Preterm (<32 weeks)
- Preterm (32-36 weeks)
- Term (37-41 weeks)

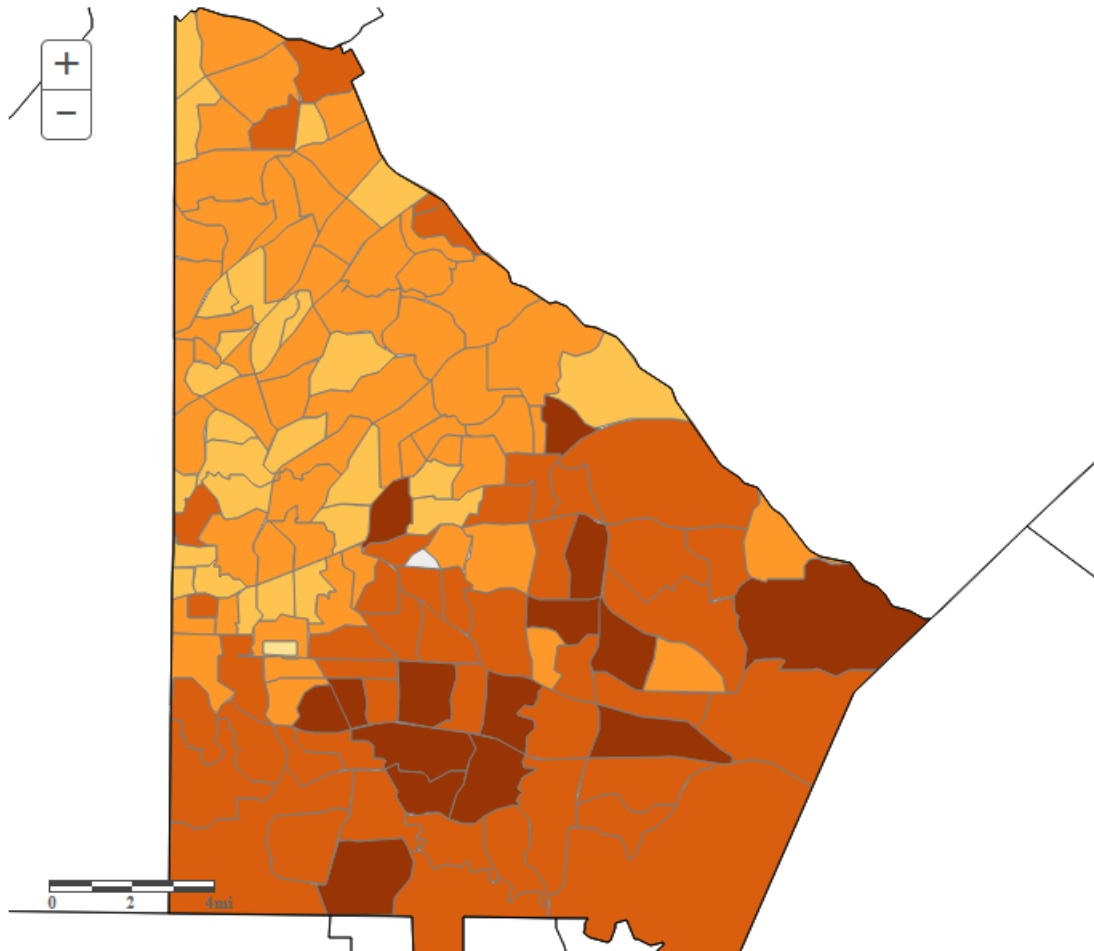
Birthweight: All Birthweights

- <1,500 grams
- 1,500-2,499 grams
- 2,500-4,499 grams

Marital Status: All Marital Statuses

- Percent of Births**
- 0.0
 - 4.8 - 8.3
 - 8.4 - 10.9
 - 11.1 - 13.5
 - 13.7 - 17.6
 - Not Reportable
- Layer visibility**
- Hospitals
 - Cities/Towns
 - Interstates
 - Major Roads
 - GA House
 - GA Senate
 - Zip Code Boundary
 - County Labels
 - Census Tract Labels
- Base Layers**
- Demographic Clusters
 - Aerial Photograph
 - Street Map
- Legend**
- County
 - Census Tract

Percent of Births by Census Tract of Residence, DeKalb County, Preterm (<37 weeks), 2011-2020



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ANIMATED CHARTING TOOL (ACT)

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Measure

Number of Population by Age

Geography

County

Race

Total-White-Black
All Races (Total)
White
Black or African-American
Asian

Catoosa
Charlton
Chatham
Chattahoochee
Chattooga
Cherokee
Clarke

Ethnicity

All Ethnicities
Hispanic or Latino
Not Hispanic or Latino

Aggregation

1-Year Aggregates
3-Year Aggregates
5-Year Aggregates

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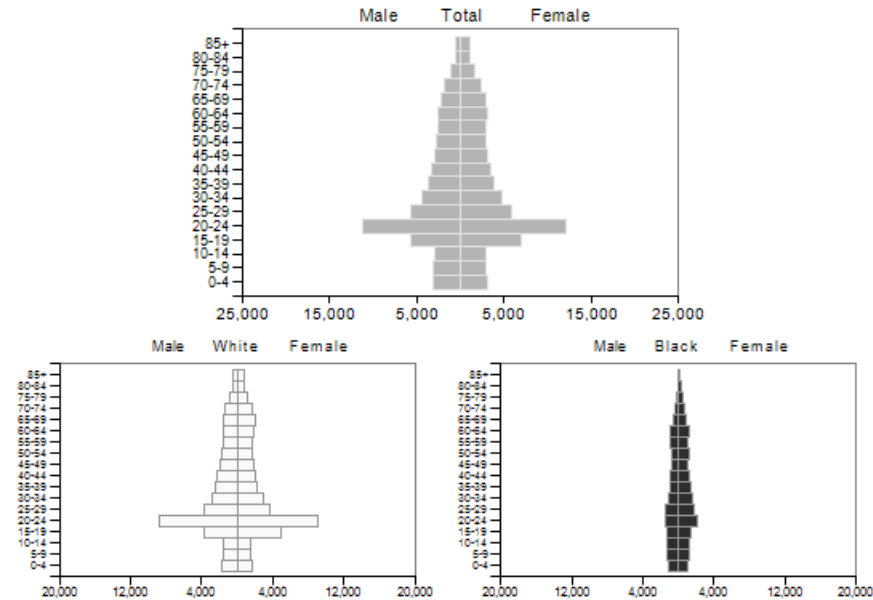
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Number of Population by Age, Total, White and Black or African-American

Clarke County, GA, 2020





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TRENDING TOOL

Accessing the Georgia Department of Public Health's Data Warehouse

Measure

- Number of Deaths
- Death Rate
- Age-Adjusted Death Rate

Time

- All Years
- 2020
- 2019
- 2018
- 2017
- 2016
- 2015

Geography

- Counties
- Georgia
- Rural
- Non-Rural
- Appling
- Atkinson

Race

- All Races
- White
- Black or African-American
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Nat
- Native Hawaiian or Other Paci
- Multiracial

Aggregation

- 1-Year Aggregates
- 3-Year Aggregates
- 5-Year Aggregates

Cause

- Drug Overdoses
- All Drug Overdoses
- All Opioids only
- Natural, Semi-synthetic, Synthetic Opic
- Synthetic Opioids other than Methador
- Heroin
- Methodone

Ethnicity

- All Ethnicities
- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino

Sex

- All Sexes
- Male
- Female

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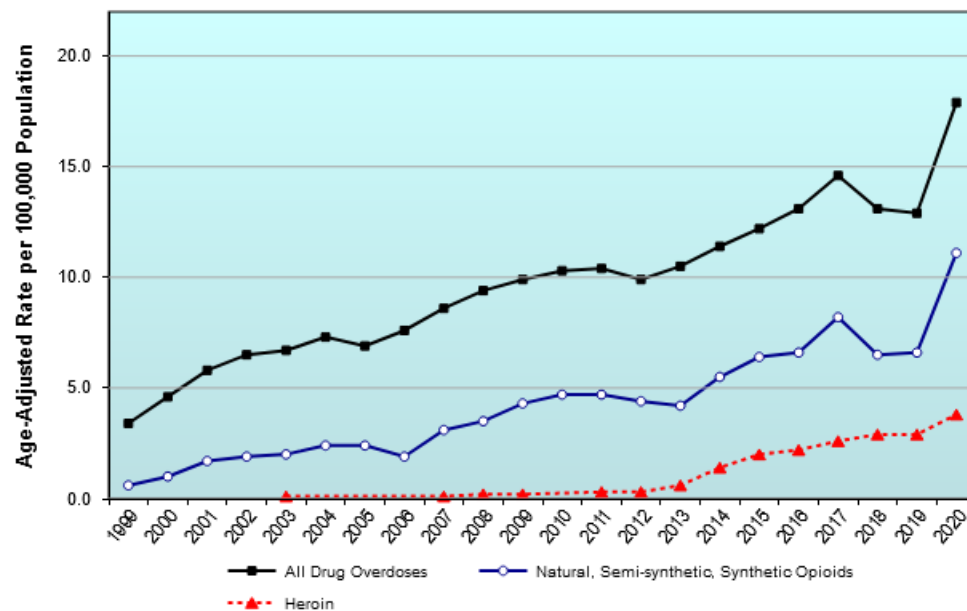
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Age-Adjusted Death Rate, Selected Causes, Georgia, 1999-2020



OASIS & Prioritizing Health Outcomes

Using OASIS to Prioritize Community Health Outcomes

...what criteria should be used to determine if a cause of mortality warrants particular attention? Would a local rate 10% higher than the state indicate something of concern?

- Standard Mortality Ratios (SMR's)
- Years of Potential Life Lost (YPLL)

These principles/techniques can apply to any subject area



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Community Health Needs Assessment Dashboard

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Geography: Public Health District ▼

Georgia ▲

Northwest Health District

North Georgia Health Dis

North Health District (Gai

Cobb/Douglas Health Dis

Fulton Health District ▼

Age:

All Ages ▲

<1 year

1-4 years

5-9 years

10-14 years

15-17 years

18-19 years ▼

Rank By: ?

Age-Adjusted Death Rate ▼

Race:

All Races ▼

Sex:

All Sexes ▼

Time:

6 years: 2016-2021 ▼

Prioritize! (significantly high causes) ?

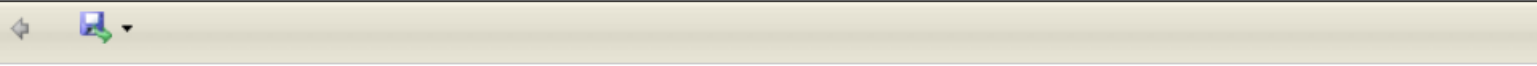
Using green, yellow and red for dials

Using Georgia Rankable Groups

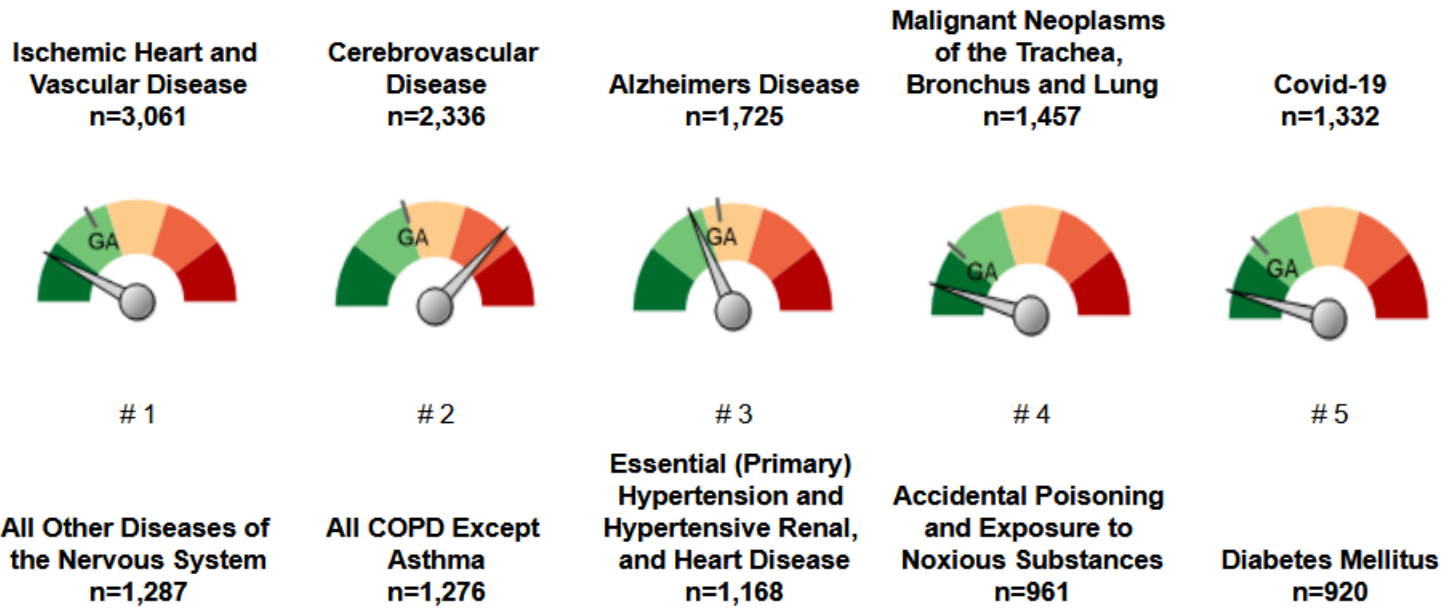
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Ranked Causes and State/County Comparison, Age-Adjusted Death Rate, Cobb/Douglas Health District, 2016 - 2021



External Resources

- [Change Action Guide](#)
- [MAPP](#)
- [County Health Rankings](#)
- [The Community Guide](#)
- [Health Improvement Navigator](#)

Top Causes of Overall Mortality

Of the top 15, the top 5 were:

- Heart Disease
- Stroke
- Alzheimer's
- Lung Cancer
- Covid

...Introducing the Standard Mortality Ratio...



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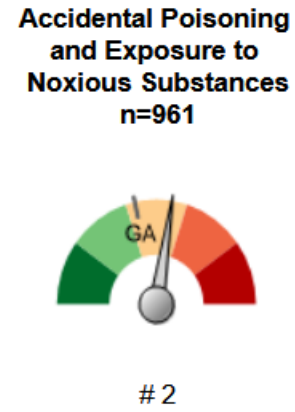
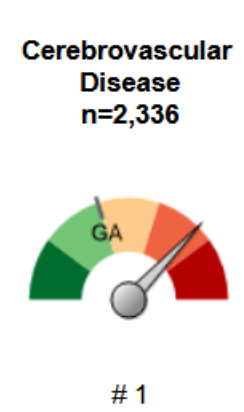
- Prioritize! (significantly high causes)
- Using green, yellow and red for dials
- Using Georgia Rankable Groups

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Ranked Significantly High Causes and State/County Comparison, Age-Adjusted Death Rate, Cobb/Douglas Health District, 2016 - 2021



Numbers shown are the sum of deaths. Click on a Dial for more information.

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Only TWO occurring Significantly more than they should:

- Stroke
- Drug Overdoses

= Useful information, but to what degree do these contribute to “premature” mortality?

...introducing YPLL: Years of Potential Life Lost...

Leading Causes of **Premature** Death dashboard

'Premature Death' measured by **Years of Potential Life Lost (YPLL)** which sums years of life lost **before age 75**. A death at age 65 therefore would be 10 YPLL.

Compared with leading causes of death, YPLL directs focus on causes that occur at younger ages. In doing so, **YPLL highlights causes that are more likely to be attributable to preventable causes and therefore subject to prevention and intervention.**



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LEADING CAUSES OF PREMATURE DEATH

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- Clayton County Health District (Jonesboro)
- Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale
- DeKalb Health District
- District 4 Public Health
- South Central Health District (Dublin)
- North Central Health District (Macon)
- East Central Health District (Augusta)
- West Central Health District (Columbus)

Time?

- 2021
- 2020
- 2019
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- 2012

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Prioritize! (significantly high causes only) ?

Georgia Rankable Causes. Uncheck box to use NCHS Rankable Causes.

Top 10 Causes of YPLL and % Total YPLL:

- 1) Accidental Poisoning and Exposure to Noxious Substances 9.65% (30,306)
- 2) Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide) 6.47% (20,343)
- 3) Ischemic Heart and Vascular Disease 6.19% (19,458)
- 4) Motor Vehicle Crashes 6.05% (18,995)
- 5) Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period 4.88% (15,346)
- 6) Assault (Homicide) 3.68% (11,553)

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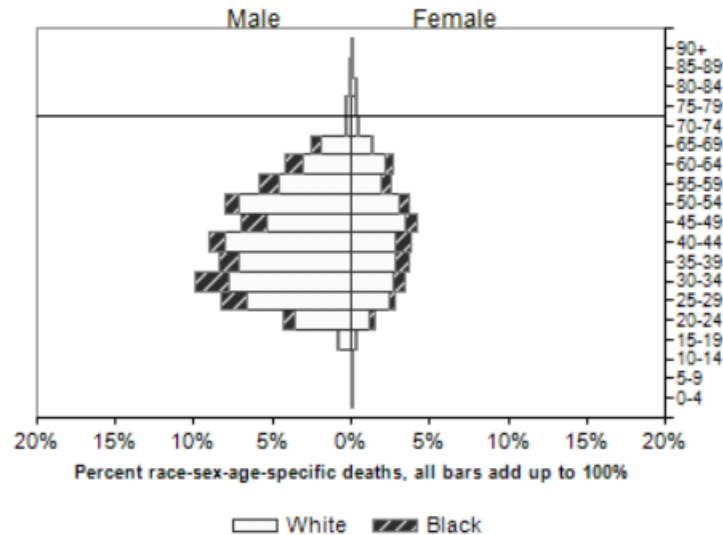
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Mortality Pyramids of the Top 10 Causes of Years of Potential Life Lost (YPLL), Cobb/Douglas Health District, GA, 2016 - 2021

1) Accidental Poisoning and Exposure to Noxious Substances

ICD-10 Codes: (X40-X49)



Top 5 causes of **Premature** Mortality (before age 75)

- Drug Overdoses
- Suicide
- Heart Disease
- Motor Vehicle Crashes
- Infant Mortality

...are any of *these* occurring more than they should?



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Prioritize! (significantly high causes only) ?

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Top 4 Causes of YPLL and % Total YPLL:

- 1) Accidental Poisoning and Exposure to Noxious Substances 9.65% (30,306)
- 2) Malignant Neoplasm of the Breast 2.48% (7,801)
- 3) Acute Rheumatic Fever and Chronic Rheumatic Heart Diseases 0.12% (388)
- 4) Infections of Kidney 0.05% (164)

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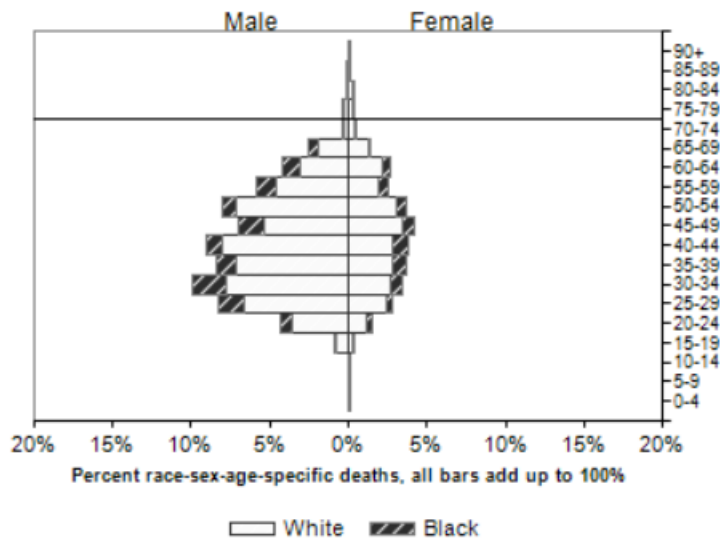
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Mortality Pyramids of the Top 4 Causes¹ of Years of Potential Life Lost (YPLL), Cobb/Douglas Health District, GA, 2016 - 2021

1) Accidental Poisoning and Exposure to Noxious Substances

ICD-10 Codes: (X40-X49)



Top 2 causes of significantly high Premature Mortality

- Drug Overdoses
- Breast Cancer

In Summary:

1

Top 5 Overall

- Heart Disease
- Stroke
- Alzheimer's
- Lung Cancer
- Covid

Top 2 Overall Sig.

- Stroke
- Drug Overdose

2

Top 5 YPLL

- Drug Overdose
- Suicide
- Heart Disease
- Motor Vehicle Crashes
- Infant Mortality

3

Top 2 YPLL & Sig.

- Drug Overdose
- Breast Cancer

Bonus! Comparing rates using Percent Difference can be misleading

Age-Adjusted Death Rate, Percentage Difference, Standard Mortality Ratio

2019					2020				
	Cause	Age-Adjusted Death Rate	Percentage Difference	Standard Mortality Ratio		Cause	Age-Adjusted Death Rate	Percentage Difference	Standard Mortality Ratio
Muscogee	Oral Cancer	4.3	65% Higher	Expected		Throat Cancer	7.0	106% Higher	Expected
Georgia	Oral Cancer	2.6	-	-		Throat Cancer	3.4	-	-

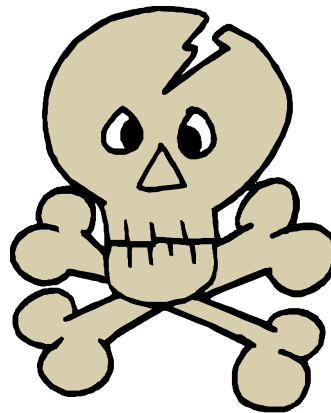
Oral cancer: **65% higher**, but 4.3 is *expected (no significant difference)*.

Throat cancer: **106% higher**, but 7.0 is *expected (no significant difference)*.

How was OASIS created?

Causes of Death, Georgia, 1733-1734

- 11 killed by Spanish
- 3 drowned
- 1 hit by falling tree
- **1 lost in woods**
- 2 shot
- **1 buried alive**
- 1 by duel
- 3 homicide
- 1 consumption
- 3 hanged



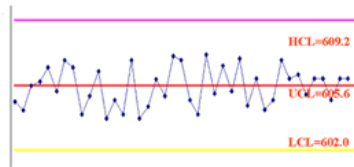
1999 - Steps taken to create OASIS:

1. Create data standards *independent* of Vital Records/Discharge/etc data
2. Assess source data metadata: Create Translations
3. Assess source data quality: Create Imputations
4. Create Value-add fields, e.g. geocoding / birthweight groups / Cause categories / etc.
5. Promotion to Repository/Data Warehouse
6. Create OLAP Cubes
7. Design/Write OASIS applications

Step 1: Creating data standards

Georgia Division of Public Health

Gold Standard Data Quality Protocol



May 2002
2nd Edition



Georgia Department of Human Resources
Division of Public Health
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Data Quality Requirements

A variable shall:

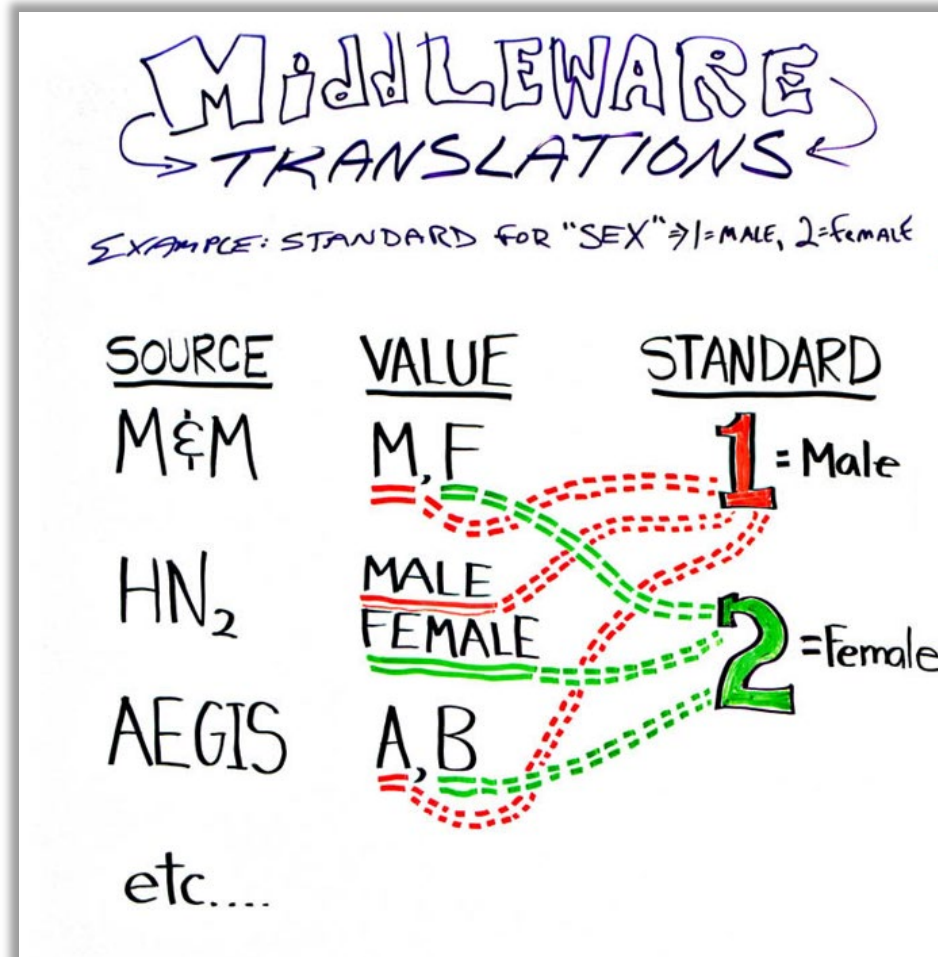
1. Have one and only one name.
2. Have one and only one definition.
3. Be stored in one and only one data type.
4. Have one and only one field length.
5. Be stored in one and only one unit of measurement.
6. Be stored in one and only one level of measurement.
7. Represent or store only those values specified in its definition.
8. Have one and only one source.
9. Etc.....

Step 1 cont'd: Define Standard Data Properties

Property	Value
Presentation Name(s)	COUNTY
Definition	Geographic county of event or residence.
Valid Values	Two digit state FIPS code 00-99 followed by three digit FIPS county code 000-999; range 13001-13321; 0=Non-Georgia county, -1 = unknown.
Data Type	String
Field Length	5
Unit of Measurement	Unitless
Level of Measurement	Nominal
Unit of Analysis	Unitless
Level of Analysis	Nominal
Derivation	Derived from geographic county in specific jurisdiction.
Time Stamp of Standard	3/16/2000. 0 for none

Property	Value
Presentation Name(s)	ETHNICITY
Definition	Ethnicity, currently limited to asking whether the person is "Hispanic or Latino" (A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race) (OMB-15, 1997).
Valid Values	1=Hispanic or Latino, 0=No; -1=unknown.
Data Type	Integer
Field Length	2
Unit of Measurement	Unitless
Level of Measurement	Nominal
Unit of Analysis	Unitless
Level of Analysis	Nominal
Derivation	Practice in vital records for pre-03 version of certificates: Derived from Origin values 1-5 inclusive.
Time Stamp of Standard	3/16/2000 per U.S. OMB Directive 15, 1997.

Step 2: Assessing Data Source Translatability



Steps 3-7 (Data Quality / Value-add fields / etc...)

- 3-Assessment of data quality / Decide if imputations in order
 - 5% rule
 - National specs vs improved local specs: e.g. Race imputation
- 4-Value-adds: geocoding / create indicators as part of loading process
 - 300+ fields on a birth certificate; we add 66.
- 5-Promotion to DW (hybrid Inmon/Kimball model)
- 6-Create OLAP cubes
- 7-Design/Write OASIS applications

OASIS / ETL processes are 100% built in-house.

Lastly – Working Across Program Lines

- Initially: “All at Once” approach:
 - ‘...all we need to worry about is how our funder wants data’
 - See the value, but tied to their funder’s system specs.
 - Difficult since there was no tangible product
- *Led to Change in strategy: (Get some wins!)*
- Once OASIS up and running: Others came on board
 - Others would like to, but articulating metadata / assessing level of data quality can be difficult

3 Examples of Organizational/Human Challenges

Organizational Inertia

The Right Leadership

Incomplete/Inaccurate metadata

3 Examples of Technical/Data Challenges

ICD9 to ICD10 and later ICD9CM to ICD10CM

Cause Categories (National standards vs locally-relevant/actionable)

Discharge/ER data: same categories, but no Underlying Cause for external causes

Thank You!

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