

# 2024 Add Health Users Conference

Add Health Wave VI: Biological & Vital Events Data  
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# Biological & Vital Events Data

# Biological Data

- (1) Aims
- (2) Domains
- (3) Collection Methods
- (4) Update
- (5) Quality
- (6) Summary
- (7) Availability

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# Biological Data Aims

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- To identify conditions prevalent among U.S. adults and processes underlying their associations with future health and disease
- To collect measures characterizing those processes
- To do so with feasibility of field collection across the U.S., availability of data across waves, and reliability & validity of results in mind

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# Biological Data Domains

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## **Domains**

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Cardiovascular  
Anthropometric  
Metabolic  
Renal  
Hepatic  
Neurocognitive  
Inflammatory/Immune  
Infectious  
Pharmacologic

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# Biological Data Collection Methods



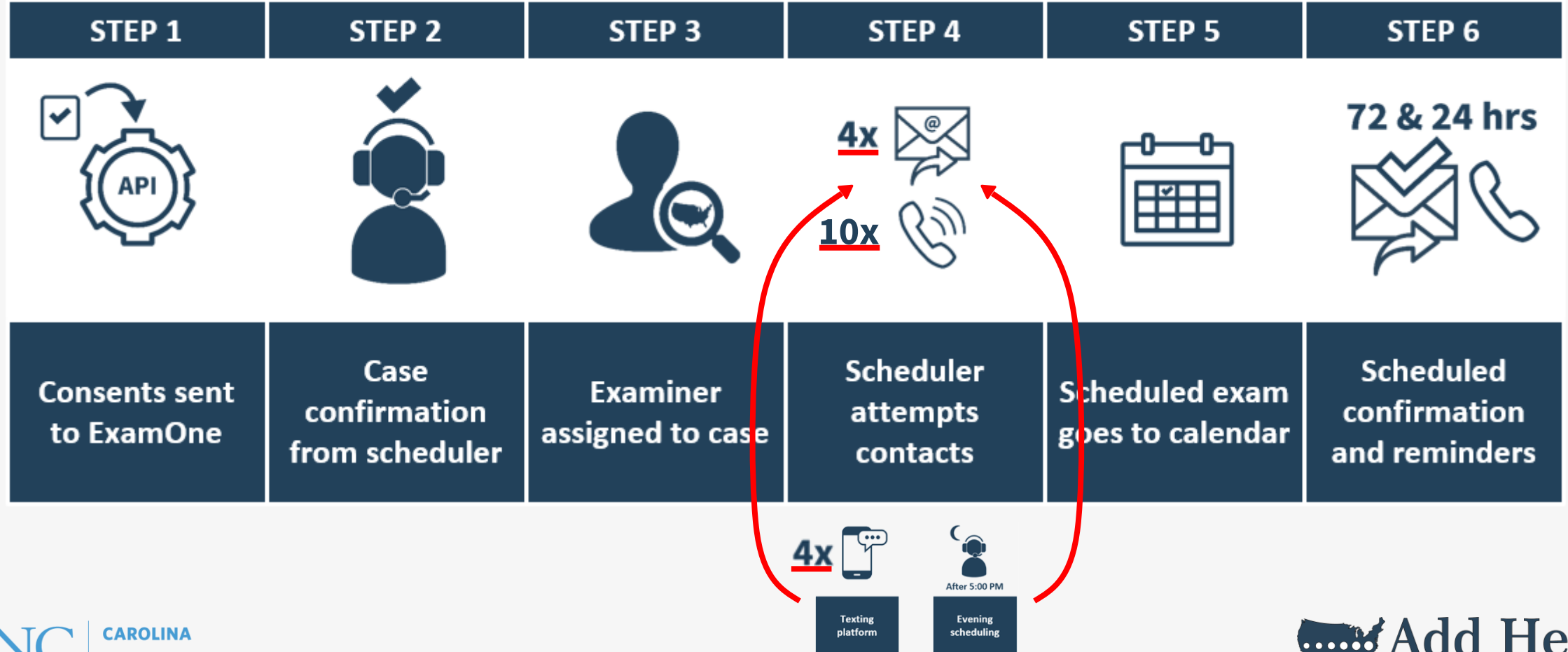
# Biological Data Collection Methods

- Consent & Scheduling



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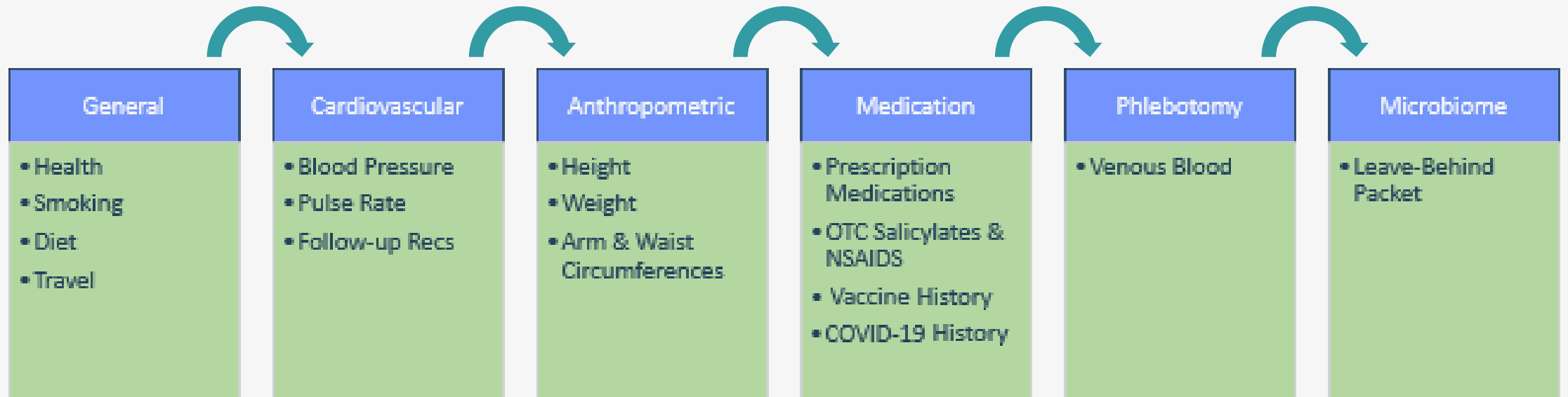
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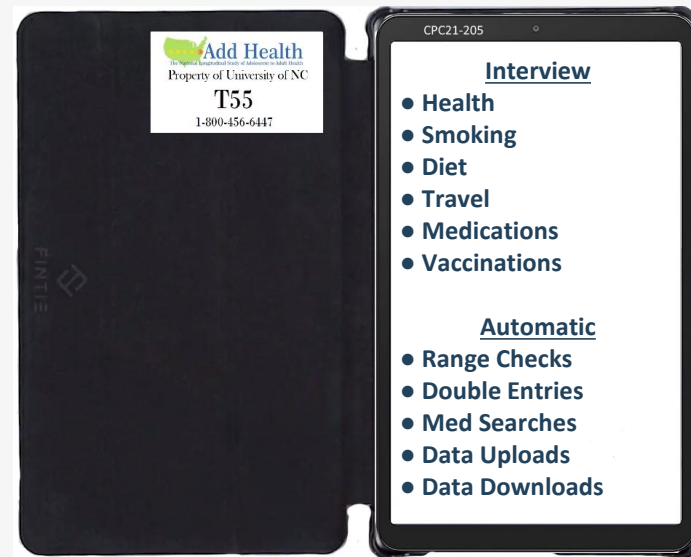
# Biological Data Collection Methods

- Home Examination



# Biological Data Collection Methods

- General Interview



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SECTION A. EXAMINER PREFILL	
<b>A1. EXAMINER INSTRUCTION</b> The following subsections – <b>Examiner, Equipment Check #1 (Blood Pressure Unit &amp; Scale) and Time Zone</b> – may be completed <b>before</b> meeting the respondent and entering the location of the home exam.	
<b>EXAMINER</b>	
AQ01.	Examiner First & Last Name: _____
AQ02.	Examiner ID (4 digits): _____
AQ03.	Examiner Tablet # ("T" + 3 digits found on the inside cover of your tablet): T _____
AQ04.	Global ID (from the ExamOne work order): _____
<b>EQUIPMENT CHECK #1 (BLOOD PRESSURE UNIT)</b>	
AQ05.	Add Health Microlife BP Unit #: B _____
AQ06.	Will you be using the Add Health Microlife BP Unit for this home exam? 1. Yes — skip to AQ09 — 2. No
AQ07.	Why will the Microlife BP Unit <b>NOT</b> be used? 1. Did not receive the Microlife BP Unit 2. Did not bring the Microlife BP Unit to the home exam 3. Batteries were dead (no spare batteries) and no AC outlet available 4. Equipment malfunction 5. Other (specify) _____
AQ08.	If not using the Microlife BP Unit, then please describe the alternate BP unit: a. BP unit make _____ b. BP unit model _____ c. BP unit cuff size _____ If known, please enter specific range (e.g., 24–35 cm) or label (e.g., S, M, L, XL).

# Biological Data Collection Methods

## • Cardiovascular Evaluation

### • Cardiovascular equipment



### • Cardiovascular protocol\*

- trained, certified staff
- resting, seated respondents
- arm @ level of heart
- cuff matched to arm circumference
- measured SBP, DBP & PR
  - - 3x @ 30 sec intervals
  - - double entered
  - - automatically averaged over last 2
- provide results, follow-up recs

### • Measures

- Primary
  - systolic blood pressure (SBP)
  - diastolic blood pressure (DBP)
  - pulse rate (PR)
- Secondary
  - pulse pressure (PP = SBP - DBP)
  - mean arterial pressure (MAP =  $[SBP + 2 \times DBP] \div 3$ )

### • Blood Pressure Classification

- SBP/DBP according to JNC 7 guidelines\*
 

< 120/80 mm Hg	Normal
120-139/80-89 mm Hg	Pre-Hypertension
140-159/90-99 mm Hg	Stage 1 Hypertension
≥ 160/100 mm Hg	Stage 2 Hypertension
- SBP/DBP according to ACC/AHA guidelines†
 

< 120/80 mm Hg	Normal
120-129/<80 mm Hg	Elevated
130-139/80-89 mm Hg	Stage 1 Hypertension
≥ 140/90 mm Hg	Stage 2 Hypertension



# Biological Data Collection Methods

## • Anthropometry

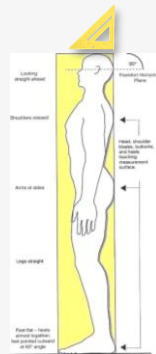
- Anthropometric equipment
- Anthropometric protocol



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- trained, certified staff
- dressed, unshoed respondents
- standing on uncarpeted floor
- measured
  - height to nearest 0.5 cm
  - weight to nearest 0.1 kg
  - waist to nearest 0.5 cm
    - @ superior border of iliac crest
    - @ end expiration
    - horizontal to floor
- hair/shoe height to nearest 0.5 cm, as needed



- Measures

- Primary

- weight
- height
- waist circumference (waist)
- arm circumference (arm)

- Secondary

- body mass index (BMI = weight in kg / height in m<sup>2</sup>)

- Waist & BMI Classification

- Waist according to NHLBI Evidence Report\*

- ≤ 88 (102) cm in ♀ (♂) Lower Risk
- > 88 (102) cm in ♀ (♂) High Risk

- BMI according to NHLBI Evidence Report\*

- < 18.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup> Underweight
- 18.5-24.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup> Normal
- 25.0-25.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup> Overweight
- 30.0-34.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup> Obesity, Stage I
- 35.0-39.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup> Obesity, Stage II
- ≥ 40.0 kg/m<sup>2</sup> Obesity, Stage III

\*Obesity Res 1998;6(S2):51S-210S.

# Biological Data Collection Methods

- Phlebotomy

- Phlebotomy Equipment



- Phlebotomy Protocol

- trained, certified phlebotomists
    - fasting (ideally) respondents
    - draw blood
    - centrifuge
    - package
    - ship
    - assay @ LCBR
    - return results

**Tube Order (Volume)**

- 1 - Tiger Top SST (8.5 ml)
      - 2 - EDTA (10 ml)
      - 3 - EDTA (3 ml)
      - 4 - Tiger Top SST (5 ml)
      - 5 - PAXGene (2.5 ml)



# Biological Data Collection Methods

## ● Biomarker Assays

	Category	Assay	Specimen	Volume	Testing Schedule	Location	Equipment	Assay description	
Metabolic Domain	Glucose Homeostasis	Glucose (Serum)	serum	500 µl*	daily	UVMMC	Ortho Vitros 5600	Vitros GLU slides	
		HbA1C	whole blood	1000 µl	twice/week	UVMMC	Sebia Capillarys 3	Sebia Capillary Electrophoresis	
	Lipids	Total Cholesterol	serum	500 µl*	daily	UVMMC	Ortho Vitros 5600	Vitros CHOL slides	
		HDL Cholesterol	serum		daily	UVMMC	Ortho Vitros 5600	Vitros dHDL slides	
		Triglycerides	serum		daily	UVMMC	Ortho Vitros 5600	Vitros TRIG slides	
		LDL Cholesterol	serum		daily	UVMMC	Ortho Vitros 5600	Calculated. If Trig>400, then direct LDL slides	
	Renal Function	Creatinine	serum	500 µl*	daily	UVMMC	Ortho Vitros 5600	Vitros CREA slides	
Hepatic Injury	AST	serum	500 µl*	daily	UVMMC	Ortho Vitros 5600	Vitros AST slides		
	ALT	serum		daily	UVMMC	Ortho Vitros 5600	Vitros ALT slides		
Infectious Domain	Neurocognition	NF-L	EDTA plasma	200 µl	3 batches (2023, 2024, 2025)	LCBR lab	Quanterix HD-X	Simoa Human Neurology 4-Plex "A"	
		Tau	EDTA plasma		3 batches (2023, 2024, 2025)	LCBR lab	Quanterix HD-X	Simoa Human Neurology 4-Plex "A"	
		GFAP	EDTA plasma		3 batches (2023, 2024, 2025)	LCBR lab	Quanterix HD-X	Simoa Human Neurology 4-Plex "A"	
		UCH-L1	EDTA plasma		3 batches (2023, 2024, 2025)	LCBR lab	Quanterix HD-X	Simoa Human Neurology 4-Plex "A"	
		HSV	Serum	120 µl**	twice/year	LCBR lab	Biotek ELx8081IU	Gold Standard Diagnostics HSV 1&2 IgG EIA	
	Inflammation & Immune Function	hsCRP	serum	120 µl**	twice/year	LCBR lab	Siemens BNII	Siemens CRP immunonephelometric assay	
		IL-10	serum		twice/year	LCBR lab	MSD Quick-Plex 120	Mesoscale Discovery Pro-Inflammatory Panel	
		IL-1B	serum		twice/year	LCBR lab	MSD Quick-Plex 120	Mesoscale Discovery Pro-Inflammatory Panel	
		IL-6	serum		twice/year	LCBR lab	MSD Quick-Plex 120	Mesoscale Discovery Pro-Inflammatory Panel	
		IL-8	serum		twice/year	LCBR lab	MSD Quick-Plex 120	Mesoscale Discovery Pro-Inflammatory Panel	
		TNF-α	serum		twice/year	LCBR lab	MSD Quick-Plex 120	Mesoscale Discovery Pro-Inflammatory Panel	
		CMV	serum		twice/year	LCBR lab	Biotek ELx808IU	Gold Standard Diagnostics CMV IgG EIA	
	COVID-19	SARS CoV-2 Spike IgG	Serum	20 µl	3 batches (2023, 2024, 2025)	LCBR lab	MSD Quick-Plex 120	Mesoscale V-Plex SARS-CoV-2 Panel 2 IgG Kit	
		SARS CoV-2 Nucleocapsid IgG	Serum		3 batches (2023, 2024, 2025)	LCBR lab	MSD Quick-Plex 120	Mesoscale V-Plex SARS-CoV-2 Panel 2 IgG Kit	
		Total SARS CoV-2 RBD IgG	Serum		3 batches (2023, 2024, 2025)	LCBR lab	MSD Quick-Plex 120	Mesoscale V-Plex SARS-CoV-2 Panel 2 IgG Kit	
	* All Ortho Vitros assays are run from a single 500 µl sample of serum								
	** All assays run twice/year will be run from a single pooled sample of 120 µl of serum								





# Biological Data Collection Methods

- Biomarker Classification

- Metabolic, glucose homeostasis\*
  - glucose
  - glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c)
  - according to ADA guidelines†
    - fasting glucose (mg/dl)
      - ≤ 99 normal
      - 100-125 impaired
      - ≥ 126 diabetes
    - non-fasting glucose (mg/dl)
      - ≥ 200 diabetes
    - HbA1c (%)
      - 5.7-6.4 increased risk for diabetes
      - ≥ 6.5 diabetes

\*Fasting or non-fasting.

†Diabetes Care 2019;42(S1):S13.

# Biological Data Collection Methods

## ● Biomarker Classification

### • Metabolic, lipids

#### • Primary\*

- total cholesterol (TC)
- high density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C)
- triglycerides (TG)

#### • Secondary\*

- low density lipoprotein cholesterol ( $\text{LDL-C} = \text{TC} - \text{HDL-C} - \text{TG} \div 5$ )†
- TC:HDL-C ratio ( $= \text{TC} / \text{HDL-C}$ )
- non-HDL-C ( $= \text{TC} - \text{HDL-C}$ )

#### • According to NCEP ATP III guidelines‡§

• TC (mg/dl)	< 200	desirable
	200-239	borderline high
	≥ 240	high
• HDL-C (mg/dl)	< 40	low
	≥ 60	high
	< 100	optimal
• LDL-C (mg/dl)	100-129	near optimal
	130-159	borderline high
	160-189	high
	≥ 190	very high
	< 150	normal
• TG‡ (mg/dl)	150-199	borderline high
	200-499	high
	≥ 500	very high

#### • According to AHA/ACC guidelines‡||

• LDL-C (mg/dl)	160-189	moderate
	≥ 190	severe hypercholesterolemia
• TG (mg/dl)	175-499	moderate
	≥ 500	severe hypertriglyceridemia

\*Fasting or non-fasting. †Estimated using the Friedewald equation when  $\text{TG} < 400 \text{ mg/dl}$ .

‡Directly assayed when  $\text{TG} \geq 400 \text{ mg/dl}$ . Clin Chem 1972;18(6):499.

§Fasting. ||Circulation 2002;106(25):3143. ||JACC 2018. pii:S0735-1097(18)39034-X.

# Biological Data Collection Methods

- Biomarker Classification
  - Renal
    - Primary
      - creatinine
    - Secondary
      - estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)\*  
$$\text{eGFR} = 142 \times \min(\text{Scr}/\kappa, 1)^\alpha \times \max(\text{Scr}/\kappa, 1)^{-1.2} \times 0.9938^{\text{Age}} [\times 1.012 \text{ (if } \text{♀})],$$
where:  
Scr = serum creatinine  
 $\kappa = 0.7 \text{ (♀) or } 0.9 \text{ (♂)}$   
 $\alpha = -0.241 \text{ (♀) or } -0.302 \text{ (♂)}$
  - According to KDIGO guidelines†

$\geq 90 \text{ ml/min/1.73 m}^2$	Normal or high (G1)
60-89	Mildly decreased (G2)
45-59	Mildly to moderately decreased (G3a)
30-44	Moderately to severely decreased (G3b)
15-29	Severely decreased (G4)
<15	Kidney failure (G5)

\*Estimated using the NIDDK CKD-EPI equation. N Engl J Med. 2021;385(19):1737.

†Kidney Int Suppl 2013;3:1

# Biological Data Collection Methods

- Biomarker Classification
  - Hepatic
    - Primary
      - Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST)
      - Alanine Aminotransferase (ALT)
    - Secondary
      - $AST/ALT \text{ ratio} = AST \div ALT$
      - $AST/ALT \geq 2.0$  *suggests* alcohol-related liver disease\*

# Biological Data Collection Methods

- Biomarker Classification
- Neurocognitive
  - Primary
    - Neurofilament light (NfL)
    - Tau
    - Glial fibrillary acidic protein (GFAP)
    - Ubiquitin C-terminal hydrolase L1 (UCH-L1)
  - ↑s correlated with
    - brain / spinal cord injury
    - neurodegenerative disease



polypeptides or proteins  
in brain & spinal cord  
neurons or glia cells

# Biological Data Collection Methods

- Biomarker Classification

- Inflammatory / Immune

- High sensitivity C-reactive protein (hsCRP)
- According to CDC / AHA guidelines\*
  - < 1 mg/L low
  - 1-3 mg/L average
  - > 3 mg/L high
  - > 10 mg/L must trigger searches for factors capable of confounding hsCRP-based risk estimates

- Cytokines

- interleukins (IL-1B, 6, 8 & 10)
- tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF- $\alpha$ )

} proteins secreted by immune cells

- According to known functions†

- pro-inflammatory: IL-1 $\beta$ , 6, & 8; TNF- $\alpha$
- anti-inflammatory: IL-6 & 10

\*Circulation 2003;107:499-511. †Adv Sci 2021;8(15):e2004433.

# Biological Data Collection Methods

## • Biomarker Classification

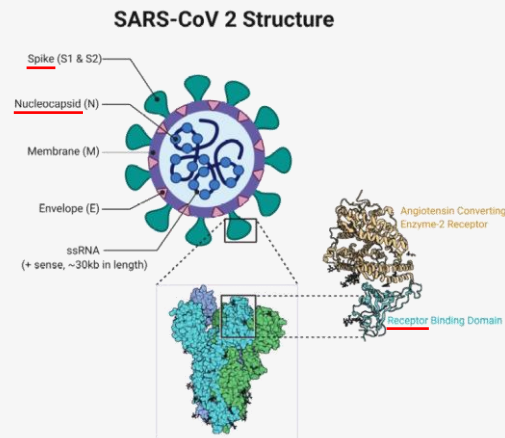
### • Infectious

- Herpes simplex virus (HSV) IgG
- According to kit guidelines  
< 16.0 U/ml (negative) 16.0-19.9 U/ml (equivocal) ≥ 20.0 U/ml (positive)



- Cytomegalovirus (CMV) IgG
- According to kit guidelines  
< 8.0 EU/ml (negative) 8.0-9.9 EU/ml (equivocal) ≥ 10.0 EU/ml (positive)

- Severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus 2 (SARS CoV-2) IgG
- According to kit & CDC guidelines\*  
> 1,960 AU/ml (spike+) > 5,000 AU/ml (nucleocapsid+) > 538 AU/ml (receptor+)



Vaccination	S	N	Interpretation
Yes	+	+	Vaccinated & previous infection
Yes	+	-	Vaccinated & no previous infection
No	+	+	Unvaccinated & previous infection
No	-	-	Unvaccinated & no previous infection
?	+	+	? vaccinated & previous infection
?	+	-	Vaccinated & no previous infection
?	-	-	Unvaccinated & no previous infection

S = spike, N = nucleocapsid, and R = receptor IgG.

\*<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/testing/antibody-tests-guidelines.html>  
Figure: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK554776/>

# Biological Data Collection Methods

- Therapeutic Classification
  - Medications
    - prescriptions according to Multum Lexicon Plus®
    - example therapeutic classes
      - antihypertensives
      - antihyperlipidemics
      - antidiabetics
      - anti-inflammatories
      - narcotics
      - antidepressants
      - antipsychotics
      - anxiolytics
      - anticonvulsants



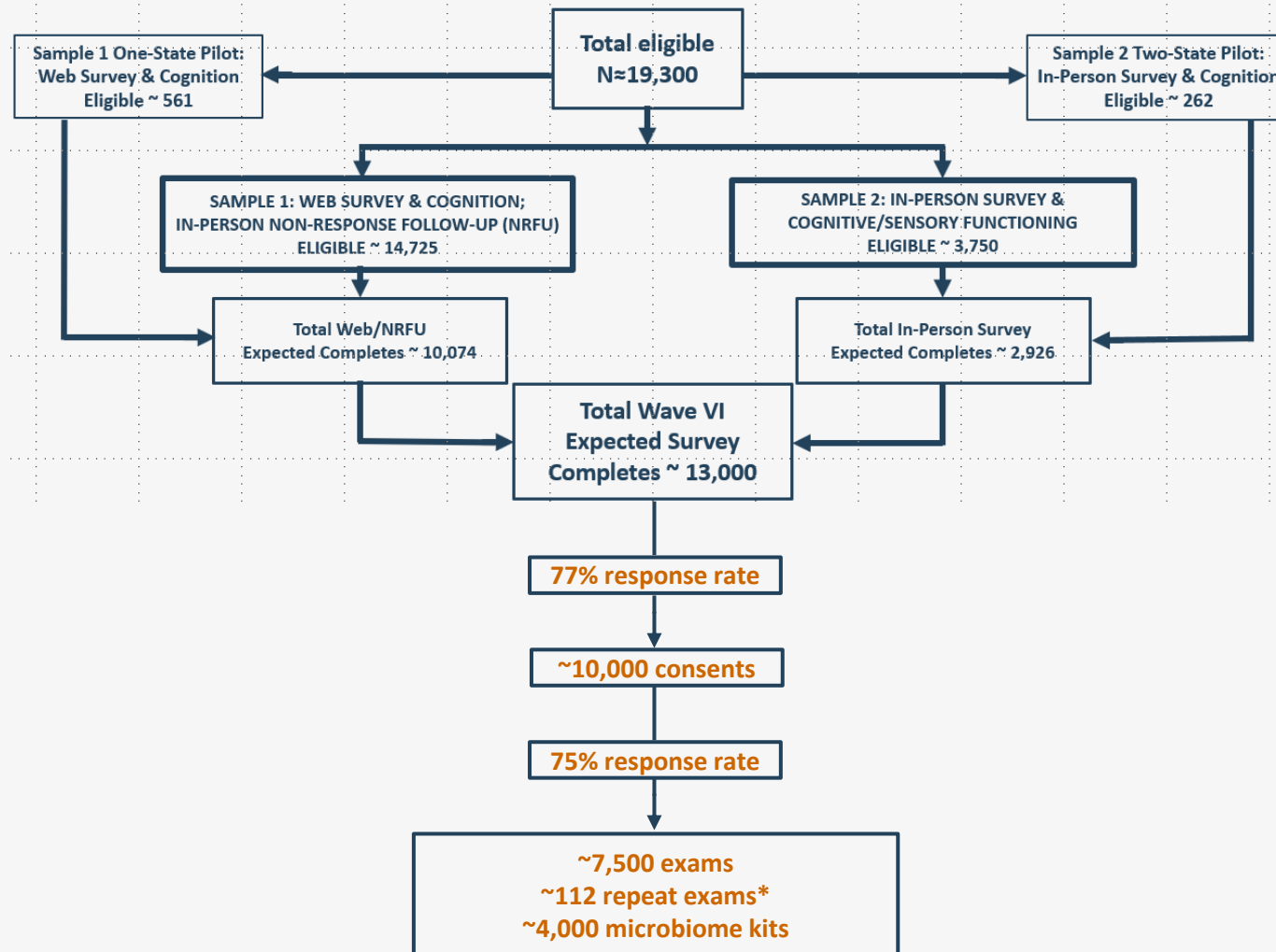
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# Biological Data Update

# Biological Data Update

- Goals  
(Survey)

- Goals  
(Exam)



\*To estimate intra-individual variation

# Biological Data Update

- Through 06/07/24

**Home Examination Consent\***

Consent	n	%
Yes	6,618	(71)
No, not right now	2,712	(29)
Missing	56	(1)
Total	9,386	(100)

\*Among survey completes

**Specimen Storage Consent\***

Consent	n	%
Yes	6,564	(99)
No	52	(1)
Missing	2	(0)
Total	6,618	(100)

\*Among survey completes / exam consents

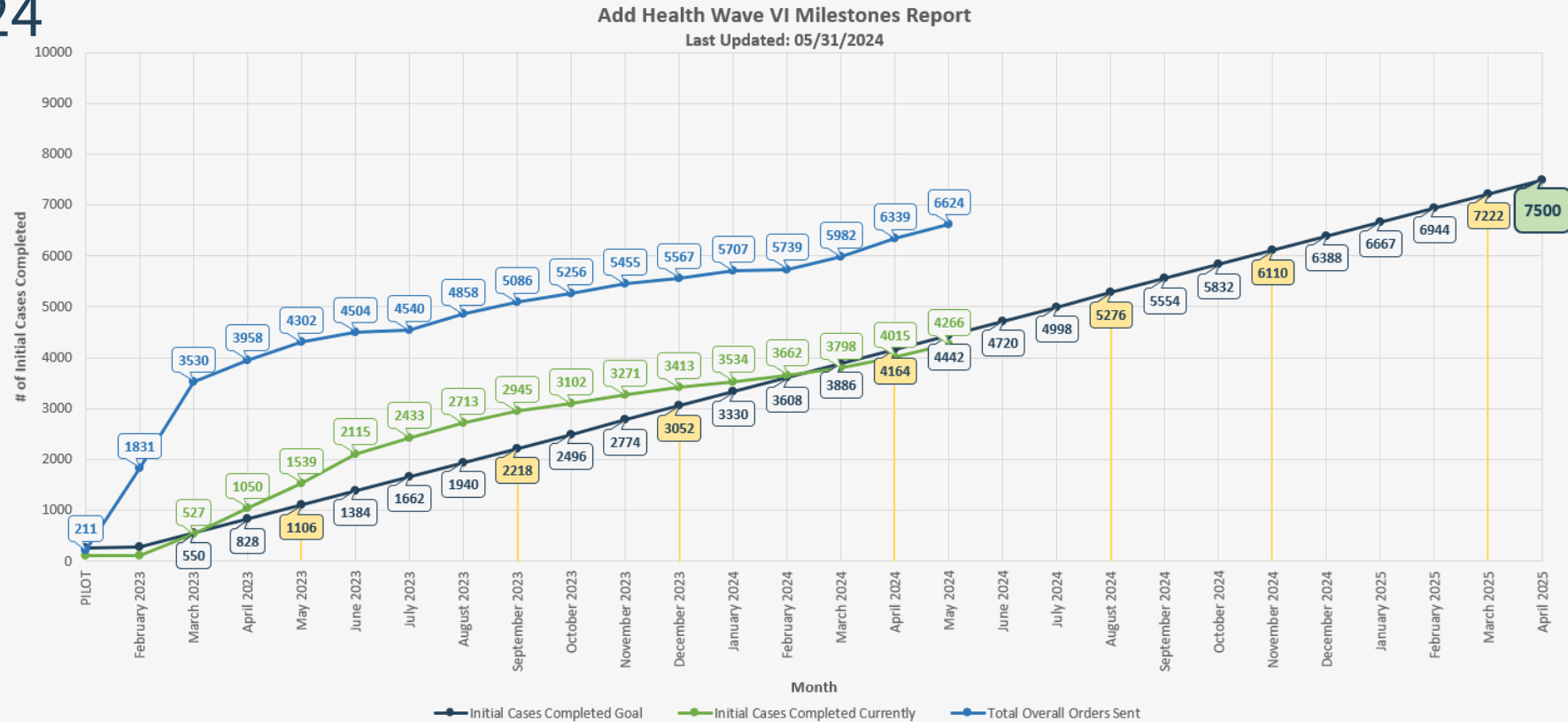
**Interest in Recruitment\***

Interest	n	%
Yes	1,534	(57)
No	1,175	(43)
Missing	3	(0)
Total	2,712	(100)

\*Among survey completes / exam non-consents

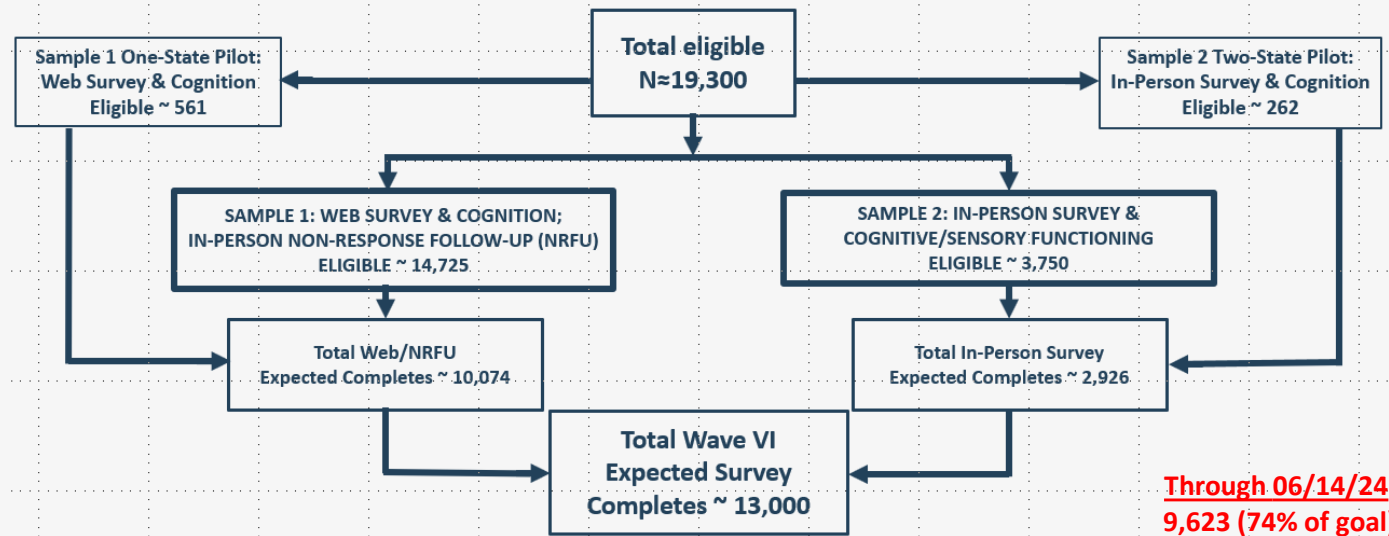
# Biological Data Update

- Through 05/31/24



# Biological Data Update

- Goals  
(Survey)



- Goals  
(Exam)

77% response rate

71% (+ 17% in ongoing recruitment)

~ 10,000 consents

6,828 (68% of goal)

75% response rate

57%

~7,500 exams  
~112 repeat exams\*  
~4,000 microbiome kits

4,393 (59% of goal)  
104 (93% of goal)  
1,074 (27% of goal)

\*To estimate intra-individual variation

# Biological Data Update

- Demographics,  
Overall  
Through  
06/06/24  
n = 4,321  
(respondents)

<i>CHARACTERISTICS, OVERALL *</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>FEMALE</i>	2600	60%
<i>RACE/ETHNICITY: NON-HISPANIC WHITE</i>	2763	64%
<i>NON-HISPANIC BLACK</i>	793	18%
<i>HISPANIC</i>	450	10%
<i>ASIAN</i>	127	3%
<i>PACIFIC ISLANDER</i>	32	1%
<i>AMERICAN INDIAN</i>	28	1%
<i>MIDDLE EASTERN/NORTH AFRICAN</i>	4	0%
<i>OTHER/BIRACIAL/MULTIRACIAL</i>	120	3%
<i>RESPONDENT GROUP: SAMPLE #1 PILOT</i>	143	3%
<i>SAMPLE #2 PILOT</i>	93	2%
<i>SAMPLE #1</i>	3694	85%
<i>SAMPLE #2</i>	376	9%
<i>NRFU</i>	15	0%

\*Unweighted

# Biological Data Update

- Demographics,  
IIV<sup>†</sup> Study  
Through  
06/06/24  
n = 104  
(respondents)

<i>CHARACTERISTICS, IIV STUDY*</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>FEMALE</i>	43	41%
<i>RACE/ETHNICITY: NON-HISPANIC WHITE</i>	29	28%
<i>NON-HISPANIC BLACK</i>	34	33%
<i>HISPANIC</i>	26	25%
<i>OTHER</i>	15	14%

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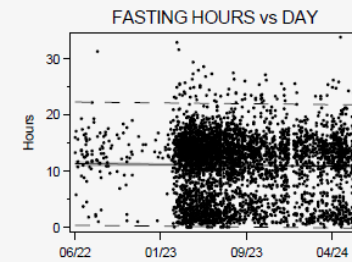
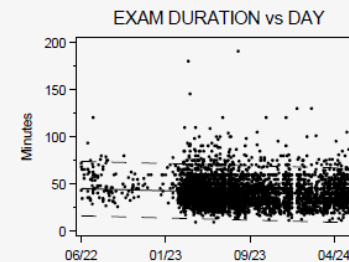
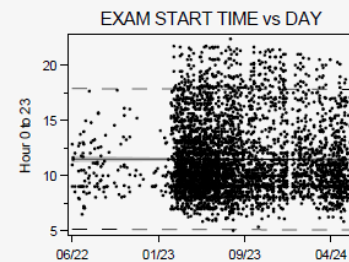
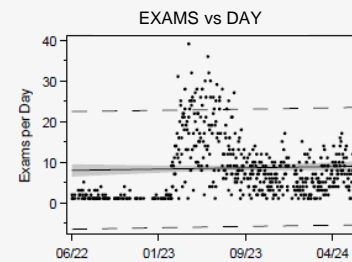
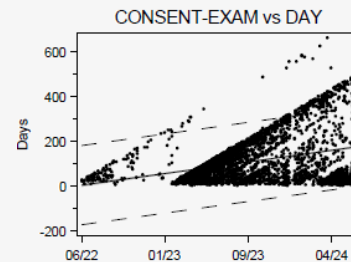
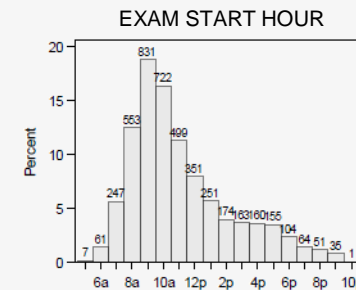
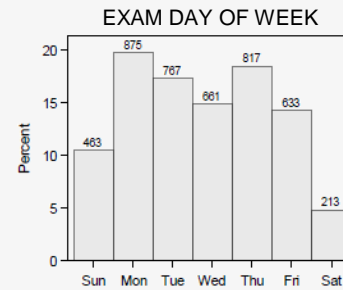
- Health  
Through  
06/06/24  
n = 4,429  
(exams)\*

<i>HEALTH CHARACTERISTICS*</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>OVERALL HEALTH IS GOOD OR BETTER</i>	3619	82%
<i>ON A SPECIAL DIET</i>	887	20%
<i>SMOKE TOBACCO PRODUCTS</i>	933	21%
<i>COVID VACCINATION</i>	3395	77%



# Biological Data Update

- Visits Through  
06/06/24  
n = 4,429  
(exams)\*

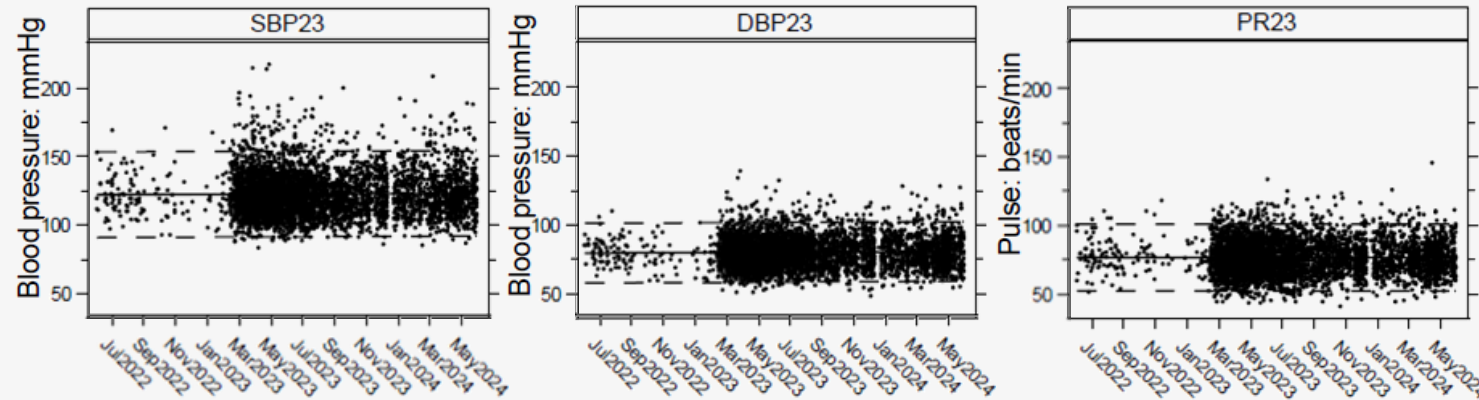


<b>VARIABLE</b>	<b>MEAN</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>P25</b>	<b>P50</b>	<b>P75</b>
<i>Consent-Exam Interval (d)</i>	104.8	96.3	37.0	72.0	137.0
<i>Exams / Day (n)</i>	8.6	7.3	3.0	7.0	12.0
<i>Start Time (hr)</i>	11.5	3.3	9.1	10.5	13.0
<i>Duration (min)</i>	40.8	14.7	30.0	38.0	48.0
<i>Fasting (hr)</i>	10.9	5.6	6.3	12.4	14.7

\*Unweighted. Includes IIV & redraw exams.

# Biological Data Update

- Cardiovascular Measures Through 06/06/24  
n = 4,429  
(exams)\*

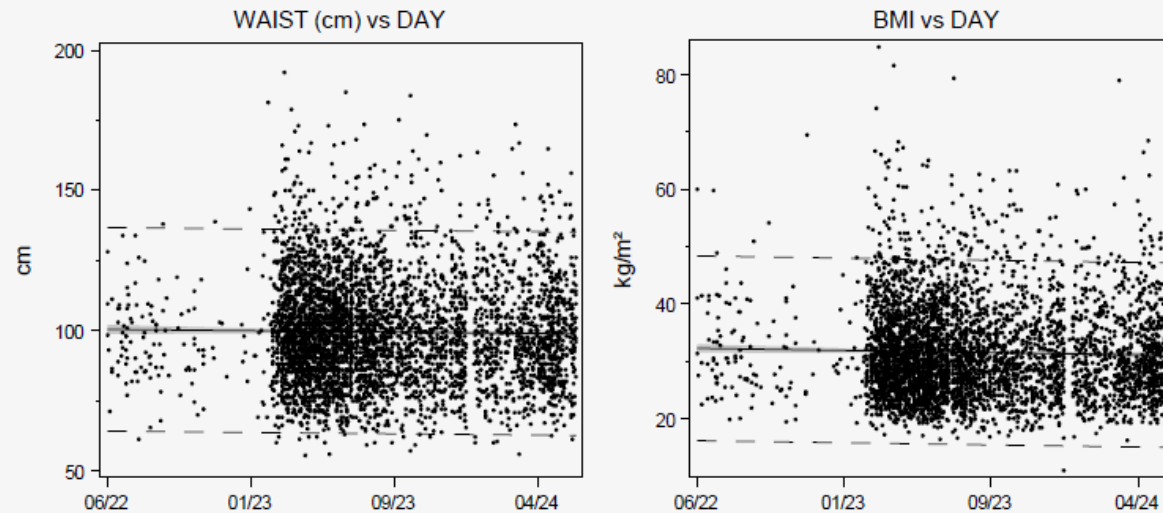


VARIABLE	MEAN	SD	P25	P50	P75	P90	P95	
SBP23 (mm Hg)†	123	16	112	121	132	143	151	— 120-129 (Elevated)
DBP23 (mm Hg)†	80	11	73	80	87	94	99	— 80-89 (Stage 1)
PR23 (bpm)†	76	12	68	76	84	93	98	— ≤ 60 (Bradycardia) — ≥ 100 (Tachycardia)

†Average of last two readings

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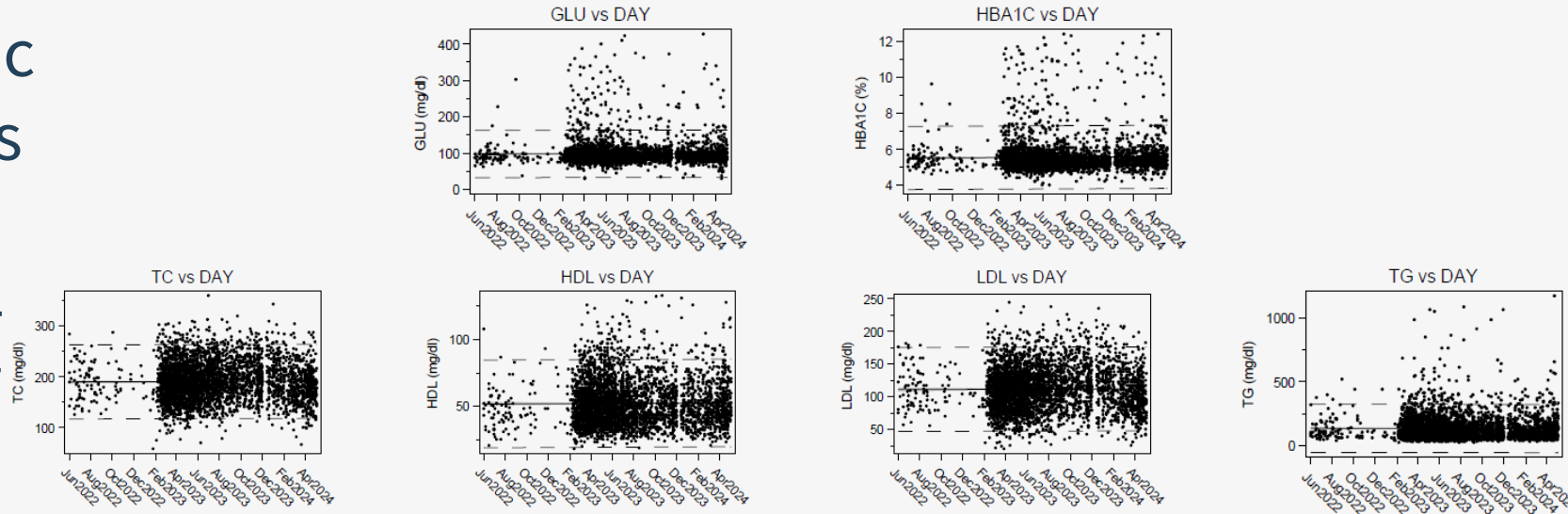
- Anthropometrics  
Through  
09/15/23  
n = 4,429  
(exams)\*



<b>VARIABLE</b>	<b>MEAN</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>P25</b>	<b>P50</b>	<b>P75</b>	<b>P90</b>	<b>P95</b>	
<i>Waist (cm)</i>	99.5	18.5	86.5	97.0	110.0	124.0	132.5	— > 88♀ or 102♂ (High Risk)
<i>BMI (kg/m<sup>2</sup>)</i>	31.6	8.2	25.8	29.9	35.8	42.4	47.2	— > 25 (Overweight or Obese)

# Biological Data Update

- Metabolic Measures Through 05/23/24  
n = 4,027 (exams)\*



ASSAY	MEAN	SD	P25	P50	P75	P90	P95
Glucose (mg/dL)	99	35	85	92	101	116	141
HbA1C (%)	5.6	1.0	5.1	5.4	5.6	6.1	6.9
TC (mg/dL)	190	37	165	188	213	240	254
HDL-C (mg/dL)	52	17	40	49	61	75	85
LDL-C (mg/dL)	112	33	88	110	132	155	169
TG (mg/dL)	135	109	75	109	160	233	298

— ≥ 100 (Impaired Fasting Glucose)<sup>†</sup>

— ≥ 5.7 (↑ Risk Diabetes)

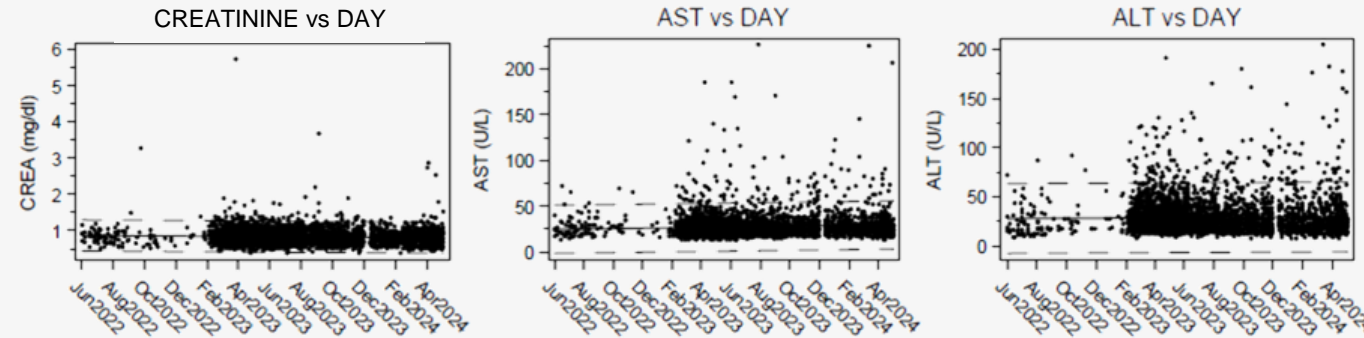
— ≥ 160 (Hypercholesterolemia)<sup>†</sup>

— ≥ 175 (Hypertriglyceridemia)<sup>†</sup>

\*Unweighted. Includes IIV & redraw exams. †Fasting.

# Biological Data Update

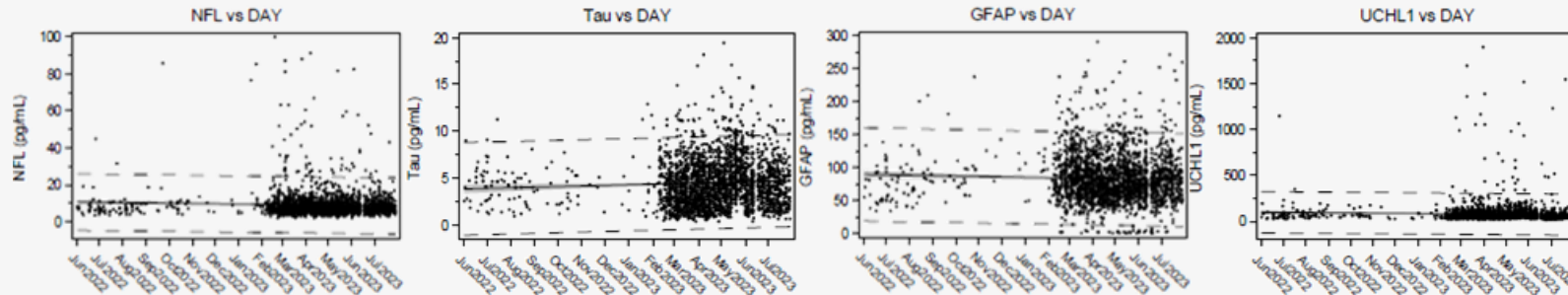
- Renal & Hepatic Measures Through 05/23/24  
n = 4,027  
(exams)\*



ASSAY	MEAN	SD	P5	P10	P25	P50	P75	P90	P95	P99	
Creatinine (mg/dL)	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.4	
eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	100	15	73	79	90	103	111	115	117	121	— < 90 (Decreased)
AST (U/L)	28	16	17	18	21	24	30	38	46	82	
ALT (U/L)	29	20	13	15	18	24	33	48	61	108	
AST/ALT	1.1	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.6	2.1	— ≥ 2.0 (Suggests ALD)

# Biological Data Update

- Neurocognitive Measures Through 08/16/23  
n = 2,498  
(exams)\*

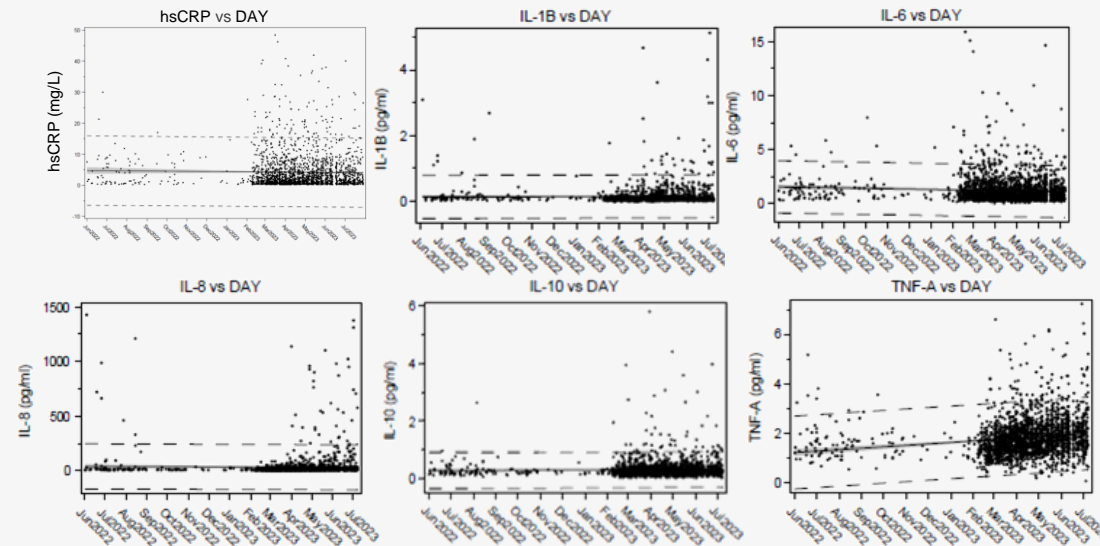


<b>ASSAY</b>	<b>MEAN</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>P25</b>	<b>P50</b>	<b>P75</b>	<b>P90</b>	<b>P95</b>
NfL (pg/mL)	10	19	6	7	10	13	18
Tau (pg/mL)	5	3	3	4	6	8	9
GFAP (pg/mL)	86	77	60	78	99	128	150
UCH-L1 (pg/mL)	105	669	44	56	80	120	165

# Biological Data Update

- Inflammatory /Immune

Measures  
Through  
08/16/23  
n = 2,498  
(exams)\*



ASSAY	MEAN	SD	P25	P50	P75	P90	P95
hsCRP (ug/ml)	4.3	6.4	0.8	2.1	5.2	10.1	15.1
IL-1B (pg/ml)	0.18	0.89	0.04	0.07	0.12	0.29	0.48
IL-6 (pg/ml)	1.38	4.23	0.55	0.88	1.43	2.31	3.33
IL-8 (pg/ml)	39.0	150.9	9.9	13.5	19.1	34.1	88.3
IL-10 (pg/ml)	0.34	0.93	0.17	0.23	0.33	0.49	0.72
TNF- $\alpha$ (pg/ml)	1.84	0.99	1.33	1.71	2.15	2.65	3.16

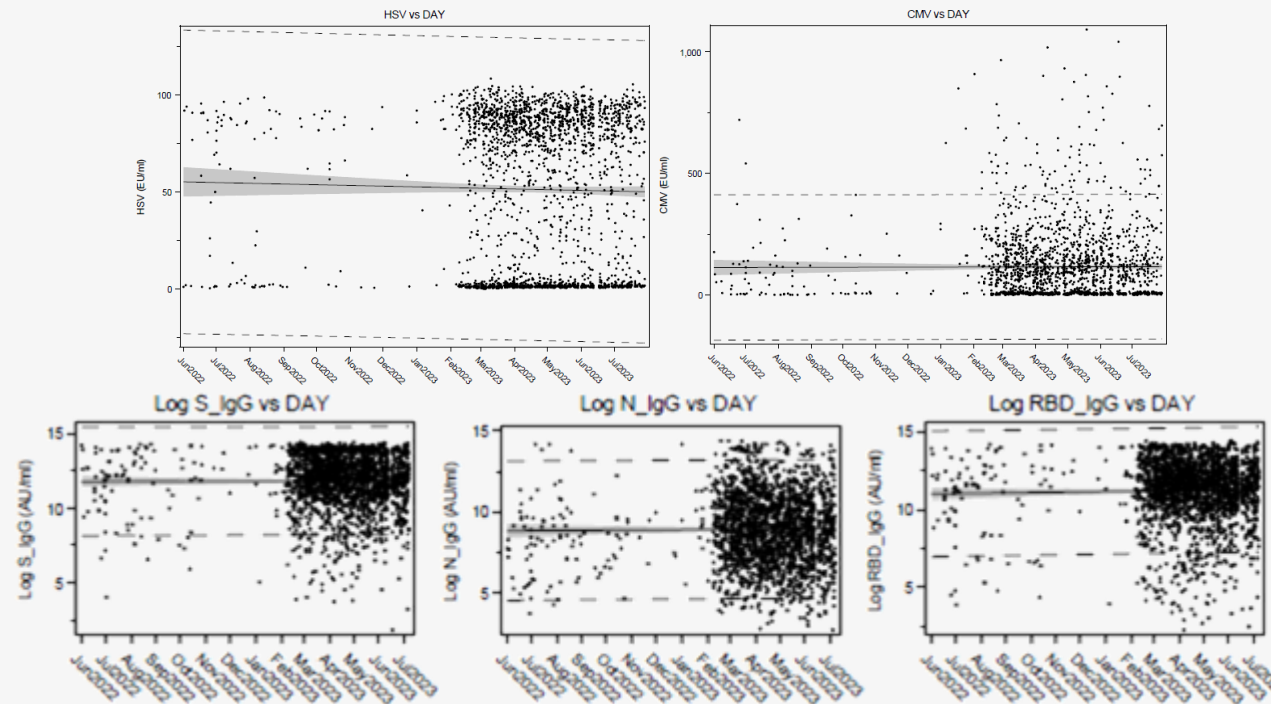
— < 3 (High)

\*Unweighted. Includes IIV & redraw exams. Cytokines through 07/26/23 (n=2,288).



# Biological Data Update

- Infectious Measures Through 08/16/23  
n = 2,498  
(exams)\*



ASSAY	MEAN	SD	P1	P5	P10	P25	P50	P75	
HSV IgG (EU/mL)	51.3	39.8	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.9	70.2	88.1	— ≥ 20.0 (+)
CMV IgG (EU/mL)	117.9	159.4	1.0	2.5	3.8	7.6	70.3	163.9	— ≥ 10.0 (+)
S* IgG (log AU/ml)	11.8	1.8	5.6	8.2	9.3	11.0	12.1	13.1	— ≥ 7.6 (+)
N* IgG (log AU/ml)	8.9	2.2	3.9	5.3	6.1	7.4	9.0	10.5	— ≥ 8.5 (+)
R* IgG (log AU/ml)	11.2	2.1	4.1	6.8	8.5	10.4	11.6	12.6	— ≥ 6.4 (+)

\*SARS-CoV2 spike (S), nucleocapsid (N) & receptor binding domain (R).  
AU = absorbance units. EU = equivalent units.

\*Unweighted. Includes IIV & redraw exams. SARS-CoV2 through 07/26/23 (n=2,188).



# Biological Data Update

- Medications  
Through  
06/04/24  
n = 4,429  
(exams)\*

<i>PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS*</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>NONE</i>	1743	39%
<i>1 - 2</i>	1327	30%
<i>3 OR MORE</i>	1321	30%

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# Biological Data Quality

# Biological Data Quality

- Data Quality Controls
  - train staff uniformly
  - follow standardized protocol
  - use standard, tested equipment
  - automate processes
  - monitor missing data
  - monitor measurement error
    - trend / cyclicity
    - digit preference
    - inaccuracy
    - unreliability
  - find & fix threats to data quality
  - recognize & reward efforts to that end

# Biological Data Quality

- Monitor Reliability Through 05/23/24

*CARDIOVACULAR &  
ANTHROPOMETRIC  
MEASURES\**

<i>MEASURE</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>ICC</i>	<i>(95% CI)</i>
<i>SBP23</i>	104	0.74	(0.66,0.83)
<i>DBP23</i>	104	0.73	(0.64,0.82)
<i>PR23</i>	104	0.67	(0.56,0.78)
<i>Arm</i>	104	0.90	(0.86,0.94)
<i>Height</i>	104	0.95	(0.94,0.97)
<i>Weight</i>	104	0.99	(0.98,0.99)
<i>Waist</i>	104	0.96	(0.95,0.98)
<i>BMI</i>	104	0.97	(0.96,0.98)

*METABOLIC,  
HEPATIC & RENAL  
MEASURES\**

<i>ASSAY</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>ICC</i>	<i>(95% CI)</i>
<i>GLU</i>	96	0.84	(0.78,0.90)
<i>HBA1C</i>	96	0.99	(0.98,0.99)
<i>TC</i>	96	0.91	(0.87,0.94)
<i>HDL</i>	96	0.87	(0.82,0.92)
<i>LDL</i>	96	0.89	(0.85,0.94)
<i>TG</i>	96	0.70	(0.60,0.81)
<i>AST</i>	96	0.75	(0.65,0.84)
<i>ALT</i>	96	0.84	(0.77,0.90)
<i>CREA</i>	96	0.93	(0.90,0.96)

\*Unweighted

# Biological Data Quality

- Monitor Reliability Through 08/16/23 & 07/26/23

## NEUROCOGNITIVE MEASURES\*

ASSAY	N	ICC	(95% CI)
NfL	28	0.96	(0.93,0.99)
Tau	28	0.85	(0.74,0.96)
GFAP	28	0.64	(0.42,0.87)
UCHL1	28	0.91	(0.84,0.98)

## INFLAMMATORY / IMMUNE MEASURES\*

ASSAY	N	ICC	(95% CI)
hsCRP	28	0.74	(0.57,0.92)
IL-1B	27	0.69	(0.45,0.92)
IL-6	27	0.63	(0.38,0.87)
IL-8	27	0.81	(0.67,0.94)
IL-10	27	0.82	(0.68,0.95)
TNF-A	27	0.92	(0.85,0.98)

## INFECTIOUS MEASURES\*

ASSAY	N	ICC	(95% CI)
HSV IgG (EU/ml)	28	1.00	(0.99,1.00)
CMV IgG (EU/ml)	28	0.96	(0.93,0.99)
S IgG (AU/ml)	24	1.00	(0.99,1.00)
N IgG (AU/ml)	24	1.00	(0.99,1.00)
R IgG (AU/ml)	24	0.99	(0.99,1.00)

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\*Unweighted

# Biological Data Quality

- Find & Fix Threats Through 06/06/24  
n = 4,429 (exams)\*

EXAM CONDITION	N	%	Most Recent
➔ EXAM ON FRIDAY or SATURDAY	846	19%	2024.06.01
EXAM ON SUNDAY	463	10%	2024.06.02
EXAM START TIME: 1:00 PM or later (Mon–Thurs)	905	20%	2024.06.06
FASTING < 8 HR	1180	27%	2024.06.06
➔ FASTING < 9 HR	1276	29%	2024.06.06
USED WRONG VERSION OF TABLET SOFTWARE	0	0%	
EXAM TRANSCRIBED FROM PAPER (self-reported)	32	1%	2024.05.28
EXAM NOT UPLOADED SAME DAY	277	6%	2024.06.04
DID NOT USE MICROLIFE BP UNIT	9	0%	2024.06.03
DID NOT USE HEALTH-O-METER SCALE	9	0%	2024.04.30
EQUIPMENT ERRORS: BP MONITOR	47	1%	2024.04.28
EQUIPMENT ERRORS: SCALE	10	0%	2023.09.26
BP CUFF DID NOT FIT (arm > 52 cm)	9	0%	2024.03.14
DID NOT USE PREFERRED UNITS: ARM (cm)	5	0%	2024.04.30
HEIGHT (cm)	6	0%	2024.04.30
WEIGHT (kg)	6	0%	2024.04.30
WAIST (cm)	6	0%	2024.04.30
at least 1 above	15	0%	2024.04.30
TERMINATED B/C OF HIGH BP	25	1%	2024.05.31
➔ ANY MEDS FROM MEMORY	1076	24%	2024.06.04
REFUSED PHLEBOTOMY	218	5%	2024.06.04
FAILED PHLEBOTOMY	77	2%	2024.06.06
➔ COLLECT-CENTRIFUGE > 2 HR	25	1%	2024.05.19
REFUSED MICROBIOME PACKET	47	1%	2024.04.29

\*Unweighted. Includes IIV & redraw exams.

# Biological Data Quality

- Find & Fix Threats Through 06/06/24  
n = 4,094  
(exams)\*

KIT CONDITION	N	%	Most Recent
Normal	3442	84%	2024.06.06
Only 1 ice pack in cooler	33	1%	2024.05.31
Sample leaked in biohazard bag, all contents discarded	14	0%	2024.05.30
Package not picked up on same day as home exam; examiner error	12	0%	2024.02.12
B6ID on Manifest does not match tubes	0	0%	*
Package received > 24 hours from home exam; FedEx error	25	1%	2024.05.02
➔ Kit age >48 hours, samples discarded	212	5%	2024.06.05
Room temperature	196	5%	2024.06.06
Kit Manifests error	160	4%	2024.06.04

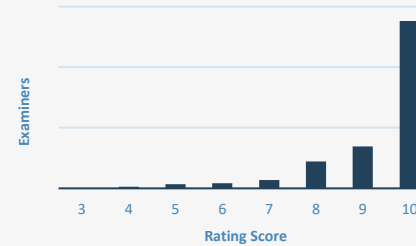
TUBE CONDITION	5 SERUM #1		5 SERUM #2		5 KEDTA		3 KEDTA		4 Packed Cells		10 PAXgene	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Normal (sample >0 ml)	3755	92%	3684	90%	3682	90%	3839	94%	3835	94%	3830	94%
Empty tube (0 ml)	15	0%	62	2%	43	1%	43	1%	45	1%	54	1%
➔ Hemolyzed	111	3%	141	3%	152	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Clotted	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Whole blood centrifuged	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Tube broken	2	0%	2	0%	6	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Incorrect Sample Type	0	0%	0	0%	6	0%	0	0%	5	0%	0	0%
Frozen	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%	3	0%	3	0%	1	0%
➔ Room Temperature	209	5%	204	5%	204	5%	209	5%	205	5%	208	5%
Incorrect or Missing B6ID on tube	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Tube missing; no tube in kit	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total:	4094	100%	4094	100%	4094	100%	4094	100%	4094	100%	4094	100%

\*Unweighted. Includes IIV & redraw exams.

# Biological Data Quality

- Recognize & Reward Efforts

Respondent Rating of Examiners



Weekly Exam Feedback

Field Supervisor	Health Professional	Visits		Centrifuge Incidents		Equipment Incidents		Metrics Incidents		Paper Form Incidents		Respondent ID Incidents		Upload Delay Incidents		Incidents	
		This Week	Total	This Week	Total	This Week	Total	This Week	Total	This Week	Total	This Week	Total	This Week	Total	This Week	Total

Weekly Lab Feedback

Field	Health			Blood Hemolyzed		Not Shipped Same Day		Insufficient Volume		Blood Warm		Missing Tubes		Total	
		Visits	Total	Week	Total	Week	Total	Week	Total	Week	Total	Week	Total	Week	Total
Supervisor	Professional														

*Gold Star Program*



*Reward Eligibility*



# Biological Data Summary

- Summary

- In the field ~ 2 years
- Exam consent, specimen storage consent & recruitment interest high (71%; 99%; 57%)
- 4,429 respondent exams (62% female; 64% non-Hispanic white)
- 104 IIV exams (41% female; 28% non-Hispanic white)
- On average, started ~11:30 AM, followed ~11 hr fast, lasted ~41 min
- Risk factors, common diseases & medication use prevalent
- Quality assurance / control systems @ work
- Preliminary data quality encouraging (ICC range: 0.63-1.00)

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# Biological Data Availability

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- Wave VI (pending)
- Waves I-IV (now)
  - Restricted or Public Use Data & Documentation  
UNC CPC link: <https://data.cpc.unc.edu/>
  - Public Use Data & Documentation  
UM ICPSR link: <https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/>

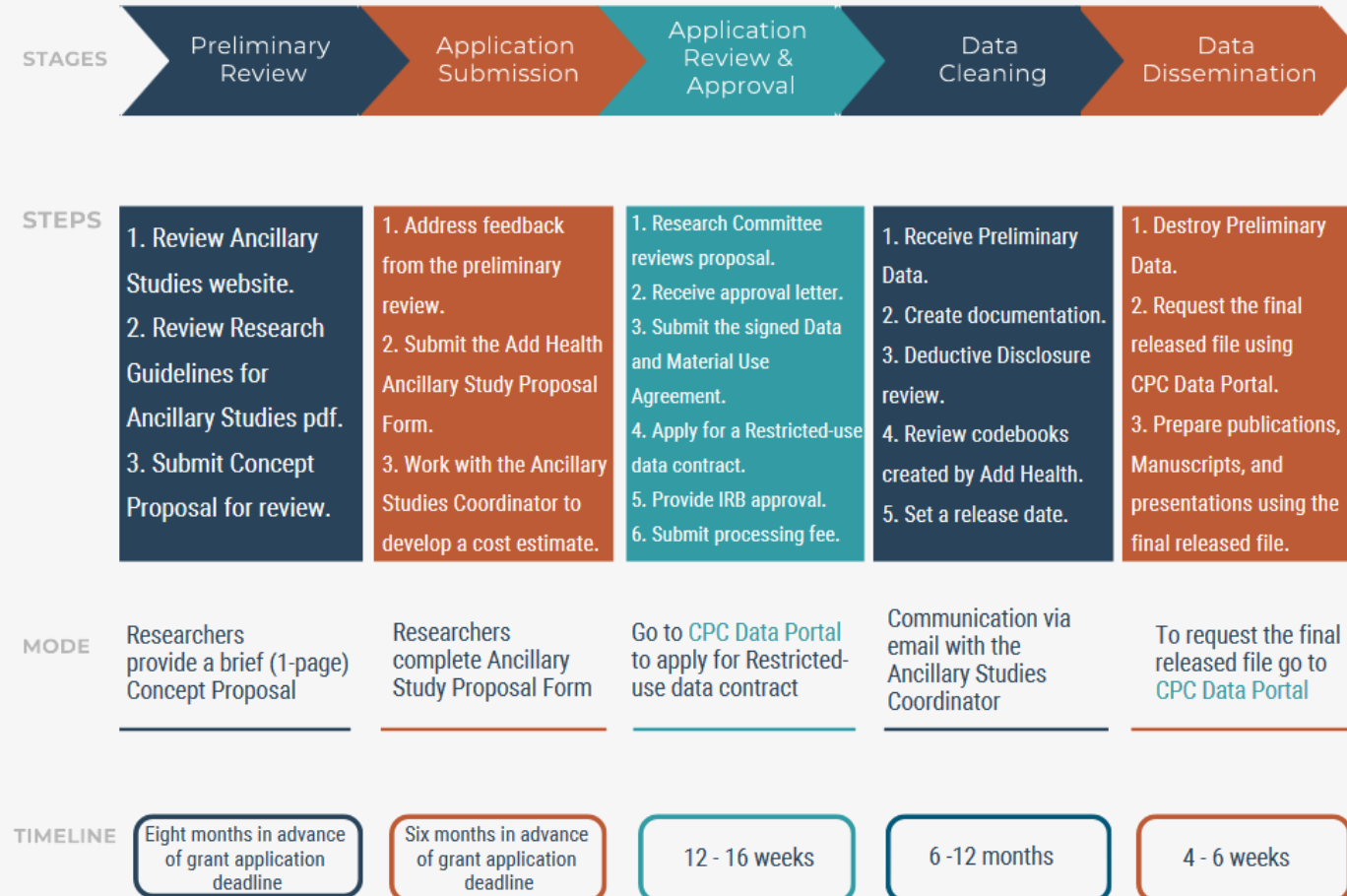
# Biological Data Availability

- Ancillary Studies

- Link: <https://addhealth.cpc.unc.edu/data/ancillary-studies/>
- Questions: [addhealth\\_ancillary@unc.edu](mailto:addhealth_ancillary@unc.edu)
- Definition: An independently supported study that either
  - 1) requires identifiers to link 2<sup>o</sup> data sources, or
  - 2) uses archived biospecimens, or
  - 3) collects new survey or biological data
- Application Process:
  - 1) submit a concept proposal
  - 2) address feedback based on its review
  - 3) submit a full proposal
  - 4) collaboratively develop a budget

# Biological Data Availability

- Schematic



# Biological Data Availability

- Ancillary Studies

- Review Criteria
- Scientific Merit\*
- Consistency with scientific
  - 1) objectives of Add Health
  - 2) priorities of funders, esp.
    - NIA Division of Behavioral and Social Research
    - NICHD Population Dynamics Branch
- Ability to leverage unique Add Health characteristics
- Minimal overlap with its study portfolio
- Acceptable participant burden
- Parsimonious biospecimen use
- Minimal burden to staff & biospecimen reserves

# Vital Events Data

# Vital Events Data

- (1) Aims
- (2) Collection Methods
- (3) Update
- (4) Quality
- (5) Summary
- (6) Availability



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# Vital Events Data Aims

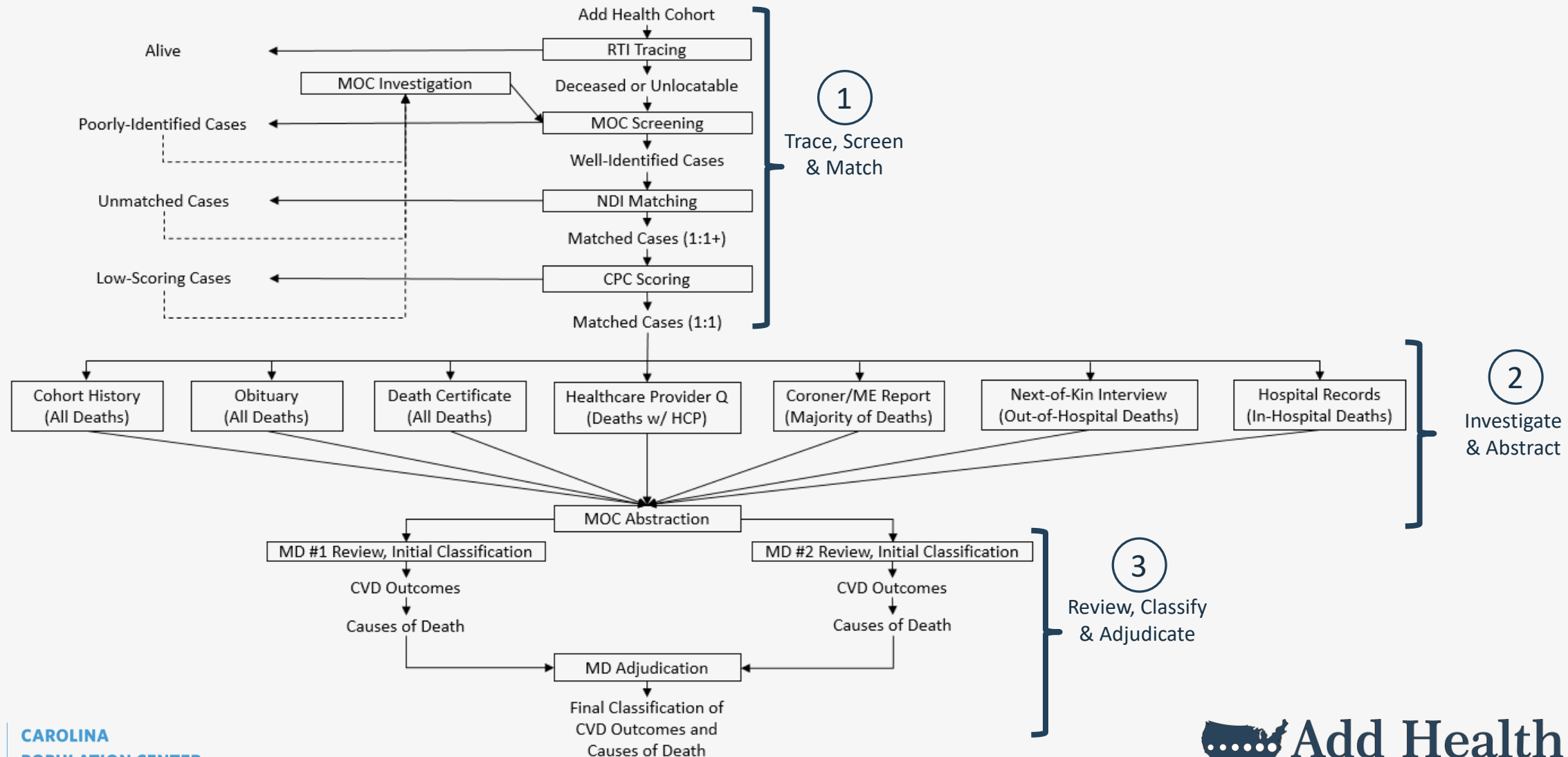
# Vital Events Data Aims

- To establish a scalable infrastructure for surveillance of chronic disease events, initially by ascertaining decedents
- To anticipate the epidemiologic transition to rapid increases in chronic disease morbidity and mortality with age

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# Vital Events Data Collection Methods

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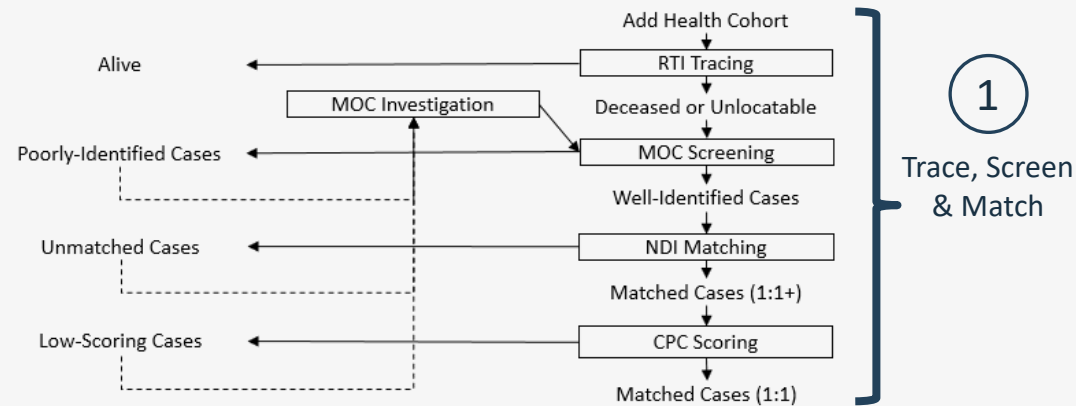


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# Vital Events Data Update

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- Tracing, Screening & Matching Deaths Through 12/31/22

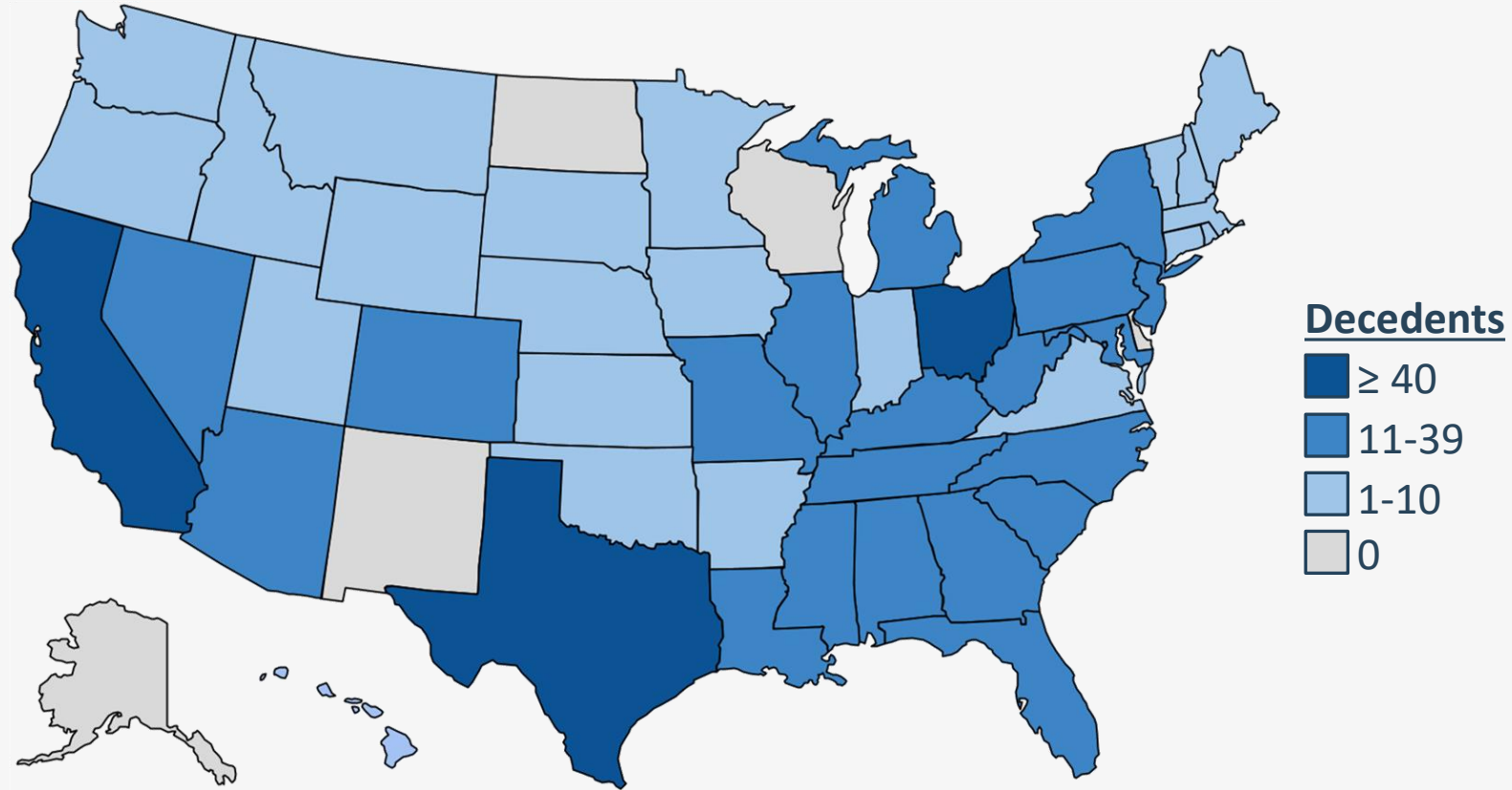


694 Decedents Matched 1:1

# Vital Events Data Update

- Tracing, Screening & Matching

Geographic  
Distribution  
of Deaths  
Through  
12/31/22

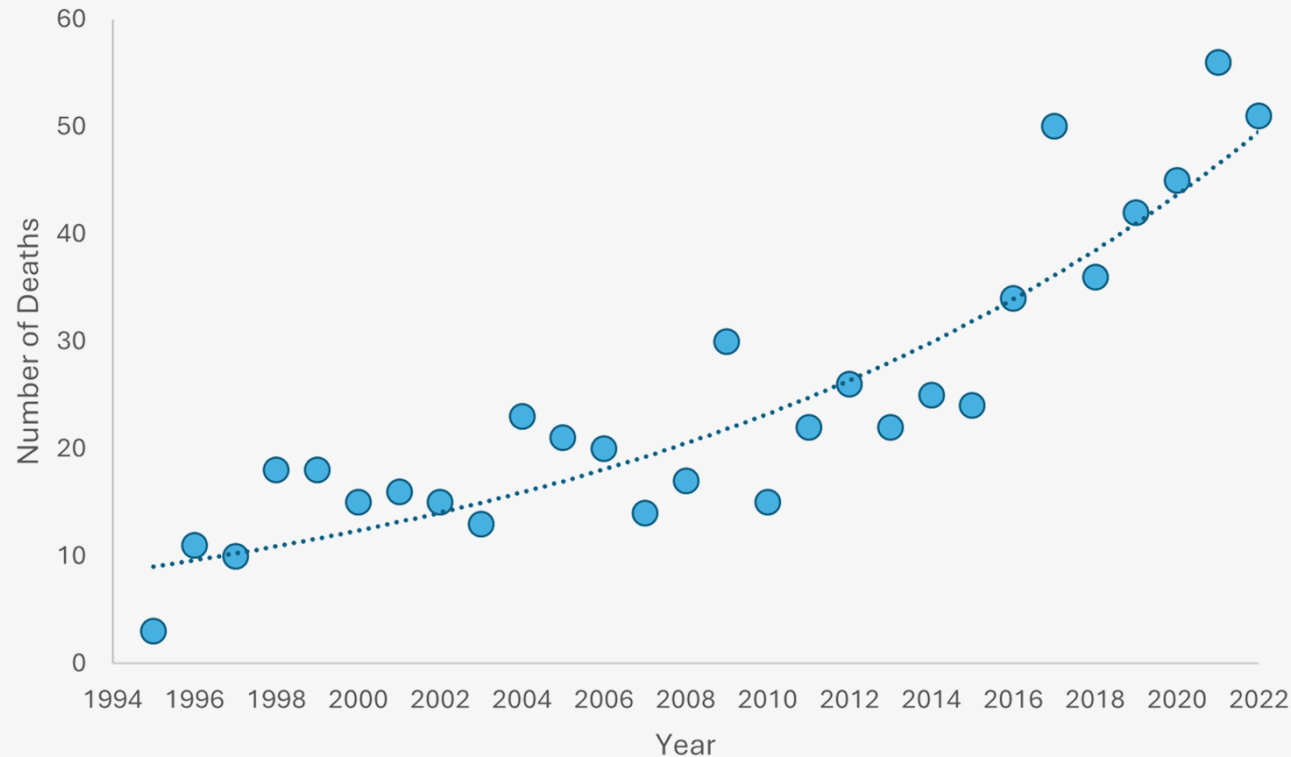


Source: NDI, 1994- 2022

# Vital Events Data Update

- Tracing, Screening & Matching

Temporal  
Distribution  
of Deaths  
Through  
12/31/22



Source: NDI, 1994- 2022



# Vital Events Data Update

- Tracing, Screening & Matching

Demographic  
Distribution  
of Deaths  
Through  
12/31/22

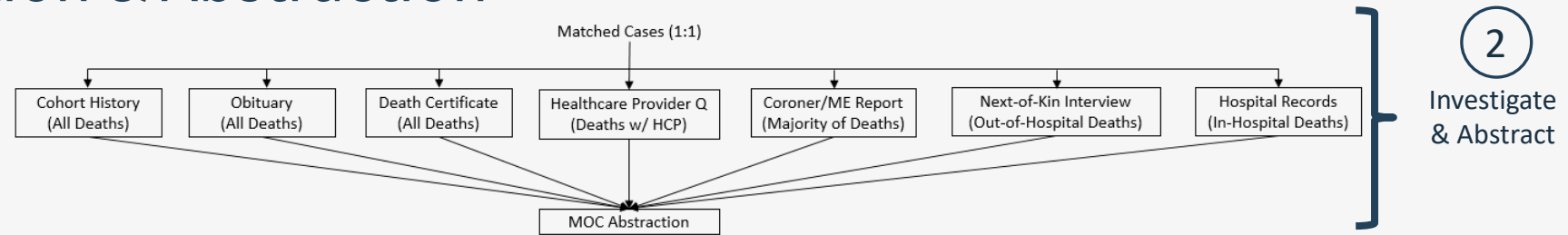
<b>Characteristic</b>		<b>Mean (Range) or %</b>
Age, years		33.2 (14-48)
Female		38%
Race/ethnicity	EA	53%
	AA	25%
	HL	12%
	A/PI	5%
	AI/AN	3%
	O/M	2%

AA = African American. AI/AN = American Indian/Alaskan Native.  
A/PI = Asian/Pacific Islander. EA = European American.  
HL = Hispanic/Latino. O/M = Other/Multiple.

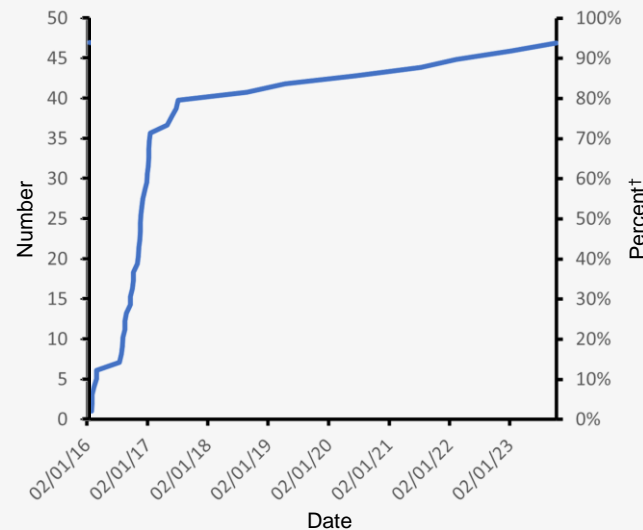
# Vital Events Data Update

- Investigation & Abstraction

Through  
06/11/24



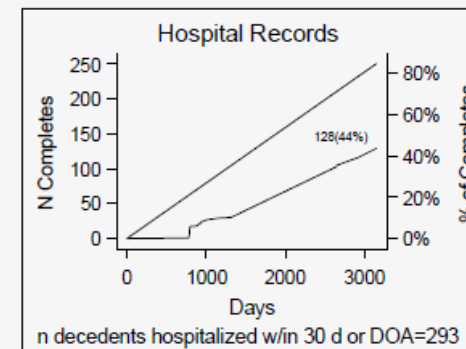
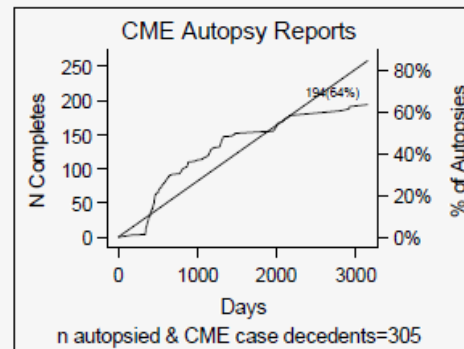
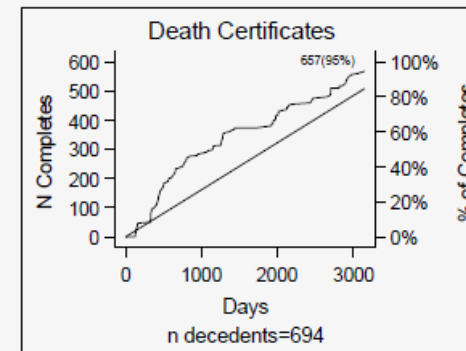
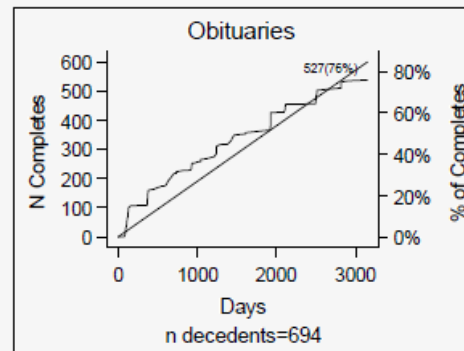
Executed Add Health-State\* Agreements  
to Provide Death Certificates



\*Includes U.S. states, U.S. Army, U.S. Marines & Mexico.  
†Denominator = states with an Add Health decedent.

# Vital Events Data Update

- Investigation & Abstraction  
Through  
06/11/24



# Vital Events Data Update

- Investigation & Abstraction

Manner &  
Underlying  
Cause of  
Death  
Through  
12/31/22

<b>Manner of Death*</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Underlying Cause of Death†</b>	<b>%</b>
Accidental	39.0	Motor Vehicle Accident	16.1
Natural	38.9	Cardiovascular Disease	15.1
Suicide	12.0	Accidental Drug Intoxication	13.9
Homicide	8.4	Suicide	11.1
Undetermined	1.7	Cancer	9.4
		Homicide	7.2
		Other Natural Cause	7.0
		Infectious Disease	3.7
		Other Accident	3.3
		Unknown/Undetermined	3.3
		Respiratory Disease	2.5
		Digestive Disease	2.3
		COVID-19	2.2

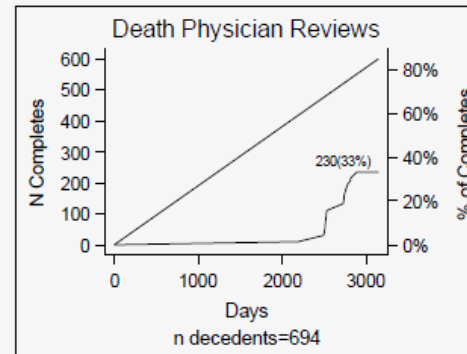
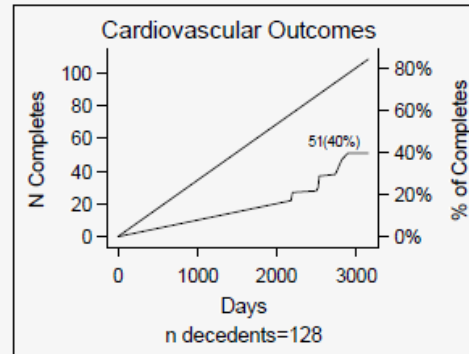
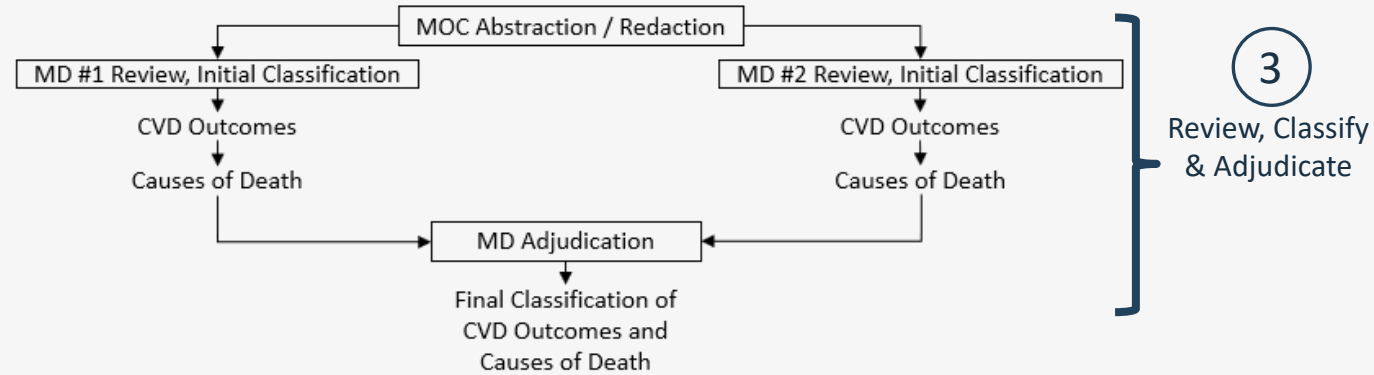
\*From death certificate

†From ICD Codes (NDI)

# Vital Events Data Update

- Review, Classification & Adjudication

Through  
06/11/24

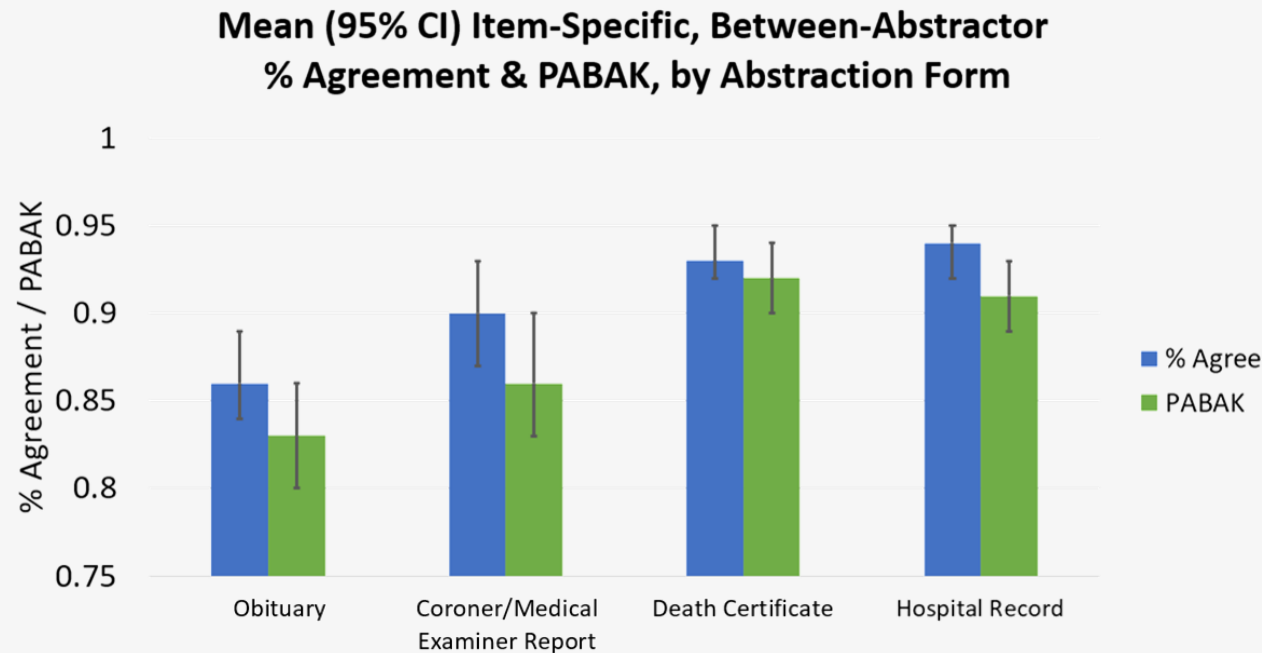


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# Vital Events Data Quality

# Vital Events Data Quality

- Quality Control Through 06/11/24



Among a random sample of 28 decedents and an oversample of 28 hospitalized decedents enriched 3:1 for cardiovascular disease. PABAK = prevalence- and bias-adjusted kappa coefficient. 95% CI = 95% confidence interval. Mean, biomarker-specific intra-class correlation coefficient (95% CI) = 0.96 (0.95-0.98).

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# Vital Events Data Summary



# Vital Events Data Summary


- Summary

- In the field > 8 years
- Decedents 1994-2022 = 694
- Cumulative mortality = 3.3%
- Natural causes account for > 2/5
- Quality assurance / control systems @ work
- Physician review, classification & adjudication ongoing
- Preliminary data quality encouraging (PABAK range: 0.83-0.92)

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# Vital Events Data Availability

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- 1994-2021 (now)
  - Restricted Use Data & Documentation
    - (1) vital status & underlying cause of death
    - (2) ordered causes of death
    - (3) all causes of death w/ entity-axis codes
    - (4) all causes of death w/ record-axis codes
  - UNC CPC link: <https://data.cpc.unc.edu/>  
<https://doi.org/10.17615/8s1b-qd86>
- 2022 Updates of 1-4 (pending), include
  -  (5) opioid-related cause of death classification
  - (6) death certificate data w/ occupational codes



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