

Human-Centered AI Approaches to Endometriosis Detection and Management

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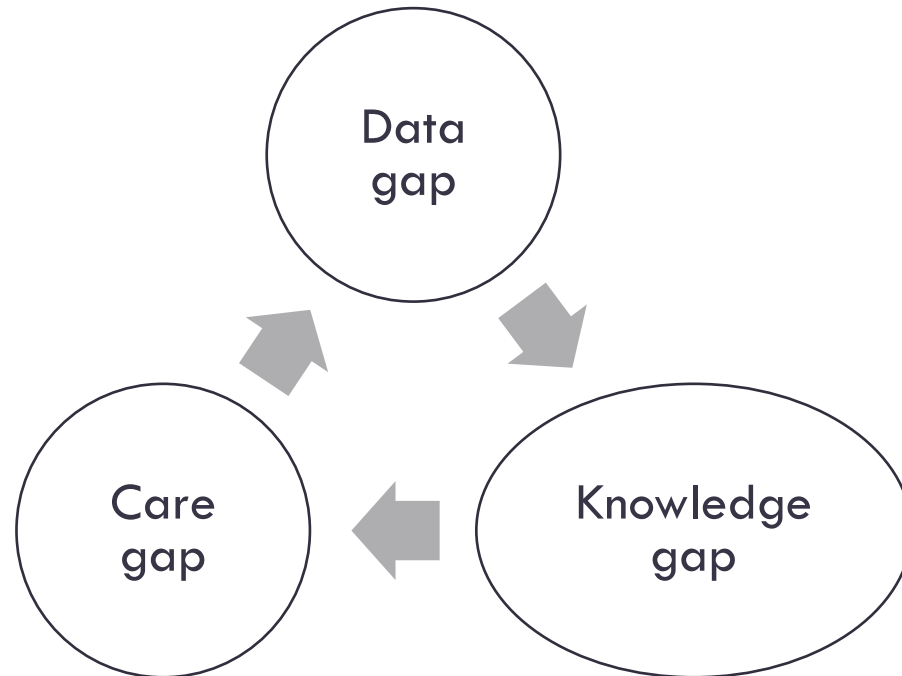
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There are multiple, interrelated phenomena at the intersection of sex, gender, and medicine



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Clinical Advances in Sex- and Gender-Informed Medicine to Improve the Health of All A Review

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IMPORTANCE Biological sex and sociocultural gender among patients, and recent research has shown the health. A growing body of literature describes wide with cells, organs, and the manner in which individual systems. Sex- and gender-informed medicine is a you medical research founded on this literature that cons with each element of the disease process from risk, t

OBSERVATIONS Characteristics that underlie sex and exogenous factors that change throughout the life co examples with broad applicability that highlight sex a domains of genetics, epigenomic modifiers, hormon neurocognitive aging process, vascular health, respo with health care systems. These domains interact wi associations, contributing to the diversity of the sex, identified differences of clinical relevance with the p

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE Clinicians should cons in their decision-making to practice precision medic components of patient individuality. Recognizing the that affect the disease course is imperative to optimizing care for each patient. Research highlights the myriad ways sex and gender play a role in health and disease. However, these clinically relevant insights have yet to be systematically incorporated into care. The framework described in this review serves as a guide to help clinicians consider sex and gender as they practice precision medicine.

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Medicine has been traditionally practiced using pattern recognition, seeking resemblance to the familiar to make a broadly generalizable diagnosis. This approach has

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mosomes functioning in all cells, not just those of reproduction.³ Furthermore, autosomal gene expression is assumed to be wholly similar between sex

Sex and gender: modifiers of health, disease, and medicine

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Clinicians can encounter sex and gender disparities in diagnostic and therapeutic responses. These disparities are

and response to treatment. This is one of the major causes of death and disability. Biological sex influence physiology and health, and community, clinicians, and patients need to take necessary and fundamental step

Environmental modifiers of chronic disease are a necessary and fundamental component of medicine that will benefit women

Modifier of biology and disease
prevalence, manifestation, and progression are rooted in the genetic differences between sexes. Genetic sex differences start at fertilization, fuse with a sperm cell to form a zygote, resulting in an embryo with two X chromosomes. This fundamental difference in chromosome complement (eg, genes on the Y chromosome, including SRY gene) generates

follow this mandate, and many of those who did include women did not analyse the results by sex,^{4,5} minimising the effectiveness of this policy. Preclinical research and drug development studies have also predominantly used male animal models and cells.^{6,7} It is not surprising that a 2001 US Government Accountability Office report found that eight of the ten prescription drugs withdrawn from the market between 1997 and 2000 “posed greater health risks for women than for men.”⁸ Most funding agencies from Europe and North America have implemented policies to support and mandate researchers to consider sex and gender at all levels of medical research.⁹ Still, the field of sex-based biology and medicine is often viewed as a specialised area of interest, rather than a central consideration in medical research. Essential for

ubiquitous sex differences in the molecular makeup of all male and female cells.⁹ First, the Y chromosome carries genes that exhibit subtle functional differences from their X-linked homologues (eg, ZFY vs ZFX and UTY vs UTX), and also carries genes with no homologue at all (eg, SRY). In addition, in men, the X chromosome carries only maternal imprints—ie, epigenetic modifications made by the parent in generating the sex cells—which alter the expression of genes in the offspring. As women have X chromosomes from both parents, they carry maternal and paternal imprints, which target a different set of genes. Random inactivation of one of the X chromosomes in female cells, which prevents sex differences in X chromosome gene dosage, causes another degree of sex difference in gene expression. As some of these



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Comment

A two way view of gender bias in medicine

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"It isn't true, couldn't be; there must be other variables not taken into account that confound the results." This was the remark of

psychiatrist colleague to the speaker. There is reasoned evidence of health care based on patient gender action aligns with that of health care and researchers' longing for similar comes and also with a contemporary data analysis. It is not unusual comments like his when criticisms are health services for women compared.

This editorial comment considers care contributes to the health associated with gender, a question many since the WHO Europe 1990.¹⁻⁶ There are two ways in service delivery and research can bias – firstly, by assuming that men's health situations and risks when in fact they are not, and assuming differences where the similarities. Actions and research either approach may influence outcomes in negative ways. An number of scientific papers on gender past five years has intensified the cause results often confirm the presence of inequity. Yet there remain some conceptual, methodological, and empirical limitations that keep the picture hazy.

The first view: assumed equality of women and men

Scientists have often assumed that disease risks and expressions are similar or the same in men and women. The many clinical trials that have been conducted only among men carry the assumption that the results can automatically be applied to women, as if women had been studied too.⁷⁻⁹ The persistent exclusion of pregnant women from trials (which, of course, is very often important for reasons of safety) may serve to reinforce the assumption of no gender differences, without proof. As a consequence,

tained from studies in men, but it is readily applied to women.¹⁰ Similarly, risk factors and

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The second view: assumed differences of women and men"

(Ruiz and Verbrugge J Epidemiol Community Health. 1997)

pression of complaints, how their milieu of social support affect health and health behaviour, and their behavioural strategies for treating and adjusting to health problems.

A statistical reflection of the "sexes-are-equal" assumption appears in multivariate analyses of health data. Sex is an included variable, but it serves as a potential confounder rather than a predictive or prognostic variable. No particular substantive interest is given to it.¹¹ Its effects are statistically controlled and ignored.¹²

The second view: assumed differences of women and men

A contrasting view occurs in those situations where women and men are viewed as fundamentally different in respect of health, and

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**The Girl Who Cried Pain:
A Bias Against Women
in the Treatment of Pain**

arding why treatment differences might exist, looking to the sociologic and feminist literature for a framework to explain these assumptions.

We conclude, from the research reviewed, that men and women appear to experience and respond to pain differently, that determining whether this difference is due to biological versus psychosocial origins is difficult due to the complex, multicausal nature of the pain experience. Women are more likely to seek treatment for chronic pain, but are also more likely to be inadequately treated by health-care providers, who, at least initially, discount women's verbal pain reports and attribute more import to biological pain contributors than emotional or psychological pain contributors. We suggest ways in which the health-care system and health-care providers might better respond to both women and men who experience persistent pain.

DO MEN AND WOMEN EXPERIENCE PAIN DIFFERENTLY?

The question of whether men and women experience pain differently is a relatively recent one. Until about a decade ago, many clinical research studies excluded women, resulting in a lack of information about gender differences in disease prevalence, progression, and response to treatment.⁴ Research on sex-based and gender-based differences in pain response has mounted over the past several years, partially motivated by 1993 legislation mandating the inclusion of women in research sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.⁵

Three review articles summarized the research findings

are more likely to be given pain medication.² Speculation as to why this difference might exist has included the following: Women complain more than men; women are not accurate reporters of their pain; men are more stoic so that when they do complain of pain, "it's real"; and women are better able to tolerate pain or have better coping skills than men.

In this article, we report on the biological studies that have looked at differences in how men and women report and experience pain to determine if there is sufficient evidence to show that gender³ differences in pain perception have biological origins. We then explore the influence of cognition and emotions on pain perception and how socialized gender differences may influence the way men and women perceive pain. Next, we review the literature on how men and women are diagnosed and treated for their

Menstruation: science and society

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Women's health concerns are generally underrepresented and hampered by a lack of understanding of basic reproductive health between menarche and menopause, most women's reproductive health often catastrophically disrupts their physical and mental health involved in menstruation, abnormal uterine bleeding, and pelvic pain care. Furthermore, a deeper mechanistic understanding of the biology yield insights into a myriad of other diseases. For example, women now delay pregnancy and that there is a need for more research in the Health and Disease Branch of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development meeting, "Menstruation: Science and Society." The meeting highlighted the awareness of the need for more research in the biology (including omic analysis of the endometrium and abnormal uterine bleeding and fibroids) and disorders including abnormal uterine bleeding, endometriosis, and literacy and dissemination frameworks across different cultures. Incorporating the patient voice at the launch of the meeting. Here, we provide an entire submission context, capturing the spectrum from how the basic processes of menstruation, through the role of tissue-resident and circulating stem and progenitor cells in the endometrium, on how dysregulation leads to abnormal uterine bleeding and other menstruation-related conditions, to the clinical challenges in diagnostics, treatment, and patient and societal global agenda concerning menstruation, and specifically menstrual health and hygiene. Investment in addressing menstruation-related barriers facing girls in schools in "menstrual equity" and "period poverty" movements spreading across high-income countries.

Key words: abnormal uterine bleeding, adenomyosis, endometrium, fibroids, menstrual effluent, period poverty, stem cells, tissue engineering, uterus

Clinical diagnosis of endometriosis: a call to action



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Endometriosis has such wide-ranging and pervasive sequelae that it has been described as "nothing

THE PROBLEM: Endometriosis is undiagnosed in a large proportion of affected women, resulting in ongoing and progressive symptoms with associated negative impacts on health and quality of life. Diagnostic techniques, which rely primarily on laparoscopy for a definitive diagnosis, frequently result in prolonged delay between symptom onset and treatment.

Diagnostic techniques may reduce the delay in time to diagnosis, provide relief to affected patients, limit disease progression, and improve health outcomes.

define endometriosis. Rather, key symptoms that currently prompt surgical evaluation, such as pain and infertility, can have multiple causes. Endometriosis is typically defined by its histology: extrauterine lesions consisting of endometrial glands, endometrial stroma, and/or hemosiderin-laden macrophages. Based on location and depth, lesions are further described as superficial peritoneal lesions, ovarian endometrioma, or deep endometriosis. However, the presence of lesions does not preclude other etiologies for the disease. The challenge of diagnosing endometriosis. There are no pathognomonic features or biomarkers necessary and sufficient to

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(Critchley et al. AJOG. 2020)

fertility are usually of greatest concern, as they are 2 of the disease's more common symptoms. However, the real toll is even greater: women with endometriosis experience diminished quality of life, increased incidence of depression, adverse effects on intimate relationships,

with greater risk of obstetric and neonatal complications.^{9–12}

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Data (new and existing), AI, and technology can help

- elucidate the roles of sex and gender in health
- identify new knowledge
- create new solutions to support women

But they also add a layer of complexity

Human-centered approaches are critical

Endometriosis

“Endometriosis is a condition where tissue similar to the lining of the uterus (endometrium) grows outside the uterus, often in the pelvic area. This tissue can attach to various organs, including the ovaries, fallopian tubes, ligaments, and even the bowel and bladder. ”

Endometriosis

- Under-funded
 - Under-studied
 - Under-understood
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- Estimated 6-10% of women in reproductive age
 - Debilitating symptoms, sub-fertility, systemic
 - No cure, no biomarker
 - 6-7 years delay in diagnosis / multiple doctors

Endometriosis

- Under studied condition → characterization
- Lag to diagnosis → early detection
- Complex self-management → support

Citizen Endo



- Community of (to date) 19,000 patients
- Citizen science (return of results, partnership in identifying questions)
- Tools for data collection and analysis that reflect the lived experiences of endometriosis
- Advocacy



Citizen Endo



- Patient scientist as a framework for advancing research in enigmatic conditions

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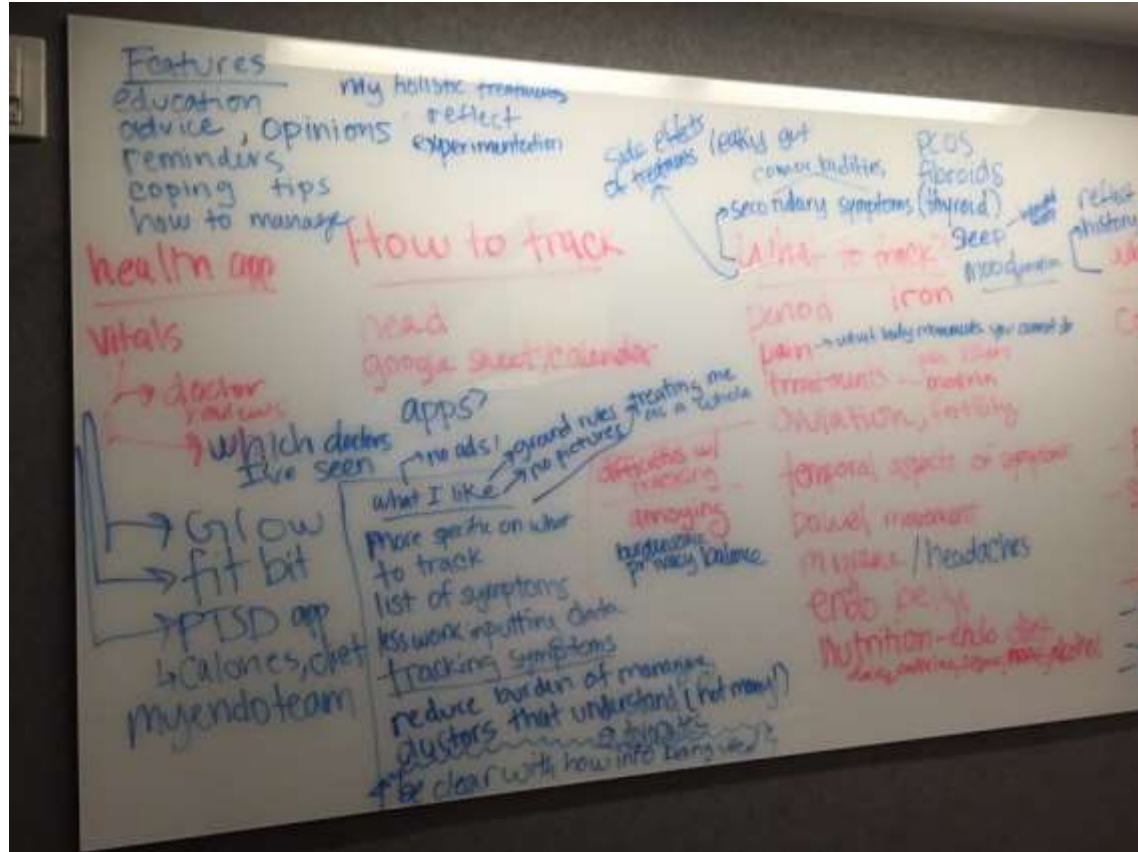
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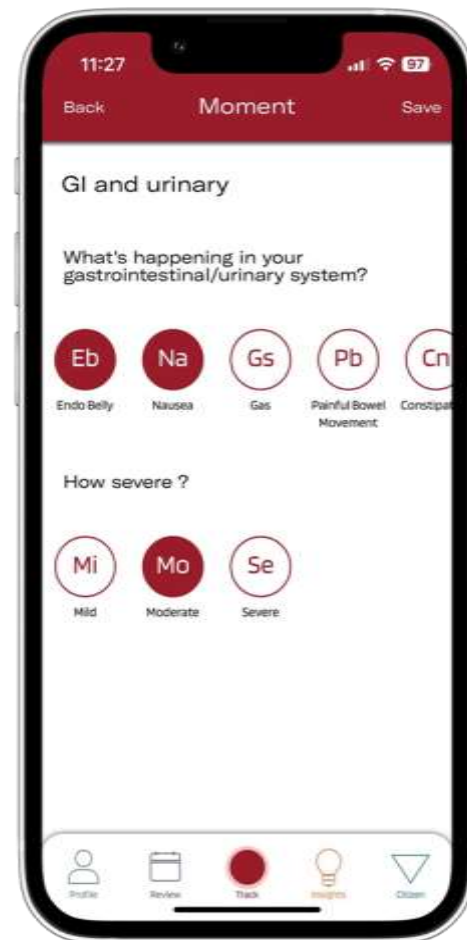
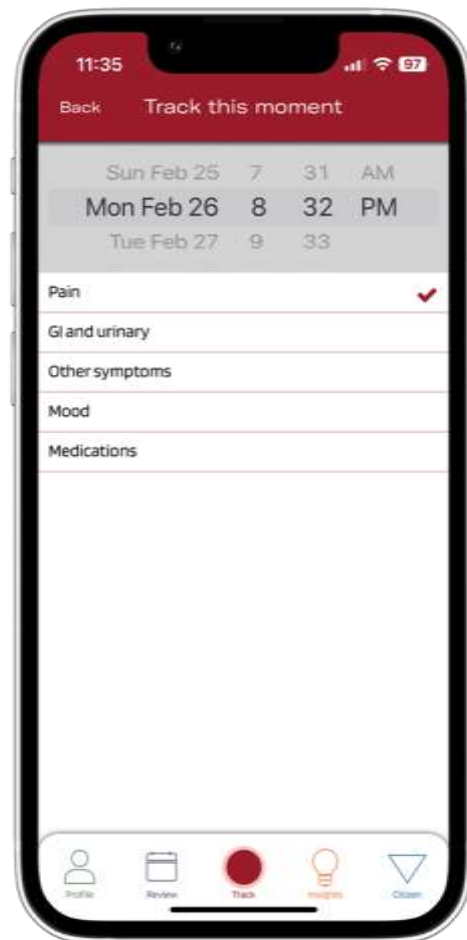
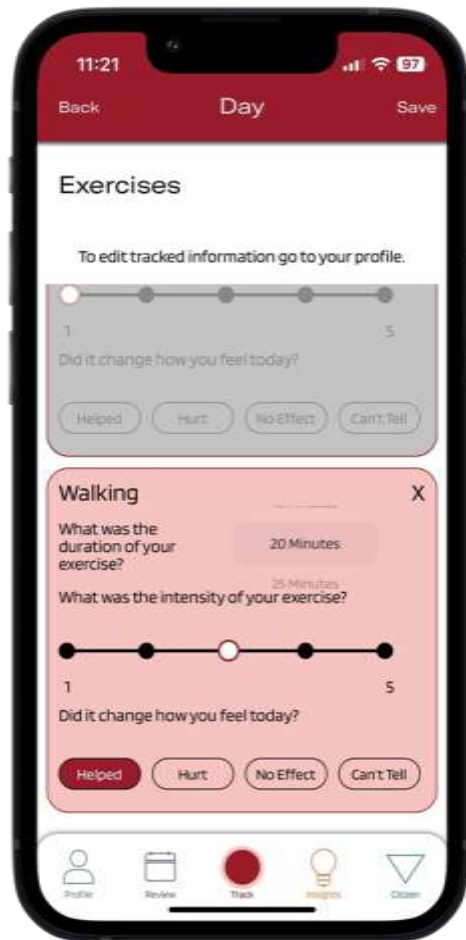
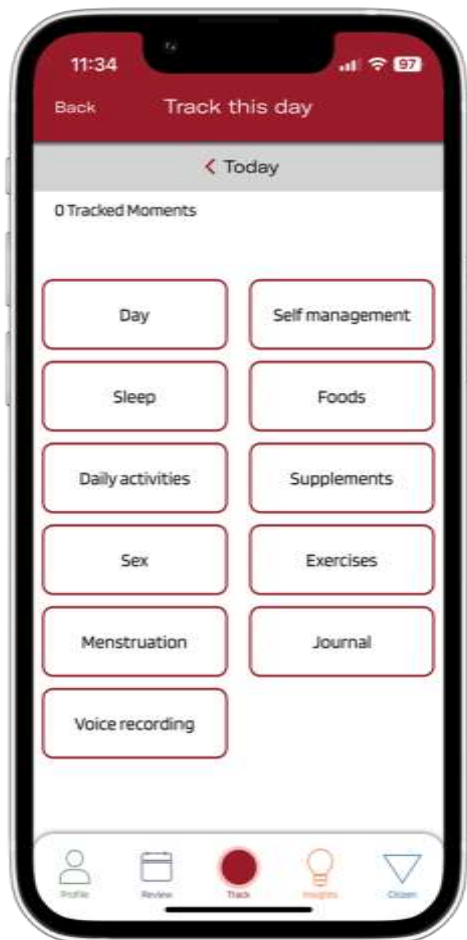
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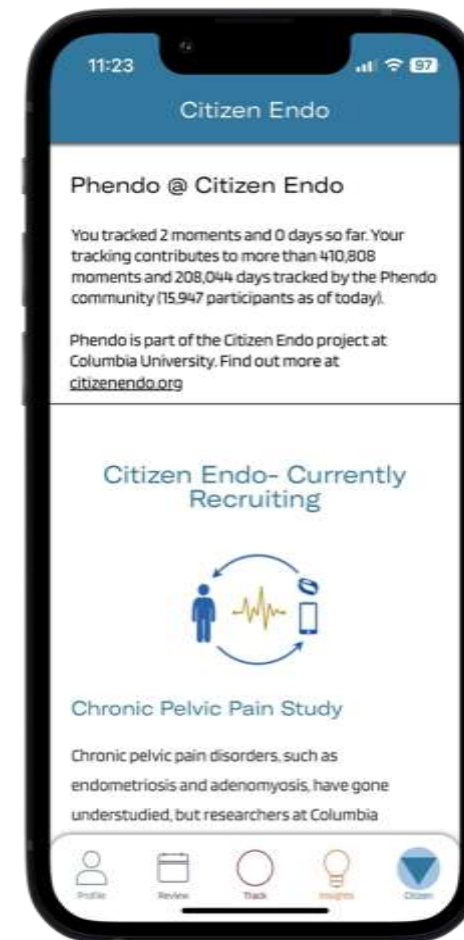
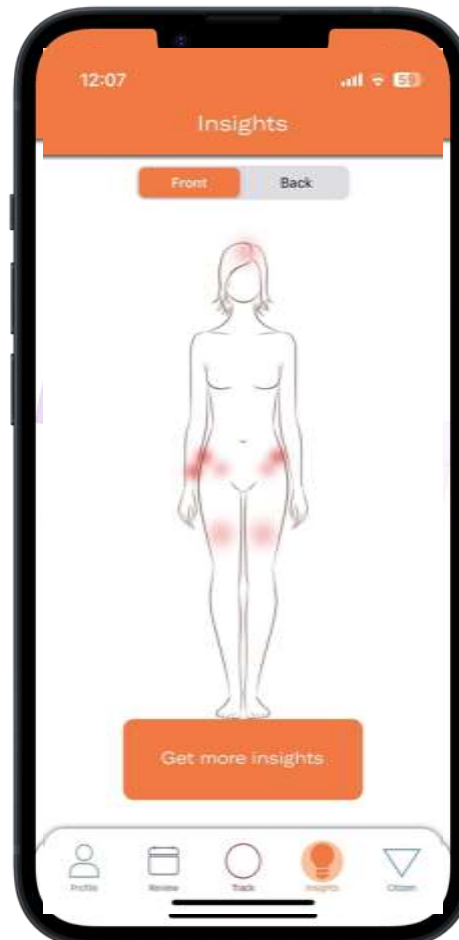
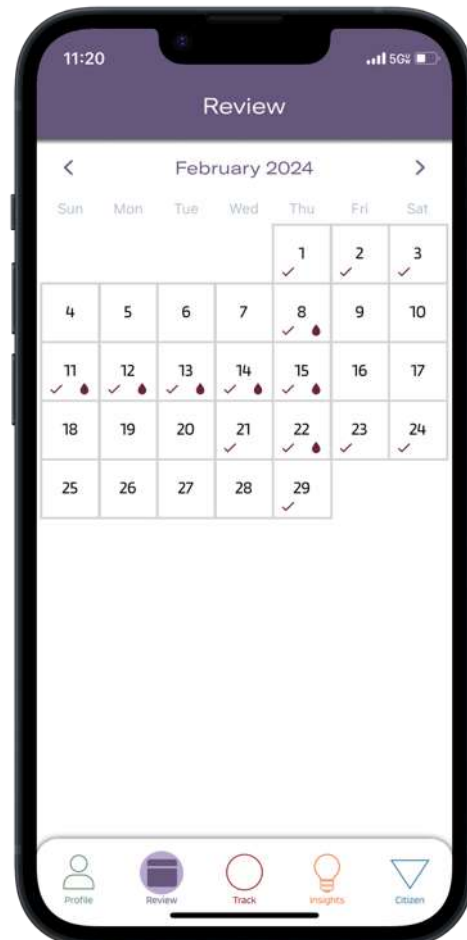
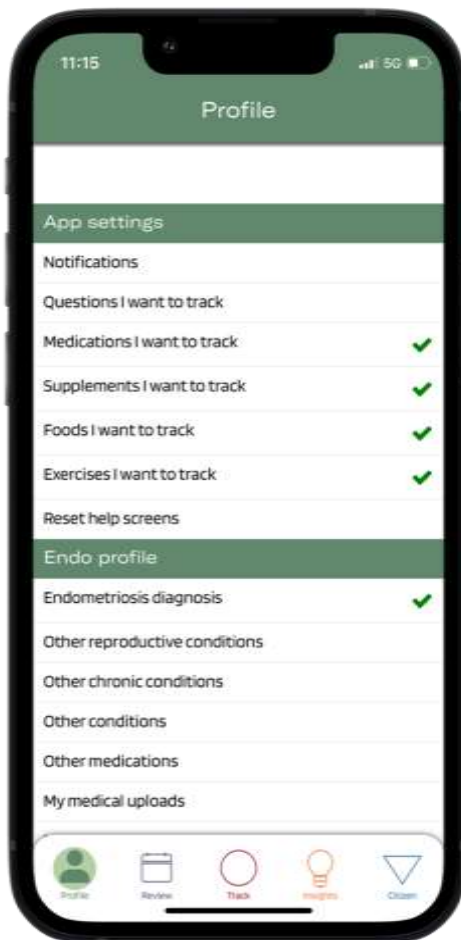
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Designing in the Dark: Eliciting Self-Tracking Dimensions for Understanding Enigmatic Disease

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ABSTRACT

The design of personal health informatics tools has traditionally been explored in self-monitoring and behavior change. There is an unmet opportunity to leverage self-tracking of individuals and study diseases and health conditions to learn patterns across groups. An open research question, however, is how to design engaging self-tracking tools that also facilitate learning at scale. Furthermore, for conditions that are not well understood, a critical question is how to design such tools when it is unclear which data types are relevant to the disease. We outline the process of identifying design requirements for self-tracking endometriosis, a highly enigmatic and prevalent disease, through interviews (N=3), focus groups (N=27), surveys (N=741), and content analysis of an online endometriosis community (1500 posts, N=153 posters) and show value in triangulating across these methods. Finally, we discuss tensions inherent in designing self-tracking tools for individual use and population analysis, making suggestions for overcoming these tensions.

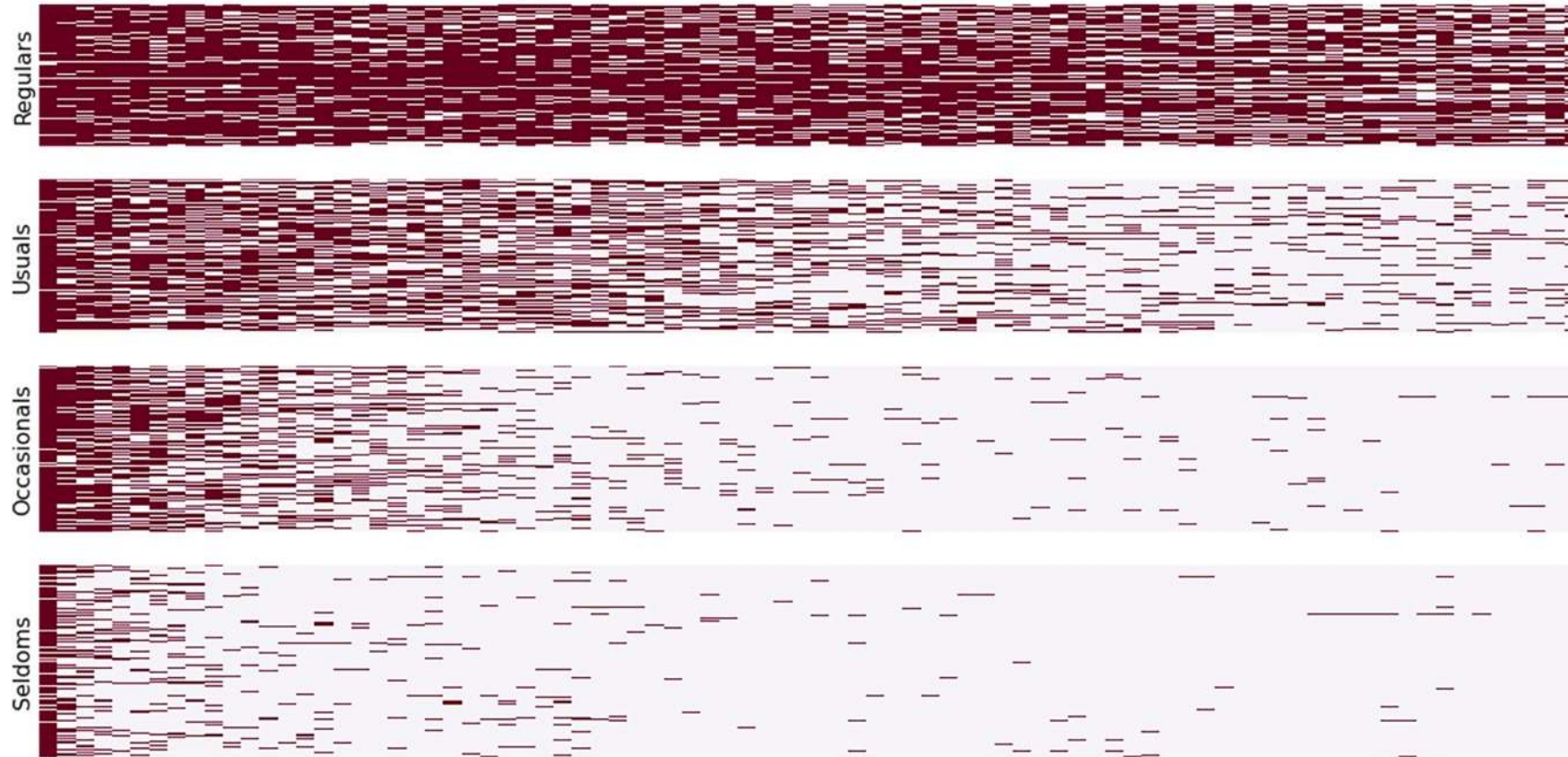
People with chronic conditions, who are often faced with a complex set of decisions and environments to navigate, have additional incentives to understand and manage their condition, and thus engage in self-tracking.

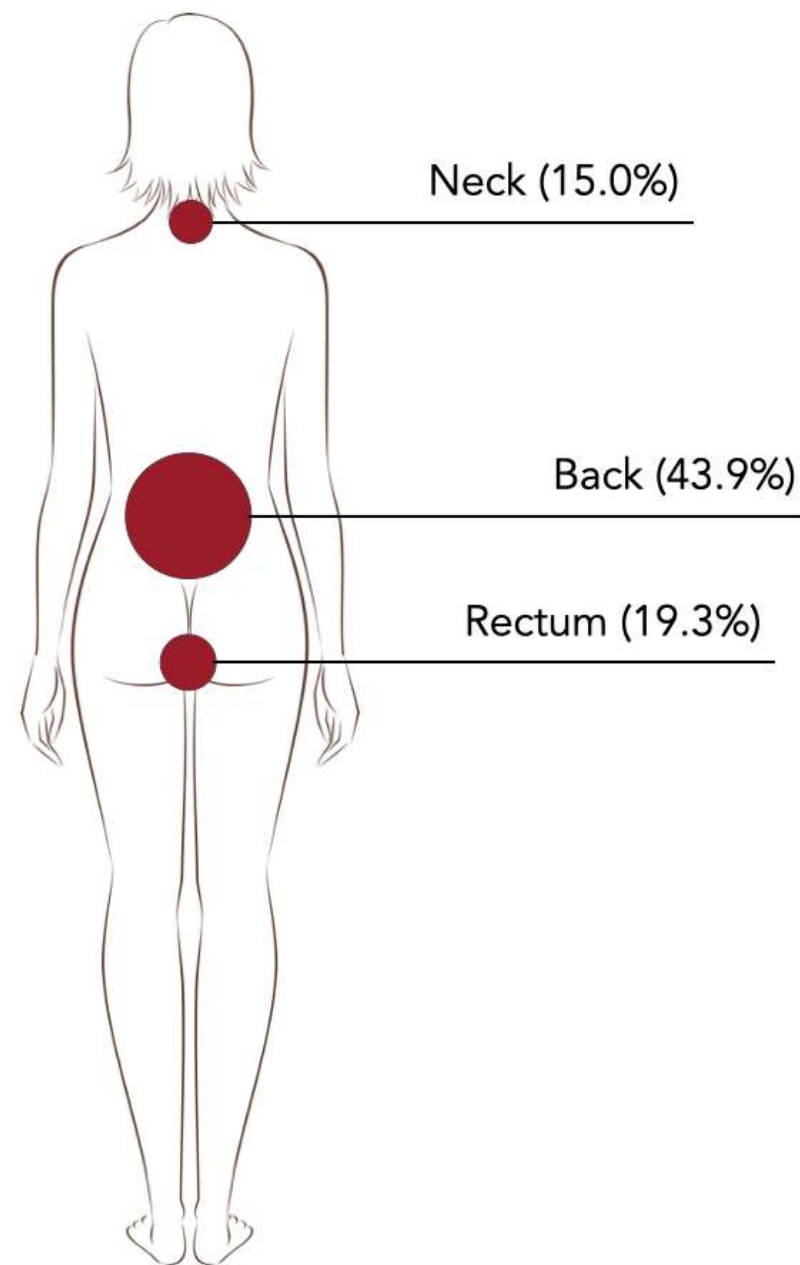
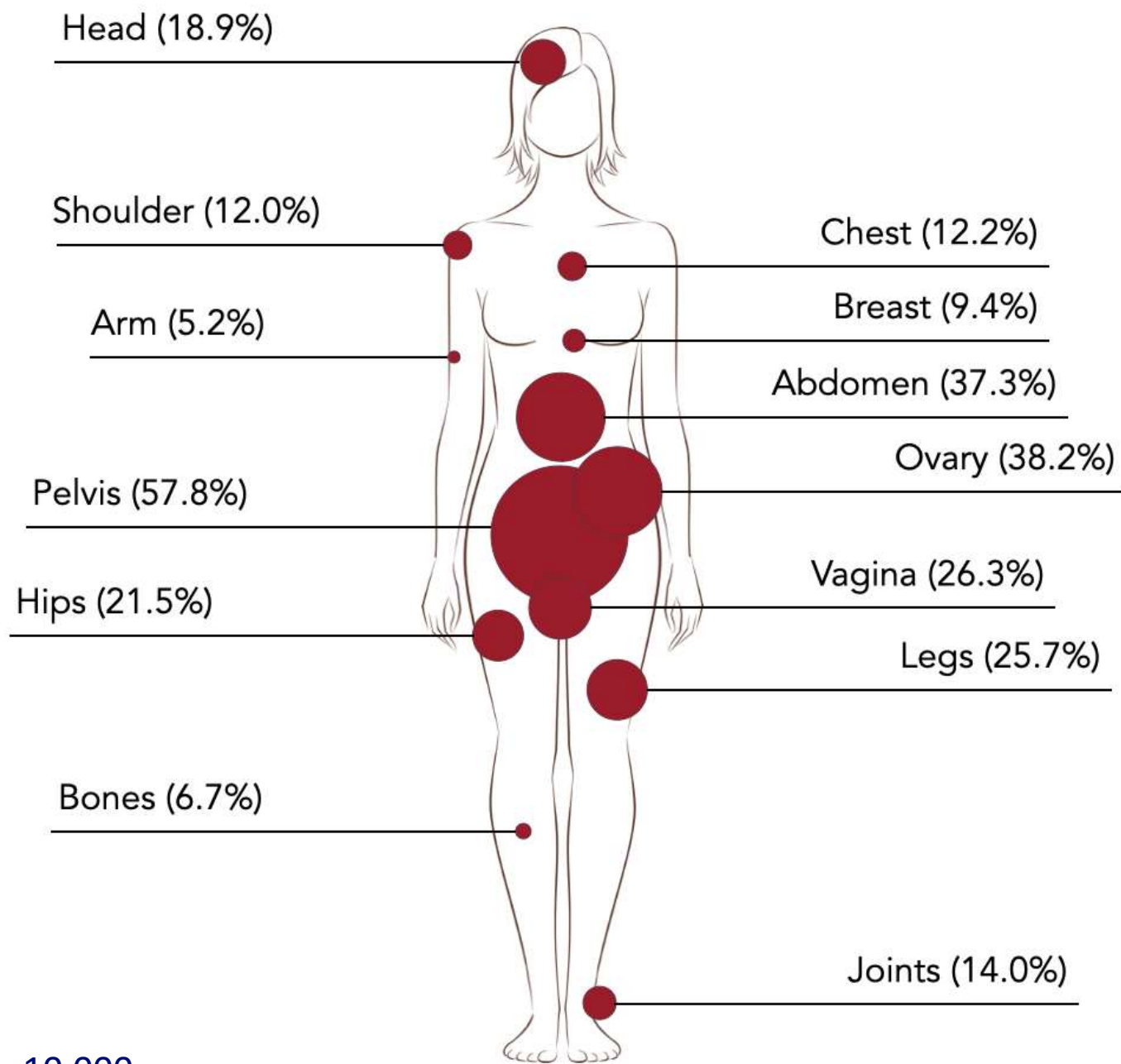
Self-tracking systems that “*help people collect personally relevant information for the purpose of self-reflection and gaining self-knowledge*” are part of personal informatics, as defined by Li and colleagues [59]. Within the health domain, personal informatics tools have traditionally focused on self-monitoring for individuals to gain health-related self-knowledge or achieve a health-related goal [26,54]. In fact, designs of such tools have been proposed and evaluated for many chronic diseases, including diabetes [5,41,69,80,91], COPD [12,102], cardiovascular diseases [4,96], and Parkinson’s [11,72,77].

In the context of a chronic disease, there are a large number of data points that may be self-tracked. They fall into a set of well-known data types, or dimensions, which include signs and symptoms of the disease, biomarkers and behavioral markers like physical activity, treatments, self-

Users with at least 1 week of usage

Engagement over first 12 weeks





N=10,000

Learning endometriosis phenotypes from patient-generated data

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Endometriosis is a systemic and chronic condition in women of childbearing age, yet a highly enigmatic disease with unresolved questions: there are no known biomarkers, nor established clinical stages. We here investigate the use of patient-generated health data and data-driven phenotyping to characterize endometriosis patient subtypes, based on their reported signs and symptoms. We aim at unsupervised learning of endometriosis phenotypes using self-tracking data from personal smartphones. We leverage data from an observational research study of over 4000 women with endometriosis that track their condition over more than 2 years. We extend a classical mixed-membership model to accommodate the idiosyncrasies of the data at hand, i.e., the multimodality and uncertainty of the self-tracked variables. The proposed method, by jointly modeling a wide range of observations (i.e., participant symptoms, quality of life, treatments), identifies clinically relevant endometriosis subtypes. Experiments show that our method is robust to different hyperparameter choices and the biases of self-tracking data (e.g., the wide variations in tracking frequency among participants). With this work, we show the promise of unsupervised learning of endometriosis subtypes from self-tracked data, as learned phenotypes align well with what is already known about the disease, but also suggest new clinically actionable findings. More generally, we argue that a continued research effort on unsupervised phenotyping methods with patient-generated health data via new mobile and digital technologies will have significant impact on the study of enigmatic diseases in particular, and health in general.

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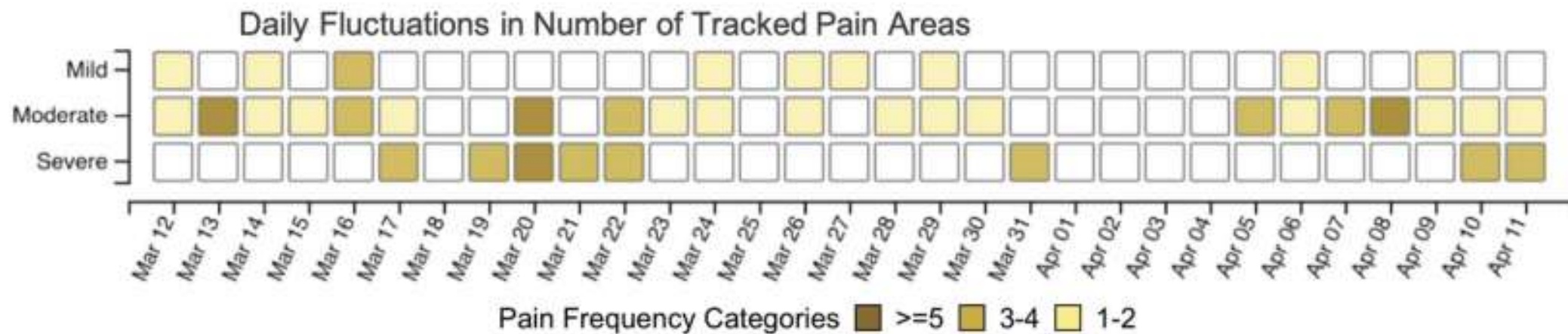
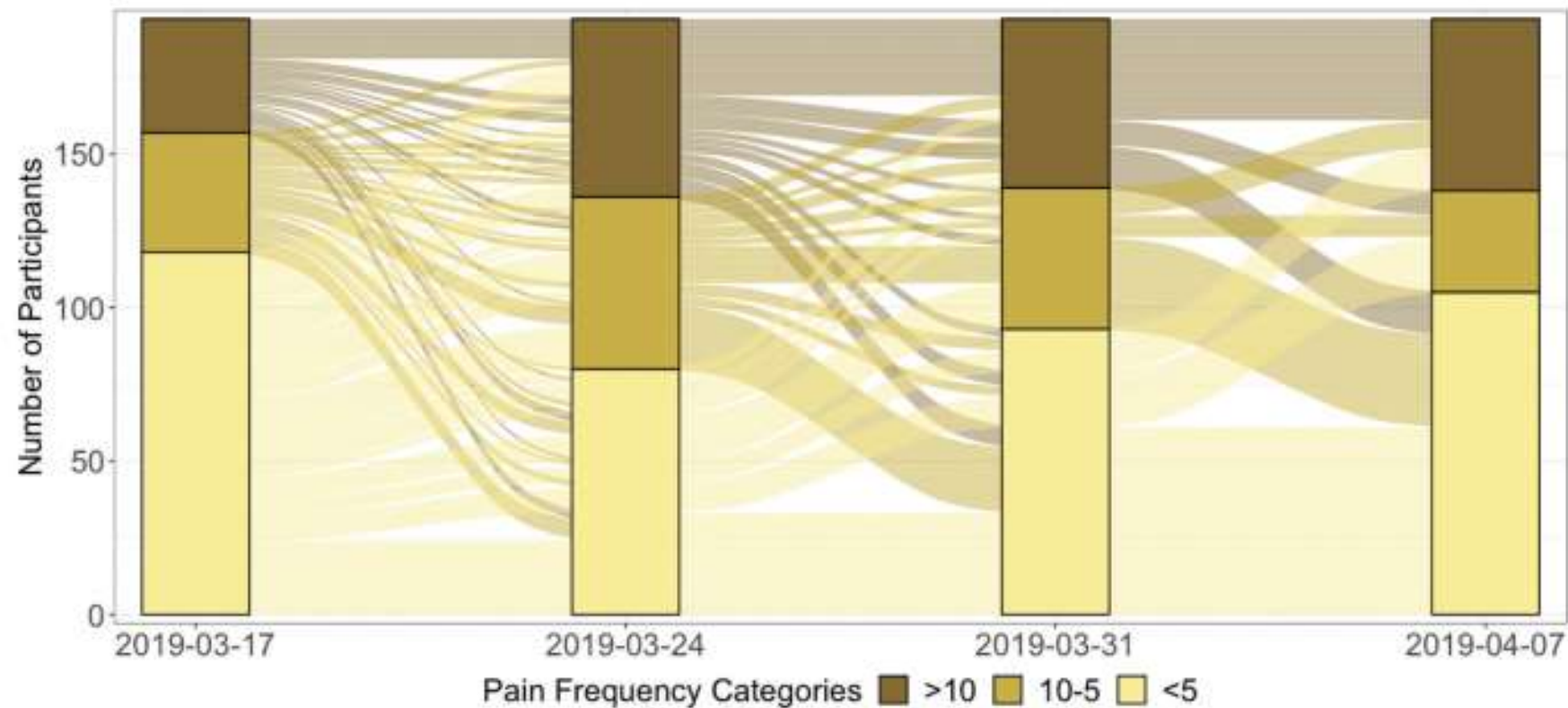
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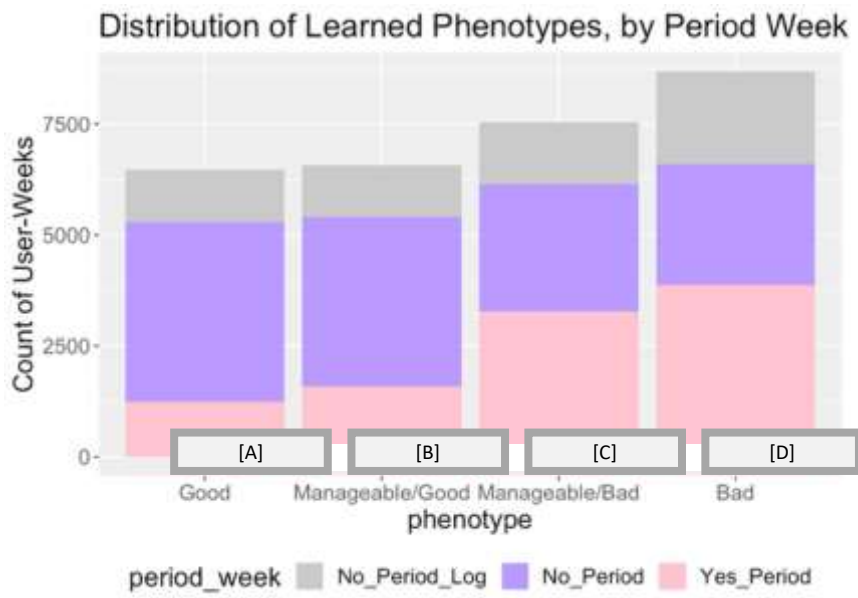
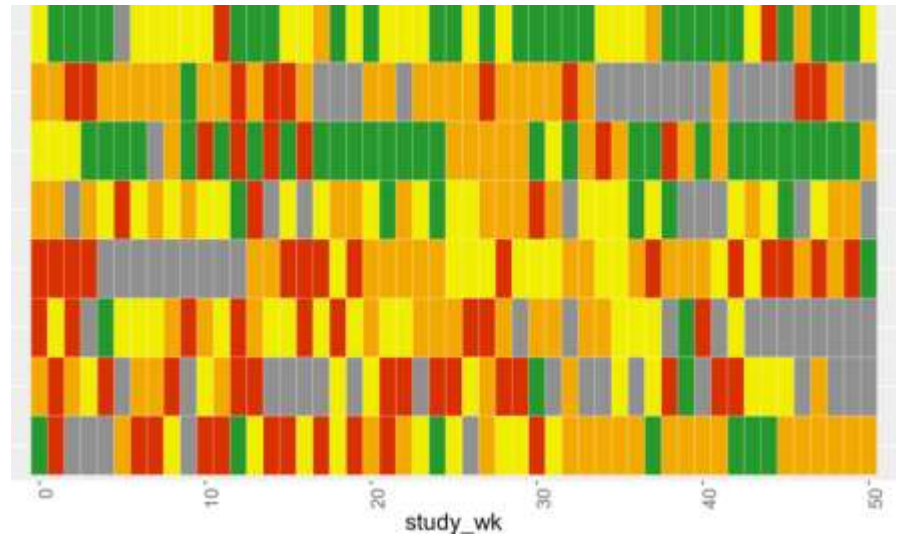
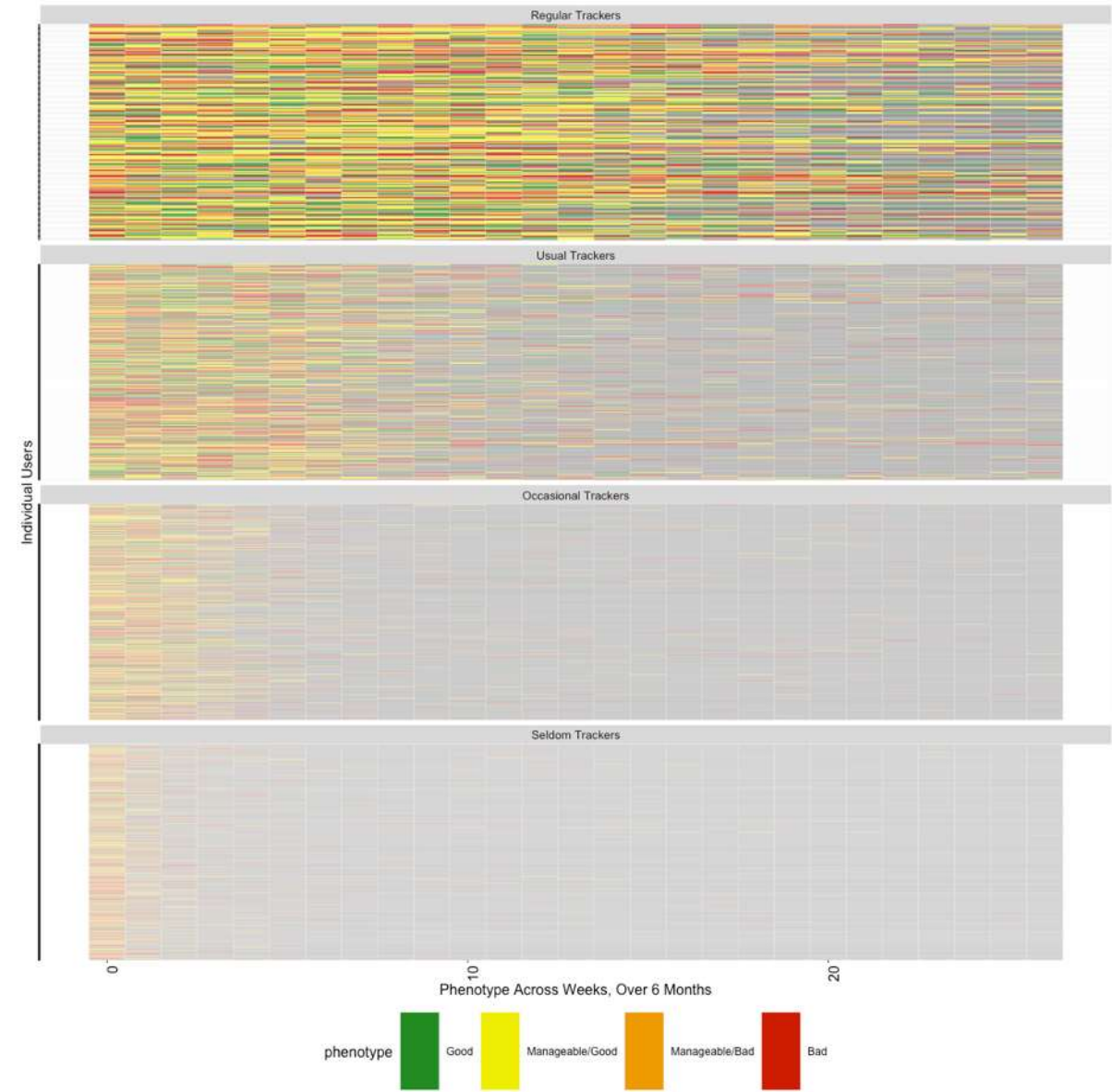
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Individual Health Status Trajectories



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Characterization from existing data

- Electronic health records and claims datasets
- They are not The Truth, but they are still very insightful
- 188 million reproductive-age women across nine databases
- 2.11 million endometriosis patients were identified
 - How did we identify them? More on that in a minute

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How to identify endometriosis patients in an EHR/claims dataset?

- Traditional endometriosis phenotype definition:
laparoscopic surgery with pathology confirmation
- ESHRE 2022 guidelines are symptoms based
- What is the impact of shift of diagnosis guidelines on the design of observational studies?

Who has endometriosis?

- 500,000 patients across 4 databases
- Each cohort strong positive predictive value (0.84–0.96)
- Different patients depending of which definition
 - Different ages
 - Different symptoms documented
 - Access to care

The Impact of Evolving Endometriosis Guidelines on Diagnosis and Observational Health Studies

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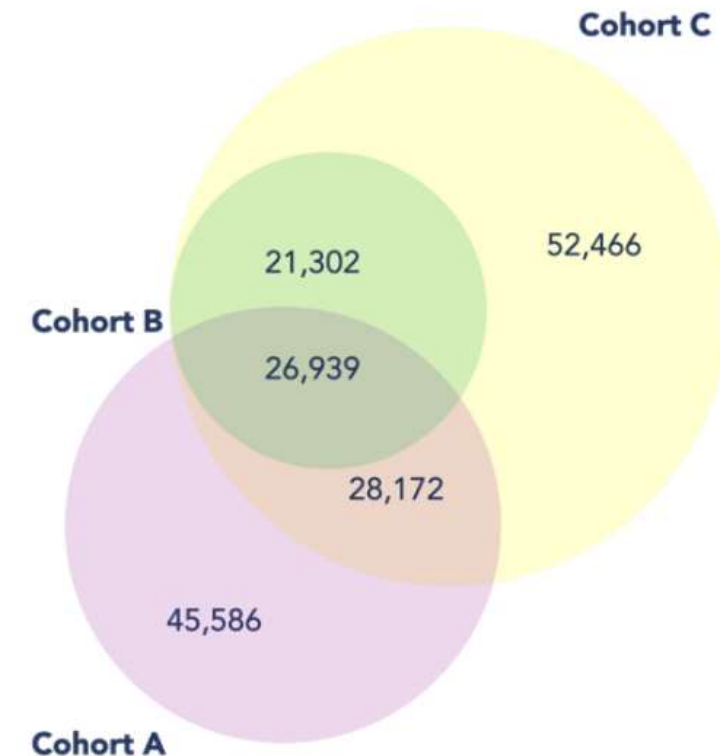
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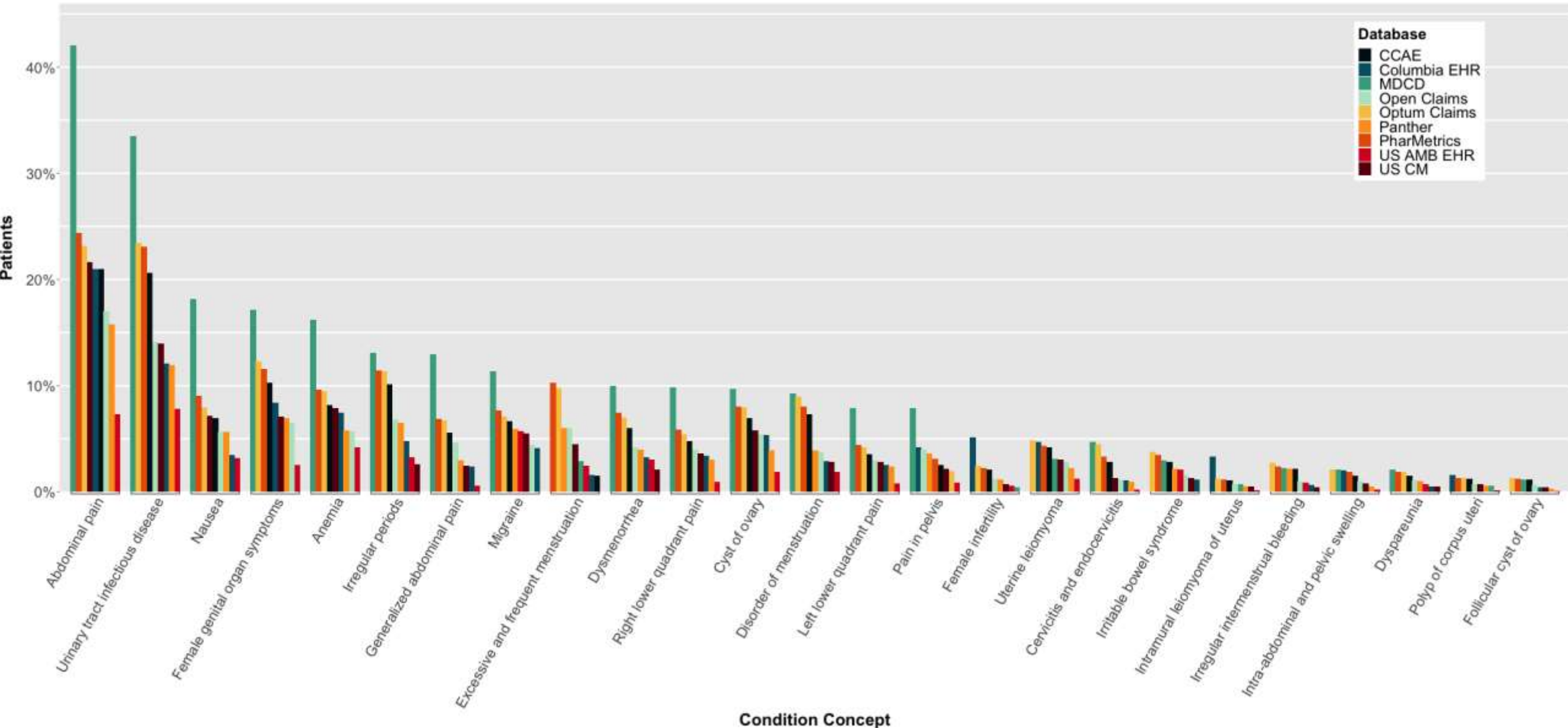
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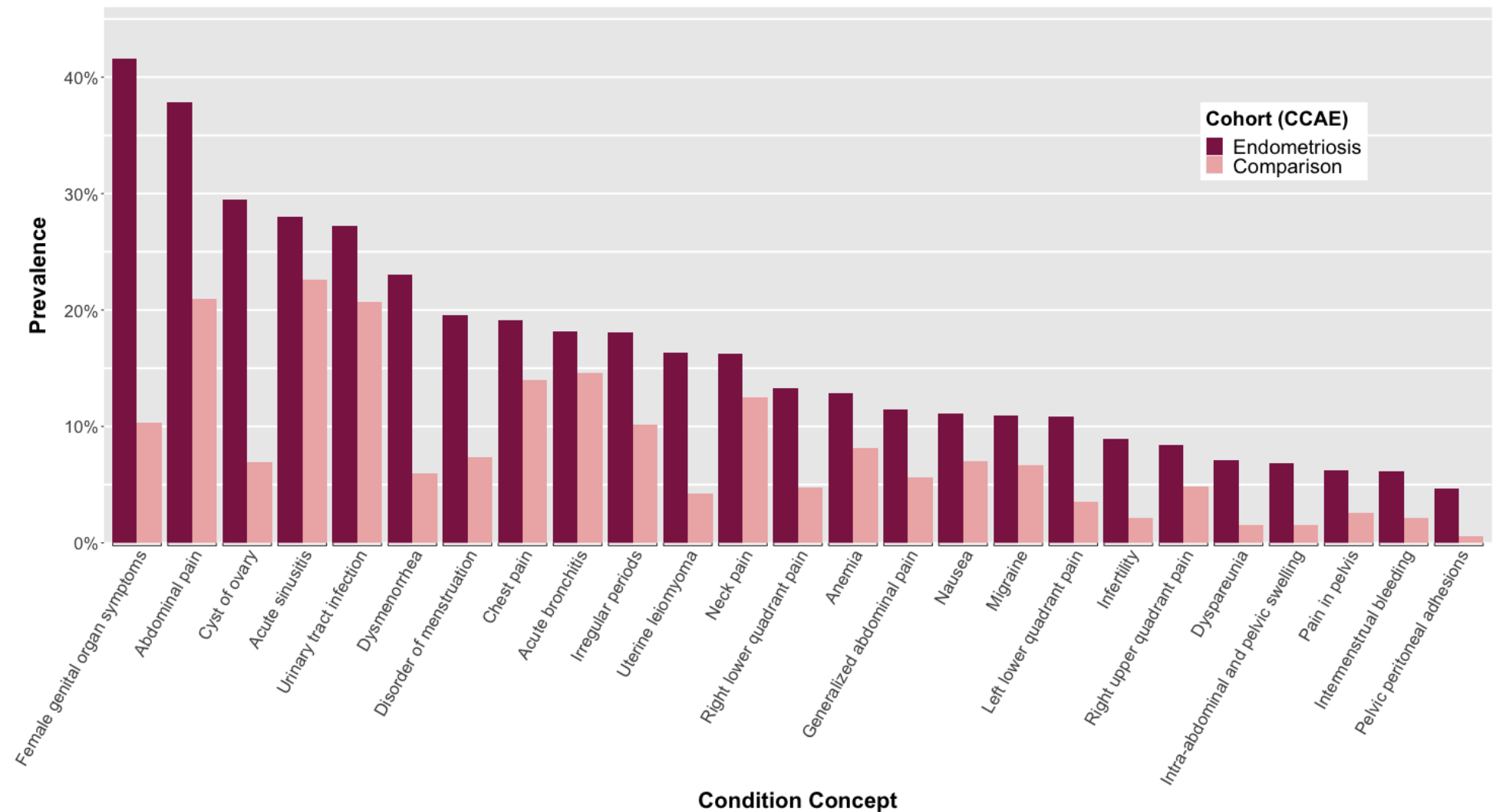
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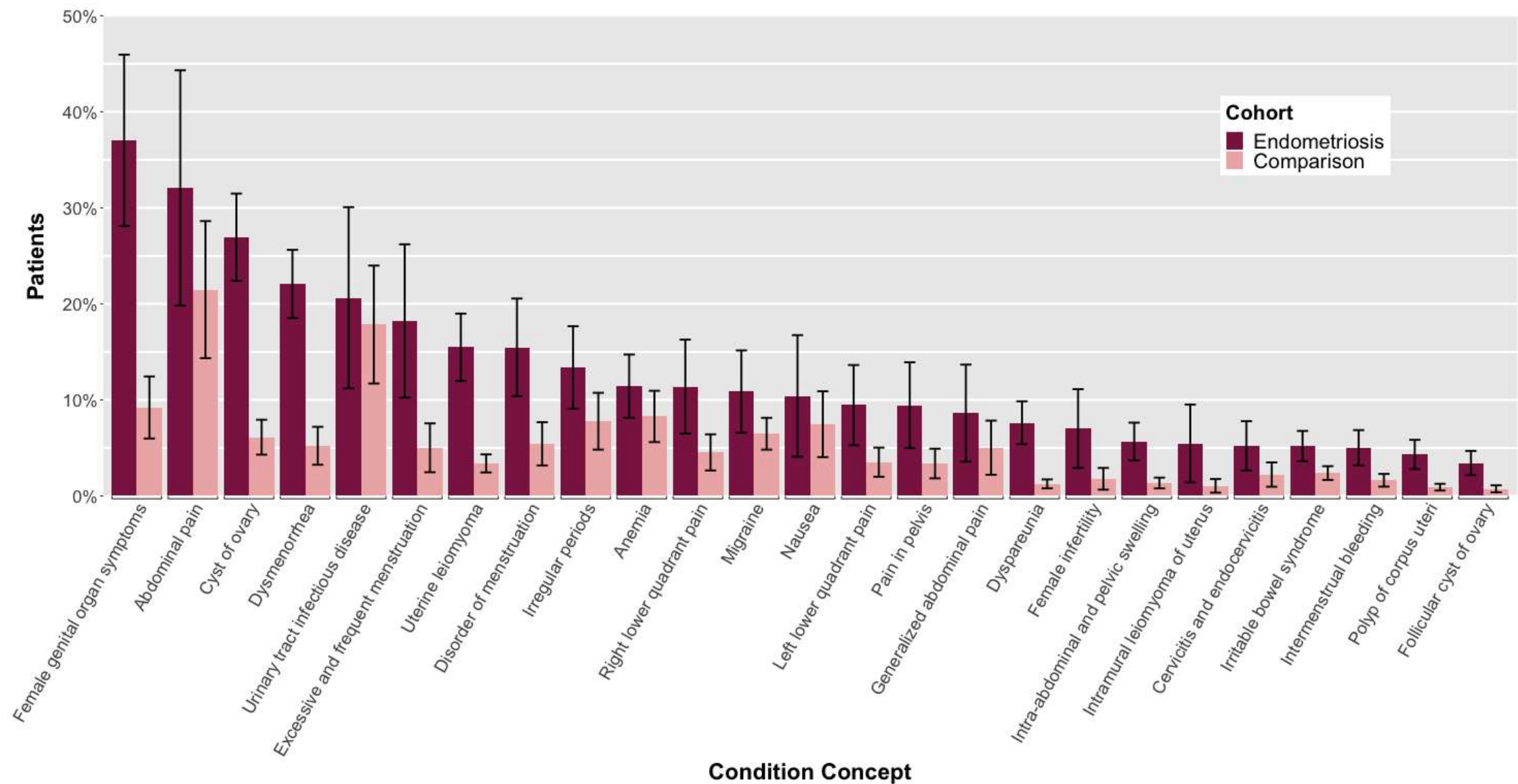
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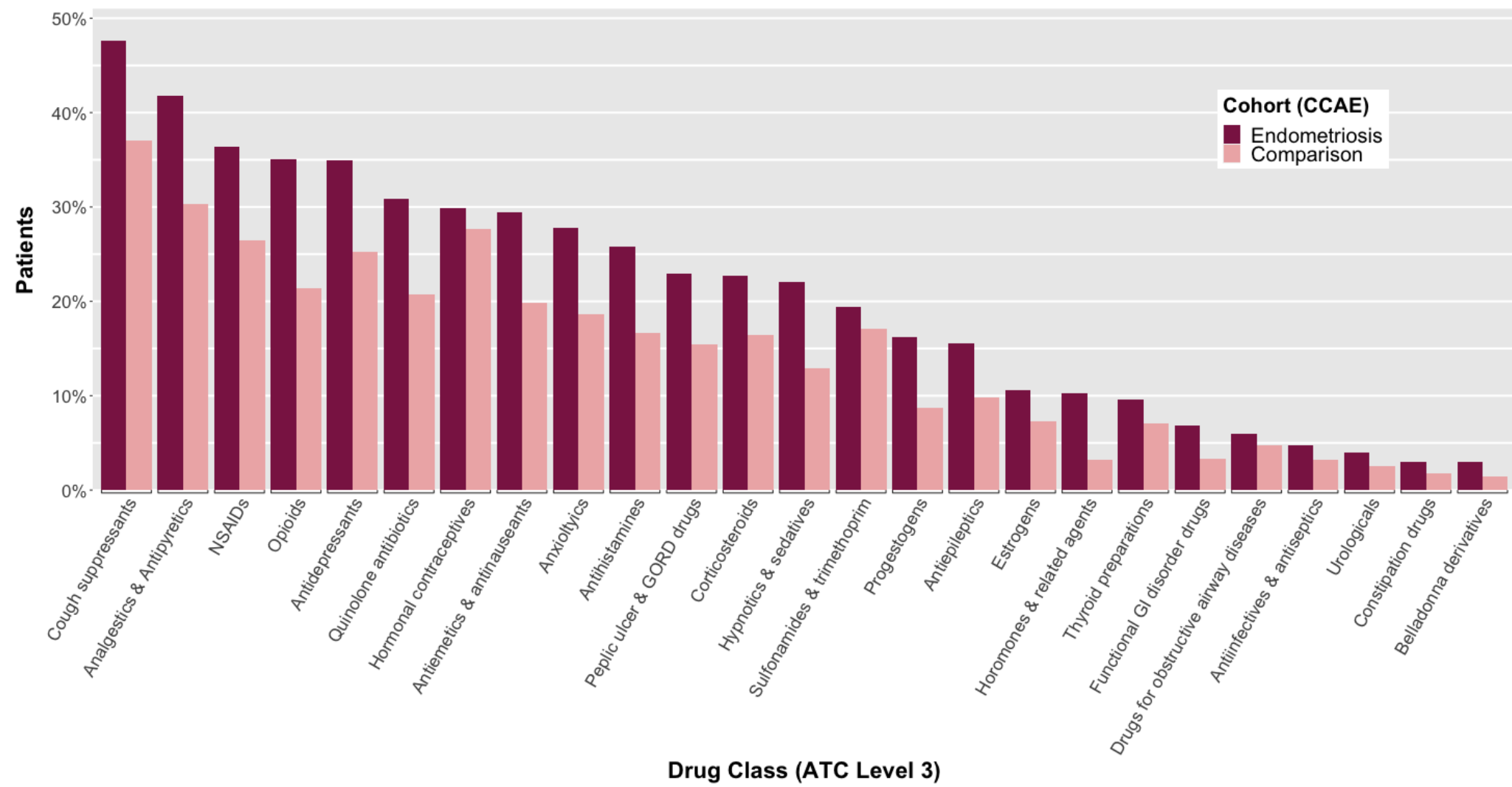
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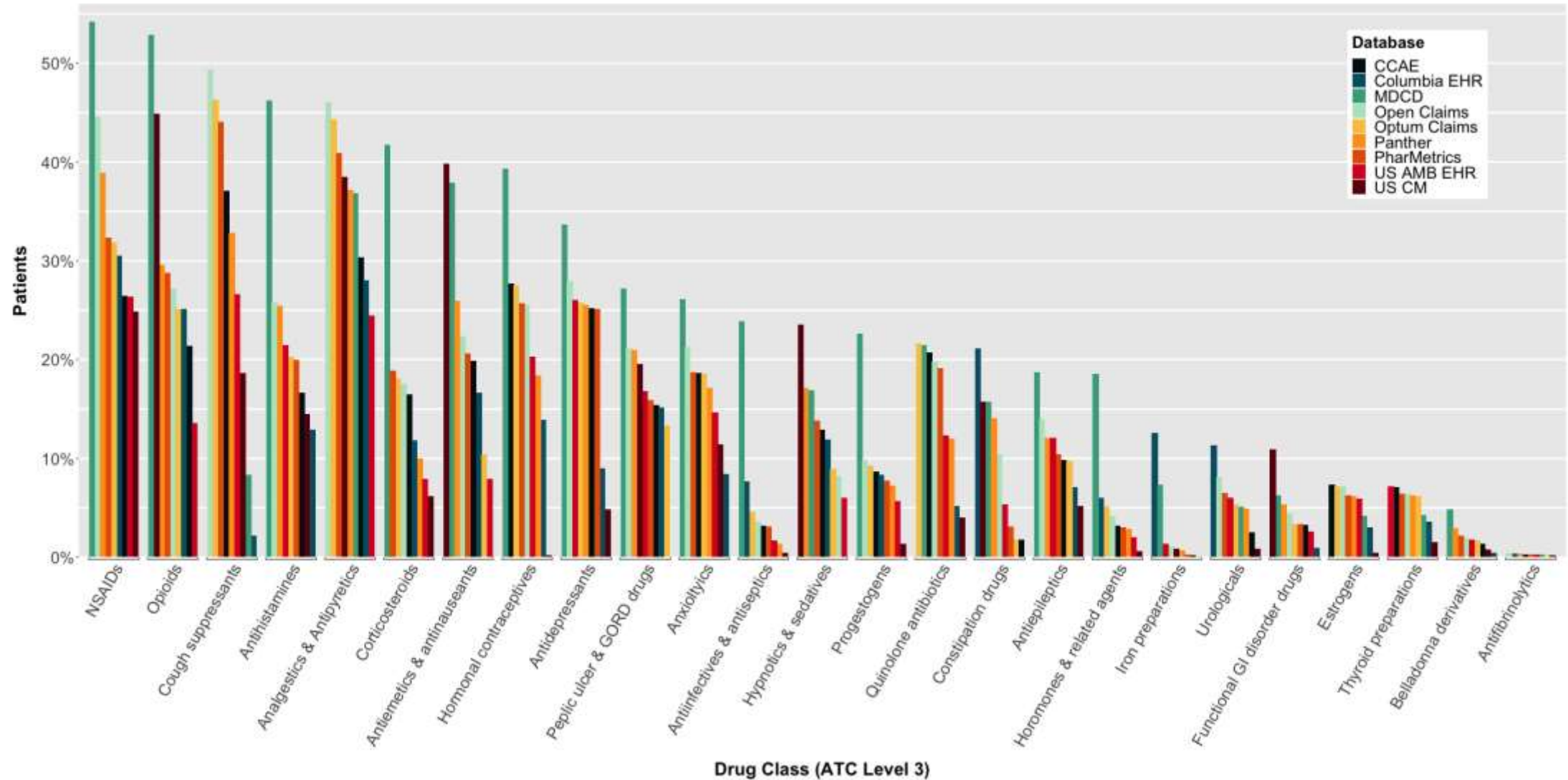
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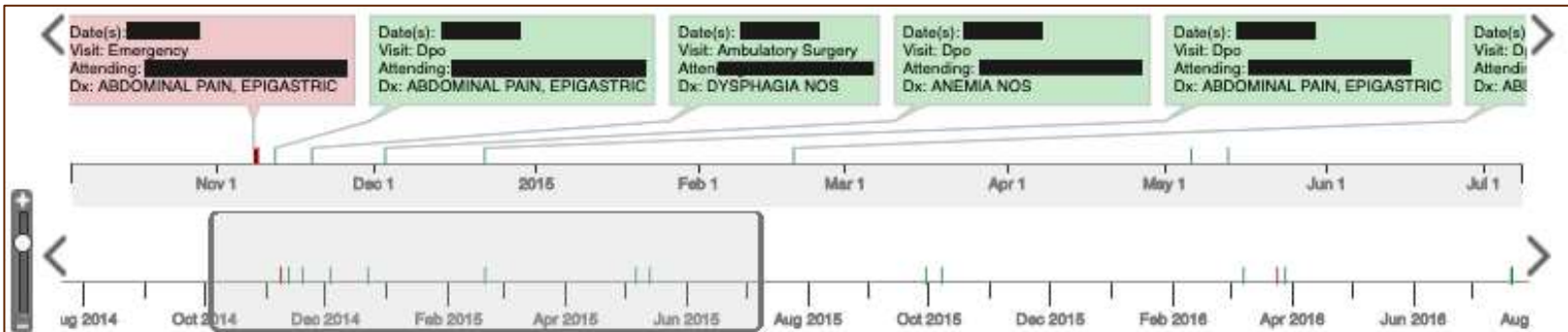
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epigastric pain fistula poor sleep biliary colic GERD nausea urticaria allergy cramping vomiting pain peptic ulcer ...

More

All notes [redacted] - [redacted]

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Prescription
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Physical Exam:

- General:: NAD Non toxic Well hydrated
- Eyes:: EOMI
- ENT:: Op WNL
- CV:: RRR
- Lungs:: CTA
- GI:: abd soft, nondistended, no rebound or guarding, some epigastric
- TTP
- with minimal RUQ tenderness and neg murphy's
- GU:: No CVAT
- MSKL - Pelvis/Back:: Non-tender back
- Skin:: No rash
- Psych:: Mood/affect WNL Oriented X3

Reportable Condition:

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Assessment & Plan:

Attending Assessment & Plan 34 year-old female as above with 1-2 days of epigastric pain
LMP is now, icon neg

Early detection

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Attending:
Dx: ABDOMINAL PAIN, EPIGASTRIC

Date(s):
Visit: Dpo
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Date(s):
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fistula

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Attending:
Dx: Endometriosis of pelvic peritoneum

Date(s):
Visit: Ambulatory Surgery
Attending:
Dx: Secondary dysmenorrhea

Date(s):
Visit: Dpo
Attending:
Dx: Encntr for general adult medical exam w/o abnormal findings

Date(s):
Visit: Dpo
Attending:
Dx: Anxiety disorder, unspecified

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Attending:
Dx: Def

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endometriosis

nausea

pelvic pain

nausea/vomiting

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chronic pelvic pain

insomnia

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corneal abrasion

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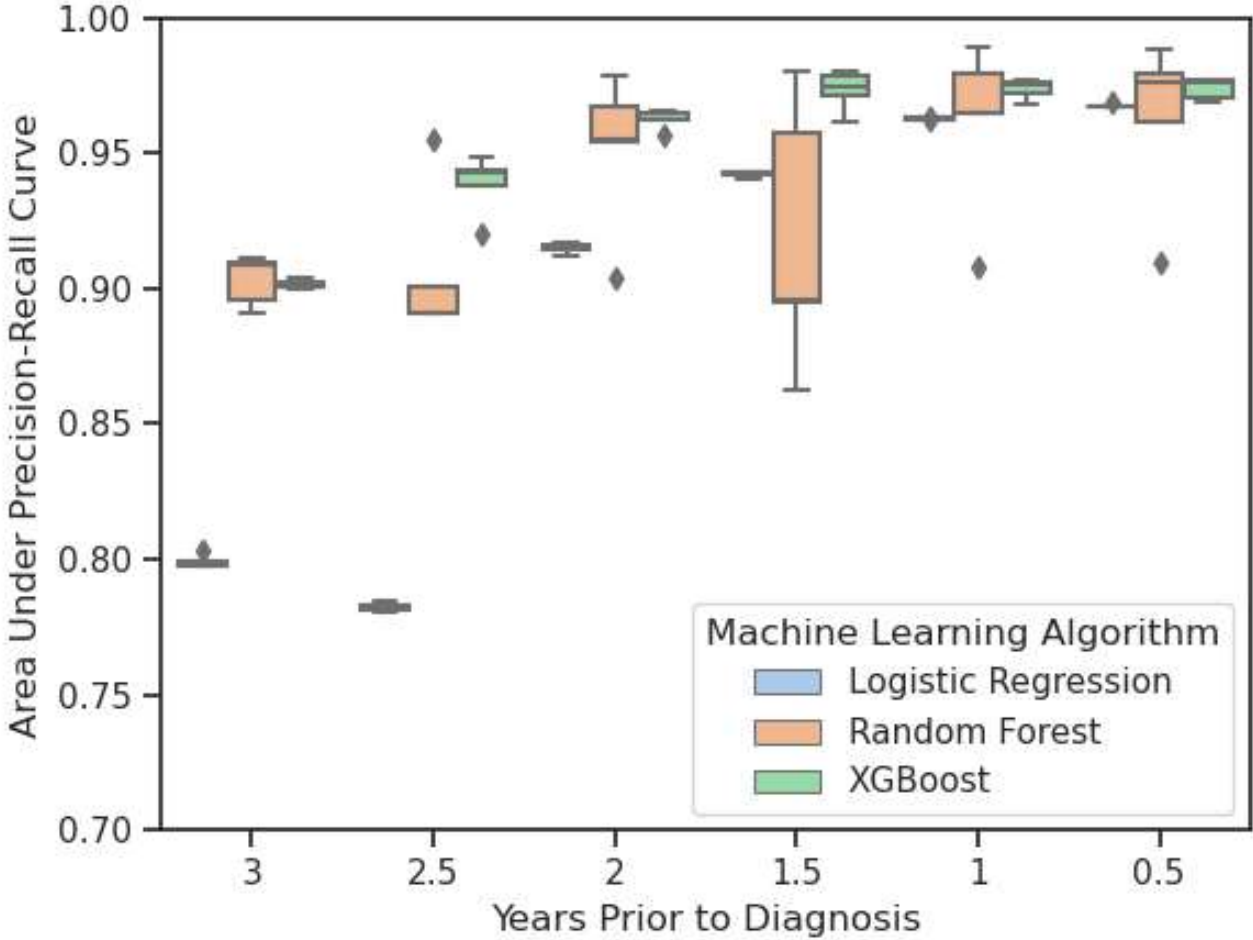
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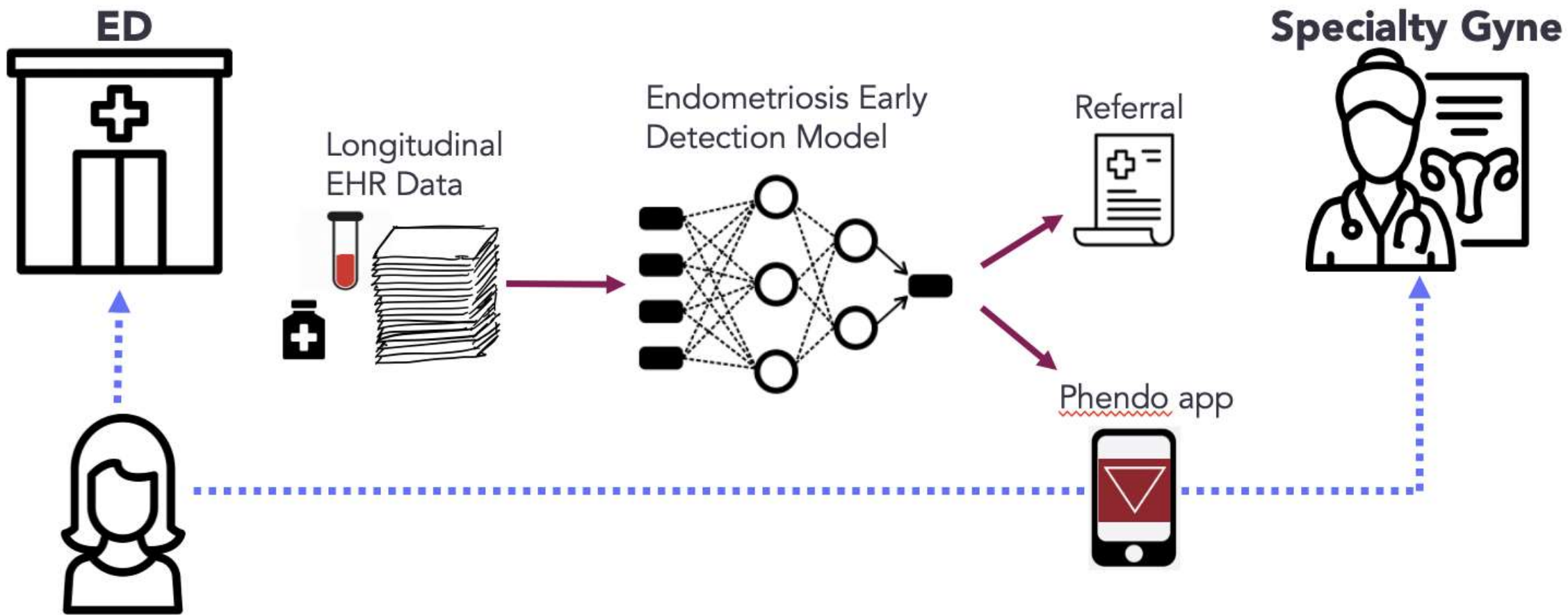
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Early detection

	Endometriosis N = 53,866	Controls N = 223,117
	Mean (SD)	
Age, years	47 (8)	47 (15)
Hospitalizations	0.50 (1.16)	0.44 (1.22)
Outpatient Visits	62 (51)	53 (56)





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Self management

No biomarkers to rely on &
unclear which symptoms to rely on

No established
management guidelines

Obstacles to communication



Monitoring is difficult

Treatment is difficult

Partnership & understanding
are difficult for both
patients & providers

**Difficulty of care & management is compounded
for complex chronic illness**

Ask the humans

- Patients and providers have multiple misalignments
- Temporality + disease complexity
 - Patients and providers have difficulty assessing health status through time
- Lack of scientific knowledge
 - Patients and providers have difficulty identify management plans and monitoring their impact
- Disease complexity
 - Cannot identify triggers for flare-ups

Divided We Stand: The Collaborative Work of Patients and Providers in an Enigmatic Chronic Disease

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In chronic conditions, patients and providers need support in understanding and managing illness over time. Focusing on endometriosis, an enigmatic chronic condition, we conducted interviews with specialists and focus groups with patients to elicit their work in care specifically pertaining to dealing with an enigmatic disease, both independently and in partnership, and how technology could support these efforts. We found that the work to care for the illness, including reflecting on the illness experience and planning for care, is significantly compounded by the complex nature of the disease: enigmatic condition means uncertainty and frustration in care and management; the multi-factorial and systemic features of endometriosis without any guidance to interpret them overwhelm patients and providers; the different temporal resolutions of this chronic condition confuse both patients and providers; and patients and providers negotiate medical knowledge and expertise in an attempt to align their perspectives. We note how this added complexity demands that patients and providers work together to find common ground and align perspectives, and propose three design opportunities (considerations to construct a holistic picture of the patient, design features to reflect and make sense of the illness, and opportunities and mechanisms to correct misalignments and plan for care) and implications to support patients and providers in their care work. Specifically, the enigmatic nature of endometriosis necessitates complementary approaches from human-centered computing and artificial intelligence, and thus opens a number of future research avenues.

CCS Concepts: • **Human-centered computing** → **User studies**; • **Applied computing** → *Health informatics*.

Additional Key Words and Phrases: illness work; patient-provider partnership; enigmatic disease

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Ask the humans to create AI solutions

The Voice of Endo: Leveraging Speech for an Intelligent System That Can Forecast Illness Flare-ups

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Managing complex chronic illness is challenging due to its unpredictability. This paper explores the potential of voice for automated flare-up forecasts. We conducted a six-week speculative design study with individuals with endometriosis, tasking participants to submit daily voice recordings and symptom logs. Through focus groups, we elicited their experiences with voice capture and perceptions of its usefulness in forecasting flare-ups. Participants were enthusiastic and intrigued at the potential of flare-up forecasts through the analysis of their voice. They highlighted imagined benefits from the experience of recording in supporting emotional aspects of illness and validating both day-to-day and overall illness experiences. Participants reported that their recordings revolved around their endometriosis, suggesting that the recordings' content could further inform forecasting. We discuss potential opportunities and challenges in leveraging the voice as a data modality in human-centered AI tools that support individuals with complex chronic conditions.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Chronic illnesses are challenging for care systems and individuals to manage. These conditions are often heterogeneous in their symptoms and presentation, which means that individuals need personalized support. In some chronic conditions, management is further complicated by unpredictability of flare-ups and uncertainty in how to alleviate them. Endometriosis, a systemic, painful condition with a debilitating impact, is an example of such complex illnesses [4, 83, 110].

Evidence shows that people living with endometriosis want to monitor their illness day-to-day to ascertain their

Informing the Design of Individualized Self-management Regimens from the Human, Data, and Machine Learning Perspectives

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Intelligent systems for self-management can help patients and improve quality of life. However, designing AI-based systems is challenging because designers need to account not only for user needs, but also for capabilities and practical constraints of underlying algorithms. We propose a novel approach – Multi-Perspective Directed Analysis – to align human and technological requirements and constraints that can guide the design of an intelligent system for personal health. We use concepts from a machine learning technique, Reinforcement Learning (RL), to elicit user needs, through directed content analysis of user interviews, and uncover practical data constraints, through analysis of user engagement logs. We gather and triangulate human-machine-data requirements for a self-management tool for individuals with endometriosis – a poorly understood, complex chronic condition with no reliable treatment. We present design implications for developing a system that will meet user needs and is feasible from human user, data, and machine learning perspectives.

CCS Concepts: • Human-centered computing → User studies; • Computing methodologies → Reinforcement learning; • Applied computing → Health informatics.

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Human-centered AI

- Patients need individualized support and like the idea of AI
“AI can hear me better than my doctor” “showing my data gives me a voice”
- **Human control** – from algorithmic-centric suggestions to interactive systems that let patients decide and explore recommendations
- **Privacy** – patients are highly aware of risks of giving their data
- **Trust** – trust in algorithms and in who designs the algorithms are both concerns for patients
- **Safety** – patients assume common sense in AI (and they shouldn't)

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- Beyond endometriosis and other women-specific conditions: menstruation, contraception, menopause

There are multiple, interrelated phenomena at the intersection of sex, gender, and medicine

Data, AI, and technology can help

- elucidate the roles of sex and gender in health
- identify new knowledge
- create new solutions

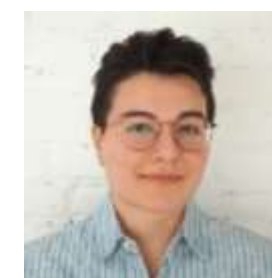
But they also add a layer of complexity

Human-centered approaches are critical

Thank you!



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