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Welcome

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Disparities in emergency care among patients with mental illness

Julie Mackenhauer, Danish Center for Health Services
Research

















Why mental illness?

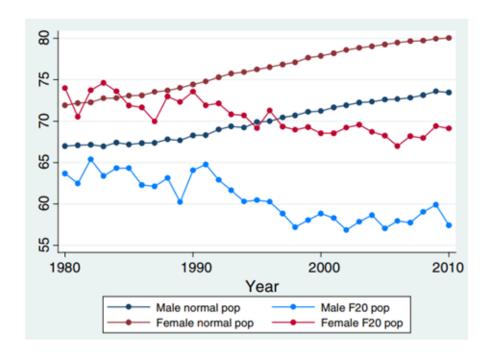


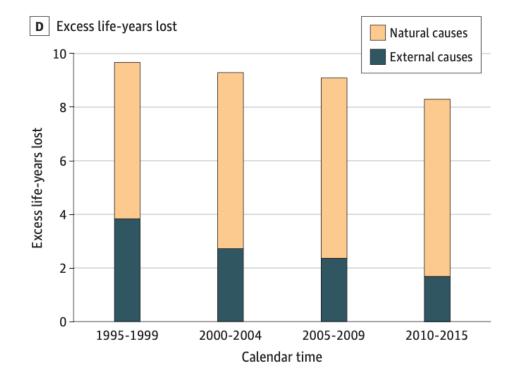
Fig. 2. Average age of death by year for the schizophrenia and general population over three decades with intentional self-harm excluded as cause of death.



Increasing mortality gap for patients diagnosed with schizophrenia over the last three decades — A Danish nationwide study from 1980 to 2010

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RESEARCH LETTER

Changes Over Time in the Differential Mortality Gap in Individuals With Mental Disorders

JAMA Psychiatry June 2020 Volume 77, Number 6

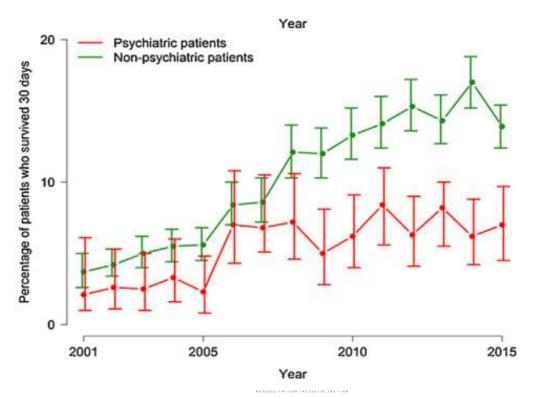
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Emergency care





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Resuscitation

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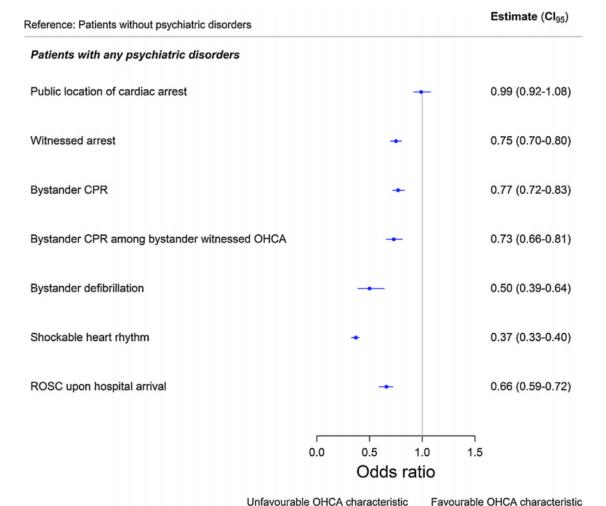


Clinical paper

Out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in patients with psychiatric disorders — Characteristics and outcomes



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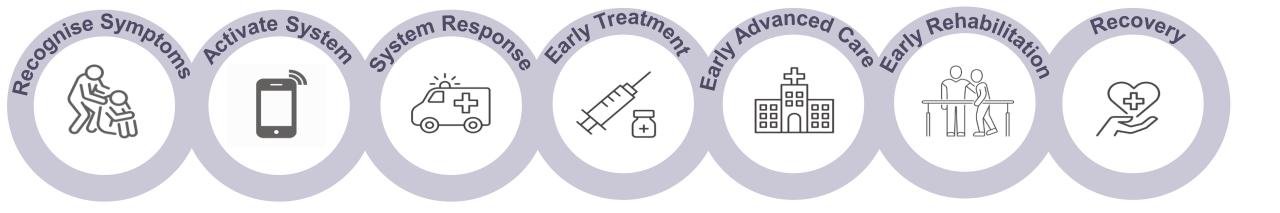








Chain of Survival











CHAIN OF SURVIVAL: Impact of society, healthcare system, mental health and social position

Activate Sys. Living alone. Low health literacy. Stigma from society – no help from bystanders.

System Respo Living in rural area. Political demand to reduce hospital admissions and ambulance dispatches. Poor design of emergency

care systems.

Treatm Limited resources.

Late hospital arrival Atypical symptoms. Stigma from health staff.

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Recova

Higher mortality due to patient-related factors (smoking, drug abuse, alcohol, other co-morbidities.)





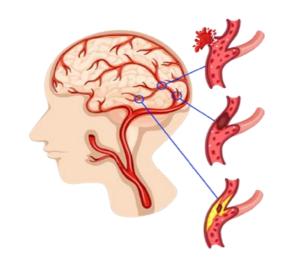


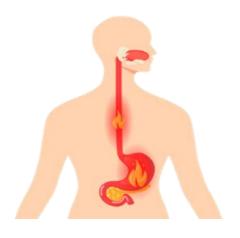




Studies: compare patients with and without a history of mental illness







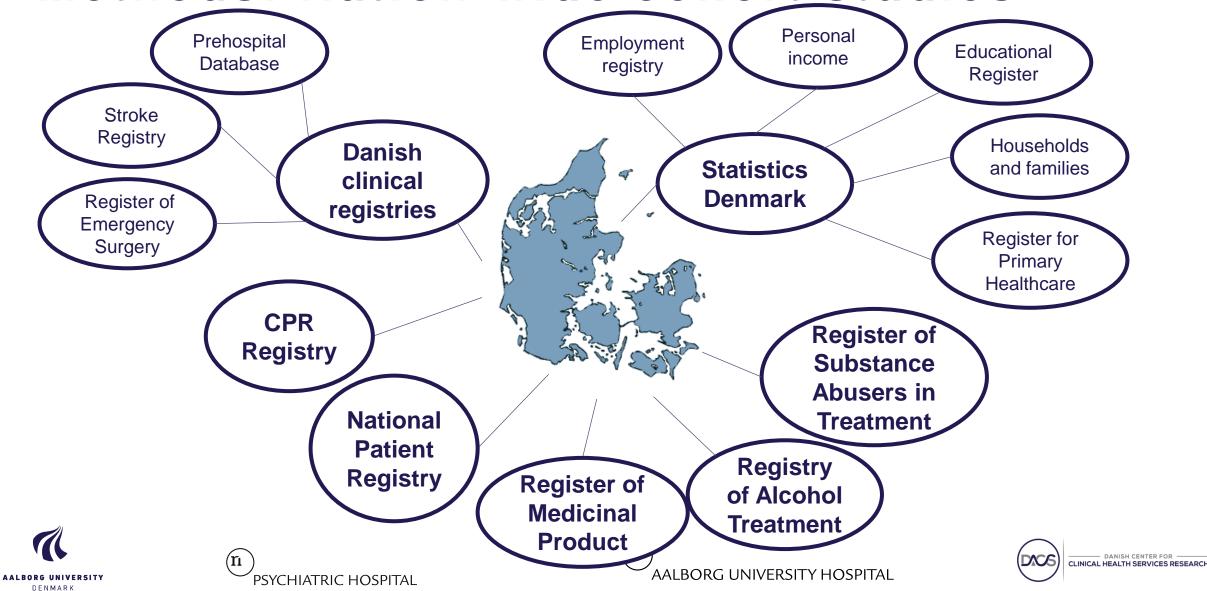








Methods: Nation-wide cohort studies



The 4 groups

History of MAJOR mental illness:

- Schizophrenia or bipolar disease
- Severe depresison or personality disorder

History of MODERATE mental illness

- Any other psychiatric diagnosis
- Consultations at a private psychiatrist

History of MINOR mental illness

Two or more

redeemed prescriptions: Antidepressiva or benzodiazepins

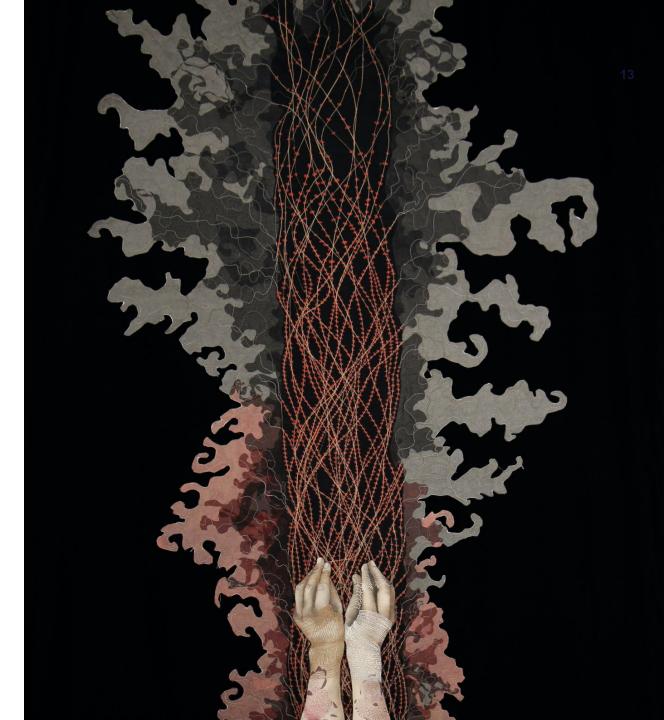
talk therapy or psychometric testing in a primary care setting

referral to a private psychologist

No history of mental illness

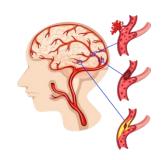
None of the above





Process and outcome measures















RESULTS!

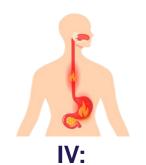


2016-2017 492,388 112-calls



2016-2017 19,592 admissions





2004-2018: 5,767 admissions

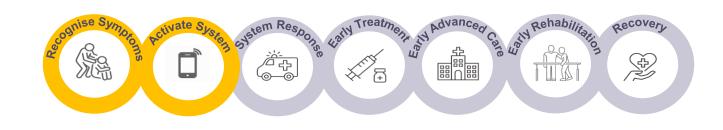








Symptoms when calling 112





None	15% Unclear problem 14% Chest pain 12% Accident
Minor	16% Unclear problem 13% Chest pain 13% Dyspnoea
Moderate	15% Unclear problem 13% Chest pain 9% Alcohol, intoxication, overdose
Major	18% Unclear problem 11% Chest pain 10% Alcohol, intoxication, overdose

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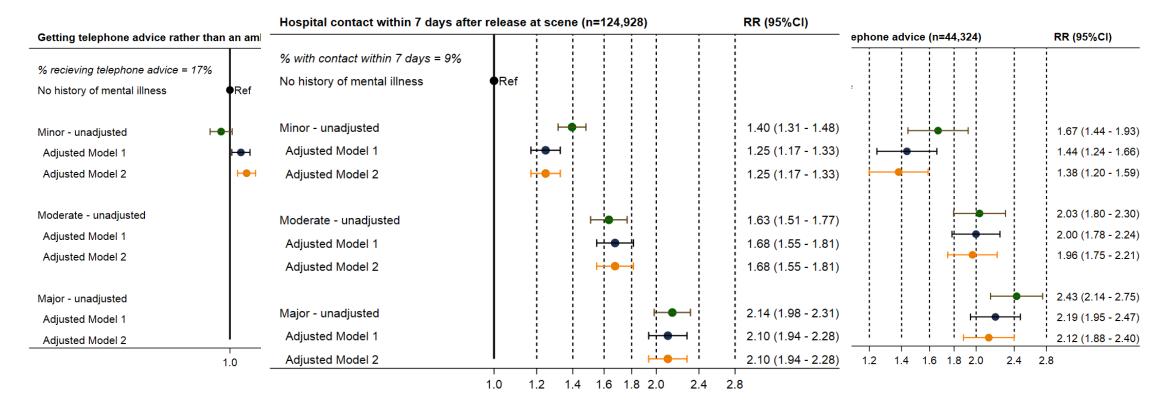
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Quality of prehospital care





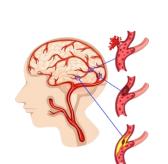








Time from symptom onset to hospital arrival





None	5h 44min
Minor	5h 30min
Moderate	6h 3min
Major	8h



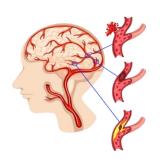


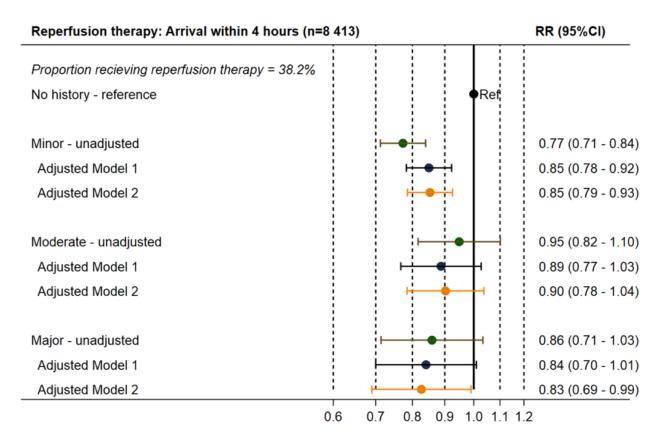




Getting reperfusion therapy







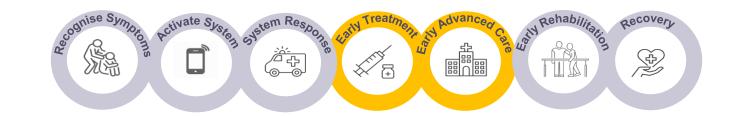




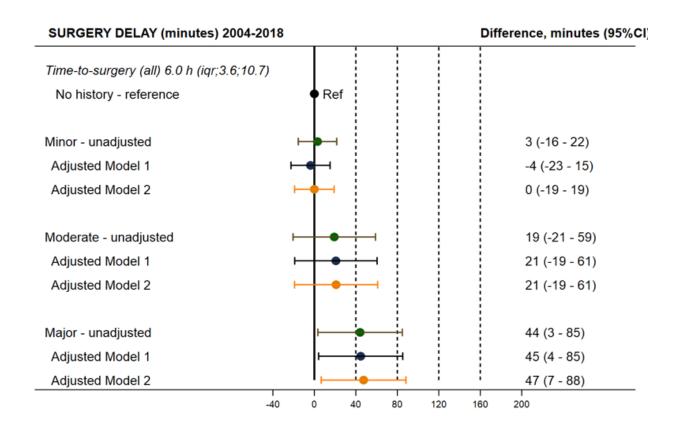




Getting fast surgery





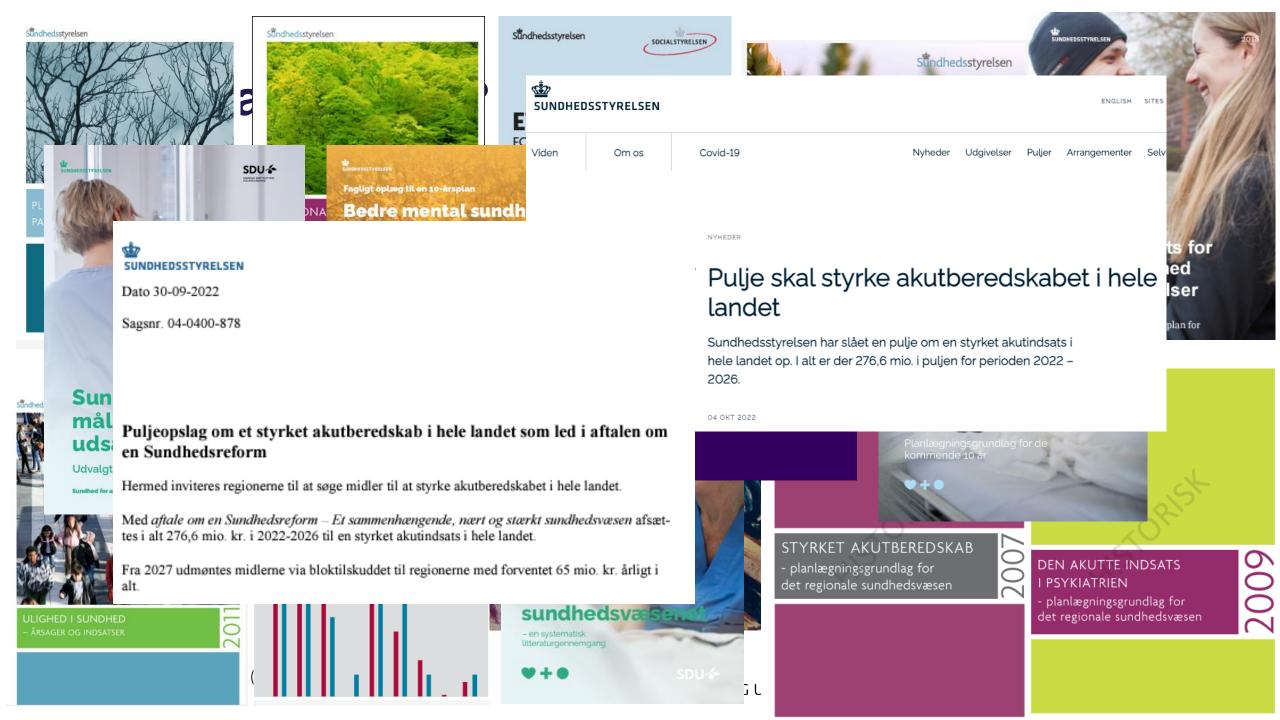












Conclusion

Major:

Long delays from onset of symptoms to hospital arrival.

Major and moderate:

Telephone advice only Unclear problems

Mental illness:

Call 112 again within 24 hours Hospital with 7 days after release at scene

Mental illness:

Less reperfusion therapy

Major:

Less timely surgery and antibiotics

Mental illness:

More recurrent stroke

Major and minor: Higher mortality

1/3 had a history of mental illness

1/3 called EMS



Equal ambulance response times for ambulances with highest level of urgency

Equal on-scene times and transport times

Equal timing of imaging and time-tothrombolysis

High and equal quality of specialized inhospital stroke care, except mobilization





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Impact of COVID-19 on quality of care, activities and social inequalities on other diseases

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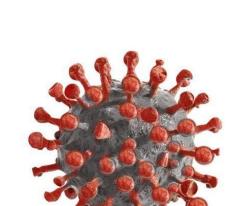


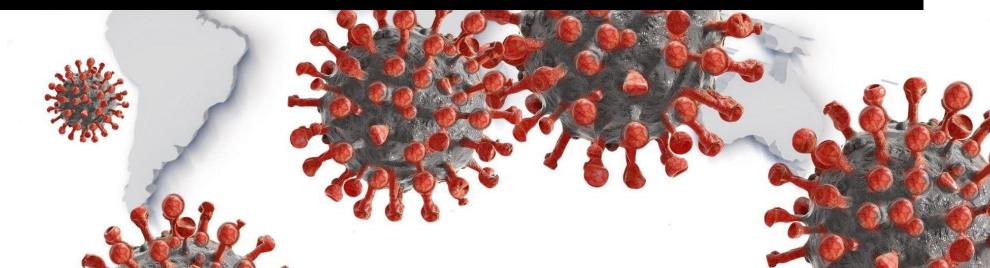
Did COVID-19 contribute to health inequality?

Søren Valgreen Knudsen MD, PhD, Postdoc

Direct Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic

- The OECD has assessed that the COVID-19 pandemic represents the largest global health crisis in the last 100 years.
- COVID-19 has threatened the global economy, social welfare, and the health of the world's population.





Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic

•However, how did the pandemic affect the Danish healthcare systems ability to deliver high quality and equal care for the patients?

The COVID-19 project in Denmark

- The COVID-19 project in Denmark examined the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the diagnosis and treatment and quality of treatment of other diseases
- The project was carried out by The Danish Clinical Quality Program – National Clinical Registries (RKKP) in close collaboration with clinicians within each disease area



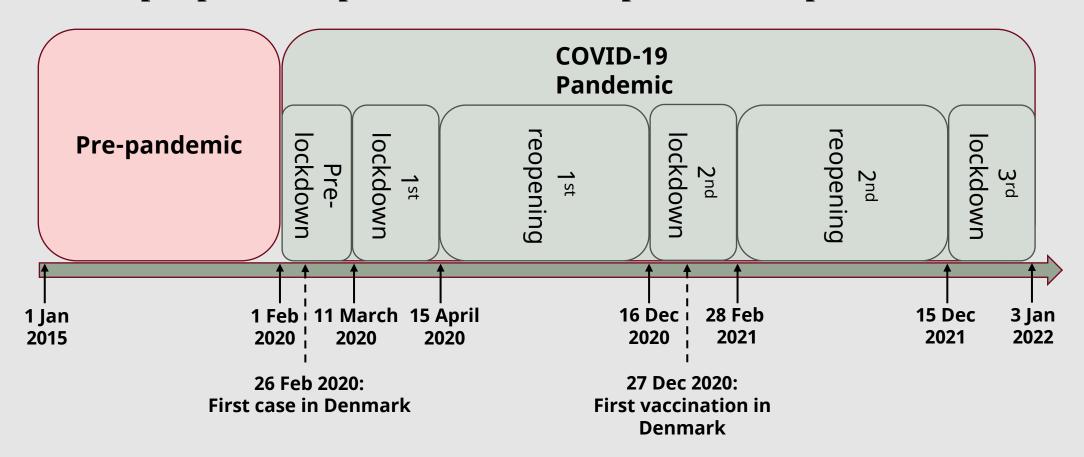
Overview of the study populations, databases, study periods and number of patients or hospital contacts

Main area	Disease area	Database	Period	Numbers
Emergency medicine	Emergency Hospital contacts	The Danish database for acute and emergency hospital contacts	01.02.2019 – 03.01.2022	3,908,304 contacts / 1,847,369 patients
	Stroke	Danish Stroke Registry	13.03.2019 – 27.01.2021	22,781 patients
Chronic Diseases	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	The Danish Register of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	01.01.2015 – 15.12.2021	150,355 admissions 122,041 outpatients
Cancer	Breast cancer	Danish Breast Cancer Group	01.01.2015 - 30.06.2021	30,598 patients (women)
	Lung cancer	Danish Lung Cancer Registry	01.01.2018 – 31.08.2021	18,113 patients
	Colorectal cancer	Danish Colorectal Cancer Group Database	01.01.2018 – 31.12.2020	12,877 patients

Overview of the study populations, databases, study periods and number of patients or hospital contacts

Screening for cancer	Cervical cancer	Danish Quality Database for Cervical Cancer Screening	01.01.2015 – 30.09.2021	2,220,000 invitations / 1,466,353 patients (women)
	Breast cancer	Danish Quality Database for Breast Cancer Screening	01.01.2016 – 30.09.2021	1,828,791 invitations / 847,766 patients (women)
	Colon cancer	Danish Quality Database for Colon Cancer Screening	01.01.2018 – 30.09.2021	3,133,947 invitations / 1,928,725 patients
Palliation	Palliative care	<u>Danish Palliative Care Database</u>	01.01.2018 - 03.01.2022	69,696 referrals, 43,030 courses (admissions)
Psychiatry	Schizophrenia	The Danish Schizophrenia Registry	01.01.2018 – 30.06.2022	7,079 new cases, 64,055 admissions / 12,296 patients, 733,343 outpatient contacts / 24,243 patients

The pre-pandemic period and different phases of the pandemic



Methods

- The activity was analyzed descriptively using numbers, proportions, and weekly averages.
- Quality of care and social inequality were analyzed both descriptively and using regression models, and the results were presented as prevalence ratios (PRs) with corresponding 95% confidence intervals (CI).
- The estimates were adjusted for sex, age, and seasonal variation.
- The PRs were estimated using a Generalized Linear Model (GLM) of the Poisson family with a log link.

Unplanned hospital attendance

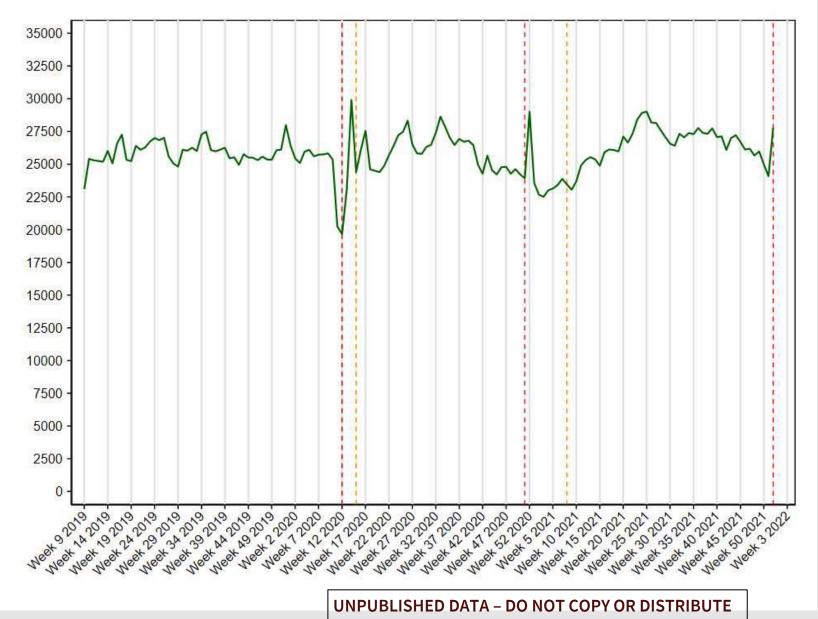
Vertical lines indicate the month of implementation of lockdown (red dotted) and reopening (orange dotted)

Before: 25,130

1st lockdown: 24,260

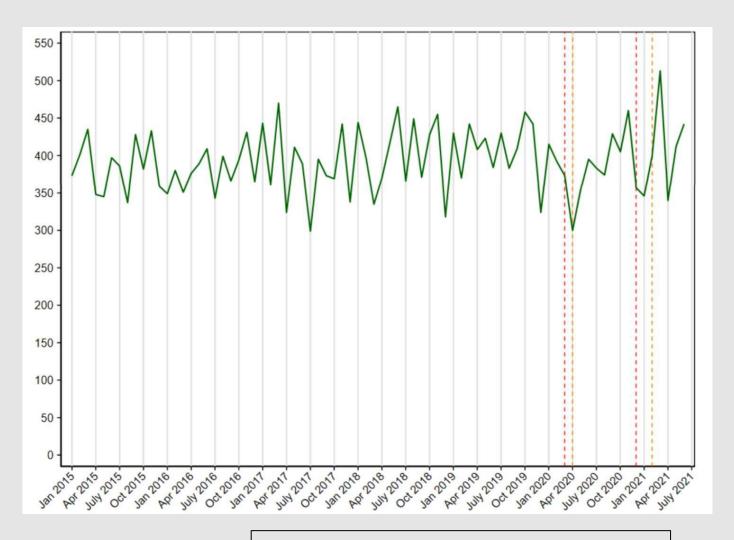
2nd lockdown: 24,500

During: 26,020



Number of newly diagnosed breast cancers

The number of women diagnosed with breast cancer decreased slightly (4%) in the pandemic compared to the prepandemic period



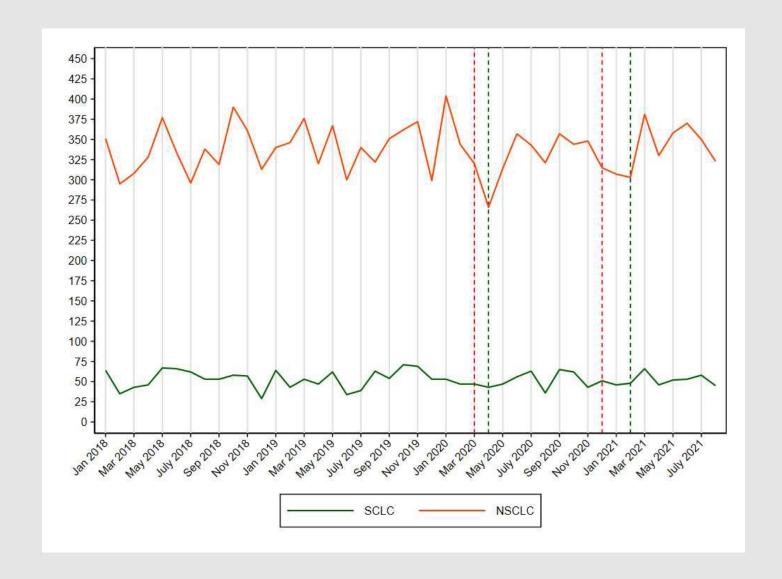
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Number of newly diagnosed lung cancers

The number of patients diagnosed with lung cancer remained unchanged:

4.912 before vs.

4.942 after.



(2020 numbers compared to average in 2018-2019)

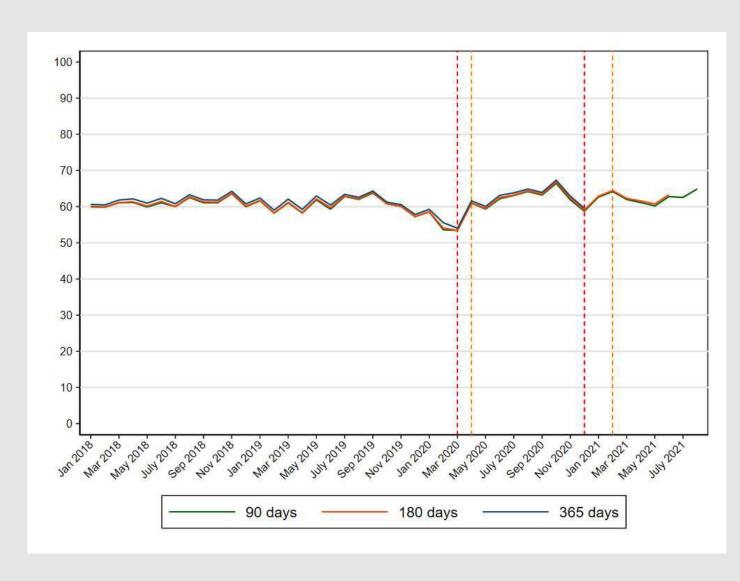
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Participation in bowel cancer screening

Cervical-, colorectal-, and mammography cancer screening participation initially declined.

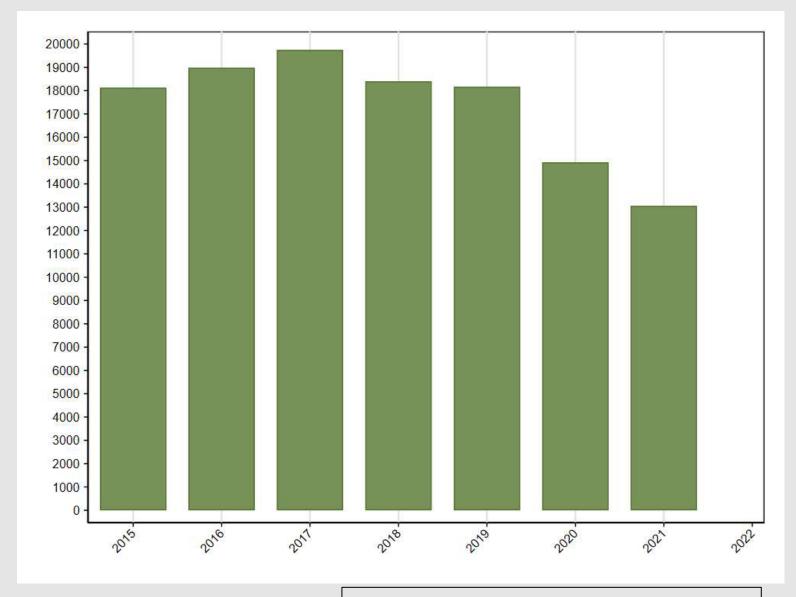
However, as the pandemic progressed and with longer follow-up, participation rates recovered.

In fact, from the 1st reopening onwards, participation in colorectal cancer screening was higher than in the previous years



Outpatient Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) contacts

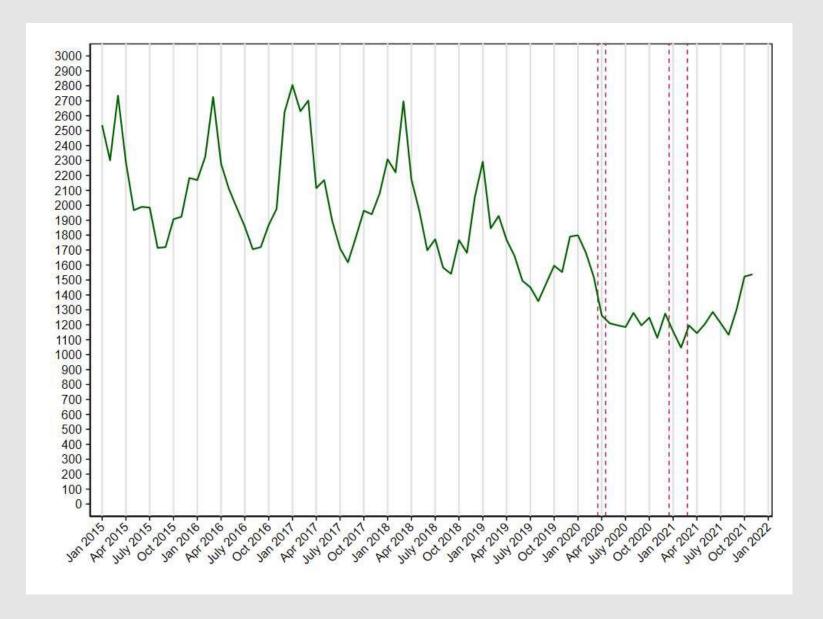
The number of emergency admissions fell 36% from an annual average of 23,937 to 15,335.



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Inpatient Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) contacts

The number of outpatients fell 23% from an annual average of 18,648 to 14,310.



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Quality of care - COPD

 The quality of COPD treatment was mainly unchanged to slightly improved:

- Fewer readmissions for acute exacerbations among inpatients (PR=0.93; 95% CI: 0.90-0.96)
- Fewer outpatients with two or more exacerbation within a year (PR=0.82; 95% CI: 0.80-0.84)

Quality of care – breast cancer

■ The quality of breast cancer treatment overall was stable

■ A higher proportion of patients receiving neoadjuvant chemotherapy (PR=1.15; 95% CI: 1.06-1.24)

■ There were no significant differences in the type of primary surgery

Quality of care – colorectal cancer

- The quality of colorectal cancer treatment improved
 - More treated with a curative aim (PR=1.02; 95% CI: 1.01-1.03)
 - More being operated on by specialists (PR=1.07; 95% CI: 1.06-1.08)
 - Fewer emergency operations (PR=0.77; 95% CI: 0.66-0.91)
 - A decrease in the proportion of patients waiting more than 28 days for the start of chemotherapy after surgery (PR=0.84; 95% CI: 0.78-0.90)
 - Proportion of patients dying within 90 days from operation did not change significantly (PR=1.02; 95% CI: 0.84-1.23)

Quality of care – lung cancer

- The quality of lung cancer treatment remained consistent:
 - No change in proportion of patients undergoing surgery (PR=1.00; 95% CI: 0.94-1.05)
 - No changes in the proportion of patients who had surgery (PR=1.00; 95% CI: 0.94-1.05)
 - No changes in proportion of patients or who died within 90 days of diagnosis of lung cancer (PR=1.02; 95% CI: 0.96-1.08)

Quality of care – schizophrenia

- Remained unchanged, by proportion of patients who:
 - Underwent a diagnostic interview (37.0 vs 37.9%; PR=0.87; 95% CI: 0.68-1.12)
 - Underwent family intervention (57.7 vs 57.1%; PR=0.97; 95% CI: 0.81-1.15)
 - Were screened for suicide risk (55.2 vs 56.8%; PR=0.96; 95% CI: 0.97-1.09)
 - No changes in the proportion of readmissions (35.9 vs 35.0%; PR=0.97; 95% CI: 0.88-1.07)
 - A small but statistically significant proportion had their social support needs investigated (29.8 vs 29.6%; PR=1.62; 95% CI: 1.10-2.40)

Changes in use and participation in health services during the pandemic compared to the pre-pandemic period based on socioeconomic factors

	Emergency hospital contacts	COPD outpatient	COPD inpatient	Cervical Cancer Screening	Breast cancer screening	Bowel cancer screening	Breast cancer	Bowel cancer	Lung cancer
Ethnicity (migrant)	\	\rightarrow	\	\	\	↑	↑	\	\rightarrow
Marital status (living alone)	↓	\	\	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Education (short)	\	\	\	↓	\rightarrow	\rightarrow	\	\rightarrow	\rightarrow
Income (low)	↓	N/A	N/A	\	\	\	\	↑	\

 The Danish healthcare system has demonstrated a high degree of resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic.

 Despite the challenging circumstances, hospital activity remained largely unaffected, and the quality of diagnosis and treatment in several healthcare areas remained high.

 This resilience reflects the system's ability to maintain essential functions and meet the healthcare needs of the population.

 However: Social disparities were observed in all sub-studies, with the pandemic exacerbating social inequalities in health.

•Immigrants, people living alone, those with short education, and low-income individuals unfortunately had a negatively impacted pattern of healthcare contact during the pandemic.

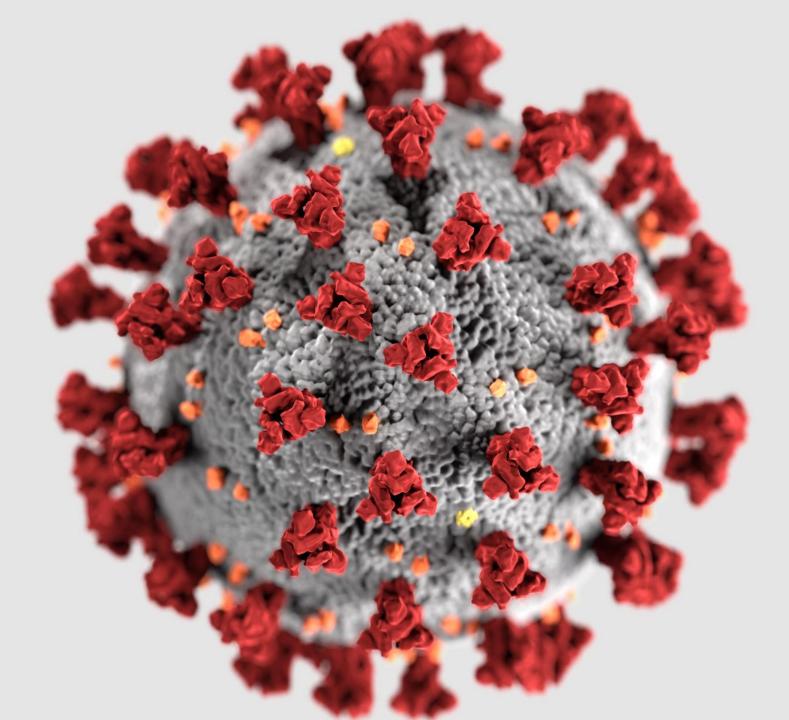
 COVID-19 was a magnifying glass for inequalities in the Danish Health care

system



Thank you for your attention

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High quality care for older patients with frailty – building a national clinical database

Lone Winther Lietzen, Aarhus University Hospital







High quality care for older patients with frailty - building a national clinical database

Lone Winther Lietzen Geriatrician, PhD, Clinical Associate Professor Department of Geriatrics, Aarhus University Hospital







The Danish Quality Database for Older Adults with Frailty, DANFRAIL

Clinical experience → deficiencies and variation

Hale et al, 2019

Frailty → functional loss, high mortality, Lengthof-Stay, re-admissions, long-term care facility

Aucoin et al, 2020
Fehlmann et al, 2022

Inter-disciplinary and inter-sectoral approach

Danish Geriatric Society (2019)



The Danish Quality Database for Older Adults with Frailty, DANFRAIL

Vision:

Identify variation and improve quality of care to all older patients no matter where they meet the healthcare system

Kedar Mate: Think big – Start small

Improvement starts with data



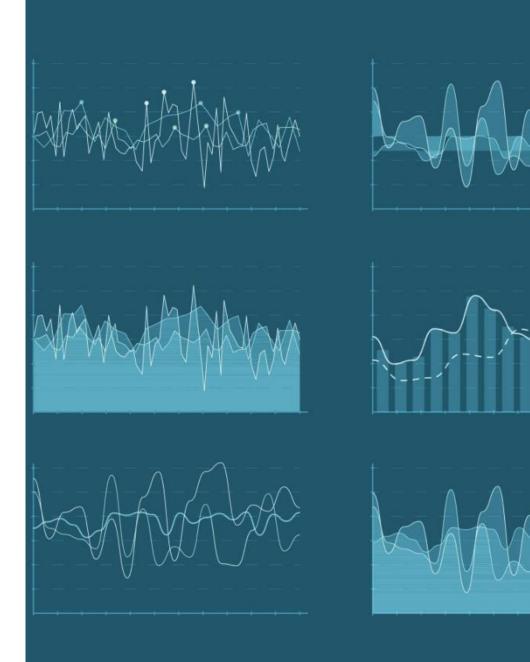
Danish quality databases

85 clinical quality databases:

Not for control or monitoring of clinicians

 Data is basis for dialog with clinicians to improve patient outcome

Run by the Danish Clinical Quality Program in collaboration with clinicians and patients/relatives



THE EPIDEMIOLOGIST'S DREAM: DENMARK (Science, 2003) (Science, 2000) When an Entire Country is a Cohort

Science

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The Epidemiologist's Dream: Denmark











promiers of a U.S. study of children's health could work in an ideal world, it might be Denmark. Epidemiologists there finished enrolling a cohort of 100,000 pregnant women into a mother-and-child research project last September and expect to finish collecting data from the children over the next year. The entire survey-which is large for this country of 70,000 annual births—is to be completed in 2005 for about \$15 million, a tiny fraction of what the cost would be in the United States.

IDEAL PLACE FOR DATA-BASED IMPROVEMENT WORK



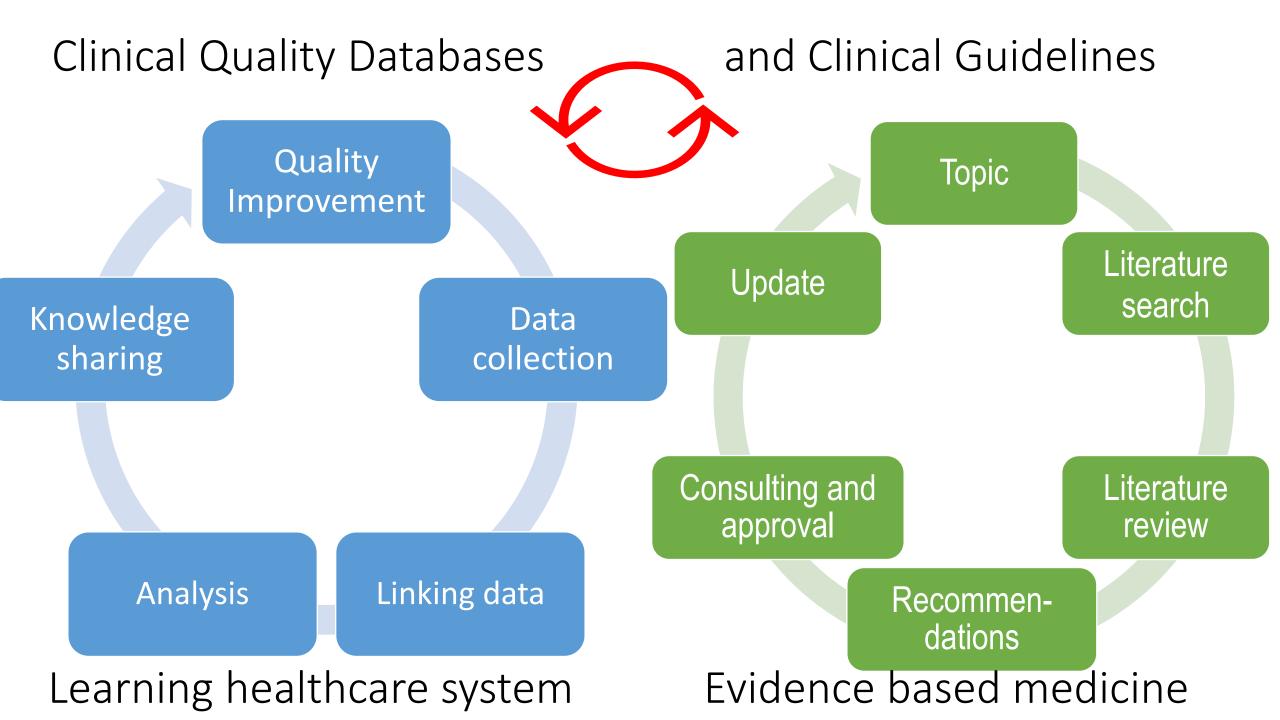
National quality databases

Individual-level linkage across databases

Lifetime follow-up

Universal taxfunded healthcare

Danish Cancer Registry General (since 1943) Registry of Causes of Practice Death Database (since 1943) (since 2007) Danish Stroke Re Registry (since 2003) Western **Denmark Heart** Registry (since 1999) **Danish Breast** Cancer Pathology Cooperative **Database** Group (since 1997) National Registry Prescription (since 1977) Database (since 1995) Schmidt et al, 2014



Method

Co-design:

Workshop (2021)

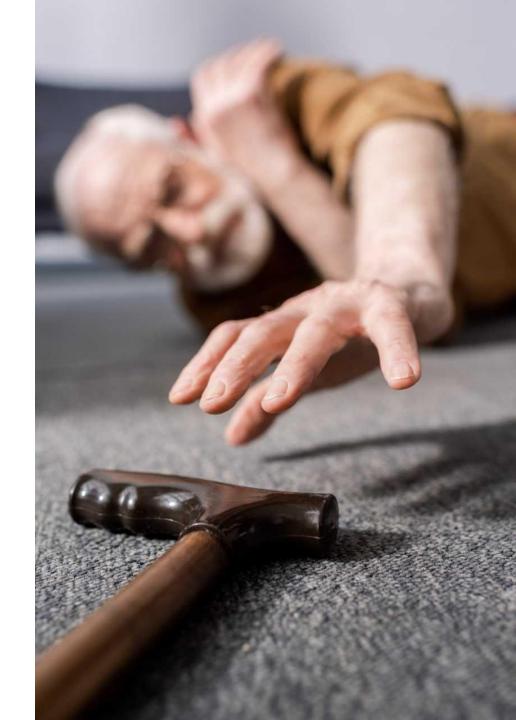
Database team and steering commitee (2022) – interdisciplinary, intersectoral, and with relatives and DaneAge Association

Consensus meetings to develop indicators:

- Patient journey mapping
- Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment

Donabedian framework:

Process indicators Structure indicators Outcome indicators



Population

Population: Patients ≥80 old

Setting:

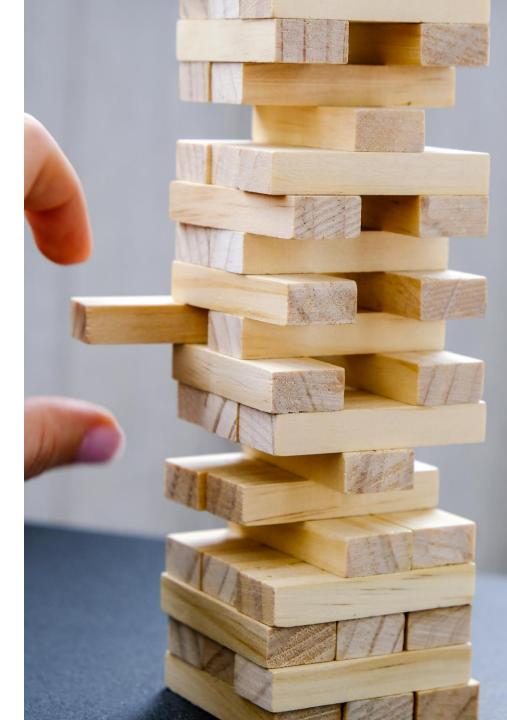
Departments with acute admission in Denmark

Approximately 180.000 contacts/year in ≥80 old

Frailty estimated between 35% - 67%

 \rightarrow 63.000 – 120.000 contacts

Aucoin et al, 2020 RKKP explorative data, 2022



Indicator 1: Clinical Frailty Scale (CFS)

Nine-level judgement based assessment

Baseline health status 14 days prior to admission

Validated in Danish

Strong inter-reliability

CFS 5-8

*	1	VERY FIT	People who are robust, active, energetic and motivated. They tend to exercise regularly and are among the fittest for their age.
•	2	FIT	People who have no active disease symptoms but are less fit than category 1. Often, they exercise or are very active occasionally, e.g., seasonally.
t	3	MANAGING Well	People whose medical problems are well controlled, even if occasionally symptomatic, but often are not regularly active beyond routine walking.
•	4	LIVING WITH VERY MILD FRAILTY	Previously "vulnerable," this category marks early transition from complete independence. While not dependent on others for daily help, often symptoms limit activities. A common complaint is being "slowed up" and/or being tired during the day.
	5	LIVING WITH MILD Frailty	People who often have more evident slowing, and need help with high order instrumental activities of daily living (finances, transportation, heavy housework). Typically, mild frailty progressively impairs shopping and walking outside alone, meal preparation, medications and begins to restrict light housework.

CLINICAL FRAILTY SCALE



SCORING FRAILTY IN PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA

The degree of frailty generally corresponds to the degree of dementia. Common symptoms in mild dementia include forgetting the details of a recent event, though still remembering the event itself, repeating the same question/story and social withdrawal.

In moderate dementia, recent memory is very impaired, even though they seemingly can remember their past life events well. They can do personal care with prompting.

In severe dementia, they cannot do personal care without help.

In very severe dementia they are often bedfast. Many are virtually mute.



Clinical Frailty Scale ©2005–2020 Rockwood, Version 2.0 (EN). All rights reserved. For permission: www.geriatricmedicineresearch.ca Rockwood K et al. A global clinical measure of fitness and frailty in elderly people. CMAJ 2005;173:489–495.

Domains currently worked on

Medications review → inappropriate use

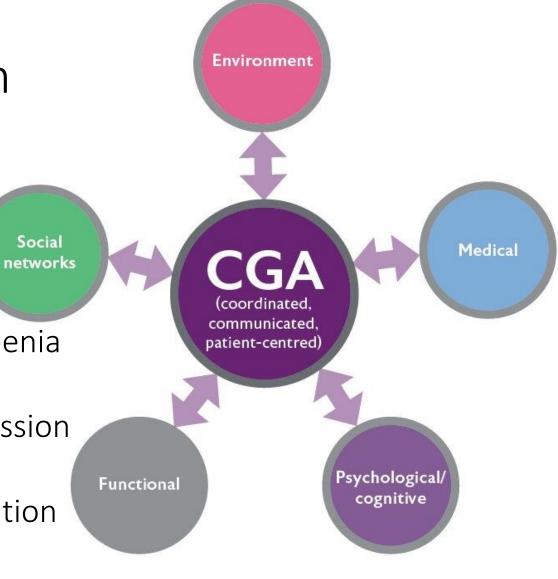
Nutritional assessment → malnutrition

Functional capacity → inactivity and sarcopenia

Basic needs → underlying reasons for admission

Social network and cognition → social situation

Communication and coherence



Social



Hope: detangle complexity to improve care





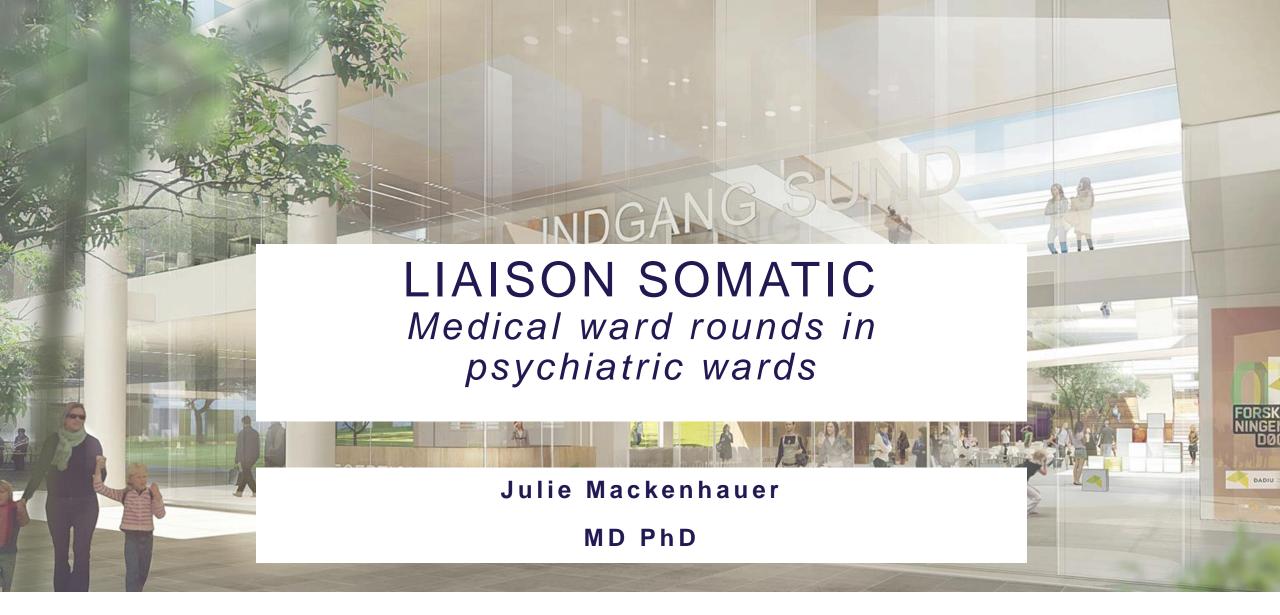
Weekly medical rounds in psychiatric wards improve identification and treatment of physical illness in a cohort of patients with severe mental illness

Julie Mackenhauer, Danish Center for Health Services Research

















What did we do?



Så når vi skal skabe viden der virker... må borgeren inddrages i udviklingen af services













Integrated care

2015



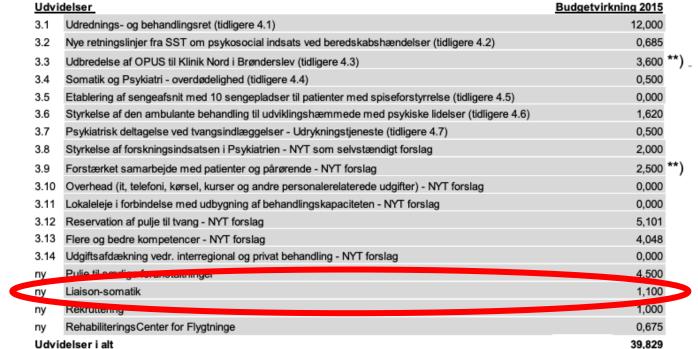


Budgetaftale 2015

- Forandringsvilje og fremtidssikring

I gode hænder hos REGION NORDJYLLAND

Shared wallues and visition
Shared guidelines
Communication and data
Navigator
Multidisciplinary
Clear concept
Evaluation and research







Integrated care



















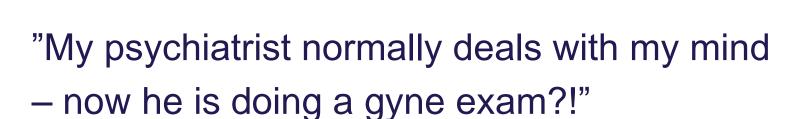


Co-creation

2015

2017

"Even the secretary tells me not to come, when I call my GP..."



"Please wear white coats"











PDSA – plan do study act

2015

2017

2018

over the phone

by the medical staff

Staff **Psych** Before - when I asked for a medical

consultation, they would just give me advice

I think my patient is too unwell to be seen

Peerboard

mentally unwell

See me - also when I am

White coats = real docs!

Do

Act

Staff Medical

Am I safe here?



This makes so much sense!

Why didn't you call before?



Study

Equipment

Urine cultures? Otoscope? Where is it?!





Navigator

Who should refer patients?

Who should follow-up?

What is PDSA?



Projecy leader

Co-creation - how? PDSA and small-scale testing is a slow proces!

DENMARK



PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

Plan





Liaison Somatic – every tuesday

2015

2017

2018

2022

- In-patient psych-wards and forensic psych wards
- Four medical consultants and three nurses
- Navigator: Psych nurse (the same one)
- Patients referred by staff
- Weekly chart review of all admitted patients
- Any symptom/disease: Surgical, medical...
- Not just giving advice
 - Prescripe drugs
 - Refer and follow up on test results
- Participate in noon-meeting for psych staff







Liaison Somatic - evaluation



Study population

Adults in-patient psychiatric wards - bipolar disease or schizophrenia November 2016 - Juni 2020 = 3 year 7 months

- Liaison consultation
- No liaison cosultation









Liaison Somatik - evaluation



OUTCOME

Chest xray, echocardiography, cancer pathway

Urgent transfer to non-pshyatric wards

New non-psych out-patient visits

New non-psych drug (diabetes, hypertention, cholesterol, antibiotics, lung inhalers)

Hepatitis B/C

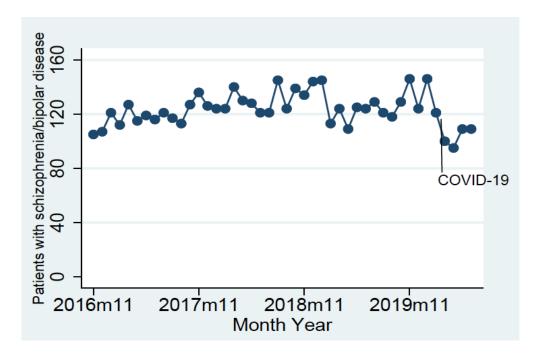


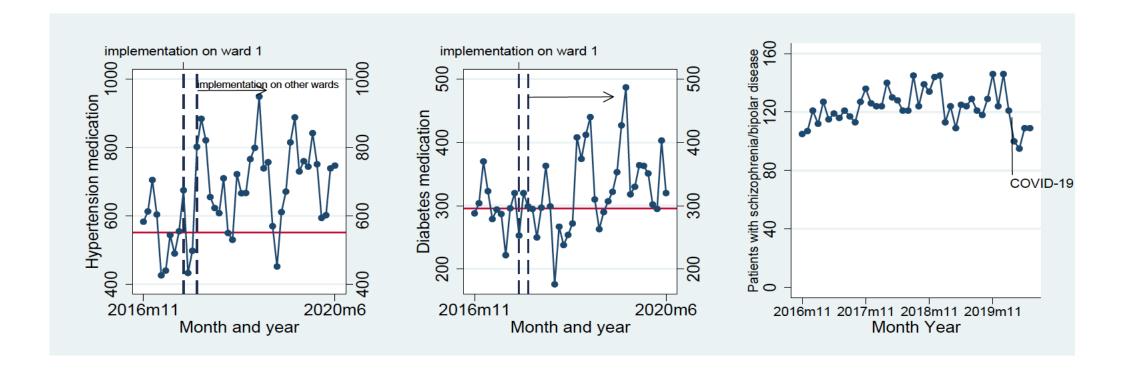






Liason	No liaison	
consultation	consultation	
n=193	n=724	







Liaison consultation (n=193)

	Time liason-to- procedure,	Completed during admission
	Median [IQR]	
Chest x-ray	8 days [1;47]	47%
Echocardiography	13 days [6;44]	60%
Cancer referral	12 days [7;24]	67%
Administration of new non-psych drug	1 day [0;1]	100%









Is liaison somatic effective?



For patients with bipolar disease or schizophrenia

- More chest xray
- More cancer referrals (during admission!)
- More echocardiography (during admission!)
- Mere medication for hypertension and diabetes



For patients with other psych diagnosis – also effective?

For patients seen by the medical team...

- Urgent transfers
- New non-psych out-patients visitis

Maybe as often as before?





















	Unique patients	No procedures	Time liason-to- procedure, Median [IQR]	Completed during admission	
New non-psych out-patient visit	45	56	8 days [2;26]	37%	Department Cardio (n=6) Gastro (n=5) Ortho (n=5) Gyn (n=4)
Urgent transfer to non-psych ward	9	11	2 days [0;3]	100%	Department ED (n=5) Pulmonary (n=2) Infectious (n=2) LOS median 1 day [0;4]











Discussion

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Did you hear about breakthrough ideas, methods, or results in the Improvement Science Stream?

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Relevant sessions:

- A9. Introduction to the Science Symposium stream and new methodologies / evaluation design (Tuesday 11:00 12:15)
- B10. The science of workforce and patient safety the challenges and opportunities of technology for improvement (Tuesday 13:15-14:30)
- C9. The science of workforce and patient safety (Tuesday 15:00-16:00)
- D9. How can Improvement Science improve the quality of care? (Wednesday 11:00 12:15)
- E9. Delivering equity and sustainability (Wednesday 13:15-14:30)
- F9. What have we learned about the science of improvement? What's next? (Wednesday 15:00 16:00)



