

Population Effects of Influenza A(H1N1) Pandemic among Health Plan Members, San Diego, California, USA, October–December 2009

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Lacking population-specific data, activity of seasonal and pandemic influenza is usually tracked by counting the number of diagnoses and visits to medical facilities above a baseline. This type of data does not address the delivery of services in a specific population. To provide population-specific data, this retrospective study of patients with influenza-like illness, influenza, and pneumonia among members of a Kaiser Permanente health plan in San Diego, California, USA, during October–December 2009 was initiated. Population data included the number of outpatients accessing healthcare; the number of patients diagnosed with pneumonia; antimicrobial therapy administered; number of patients hospitalized with influenza, influenza-like illness, or pneumonia; level of care provided; and number of patients requiring specialized treatments (e.g., oxygen, ventilation, vasopressors). The rate of admissions specific to weeks and predictions of 2 epidemiologic models shows the strengths and weaknesses of those tools. Data collected in this study may improve planning for influenza pandemics.

Planning for pandemic influenza would be enhanced by accurate prediction of the percent of the population that would be infected and those who would access healthcare; the level of outpatient and inpatient services, from primary to tertiary care; and the number of patients who had complications such as pneumonia and needed specialized care such as ventilation and observation in an intensive care unit. The pandemic of influenza A(H1N1) that occurred during 2009 (pH1N1) provided an opportunity to answer some of these questions and provide information that could assist in planning for future pandemics. Therefore, I conducted a retrospective study of members of the Kaiser Permanente (KP) health plan in San Diego, California, USA, who reported influenza-like illness (ILI) during the pH1N1 pandemic.

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Methods

Patients and Study Design

This study does not identify the number of pH1N1 infections among the population but does identify the number of outpatients and inpatients in this population who accessed medical care. Data on outpatients, for whom influenza diagnostic studies were not done, includes the number who had ILI or influenza A and those who were treated with oseltamivir, received a diagnosis of pneumonia, were confirmed to have pneumonia based on chest radiograph, and were treated for pneumonia. Antimicrobial regimens administered are also documented. For inpatients, the data include the number admitted to a hospital with a diagnosis of ILI, influenza A, or pneumonia; those who were treated for ILI, pneumonia, or both; the antimicrobial regimens administered; the level of care received (regular medical or a higher level such as telemetry, assignment to an intensive care unit [ICU], bilevel positive airway pressure [BiPAP]/continuous positive airway pressure [CPAP], ventilation, vasopressors, and hemodialysis); the length of stay (LOS) in the hospital; and the results of testing for influenza A. These data are provided to assist medical and public health professionals in estimating the demand for outpatient and inpatient care and pharmaceutical supplies.

The members of the KP health plan are predominantly employed or formerly employed persons, which may mean that this population is not generally representative of the general population of the United States. However, it is similar to the general population in San Diego County (online Technical Appendix Table 1, <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/EID/article/22/2/15-0618-Techapp1.pdf>).

Patient-specific data for KP members were extracted electronically from 2 sources: care provided to KP members by providers in the KP system and care provided by providers outside that system. For the months of October–December, 2009, the KP San Diego outpatient database was searched for all visits to a healthcare provider by

persons with the diagnoses of ILI, influenza, or pneumonia; the inpatient database was searched for all discharges coded as ILI or influenza. Each of the electronic charts for outpatients that included diagnoses of ILI, influenza, or pneumonia was reviewed for documentation of a provider's reading of chest radiograph, a radiologist's report of chest radiograph, and treatment with antiviral or antibacterial therapy. Adhering to KP policy, nasopharyngeal swabs from outpatients were not sent for testing for influenza RNA by using PCR.

Electronic charts for inpatients that included ILI, influenza, or pneumonia were also reviewed for diagnosis of any of the 3 conditions and a reading of a chest radiograph by a provider and a radiologist. Also documented were treatment with antiviral or antibacterial therapy; level and length of care in medical, telemetry, or ICUs; receipt of respiratory therapy (oxygen, BiPAP/CPAP, ventilation); vasopressor therapy; hemodialysis; LOS; and results of or lack of testing for influenza by culture, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (EIA), or PCR on secretions from a nasopharyngeal swab.

In addition, records of KP San Diego members who were seen by providers outside the KP system for whom influenza, ILI, and pneumonia were diagnosed were extracted electronically. For each of these patients, the LOS was available.

KP demographic data was electronically extracted from various databases. Annual median household income and education levels were determined on the basis of US Census Bureau–derived geocoding for the KP member's ZIP code of residence (<http://geocoding.geo.census.gov/geocoder>). KP members were stratified into 3 groups (low, medium, and high) on the basis of the percentage of household members with a high school diploma or higher degree.

Chronic conditions were extracted from a KP database that documents selected chronic conditions of particular interest to the health plan. Demographic data from San Diego County was supplied by an epidemiologist employed by the county (R.B.). Data on chronic kidney disease (CKD) was extracted from the United States Renal Data System based on data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES, <http://www.usrds.org/atlas12.aspx>).

Case Definition

A case was designated as ILI or influenza on the basis of the provider's diagnosis and the discharge diagnosis of the patient. Confirmation of the diagnosis of influenza was based on the results of a culture, an EIA, or PCR for influenza A RNA performed on nasopharyngeal swab samples. Diagnosis of pneumonia for all patients evaluated in a KP facility was based on a chest radiograph report by a radiologist, in contrast to diagnoses for patients

evaluated in a non-KP facilities, which were based on the discharge diagnosis.

Attack Rate

This study only provides data for the persons who accessed health care and does not include data for those who did not; thus, the attack rate in this population could not be calculated. Other studies have provided information on the attack rate. In 2010, Kelly et al. estimated the cumulative incidence of infection during the first wave of the 2009 pandemic as 16%–28% in preschool-age children, 34%–43% in school-age children, 12%–15% in young adults, and 2%–3% in older adults (1); the mean attack rate was 19.1%. Gilbert et al. estimated the attack rate of the 2009 influenza A(H1N1) pandemic to be $\approx 20.6\%$ (2). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published summary estimates of the morbidity and mortality of the 2009 pandemic during April 2009–April 2010 (http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/estimates_2009_h1n1.htm); mid-level range estimates were ≈ 61 million cases for all ages. The population of the United States in 2009 can be estimated to be 306,013,175 based on the populations in the 2000 and 2010 census reports and the average incremental increase in the population, which was 2,732,363 per year. Using the estimate of ≈ 61 million cases for all ages and the population estimate of 306,013,175, the mean attack rate for all ages would be $\approx 19.9\%$ (61 million divided by 306,013,175; <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-01.pdf>).

Results

Demographic Data

Complete demographic data consisting of age and sex distribution, race/ethnicity, language, estimated income, estimated education level, obesity, and smoking for San Diego KP members and for San Diego County residents are listed in online Technical Appendix Table 1. Chronic conditions tracked among patients of KP and non-KP members in San Diego County are given in online Technical Appendix Table 2, and the criteria that KP used to acquire the data are in Diagnostic Criteria in the online Technical Appendix. Combinations of selected chronic conditions in KP health plan members, as of December 2009, are provided in online Technical Appendix Table 3.

Estimated Numbers of Infected Persons

On the basis of an attack rate of 20%, the estimated numbers of San Diego KP members with influenza A(H1N1) for October, November, and December 2009 were 99,144, 98,982, and 98,989, respectively (mean 99,038/3 months; Table 1). Of the estimated total San Diego KP health plan members infected, the numbers who accessed outpatient

Table 1. Estimated influenza-like illness among KP members treated as outpatients in KP and non-KP facilities, San Diego, California, USA, October–December 2009*

Characteristics	Total population				Rate per 100,000 members		
	October	November	December	Mean	October	November	December
KP health plan population, San Diego	495,718	494,911	494,947	495,192	100,000	100,000	100,000
Estimated infections (20% attack rate)	99,144	98,982	98,989	99,038	20,000	20,000	20,000
Number who accessed IPH	2,439	3,202	1,038	NA	492	647	209
Number of outpatients diagnosed with pneumonia	69	124	26	NA	13.9	25.1	5.3
Number of outpatients diagnosed with pneumonia by chest radiograph	31	57	17	NA	6.3	11.5	3.4
Number of outpatients diagnosed with pneumonia, OOPHC	23	17	18	NA	4.6	3.4	3.6
Number of outpatients diagnosed with pneumonia by chest radiograph, OOPHC	ND	ND	ND	NA	ND	ND	ND
Number of outpatients diagnosed with pneumonia	92	141	44	NA	18.5	28.5	8.9

*IPH, in-plan health care; KP, Kaiser Permanente; OOPHC, out-of-plan health care; NA, not applicable; ND, no data available.

care during October, November, and December 2009 were 2,432, ($\approx 0.49\%$), 3,202 ($\approx 0.64\%$), and 1,038 (0.21%), respectively (Table 1). During those 3 months, pneumonia was diagnosed in 105 outpatients based on a radiologist's report: 60 in the 0–18-year age group and 45 in the 19–>90-year age group. All were treated as outpatients: Online Technical Appendix Table 4 lists the number of persons with ILI, pneumonia by clinical diagnosis, and pneumonia by radiological diagnosis for age and gender. Table 1 lists by month the health plan population in San Diego, the estimated number of infections based on an attack rate of $\approx 20\%$, the number of members who accessed healthcare, the number diagnosed with pneumonia, and, for those evaluated in a KP facility, the number in whom pneumonia was diagnosed on the basis of a radiologist's report.

The most frequently prescribed antimicrobial regimens for outpatients evaluated in a KP facility in whom pneumonia was diagnosed were azithromycin ($n = 60$) and amoxicillin ($n = 47$) for patients ages 0–18; for patients ages >18, moxifloxacin, doxycycline, and azithromycin were most frequently prescribed. Oseltamivir was administered to 104 (age 0–18) of ≈ 136 and 46 (age 19–>90) of ≈ 83 outpatients with pneumonia (values are estimates because age groups did not align exactly; online Technical Appendix Table 5).

Inpatients Infected

During October–December 2009, a total of 90 patients with ILI were admitted to a KP hospital: 34 in October, 52 in November, and 4 in December. Of these, 24 (26.7%) were 0–19 years of age and 66 (73.3%) were 20–>90 years of age (online Technical Appendix Table 6). Nasopharyngeal swab samples for 55 of the 90 tested positive by PCR for influenza A; 2 tested positive by EIA and 1 by culture. No patient had a negative PCR and a positive EIA or culture (online Technical Appendix Table 7). Seven patients were admitted to the ICU; 6 were placed on ventilators, and 5 were treated with vasopressors (Table 2). Inpatients with pneumonia indicated by chest radiograph had a longer LOS than did patients with ILI alone (Table 3).

Of the 90 inpatients, 72 received antibacterial regimens (17 ceftriaxone/doxycycline and 13 ceftriaxone/azithromycin); 87 received oseltamivir (online Technical Appendix Table 8). All 5 patients 0–18 years of age whose chest radiographs were read as pneumonia had positive PCR results for influenza A(H1N1)pdm09. Of the 16 whose chest radiographs were read as no pneumonia, 7 had positive PCR results and 7 were negative; PCR testing was not done for the other 2. Of those ≥ 19 years of age with pneumonia, 23 of 27 had positive PCR results. Of the 36 inpatients who did not have pneumonia, 18 were positive for influenza A by PCR and 16 negative; testing was not done for 2 (online Technical Appendix Table 9).

Discussion

Among the KP San Diego membership, a stable population, this study identified outpatients and inpatients during October–December 2009 who were diagnosed with influenza or ILI. All outpatients with a clinical influenza/ILI diagnosis, and those with that diagnosis and pneumonia, and the antimicrobial regimens prescribed, were recorded. Inpatients with clinical influenza/ILI diagnosis, with that diagnosis and pneumonia and the level/intensity of care

Table 2. Number of inpatients with influenza-like illness who received specialized care at KP medical center, San Diego, California, USA, during October–December 2009*

Specialized care	No. patients	Total LOS, d	Mean LOS
Intensive care unit	7	126	18
Vasopressors	5	26	5.2
Ventilated	6	88	14.7
BiPAP/CPAP	12	26	2.2
Telemetry	17	161	9.5
Oxygen	51	ND	ND
Chronic hemodialysis	4	6	ND
Acute hemodialysis	5	51	10.2
Oseltamivir	87	ND	ND
Peramivir	1	ND	ND
Corticosteroids	12	ND	ND

*All 7 patients admitted to the ICU had positive PCR results for influenza A(H1N1)pdm09. BiPAP, bilevel positive airway pressure; CPAP, continuous positive airway pressure; KP, Kaiser Permanente; LOS, length of stay; ND, no data available.

Table 3. Number of KP health plan members with ILI/influenza diagnosis only versus those with ILI and pneumonia, San Diego, California, USA, October–December 2009*

Characteristics	October	November	December
KP health plan population, San Diego*	495,718	494,911	494,947
Admitted to KP San Diego Medical Center, n = 90	34	52	4
Pneumonia diagnosis upon discharge	13	27	1
ILI/influenza	25	28	3
ILI/influenza, mean hospital LOS, d	4	3.5	2.7
Pneumonia based on chest radiograph	9	24	1
Pneumonia, mean hospital LOS, d	12.7	8.5	4
Admitted to non-KP hospital, n = 81	28	33	20
ILI/influenza	15	10	0
ILI/influenza, mean hospital LOS, d	2.5	3.2	2
Pneumonia	13	23	20
Pneumonia, mean hospital LOS, d	4.01	4.95	5.85

*Mean KP San Diego member population for October–December was 495,192. ILI, influenza-like illness; KP, Kaiser Permanente; LOS, length of stay.

rendered were recorded. In addition, tests for influenza A and the antimicrobial regimens were logged. This combination of data provided a comprehensive profile of these patients with influenza/ILI. However, neither the number of patients in this population with influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 nor the attack rate could be determined.

This study accepts an estimated attack rate of $\approx 20\%$. Estimates such as these are useful when planning for pandemic influenza; however, I found no studies that logged the number of visits to outpatient healthcare in a specific population, as this study does. For a monthly health plan population of $\approx 495,000$, an attack rate of 20% would have resulted in $\approx 99,000$ cases of influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 per month, but only a small percentage of the estimated number of infected persons accessed medical care. During October, November, and December, 2,432 (2.5% of estimated infected), 3,202 (3.2% of estimated infected), and 1,038 (1.0% of estimated infected) outpatient visits were recorded, respectively (Table 1).

As part of this study, I reviewed the demand versus supply of antimicrobial agents prescribed to outpatients. During October–December 2009, a total of 6,672 KP patients with ILI accessed outpatient care; 219 had diagnoses of and were treated for pneumonia. Of those 0–18 years of age, 64 received azithromycin. The hospital's 1-day par level (minimum in-stock quantity) was adequate for 117 patient-courses of 100 mg/5 mL, 361 patient-courses of 200 mg/5 mL, and 2,990 of 250 mg. Of those age ≥ 19 years of age, 16 received azithromycin 500 mg, requiring 96 tablets, versus a 1-day par level adequate for 1,309 patient-courses. Of those ≥ 19 years of age, 10 received amoxicillin, requiring 10 days or 100 tablets; the 1-day par level as adequate for 3,117 patient-courses of 250 mg and 17,503 of 500 mg. Par levels given are from 2014, when monthly population was approximately the same as in 2009.

The rates of ILI admissions per 100,000 KP members during October, November, and December 2009 were 12.5, 17.2, and 4.8, respectively. These rates represent 2.5%, 2.6%, and 2.3% of outpatient visits, respectively (Table 1).

In 2005, the CDC published the FluSurge 2.0 software program, which is a tool for projecting the number of hospitalizations, ICU admissions, patients requiring ventilation, and an estimated mortality rate that might be anticipated in medical facilities during a pandemic (<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic-resources/tools/flusurge.htm> [3]). In November 2009, the CDC published the FluSurge Special Edition, specifically tailored to the 2009 influenza A(H1N1) pandemic (<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/tools/flusurge/>). These programs project admissions for 3 scenarios during an influenza A pandemic: minimum, likely, and maximum.

For the San Diego KP membership, rounded to 500,000, Technical Appendix Table 10 contains the data for the most likely scenarios projected by FluSurge2 (designated FluSurge05) for an attack rate of 15% and the FluSurge Special Edition (designated FluSurge09). The data include the distribution of patients admitted to a hospital, treated in ICU, and ventilated and those who died per week predicted by these programs. A comparison of the FluSurge predictions by these programs for the number of admissions to the hospital for the KP population versus the actual number of members admitted to the hospital shows that the minimum estimated number of admissions/week by the FluSurge05 program (attack rate 15%) and the most likely estimated number of admissions by the FluSurge09 program was approximately the same as the actual number of admissions/week in this study at an attack rate of 20% (Figure). If one accepts the San Diego KP population as a fair approximation of the general population in San Diego County (online Technical Appendix Table 1), the FluSurge09 program demonstrates substantial improvement in the ability to predict the number of admissions to the hospital over FluSurge05. However, for the data in this study, the most likely scenario projected by the FluSurge09 program overestimates the number of patients projected to require ICU care by 1.6 times and ventilation by 1.3 times, although these estimates are still an improvement on those from FluSurge2 (attack rate

15%), which overestimates the number requiring ICU care by 3.5–7-fold and the number projected to need ventilation and admission by ≈ 3 -fold (data not shown). Baker et al. also found that the FluSurge2 most likely scenario overestimated the number of persons projected to require admission, ICU care, and ventilation (4). The FluSurge2 projection of the number of patients on ventilators was a factor that influenced KP California to buy additional ventilators for stockpiling (Kaiser Permanente, unpub. data). The number stockpiled may have been fewer if it were not for the FluSurge2 projection. However, so that adequate surge policy is adopted and adequate supplies

stockpiled, it may be beneficial for the estimates to be higher than that required, although over-stockpiling may not be cost-effective.

One death occurred among the 90 inpatients during the 3-month study period. A previous study of a selected population of 108 patients categorized as having moderate to intermediate illness related to diagnoses of influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 found no deaths, although that study excluded patients requiring ventilation (5). In a United States study, Skarbinski et al. reported a death rate of 8% among 255 inpatients in 45 states (6). For a 15% attack rate, the FluSurge2 program predicts 8 and 31 deaths, respectively, in weeks 4 and 8 during an influenza pandemic, and the FluSurge Special Edition predicts 2 deaths at week 4 and 6 at week 8.

In this study, 47 inpatients received ceftriaxone, the most frequent antibacterial agent ordered. The daily par level supply (2,014) was ≈ 350 1-g bags and 150 2-g bags of ceftriaxone, which is more than enough for a single daily dose of 1 or 2 g for the 47 inpatients.

A total of 7 patients in this study were admitted to ICU at the KP San Diego Medical Center, from a population of $\approx 495,192$ members. This number does not include patients hospitalized in non-KP facilities, patients on which complete information was not available. Assuming that the number of patients admitted to the ICU/total admissions to the hospital for ILI would be about the same for the non-KP facilities as for the KP San Diego Medical Center, since there were 81 hospitalizations for ILI in non-KP facilities, there would have been ≈ 6 patients admitted to non-KP ICUs during October–December 2009. Combined, these numbers would result in an estimated 13 ICU admissions/495,192 population or 26 ICU admissions/1,000,000 population. In The Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care (ANZIC) study, from June 1–August 31, 2009, a total of 28.7 cases/1 million inhabitants were admitted to the ICUs of Australia and New Zealand (7). A population study in Denmark found 9 (5.69%) of 158 patients were admitted to a hospital ICU during the second wave of the 2009 influenza pandemic (8), compared with $\approx 7.6\%$ ($\approx 13/171$) in this study.

The median LOS in ICU was 18 days (mean 18) in this study versus 7 days in the ANZIC study (7) and 22 days in the Orsted study (8). To exceed the KP San Diego Medical Center ICU bed capacity of 34 with just influenza A patients, assuming an LOS of 18, as noted above, 2 patients per day would need to be admitted for 18 consecutive days; >2 patients per day would result in exceeding the ICU bed capacity sooner. At 18 days, 36 patients would have been admitted compared to the 7 admitted in this study. Thus, a much higher attack rate would be necessary, or the number with severe disease greater, to exceed the 34-bed ICU capacity.

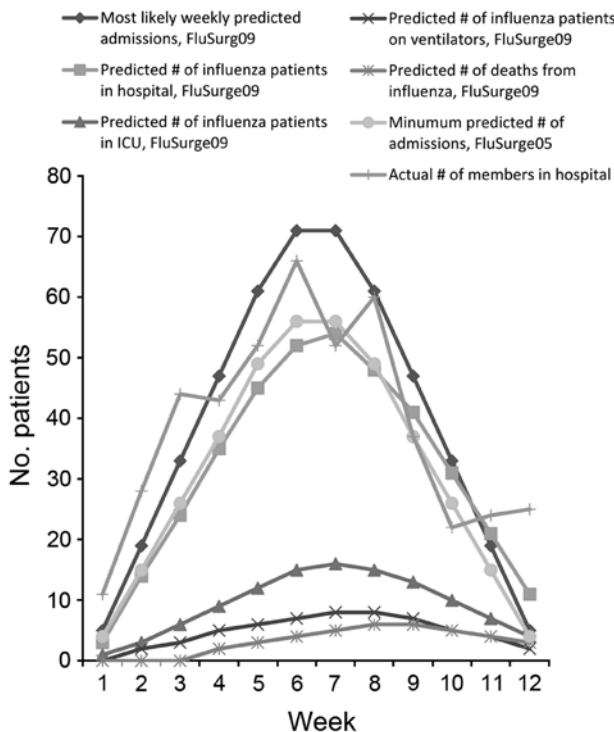


Figure. Hospital admissions per week for a predicted Kaiser Permanente health plan population of $\approx 500,000$ members versus actual numbers of inpatients admitted to Kaiser Permanente San Diego Medical Center during the influenza A(H1N1) pandemic, San Diego, California, USA, October–December 2009. Predictions were compiled by using FluSurge2 (FluSurge05) and FluSurge Special Edition (FluSurge09) (<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic-resources/tools/flusurge.htm>) software. Assumptions for FluSurge2: average length of non-ICU hospital stay for influenza-related illness, 5 d; average length of ICU stay for influenza-related illness, 10 d; average length of ventilator usage for influenza-related illness, 10 d; average proportion of admitted influenza patients who will need ICU care, 15%; average proportion of admitted influenza patients who will need ventilators, 7.5%; average proportion of influenza deaths assumed to be hospitalized patients, 70%; daily percentage increase in cases arriving compared to preceding day, 3%; attack rate, 15%; total no. hospital beds 392, ICU beds 34, ventilators 40. Unable to find assumptions for FluSurge Special Edition. ICU, intensive care unit.

In this study, 56.7% patients received oxygen, 13.3% BiPAP/CPAP, and 6.7% (6/90, but 6/7 in ICU) ventilation in the KP San Diego Medical Center. If an estimate is made of patients ventilated in non-KP facilities in the same manner as that used above, an additional 5 patients would have been ventilated, for a total of 11 ventilated patients/495,192 population or ≈ 22 ventilated patients/1 million population. For comparison, the rate in the ANZIC study was 18 ventilated patients/1 million population (7). The median LOS on a ventilator in this study was 13 (mean 14.7) days, compared with 8 days in the ANZIC study (7). In a study of critically ill patients with influenza A(H1N1)pdm09, Kumar et al. found that 81% of patients required ventilation; the median LOS on a ventilator in that study was 12 days (9). In the Orsted study, the median LOS on a ventilator was 17 days (8). Regarding vasopressors, in this study, 6 (85.7%) of 7 patients admitted to the ICU required vasopressors for a median duration of 3 days. In the ANZIC study, 498/722 ($\approx 69\%$) were provided vasopressor support (7).

Table 3 shows data on inpatients with pneumonia, sorted by month and facility. The complete data of clinical diagnosis of pneumonia versus a radiologist's diagnosis of pneumonia on the basis of chest radiograph was not available for patients cared for outside the KP network. Data extracted from the KP San Diego Medical Center charts is sorted by ILI diagnosis, clinical diagnosis of pneumonia, and a radiologist's diagnosis of pneumonia on the basis of chest radiograph. The mean monthly LOS for patients with ILI was 4, 3.5, and 2.7 days and that for a radiologist's diagnosis of pneumonia on the basis of chest radiograph was 12.7, 8.5, and 4 for the months of October, November, and December, respectively.

Conclusions

In conclusion, this study of a stable population during the second wave of the 2009 influenza pandemic provides good estimates of the number of patients who accessed outpatient care for ILI and those admitted to the hospital. Outpatient treatment data includes antimicrobial therapy of those with and without pneumonia. Inpatient treatment data includes the treatment of those with and without pneumonia, and the level of care (medical bed, telemetry bed, ICU), respiratory therapy (oxygen, BIPAP/CPAP, ventilation), antimicrobial therapy, vasopressors, and hemodialysis. The comparisons made with data from this and other studies are surprisingly similar. This data can be used to improve epidemiologic models, although it is anticipated that these models will need revision over time, just as the FluSurge program has been revised, to account for anticipated changes in characteristics of influenza A, population demographics, and medical therapeutics.

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Technical Appendix

Technical Appendix Table 1. Demographic data of Kaiser Permanente San Diego members, and of San Diego County residents not enrolled in Kaiser Permanente plans, California, USA, 2009

Characteristics	Kaiser Permanente	San Diego County
Age	Percent	Percent
0 to 4 Years	5.2	7.25
5 to 14 Years	12	12.67
15 to 24 Years	13	15.67
25 to 44 Years	25.7	28.57
45 to 64 Years	30.7	24.28
65+ Years	13.3	11.56
Sex		
Male	48.2	49.89
Female	51.8	50.11
Race/ethnicity		
White	45.63	49.78
Hispanic	26.68	30.21
Black	5.07	5.22
Asian/Pacific Islander*	8.16	10.65
Other	1.5	4.14
Unknown	12.96	ND
Spoken language		
English	87.06	64.64
Spanish	9.03	10.93
Asian/Pacific Island languages	0.55	3.41
Other	3.36	1.27
Bilingual	ND	20.41
Household income, annual		
<\$45,000	21.9	48.34
\$45,000–\$75,000	46.84	24.88
\$75,000–\$100,000	31.15	11.42
\$100,000–\$125,000	0.11	6.46
>\$125,000	ND	8.91
Completed education		
< High School Graduate	6.48	14.82
High School Graduate	17.61	20.17
Some college or associate degree	75.8	30.99
Bachelor's degree	ND	21.32
Graduate degree	ND	12.69
No data	0.11	NA
Body mass index category		
No data	29.65	NA
0–18.49 (underweight)	7.45	2.2
18.5–24.99 (normal)	22.61	42.5
25.0–29.99 (overweight)	21.22	33.4
30.0 or higher (obese)	19.06	21.9
Cigarette smoking		
No data	44.32	.ND

Characteristics	Kaiser Permanente	San Diego County
Current	6.86	11.8
Former	8.37	.ND
Never	37.76	.ND
Unknown	2.68	ND
Not currently	ND	88.2

Sources of San Diego County data:

County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services, Community Health Statistics Unit, 2015; the San Diego County Demographic Profiles, 2009; retrieved 08/10/2015 from www.SDHealthStatistics.com

Spoken language: San Diego County American Community Survey from the US Census Bureau.

San Diego household income: Living Well San Diego, a county health initiative.

San Diego Education ACS and Living Well San Diego.

San Diego County obesity respondents 18 years old or older were asked for their height and weight and the body mass index was calculated by a county employee.

San Diego County smoking respondents were asked a series of smoking-related questions

Technical Appendix Table 2. Chronic diagnoses tracked by Kaiser Permanente for members and tracked by San Diego County for non-member County residents, California, USA

Kaiser Permanente members		Non-Kaiser Permanente members		
Diagnosis	%	Year dx	%	Sample Population
Asthma	4.8	2009	12.3	375,000 (SDC)
Coronary artery disease	4.0	2009	6.4	146,000 (SDC)
Chronic kidney disease	1.7	2012*	14	NHANES (USA)
Cardiovascular disease	10.0	ND	ND	ND
Diabetes mellitus	6.4	2009	7.8	178,000 (SDC)
Hypertension	20.7	2009	26.3	599,000 (SDC)

SDC, San Diego County; NHANES, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey; ND, do data.

San Diego County data was acquired by a survey. Respondents were asked:

Asthma "Has a doctor ever told you that you have asthma?"

Coronary artery disease "Has a doctor ever told you that you have any kind of heart disease?"

Diabetes mellitus "Other than during pregnancy, had/has a doctor ever told you that you have diabetes?"

*Chronic kidney disease; data from 2012 United States Renal Data System report (<http://www.usrds.org/atlas12.aspx>)

Diagnostic Criteria

Kaiser Permanente criteria for the following diagnoses included in Technical Appendix Table 2: Asthma, Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease, Heart Failure (HF), Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD), Cardiovascular Disease, Diabetes, Hypertension.

Asthma

Inclusion Criteria

Current KP members 5 years old and over who meet at >1 of the following criteria using a 12-month rolling window:

- Any hospital discharge *ICD-9* code, ED visit, OR outpatient diagnosis code of 493.xx excluding 493.2x (asthma)

- ≥ 2 or more dispensing records for an inhaled steroid, inhaled or oral beta-agonist, inhaled or oral anti-inflammatory agent for asthma, or bronchodilator

- Manually added to the asthma population using the Modify Population Status (MPS) tool

Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease (ASCVD)

Patient Identification

A. Any discharge hospital *ICD-9* code of OR ≥ 2 outpatient visits within a two-year window of each other with diagnosis codes of:

- 410.xx (acute myocardial infarction)
- 411.xx (other acute and subacute forms of ischemic heart disease)
- 412.xx (old myocardial infarction)
- 413.xx (angina pectoris) excluding 413.1 (prinzmetal angina)
- 414.xx (other forms of chronic ischemic heart disease) excluding 414.1 (aneurysm and dissection of heart)
- 433.xx (occlusion and stenosis of precerebral arteries)
- 437.1 (other generalized ischemic cerebrovascular disease)
- 440.1 (atherosclerosis of renal artery)
- 440.2 (atherosclerosis native art extremities unspec)
- 440.21 (atherosclero native art extreme w/intermit claudicat)
- 440.22 (atherosclero native art extremities w/rest pain)

- 440.23(atherosclerotic native art extremities w/ulceration)
- 440.24 (atherosclerotic native art extremities w/gangrene)
- 440.29 (other atherosclerosis of native arteries of the extremities)
- 440.3 (atherosclerosis unspc bypass graft extremities)
- 440.31 (atherosclerosis autol vein byps graft extremities)
- 440.32 (atherosclerosis nonautol biologic byps gft extrem)
- 440.4 (chronic total occlusion artery extremities)
- 441.xx (aortic aneurysm and dissection)
- 443.9x (peripheral vascular disease, unspecified)
- 444.0 (arterial embolism and thrombosis)
- 445.xx (atheroembolism)
- V45.81 (aortocoronary bypass surgical status)
- V45.82 (percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty surgical status)

B. Any procedure ICD-9 code of:

- 36.0x (removal of coronary artery obstruction and insertion of stent(s))
- 36.1x (bypass anastomosis for heart revascularization)
- 36.2 (heart revascularization by arterial implant)
- 00.66 (percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty [PTCA] or coronary atherectomy)

Heart Failure

Patient Identification

Current KP members 18 and older who meet ≥ 1 of the following criteria:

A. Coded with ≥ 1 ICD-9 diagnosis code from a hospital discharge, outpatient encounter or an active problem at a Kaiser facility within a rolling 3-year period from Table 1.

B. Coded with ≥ 2 ICD-9 diagnosis codes found Table 2 from the claims data within a rolling 3-year period.

C. Placed on the HF -patient-addition list.

Identification ICD-9 Codes

ICD-9 Code	Description
402.01	MALIG HYPERTENSIVE HEART DISEASE W/HEART FAILURE
402.11	BEN HTN HEART DISEASE WITH HEART FAIL
402.91	UNSPEC HYPERTENSIVE HEART DISEASE W/HEART FAIL
425.2	OBSCURE CARDIOMYOPATHY OF AFRICA
425.5	ALCOHOLIC CARDIOMYOPATHY
425.7	NUTRITIONAL AND METABOLIC CARDIOMYOPATHY
425.8	CARDIOMYOPATHY OTHER DISEASES CLASSIFIED ELSW
425.9	UNSPECIFIED SECONDARY CARDIOMYOPATHY
402.11C	BENIGN HYPERTENSIVE HEART DISEASE W HEART FAILURE
402.91C	HYPERTENSIVE HEART DISEASE W HEART FAILURE
402.9D	HYPERTENSIVE CARDIOMYOPATHY
404.01B	MALIGNANT HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND RENAL DISEASE W HEART FAILURE
404.03B	MALIGNANT HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND RENAL DISEASE W HEART AND RENAL FAILURE
404.11A	BENIGN HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND RENAL DISEASE WITH CHF (inactive).
404.11B	BENIGN HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND RENAL DISEASE W CHF
404.13A	BENIGN HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND RENAL DISEASE WITH CHF RENAL FAIL(INACTIVE).
404.13B	BENIGN HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND RENAL DISEASE W CHF AND RENAL FAILURE
404.13C	BENIGN HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND RENAL DISEASE W CHF AND RENAL FAILURE.
404.13D	BENIGN HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND RENAL DISEASE W HEART AND RENAL FAILURE
414.8A	ISCHEMIC CARDIOMYOPATHY
414.8D	CARDIOMYOPATHY, DILATED, ISCHEMIC
425.2A	CARDIOMYOPATHY, OBSCURE AFRICAN
425.4A	CARDIOMYOPATHY, PRIMARY
425.4B	CARDIOMYOPATHY
425.4C	CARDIOMYOPATHY, COEXISTENT W OTHER DISEASE
425.4D	CARDIOMYOPATHY, IDIOPATHIC
425.4E	CARDIOMYOPATHY, NONOBSTRUCTIVE
425.4M	NONISCHEMIC DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY
425.5A	CARDIOMYOPATHY, DILATED, DUE TO ALCOHOL
425.5B	CARDIOMYOPATHY, DUE TO COBALT
425.7B	CARDIOMYOPATHY, DUE TO NUTRITIONAL OR METABOLIC DISORDER
425.8E	CARDIOMYOPATHY IN DISEASE
425.9A	CARDIOMYOPATHY, DILATED, DUE TO DRUG
425.9C	CARDIOMYOPATHY, DILATED, DUE TO TOXIC REACTION.
425.9E	CARDIOMYOPATHY, SECONDARY
425A	CARDIOMYOPATHY.
428.0A	CHF
428.0B	CHF, ACUTE
428.0E	CHF, W RIGHT HEART FAILURE
428.0F	CHF, CHRONIC
428.0G	CHF, STAGE D
428.0H	CHF, STAGE C
428.0I	CHF, STAGE B
428.0J	CHF, STAGE A
428.0K	CHF, CHRONIC, STAGE D
428.0L	CHF, CHRONIC, STAGE C
428.0M	CHF, CHRONIC, STAGE B
428.0N	CHF, CHRONIC, STAGE A
428.0V	CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE: (CHF).
428.0W	CHF EXACERBATION
428.1A	LEFT HEART FAILURE
428.1B	HEART FAILURE, LT SIDE W/LVEF less than or equal to 40%
428.1C	HEART FAILURE, LT SIDE W/LVEF >40%.
428.1D	HEART FAILURE, LT SIDE W/LVEF UNKNOWN.
428.1E	CHF W LEFT VENTRICULAR SYSTOLIC DYSFUNCTION

ICD-9 Code	Description
428.1F	LEFT HEART FAILURE W LVEF 0.3 OR LESS
428.1G	HEART FAILURE, RT SIDED, ISOLATED
428.1H	HEART FAILURE, LT SIDE W LVEF 31-40%
428.1I	HEART FAILURE, LT SIDE W LVEF less than 30%
428.20A	SYSTOLIC DYSFUNCTION.
428.20D	SYSTOLIC HEART FAILURE
428.21A	LEFT VENTRICULAR SYSTOLIC HEART FAILURE, ACUTE
428.21B	SYSTOLIC HEART FAILURE, ACUTE
428.22A	LEFT VENTRICULAR SYSTOLIC DYSFUNCTION, CHRONIC.
428.22B	SYSTOLIC HEART FAILURE, CHRONIC
428.23A	LEFT VENTRICULAR SYSTOLIC HEART FAILURE, ACUTE ON CHRONIC
428.23B	SYSTOLIC HEART FAILURE, ACUTE ON CHRONIC
428.30B	DIASTOLIC HEART FAILURE
428.31A	DIASTOLIC HEART FAILURE, ACUTE
428.32A	DIASTOLIC HEART FAILURE, CHRONIC
428.33A	DIASTOLIC HEART FAILURE, ACUTE ON CHRONIC
428.40A	COMBINED SYSTOLIC AND DIASTOLIC DYSFUNCTION
428.41A	COMBINED SYSTOLIC AND DIASTOLIC HEART FAILURE, ACUTE
428.42A	COMBINED SYSTOLIC AND DIASTOLIC HEART FAILURE, CHRONIC
428.43A	COMBINED SYSTOLIC AND DIASTOLIC HEART FAILURE, ACUTE ON CHRONIC
428.9B	HEART FAILURE
428.9C	NEW YORK HEART FAILURE CLASS 1
428.9D	NEW YORK HEART FAILURE CLASS 2
428.9E	NEW YORK HEART FAILURE CLASS 3
428.9F	NEW YORK HEART FAILURE CLASS 4
428.9G	NEW YORK HEART FAILURE CLASS INDETERMINATE
428.9H	HEART FAILURE STAGE D
428.9I	HEART FAILURE STAGE A
428.9J	HEART FAILURE, STAGE C
428.9K	HEART FAILURE, STAGE B
428.9O	LOW CARDIAC OUTPUT SYNDROME
429.3F	LEFT VENTRICULAR DILATATION
429.3H	CARDIOMYOPATHY, DILATED
429.4H	CARDIAC INSUFFICIENCY AFTER CARDIAC SURGERY, LATE POSTOP COMPLICATION.
429.89B	LEFT VENTRICULAR SYSTOLIC DYSFUNCTION, CHRONIC
429.9F	SYSTOLIC DYSFUNCTION, LEFT VENTRICLE
500688	HYPERTENSIVE CHF
500693	HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND RENAL DISEASE W CHF
500696	CHF DUE TO VALVULAR DISEASE
500705	BENIGN HYPERTENSIVE HEART DISEASE W CHF
500706	MALIGNANT HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND RENAL DISEASE W CHF
500707	MALIGNANT HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND RENAL DISEASE W CHF AND RENAL FAILURE
500708	HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND RENAL DISEASE W HEART AND RENAL FAILURE
500969	MALIGNANT HYPERTENSIVE HEART DISEASE W CHF.
501317	HYPERTENSIVE KIDNEY AND HEART DISEASE, W HEART FAILURE, ESRD, ON DIALYSIS
501318	HYPERTENSIVE KIDNEY AND HEART DISEASE, W HEART FAILURE, CKD 5
501319	HYPERTENSIVE KIDNEY AND HEART DISEASE, W HEART FAILURE, CKD 4
501320	HYPERTENSIVE KIDNEY AND HEART DISEASE, W HEART FAILURE, CKD 3
501321	HYPERTENSIVE KIDNEY AND HEART DISEASE, W HEART FAILURE, CKD 2
501322	HYPERTENSIVE KIDNEY AND HEART DISEASE, W HEART FAILURE, CKD 1
501422	BIVENTRICULAR CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE
501500	CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE WITH CARDIOMYOPATHY
502784	LEFT HEART FAILURE, SYSTOLIC DYSFUNCTION W LVEF 41-49%
502785	LEFT HEART FAILURE, SYSTOLIC DYSFUNCTION W LVEF 31-40%
502786	LEFT HEART FAILURE, SYSTOLIC DYSFUNCTION W LVEF 0.3 OR LESS
502787	LEFT HEART FAILURE, SYSTOLIC DYSFUNCTION W LVEF 0.5 OR GREATER

Claims Identification ICD-9 Codes

ICD-9 Code	Description
402.01	MALIGNANT HYPERTENSIVE HEART DISEASE WITH HEART FAILURE
402.91	UNSPECIFIED HYPERTENSIVE HEART DISEASE WITH HEART FAILURE
404.01	HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE MALIGNANT WITH HEART FAILURE WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE
404.03	HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE MALIGNANT WITH HEART FAILURE WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE
404.11	HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE BENIGN WITH HEART FAILURE WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE
404.13	HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE BENIGN WITH HEART FAILURE WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE
425.2	OBSCURE CARDIOMYOPATHY OF AFRICA
425.4	OTHER PRIMARY CARDIOMYOPATHIES
425.5	ALCOHOLIC CARDIOMYOPATHY
425.7	NUTRITIONAL AND METABOLIC CARDIOMYOPATHY
425.8	CARDIOMYOPATHY IN OTHER DISEASES CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE
425.9	SECONDARY CARDIOMYOPATHY UNSPECIFIED
428	CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE UNSPECIFIED
428.1	LEFT HEART FAILURE
428.2	UNSPECIFIED SYSTOLIC HEART FAILURE
428.21	ACUTE SYSTOLIC HEART FAILURE
428.22	CHRONIC SYSTOLIC HEART FAILURE
428.23	ACUTE ON CHRONIC SYSTOLIC HEART FAILURE
428.3	UNSPECIFIED DIASTOLIC HEART FAILURE
428.31	ACUTE DIASTOLIC HEART FAILURE
428.32	CHRONIC DIASTOLIC HEART FAILURE
428.33	ACUTE ON CHRONIC DIASTOLIC HEART FAILURE
428.4	UNSPECIFIED COMBINED SYSTOLIC AND DIASTOLIC HEART FAILURE
428.41	ACUTE COMBINED SYSTOLIC AND DIASTOLIC HEART FAILURE
428.42	CHRONIC COMBINED SYSTOLIC AND DIASTOLIC HEART FAILURE
428.43	ACUTE ON CHRONIC COMBINED SYSTOLIC AND DIASTOLIC HEART FAILURE
428.9	HEART FAILURE UNSPECIFIED
429.4	FUNCTIONAL DISTURBANCES FOLLOWING CARDIAC SURGERY
429.89	OTHER ILL-DEFINED HEART DISEASES
500688	HYPERTENSIVE CHF
500693	HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND RENAL DISEASE W CHF
500696	CHF DUE TO VALVULAR DISEASE
500705	BENIGN HYPERTENSIVE HEART DISEASE W CHF
500706	MALIGNANT HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND RENAL DISEASE W CHF
500707	MALIGNANT HYPERTENSIVE HEART AND RENAL DISEASE W CHF AND RENAL FAILURE
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501317	HYPERTENSIVE KIDNEY AND HEART DISEASE, W HEART FAILURE, ESRD, ON DIALYSIS
501318	HYPERTENSIVE KIDNEY AND HEART DISEASE, W HEART FAILURE, CKD 5
501319	HYPERTENSIVE KIDNEY AND HEART DISEASE, W HEART FAILURE, CKD 4
501320	HYPERTENSIVE KIDNEY AND HEART DISEASE, W HEART FAILURE, CKD 3
501321	HYPERTENSIVE KIDNEY AND HEART DISEASE, W HEART FAILURE, CKD 2
501322	HYPERTENSIVE KIDNEY AND HEART DISEASE, W HEART FAILURE, CKD 1
501422	BIVENTRICULAR CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE
501500	CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE WITH CARDIOMYOPATHY

Chronic Kidney Disease

Inclusion Criteria

The identification algorithm for chronic kidney disease is based on member age, gender, race and laboratory results for creatinine and urine protein/microalbumin. The staging used in the algorithm is based on K/DOQI guidelines for Stages 1–5. Inclusion is based on meeting the rules

for Stages 1–5 as defined below. Dialysis and transplant patients are captured within CKD as separate sub-stages.

- Patient age ≥ 18 AND
- Meets the criteria for one of the stages

Stages of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

Staging of CKD is based on *GFR* Stage 1–3 have additional requirements as noted below.

CKD<Stage (patients)	GFR ml/min/1.73 m ² BSA	Description
1 ⁼	> 90	Normal GFR
2 ⁼	60-89 [§]	Mild ↓ GFR
3 [*]	30-59 [§]	Moderate ↓ GFR
4	15-29	Severe ↓ GFR
5	<15	Kidney Failure

[<] Chronic is defined as persisting for 3 months or more. The 2 GFR values that are used are the last result and the most recent result that was collected at least 90 days before the last was collected. There is no maximum time between the 2 results.

⁼ Stage 1 and 2 also require a marker of kidney disease: proteinuria, hematuria or an anatomic abnormality are outlined in K/DOQI. In POINT, macroscopic proteinuria is used as the marker. Macroscopic proteinuria is defined as total urine protein or MAU > 300 OR protein to creatinine ratio *1000 > 200. There must be 2 consecutive results. There must be ≥ 1 day between sample collections. Urine samples obtained during a pregnancy and up to 3 months after pregnancy are not evaluated for the proteinuria requirement.

⁼ Stage 1 and 2 can also be flagged for staging within the Renal Population Tool. If this flag is set, the member would not require the macroscopic protein requirement.

^{*} In POINT, Stage 3 is limited to patients at highest risk of ESRD and must have one or more additional marker aside from the GFR within the 30–59 range:

- macroscopic proteinuria
- $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ age} + \text{GFR}) < 85$
- Member marked for staging within the Renal Population Tool

§ Patients with GFR in these ranges without other markers or risk factors are considered to be at lower risk for ESRD.

CKD Sub-levels were added to CKD 3 and 4 to further stratify members. The sub-levels follow the same rules for initial and restaging as set for all other CKD stages. The higher level stages of 3 and 4 continue to be assigned to members with the addition of the sub-levels for use when appropriate.

STAGE	SUBSTAGE	MIN GFR	MAX GFR
CKD Stage 3	A	45	59
	B	30	44
CKD Stage 4	A	25	29
	B	20	24
	C	15	19

Dialysis patients are identified by the assigned modality in the Renal Population Tool. Members are either assigned to a stage of Hemodialysis (HEMO) or Peritoneal Dialysis (PD) within CKD Care Management. If a member is identified as dialysis, that is the default stage.

Kidney transplant patients are identified by the modality or transplant status of transplanted within the Renal Population Tool. Members are assigned to substages (TP SUBSTAGE 1–5) based on GFR ranges within CKD Care Management.

Kidney transplant patients are identified by a report that is provided to CarePOINT. Members are assigned to substages (TP SUBSTAGE 1–5) based on GFR ranges within CKD Care Management.

Cardiovascular Disease

Patient Identification

The CVD Cardiovascular Disease population is currently comprised of members from the following POINT registries:

- Diabetes
- Coronary artery disease
- Heart failure
- Chronic kidney disease (excluding kidney transplant patients unless they are in one or more of the previously mentioned populations)

For patient identification criteria, please refer to the individual conditions cited above.

Diabetes

Inclusion Criteria

Current KP members 18 and older who meet ≥ 1 of the following criteria:

A. Two or more outpatient ICD-9 diagnosis codes from Table 1 since 2005 (excludes claims and outpatient codes from ER, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Podiatry, and Ophthalmology – these patients are placed in DM Unverified)

B. Have at least one outpatient ICD-9 diagnosis code since 2005 (excludes claims and outpatient codes from ER, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Podiatry, and Ophthalmology – these patients are placed in DM Unverified) from Table 1 and meet ≥ 1 of the following criteria:

I. Any history of hemoglobin A1C $> 7.5\%$ or fructosamine $> 319 \mu\text{mol/L}$

II. Last 2 A1Cs $\geq 6.5\%$ in the past 24 months

III. A dispensing record of an oral hypoglycemic in Table 2 (excludes metformin, exenatide, pioglitazone, rosiglitazone, or repaglinide only) or insulin since 2005

IV. Any history of more than one FBS $> 126 \text{ mg/dL}$ and patient has dispensing record of one of the above excluded medications since 2005

C. Manually added to the diabetes population using the Modify Population Status (MPS) tool

D. Active Dx code on the Problem List AND ≥ 1 outpatient ICD-9 code since 2005 (includes claims and outpatient codes from ER, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Podiatry, and Ophthalmology)

Hypertension

Patient Identification

Current KP members 18 and older who meet ≥ 1 of the following criteria:

A. Two outpatient visits within 365 days of each other with a diagnosis code for hypertension

B. One outpatient visit with a diagnosis code for hypertension one hospital discharge with a diagnosis code for hypertension within 365 days of each other

C. One antihypertensive dispensing in the past 6 months and 1 outpatient visit with a hypertension diagnosis code within 365 days of the dispense date

D. One outpatient visit with a code for hypertension AND a member of 1 of the following POINT Population Care Management (PCM) populations:

- Heart Failure
- CAD
- Diabetes
- CKD
- CVA (excluding subarachnoid, subdural and cardioembolic)

E. Manually added to the Hypertension population using the Modify Population Status (MPS) tool

Technical Appendix Table 3. Combinations of selected chronic conditions among Kaiser Permanente Health Plan Members, San Diego, California, USA, December 2009

Asthma	CAD	CKD	CVD	DM	HTN	Frequency
N	N	N	N	N	N	111,075
N	N	N	N	N	Y	58,667
N	N	N	Y	N	N	223
N	N	N	Y	N	Y	1,097
N	N	N	Y	Y	N	4,803
N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	17,043
N	N	Y	N	N	N	7
N	N	Y	N	N	Y	100
N	N	Y	Y	N	N	546
N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	2,264
N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	104
N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2,415
N	Y	N	Y	N	N	1,964
N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	10,528
N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	182
N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	4,340
N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	23
N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	1,021
N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	11
N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1,699
Y	N	N	ND	N	N	19,893
Y	N	N	ND	N	Y	2,366
Y	N	N	Y	N	N	10
Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	26
Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	236
Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	639
Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	6
Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	33
Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	85
Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	6
Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	93
Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	32
Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	103
Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	2
Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	51
Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	5

Asthma	CAD	CKD	CVD	DM	HTN	Frequency
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	27

Y, present; N, not present; CAD, coronary artery disease; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CVD, cardiovascular disease; DM, diabetes mellitus; HTN, hypertension, ND, no data..

Technical Appendix Table 4. Kaiser Permanente San Diego, California, USA health plan members diagnosed with influenza-like illness and pneumonia October–December, 2009, by age and gender

Age	Oct, ILI, total	Oct, ILI, male	Nov, ILI, total	Nov, ILI, male	Dec, ILI, total	Dec, ILI, male	Oct–Dec no. with pneum	Oct–Dec no. with pneum conf. by CXR, total	Oct–Dec no. with pneum conf. by CXR, male
0–4	228	134	270	149	72	36	47	25	12
5–9	312	178	380	205	62	34	40	15	12
10–14	410	216	387	199	64	36	33	11	5
15–19	297	152	316	128	78	33	16	9	3
20–24	169	63	266	97	80	36	5	1	0
25–29	140	66	240	85	73	26	5	3	2
30–34	131	44	208	75	89	37	6	3	3
35–39	116	53	209	88	76	34	11	6	3
40–44	120	53	192	69	64	19	9	7	1
46–49	104	35	179	78	81	29	6	5	2
50–54	138	49	196	70	94	35	19	14	9
55–59	77	24	123	44	68	21	7	2	1
60–64	40	15	63	21	31	12	5	2	1
65–69	21	8	37	17	24	7	4	1	1
70–74	17	5	17	6	22	6	2	1	0
75–79	7	1	13	5	11	3	3	0	0
80–84	7	2	9	4	9	2	1	0	0
85–89	3	1	2	0	4	1	0	0	0
>90	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
NA	2,339	1,101	3,109	1,341	1,003	407	219	105	55
0–18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	136	60	32
19–>90	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	83	45	23
OOPC	93	NA	93	NA	35	NA	60	NA	NA
Total	2432	NA	3202	NA	1038	NA	NA	NA	NA
% of membership	2,432/4 95,718 = 0.49%	NA	3202/49 4,911 = 0.64%	NA	1038/ 494,947 = 0.21%	NA	NA	NA	NA

ILI, influenza-like illness; pneum, pneumonia; dx, diagnosis; CXR chest x-ray; OOPC, out-of-plan claims (ILI + pneumonia); NA, not applicable.

Technical Appendix Table 5. Antimicrobial regimens prescribed for outpatients diagnosed with ILI or ILI and pneumonia evaluated in a Kaiser Permanente facility October–December, 2009, San Diego, California, USA

Medication	Age, y	
	0–18	19–>90
Amoxicillin	47	7
Amoxicillin, Doxycycline	1	2
Amoxicillin/clavulanate	6	0
Amoxicillin, Azithromycin	1	1
Azithromycin	60	12
Azithromycin, Amoxicillin/Clavulanate	2	0
Azithromycin, Doxycycline	0	1
Azithromycin, Cephalexin	1	0
Azithromycin, Cefuroxime	0	2
Moxifloxacin	2	30
Doxycycline	0	12
Doxycycline, Cefuroxime	0	6
Doxycycline, Cephalexin	0	1
Doxycycline, Cefuroxime, Cephalexin,	0	1
Cotrimoxazole		
Cefuroxime	0	4
Cefdinir	3	0
Ciprofloxacin	0	1
None	2	3
Admitted to Hospital	6	3
Oseltamivir	104	46

Technical Appendix Table 6. Age and gender of 90 inpatients admitted to Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, San Diego, California, USA, October–December, 2009

Age	Sex, M	Sex, F	Total
0–4	4	4	8
5–9	5	3	8
10–14	1	2	3
15–19	1	4	5
20–24	2	2	4
25–29	0	5	5
30–34	1	4	5
35–39	5	3	8
40–44	2	5	7
45–49	1	3	4
50–54	6	4	10
55–59	3	6	9
60–64	2	6	8
65–69	2	0	2
70–74	0	0	0
75–79	0	0	0
80–84	1	2	3
85–89	1	0	1
>90	37	53	90

Technical Appendix Table 7. Tests for influenza A among 90 inpatients admitted to Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, San Diego, October, November, December, 2009

Any test + for influenza A	PCR +	All tests – for influenza A	PCR –	Testing not done for influenza A	Culture+/PCR not done	Rapid test +/PCR not done	Total
58	NA	25	NA	7	NA	NA	90
NA	55 (5 cx +)	25	23	7	1	2	90

NA, not applicable.

Technical Appendix Table 8. Antimicrobial regimens for 90 inpatients treated in Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, San Diego, California, USA

Antibacterial drugs prescribed	No.
None	18
Ceftri, Doxy	17
Ceftri, Azithro	13
Ceftri	7
Ceftri, Vanc	1
Ceftri, Mox	1
Ceftri, Erythro	1
Ceftri, Azithro, Vanc, Metro	1
Ceftri, Azithro, P/T, Vanc	1
Ceftri, Azithro, Flucon, Vanc	1
Ceftri, Doxy, Flucon, T/S	1
Ceftri, Doxy Vanc, Aztreo	1
Ceftri, Doxy, Cipro, Metro	1
Ceftri, Ceph	1
Azithro, Doxy	1
Moxi	5
Azithro	3
Azithro, Cipro, Ceftaz	1
Azithro, Cipro, P/T, Flucon, Vanc	1
Cipro	1
Cipro, Ceftaz	1
Cipro, Vanc, Metro	1
Cipro, Ceftaz, Vanc	1
Cipro, P/T, Vanc	1
Cipro, Ceftaz, Moxi, Vanc,	1
Vanc	1
Vanco, Clinda	1
Vanc, P/T, Flucon, , Primaq, Clinda	1
Mero	2
Ceph	1
Doxy	1
Cefdinir	1

Antibacterial drugs prescribed	No.
Antivirals	NA
Oseltamivir	87
Peramivir	1
Corticosteroids	12
Ceftri ceftriaxone, Azithro, azithromycin; P/T, piperacillin/tazobactam; Vanc, vancomycin; Doxy, doxycycline; Mox, moxifloxacin; Erythro, erythromycin; Metro, metronidazole; Flucon, fluconazole; T/S, trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole; Aztreo, aztreonam; Ceph, cephalixin; Cipro, ciprofloxacin; Ceftaz, ceftazidime; Clinda, clindamycin; Primaq, primaquine; Mero, meropenem; NA, not applicable.	

Technical Appendix Table 9. Pneumonia and tests for influenza in inpatients seen at Kaiser Permanente, San Diego, California, USA facility

Age, y	CXR, pneum	CXR, no pneum	CXR ND	CXR, Pneum, Infl A test +/-not done	CXR, no Pneum Infl A test +/-not done	CXR ND; Infl A test +/-not done
0-18	5	16	3	5/0/0	7/7/2	3/0/0
19-100	27	36	3	23/2/2	18/16/2	2/0/1

CXR, chest x-ray; pneum, pneumonia; ND, not done; influ, influenza.

Technical Appendix Table 10. Estimated admissions to hospital of Kaiser Health Plan San Diego population by CDC Flu Surge2, (2005) and FluSurge Special Edition (2009) programs

Characteristics	Week of epidemic wave											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Most likely weekly predicted admissions, FluSurg09	5	19	33	47	61	71	71	61	47	33	19	5
Predicted no. of patients in hospital, FluSurge09	3	14	24	35	45	52	54	48	41	31	21	11
Predicted no. of patients in ICU, FluSurge09	1	3	6	9	12	15	16	15	13	10	7	4
Predicted no. of patients on ventilators, FluSurge09	0	2	3	5	6	7	8	8	7	5	4	2
Predicted no. of deaths from influenza, FluSurge09	0	0	0	2	3	4	5	6	6	5	4	3
Minimum predicted no. of admissions, FluSurge05	4	15	26	37	49	56	56	49	37	26	15	4
Actual no. of health plan members in hospital	11	28	44	43	52	66	52	60	37	22	24	25

No., number; ICU, intensive care unit.

'FluSurge2' data based on assuming a 15% attack rate, a health plan population of 500,000, total staffed beds 392, total licensed ICU beds 34, total number of ventilators 40.