

# Evidence to Recommendations Framework

## Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) in Adults

**Pfizer bivalent RSVpreF vaccine in older adults**

**GSK adjuvanted RSVPreF3 vaccine in older adults**

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# Evidence to Recommendations (EtR) Framework

## Policy Questions

- Should a single dose of Pfizer bivalent RSVpreF vaccine (120µg antigen, 1 dose IM), rather than no vaccine, be recommended in persons aged ≥65 years?
- Should a single dose of Pfizer bivalent RSVpreF vaccine (120µg antigen, 1 dose IM), rather than no vaccine, be recommended in persons aged 60–64 years?
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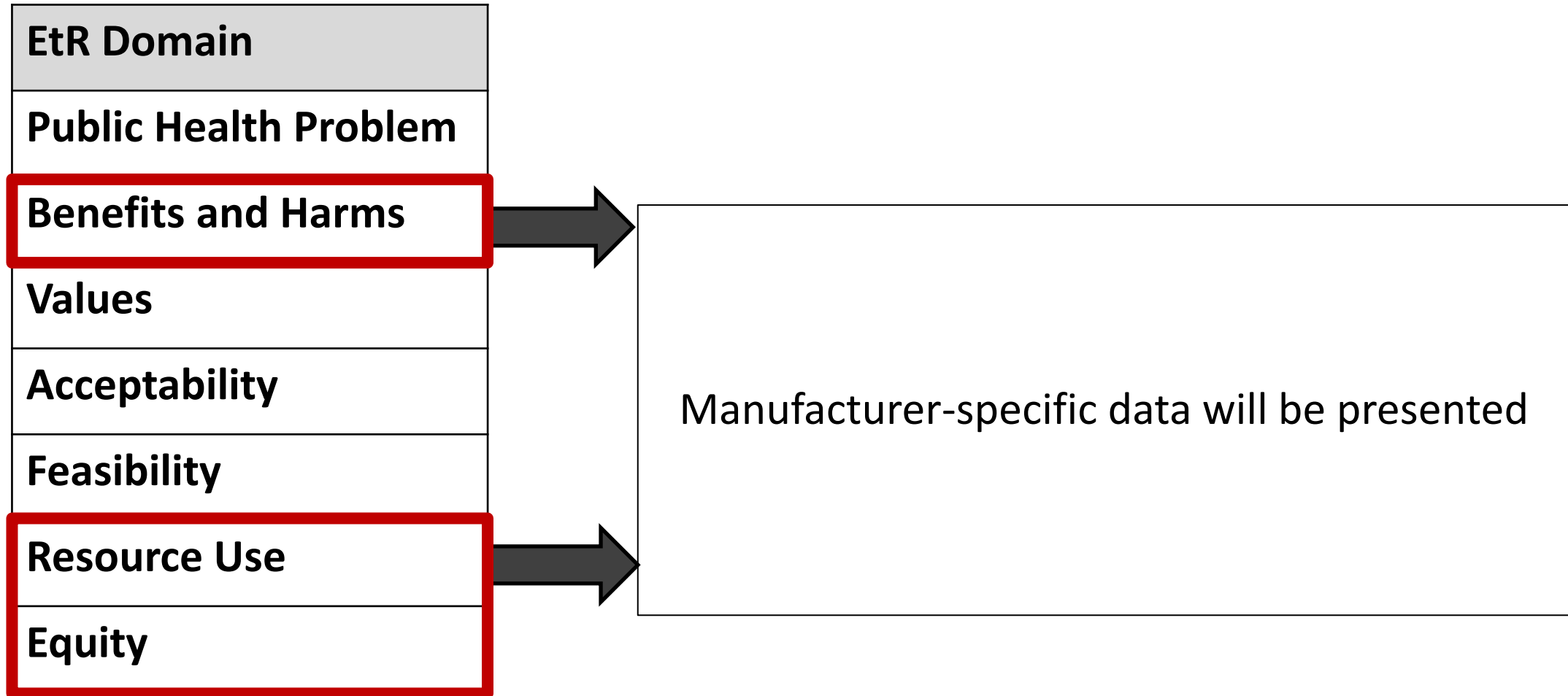
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EtR Domain	Question(s)
<b>Public Health Problem</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Is the problem of public health importance?</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits and Harms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ How substantial are the desirable anticipated effects?</li> <li>■ How substantial are the undesirable anticipated effects?</li> <li>■ Do the desirable effects outweigh the undesirable effects?</li> </ul>
<b>Values</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Does the target population feel the desirable effects are large relative to the undesirable effects?</li> <li>■ Is there important variability in how patients value the outcome?</li> </ul>
<b>Acceptability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Is the intervention acceptable to key stakeholders?</li> </ul>
<b>Feasibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Is the intervention feasible to implement?</li> </ul>
<b>Resource Use</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Is the intervention a reasonable and efficient allocation of resources?</li> </ul>
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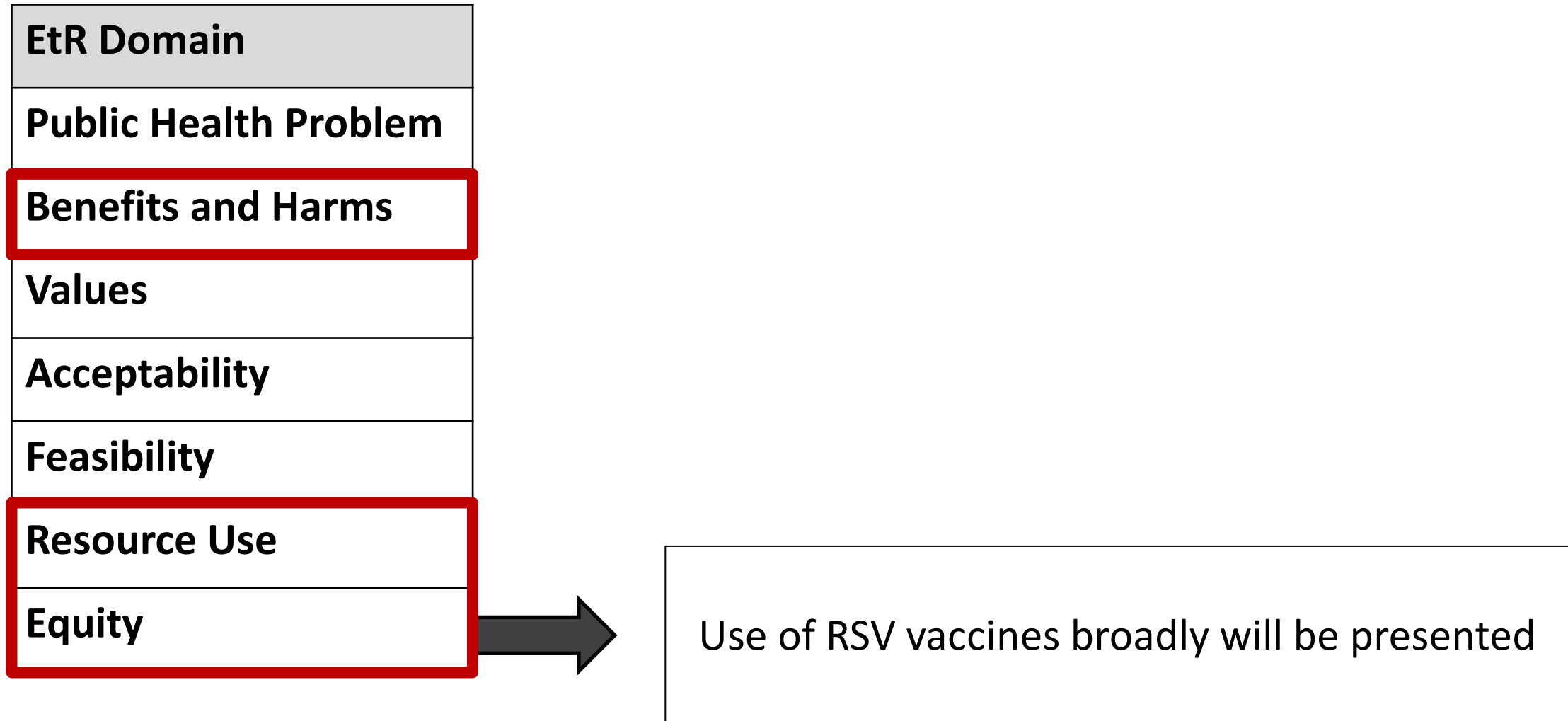
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# Benefits and Harms

- Pfizer bivalent RSVpreF vaccine
  - Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development and Evaluation (**GRADE**) Summary
  - Modeling potential number of RSV-attributable illnesses prevented
- GSK adjuvanted RSVPreF3 vaccine
  - **GRADE** Summary
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# GRADE Framework: PICO Question

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Intervention	Pfizer bivalent RSVpreF vaccine (120µg antigen, 1 dose IM) <b>-or-</b> GSK RSVPreF3 vaccine (120 µg antigen + AS01 <sub>E</sub> adjuvant, 1 dose IM)
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# GRADE: Pfizer bivalent RSVpref

# Pfizer, Benefits: vaccine efficacy estimates

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<b>Benefits</b>				
RSV Lower Respiratory Tract Illness (LRTI) <sup>b</sup>	Critical	One phase 3 RCT <sup>c</sup> , - 10.6 months mean follow up time under surveillance, including partial season 2 <sup>d</sup> - 31,986 person-years under surveillance	84.4 (59.6, 95.2) Vaccine: n=5, Placebo: n=32	Indirectness (serious) <sup>e</sup>
Medically attended RSV LRTI <sup>b</sup>	Critical		81.0 (43.5, 95.2) Vaccine: n=4, Placebo: n=21	Indirectness (serious) <sup>e</sup>
Hospitalization for RSV respiratory illness	Important		66.7 (-315, 99.4) Vaccine: n=1, Placebo: n=3	Indirectness (serious) <sup>e</sup> Imprecision (very serious) <sup>f</sup>
Severe RSV respiratory illness requiring O2/respiratory support	Important		0 (-7750, 98.7) Vaccine: n=1, Placebo: n=1	Indirectness (serious) <sup>e</sup> Imprecision (very serious) <sup>f</sup>
Death due to RSV respiratory illness	Important		Vaccine: n=0/16,010 person-years Placebo: n=0/15,976 person-years	Unable to evaluate <sup>g</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Efficacy estimates were independently calculated using counts of events and total person-time available from the Pfizer pivotal phase 3 trial. Data provided by manufacturer. Efficacy was calculated as 1 – incidence rate ratio. Events of each outcome were included if they occurred on or after day 15 after injection. Manufacturer used the same methodology to calculate efficacy estimates.

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Population	Case split (vaccine/placebo) <sup>a</sup>	Manufacturer-calculated vaccine efficacy, % (95% CI)
All (age $\geq 60$ years)	5/32	84.4 (59.6, 95.2)
Age $\geq 65$ years	3/23	87.0 (56.8, 97.5)
Age $\geq 70$ years	1/11	90.9 (37.5, 99.8)
Age $\geq 75$ years	1/7	85.7 (-11.2, 99.7) <sup>b</sup>
Age $\geq 80$ years	0/4	100.0 (-51.5, 100.0) <sup>b</sup>

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$\geq 1$ pre-existing cardiorespiratory comorbidity <sup>c</sup>	3/11	72.7 (-3.2, 95.1) <sup>d</sup>
Adults who are frail	Not assessed <sup>d</sup>	

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# Pfizer, Harms: relative risk

Outcome	Importance	Data sources	Relative risk estimate <sup>a</sup> (95% confidence interval)	Concerns in certainty assessment
<b>Harms</b>				
Serious adverse events (SAEs)	Critical	One phase 3 RCT, one phase 1/2 RCT <sup>b</sup>	1.04 (0.94, 1.15) N=36,953 total participants	None serious
Inflammatory neurologic events	Important	One phase 3 RCT <sup>c</sup> one phase 1/2 RCT <sup>c</sup>	Vaccine: n=3/18,622 participants <sup>d</sup> Placebo: n=0/18,335 participants <sup>e</sup>	Imprecision (very serious) <sup>f,g</sup>
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<sup>b</sup> After dose 1, but before dose 2 (day 61). RCT = randomized controlled trial.

<sup>c</sup> Within 42 days after injection. RCT = randomized controlled trial.

<sup>d</sup> In the Pfizer pivotal phase 3 trial, 2 events of Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) and 1 event of motor-sensory axonal polyneuropathy were reported within 42 days after vaccination with RSVpreF, compared with zero in the placebo arm. One additional case of GBS was reported 8 months after vaccination with RSVpreF and one additional case of GBS was reported 14 months after placebo receipt. No events were recorded in the phase 1/2 formulation selection study.

<sup>e</sup> Measures of relative and absolute risk were not calculated due to zero events within 42 days in placebo recipients.

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Total of **3** inflammatory neurologic events reported within 42 days of vaccination with RSVpreF among **20,255** older adults across all clinical trials

# Pfizer: Total inflammatory neurologic events reported within 42 days of vaccination across all clinical trials

Participant age	Country	Reported as	Onset	Trial	Work group case review
66 years	United States	GBS <sup>a</sup> , Brighton Collaboration <sup>b</sup> level 1	14 days post-vaccination	Pivotal phase 3 trial, randomized, blinded, placebo-controlled	Clinical course more consistent with CIDP <sup>c</sup>
66 years	Japan	GBS <sup>a</sup> , Miller-Fisher variant, Brighton Collaboration <sup>b</sup> level 4	10 days post-vaccination	Pivotal phase 3 trial, randomized, blinded, placebo-controlled	Possible GBS (Miller Fisher syndrome) though other causes are also possible
68 years	Argentina	Motor-sensory axonal polyneuropathy*  *Site investigator reported as not associated with vaccination	21 days post-vaccination*  *Participant reported some symptoms preceded vaccination	Pivotal phase 3 trial, randomized, blinded, placebo-controlled	Undifferentiated motor-sensory axonal polyneuropathy

<sup>a</sup> GBS = Guillain Barre syndrome

<sup>b</sup> <https://brightoncollaboration.us/guillain-barre-and-miller-fisher-syndromes-case-definition-companion-guide/>

<sup>c</sup> CIDP = chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy

# Background incidence of Guillain-Barré syndrome among older adults

Meta-analysis<sup>a</sup>, 13 studies, North America & Europe

Age group, years	Annual rate per 100,000 population (95% CI)
0–9	0.62 (0.52–0.75)
10–19	0.75 (0.60–0.92)
20–29	0.90 (0.67–1.19)
30–39	1.07 (0.74–1.56)
40–49	1.29 (0.80–2.06)
50–59	1.54 (0.87–2.74)
60–69	1.85 (0.94–3.64)
70–79	2.22 (1.01–4.86)
80–89	2.66 (1.09–6.48)

Vaccine Safety Datalink, United States, 2000–2009<sup>b</sup>

Age group, years	Annual rate per 100,000 population (95% CI)	
	Female	Male
0–4	0.51 (0.24–0.78)	0.39 (0.16–0.61)
5–17	0.43 (0.29–0.57)	0.62 (0.46–0.79)
18–24	0.64 (0.39–0.89)	0.75 (0.47–1.03)
25–49	1.00 (0.85–1.15)	1.39 (1.20–1.57)
50–64	2.19 (1.90–2.50)	2.85 (2.49–3.21)
≥65	4.68 (4.14–5.21)	7.06 (6.31–7.81)

<sup>a</sup> Sejvar JJ, et al. Population incidence of Guillain-Barré syndrome: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Neuroepidemiology*. 2011;36(2):123-33. <https://doi.org/10.1159/000324710>

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## Estimated incidence of Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS) following other recommended vaccinations

- **Seasonal influenza vaccines<sup>a</sup>**: The data on the association between GBS and seasonal flu vaccination are variable and inconsistent across flu seasons. If there is an increased risk of GBS following flu vaccination it is small, on the order of **1–2 additional cases per million doses** of flu vaccine administered.
- **Recombinant zoster vaccine<sup>b</sup>**: **3 excess cases per million doses** administered
  - 6 excess cases per million *first doses* administered, no increased risk following the second dose

a <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/guillainbarre.htm#how1>

b <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/safety-availability-biologics/fda-requires-warning-about-guillain-barre-syndrome-gbs-be-included-prescribing-information-shingrix>

# Summary of GRADE for Pfizer RSVpreF vaccine in older adults

Outcome	Importance	Design (# of studies)	Findings	Evidence type
<b>Benefits</b>				
RSV Lower Respiratory Tract Disease (LTRI)	Critical	RCT (1)	Pfizer RSVpreF likely reduces RSV LRTI.	<b>Moderate</b>
Medically attended RSV LRTI	Critical	RCT (1)	Pfizer RSVpreF likely reduces medically attended RSV LRTI.	<b>Moderate</b>
Hospitalization for RSV respiratory illness	Important	RCT (1)	Pfizer RSVpreF may reduce hospitalization for RSV respiratory illness, but the effect is very uncertain.	<b>Very low</b>
Severe RSV respiratory illness requiring O2/respiratory support	Important	RCT (1)	Pfizer RSVpreF may not impact severe RSV respiratory illness requiring supplemental oxygen or other respiratory support, but the effect is very uncertain.	<b>Very low</b>
Death due to RSV respiratory illness	Important	RCT (1)	No events observed	Unable to evaluate
<b>Harms</b>				
Serious adverse events	Critical	RCT (2)	Pfizer RSVpreF results in little to no differences in SAEs.	<b>High</b>
Inflammatory neurologic events	Important	RCT (2)	Pfizer RSVpreF may increase inflammatory neurologic events.	<b>Low</b>
Reactogenicity (grade $\geq 3$ )	Important	RCT (2)	Pfizer RSVpreF likely increases severe reactogenicity events.	<b>Moderate</b>

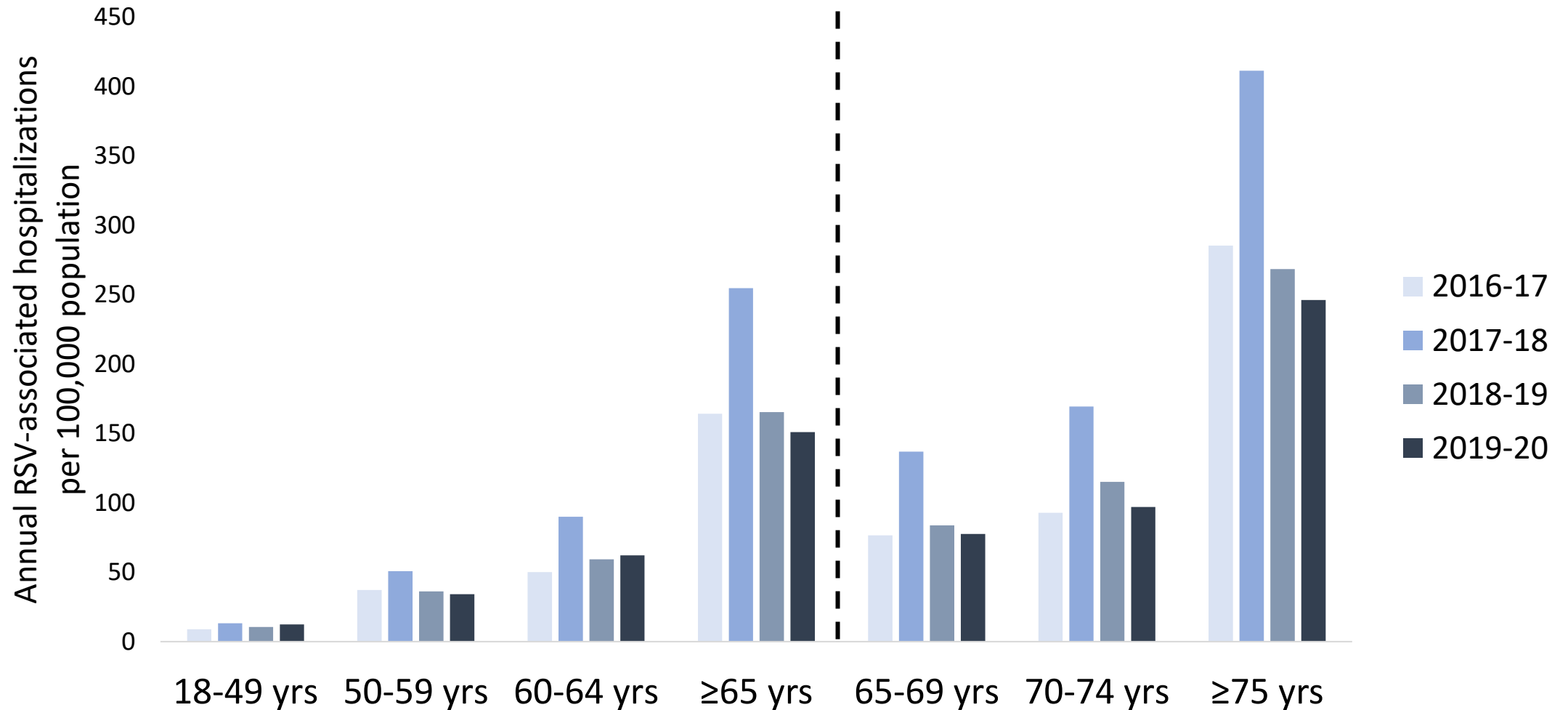
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Overall evidence rating: **Moderate** certainty



# RSV-NET estimated annual hospitalizations per 100,000 adults: 2016–2017 to 2019–2020



# Modeling potential RSV-attributable illnesses prevented: Pfizer RSVpreF

- Included in economic analysis performed by U. Michigan, using published incidence estimates and RSV-NET estimated annual hospitalizations per 100,000 adults
- Timeframe: 2 RSV seasons (assumed duration of vaccine protection)

	Number prevented per 1 million vaccinations among: <b>Adults aged ≥65 years</b>	Number prevented per 1 million vaccinations among: <b>Adults aged 60–64 years</b>
Outpatient visits <sup>a</sup>	25,000	19,000
Hospitalizations <sup>b</sup>	2,500	960
Deaths <sup>c</sup>	130	37

<sup>a</sup> Incidence rates of RSV illness requiring outpatient visit taken from [McLaughlin et al, OFID \(2022\)](#). Vaccine efficacy (VE) against this outcome assumed to be equal to that against medically attended acute respiratory illness (ARI) caused by RSV (Pfizer RENOIR trial, including unpublished data from partial season 2 follow up).

<sup>b</sup> Incidence rates of RSV hospitalization taken from RSV-NET 2016–2020 (unpublished). VE against RSV-associated hospitalization assumed to be equal to that against medically attended lower respiratory tract illness (LRTI) with ≥3 symptoms, caused by RSV (Pfizer RENOIR trial, unpublished).

<sup>c</sup> Probability of in-hospital death among adults hospitalized for RSV taken from RSV-NET 2016–2020 (unpublished). VE against RSV-associated death assumed to be equal to that against medically attended lower respiratory tract illness (LRTI) with ≥3 symptoms, caused by RSV (Pfizer RENOIR trial, unpublished).

# Pfizer, post-marketing safety requirements and commitments

Study	Aim	Design	Final protocol submission to FDA	Study completion date
C3671031 <sup>a</sup>	Evaluate risk of GBS	Retrospective cohort, claims-based	November 30, 2023	May 31, 2029
C3671037	Evaluate risk of atrial fibrillation <sup>b</sup>	Active surveillance study	November 30, 2023	February 28, 2027
C3671013 (main phase 3 trial)	Evaluate safety and immunogenicity of revaccination	Clinical trial	Submitted	March 31, 2025

**a** Post-marketing requirement under Section 505(o) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act

**b** A numerical imbalance in events of atrial fibrillation was noted in the main phase 3 trial, with 10 events in the RSVpreF group and 4 events in the placebo group, within 1 month following vaccination.

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Age group in years	Case split (vaccine/placebo) <sup>a</sup>	Manufacturer-calculated vaccine efficacy <sup>b</sup> , % (CI)	
		No adjustment by season	Adjusted by season
≥60 (all)	30/139	74.5 (60.0, 84.5)	67.2 (48.2, 80.0)
≥65	25/100	70.3 (53.5, 81.6)	61.2 (39.0, 76.1)
≥70	13/65	76.4 (56.7, 88.1)	69.3 (43.4, 84.6)
≥75	8/24	Not shared <sup>c</sup>	49.3 (-18.2, 80.6) <sup>c</sup>
≥80	4/10	52.6 (-64.2, 89.2) <sup>c</sup>	38.4 (-118, 86.1) <sup>c</sup>

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≥1 pre-existing cardiorespiratory comorbidity <sup>d</sup>	10/56	80.1 (60.6, 91.0)	73.8 (47.9, 88.2)
Gait speed ≥1.0 m/s ( <i>fit</i> )	20/89	73.4 (56.5, 84.5)	66.2 (44.3, 80.4)
Gait speed 0.4–0.99 m/s ( <i>pre-frail</i> )	8/47	80.0 (57.3, 91.8)	73.3 (42.4, 89.2)
Gait speed <0.4 m/s or unable to complete assessment ( <i>frail</i> )	2/1	-116 (-12,800, 88.9) <sup>e</sup>	-148 (-15,800, 88.2) <sup>e</sup>

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Reactogenicity (grade ≥3)	Important	One phase 3 RCT <sup>f</sup> one phase 1/2 RCT <sup>g</sup>	4.06 (1.97, 8.36) N=1,955 total participants	None serious

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Participant age	Country	Reported as	Onset	Trial	Work group case review
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71 years	South Africa	ADEM <sup>c</sup> , fatal*  *Site investigator updated diagnoses: hypoglycemia & dementia	7 days post-vaccination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Randomized, blinded co-administration study with standard dose seasonal influenza vaccine</li> <li>Case occurred in the simultaneous administration arm of the study</li> </ul>	ADEM <sup>c</sup> cannot be ruled out, however, other diagnoses appear more likely
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<sup>b</sup> <https://brightoncollaboration.us/guillain-barre-and-miller-fisher-syndromes-case-definition-companion-guide/>

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# Modeling potential RSV-attributable illnesses prevented: GSK RSVPreF3

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- Timeframe: 2 RSV seasons (assumed duration of vaccine protection)

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Outpatient visits <sup>a</sup>	23,000	18,000
Hospitalizations <sup>b</sup>	2,300	890
Deaths <sup>c</sup>	120	35

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# GSK, post-marketing safety requirements and commitments

Aim	Design	Final protocol submission to FDA	Study completion date
Evaluate risk of GBS, ADEM <sup>a</sup>	Self-controlled risk interval design	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2030
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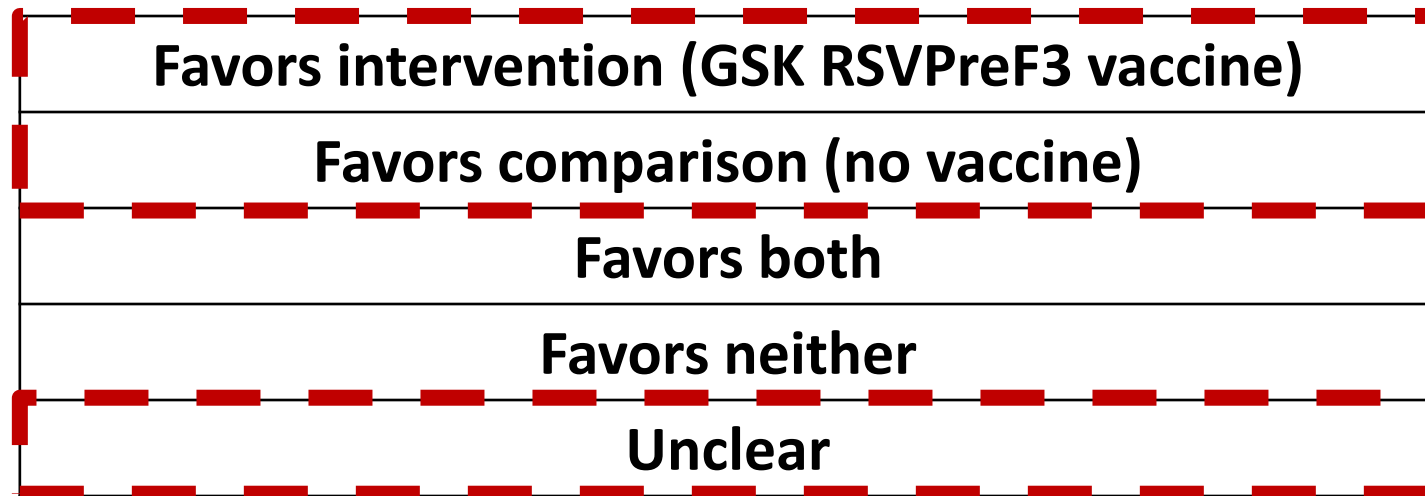
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  - What is the balance between the desirable effects relative to the undesirable effects?



# Resource Use

**Is an RSV vaccine program for older adults a reasonable and efficient allocation of resources?**

# Work group considerations

- RSV vaccination for older adults **could** be a cost-effective intervention
- There is substantial uncertainty in the net societal costs of an RSV vaccination program for older adults, driven by:
  - **Uncertainty in vaccine acquisition cost**
    - Current assumptions: \$200 Pfizer RSVpreF, \$270 GSK RSVPreF3
  - Uncertainty in incidence of RSV illness (e.g., hospitalization)
  - Uncertainty in duration of protection from RSV vaccination
    - Current assumption: 2 RSV seasons
- Vaccination of older age groups would be more cost effective than vaccination of younger age groups

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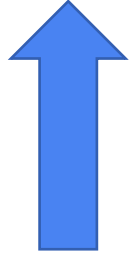


# The Work Group discussed multiple equity concerns.

- Not all persons experience the same **risk of RSV** disease.
- An RSV vaccine **might increase equity** by protecting those disproportionately impacted by RSV.
- However, if access or uptake of the vaccine is not equal, an RSV vaccine **might decrease equity**.
- The **age groups** in which the vaccine might be recommended were felt to have **important equity implications**.

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# Anticipated impact on equity of an age-based recommendation for RSV vaccination in adults $\geq 65$



RSV vaccination in adults aged  $\geq 65$  years **might increase equity** by decreasing RSV burden among persons from racial and ethnic minority groups and in persons with lower income levels.

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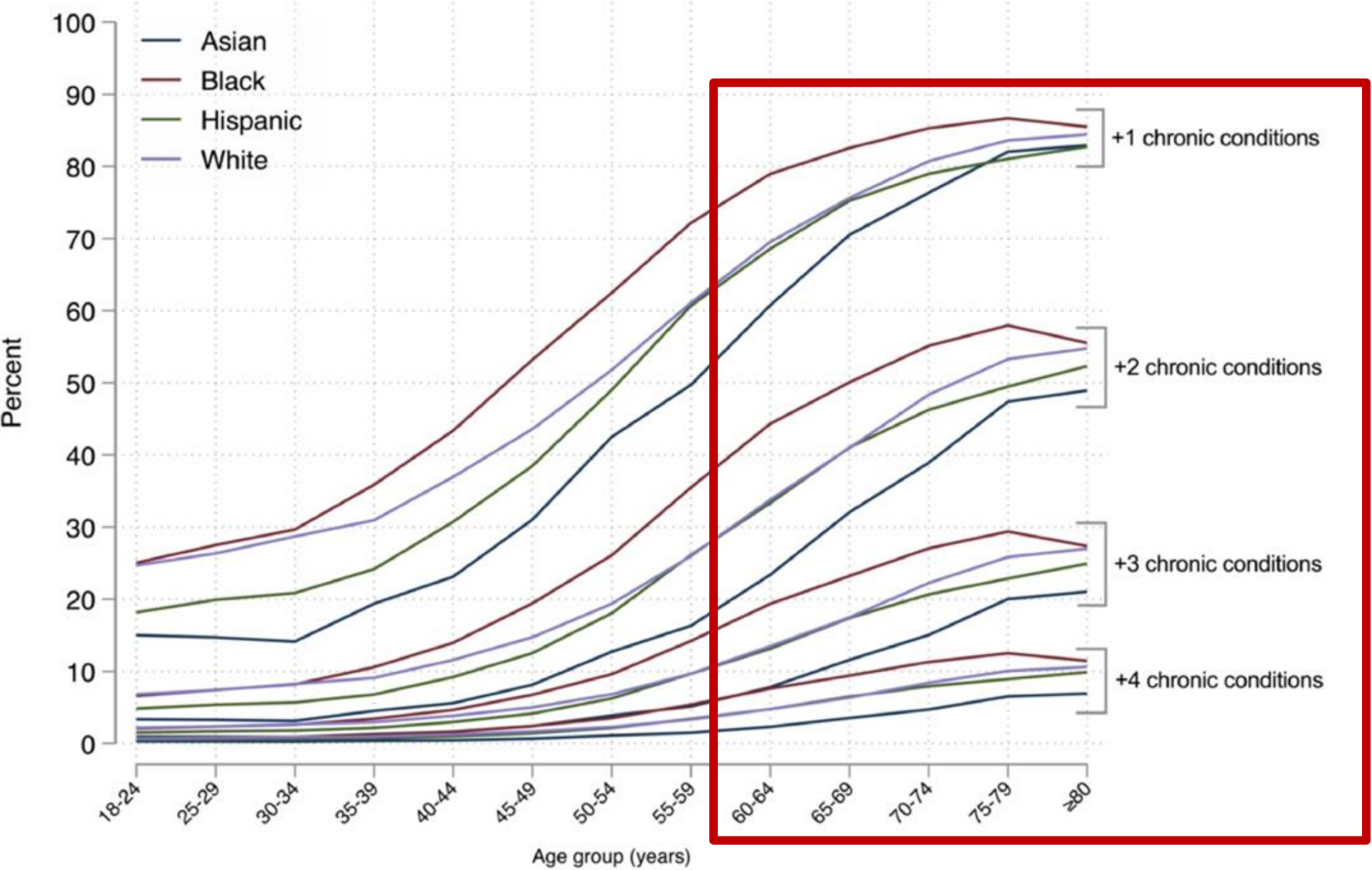
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White, non-Hispanic	5,596	73 (62–83)
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Hispanic	713	65 (50–77)
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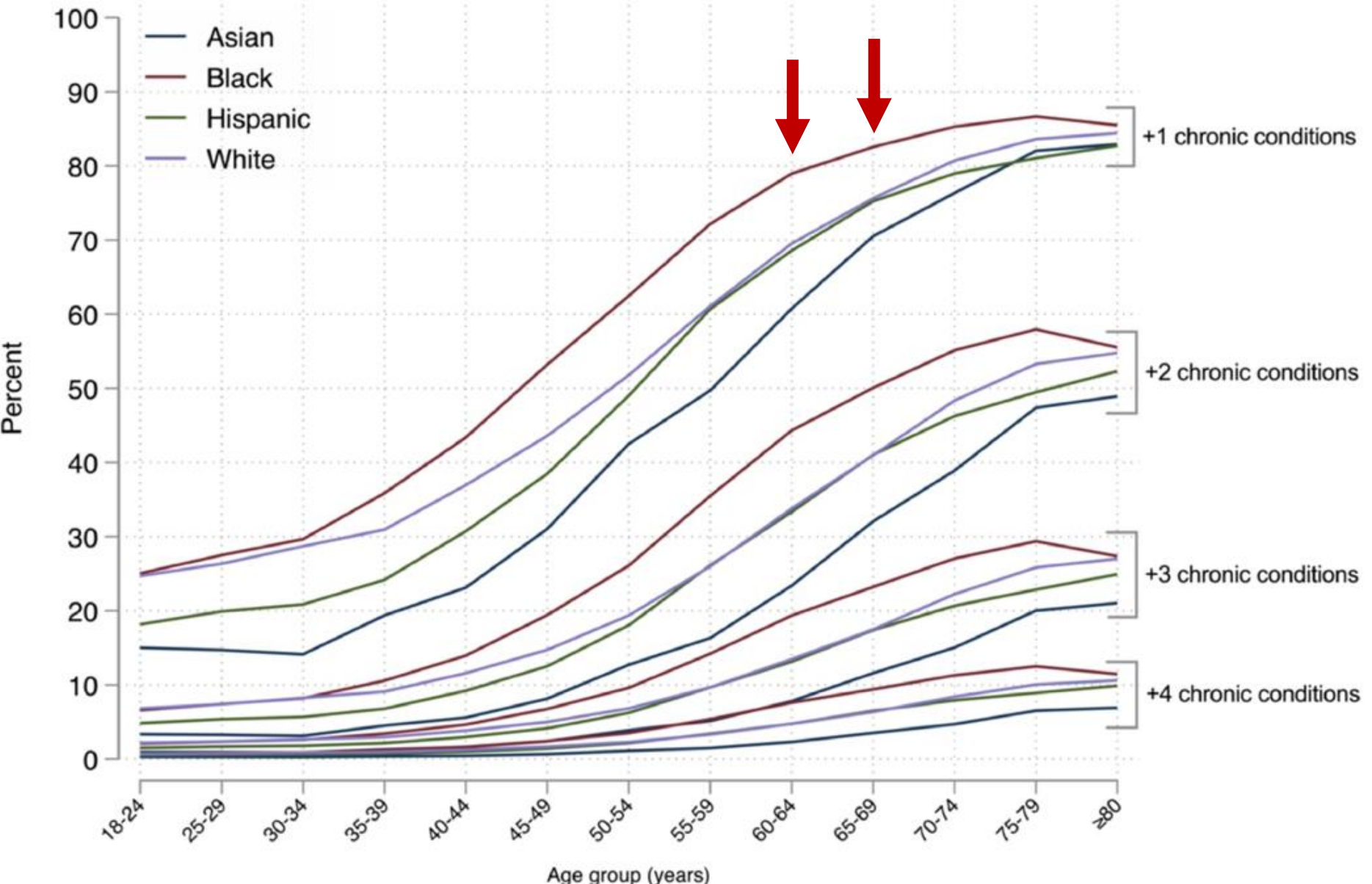
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# Number of chronic conditions by age among Asian, Black, Latino/Hispanic, and White adults in the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), 1999 to 2018



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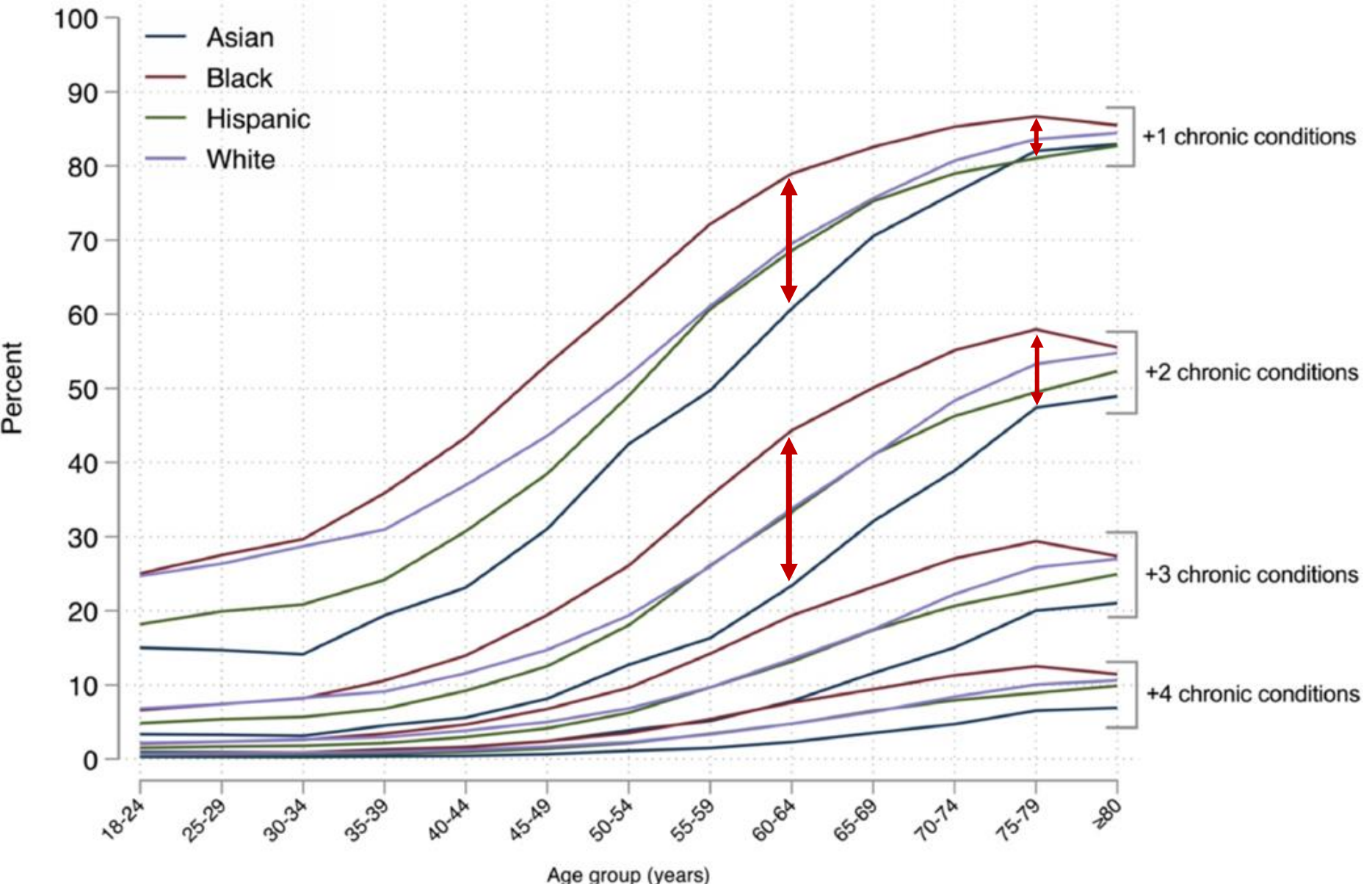
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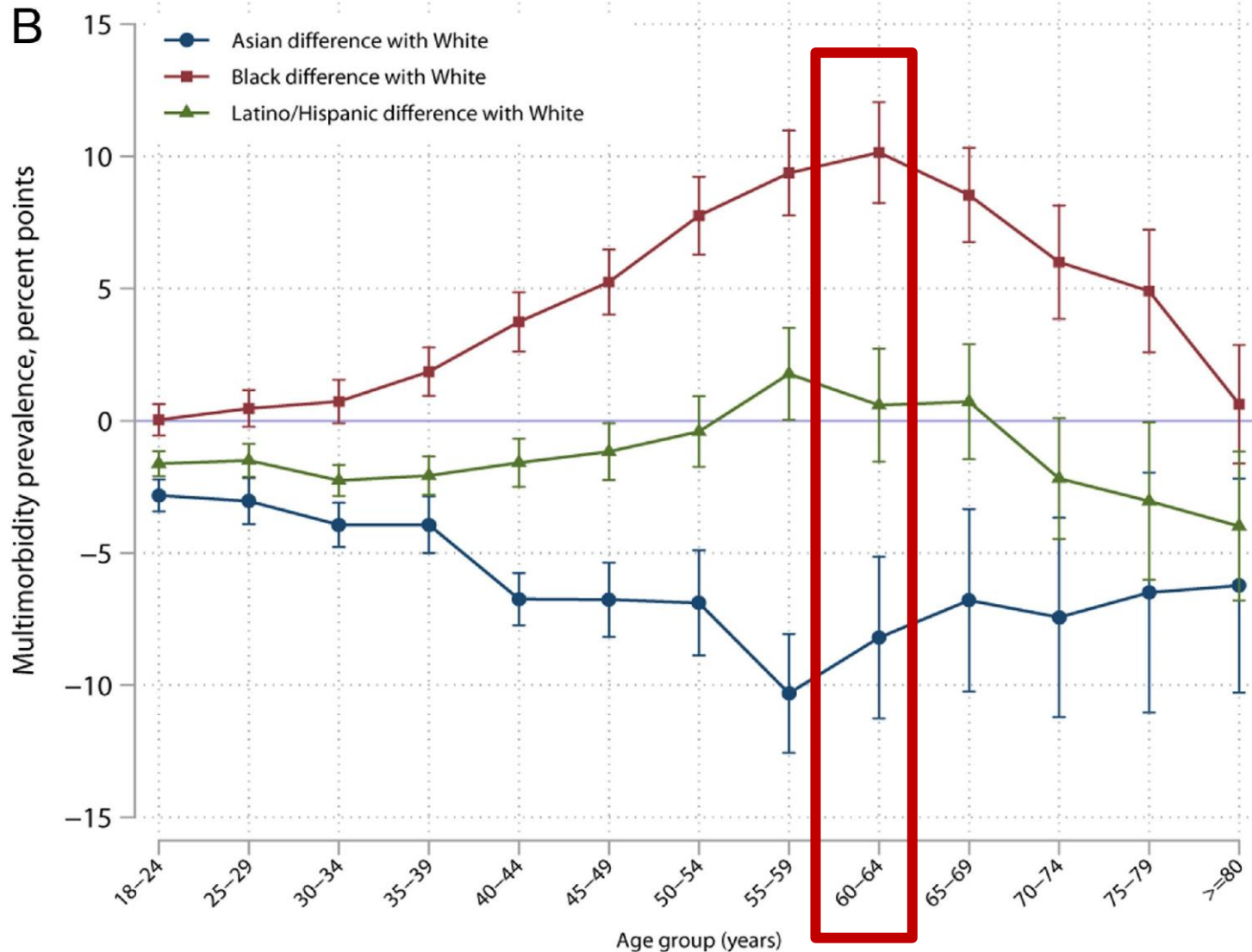


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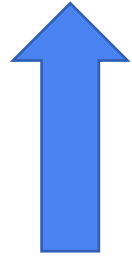
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# Difference in prevalence of multiple chronic conditions by age and race/ethnicity, National Health Interview Survey, 1999 to 2018

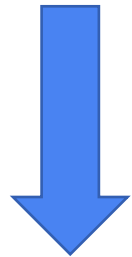


- Prevalence of multimorbidity ( $\geq 2$  concurrent conditions) diverged between Black individuals and White individuals
- Reached maximum difference of 10% among those aged 60-64 years

# Anticipated impact on equity of an age-based recommendation for RSV vaccination in adults $\geq 65$



RSV vaccination in adults aged  $\geq 65$  years **might increase equity** by decreasing RSV burden among persons from racial and ethnic minority groups and persons with lower income levels.



An RSV vaccination recommendation that excludes adults aged 60-64 years **might decrease equity** by excluding persons from racial and ethnic minority groups that would benefit from the vaccine at earlier ages due to risk conditions.

# Shared clinical decision-making

- One policy option that the Work Group discussed to address the varied risk of severe RSV disease (e.g., hospitalization) among 60–64 year-olds is shared clinical decision-making (SCDM) for adults aged 60–64 years.
- Ideally, this would allow adults aged 60–64 years at high risk of RSV hospitalization to be vaccinated and decrease age-based racial and ethnic health disparities.
- Prior experience with SCDM might inform the expected impact on equity.

## ACIP recommendations for vaccination based on shared clinical decision-making (SCDM) that appear (or appeared) on the tables and/or notes of the immunization schedules

- Historical: Pneumococcal conjugate vaccination (PCV13) for adults aged 65 years and older who do not have an immunocompromising condition, cerebrospinal fluid leak, or cochlear implant (recommendation revised in 2021 with introduction of PCV15 and PCV20)
- Historical: Hepatitis B (HepB) vaccination for adults aged 60 years and older with diabetes mellitus (recommendation revised in 2022)
- Meningococcal B (MenB) vaccination for adolescents and young adults aged 16–23 years
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination for adults aged 27–45 years

## History of Hepatitis B and SCDM

- In 2011, ACIP recommended Hepatitis B vaccination for all unvaccinated adults with diabetes mellitus aged <60 years but for unvaccinated adults with diabetes mellitus aged ≥60 years, ACIP recommended Hepatitis B vaccination at the discretion of their healthcare provider.
- *(This recommendation was revised in 2022. Now HepB vaccination is universally recommended for adults aged 19–59 years and adults aged ≥60 years with risk factors for hepatitis B; adults aged ≥60 years without known risk factors for hepatitis B may also receive HepB vaccines).*

Source: Weng MK, Doshani M, Khan MA, et al. Universal Hepatitis B Vaccination in Adults Aged 19–59 Years: Updated Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2022. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2022;71:477–483.

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- Hepatitis B vaccination coverage **remained low among older adults** with diabetes mellitus even 7 years after the recommendation was made

Race and ethnicity	Vaccination coverage with $\geq 3$ Hep B doses among adults $\geq 60$ <i>with diabetes mellitus</i>	Vaccination coverage with $\geq 3$ Hep B doses among adults $\geq 60$ <i>without diabetes mellitus</i>
All	15.3 (13.3 – 17.4)	15.9 (14.8-17.0)
White, non-Hispanic	15.5 (13.1-18.1)	15.9 (14.7-17.2)
Black, non-Hispanic	17.3 (12.2-23.9)	13.4 (10.5-17.2)
Hispanic	9.2 (4.9-16.7)	16.0 (12.0-21.0)
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- However, coverage may have been higher among Black, non-Hispanic older adults with diabetes mellitus

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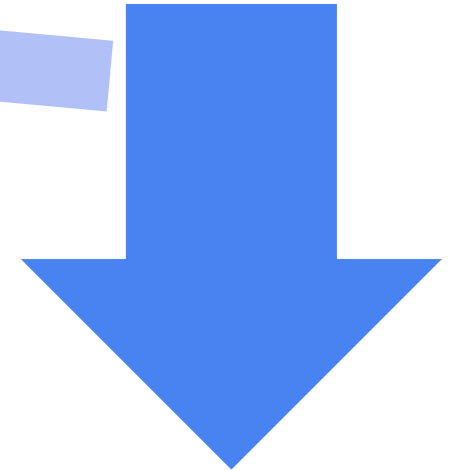


# In studies assessing knowledge, attitude, and practices around SCDM for other vaccines, providers have reported mixed views and understanding of recommendations



- Some in favor of SCDM recommendations because they give more flexibility in decisions about use of a vaccine<sup>1</sup>

- Some think that SCDM requires more time than routine recommendations, that SCDM creates confusion, and many do not know vaccines recommended for SCDM would be covered by most health insurance<sup>1,2</sup>
- Providers unsure of what points to emphasize in discussions with patients<sup>2</sup>



1. Kempe A, Lindley MC, O'Leary ST, et al. Shared Clinical Decision-Making Recommendations for Adult Immunization: What Do Physicians Think?. *J Gen Intern Med.* 2021;36(8):2283-2291. doi:10.1007/s11606-020-06456-z

2. Hurley LP, O'Leary ST, Kobayashi M, et al. Physician survey regarding updated PCV13 vaccine recommendations for adults ≥65 years. *J Am Geriatr Soc.* 2021;69(9):2612-2618. doi:10.1111/jgs.17274

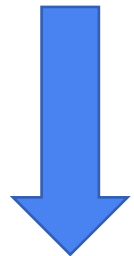
## Brief summary of SCDM equity considerations

- Ideally SCDM would increase access for adults aged 60–64 years with medical risk factors for severe RSV disease (disproportionately in racial and ethnic groups impacted by RSV at earlier ages)
- Limited evidence regarding the impact of conditional recommendations, like SCDM, in older adults suggests they may not substantially increase uptake in the target population
- However, without a recommendation for adults aged 60–64 years, adults with medical risk factors for severe RSV disease would likely face additional barriers to RSV vaccination, increasing health disparities

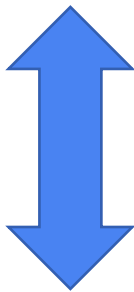
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RSV vaccination that includes both adults aged 65 and older and adults aged 60-64 years under shared clinical decision-making (SCDM) would increase access for adults 60-64 with medical risk factors for severe RSV disease (disproportionately in racial and ethnic groups impacted by RSV at earlier ages). However, SCDM may not substantially increase uptake in the target population.

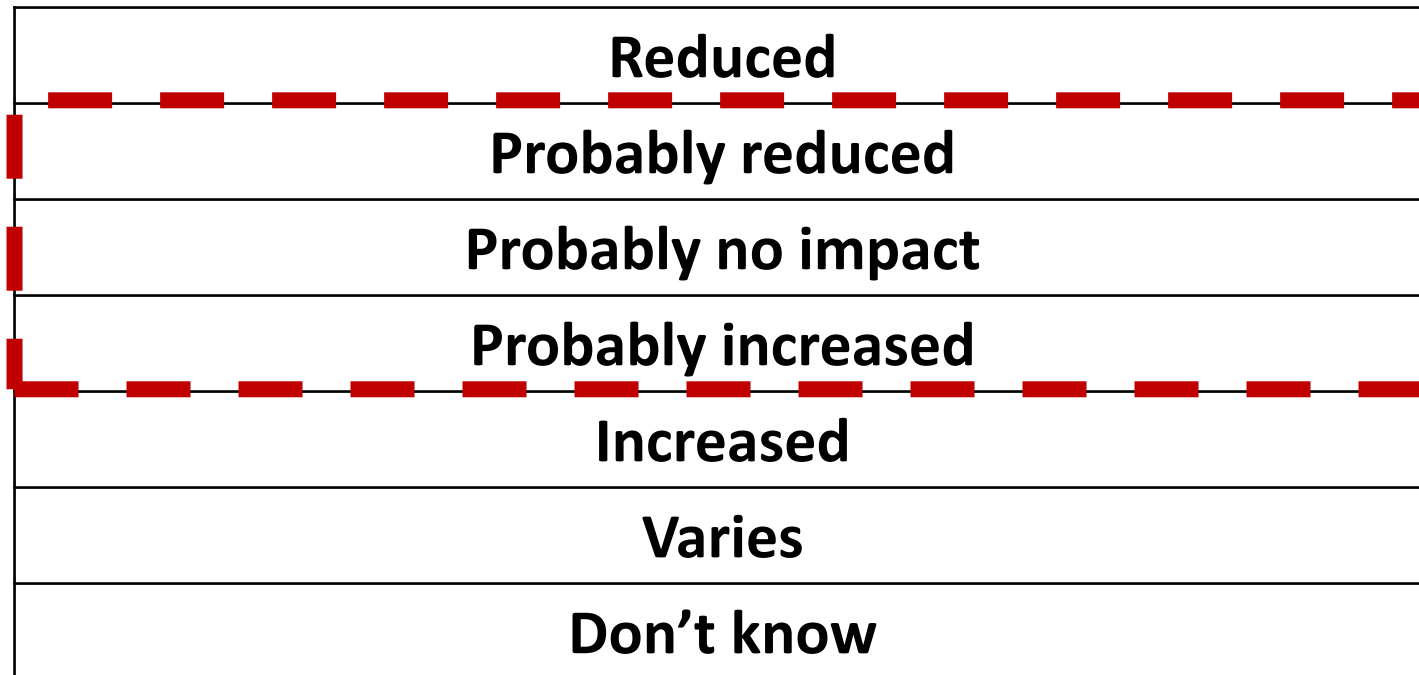
# Equity

- What would be the impact on health equity of recommending RSV vaccines in adults aged **≥65 years**?

Reduced
Probably reduced
Probably no impact
Probably increased
Increased
Varies
Don't know

# Equity

- What would be the impact on health equity of recommending RSV vaccines in adults aged **60–64 years**?



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# Summary

Domain	Question	Work Group Judgements	
		Pfizer	GSK
	<b>Adults aged ≥65 years</b>		
<b>Public Health Problem</b>	Is RSV of public health importance?	Yes	
<b>Benefits and Harms</b>	How substantial are the desirable anticipated effects?	Moderate	Moderate
	How substantial are the undesirable anticipated effects?	Small	Small
	Do the desirable effects outweigh the undesirable effects?	Favors intervention	Favors intervention
	What is the overall certainty of the evidence profile?	Moderate	Moderate
<b>Values</b>	Does the target population feel the desirable effects are large relative to the undesirable effects?	Yes/Probably yes	
	Is there important variability in how patients value the outcomes?	Important variability/Probably important variability	
<b>Acceptability</b>	Is the intervention acceptable to key stakeholders?	Yes/Probably yes	
<b>Feasibility</b>	Is the intervention feasible to implement?	Yes/Probably yes	Yes/Probably yes
<b>Resource Use</b>	Is the intervention a reasonable and efficient allocation of resources?	Probably yes	Probably yes
<b>Equity</b>	What would be the impact on health equity?	Probably increased/Probably no impact	

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Benefits and Harms	How substantial are the desirable anticipated effects?	Small – Moderate	Small – Moderate
	How substantial are the undesirable anticipated effects?	Small	Small
	Do the desirable effects outweigh the undesirable effects?	Unclear	Unclear
	What is the overall certainty of the evidence profile?	Moderate	Moderate
Values	Does the target population feel the desirable effects are large relative to the undesirable effects?	Yes/Probably yes	
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Equity	What would be the impact on health equity?	Unclear	



# Work Group interpretation (part 1)

- Pfizer's bivalent RSVpreF and GSK's adjuvanted RSVPreF3 vaccines both have demonstrated significant efficacy against lower respiratory tract illness caused by RSV among older adults over at least two seasons
  - Trials were underpowered to show efficacy in the oldest adults and in adults who are frail
  - Trials were underpowered to show efficacy against RSV hospitalization
    - Efficacy against symptomatic illness may indicate efficacy against more severe disease
- RSV vaccination has the potential to prevent considerable morbidity from RSV disease among older adults, particularly in those with chronic medical conditions and those who are frail (e.g., long-term care facility residents)

## Work Group interpretation (part 2)

- Cases of inflammatory neurologic events have been reported within 42 days after vaccination with each RSV vaccine
- Clinical trials were not sufficiently powered to determine whether the small number of cases occurred due to random chance
- Whether there is an increased risk of GBS or other inflammatory neurologic events from RSV vaccination is not known at this time
- Post-licensure surveillance for both safety and vaccine effectiveness will be critical

# Choice of age threshold at which to recommend RSV vaccines

	Pros	Cons
Age $\geq$ 65 years only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater risk of RSV disease and therefore more favorable population-wide balance of risks and benefits of vaccination (in light of cases of inflammatory neurologic events observed)</li> <li>• Aligns with recommendations for high-dose and adjuvanted influenza vaccines, and universal pneumococcal vaccination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lost opportunity to prevent additional disease in the 60–64 age group, who are disproportionately from racial and ethnic groups impacted by RSV at earlier ages</li> </ul>
Also in ages 60–64 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential to prevent a greater total burden of disease (e.g., number of hospitalizations)</li> <li>• Increases access to adults 60–64 with medical risk factors for severe RSV disease (disproportionately in racial and ethnic groups impacted by RSV at earlier ages)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk/benefit balance depends on the patient population that seeks and receives vaccination among those 60–64</li> <li>• Uninsured adults would face financial barriers obtaining vaccination (disproportionately aged 60–64 in racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups at greater risk of severe RSV)</li> <li>• May experience more difficulty achieving clinician adoption of the recommendation among patients 60–64</li> <li>• Less efficient allocation of societal resources</li> </ul>

# Evidence to Recommendations Framework

## Summary: Work Group Interpretations

- Work Group interpretations were similar for:
  - Pfizer bivalent RSVpreF
  - GSK adjuvanted RSVPreF3

# Evidence to Recommendations Framework

## Summary: Work Group Interpretations (Pfizer RSVpreF, GSK RSVPreF3)

Among adults aged  $\geq 65$  years:

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Balance of consequences	Undesirable consequences <i>clearly outweigh</i> desirable consequences in most settings	Undesirable consequences <i>probably outweigh</i> desirable consequences in most settings	The balance between desirable and undesirable consequences is <i>closely balanced</i> or <i>uncertain</i>	Desirable consequences <i>probably outweigh</i> undesirable consequences in most settings	Desirable consequences <i>clearly outweigh</i> undesirable consequences in most settings	There is insufficient evidence to determine the balance of consequences

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We do not recommend the intervention

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# Proposed ACIP Voting Language

- Adults 65 years of age and older are recommended to receive a single dose of RSV vaccine.
- Individual adults aged 60–64 years may receive a single dose of RSV vaccine, using shared clinical decision-making based on risk assessment.



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