From practice to evidence: Leveraging unique Czech RWD to support regulatory documentation

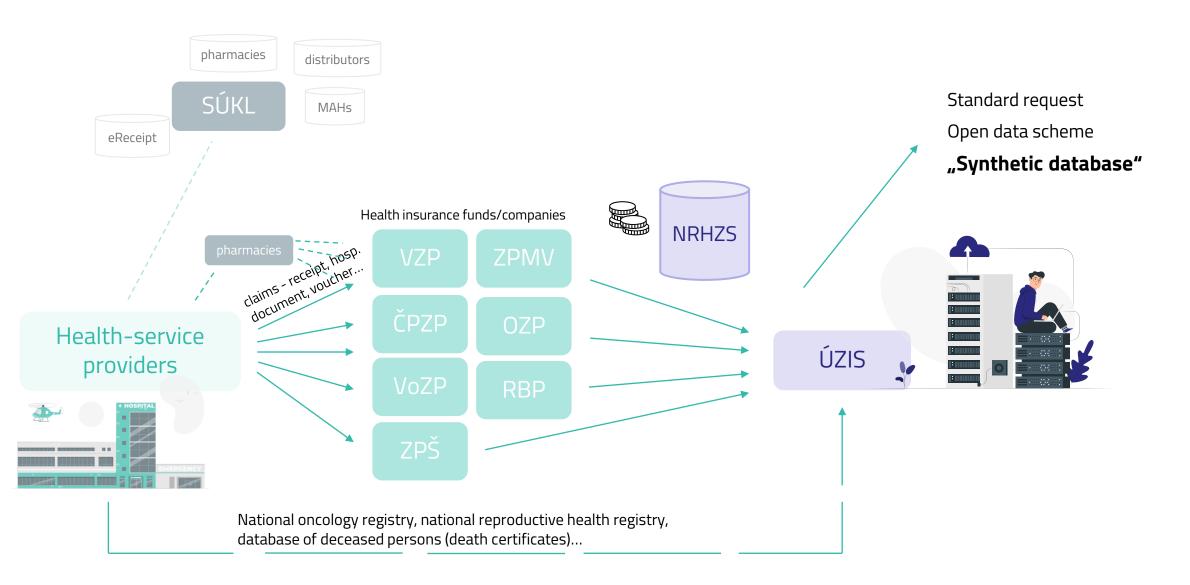
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Scheme of (administrative) data in the czech health system



Data we can work with





Medication

ID (patient)
Drug code (SUKL_kod)
Brand, package, ATC...
HSP (prescriber)...



Outpatient care

Procedure code, name... Specialty visits, lab tests... ICD10 HSP



Provider



Medical device

ID (patient) Code of Device/material Brand, specification...



Patient

ID (all cz-insured) Sex Age



Inpatient care

Hospitalization date ICD10 codes, ward/spec, procedures, medication... Hospital



Death certificate

ID (patient)
ICD10 cause
Date...



Registries

ID (patient) NOR, NRRZ Date...



Diagnosis

ID (patient)
ICD10 code (primary, additional...)
Date...

- 100 % health insurance funds (all cz citizens)
- mostly administrative claim data, all reimbursed services (directly/explicitly reported),
- all with date and ID-patient-linked!

What is not included (at least yet)

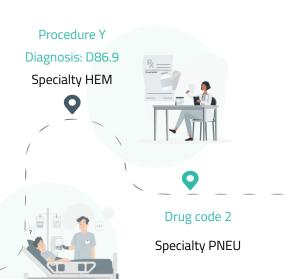
- Primary EHR from HIS/AIS in general (either structured or un-structured)
- Laboratory and clinical values some laboratory values hopefully coming during next year, some laboratory and clinical values is possible to link to NRHZS (at least in theory)
- Some hospital-administrated drugs (reimbursed as lump-sum, not directly)
- Prescription but not reimbursed drugs
- OTCs
- No parents-children link
- Data from National social information system (disability pension etc.) hopefully during nex year as well

Patient-level analysis – a few use-cases

2015

- Concomitant therapy used by a specific patient:
 - Potential drug interactions
 - Duplicated prescription
 - Multiple monotherapies vs fixed combinations
 - Polypharmacy
- Adherence to treatment (proportion of days covered, medical possession ratio etc.)
 - Dosage
 - Duration of treatment
 - Gaps in treatment
- Comorbidities for assessment of potential drug contraindications
 - Drug administration in the pediatric population use and dosage
- Clinical outcomes are missing, but we still have endpoints such as mortality, hospitalizations, dosage increase, adding new treatment, stopping the treatment
- Estimation of adverse effects
- Drug forms





Inpatient care

ICD: E75.2

2025

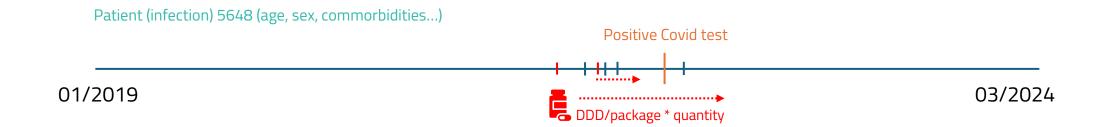
Data quality

- ICD10 quality (suspections, errors...) combining with other data and metrics such a multiple ICD10 codes, medication, procedures, spec visits etc. if possible
- Dispensation = ! Usage
- Self-payments
- Specific reimbursement (§16) not reliable (not complete)
- Delay cca 3.5-4 months for NRHZS, longer for registries and death certificates
- And much more...



Drug interactions case – nirmatrelvir+ritonavir (Covid)

- What proportion of COVID infections were accompanied by concomitant treatment with a potential severe interaction with nirmatrelvir+ritonavir?
- All covid infections, 2020-1Q2024 (4.761 mio infections, cca 4.3 mio patients)
- Selecting active substance with potentialy high-severity interaction ("Do Not Coadminister" label within Liverpool covid19 interaction checker)
- Identification of all ATCs (and drug codes) containing at least one of these substances
- Selecting all infections (patient-date of positive test)
- Selecting relevant higher-risk population (65+) and date since the drug was available on the market
 - What dispensed medicines do we see before and do they overlap (DDD-based) with potential nirmatrelvir+ritonavir treament?



Drug interactions case – nirmatrelvir+ritonavir (Covid)

- Infection_ID
- Infection date
- Paxlovid
- Lagevrio
- Veklury
- Other treatment
- Age group
- Sex
- Infection rank
- Conflicted treatment "Do not coadminister" based on Liverpool COVID-19 interaction checker
- ATC "Do not coadminister"
- Conflicted treatment "Potential interaction"
- ATC "Potential interaction"
- DCCI

Drug interactions case – nirmatrelvir+ritonavir (Covid)

Results

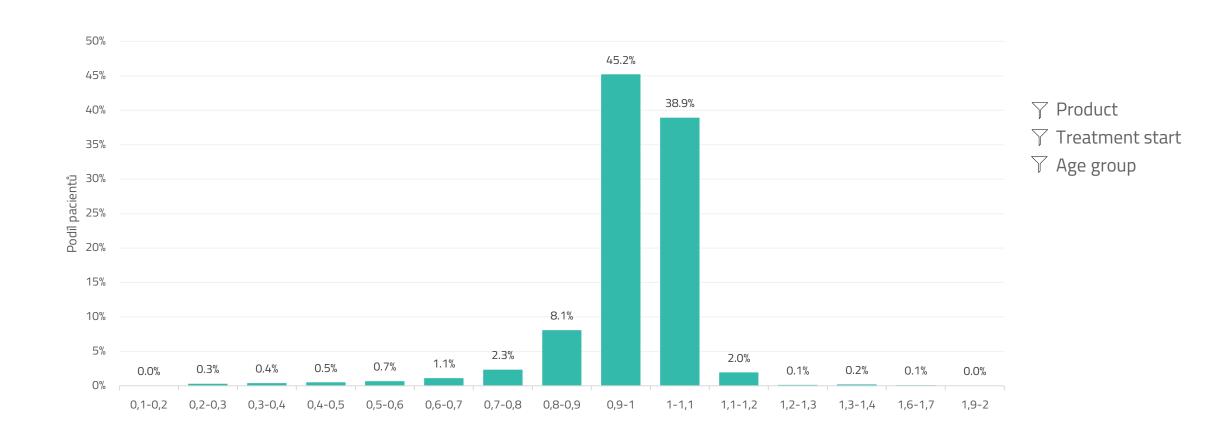
Out of **99 771** relevant covid19 infections, **13 761 (13.79%)** had overlapping expected use of drug with potentially severe interaction with nirmatrelyir+ritonavir

- Out of these 13.79%, how many patients could get the covid treatment because of...
 - Switching to other treatment with no/lower risk? (simvastatin?)
 - Pausing the treatment
 - Decreasing the dosing
 - ??

Average/typical WHO-based daily defined dosages vs. modelling expected dosing on patient-drug level (could be done with some limitations

Average consumption compared to expected (SPC-based) dosing - migraine

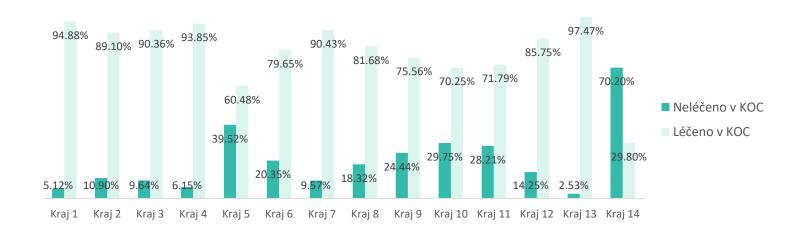
Migraine biological treatment (eptinezumab, erenumab, fremanezumab, galkanezumab), medical possession ratio like metric – slightly over 90%

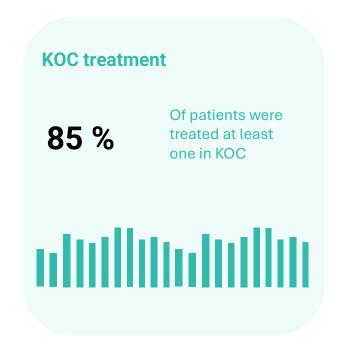


Breast cancer treatment – KOC vs ROC (complex and regional oncology centres)

Analysis objective:

- Determine whether patients are reaching KOC
- Determine the time between diagnosis and treatment in KOC depending on:
 - Stage of disease at diagnosis
 - Region of primary treatment
 - Also mortality as outcome...





"Feasibility" – screening for eligibility of potential participating centers in clinical trial

Assumptions:

- Current situation in screening of center eligibility for clinical trials is time consuming process based on assumptions
- Currently wide range of healthcare data available from insurance companies here in the Czech Republic with granularity to centers of treatment
- What we can get on the specific Centre (Healthcare Provider) detail:
 - Number of patients with a certain diagnosis
 - Number of patients with a certain diagnosis who were also treated with some previous treatment (for some time)
 - Patients who are still actively treated in the given area (we see visits / outpatient procedures within the relevant department)
 - Provider uses similar treatment as standard ("advanced" provider)
 - Provider performs certain operations/procedures in a significant volume
 - Devices and technology equipment
 - Personal capacities (?)

Screening for eligibility of potential participating center in clinical trial through available RWE data

Item	Old attitude	New RWD-based attitude	
Quality system	OK	OK	
Material equipment	OK	OK	
Patients meeting inclusion/exclusion criteria	estimation	OK	
Personal capacities	ОК	OK	
Other studies in center	"estimation"	OK	
Financial and contractual aspects	OK	Necessity for personal visit (vs "empiric" knowledge)	

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH

LET'S DISCUSS!

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BACK-UP SLIDES





"Synthetic database"

- Artificial database ("testing database")
- More detail while maintaining GDPR aspects (detailed and extensive data, outputs are more aggregated)
- Most of the analytical work is transferred to the applicant (sql script and documentation)
- Limitations (GDPR, computing capacity)
- Process: designing the project -> writing sql script on testing database and writing documentation -> requesting ÚZIS -> getting the real data if everything is ok -> cleaning, wrangling, doing analysis and statistics

"standard request" – before

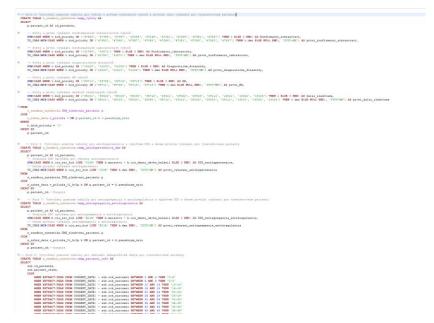
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Atribut	Popis		
Rok	Rok, kdy došlo k vydání/aplikaci léku. Prosíme o zahrnutí období		
	2018-2023. Počítáme s mírným podhodnocením z důvodu		
	nedoreportovaného konce 2023.		
IČZ	Identifikační číslo zařízení (předepisující)		
Název IČZ	Název IČZ (předepisující)		
Odbornost	Odbornost předepisujícího pracoviště		
Diagnóza dle MKN - detailní	Detailní diagnóza - maximálně však 4znaková, tj. v případě		
	5znakové seskupit dle 4znakové (ev. "neuvedeno")		
ATC			

Medikace (ZÚLP, recept) předpis - 3znaková MKN, bez IČZ a odbornosti

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ATC			
Název ATC			
Diagnóza dle MKN - 3znaková	3znaková diagnóza dle MKN (ev. "neuvedeno")		
Věková skupina	10letá věková skupina v době aplikace/vydání		
Kraj pacienta	Kraj dle trvalého bydliště pacienta (ke konci sledovaného obdol		
Počet balení	Počet vykázaných balení		
Počet pacientů	Počet unikátních pacientů		

"synthetic data" – now



CTEPH – where are the patients?

Chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension as a specific form of PH

Objective: Where are the patients with CTEPH risk? Who is treating them (what specialty)?

Specialty	Packages – PE yes	Packages – PE no	PE/Total	PE patients %
všeobecné praktické lékařství	1 346	29 397	4.4%	28.8%
vnitřní lékařství - interna	1 084	17 757	5.8%	23.2%
onkologie	562	6 578	7.9%	12.0%
hematologie	453	25 601	1.7%	9.7%
kardiologie	255	5 791	4.2%	5.5%
angiologie	231	4 861	4.5%	5.0%
chirurgie	206	22 013	0.9%	4.4%
pneumologie a ftizeologie	120	1 234	8.9%	2.6%
Celkem	4 667	177 025	2.6%	100.0%