

Caring for Communities:
Comparing Health Care System
Patient Populations to Regional
Populations

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## The Rise of Population Health Care





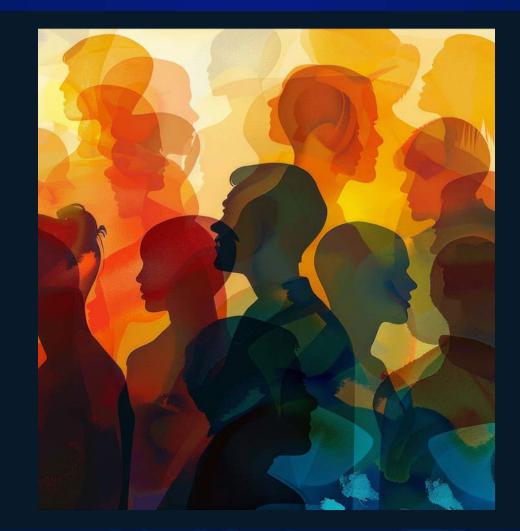
- Large health care delivery systems growing in number and size
- Large electronic health data warehouses

Population health care and research

#### Open Questions



- What population is being cared for?
- Do the patients of large regional systems reflect the underlying regional population?
- Or are factors such as race, ethnicity, and social determinants of health (SDOH) associated with which residents ultimately receive care?



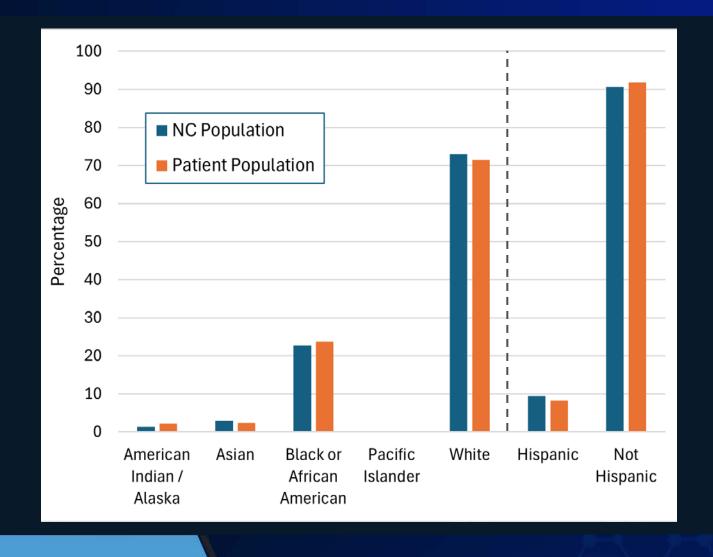
#### Data



- Patient data from UNC Health
  - State-owned health care system focused on NC residents
  - Cares for ~20% of NC population
  - ~2.1 million patients from 2018-2022
- NC data from public 2015-2019 ACS 5-year estimates

## Demographic Summary

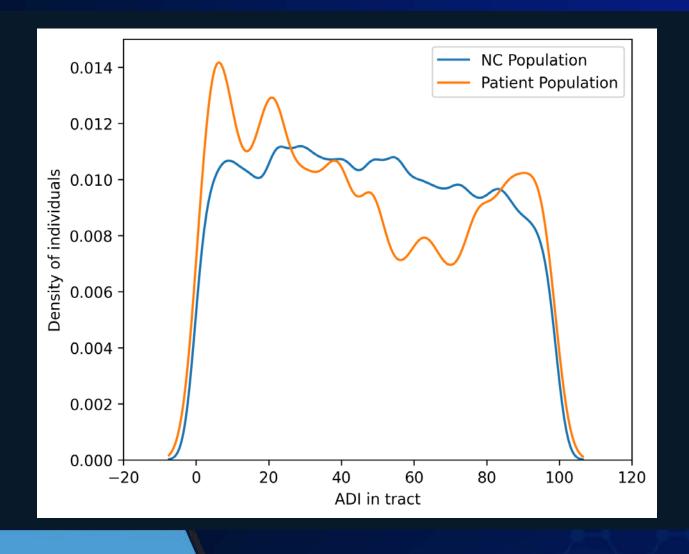






## Overall SDOH Comparison





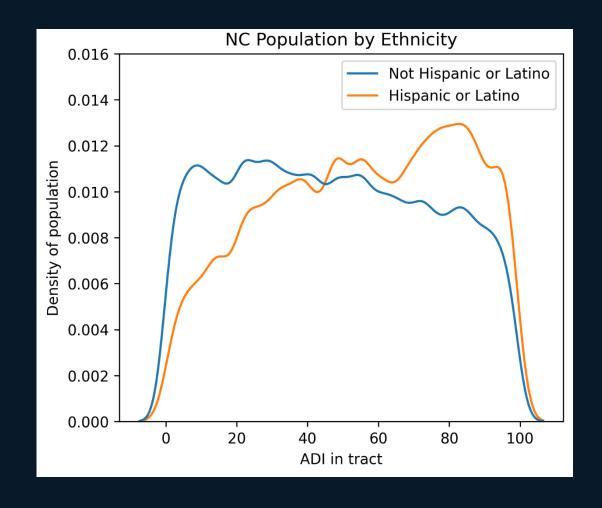


# SDOH by Race



## SDOH by Ethnicity





#### Conclusions



- Many similarities and some differences between UNC Health patients and NC population
- Substantial differences in SDOH between racial and ethnic groups
- We present a low-cost, generalizable approach for health care delivery systems
  - Can be extended to more specific patient populations