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The following report contains a description of the request, request specifications, and results from the modular program run(s).

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Overview

Date Run: April 18, 2017

Request Description: The purpose of this report was to compare the frequency of diagnoses for convulsions in the emergency department (ED) care setting using International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) and International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) diagnosis codes. ICD-10-CM code definitions were determined by mapping from ICD-9-CM code definitions using the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) General Equivalence Mappings (GEMs). Forward-backward mapping (FBM) was used to map ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM codes.[1]

Sentinel Modular Program Tool Used: Cohort Identification and Descriptive Analysis (CIDA) tool, version 3.3.6

Data Source: This request was run against data from 11 Data Partners contributing to the Sentinel Distributed Database (SDD). Data from October 1, 2010 to August 31, 2016 were included in this report. The report includes three separate time periods: 1) October 1, 2010 to August 31, 2016; 2) January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015; and 3) January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016. This request was distributed to Data Partners on April 11, 2017. See Appendix A for a list of dates of available data for each Data Partner.

Study Design: We examined the incidence of convulsions diagnoses in the ED care setting across the ICD-9-CM era (October 2010 - September 2015) and ICD-10-CM era (October 2015 - August 2016) in the United States. Incidence was additionally evaluated from January 2015 to March 2015 and January 2016 to March 2016.See Appendix B for specific codes used to define convulsions in this request.

Cohort Eligibility Criteria: Members included in the cohort were required to be continuously enrolled in health plans with medical and drug coverage for at least six months (183 days) before their diagnosis date, during which gaps in coverage of up to 45 days were allowed. The following age groups were included in the cohort: 2-17, 18-44, 45-64, and 65+ years.

Please refer to Appendix C for detailed specifications of parameters used in the analyses for this request.

Limitations: Algorithms used to define outcomes are imperfect; thus, it is possible that there may be misclassification. Therefore, data should be interpreted with this limitation in mind.

Notes: Please contact the Sentinel Operations Center Query Fulfillment Team (qf@sentinelsystem.org) for questions and to provide comments/suggestions for future enhancements to this document.

[1]Fung, K. W., et al. (2016). "Preparing for the ICD-10-CM Transition: Automated Methods for Translating ICD Codes in Clinical Phenotype Definitions." EGEMS (Wash DC) 4(1): 1211.

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Glossary of Terms for Analyses Using Cohort Identification and Descriptive Analysis (CIDA) Tool*

Amount Supplied - number of units (pills, tablets, vials) dispensed. Net amount per NDC per dispensing.

Blackout Period - number of days at the beginning of a treatment episode that events are to be ignored. If an event occurs during the blackout period, the episode is excluded.

Care Setting - type of medical encounter or facility where the exposure, event, or condition code was recorded. Possible care settings include: Inpatient Hospital Stay (IP), Non-Acute Institutional Stay (IS), Emergency Department (ED), Ambulatory Visit (AV), and Other Ambulatory Visit (OA). For laboratory results, possible care settings include: Emergency department (E), Home (H), Inpatient (I), Outpatient (O), or Unknown or Missing (U). Along with the Principal Diagnosis Indicator, forms the Care Setting/PDX parameter.

Ambulatory Visit (AV) - includes visits at outpatient clinics, same-day surgeries, urgent care visits, and other same-day ambulatory hospital encounters, but excludes emergency department encounters.

Emergency Department (ED) - includes ED encounters that become inpatient stays (in which case inpatient stays would be a separate encounter). Excludes urgent care visits.

Inpatient Hospital Stay (IP) - includes all inpatient stays, same-day hospital discharges, hospital transfers, and acute hospital care where the discharge is after the admission date.

Non-Acute Institutional Stay (IS) - includes hospice, skilled nursing facility (SNF), rehab center, nursing home, residential, overnight non-hospital dialysis and other non-hospital stays.

Other Ambulatory Visit (OA) - includes other non overnight AV encounters such as hospice visits, home health visits, skilled nursing facility visits, other non-hospital visits, as well as telemedicine, telephone and email consultations.

Cohort Definition (drug/exposure) - indicates how the cohort will be defined: (1): Cohort includes only the first valid treatment episode during the query period; (2): Cohort includes all valid treatment episodes during the query period; (3): Cohort includes all valid treatment episodes during the query period until an event occurs.

Days Supplied - number of days supplied for all dispensings in qualifying treatment episodes.

Eligible Members - number of members eligible for an incident treatment episode (defined by the drug/exposure and event washout periods) with drug and medical coverage during the query period.

Enrollment Gap - number of days allowed between two consecutive enrollment periods without breaking a "continuously enrolled" sequence.

Episodes - treatment episodes; length of episode is determined by days supplied in one dispensing or consecutive dispensings bridged by the episode gap.

Episode Gap - number of days allowed between two (or more) consecutive exposures (dispensings/procedures) to be considered the same treatment episode.

Event Deduplication - specifies how events are counted by the MP algorithm: (0): Counts all occurrences of an HOI during an exposure episode; (1): de-duplicates occurrences of the same HOI code and code type on the same day; (2): de-duplicates occurrences of the same HOI group on the same day (e.g., de-duplicates at the group level).

Exposure Episode Length - number of days after exposure initiation that is considered "exposed time."

Exposure Extension Period - number of days post treatment period in which the outcomes/events are counted for a treatment episode. Extensions days are added after any episode gaps have been bridged.

Lookback Period - number of days wherein a member is required to have evidence of pre-existing condition (diagnosis/procedure/drug dispensing).

Maximum Episode Duration - truncates exposure episodes after a requester-specified number of exposed days. Applied after any gaps are bridged and extension days added to the length of the exposure episode.

Member-Years - sum of all days of enrollment with medical and drug coverage in the query period preceded by an exposure washout period all divided by 365.25.

Minimum Days Supplied - specifies a minimum number of days in length of the days supplied for the episode to be considered.

Minimum Episode Duration - specifies a minimum number of days in length of the episode for it to be considered. Applied after any gaps are bridged and extension days added to the length of the exposure episode.

Monitoring Period - used to define time periods of interest for both sequential analysis and simple cohort characterization requests.

Principal Diagnosis (PDX) - diagnosis or condition established to be chiefly responsible for admission of the patient to the hospital. 'P' = principal diagnosis, 'S' = secondary diagnosis, 'X' = unspecified diagnosis, '.' = blank. Along with the Care Setting values, forms the Caresetting/PDX parameter.

Query Period - period in which the modular program looks for exposures and outcomes of interest.

Treatment Episode Truncation Indicator - indicates whether the exposure episode will be truncated at the occurrence of a requester-specified code.

Washout Period (drug/exposure) - number of days a user is required to have no evidence of prior exposure (drug dispensing/procedure) and continuous drug and medical coverage prior to an incident treatment episode.

Washout Period (event/outcome) - number of days a user is required to have no evidence of a prior event (procedure/diagnosis) and continuous drug and medical coverage prior to an incident treatment episode.

Years at Risk - number of days supplied plus any episode gaps and exposure extension periods all divided by 365.25.

*all terms may not be used in this report

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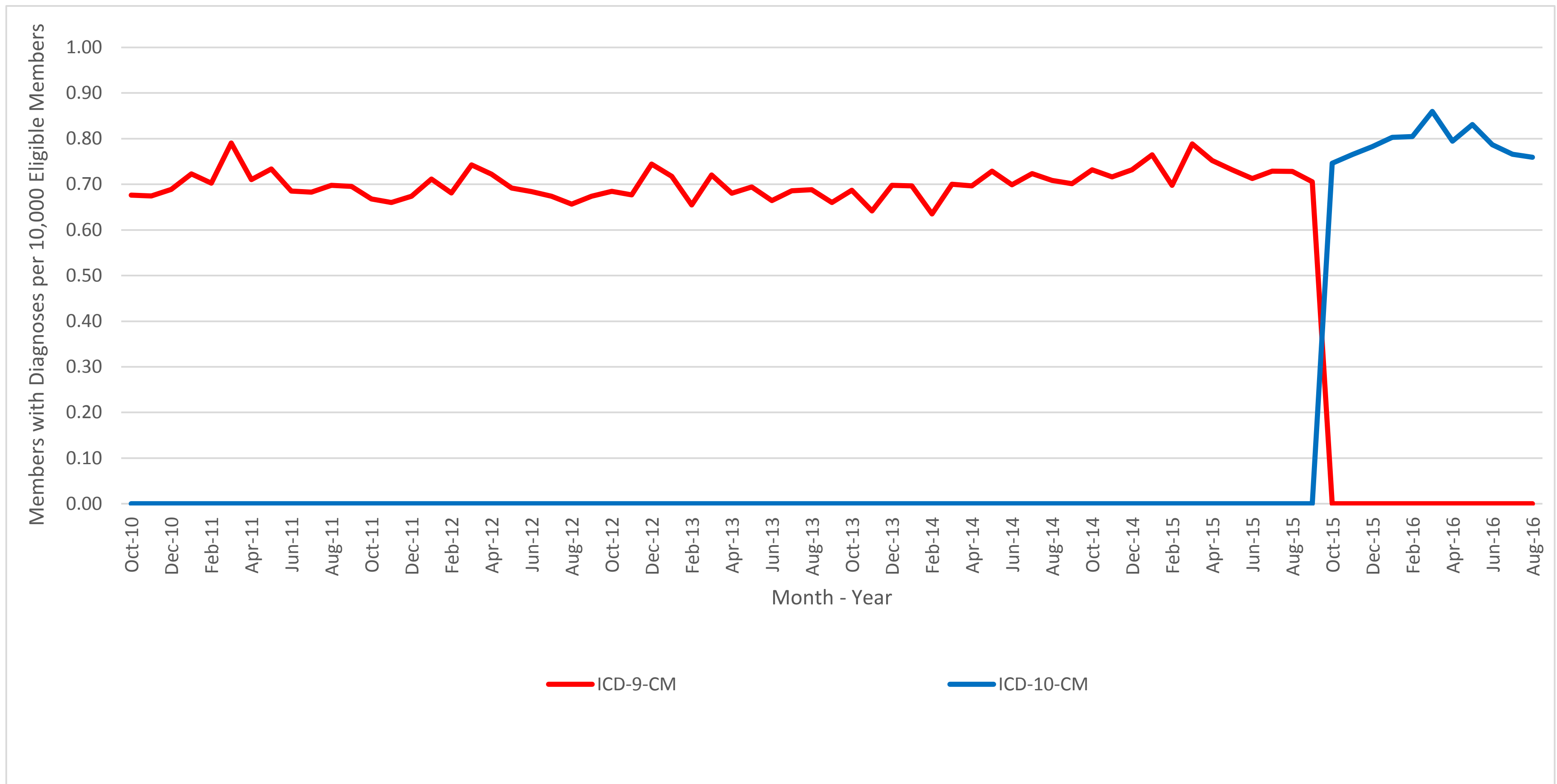
Table 1. Comparison of Incident* Convulsions in the Emergency Department (ED) Care Setting in the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) and International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) Eras (January 1, 2015 - March 31, 2015 and January 1, 2016 - March 31, 2016)

	Members with Diagnosis	Eligible Members	Members with Diagnosis per 10,000 Eligible Members
Convulsions			
ICD-9-CM: January 1, 2015 - March 31, 2015			
	8,787	31,213,640	2.82
ICD-10-CM: January 1, 2016 - March 31, 2016			
	8,744	31,962,593	2.74

* Incidence defined by 90 day washout

Figure 1. Incidence of Convulsions in the Emergency Department (ED) Care Setting per 10,000 Eligible Members from October 2010 - August 2016 by Code Type, 183-Day Washout



Appendix A. Dates of Available Data for Each Data Partner as of Request Distribution Date (April 11, 2017)

Data Partner ID	Start Date[1]	End Date[1]
DP001	10/1/2010	11/30/2016
DP002	10/1/2010	7/31/2016
DP003	10/1/2010	9/30/2016
DP004	10/1/2010	6/30/2016
DP005	10/1/2010	7/31/2016
DP006	10/1/2010	11/30/2016
DP007	10/1/2010	7/31/2016
DP008	10/1/2010	10/31/2016
DP009	10/1/2010	11/30/2016
DP0010	10/1/2010	12/31/2016
DP0011	10/1/2010	3/31/2016

[1]The start and end dates are based on the minimum and maximum dates within each DP. The month with the maximum date must have at least 80% of the number of records in the previous month.

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Appendix B. List of International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) and International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) Diagnosis Codes Used to Define Convulsions

Code	Description	Code Type
	ICD-9-CM	
780.3	Convulsions	ICD-9-CM
780.31	Febrile convulsions (simple), unspecified	ICD-9-CM
780.32	Complex febrile convulsions	ICD-9-CM
780.33	Post traumatic seizures	ICD-9-CM
780.39	Other convulsions	ICD-9-CM
	ICD-10-CM	
R56.00	Simple febrile convulsions	ICD-10-CM
R56.01	Complex febrile convulsions	ICD-10-CM
R56.1	Post traumatic seizures	ICD-10-CM
R56.9	Unspecified convulsions	ICD-10-CM

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Appendix C. Specifications for Parameters for this Request

Sentinel's Cohort Identification and Descriptive Analysis (CIDA) tool, version 3.3.6, was used to compare the frequency of diagnoses for convulsions in the Sentinel Distributed Database (SDD) using International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) and International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) codes.

Enrollment Gap: 45 Days
Age Groups: 2-17, 18-44, 45-64, 65+ years
Enrollment Requirement: 183 Days
Coverage Requirement: Medical and Drug Coverage

				Event					
Scenario	**Code Source**	**Query Start Date**	**Query End Date**	**Event**	**Incident with respect to:**	**Washout (days)**	**Cohort Definition**	**Care Setting**	**Incidence Care Setting**
1	ICD-9-CM Code List	1/1/2015	3/31/2015	Convulsions	ICD-9-CM	90	First valid event only	Emergency Department (ED)	Any
2	ICD-10-CM FBM	1/1/2016	3/31/2016	Convulsions	ICD-10-CM	90	First valid event only	ED	Any
3	ICD-9-CM Code List	10/1/2010	8/31/2016	Convulsions	ICD-9-CM or ICD-10-CM	183	First valid event only	ED	Any
4	ICD-10-CM FBM	10/1/2010	8/31/2016	Convulsions	ICD-9-CM or ICD-10-CM	183	First valid event only	ED	Any

ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM are provided by Optum360. ICD-10-CM codes were mapped from ICD-9-CM codes with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services General Equivalence Mappings, using forward-backward mapping (FBM).