

Michigan Five County CVD Disparity Study Description of Analysis and Exploration of Issues

Overview:

In 2008 the *Impact of Heart Disease and Stroke in Michigan* was published and the data within that report showed a higher rate of hospitalization for CVD, heart disease, coronary heart disease and heart failure in a 5 contiguous county region in Michigan. Mortality maps showed similar higher rates. Surprisingly, stroke rates are not higher. (See initial mapping of hospitalization data in Appendix A). At a cardiovascular partnership meeting, clinical experts explored the possible factors contributing to these rates. It was decided that further analysis should be done including a repeat analysis of newer hospitalization data to see if the pattern persists. Other analysis such as risk factors, medical resources and program resources will also be done.

The five counties in the identified region are Bay, Gladwin, Clare, Arenac and Ogemaw. These counties are located in the following three local health departments: Bay, Central Michigan and DHD 2. There are 5 hospitals in those counties: Bay Regional in Bay City; St. Mary's Standish in Standish; West Branch Regional, W. Branch; Mid Michigan, Gladwin; and Mid Michigan, Clare.

Additional exploration of this "hot spot region" has been done since the first discovery. Further analysis has shown that the higher risk status has persisted. (See Appendix B). Plans were made to develop a background summary, power point and discussion questions to present to regional local leaders in a town hall format. MDCH leaders and experts will be solicited to guide the study and inform the town hall discussion. Michigan Public Health Institute Center for Data Management and Translational Research (MPHI-CDMTR) was contracted to assist in the development of the report, town hall sessions and evaluation. The goal of the town halls will be to learn from local leaders some probable causes or contributors and obtain suggestions for reducing this disparity.

Proposed Project:

5 County Study Team:

Core team members include

MDCH: Adrienne Nickles, Heart Disease and Stroke Epidemiologist, Henry Miller; Heart Disease and Stroke Statistician and Evaluator; the Manager of the Chronic Disease Epidemiology Unit, Christi Demitz and Velma Theisen, Manager Heart Disease and Stroke Unit.

MPHI CDMTR: Clare Tanner, Program Director; Stephanie Thompson, Research Associate; Mary Zack Thompson, Project Manager; Char Huffine, Financial Liaison.

This 5 County Study Team has met over several months to review data, discuss additional data needed and identify a plan to further explore these disparities. Action

steps include discussions with senior leadership at MDCH and other experts, developing the background material (power point, fact sheet and maps), organizing the town halls and contacts in those locations to promote the meetings and development of key questions for discussion at the town hall.

Town Halls :

A power point with background information and a summary fact sheet of the problem will be developed and distributed at a series of town halls. The power point will include maps showing hospitalization rates, mortality rates, CVD risk factors, demographics including socio-economic status, CVD programs and resources such as LHDs, hospitals. Questions are being developed by MPHI and the 5 County Study Team.

Community members invited to the town halls will include hospital representatives; LHDs in the region; MDCH project staff when relevant such as WISEWOMAN, FQHC-Sterling, MiSQRIP, etc; community-based organizations such as churches, business leaders, professional organizations, schools and general public.

Data Used for Discussion of Disparities in the 5 County Region:

1. Hospitalization Data (2004-2008):
CVD, Heart Disease, Coronary Heart Disease, Heart Failure and Stroke Rates
Consider side by side time maps with counties highlighted like MN
2. Mortality Data (2004-2008)
CVD, Heart Disease, Coronary Heart Disease, Heart Failure and Stroke Rates
Consider side by side time maps with counties highlighted like MN
3. CVD Risk Factor Data by LHD (2007-2009)
High blood pressure (told high and treated), High blood cholesterol (told high), current smoker, overweight, obese, diabetes, lack of physical activity, inadequate fruits/vegetables, access to care, insured.
May consider side by side maps
4. Demographics
Racial/ethnic, age, education, employment, population
5. Medical Resources
Hospitals, health departments, FQHCs, other
6. Programs
FQHC, MiSRQIP, MSN, PSC, D2B, WW, CAH, SPLASH, DM, PATH, EMS
Region
None with BHC, MSCVPR, HF
7. Other relevant published reports
CHRT, Health Facilities, Rural Health Center, Hospitals compare, County Health Rankings, etc.
8. Other data
YPLL, environmental issues, businesses, etc.

Location of Town Halls:

At most 3 town halls will be organized. Possible locations will be Bay Regional Hospital, West Branch and Mid Michigan. It is anticipated that the town halls will be implemented in June.

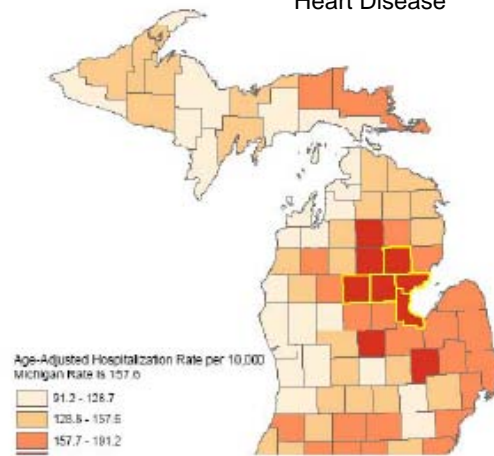
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Appendix A:

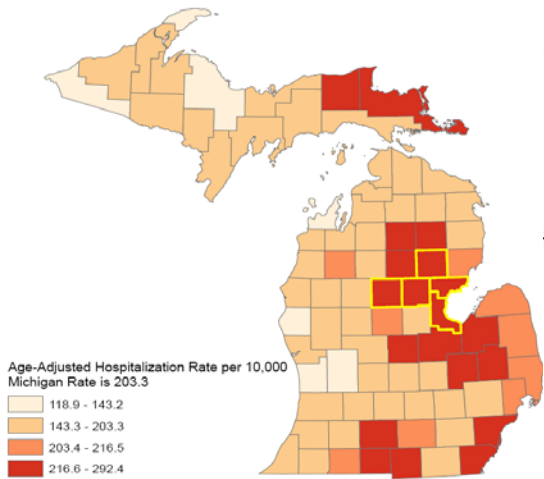
Hospitalization Maps for Heart Disease, Coronary Heart Disease, Heart Failure and Stroke, 2002-2006 Highlighting Higher Five County Areas

Data Source: Michigan Resident Inpatient Files, Division for Vital Records & Health Statistics, MDCH, 2002-2006

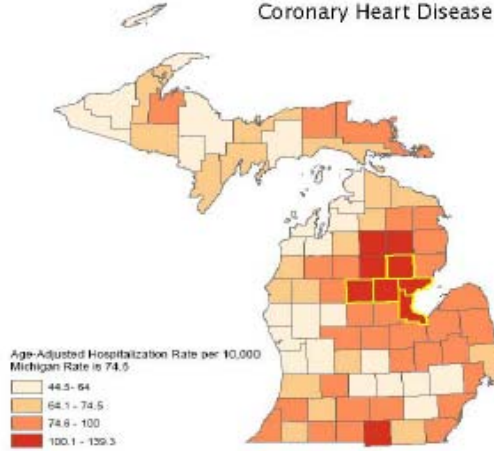
Heart Disease



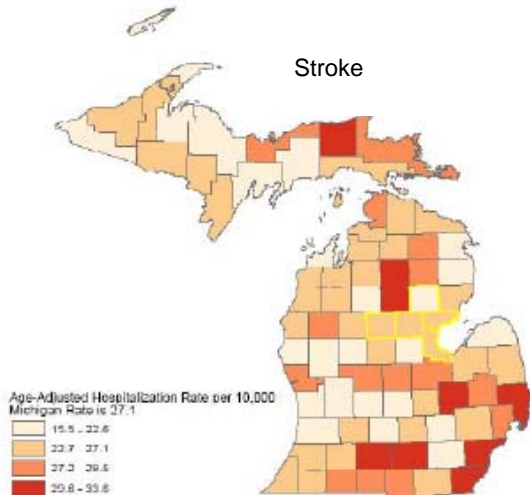
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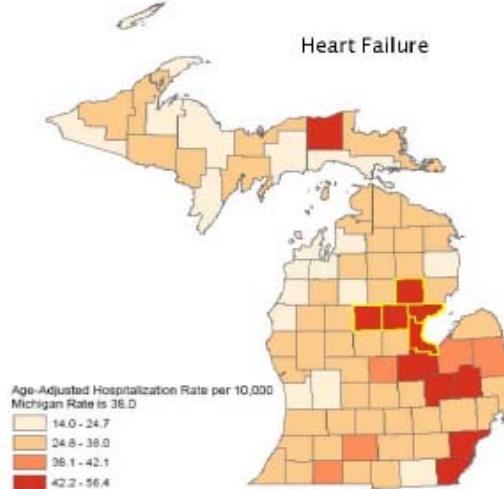
Coronary Heart Disease



Stroke



Heart Failure

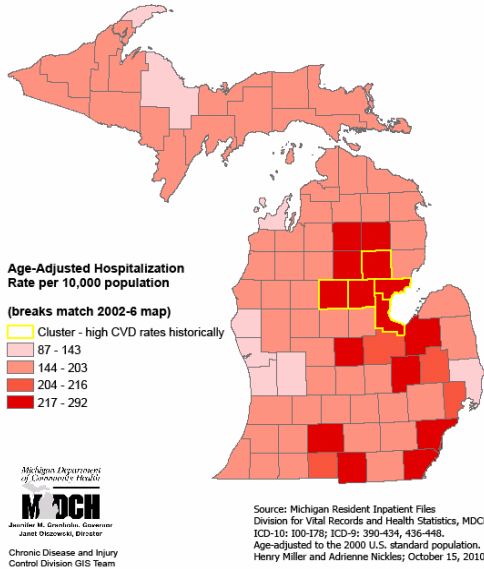


Appendix B: 2004-2008

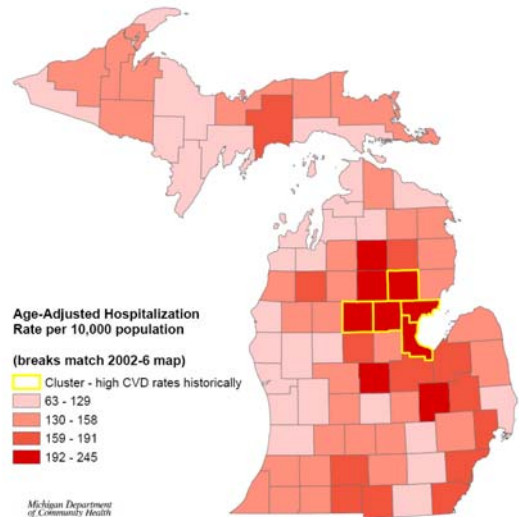
Hospitalization Maps for Cardiovascular Disease, **Heart Disease, Coronary Heart Disease, Heart Failure and Stroke.** 2004-2008
 Highlighting 5 County Region.

**Cardiovascular Disease
 Hospitalization Rates
 2004-2008**

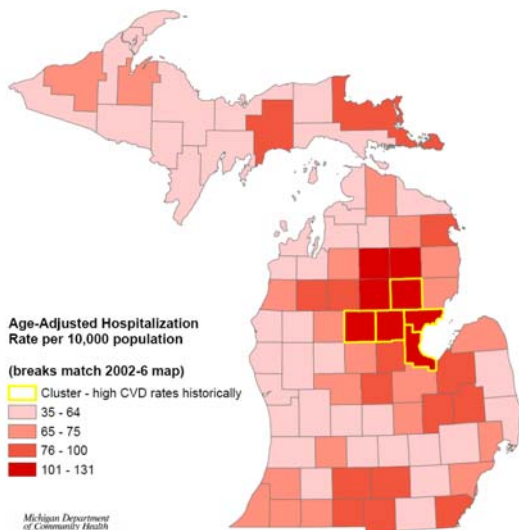
State Average: 196.7 (per 10,000)
 Arenac: 291.5
 Bay: 257.7
 Clare: 256.1
 Gladwin: 236.1
 Ogemaw: 257.3



**Age-adjusted five-year hospitalization rates
 for heart disease patients, by county
 of residence, Michigan, 2004 to 2008**



**Age-adjusted five-year hospitalization rates
 for coronary heart disease patients, by county
 of residence, Michigan, 2004 to 2008**



Heart Failure Hospitalization Rates 2004-2008

State Average: 41 (per 10,000)

Arenac: 55.2*

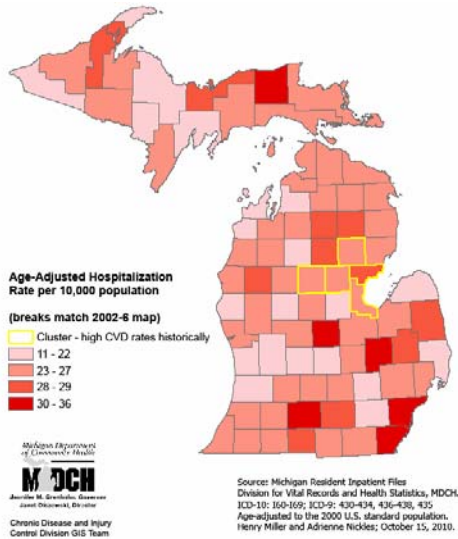
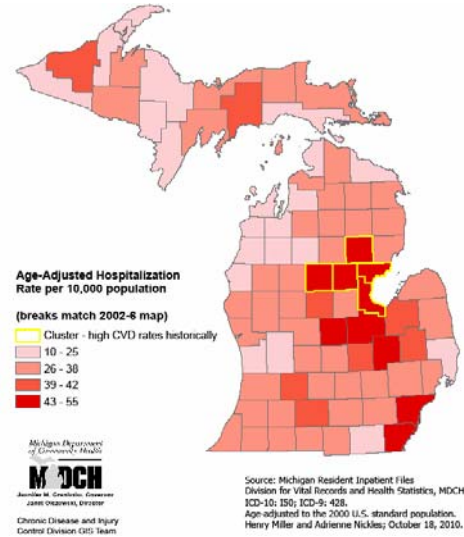
Bay: 47

Clare: 47.2

Gladwin: 48.3

Ogemaw: 52.3

*Tied for highest hospitalization rate with Wayne County



Stroke Hospitalization Rates 2004-2008

State Average: 23.4 (per 10,000)

Arenac: 28.0

Bay: 25.6

Clare: 25.5

Gladwin: 24.8

Ogemaw: 24.1

Monroe: 31.7

Wayne: 32.4

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