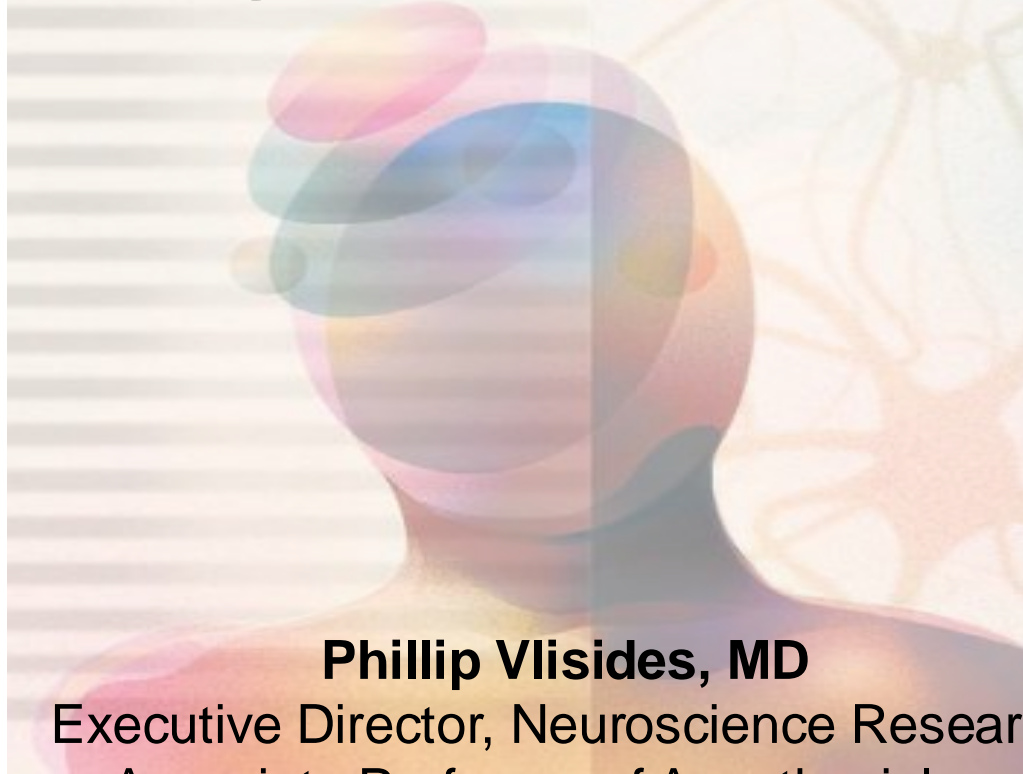


Postoperative Delirium: Challenges and Opportunities



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Delirium

- Common (10-70%)
- Increased mortality
- Cognitive decline
- Functional decline
- Healthcare costs (>\$140 billion annually)



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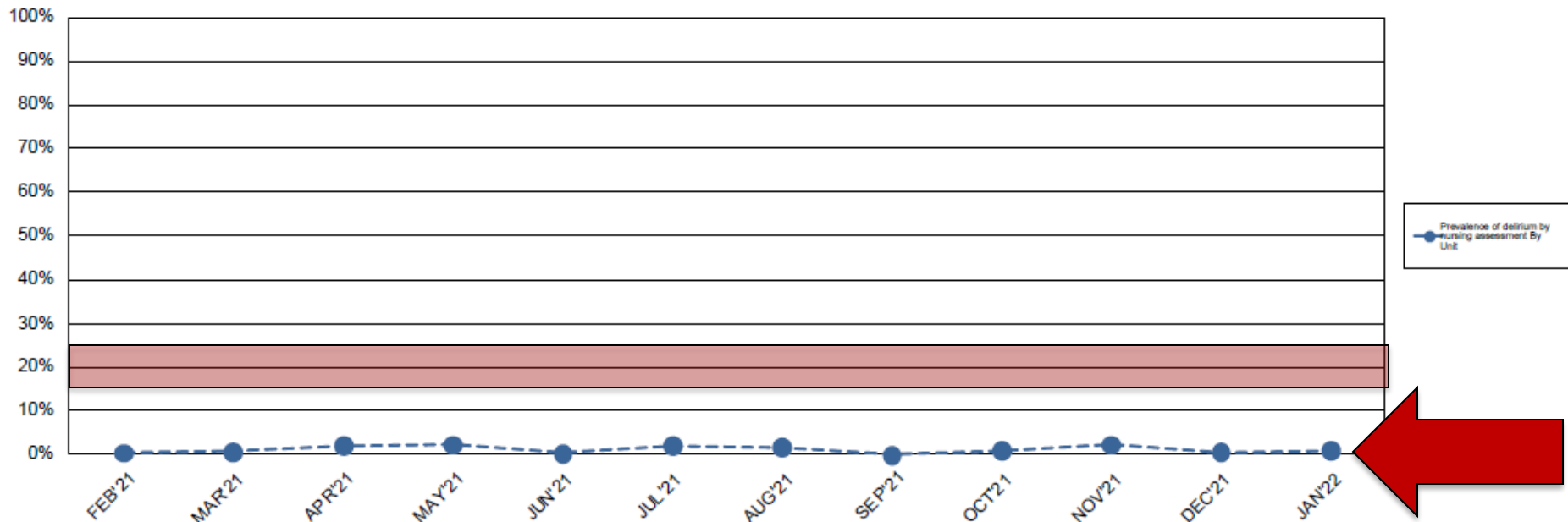
Identification

Prevention



Prevalence of delirium by nursing assessment By Unit

	FEB'21 n=226	MAR'21 n=295	APR'21 n=248	MAY'21 n=218	JUN'21 n=250	JUL'21 n=243	AUG'21 n=288	SEP'21 n=246	OCT'21 n=235	NOV'21 n=215	DEC'21 n=202	JAN'22 n=217	YTD n = 2,883
Patients assessed with positive CAM-Assessment	0%	1%	2%	2%	0%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1.18%



RESEARCH

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Barriers to delirium screening and management during hospital admission: a qualitative analysis of inpatient nursing perspectives

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Phase I

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“When it came to our CAM tool...I don’t necessarily know that someone sat down with me and went through each step of it, but it was just more of an expectation that I knew I need to chart [it] every night”
(Participant 7).

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“I think that a lot of the CAM scoring is dependent on the person who is doing the scoring. It can be very...individualized based on the perception of the individual” (Participant 3).

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“Once someone screens positive for delirium, nothing happens after that. [With sepsis], the charge nurse gets a page, the nurse gets a page, [the] doctor...that’s with the sepsis screening. There’s nothing like that that exists with the delirium.” (Participant 5).

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“If you don’t show me the added value, I’m not doing it. I’ve got enough stuff that I’ve got to do...And so, you may tell me you’ve got to document this, but if I know it’s not going to make a difference in the care that’s being provided to my patient, I don’t see the added value.” (Participant 11).

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“I feel like there’s less of an investment from... executive leadership...because it’s not directly tied to a quality measure. You know, it is not a [hospital acquired infection], but really it is affecting length of stay. So, I think as much as we can get buy-in from executive leadership...”
(Participant 3).

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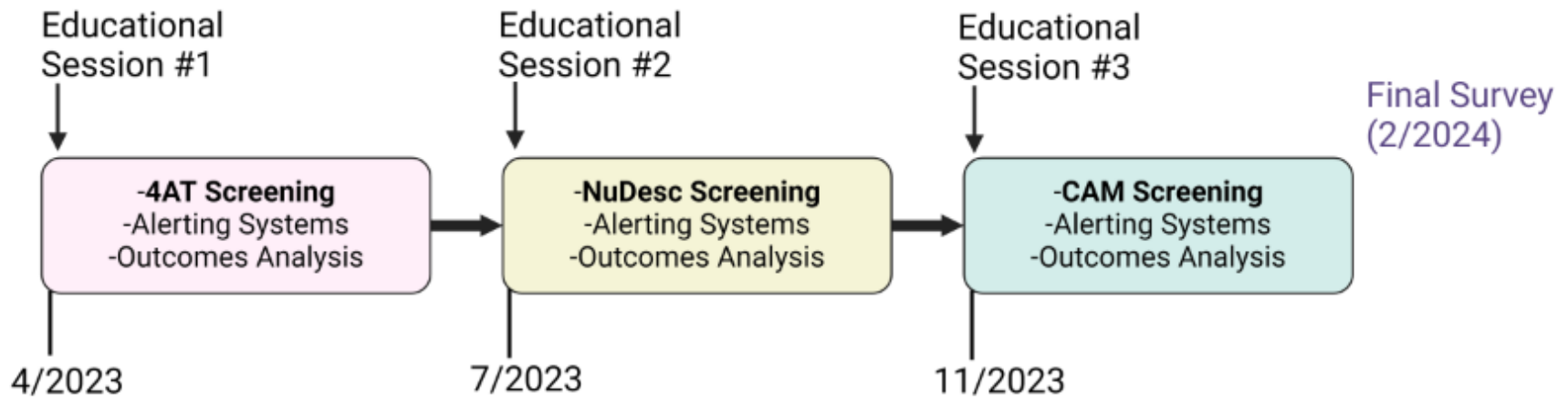
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“What if [an alert] could just serve as an initial reminder, like, ‘you’re CAM positive, here’s your reminder - check with your physician about initiating delirium protocols?’” (Participant 16).

“Yeah, if [a positive delirium screen] triggered, ‘initiate delirium bundle,’ and we sort of knew what that meant and what to do about it, that would be really helpful” (Participant 6).

Michigan Recommendations and Alerting for Delirium Alleviation in Real-Time (M-RADAR)

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 - Delirium order sets

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Prevention





- Reduced delirium incidence (OR 0.47, 95% CI 0.37 – 0.59)
- Fall rate reduced by 42% (OR 0.58, 95% CI 0.35 – 0.95)
- Saved \$1600-\$3800/patient in hospital costs, \$16,000 per person-year in terms of long-term costs

Hospital Elder Life Program: Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Effectiveness

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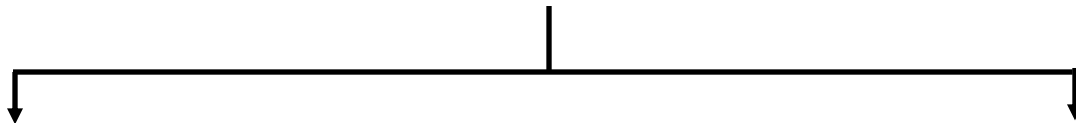
HELP Volunteer Protocols

Intervention	Description
Orientation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily orientation • Orientation board
Cognitively Stimulating Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive stimulation activities twice daily
Early mobilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambulation and range of motion activities
Sleep enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sleep and bedtime procedures • Noise reduction procedures
Vision protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual aids (e.g., glasses, magnifying lenses), adaptive equipment, large print books • Daily reinforcement of use
Hearing protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portable amplifying devices and special communication techniques, with daily reinforcement; Ear wax clearing as needed
Fluid repletion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage fluids twice daily
Feeding assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feeding assistance and encouragement during meals

CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

Feasibility of Alerting Systems and Family Care Partner Support for Postoperative Delirium Prevention

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Enrolled (n=60)

Withdrawn (n=3)
◆ Surgery cancelled (n=2)
◆ Staff availability (n=1)

Randomized (n=57)

Allocation

Allocated to standard care (n=15)
◆ Received allocated intervention (n=15)

Allocated to enhanced HELP (n=12)
◆ Received allocated intervention (n=10)
◆ Did not receive allocated intervention (withdrawal, n=1; ICU transfer=1)

Allocated to family interventions (n=14)
◆ Received allocated intervention (n=11)
◆ Did not receive allocated intervention (COVID hospital closure, n=1; surgery cancelled, n=1, withdrawal, n=1)

Allocated to enhanced HELP and family (n=16)
◆ Received allocated intervention (n=13)
◆ Did not receive allocated intervention (COVID hospital closure, n=2; surgery cancelled, n=1)



Alerting System Fidelity

By postoperative day one:

- **13/24 (54%)** participants enrolled in alerting arms
- **0/26 (0%)** in non-alerting arms ($p < 0.001$)

By postoperative day three:

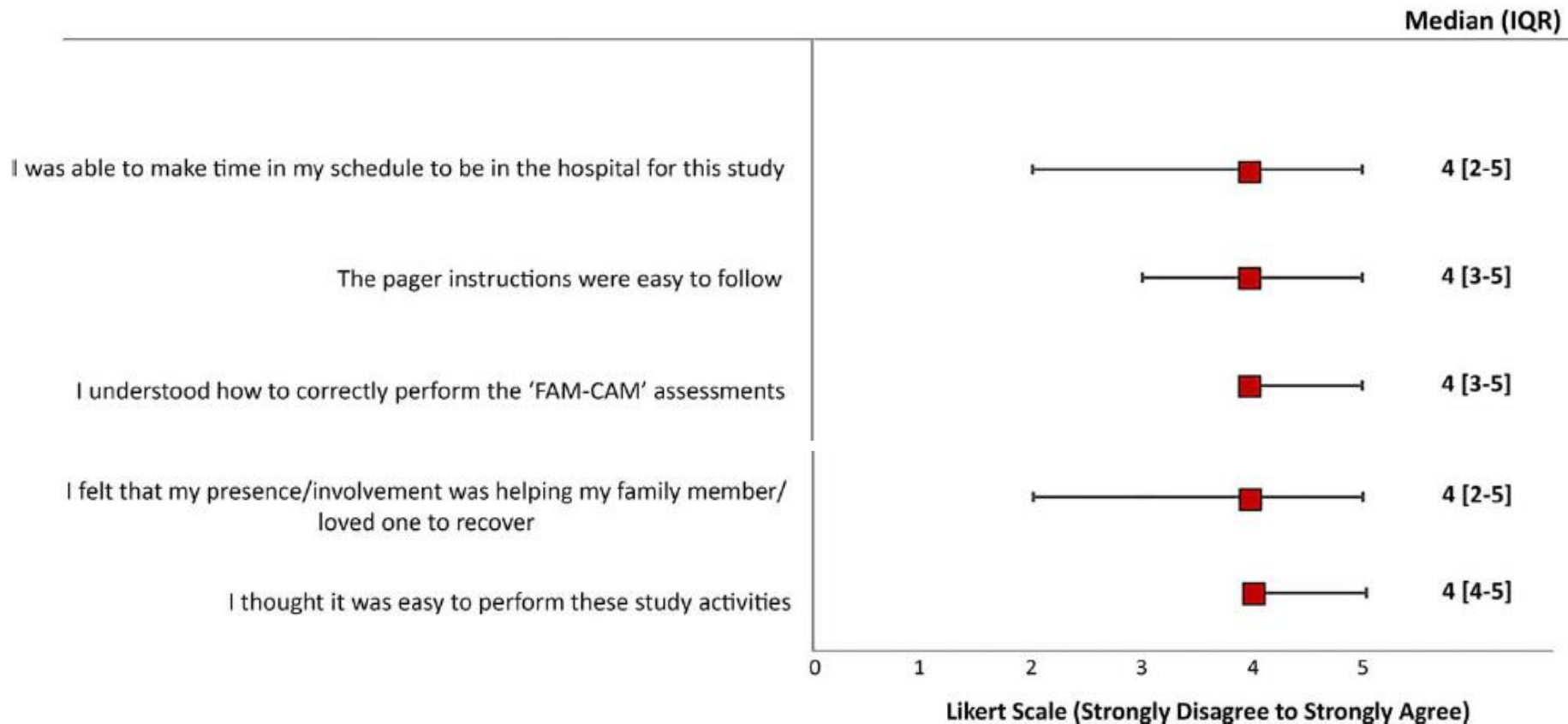
- **22/24 (92%)** enrolled in alerting arms
- **2/26 (8%)** in non-alerting arms ($P < 0.001$).

39 [5-75] minutes per participant vs. 0 [0 to 0] min; $P < 0.001$



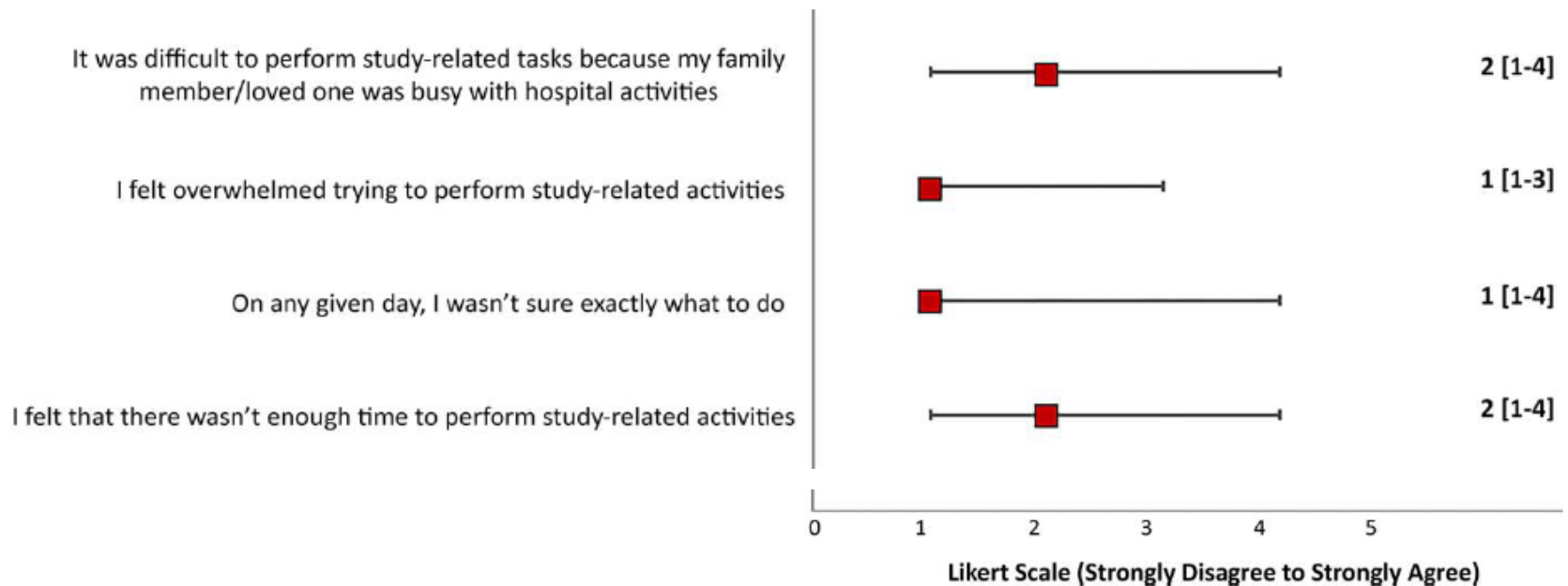
Family Care Partner Fidelity

Median 18 [11 – 25] bedside hours through postop day three



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Improving Delirium Prevention. Enhancing Patient Experience.

The Evaluating Novel Healthcare Approaches to Nurturing and Caring for Hospitalized Elders (ENHANCE) trial is investigating common, evidence-based interventions for preventing delirium.

<https://enhancetrial.org/>

HELP Program Advantages

- Long track record of effectiveness
- Broad real-world implementation



Evidence Gaps

- Lack head-to-head comparison
- Superiority for delirium prevention
- Superiority for person- and family-centered outcomes
- Burden on families
- Recognition of delirium
- Barriers to implementation

FAM-HELP Program Advantages

- Evidence of feasibility/efficacy
- Patient preference



Trial Details



3,000

patients and
family members



8

participating
hospitals



5

years total
duration



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ENHANCE



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University of Utah Hospital

In Salt Lake City, captures a mix of white, Hispanic, and Native American older adults. Serves a large rural population of older adults

Saddleback Memorial Hospital

In Laguna Hills, CA serves urban region of Orange County, CA with rural population served inland; predominantly white and Asian population. Draws from a large retirement community with average age >80 years

Meriter Hospital

Serving Madison, WI and Dane County, captures a mix of white (85%), Black (5%), Asian (5%), Native American (5%). >17% of older adults are below the federal poverty level. Catchment area includes a rural population of older adults

University of Michigan Hospital

In Ann Arbor, MI, serves a hybrid of rural, suburban, and urban older adults; 19% of older adults in Washtenaw County live below federal poverty level. Diverse groups are Asian (17%), Black (7%), and Hispanic (5%)

Maine Medical Center

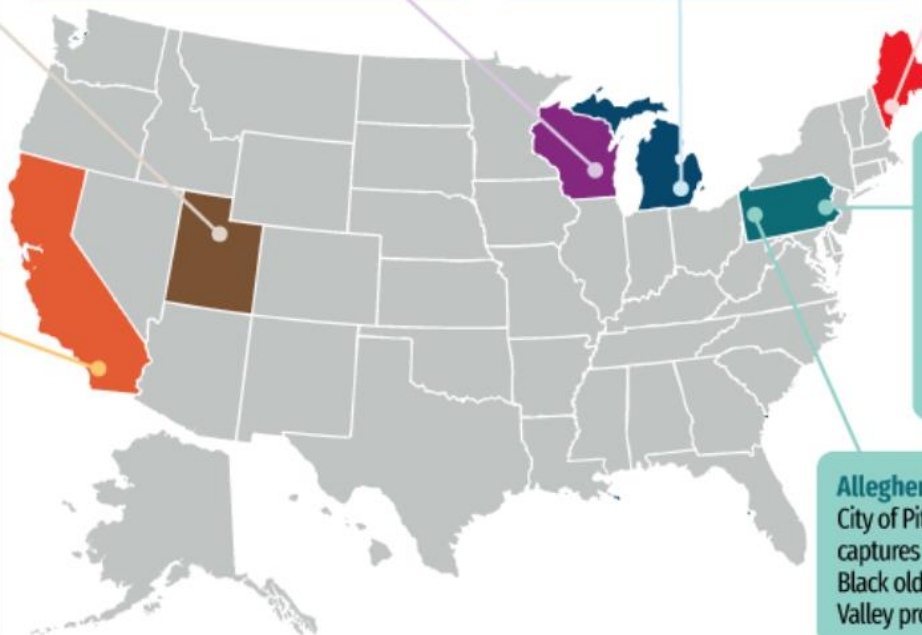
Urban regions served are Portland, Brunswick, and Lewiston Auburn. Maine is one of the most rural states in US with the highest mean age of any state; 11% older adults below federal poverty level

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP Main and Pavilion)

Philadelphia is home to >312,000 older adults with a diverse range of black (>33%), Hispanic, and Asian older adults

Allegheny General Hospital

City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County captures the diversity of white and Black older adults. Nearby Monogahela Valley provides rural older adults



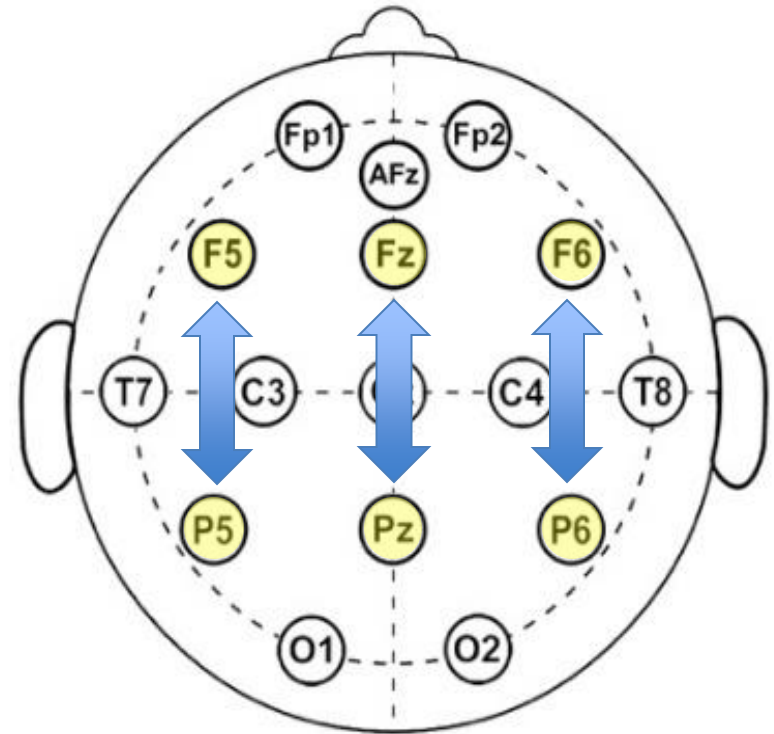
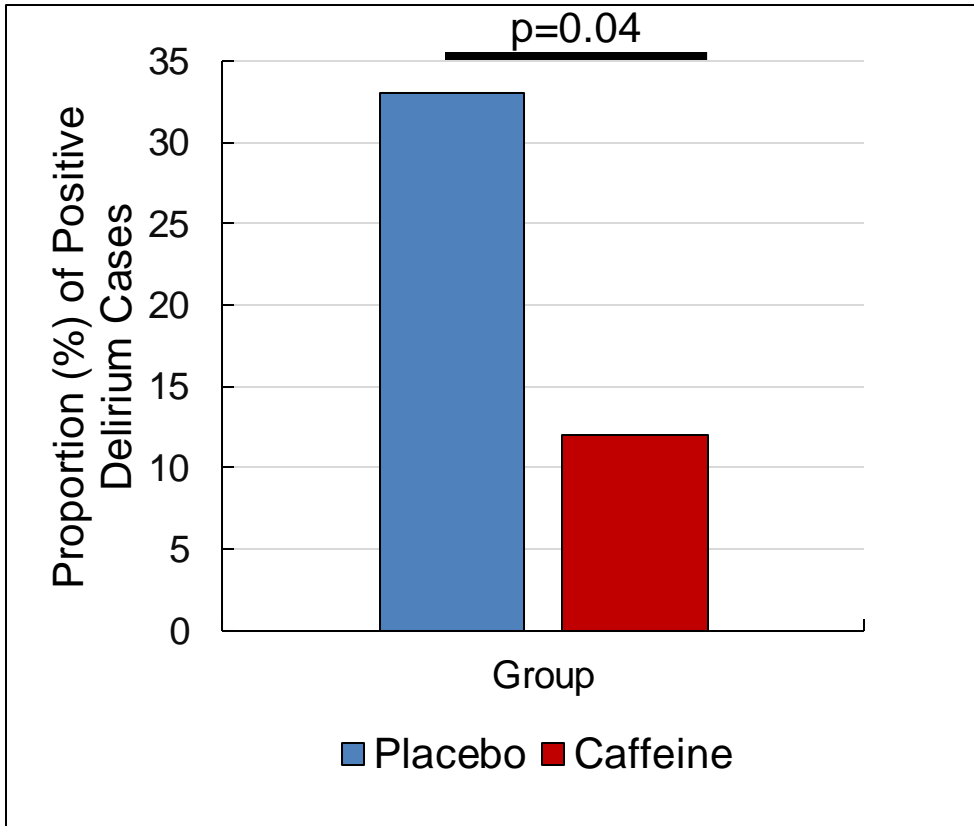
The Effects of Intraoperative Caffeine on Postoperative Opioid Consumption and Related Outcomes After Laparoscopic Surgery: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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Caffeine: 4/33, 12% vs. Placebo: 10/30, 33%; p=0.04

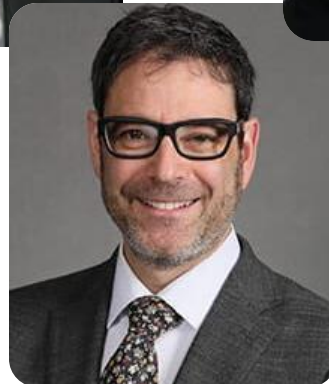
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Summary

- Delirium screening – need to identify site-level challenges
- Role for alerting systems
- Testing different delirium assessment tools
- Family care partner support may mitigate postoperative delirium risk
- Caffeine (CAPACHINOS-2 – 2027)

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“If the human brain were so simple that we could understand it, we would be so simple that we couldn’t.”

– Emerson M. Pugh

