

# Matching inpatient hospitalization records to the New York City HIV surveillance registry, 2013

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# Rationale for matching

- New York City (NYC) HIV surveillance registry used to monitor the clinical status of people with HIV/AIDS (PWHA)
- New York State's Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System (SPARCS) maintains hospital discharge records for all hospitalized patients
- Linking these sources allows us to:
  - Gain a more complete picture of health care interactions among PWHA
  - Characterize PWHA receiving inpatient care
  - Identify reasons for hospitalization and comorbidities

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**Manual review**

- Non-matches flagged as HIV-infected by hospital (N=1,948)
- Low match scores (N=83)

# Resulting dataset

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**16,648 matched PWHA with  
27,049 hospitalization events**

- Manual review resulted in matching 690 patients flagged as HIV-infected by hospital that did not match programmatically
- Overall, 12,990 (78%) of 16,648 PWHA were flagged as HIV-infected in hospital records

# Conclusions

- Matched data can be analyzed at patient or event level to provide insight into clinical care patterns among NYC PWHA
- Match methods can be applied to additional years and to future matches with other data sources
- Limitation: lack of full name for match
- Next steps:
  - Compare hospitalization rates among demographic subpopulations
  - Characterize reasons for hospitalizations (HIV or other condition)

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