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# ADVANCES IN RISK FACTORS FOR HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA

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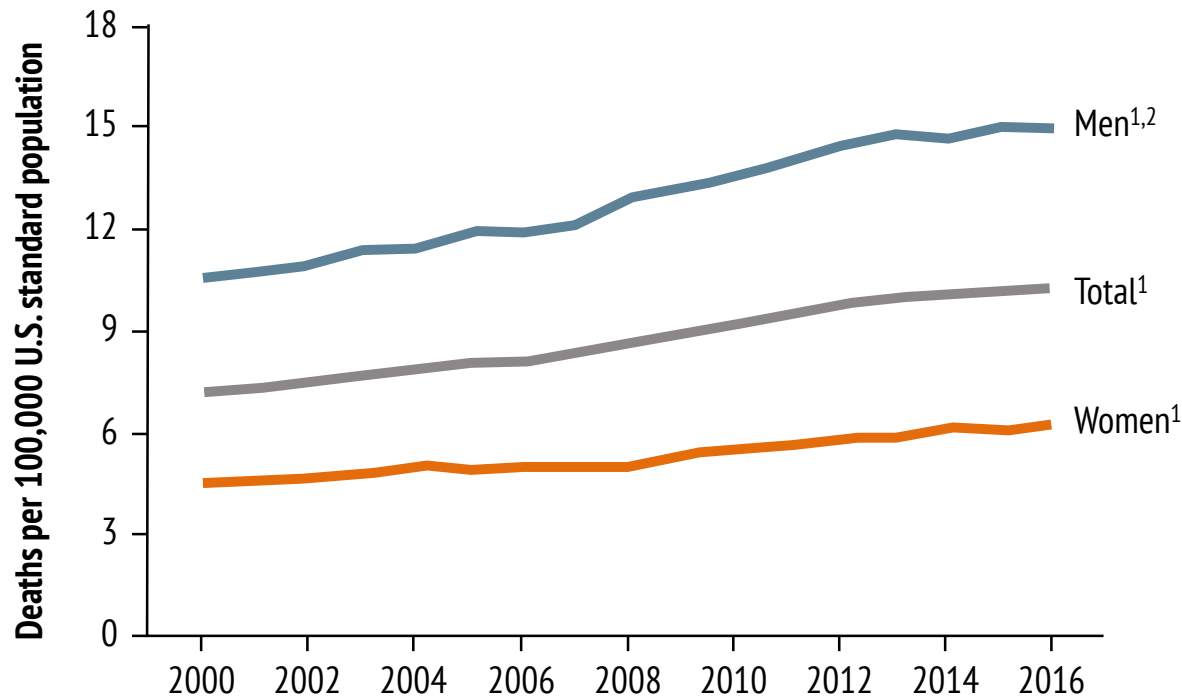
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# AGE-ADJUSTED DEATH RATES FOR LIVER CANCER AMONG ADULTS AGED 25 AND OVER, BY SEX: UNITED STATES, 2000–2016



<sup>1</sup>Significant increasing trend from 2000 to 2016 ( $p < 0.05$ ).

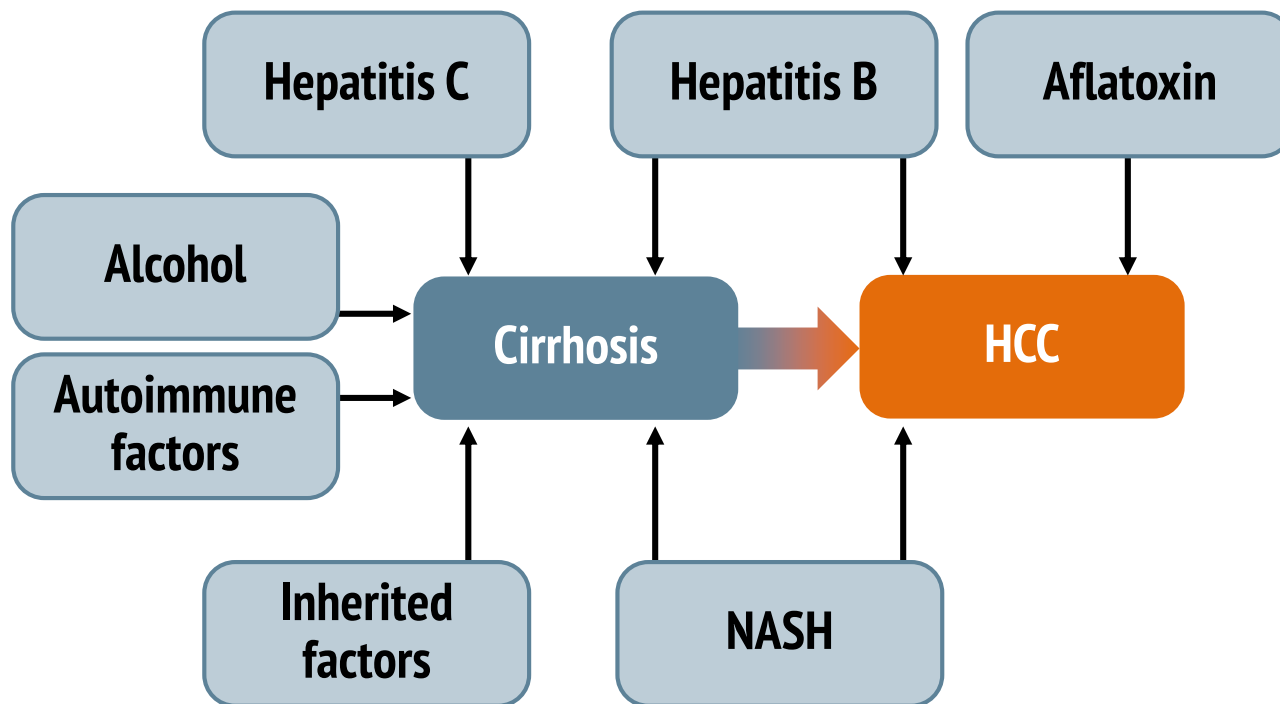
<sup>2</sup>Significantly higher than women throughout the period ( $p < 0.05$ ).

NOTES: Liver cancer deaths are identified with International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, using underlying cause-of-death code C22. Access data table for Figure 1 at:

[https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db314\\_table.pdf#1](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db314_table.pdf#1).

SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality.

# INSULTS CONTRIBUTING TO HCC

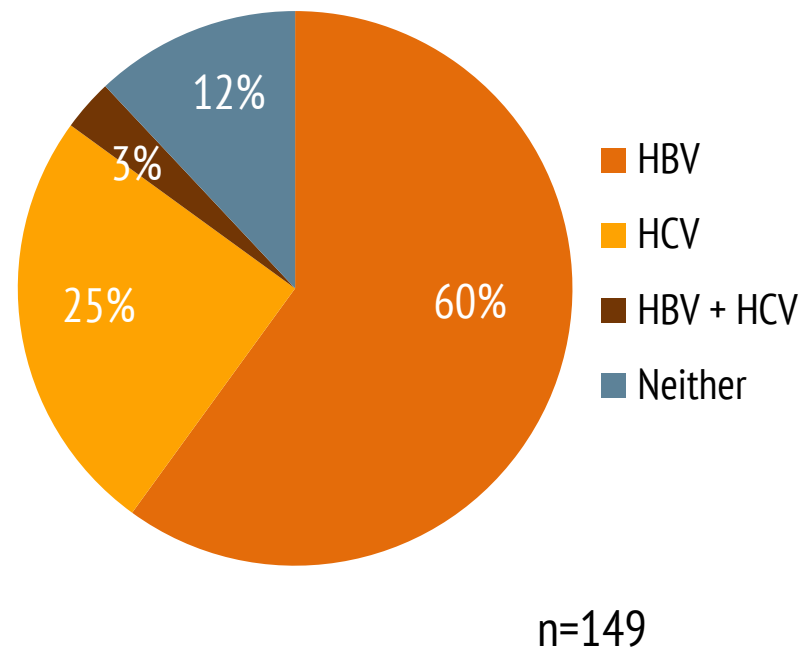


# THE #1 RISK FACTOR FOR HCC IS VIRAL HEPATITIS

**HCC Incidence by Etiology:  
Overall in the U.S.<sup>1</sup>**

Cause	Percentage
HBV	15-17%
HCV	47-55%
HCV + alcohol	27% of above
Alcohol	9%
Cryptogenic	7%
Other	6%
No cirrhosis or virus	4%

**HCC Incidence by Etiology:  
U.S. Urban Setting<sup>2</sup>**



HBV, hepatitis B virus; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; HCV, hepatitis C virus.

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# MAJOR GUIDELINES RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ROUTINE SURVEILLANCE IN HIGH-RISK POPULATIONS

Society/Institution	Guidelines
<b>AASLD</b> <sup>1</sup> American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases	US every 4-8 months
<b>EASL</b> <sup>2</sup> European Association for the Study of the Liver	US every 6 months
<b>APASL</b> <sup>3</sup> Asian-Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver	US + AFP every 6 months
<b>NCCN</b> <sup>4</sup> National Comprehensive Cancer Network	US +/- AFP every 6-12 months
<b>VA</b> <sup>5</sup> United States Department of Veterans Affairs	US +/- AFP every 6 months
<b>JSH-HCC</b> <sup>6</sup> Japan Society of Hepatology	High risk: US every 6 months + AFP/DCP/AFP-L3 every 6 months Very high risk: US every 3-4 months + AFP/DCP/AFP-L3 every 3-4 months + CT/MRI (optional) every 6-12 months

AFP, alpha-fetoprotein; AFP-L3, *Lens culinaris* agglutinin-reactive fraction of AFP; CT, computerized tomography; DCP, des-γ-carboxyprothrombin; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; US, ultrasound.

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**IN MEDICARE PATIENTS WITH  
HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA (HCC),  
NON-ALCOHOLIC FATTY LIVER DISEASE  
(NAFLD) IS AMONG THE TOP CAUSES FOR  
MORTALITY AND RESOURCE UTILIZATION**

Shahab O, et al.  
AASLD 2018, Abstract #273.



# METHODS

- Aim: to assess the recent trends in mortality and healthcare utilization of HCC among Medicare population in the U.S.
  - Random 5% sample of Medicare beneficiary from 2005-2014 with a diagnosis of HCC, HCV, HBV, ALD, NAFLD and presence of cirrhosis, based on ICD-9 codes
- Temporal trends in HCC rates, demographic, clinical, and utilization parameters were analyzed by Join Point Regression (JPR) model
- Independent predictors of outcomes were evaluated in multiple generalized linear or logistic regression models

# RESULTS

- 13,648 patients with HCC who sought inpatient or outpatient care
  - Mean age 70.0 years
  - 63% male
  - 76% white

	Results
1-year mortality, %	45.0
Inpatient setting	64.4
Outpatient setting	40.6
Increase in death rates, AAPC, % (95% CI)	
Males	4.4 (3.1-5.6)
Females	2.2 (0.9-3.5)
Length of stay, days	From 9.23 to 8.81
AAPC, % (95% CI)	-0.2 (-1.7-1.3)
Inpatient setting, days	8.5
Number of outpatient visits	From 1.86 to 3.18
AAPC, % (95% CI)	5.5 (4.3-6.7)

# RESULTS

- Total charges increased
  - For inpatients: from \$67,679 to \$98,902
    - AAPC 5.1% (95% CI 3.3-6.8%)
  - For outpatients: from \$11,933 to \$32,084
    - AAPC 5.1% (95% CI 3.3-6.8)
- In the inpatient HCC cohort, compared with patients with HCV alone patients with both HCV and ALD had a higher risk of mortality (OR: 2.08, 95% CI 1.23-3.50, followed by NAFLD (OR: 1.37, 95% CI 1.10-1.71, all  $p < 0.05$ )
- Similarly, compared to patients with HCV alone, coexistence of HCV and ALD followed by ALD and NAFLD had higher charges: (beta value \$32,892, \$20,931 and \$17,123; respectively

# CONCLUSION

- There is an increasing number of HCC hospitalizations and mortality among Medicare recipients
- Coexistence of ALD and HCV and NAFLD are associated with higher mortality and charges

**DIFFERENCES IN HEPATOCELLULAR  
CARCINOMA RISK, PREDICTORS AND  
TRENDS OVER TIME ACCORDING TO  
ETIOLOGY OF CIRRHOSIS:  
A COHORT OF 116,404 PATIENTS WITH  
CIRRHOSIS INCLUDING 10,042 WHO  
DEVELOPED HCC**

**Ionnou G, et al.  
AASLD 2018, Abstract #274.**

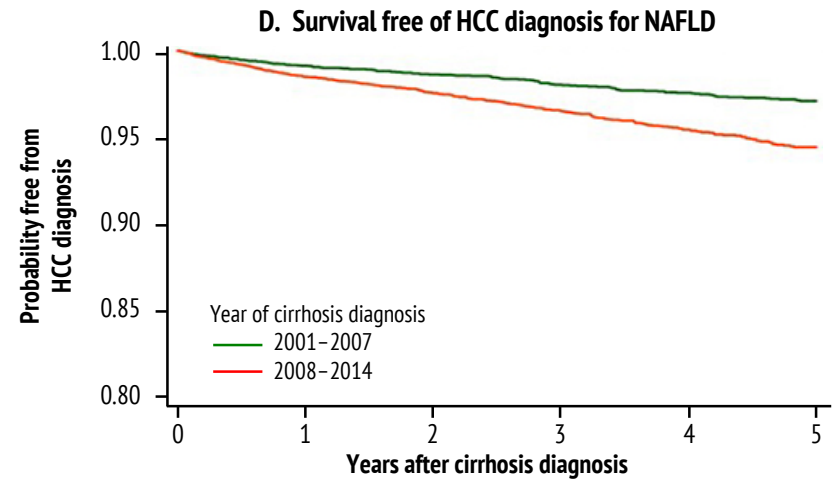
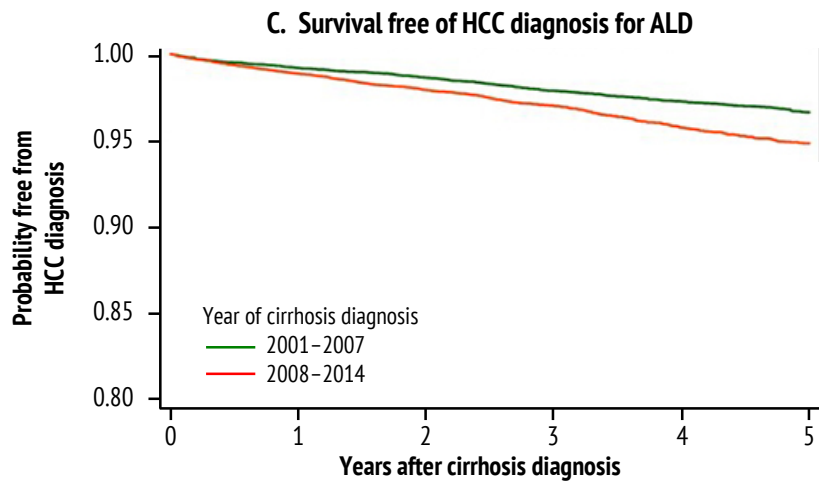
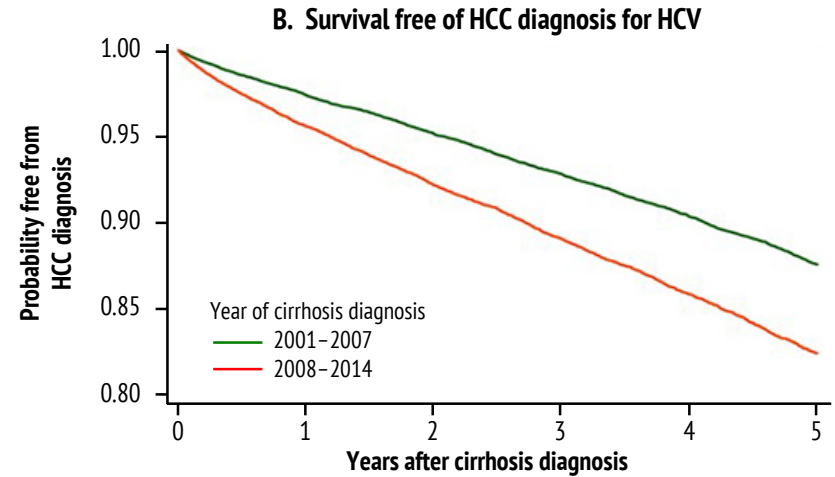
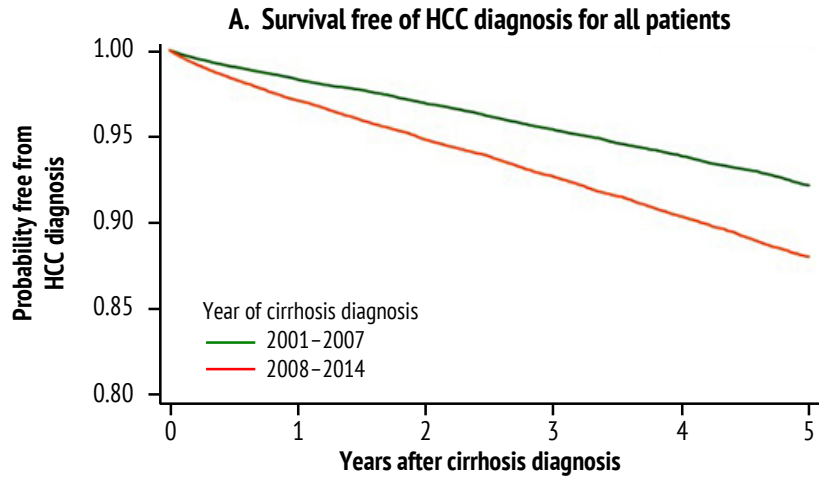
# METHODS

- Aim: to describe differences in HCC risk, predictors and trends over time according to etiology of cirrhosis
- 116,404 patients with cirrhosis diagnosed between 2001-2014 were identified in the Veterans Affairs healthcare system
- Incident HCC cases occurring from the date of cirrhosis diagnosis until 01/31/2017 were determined
  
- Patients were divided by cirrhosis etiology
  - HCV: n=52,671
  - ALD: n=35,730
  - NAFLD: n=17,354
  - Other: n=10,649

# RESULTS

- Mean follow-up of 4.3 years
- 10,042 new HCC cases
- Patients with HCV had > 3 times higher incidence of HCC; this association that after adjusting for baseline characteristics
  - HCV: 3.3/100 py
  - ALD: 0.86/100 py
  - NAFLD: 0.90/100 py
  - Other: 1.0/100 py
- HCC incidence was 1.6 times higher in patients with cirrhosis diagnosed in 2008-2014 (2.47/100 py) than in 2001-2007 (1.55/100 py)
- Independent predictors of HCC among all cirrhosis etiologies
  - Age
  - Male sex
  - Hispanic ethnicity
  - High serum AFP
  - Alkaline phosphatase and AST/ALT ratio
  - Low serum albumin and platelet count
- Diabetes was associated with HCC in ALD-cirrhosis and NAFLD-cirrhosis
- BMI was associated with HCC in ALD-cirrhosis

# RESULTS





# CONCLUSIONS

- HCC risk is 3 times greater in cirrhotic patients with HCV than ALD or NAFLD
  - This strongly suggests that the hepatitis C virus itself may have a direct carcinogenic effect
- HCC risk continues to increase over time in analyses extending to 2017 in cirrhosis of all etiologies
  - There was a remarkable 1.6-fold increase in HCC incidence in the 7-year interval between the two cohorts
- Multiple readily available risk factors for HCC were identified that were influenced by cirrhosis etiology
  - These could be used to develop HCC risk estimation models

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