

The PopGroup Project:

Development of a population-based classification system for assessing morbidity-related health care needs in Germany

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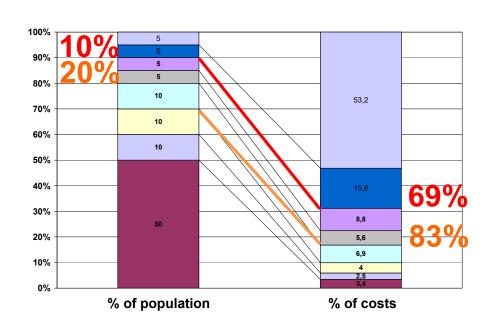
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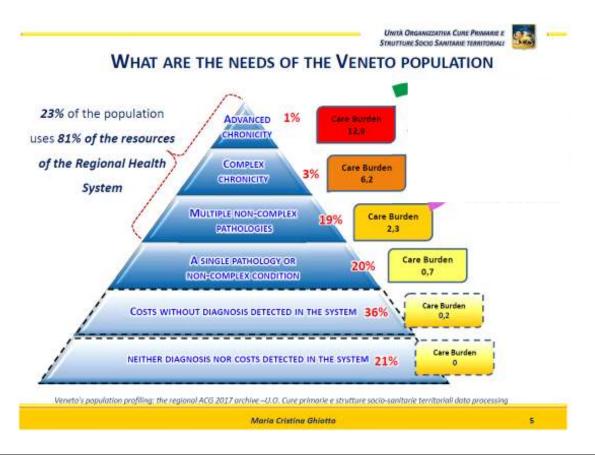
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Health care costs are unequally distributed









Project Objectives



- Development of a German population-based classification system to measure morbidity burden
- 2. Potential applications:
 - PopGroups as a basis for cross-sectoral demand planning
 - Casemix-adjustment for regional benchmarking analyses of quality and efficiency
 - Evaluation of health care reforms and new care models
 - Identification of insured individuals for case management
- 3. Development of scenarios and proposals for institutionalization of further development, maintenance and application of the PopGrouper classification system



Data basis



Secondary data:

 BARMER Science-Data-Warehouse (W-DWH) with pseudonymized claims data (including cross-sectoral diagnoses, clinical activity, billing and demographic information) covering four years with the possibility to extrapolate to the total population. (N=9.4 million)

Primary data:

Interviews/Focus groups with clinical experts/Workshops

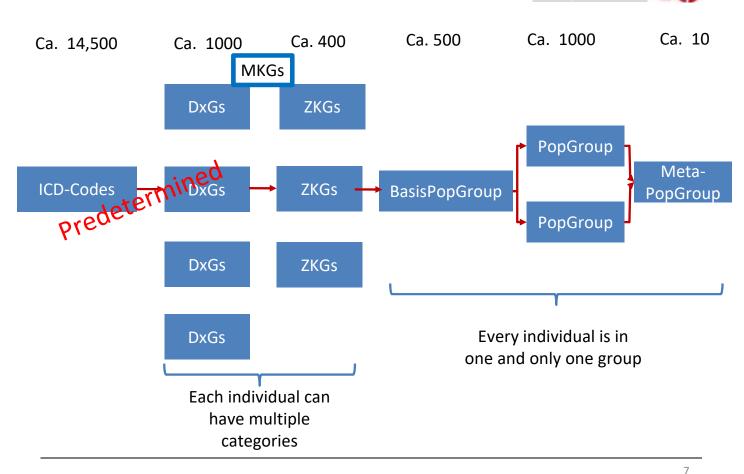
Additional Resources:

Pschyrembel

The PopGrouper: Conceptual Origin







The beginning...



- 1. Starting point: German modified Diagnostic Groups (DxGs)
- 2. Classifying the DxGs into different organ system based groups (MakroKrankheitsgruppen, "MKGs")
 - Exception: infections, neoplasms, pregnancy, drug & alcohol related, burns, chronic pain, transplantations, complications
- 3. Formation of ZKGs based on DxGs within a MKG based on predetermined criteria

Example:

• Within the MKG "Cardiology" the DxGs "Ventricular septal defect (age < 18 years)" and "Ventricular septal defect (age > 17 years)", were combined into the ZKG "Ventricular septal defect" on the basis of our ZKG assignment criteria.

Zusammengefasste KrankheitsGruppen (ZKGs)



DEFINITION

Unit of Analysis = DxGs

Basis of Analysis = Diagnoses (ICD codes)
Basis of Grouping = Medical meaningfulness

 $ICD \rightarrow DxG \rightarrow$ one and only one ZKG

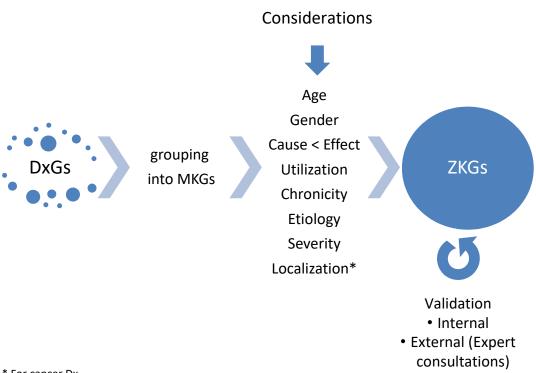
"a ZKG clusters diagnoses within an MKG in a medically meaningful way. The focus is on the clinical picture and medical care requirements of a disease/disease group."

Reduction of DxGs reached = 43%

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Assigning DxGs to ZKGs





* For cancer Dx

MKG Cardiology: Assignment of DxGs to ZKGs



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Internal Validation of ZKGs



Analyze all ICD codes within a DxGs

Systematic review of data regarding etiology and disease progression

Augmented additional information through claims data

• utilization, lethality, prevalence, cost, surcharges, severity

Validation of ZKG assignments based on the entirety of information

External Validation by Experts



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• Recruitment of professional medical associations in cooperation with the Association of Medical Societies (AWMF)

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Resulted in recruitment of 38 experts from 25 specialties

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• Assigned MKGs to experts according to their area of specialization

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• Finalization through focal group meetings via Zoom (per MKG)

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Consolidation of DxGs into ZKGs



Through 1.074 **DxGs**

our

criteria

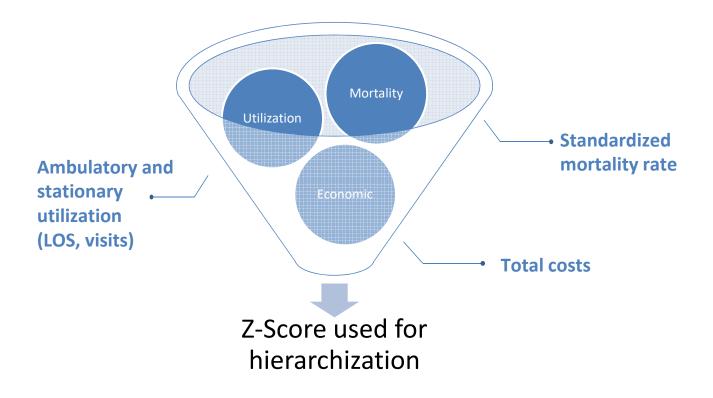
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366 External Validation **ZKGs**

424 **ZKGs**

Defined severity through three dimensions

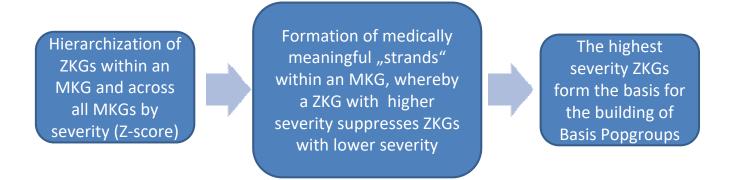




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Hierarchization of ZKGs

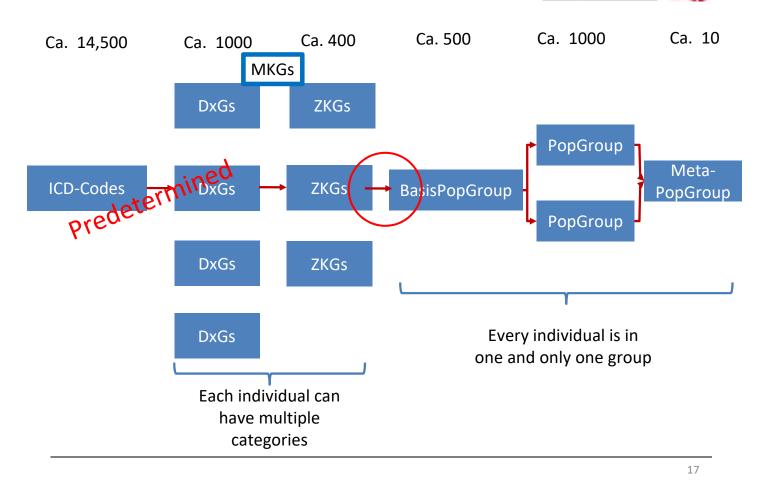




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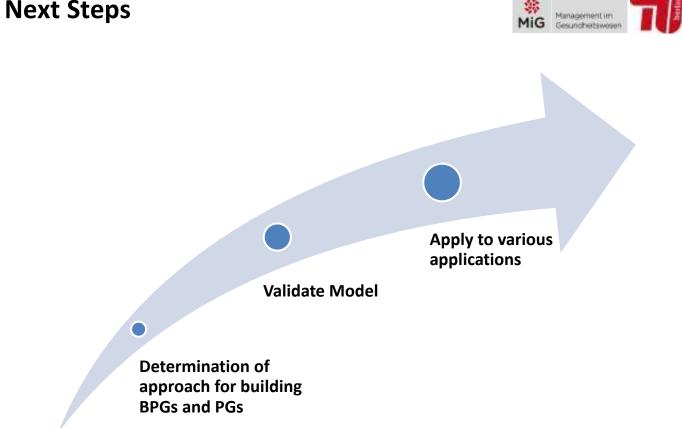






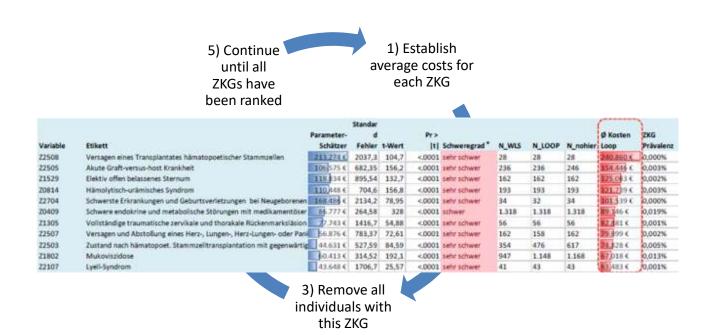






Loop Table Using costs as the variable of interest



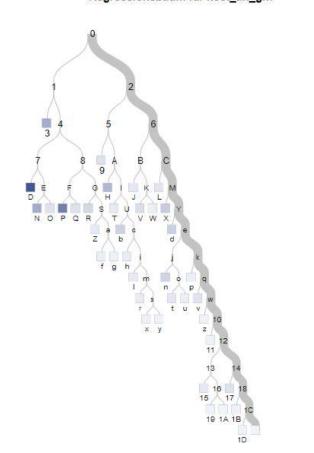


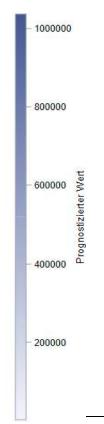
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Classification and Regression Tree (CART)*



Regressionsbaum für kost_an_gkv





and various variables:

- 1) Hierarchical ZKGs
- 2) Age / gender
- 3) Assigned long-term care dependency level
- 4) Ventilation (in hours)
- 5) Polytrauma
- 6) Intensive complex care
- 7) Number of MKGs with at least one moderate, severe, or very severe ZKG

* using SAS HPSPLIT

To summarize, the PopGrouper aims to:



- Support a stronger morbidity orientation and a focus on cross-sectoral infrastructure planning, presently demanded from many sides
- Provide an instrument to measure morbidity on a population basis, which is currently missing in Germany
- Create a valid methodological basis for a determination of the regional morbidity burden
- Potential applications:
 - Planning of health system infrastruture
 - Regional benchmarking-analyses
 - Evaluation of reforms and interventions
 - Case management

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Consortium partners











Cooperations partners

- 1. Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Wissenschaftlichen Medizinischen Fachgesellschaften (AWMF),
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- 3. External consultant: Herr P. Reschke



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