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Deidentifying Clinical Trial Accrual Data for Catchment Area Visualization

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Shared Aim, Challenge, & Solution

- **Aim** – Characterize the cancer burden in our catchment areas for strategic planning purposes
- **Challenge** – Determine efficient ways to utilize both traditional and internal data sources to achieve our objective while safeguarding patient privacy
- **Solution** – Implement geospatial aggregation methods that adhere to HIPAA regulations, offering unique insights to enhance our understanding and service delivery in catchment areas

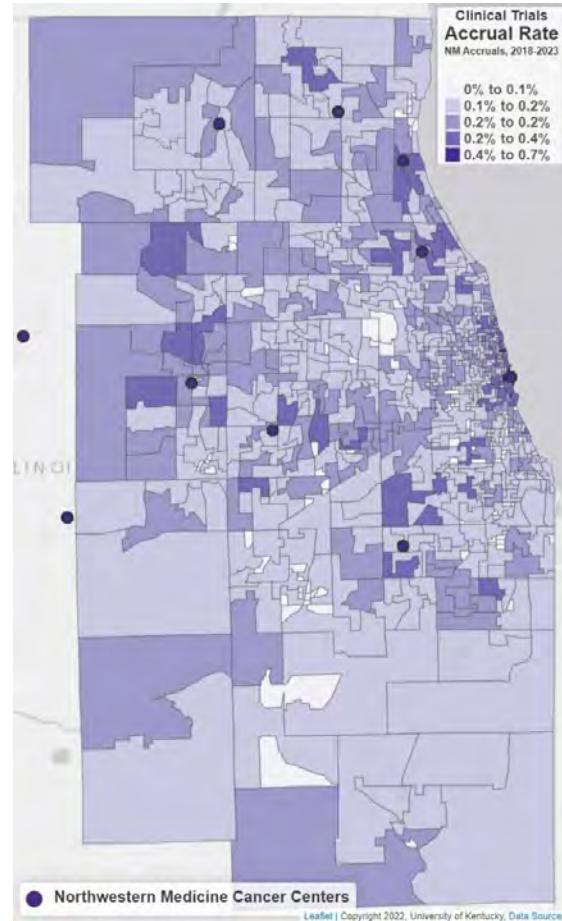
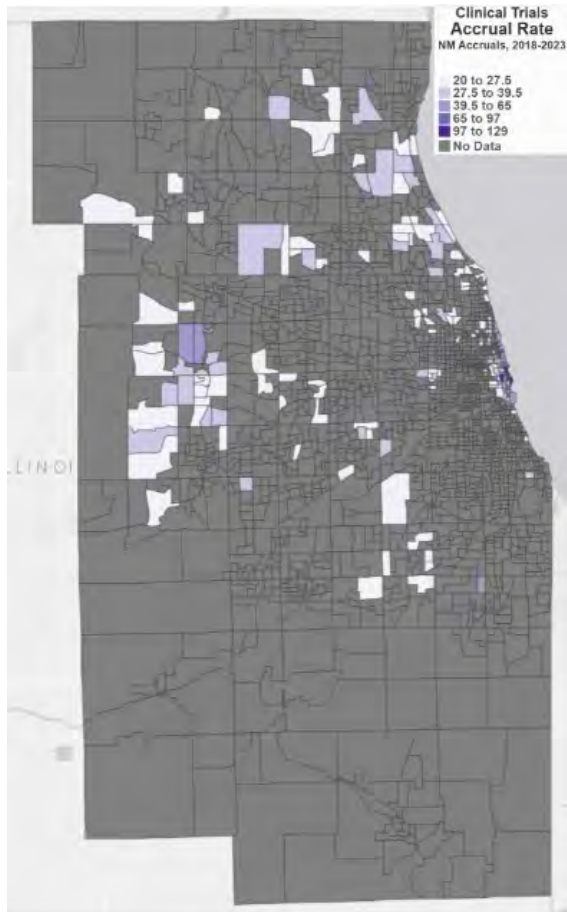
Geospatial Aggregation

Goal – Deidentify clinical trial enrollment data for catchment area characterization through the Cancer InFocus application

Method

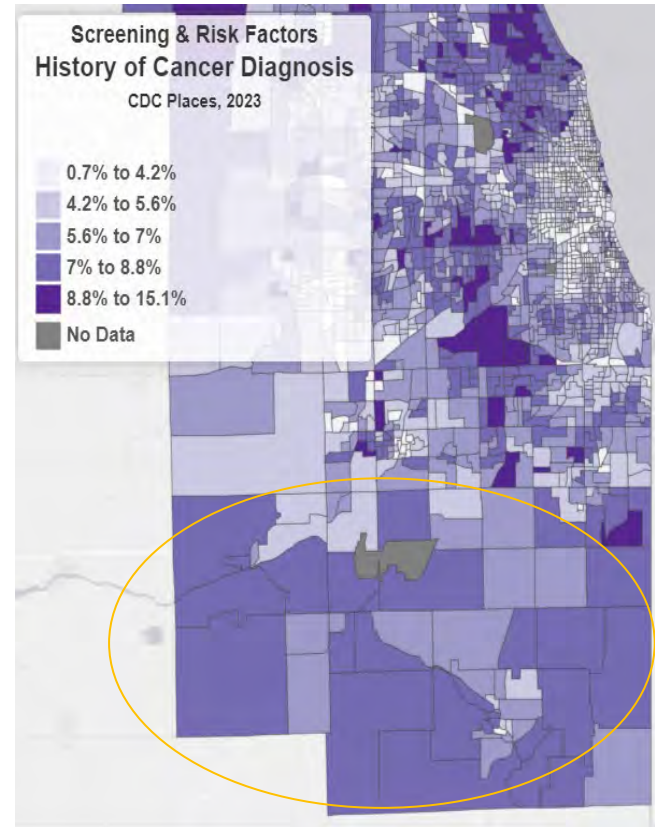
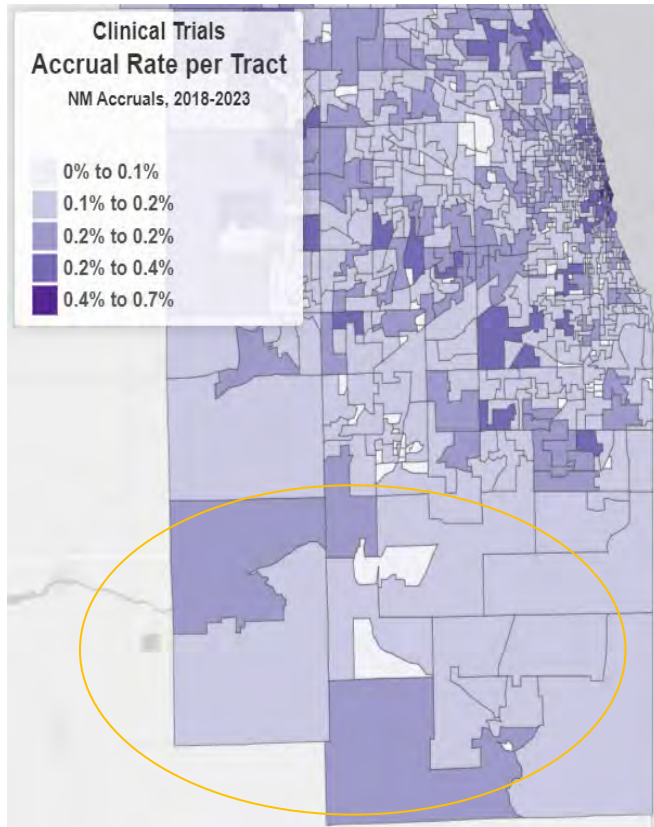
- Implement population-weighted aggregation by merging census tracts with fewer than 20 patient accruals, utilizing the gatpkg package in R
- Conduct a risk assessment to evaluate the potential for re-identification, ensuring a low-risk approach
- Integrate seamlessly into the Cancer InFocus application for visualization and analysis

The Data Comes Alive



- Prior to aggregation majority (85%) of the data is unusable
- Post-aggregation, there are no geographies with fewer than 20 accruals
- Visualization facilitates detailed comparisons across various factors and determinants

Example: Accruals vs. History of Diagnosis



- Despite the higher prevalence of cancer diagnoses in southern census tracts, there is a lower enrollment of patients into clinical trials from these areas

Significance

Geospatial aggregation presents the opportunity to leverage previously constrained internal patient data, enhancing our ability to characterize the catchment area and, consequently, better serving these populations.