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Introduction

The main purpose of this project is evaluating the genetic counseling and germline genetic testing process within the pancreatic adenocarcinoma patient population at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center. We are mainly interested in investigating the reasons that patients opt out of genetic testing and genetic counseling and the trend of referral rate after the guideline came out. The report can be divided into three parts. The first part will analyze the reason in each step on why people drop out. The second part will focus on the overall trend of the referral rate for 30 months. The third part will compare the referral rate before and after the genetic center offered telehealth and help to answer the question whether people prefer telehealth to in-person meeting.

Data Processing

I.Referral rate and its analysis

The overall referral rate is 0.3548387. There are 55 patients ordered the germline genetic test among 155 patients. We will divide the referral process into four parts and analyze the reasons of dropping of during each part.

Part.I Genetic referrals placed

Options	Number of patients	Ratio
Yes - Acceptance	111	0.72
No	44	0.28
Total	155	-

Part II. Genetic meeting scheduled

Options	Number of patients	Ratio
Yes - Acceptance	81	0.73
No	30	0.27
Total	111	-

Part III. Genetic meeting attended

Options	Number of patients	Ratio
Yes - Acceptance	59	0.73
No	22	0.27
Total	81	-

Part IV. Genetic counseling ordered

Options	Number of patients	Ratio
Yes - Acceptance	55	0.93
No	4	0.07
Total	59	-

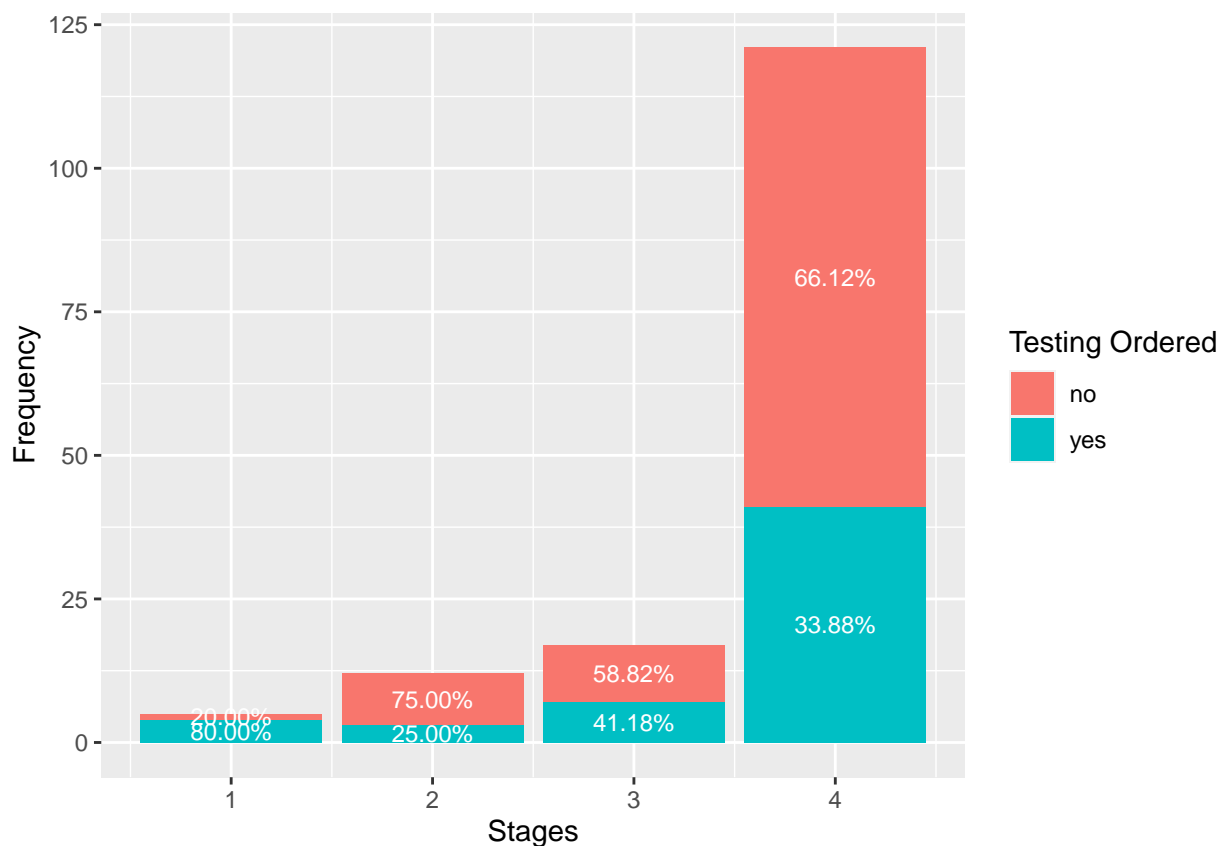
V. Proportions of individuals who proceed through each step of the process:

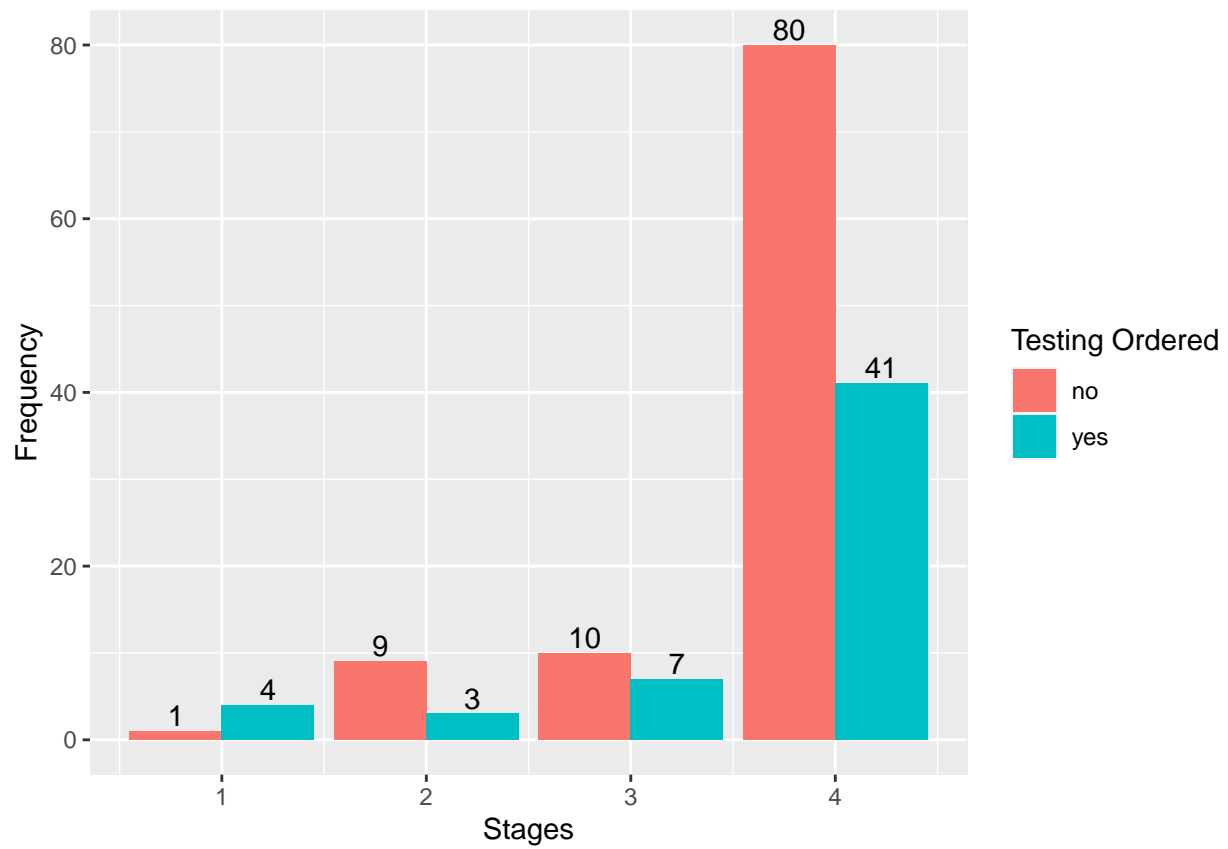
The following Sankey plot illustrates how many individuals succeed (currently labeled “Accept”) at each step of the genetic counseling process.

II.

I.Cancer Stage and Genetic Counseling Referral Rate

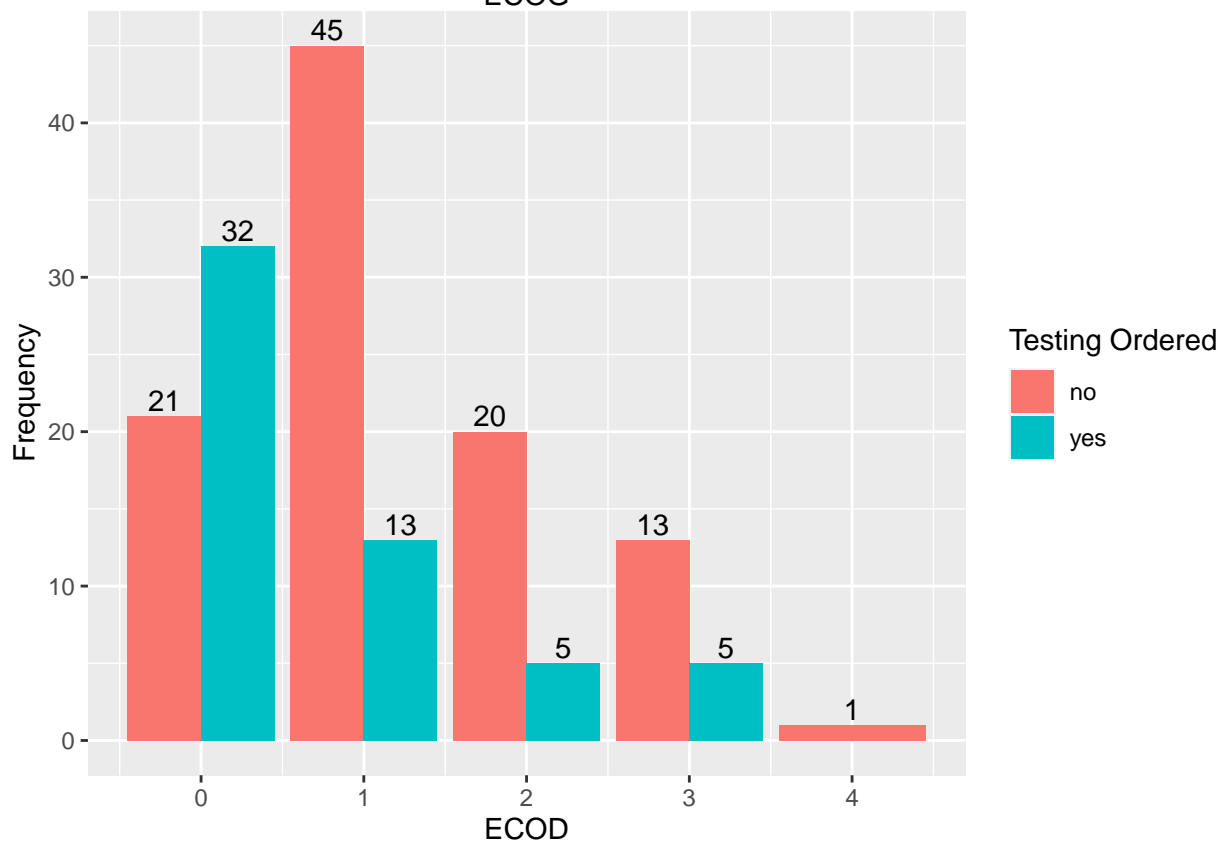
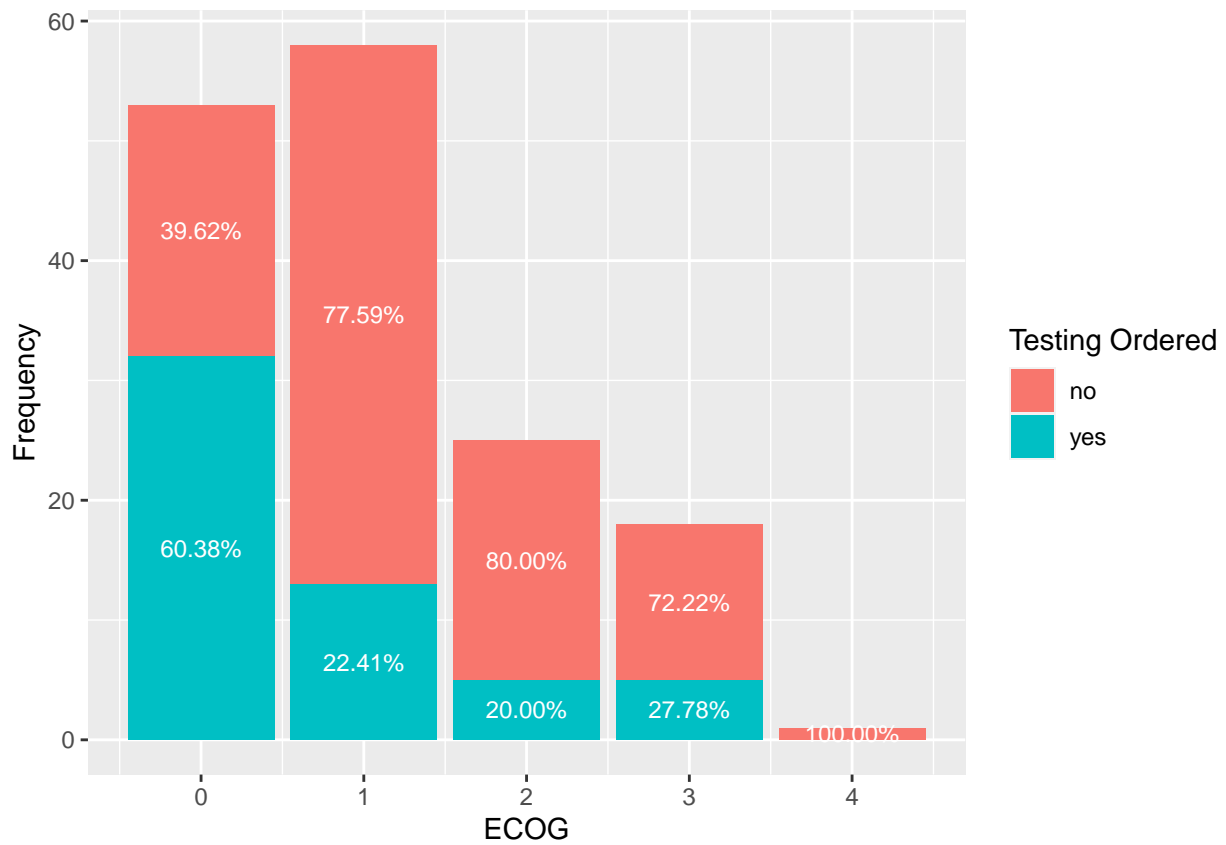
We thought that the stage of cancer might explain some of the variation in referral rate. The following stacked bar plot is an early attempt to visualize the proportions of individuals who ordered testing given that they were diagnosed with certain stages of cancer. Currently, we don't see much of a pattern with the proportion of testing ordered and the stage, though this may be due to the fact that so many of the patients are diagnosed at stage 4 (the smaller proportions may be unreliable). If the client is interested in us exploring this, we can try other ways of visualizing this (such as adding error bars).



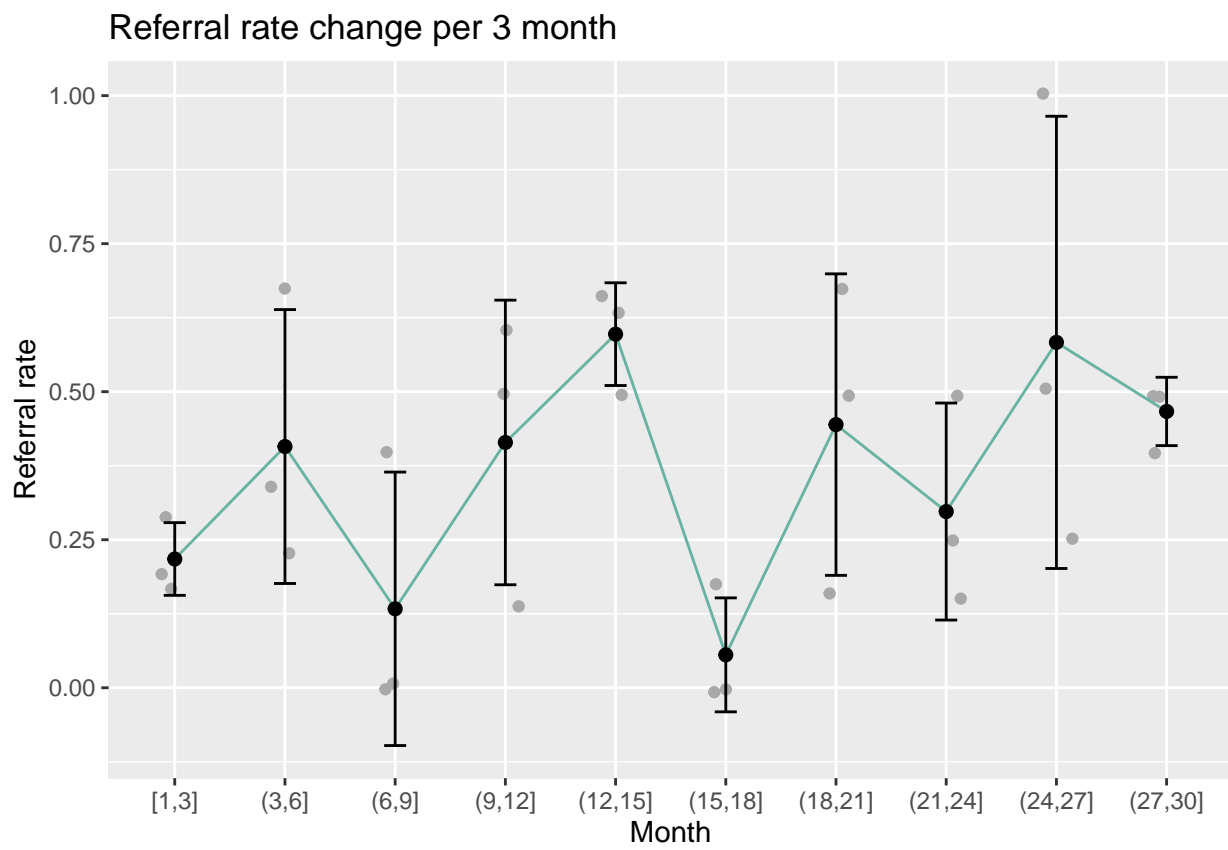


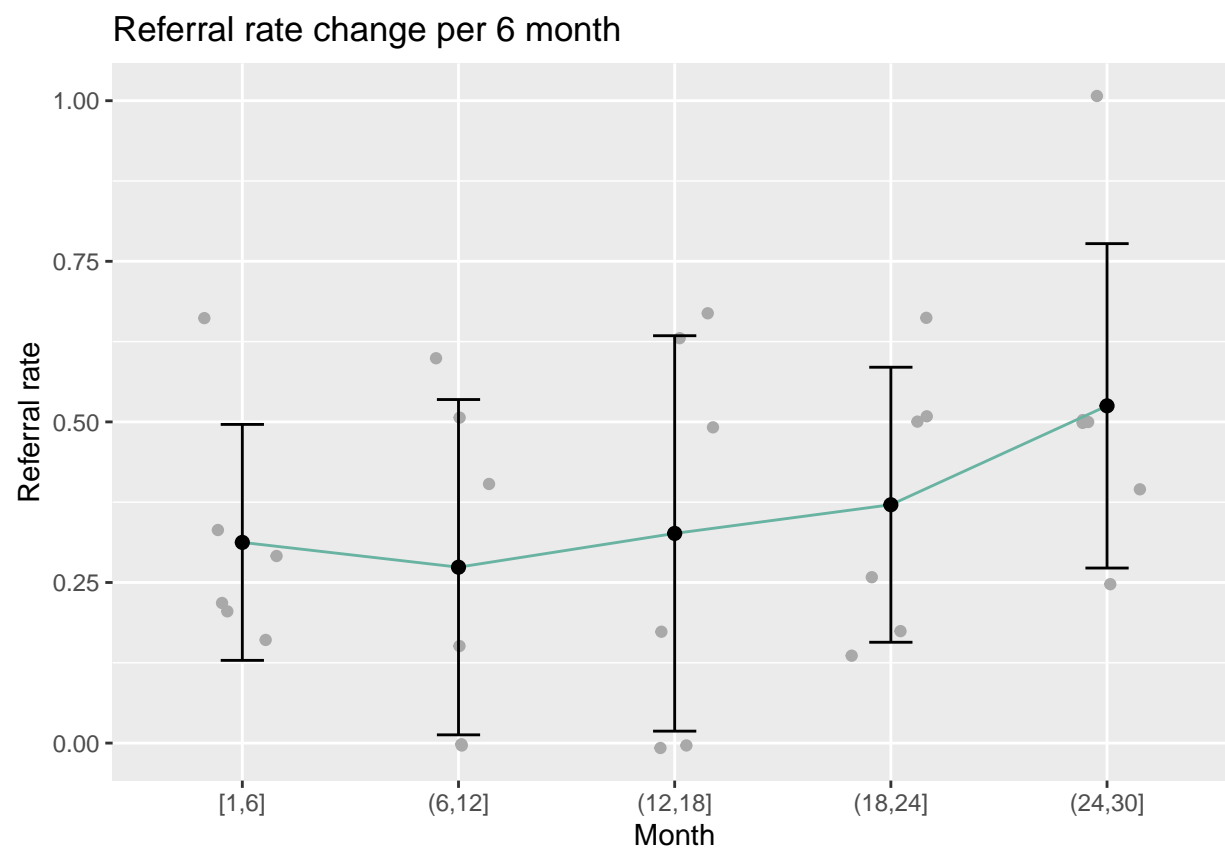
II. ECOG and Genetic Counseling Referral Rate

We were also curious about the ECOG which measured well-being.



III. Change of referral rate





III.Virtual/Teleheath Impact

In this part, we want to investigate if there is any difference of the referral rate before and after telehealth is provided as an preference options for the patients.

Period	Total number of patients	Number of patients who placed a referral	Number of Patients who scheduled a meeting	Number of patients who attended the meeting	Number of Patients who ordered the test	Referral rate
Before	120	82	55	40	37	0.3083
After	35	29	26	18	17	0.4857
Telehealth	-	-	17	14	13	-
In-person	-	-	5	4	4	-
NA	-	-	4	0	0	-
Total	155	111	81	58	54	0.3484

IV. Analysis on second opinion patients

Among 65 patients who had second opinion, 3 of them still ordered the germline genetic testing.

Period	Total number of patients	Number of patients who placed a referral	Number of Patients who scheduled a meeting	Number of patients who attended the meeting	Number of Patients who ordered the test	Referral rate
Before	65	11	8	6	3	0.04615

Appendix