# SDS192 Lab 6

## Solutions

#### Introduction

In this lab, we will study the financial relationships between medical drug and device companies and certain healthcare providers in MA using the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Service's Open Payments Dataset. Specifically, we will determine which ten Massachusetts-based doctors received the most money from medical drug or device manufacturers in 2021. Then we will leverage our custom functions to produce a number of tables and plots documenting information about the payments made to each of these doctors. In doing so, we will update a similar analysis produced by ProPublica in 2018 called Dollars for Docs.

## **Setting Up Your Environment**

1. Run the code below to load today's data frame into your environment.

```
date_of_payment,
    nature_of_payment_or_transfer_of_value,
    number_of_payments_included_in_total_amount,
    form_of_payment_or_transfer_of_value,
    dispute_status_for_publication,
    payment_publication_date) |>
filter(!is.na(covered_recipient_npi))
```

2. Run the code below to clean up this data frame

```
open_payments_cleaned <- open_payments_original |>
    # convert to date-time format
    mutate(across(c(date_of_payment, payment_publication_date), mdy)) |>
    # standardize the formatting of doctors' names
    mutate(covered_recipient_full_name = paste(covered_recipient_first_name, covered_recipient_full_name))
```

It's important to note that the unit of observation in this dataset is a transaction (not a medical practitioner or manufacturer!). That means that a medical practitioner can appear multiple times in the dataset if they've received multiple payments, and a medical drug or device manufacturer can appear multiple times in the dataset if they've disbursed multiple payments. We can identify medical practitioners with the covered\_recipient\_npi column and manufacturers with the applicable\_manufacturer\_or\_applicable\_gpo\_making\_payment\_id column.

Now that we've standardized the formatting of these names, there ideally should be one full name associated with every covered\_recipient\_npi. Let's compare the length of unique covered\_recipient\_npi values to the length of unique covered\_recipient\_full\_name values to check whether this is the case.

#### Ex 1: Unique Values

I've written a function below called  $num\_unique$ . The function calculates the length of unique values in the vector passed to the argument  $\mathbf{x}$ .

Below, I've selected the two columns in open\_payments\_cleaned that we want to iterate this function over. Determine which map() function to use in order to return a numeric vector that indicates the length of unique values in each of these columns. If you've done everything correctly, you should get the output below.

```
num_unique <- function(x) {</pre>
   length(unique(x))
  open_payments_cleaned |>
    select(covered_recipient_npi, covered_recipient_full_name) |>
    map int(num unique) # Determine which map function to call here
      covered_recipient_npi covered_recipient_full_name
                                                    11858
covered_recipient_npi covered_recipient_full_name
```

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Notice that there are still more full names than covered\_recipient\_npis, which means that certain doctors have multiple names in this dataset. Below I've written some code to calculate the number unique full names listed for each covered\_recipient\_npi and filter to the rows with more than one name. Can you identify some reasons why we might have multiple names listed for this same medical practitioner in this data frame?

```
open_payments_cleaned |>
    group_by(covered_recipient_npi) |>
    mutate(num names = length(unique(covered_recipient_full_name))) |>
    ungroup() |>
    filter(num_names > 1) |>
    select(covered_recipient_npi, covered_recipient_full_name) |>
    distinct() |>
    arrange(desc(covered_recipient_npi))
# A tibble: 292 x 2
  covered_recipient_npi covered_recipient_full_name
                   <dbl> <chr>
1
              1992991657 LANA SCHUMACHER
2
              1992991657 LANA BEAL
3
              1992932453 JESSICA ALLEGRETTI
4
              1992932453 JESSICA RAVIKOFF
5
              1992712178 PASI ANTERO JANNE
6
              1992712178 PASI JANNE
7
              1992187132 FAIZ BAYO-AWOYEMI
8
              1992187132 FAIZ BAYO AWOYEMI
```

```
9 1982680740 DONALD MARKS
10 1982680740 DON MARKS
# i 282 more rows
```

It could be a doctor's maiden name that they have since changed. It could also be a misspelling or hypocorism. Because of these issues, it is important that we use the covered\_recipient\_npi to identify doctors vs. the full name.

## **Data Analysis**

Our aim is to produce a number of tables and plots for each of the ten MA-based doctors that received the most money from medical drug and device manufacturers in 2021. This means that one of our first analysis steps is to identify those 10 medical practitioners.

## Ex 2: Top 10 Doctors

Write code to determine the 10 medical practitioners that received the most money from drug and device manufacturers in 2021, and store your results in top\_10\_doctors. Your final data frame should have 10 rows and columns for covered\_recipient\_npi and sum\_total\_payments.

```
# Uncomment below and write data wrangling code

top_10_doctors <- open_payments_cleaned |>
    group_by(covered_recipient_npi) |>
    summarise(sum_total_payments = sum(total_amount_of_payment_usdollars)) |>
    arrange(desc(sum_total_payments))|>
    slice_max(order_by = sum_total_payments, n = 10)

top_10_doctors
```

#### # A tibble: $10 \times 2$

```
covered_recipient_npi sum_total_payments
                   <dbl>
                                       <dbl>
1
             1194763482
                                   18755428.
2
             1720096738
                                   18751435
3
             1073561973
                                    2112833.
4
             1699732065
                                    1869851.
5
             1952351488
                                     971882.
6
             1194860205
                                     971291.
```

7	1225124787	954938.
8	1164598801	820476.
9	1144267899	803031.
10	1568424042	771362.

Right now the values that we will eventually want to iterate over in our analysis are stored as columns in a data frame. ...but the family of purr functions allows us to apply a function to each element of a vector or list. We want to create a series of vectors from these columns that we can iterate over. We will use the pull() function to do this.

## Ex 3: Top 10 Doctors IDs

Create a vector of top\_10\_doctors\_ids from top\_10\_doctors, using the pull() function.

```
# Uncomment and write code below to pull the top 10 doctor IDs into a vector
top_10_doctors_ids <- top_10_doctors |>
   pull(covered_recipient_npi)
```

We also want a vector of doctor names associated with each of these IDs, but remember that there can be multiple names for a single doctor in this dataset. With this in mind, we are going to create a vector of the first listed name for a given covered\_recipient\_npi in the dataset. Taking the first listed name as the doctor's name is an imperfect solution. The first listed name could be a misspelling. It could be a doctor's maiden name that they have since changed. This is a temporary solution, and we would want to confirm that we have the correct name for each doctor before publishing any of these findings.

#### Ex 4: Top 10 Doctors Names

Create a vector containing the names of the doctors associated with the IDs in top\_10\_doctors\_ids. First, define the function get\_doctor\_name. This function will:

- 1. Take a doctor\_id as an argument
- 2. Filter open\_payments\_cleaned to that ID
- 3. Summarize the first() covered\_recipient\_full\_name listed for that ID
- 4. pull() the name value

Once this function has been defined, select the appropriate map() function to iterate top\_10\_doctors\_ids through get\_doctor\_name and store the resulting character vector in top\_10\_doctors\_names.

Now that we have the vectors we want to iterate over, we are ready to start defining our functions.

## Ex 5: What Kind of Payments did MA-based Doctors Receive in 2021?

To get started, let's define a function that filters open\_payments\_cleaned to a given doctor ID, and then calculates how much of each kind of payment has been paid to that doctor. Here is an example of what that data wrangling code would look like for a specific covered\_recipient\_npi:

1. Wrap the above code in a function named calculate\_payment\_type\_amts. Rather than filtering to 1194763482, filter based on the value passed to an argument named doctor\_id

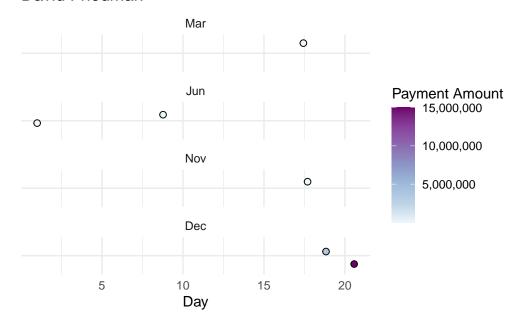
- 2. Then, use the map() function to apply calculate\_payment\_type\_amts to each element in the top\_10\_doctors\_ids vector. Running this code should return a list of 10 data frames
- 3. Finally, pipe in set\_names(top\_10\_doctors\_names) to set the names for each data frame in the list to the doctor's name

#### Ex 6: When were Payments Made to Each of These Doctors in 2021?

Here's an example of a plot we could create to answer this question for one doctor.

```
facet_wrap(~month(date_of_payment, label = TRUE), nrow = 4)
```

#### **David Friedman**



Write a function named payments\_calendar. The function should:

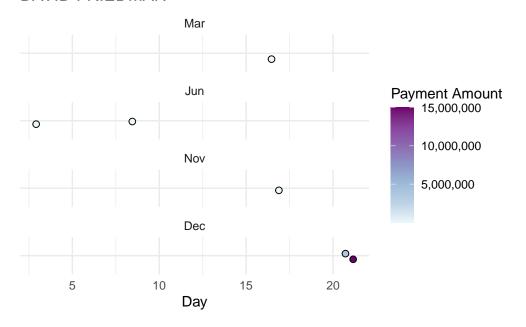
- 1. Take a doctor\_id and doctor\_name as arguments
- 2. Filter open\_payments\_cleaned to the doctor's ID
- 3. Create payment calendar plot modeled after the one above
- 4. Set the title of the plot to the doctor's name

After you've written this function, use the map2() function to apply payments\_calendar to each element in the top\_10\_doctors\_ids vector and top\_10\_doctors\_names vector.

```
y = "",
x = "Day",
fill = "Payment Amount") +
scale_y_discrete(limits = rev) +
scale_fill_distiller(palette = "BuPu", direction = 1, labels = scales::comma) +
facet_wrap(~month(date_of_payment, label = TRUE), nrow = 4)
}
# Iterate payments_calendar over top_10_doctors_ids and top_10_doctors_ids to create 10 pl
map2(
    .x = top_10_doctors_ids,
    .y = top_10_doctors_names,
    .f = payments_calendar
)
```

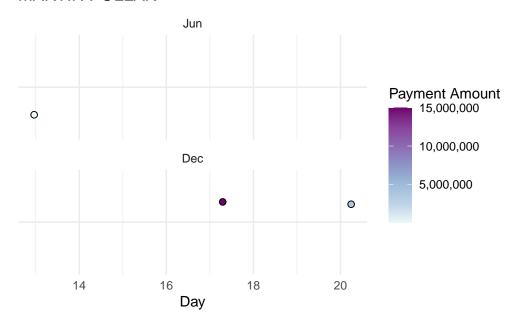
## [[1]]

#### DAVID FRIEDMAN



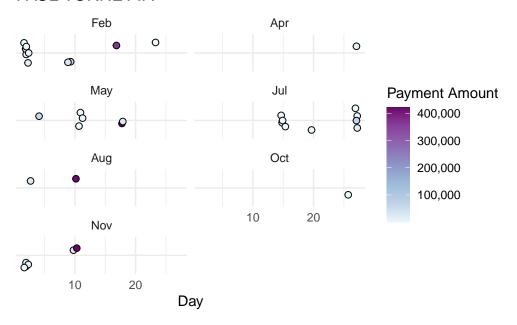
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## MARTIN POLLAK



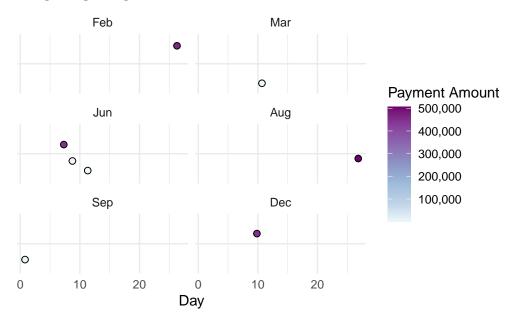
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## PAUL TORNETTA



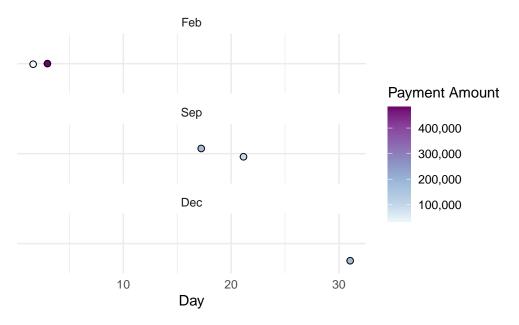
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# THOMAS THORNHILL



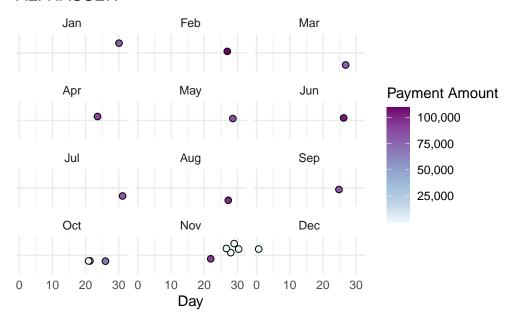
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## LAURIE GLIMCHER



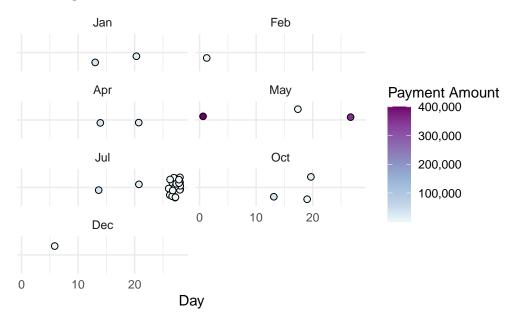
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## **ALI NASSEH**



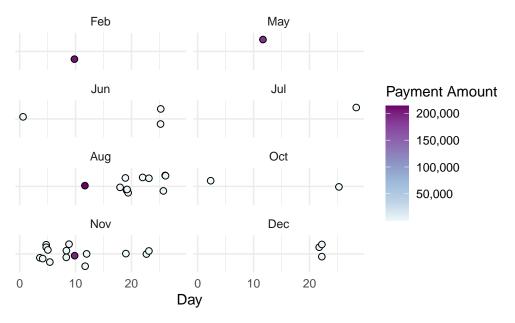
# [[7]]

## **ALAN GARBER**



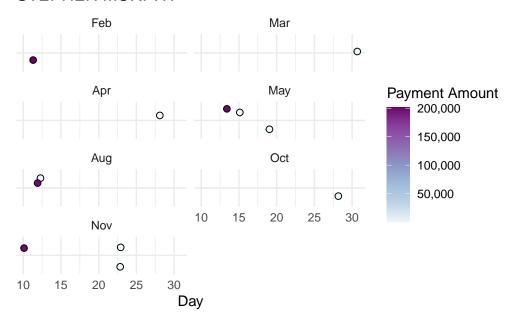
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## **JAMES BONO**



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## STEPHEN MURPHY



#### Jan Feb Mar May Jun Payment Amount 00 600,000 Jul Sep 400,000 200,000 Oct Dec Nov 0 20 0 30 0 30 0 20 10 20 10 30 Day

# Ex 7: Which Manufacturers Paid MA-based Doctors in 2021, and through What Forms of Payment?

Finally, let's define a function that filters open\_payments\_cleaned to a given doctor ID and determines how much the doctor received in compensation from different manufacturers, along with the forms of payment from each manufacturer. To do so, we will need to aggregate the data by covered\_recipient\_npi, applicable\_manufacturer\_or\_applicable\_gpo\_making\_payment\_name, and form\_of\_payment\_or\_transfer\_of\_value and calculate the total payments associated with each grouping.

Write a function named calculate\_manufacturer\_payments. The function should:

1. Take a doctor\_id as an argument

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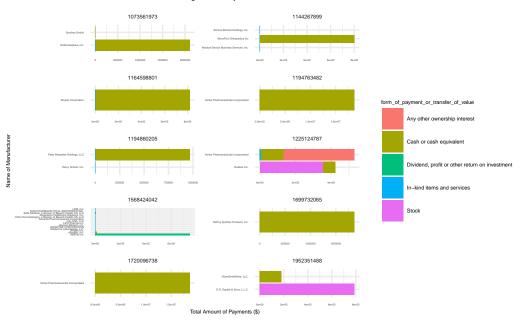
- 2. Filter open\_payments\_cleaned to that ID
- 3. Aggregate the filtered data by covered\_recipient\_npi, applicable\_manufacturer\_or\_applicable\_gpc and form\_of\_payment\_or\_transfer\_of\_value
- 4. Calculate the total amount of payments for each grouping
- 5. Sort the resulting data frame in descending order by the total amount of payments

After you've written this function, use the map\_df() function to apply calculate\_manufacturer\_payments to each element in the top\_10\_doctors\_ids vector. Note how this returns one data frame rather than a list of 10 data frames.

Plot your resulting data frame as a column plot, attempting (to the best of your ability) to match the formatting of the plot below.

```
# Write calculate_manufacturer_payments function here
calculate_manufacturer_payments <- function(doctor_id){</pre>
  open_payments_cleaned |>
  filter(covered recipient npi == {{doctor id}})|>
  group by (
    covered_recipient_npi,
    applicable_manufacturer_or_applicable_gpo_making_payment_name,
    form_of_payment_or_transfer_of_value) |>
  reframe(total = sum(total_amount_of_payment_usdollars))
}
# Iterate calculate manufacturer payments over top_10_doctors_ids here
df<- map_df(</pre>
  .x = top_10_doctors_ids,
  .f = calculate_manufacturer_payments
# Plot resulting data frame here
df |>
  ggplot(aes(
    x = applicable_manufacturer_or_applicable_gpo_making_payment_name,
    y = total,
    fill = form_of_payment_or_transfer_of_value)
    ) +
  geom_col()+
  facet_wrap(facets = ~covered_recipient_npi ,ncol = 2, scales = "free")+
  coord_flip()+
  theme_minimal()+
  theme(title = element_text(size = 5),
        axis.title = element text(size = 4),
        axis.text = element_text(size = 2),
        strip.text = element_text(size = 4),
```

#### Total Amount of Medical Drug/Device Payments to 10 MA-based Doctors,2021



```
scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::comma)
```

```
<ScaleContinuousPosition>
```

Range:

Limits: 0 -- 1

df

```
3
              1073561973 Smith+Nephew, Inc.
                                                   Cash or cash equivale~ 2.11e6
 4
              1073561973 Smith+Nephew, Inc.
                                                    In-kind items and ser~ 1.07e2
5
              1073561973 Synthes GmbH
                                                    Cash or cash equivale~ 2.5 e2
6
              1699732065 DePuy Synthes Products, ~ Cash or cash equivale~ 1.87e6
7
              1952351488 E.R. Squibb & Sons, L.L.~ Stock
                                                                           7.91e5
8
              1952351488 GlaxoSmithKline, LLC.
                                                   Cash or cash equivale~ 1.81e5
9
              1194860205 Henry Schein, Inc.
                                                    In-kind items and ser~ 2.88e2
              1194860205 Peter Brasseler Holdings~ Cash or cash equivale~ 9.71e5
10
```

- # i 29 more rows
- # i abbreviated names:
- # 1: applicable\_manufacturer\_or\_applicable\_gpo\_making\_payment\_name,
- # 2: form\_of\_payment\_or\_transfer\_of\_value

#### Total Amount of Medical Drug/Device Payments to 10 MA-based Doctors, 2021

