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Tonight's goal

Tell a
(data science?
human interest?)
story with R.

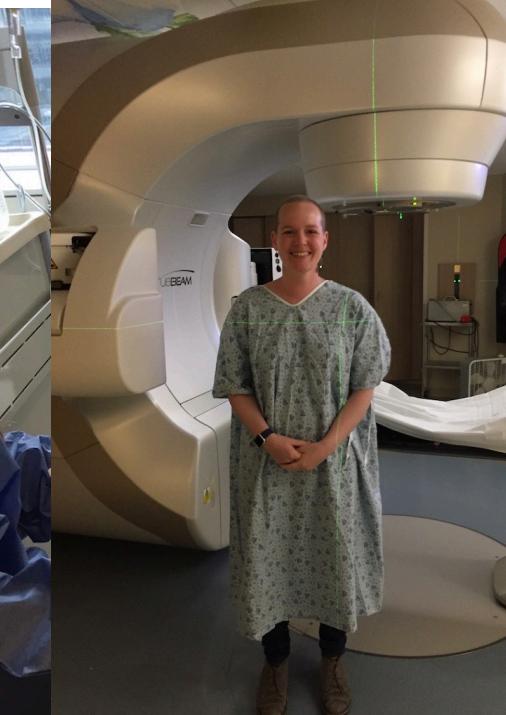
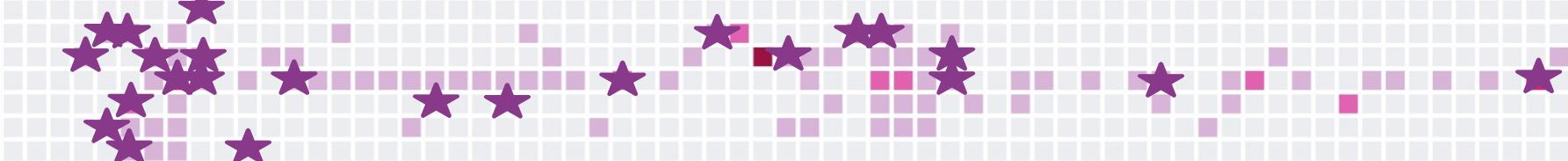


Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr

Mon

Wed

Fri



Inspiration (what it actually looked like during that time)

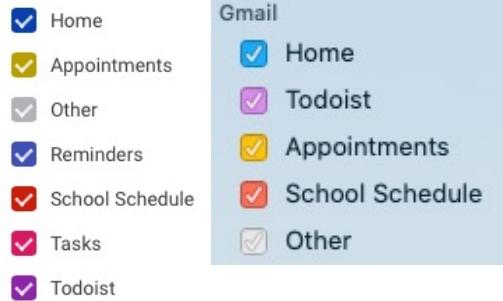


Process

Export calendar as .ics

I keep all my medical appointments as a separate calendar
Exporting is easy with Google Calendars, iCal, I'm sure others

My calendars



The screenshot shows a list of calendars on the left and a 'Gmail' sidebar on the right.

My calendars:

- Home
- Appointments
- Other
- Reminders
- School Schedule
- Tasks
- Todoist

Gmail:

- Home
- Todoist
- Appointments
- School Schedule
- Other

Convert .ics to .csv

I used an online tool:
<http://www.indigoblue.eu/ics2csv/>

Clean data!

I got some help getting it in the format I want for plotting from the source code of this blog post:
<https://www.garrickadenbuie.com/blog/greatest-twitter-scheme/>

Full explanation here:

<https://www.louisahsmith.com/post/github-style-calendar-heatmap/>



Kim Kardashian West 

@KimKardashian



Like butter. #Butter350's #Yeezy



♡ 64.8K 10:11 AM - Aug 6, 2018



8,805 people are talking about this







What they expected...

What they got...

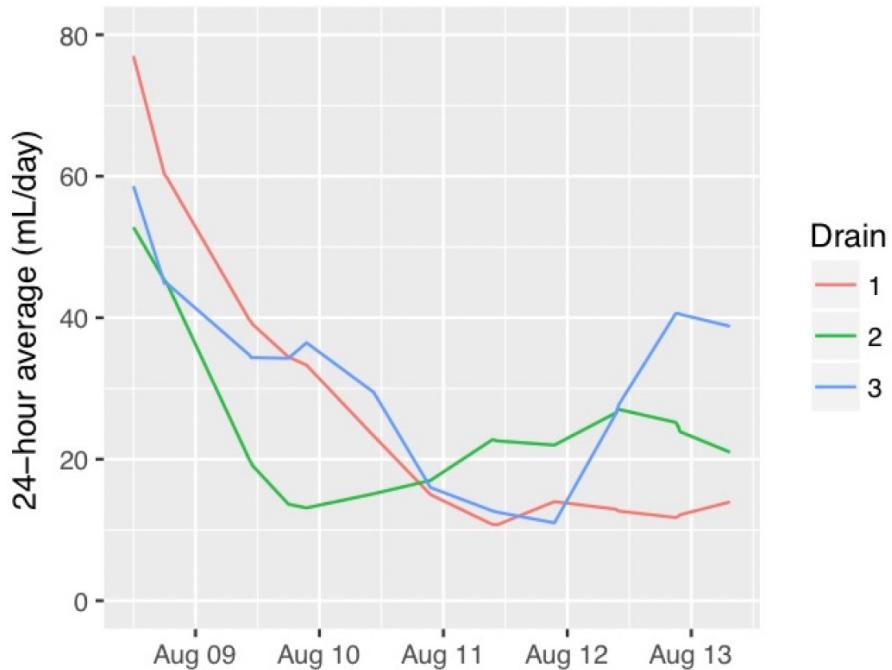
```

drains <- tribble(
  ~date,      ~time,   ~one,   ~two,   ~three,
  "08/07/2018", "6:25 pm",  28,    15,    25,
  "08/08/2018", "10:30 am", 45,    35,    30,
  "08/08/2018", "6:30 pm",  15,    10,    15,
  "08/09/2018", "10:45 am", 25,    10,    20,
  "08/09/2018", "9:30 pm",  13,    5,     20,
  "08/10/2018", "10:30 am", 10,    10,    9,
  "08/10/2018", "9:30 pm",  5,     7,     7,
  "08/11/2018", "9:30 am",  5,     15,    5,
  "08/11/2018", "9:30 pm",  9,     7,     6,
  "08/12/2018", "9:45 am",  4,     20,    21,
  "08/12/2018", "9:45 pm",  8,     5,     20,
  "08/13/2018", "7:30 am",  5,     13,    15,
  "08/13/2018", "9:45 pm",  NA,    4,     20,
  "08/14/2018", "11:10 am", NA,    11,    20,
  "08/14/2018", "9:00 pm",  NA,    4,     24,
  "08/15/2018", "9:45 pm",  NA,    11,    36,
  "08/16/2018", "9:15 pm",  NA,    11,    27,
  "08/17/2018", "9:30 pm",  NA,    10,    13,
  "08/18/2018", "10:15 pm", NA,    10,    12,
  "08/19/2018", "9:45 pm",  NA,    7,     12,
  "08/20/2018", "10:10 pm", NA,    6,     11,
  "08/22/2018", "10:30 pm", NA,    16,    19,
  "08/23/2018", "10:00 pm", NA,    18,    20,
  "08/24/2018", "10:45 pm", NA,    13,    9,
  "08/25/2018", "1:00 pm",  NA,    40,    15,
  "08/25/2018", "10:10 pm", NA,    14,    6,
  "08/26/2018", "9:30 pm",  NA,    10,    13,
  "08/27/2018", "11:00 pm", NA,    7,     14,
  "08/28/2018", "10:30 pm", NA,    NA,    20,
  "08/29/2018", "11:30 pm", NA,    NA,    16,
  "08/30/2018", "11:00 pm", NA,    NA,    16
)

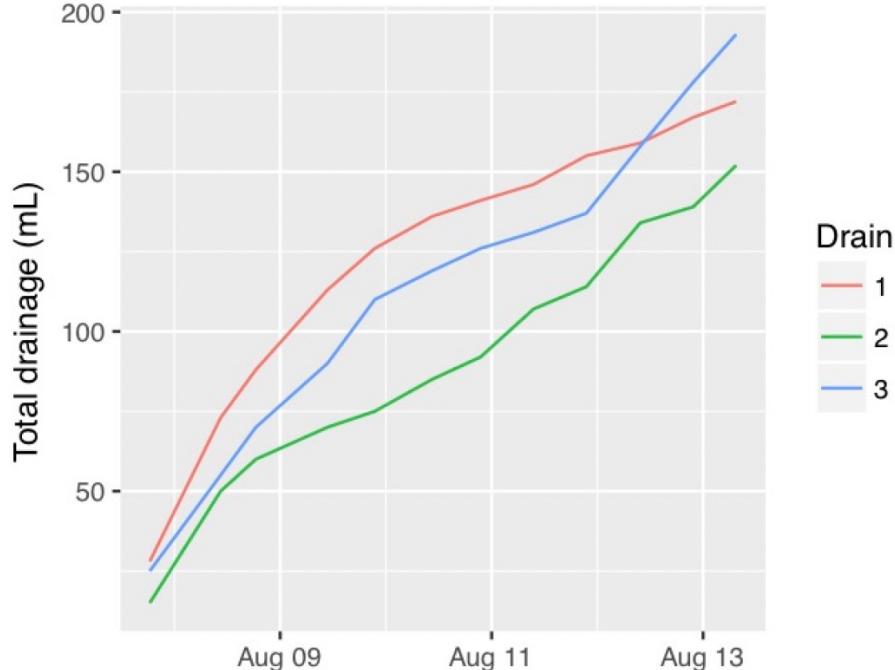
```

Removal is based on 24-hour output

Average drain output over previous 24 hours

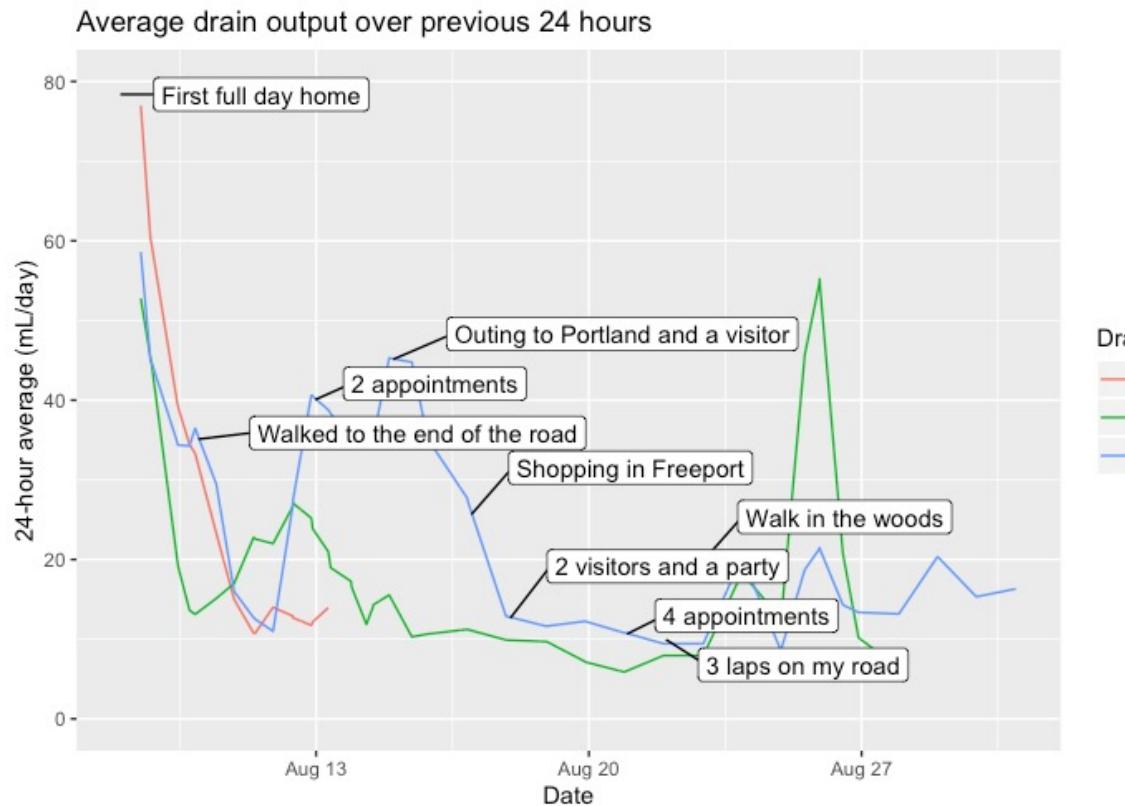


Total drain output (since discharge)



Tried to see what correlated with high output

As you can imagine, drains are really uncomfortable....



Process

Collect data

`tibble::tribble()` is my go-to for on-the-spot data collection:

```
drains ← tibble::tribble(  
    ~date,      ~time, ~one, ~two, ~three,  
    "08/07/2018", "6:25 pm", 28,   15,   25,  
    "08/08/2018", "10:30 am", 45,   35,   30,
```

Kept notes on my phone and would move it to R whenever I had the chance
Use datapasta to keep nice and neat! (more later)

Clean data

Between `tidyr` and `lubridate`, easy creation of dates:

```
unite(date_time, c(date, time), sep = " ") %>%  
mutate(date_time = mdy_hm(date_time))
```

`RcppRoll` for calculating rolling averages
`ggrepel` for adding labels to `ggplots`



Inside my patient portal...

COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT (BLOOD)

DATE	WBC 4.0-10.0 K/uL	RBC 3.9-5.2 m/uL	Hgb 11.2-15.7 g/dL	Hct 34-45	MCV 82-98	MCH 26-32	MCHC 32-37	RDW 10.5-15.5	RDWSD 35.1-46.3 fL
04/04/18 9:30A (34)	5.0	3.77*	11.1*	32.5*	86	29.4	34.2	12.5	36.4
				(34) TY					
03/21/18 10:20A (36)	8.7	4.14	12.4	35.6	86	30.0	34.8	11.9	36.5
				(36) TY					
03/07/18 8:06A (38)	5.7	4.55	13.3	39.6	87	29.2	33.6	12.2	38.9
				(38) TY					
02/15/18 4:45P	10.0	4.95	14.7	43.1	87	29.7	34.1	11.9	38.0

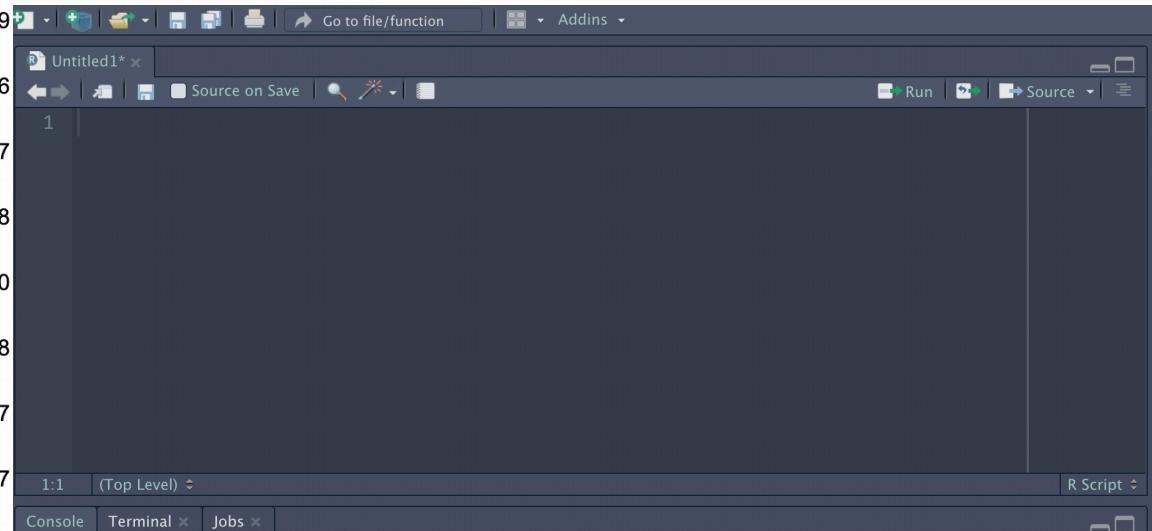
DIFFERENTIAL (BLOOD)

DATE	Neuts 34-71 %	Bands 0-5 %	Lymphs 19-53 %	Monos 5-13 %	Eos 1-7 %	Baso 0-1 %	Atyps 0-0 %	Metas 0-0 %	Myelos 0-0 %	Promyel 0-0 %	Young 0-0 %	Blasts 0-0 %	Hyperse 0-0 %	NRBC 0-0 %	Plasma 0-0 %	Histio 0-0 %	LUC 0-0 %	Im Gran 0-6 %	Other 0-0 %	AbsNeut 1.6-6.1 K/uL	AbsLymp 1.2-3.7 K/uL	AbsMono .2-.8 K/uL	AbsEos .04-.54 K/uL	AbsBaso .01-.08 K/uL	
07/18/19 3:05P	76.0*		17.9*	4.7*	0.5*	0.5												0.4			4.19	0.99*	0.26	0.03*	0.03
																		Includes Metas, Myelos, and Pros.							
12/19/18 9:45A (40)	78.2*		13.4*	6.8	0.5*	0.8												0.3			3.10	0.53*	0.27	0.02*	0.03
																		(40) TY							
09/26/18 9:50A (42)																									2.18
09/05/18 9:00A (44)																									1.94
08/13/18 11:43A (46)																									3.05
07/25/18 10:50A (48)																									5.68
																		(48) TY							

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To RStudio...

DATE	COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT (BLOOD)								
	WBC K/uL	RBC m/uL	Hgb g/dL	Hct %	MCV fL	MCH pg	MCHC g/dL	RDW %	RDWSD fL
06/13/18 8:30A (16)	2.9*	3.81*	11.8	33.3*	87	31.0	35.4	13.2	42.0
				(16) TY					
06/06/18 9:00A (18)	3.1*	3.62*	11.2	32.2*	89				
				(18) TY					
05/30/18 10:30A (20)	4.0	3.52	11.8	32.7*	86				
				(20) TY					
05/30/18 10:30A (20)	4.5	3.50*	11.2	31.9*	87				
				(22) TY					
05/16/18 8:15A (24)	4.1	3.92	11.6	34.4	88				
				(24) TY					
05/09/18 9:20A (26)	3.2*	3.76*	11.4	33.8*	90				
				(26) TY					
05/02/18 1:00P (28)	6.7	4.01	12.1	35.1	88				
				(28) TY					
04/25/18 11:50A (30)	2.8*	3.89*	11.5	33.7*	87				
				(30) TY					
04/18/18 9:20A (32)	2.6*	3.69*	11.1*	32.2*	87				
				(32) TY					
04/11/18 10:00A	4.4	3.77*	11.1*	32.4*	86	29.4	34.3	13.5	38.5



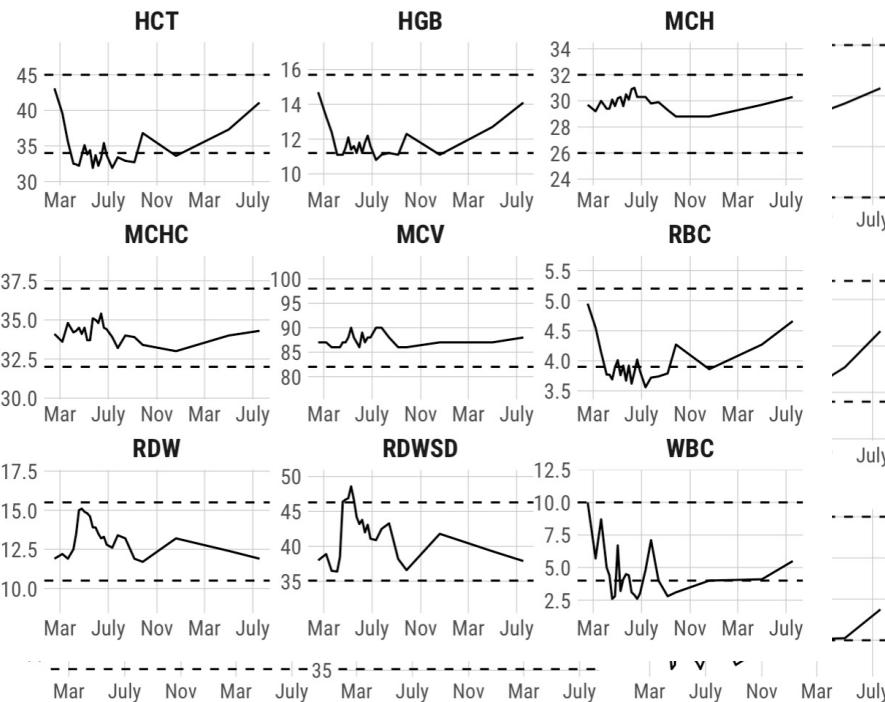
```
Untitled1* x
Source on Save | Run | Source | R Script
```

with a lot of `readr::parse_number()`

Almost... perfect

Complete Blood Count results since diagnosis

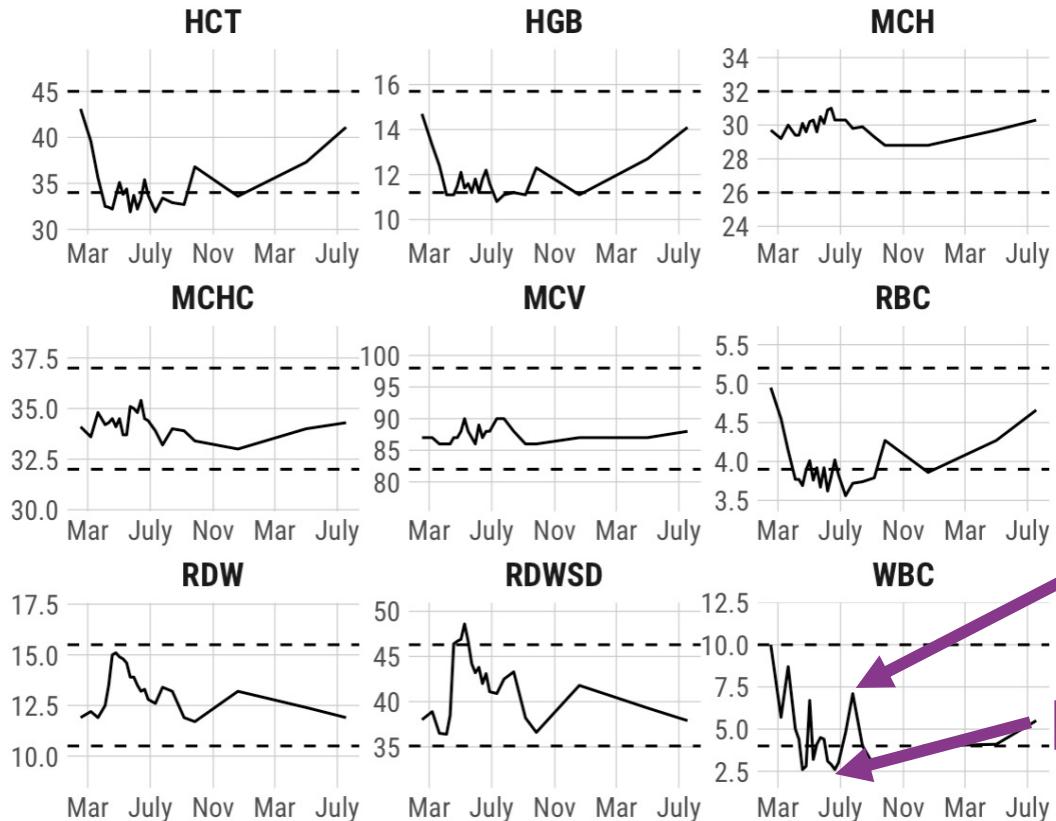
Dashed lines indicate normal range



The difference? 80
lines of ggproto stuff
I don't understand,
from
<https://fishandwhistle.net/post/2018/modifying-facet-scales-in-ggplot2/>

Complete Blood Count results since diagnosis

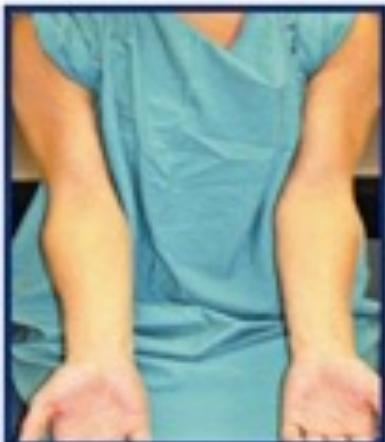
Dashed lines indicate normal range



Neulasta chemo

Non-Neulasta chemo

Lymphedema after axillary lymph node dissection



Stage 0 Left Unilateral Arm



Stage I Left Unilateral Arm



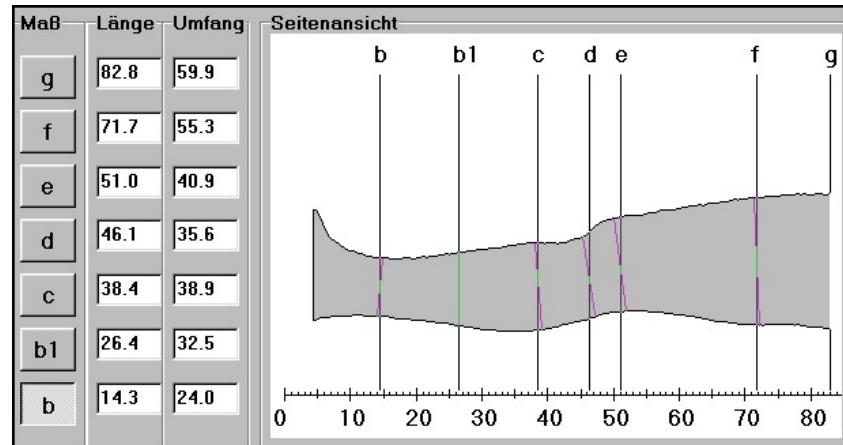
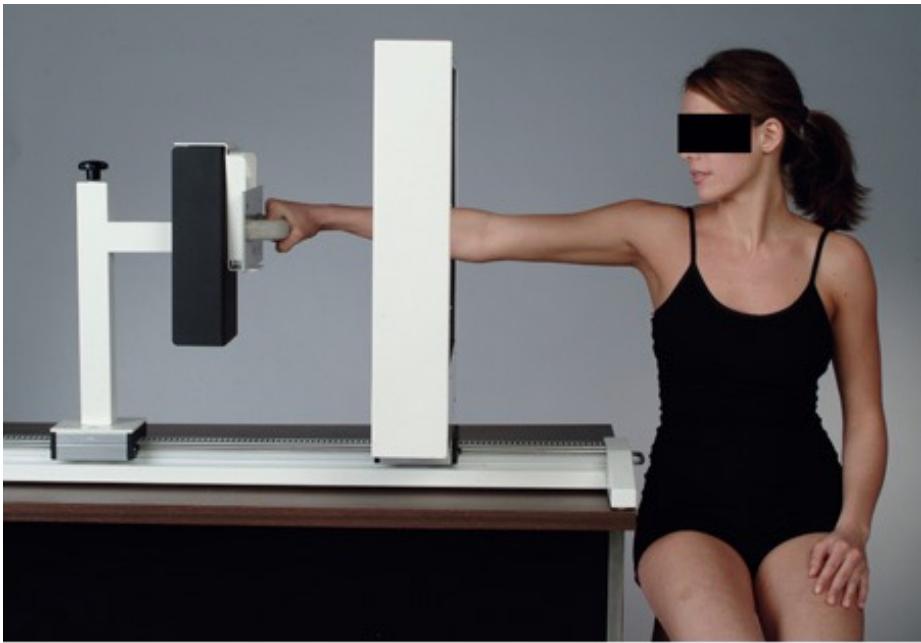
Stage II Left Unilateral arm



Stage III Left Unilateral arm

Image from
<https://columbiasurgery.org/news/2013/07/29/lymph-a-trial-seeks-prevent-lymphedema-breast-cancer-patients>

Lymphedema monitoring



Source: Kuerer HM: *Kuerer's Breast Surgical Oncology*:
<http://www.accesssurgery.com>

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Even better!



Image from
<http://www.lymphedemablog.com>

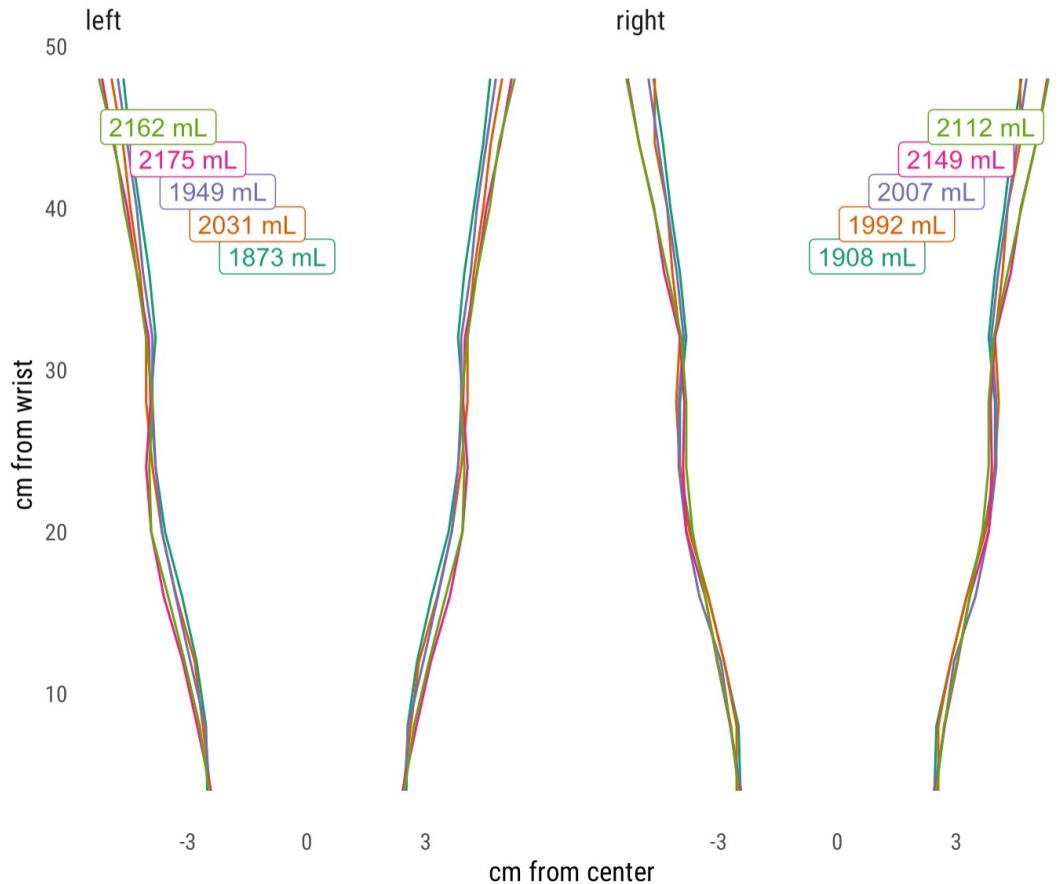
```
tribble(  
  ~date, ~meas.right,  
  "2018-07-31", "15.4/15.7/18/20.5/23.3/25/25/24/25/26.5/27.7/29.2",  
  "2018-09-24", "16/16/18/20.5/23.5/25/25.6/25/26.2/27/29/29",  
  "2019-01-10", "15.3/17/18.5/21.9/24/25.2/25.2/24.4/25.5/27/28.5/30",  
  "2019-04-10", "15.6/17/19.1/21/24/24.5/24.3/25/27.5/29.1/31.5/33.3", "15.2/17.4",  
  "2019-08-14", "15.7/16.9/19/21/23/24/24/24.8/27/29.2/31.5/33.5",  
)  
  
... separate_rows() ... pivot_longer() ...  
  
mutate(  
  lag_meas = lag(meas),  
  val = 4 * (meas^2 + meas * lag_meas + lag_meas^2)  
) %>%  
  summarise(new_vol = sum(val, na.rm = TRUE) / (12 * pi))
```

Formula for arm volume!

Arm measurements for lymphedema monitoring



date 2018-07-31 2018-09-24 2019-01-10 2019-04-10 2019-08-14



No sign of
lymphedema!





hot flashes and night sweats ...
health.harvard.edu

5% of menopausal women experience hot flushes

Find more about hot flushes, common triggers & natural remedies to help ease them.

Vogel Talks Menopause

Hot flushes - causes and solutions for ...
avogel.co.uk



Hot Flashes after 60 | SheCares
shecares.com



All You Need To Know About ...
en.getmoona.com



Hot Flashes in Menop...
urmc.rochester.edu



Menopausal hot flashes and night swe...
medicalnewstoday.com



Not All Hot Flashes are the Same: ...
thebiostation.com

About Hot Flashes

Hot Flashes are defined as the sudden influx of intense heat that floods the face, head, and neck in a matter of seconds, only to disappear moments later.

Identifying Hot Flashes:

- STANDARD HOT FLASHES:** Sharp increase in temperature followed by skin flushing and sweating.
- BRIEFER HOT FLASHES:** Tend to be considerably less intense, can last up to half an hour.

SheCares

Hot Flashes - Hormonal Imbalance ...
shecares.com



Women Should Know about Hot Flashes ...
menopausenow.com



What are hot flashes and why do y...
dailywellness.com

MENOPAUSE [TIPS FOR A HEALTHY TRANSITION]

Staying healthy and attending to bothersome symptoms can help ease the menopause transition.

nia.nih.gov

Hot Flashes: What Can I Do?
nia.nih.gov



Hot Flashes - Gynecologist i...
serenitygyn.com



Hot Flashes, Hot Flash, Hot Flus...
renewmetoday.com



How to Tame a Hot Flash (No H...
healthywomen.org



Treating hot flashes and night sweats ...
newsnetwork.mayoclinic.org



Hot Flashes Can Be Fast and Furious ...
chicagohealthonline.com

What Are Hot Flashes?

They are sudden, intense feelings of heat in the neck, face, and torso. They can be accompanied by:

- Heart palpitations
- Sleep disturbances
- Profuse perspiration
- Cold chills
- Anxiety
- Flushing

Who Gets It?

Mainly women over 40 as they transition into menopause as well as pregnant women

menopausenow.com

Hot Flashes Symptom Information ...
menopausenow.com



Visual Guide To Hot Flashes
webmd.com

I have no idea what I'm doing....



Hot flashes

File Edit View Run Publish Resources Help



doGet



Code.gs

Code.gs ✘

```

1 var hotflashsheet = SpreadsheetApp.openById("11_Pe9WKMOTGMNoxifj5Kqj_zLHielpqsW74
2
3 function doGet(e) {
4
5   var datetime = Utilities.formatDate(new Date(), "GMT-4", "yyyy-MM-dd'T'HH:mm:ss")
6
7   hotflashsheet.appendRow([datetime]);
8
9 }
```

Android option? Action Blocks?
<https://www.blog.google/outreach-initiatives/accessibility/action-blocks/>

Add hot flash



TEXT

<https://script.google.com/macros/s/AKfycbyDeLGz9kCET4ORwp15z3pR599lcPHp9yL60PWRaVMTmeVrlU/exec>

WEB

Get URLs from Text

NETWORK

Get contents of URLs

Show More >

SCRIPTING

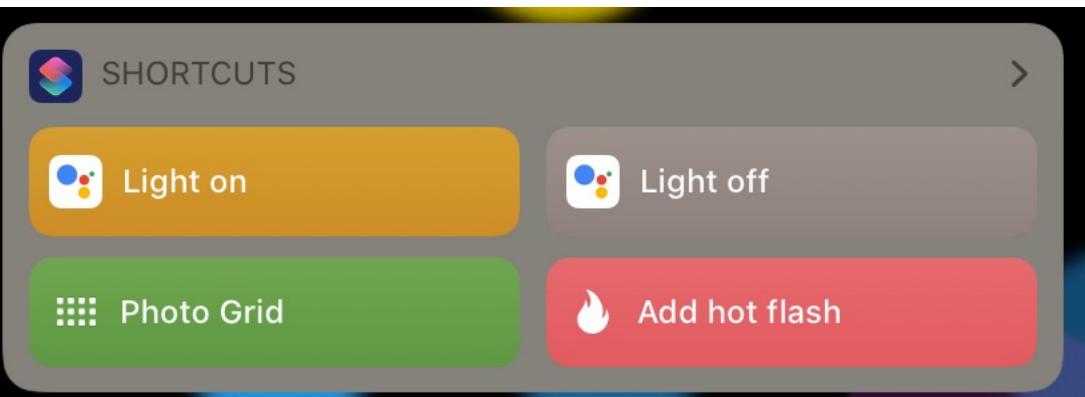
Vibrate device



Search for apps and actions



But it worked!



	A	B
1	datetime	
2	2019-06-27T09:42:58	
3	2019-06-27T11:04:04	
4	2019-06-27T14:29:24	
5	2019-06-27T15:16:18	
6	2019-06-27T15:51:21	
7	2019-06-27T16:33:05	
8	2019-06-27T17:23:55	
9	2019-06-27T18:09:06	
10	2019-06-27T20:57:21	



Now the R part...

Collect data

Read in data right from Google Sheets

```
hotflashes <- gs_read(gs_title("Hot flashes"),
  ws = 1, col_types = "T", verbose = FALSE
) %>%
  mutate(
    hour = hour(datetime),
    hour_fact = factor(hour,
      levels = 0:23,
      labels = c("midnight", paste0(1:11, "am"),
                 "noon", paste0(1:11, "pm")))
  ),
  weekday = wday(datetime, label = TRUE),
  date = date(datetime)
)
```

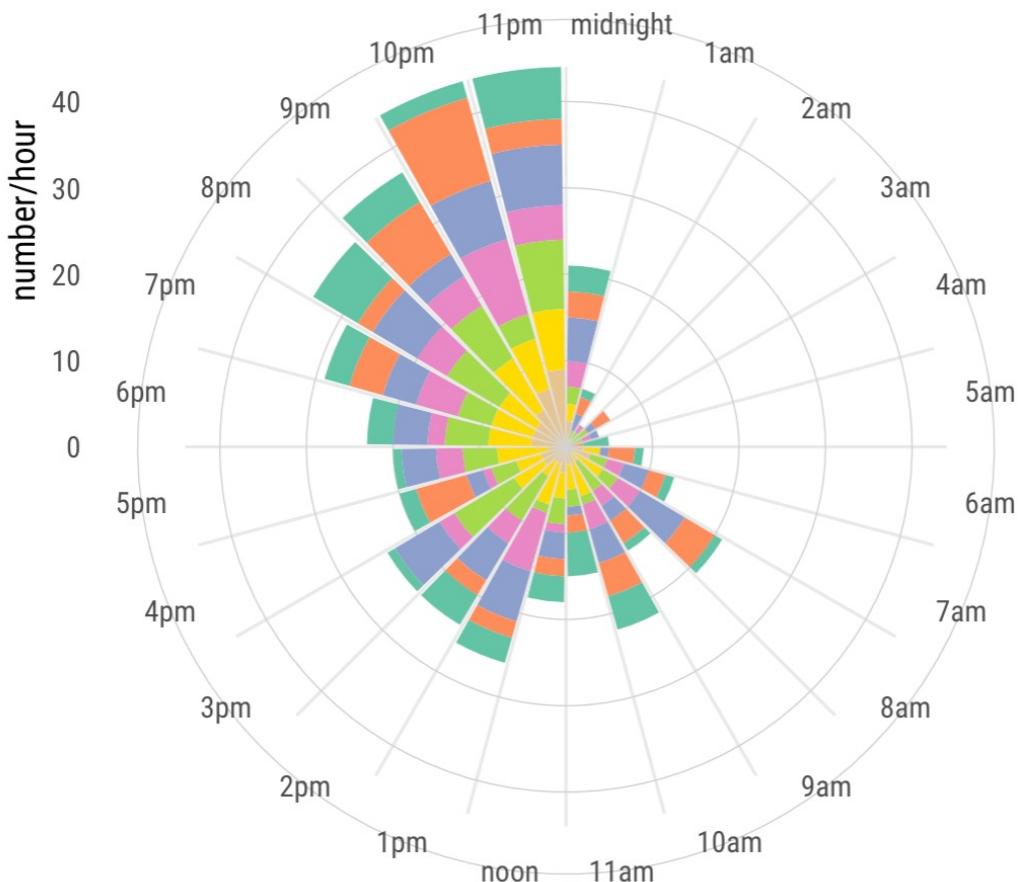
New Google API – use
googlesheets4 instead!

Visualize data

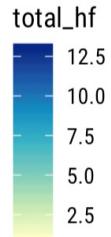
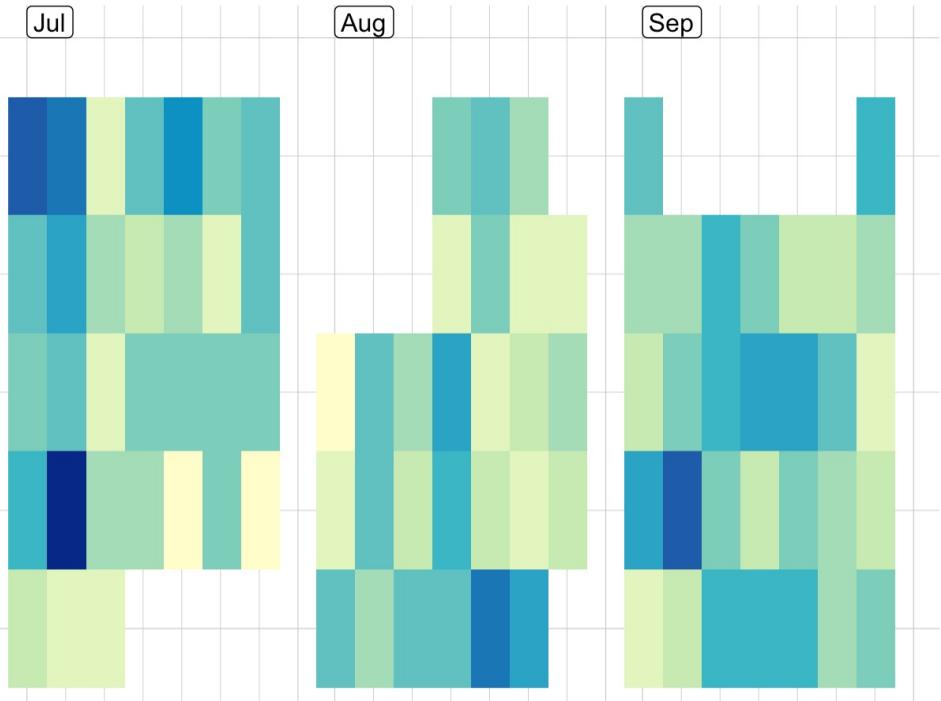
I used the gt package for html tables

The sugrrants package for time series visualization

Hot flash timing



- **Worst time is bedtime**
- **When they wake me up I'm usually too sleepy to record**
- **Other missing data!**



date	hotflashes
2019-06-27	10
2019-06-28	7
2019-06-29	10
2019-06-30	10
2019-07-01	11
2019-07-02	10
2019-07-03	2
2019-07-04	6
2019-07-05	9
2019-07-06	5
2019-07-07	6

I had this on a (very basic)
Shiny app so I could see
my data on the go!



How much was this all costing?

Me? Luckily, relatively little

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/02/26/696321475/cancer-complications-confusing-bills-maddening-errors-and-endless-phone-calls>

My insurance company? Tonnnnnnnns

But how to get that data?



Find a Doctor & Estimate Costs

Quickly search for doctors and get cost estimates for over 1600 common medical procedures.



Review My Benefits

All of my health care info in one convenient spot.



Review My Deductible & Co-Insurance

See my current deductible, out-of-pocket max and co-insurance.



Review My Claims

Review my paid and/or pending claims.



08/13/2018

08/13/2018

LOUISA,
SMITH

BETH ISRAEL
DEACONESS
MEDICALCENTER

Medical

\$0.00

\$15,468.38

Complete



08/13/2018 08/13/2018

LOUISA,
SMITH

BETH ISRAEL
DEACONESS
MEDICALCENTER

Medical

\$0.00

\$15,468.38

Complete

Claim ID: 20182320587900

Date Received: 08/20/2018

Service type	What you owe	Amount your health care provider charged	Amount covered
Ancillary	\$0.00	\$1,212.00	\$715.74
Ancillary	\$0.00	\$14,085.80	\$4,564.12
Ancillary	\$0.00	\$67.00	\$14.44
Ancillary	\$0.00	\$3.58	\$0.62
Ancillary	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$15,468.38	\$5,294.92

View the Claim Details



Process (/struggle)

Collect data

Many attempts via rvest to get past the password protection
Landed on RSelenium – allows for interactive session, easier troubleshooting (but not a lot of help out there!)
(brief demo)

Visualize data

I really wanted to make a gganimate gif of medical bills over time

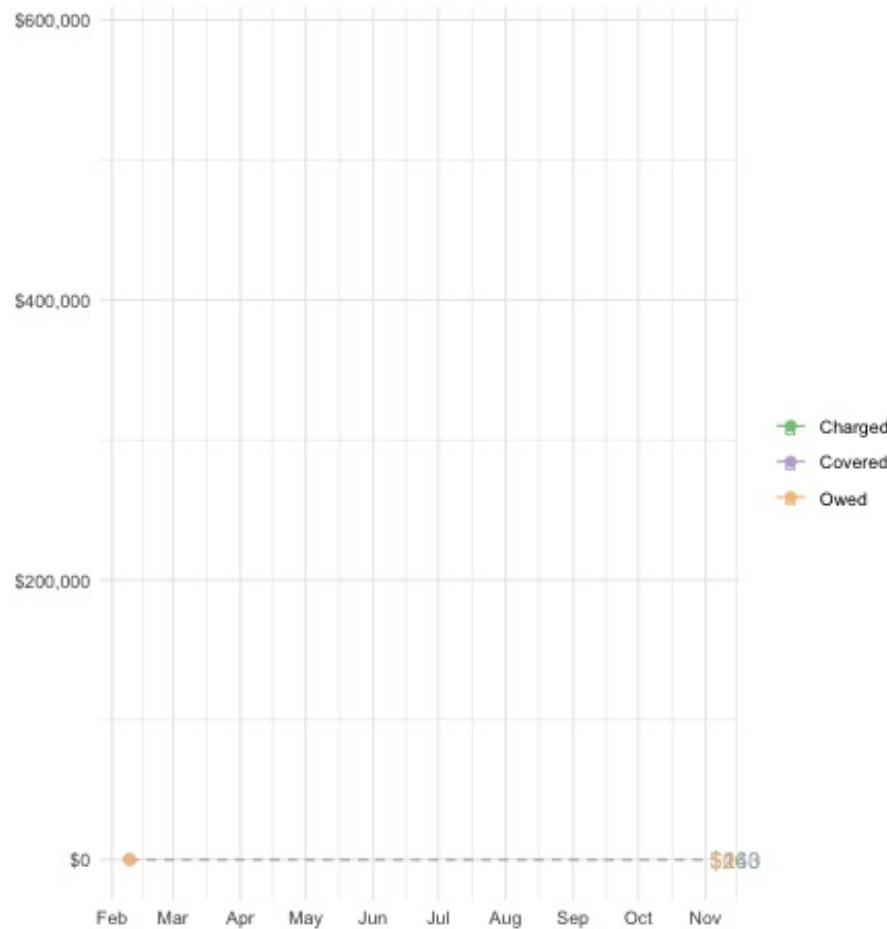
My first ever issue filed on github!
<https://github.com/thomasp85/gganimate/issues/172>

Full explanation here:

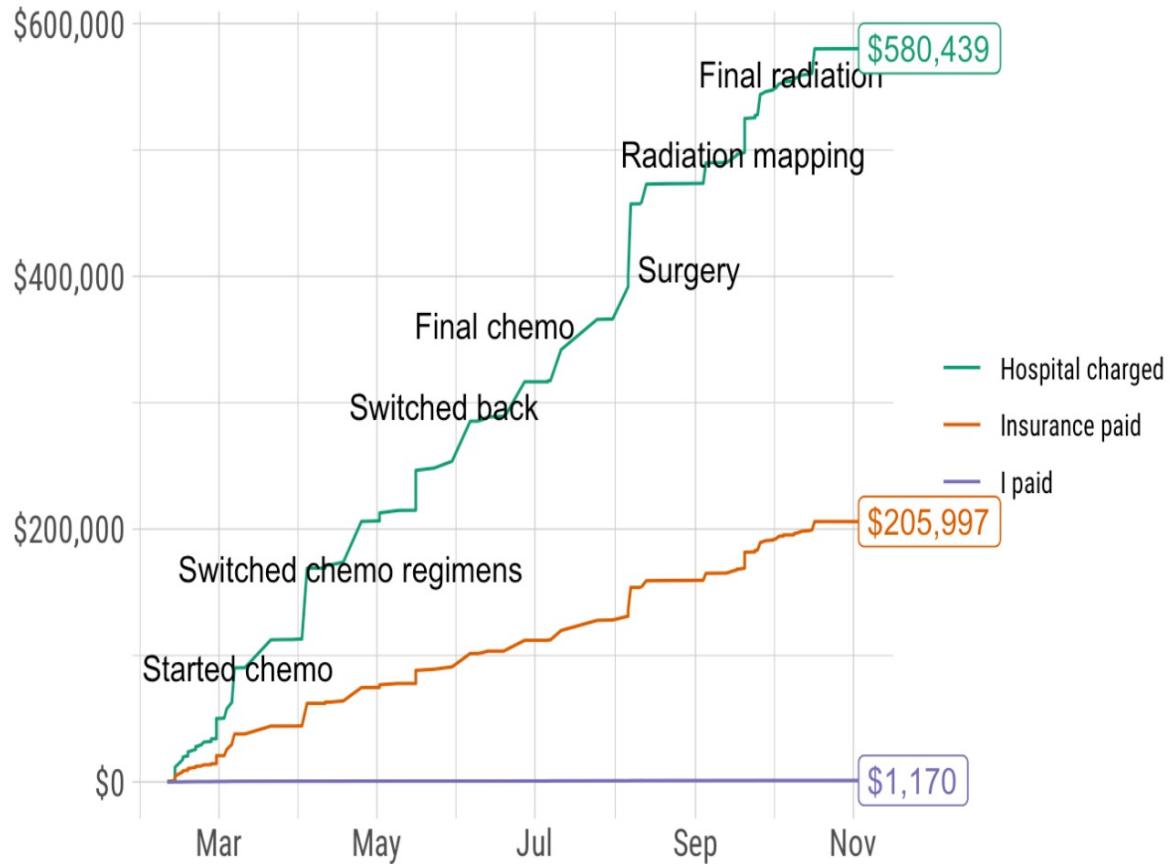
<https://www.louisahsmith.com/post/secrets-and-robots/>



2018 Medical Bills



Cumulative medical expenses, 2018



Conclusion:
(this is only
medical bills, not
pharmacy, but)
I was really,
really lucky!

Putting it all together

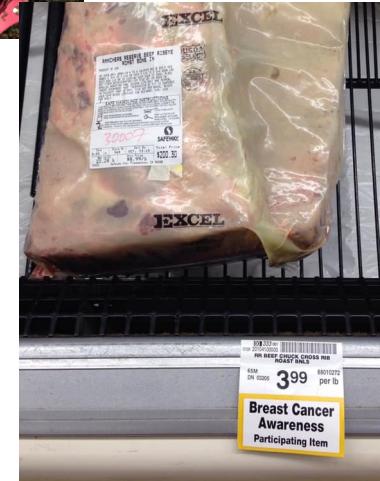
October: breast cancer awareness month

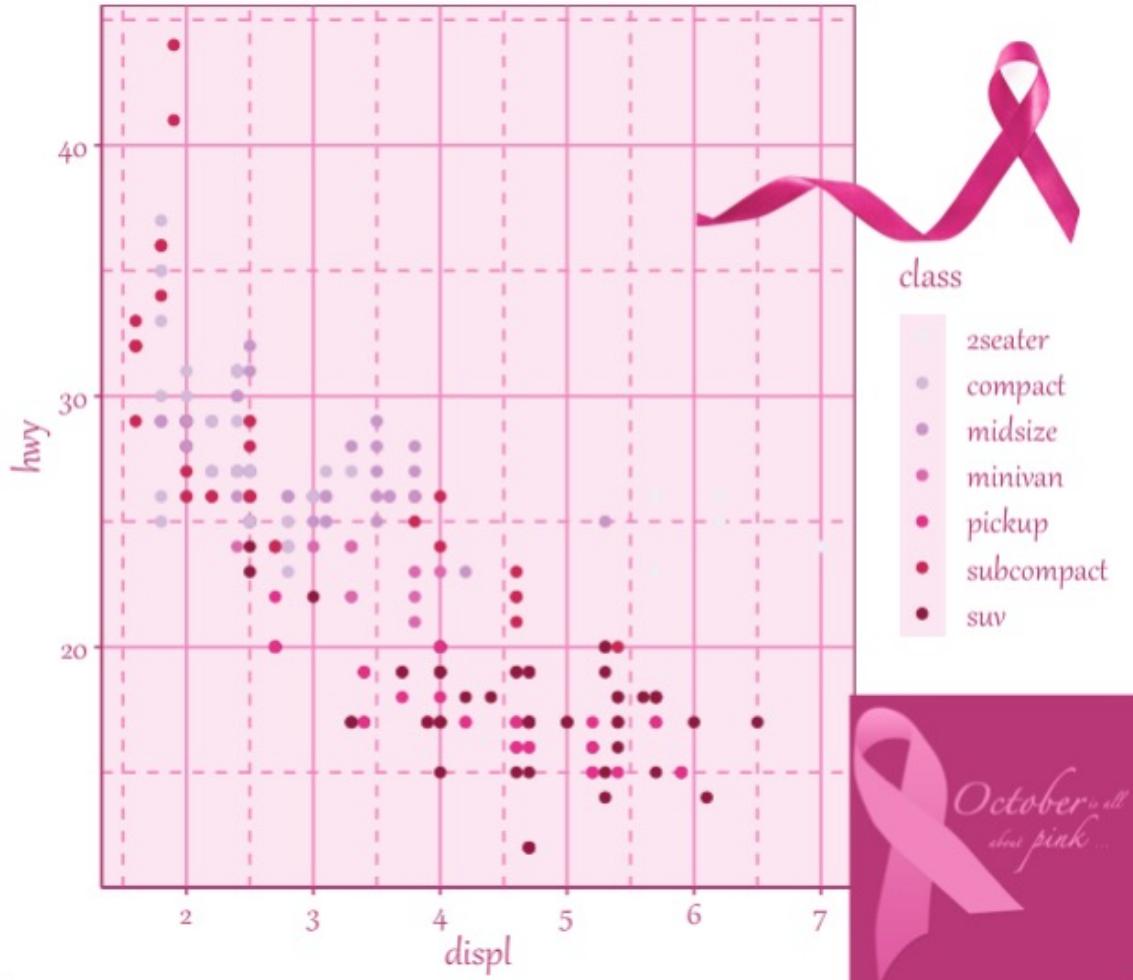
Recommended reading:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20110609202708/http://www.barbaraehrenreich.com/cancerland.htm>

<http://thinkbeforeyoupink.org/resources/history-of-the-pink-ribbon/>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/31/health/breast-cancer-awareness-pink.html>





If everything is
going to be pink
this month, why
not ggplot?!



How to make a ggplot2 theme

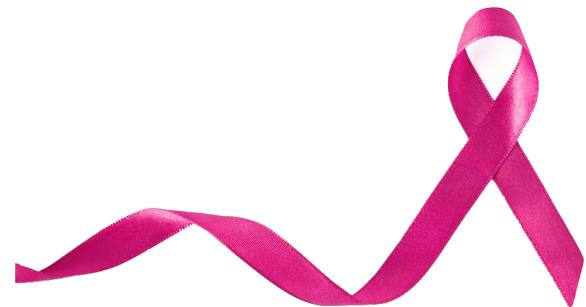
```
theme_bc_aware <- function() {  
  darkpink <- "#B93476"  
  lighterpink <- "#F282BC"  
  lightpink <- "#fce6f1"  
  theme_dark() %>%  
    theme(  
      title = element_text(color = darkpink, family = "Gabriola", size = rel(1.5)),  
      panel.grid.major = element_line(color = lighterpink),  
      panel.grid.minor = element_line(linetype = "dashed", color = lighterpink),  
      panel.background = element_rect(fill = lightpink),  
      panel.border = element_rect(color = darkpink, fill = NA),  
      axis.line = element_line(color = darkpink),  
      axis.ticks = element_line(color = darkpink),  
      axis.text = element_text(color = darkpink, family = "Gabriola", size = rel(1.3)),  
      strip.text = element_text(color = darkpink, family = "Gabriola", size = rel(1.3)),  
      strip.background = element_rect(color = "white"),  
      legend.key = element_rect(fill = lightpink, color = NA),  
      legend.text = element_text(color = darkpink, family = "Gabriola", size = rel(1.3))  
    )  
}
```

Better resource than me: <https://bookdown.org/rdpeng/RProgDA/building-a-new-theme.html>

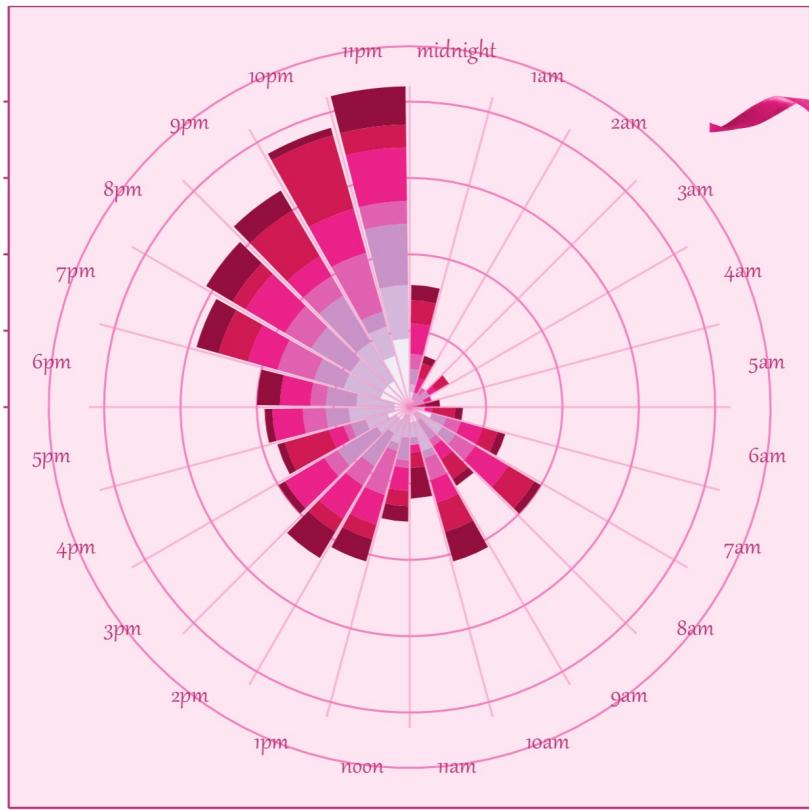
Add some logos

```
logo <- magick::image_read(here::here("img", "pinktober.jpg"))
ribbon <- magick::image_read(here::here("img", "ribbon.png"))
grid::grid.raster(ribbon,
  x = .95, y = .95,
  just = c("right", "top"),
  width = unit(2, "inches")
)

grid::grid.raster(logo,
  x = 1, y = 0,
  just = c("right", "bottom"),
  width = unit(1.5, "inches")
)
```



Hot flashes by time of day and day of week

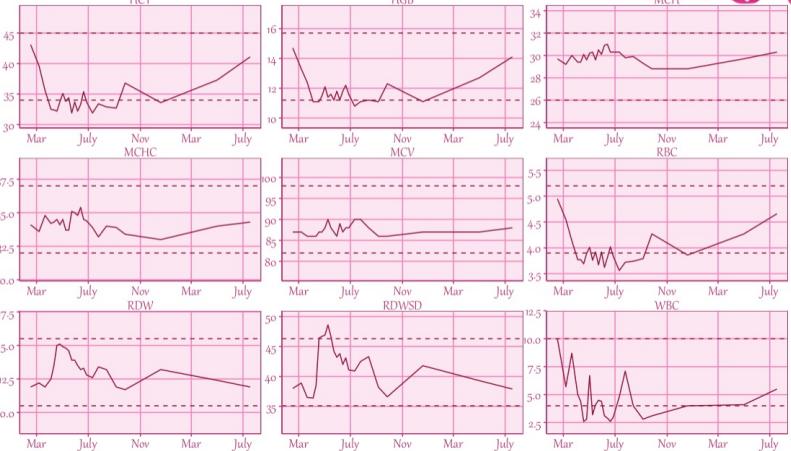


weekday

- Sun
- Mon
- Tue
- Wed
- Thu
- Fri
- Sat



Complete Blood Count results since diagnosis
Dashed lines indicate normal range



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status/1179429494664388609](https://twitter.com/louisahsmith/status/1179429494664388609)



So...

My first R project was a shiny app for analyzing my running data

(way over my head but I learned A TON)

I like to collect data on myself – I know that's not true for everyone

I had a lot of time on my hands when I wasn't sick enough to lie there doing nothing but not well enough to think hard!



R packages I've mentioned using

tidyverse: <https://www.tidyverse.org>

lubridate: <https://lubridate.tidyverse.org>

datapasta: <https://milesmcain.github.io/datapasta/>

RcppRoll

ggrepel: <https://ggrepel.slowkow.com>

googlesheets4: <https://googlesheets4.tidyverse.org>

gt: <https://gt.rstudio.com>

sugrrants: <https://pkg.earo.me/sugrrants/>

shiny: <https://shiny.rstudio.com>

Rselenium: https://ropensci.org/tutorials/rselenium_tutorial/

ggridge: <https://ggridge.com>



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