

Leveraging for Research

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Learning Objectives

1. Research real-world data

- Explore de-identified clinical data in Cosmos.

2. Use Cosmos tools

- Leverage tools like SlicerDicer and Data Science Virtual Machine (DSVM).

3. Achieve goals

- Work independently or with iTHRIV and RCTA support.

Who We Are: iTHRIV Informatics

integrated Translational Health Institute of Virginia (iTHRIV)

- The mission of iTHRIV is to catalyze and sustain inclusive clinical and translational research through diverse, collaborative team science, innovative data science, and broad workforce development in order to improve human health and promote health equity.
- The iTHRIV Informatics team supports the design and use of research data tools. We support UVA researchers in the use of iTHRIV and UVA resources as well as providing support to the international research community in the use of NIH resources.

Website: [iTHRIV Website](#)

Email: iTHRIVadmin@uvahealth.org

Support System and Service

- UVA Research Orientation and Training in observational patient data tools: Cosmos, EMERSE, OMOP, TriNetX – **Cosmos Presentation today!**
- **iTHRIV Portal and Commons product owners and trainers**
- **NIH Contract for Core Support for: National COVID Cohort Collaborative and National Clinical Cohort Collaborative**
- **Institutional Contact for NIH All of Us**

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Who We Are: RCTA

Research and Clinical Trial Analytics

- A multi-disciplinary team of specialists in human subject research data who support the School of Medicine's research community across the globe. Together we work to provide innovative solutions and find the best tools, systems and processes to reach your research goals.
- We are a remote team that reports up through the University Health System Analytics and Reporting Team (ART) of the Quality and Performance Improvement (QPI) Department.

Website: [Homepage - Research and Clinical Trials Analytics](#)

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Support System and Service

- Advarra EDC
- MuSIC
- REDCap
- UVA Health Data (Data Requests, Cosmos, Epic Tools, EMERSE, OMOP, TriNetX) – **Cosmos Presentation today!**
- Caisis
- Cancer Research Data Mart (CRDM)
- CRConnect2/CRC2

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What is Cosmos?



Cosmos is a dataset created in collaboration with a community of health systems using Epic and is designed to improve patient care. By combining their data, participating organizations and Epic can make new discoveries and advance medicine. Cosmos also powers tools at the point of care, providing insights to clinicians that are tailored to the patient in front of them.

Cosmos Community Data Set



277 Million
Patients



13.8 Billion
Encounters



6.6 Billion
Face-to-Face Visits



36.3K
Clinics



1,591
Hospitals



302K
Beds



378K
Physicians



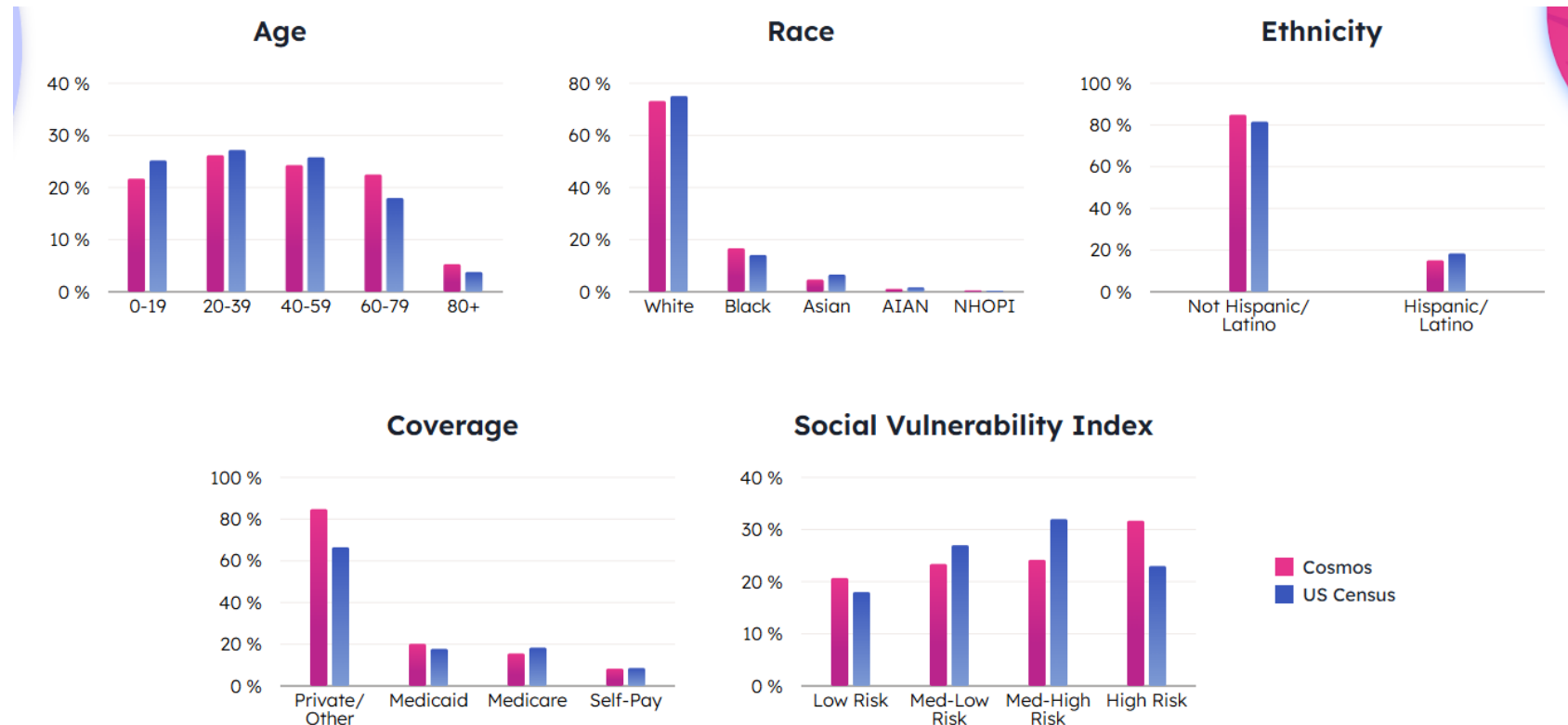
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Including

- 📍 Academic Medical Centers
- 📍 Peds-only Hospitals
- 📍 Critical Access Hospitals
- 📍 FQHC Visits

Cosmos Data Set

Representative of US Census for Age, Race, Ethnicity, and Coverage



EXPANDING KNOWLEDGE



**Data Science
and Publication Tools**



**Epic Research
and Data Trackers**



**Clinical Trial Feasibility
and Recruitment**

IMPROVING CARE



Look-Alikes



Best Care Choices



Embedded Insights

Research with Real-World Data

1. Longitudinal, deduplicated records
2. Privacy protections
 - Limited data set in SlicerDicer
 - De-identified data in data science tools
3. Structured EHR data from the real world
4. Built in analytical tools
5. Self-service training

Accomplish Your Goals with Cosmos

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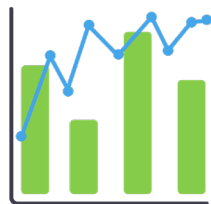
.....**research question** refinement tool

.....**method** for answering your question

..... source for added **context**

for many of your use cases!

Predictive
Modeling



Population
Health



Study
Feasibility



Asking Questions with Cosmos

Cosmos is a **Good-Fit Method** When

you need a **high volume of high-level overtime** data
e.g. establishing prevalence of a condition across the Cosmos community

you're interested in **descriptive demographics** for
large populations

you're investigating **rare conditions or a complex combination of covariates**
e.g. cooccurring diagnoses in addition to specific demographic info

Asking Questions with Cosmos

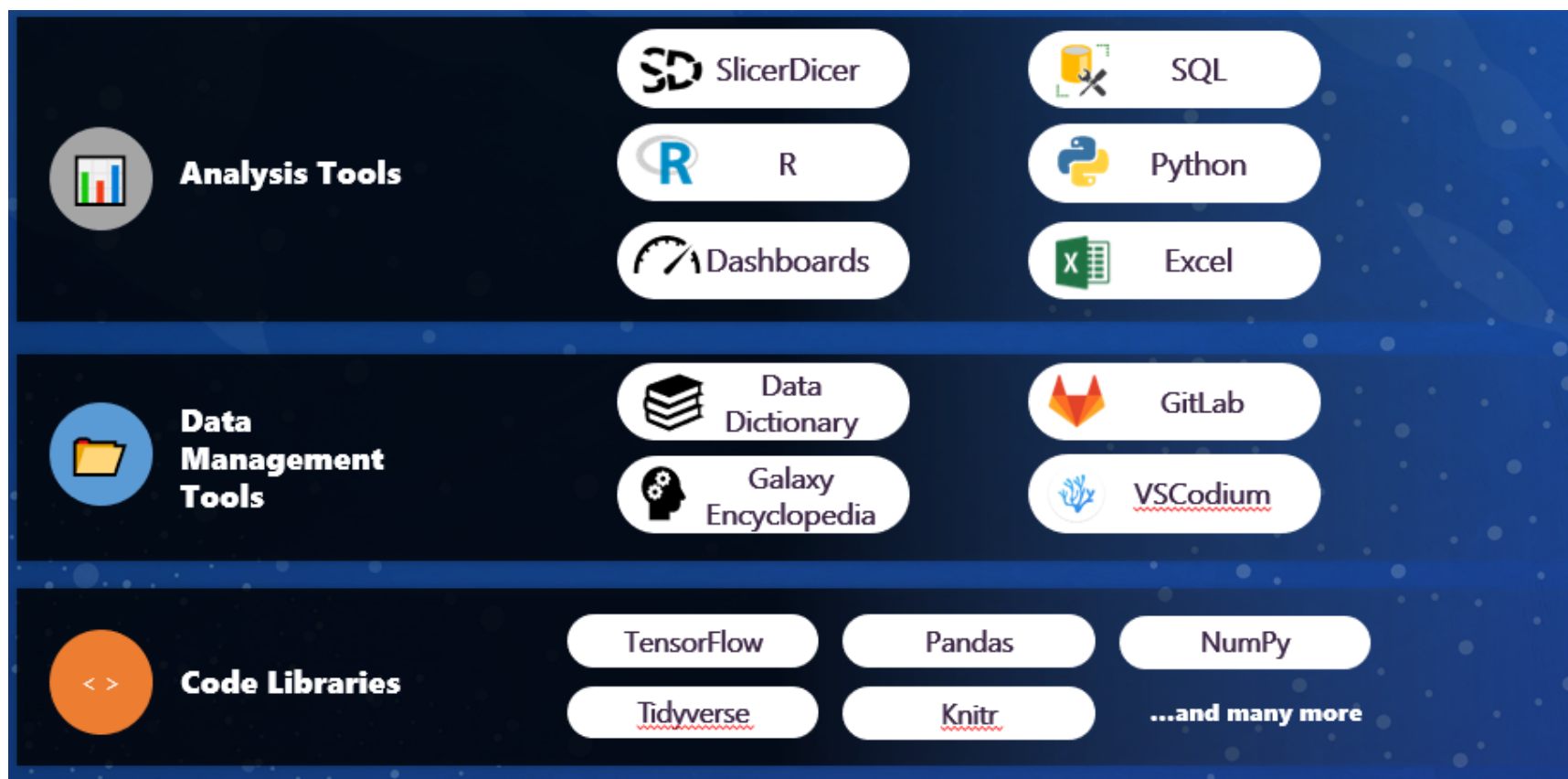
Cosmos is **Not a Good-Fit Method** When

your research depends on patient information
filtered from Cosmos

you're interested in information that isn't standardly
documented in the EHR across organizations
e.g. flowsheet data

you're researching the interventional efficacy of Epic
tools at your organization
e.g. patient outcomes after implementing recently developed tools

Cosmos Tools



Cosmos Data Science Tools

Cosmos Data Science Navigator

Parkinson's stats ID: D06932

Project Folder Python Notebook R Notebook SQL Script Excel GitLab

Project Workspace

Store notebooks, queries, analysis data sets, and findings in your project workspace.

Folder: Z:\Project D06932\
SQL Database: None [+ Enable](#)

Resource Repository

Store resources shared by multiple projects in your resource repository.

Folder: H\
SQL Server: USERS
SQL Database: plindemann_d0014764011a489f9cf31e2738975b5b

Example SQL Queries

```
-- While connected to server: Cosmos_LDS  
USE LDS_B;  
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS #MyTempPatients  
SELECT TOP(100) * INTO #MyTempPatients  
FROM dbo.PatientDim  
WHERE Sex = 'Female'
```

Available Cosmos Snapshots

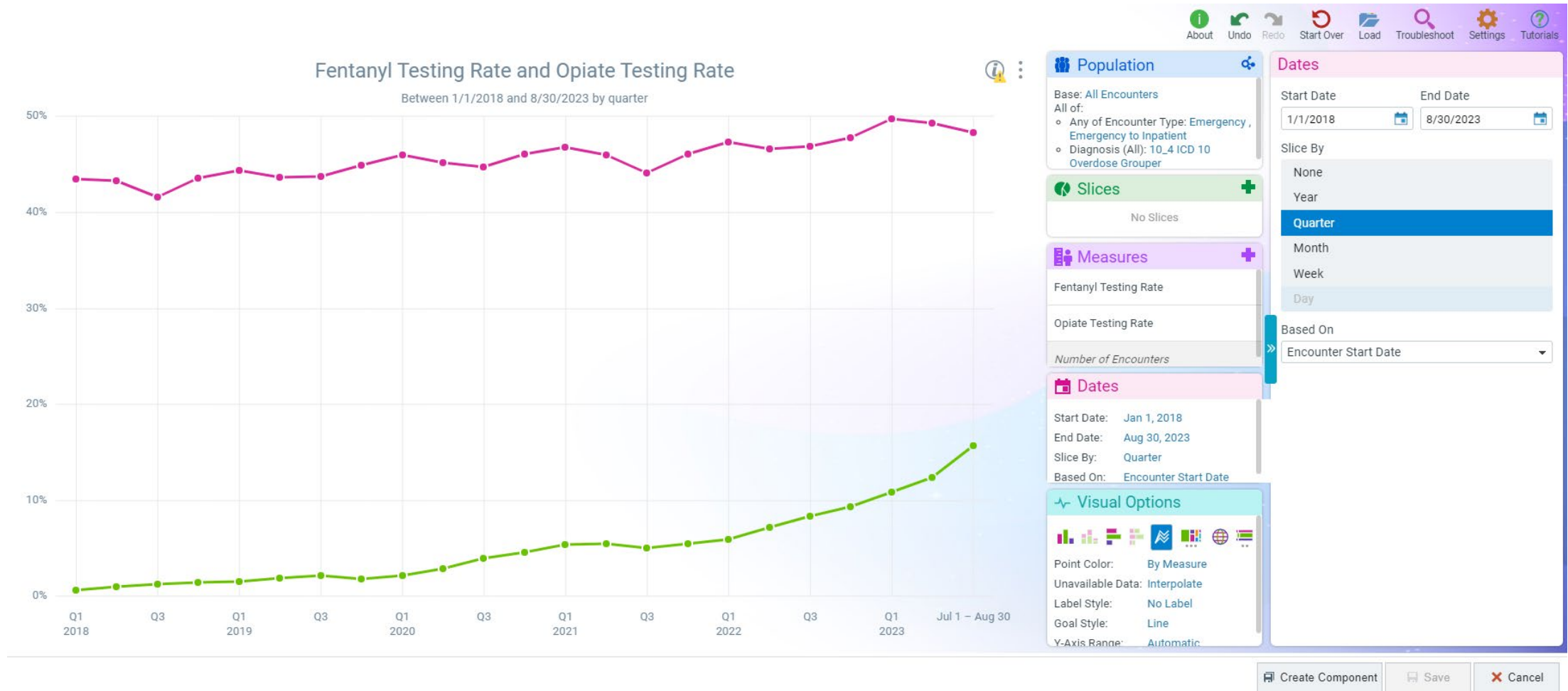
Database Connection	Description	Last Updated	Expiration Date
Cosmos_LDS.LDS_B	Cosmos Limited Data Set	03/15/2023	04/12/2023
Cosmos.Cosmos	Cosmos Expert Determined De-Identified Database (EDDI)	03/15/2023	04/05/2023
Cosmos_LDS.LDS_A	Cosmos Limited Data Set	03/01/2023	04/05/2023

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Epic Cosmos

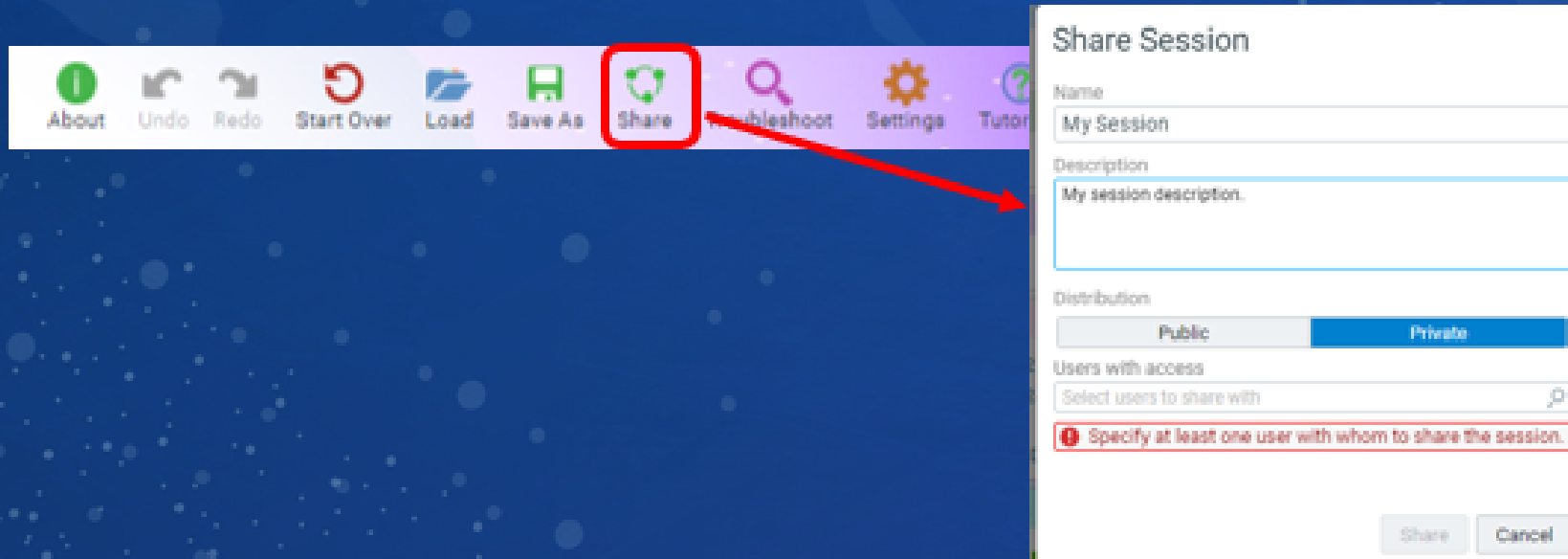
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Cosmos SlicerDicer and the Limited Data Set



Example Use Case

You have colleagues at another Cosmos contributing organization. They're working on an interesting project, and you want to see how they built their session. They share their session with you, and you provide feedback, ultimately leading to academic collaboration.



SlicerDicer as a Starting Point

1. Dynamic Queries

- SlicerDicer visualizes data by querying the Limited Data Set.

2. Feasibility Check

- Use SlicerDicer to assess study feasibility before deeper analysis.

3. SQL Query Viewer

- Access and build on SlicerDicer's SQL code for further investigation.

Limitations of SlicerDicer

1. Aggregated Data only

- No line-level data to avoid re-identification risks.

2. Low Count Restrictions

- Groups <11 records show as “10 or fewer.”

3. Limited Analysis

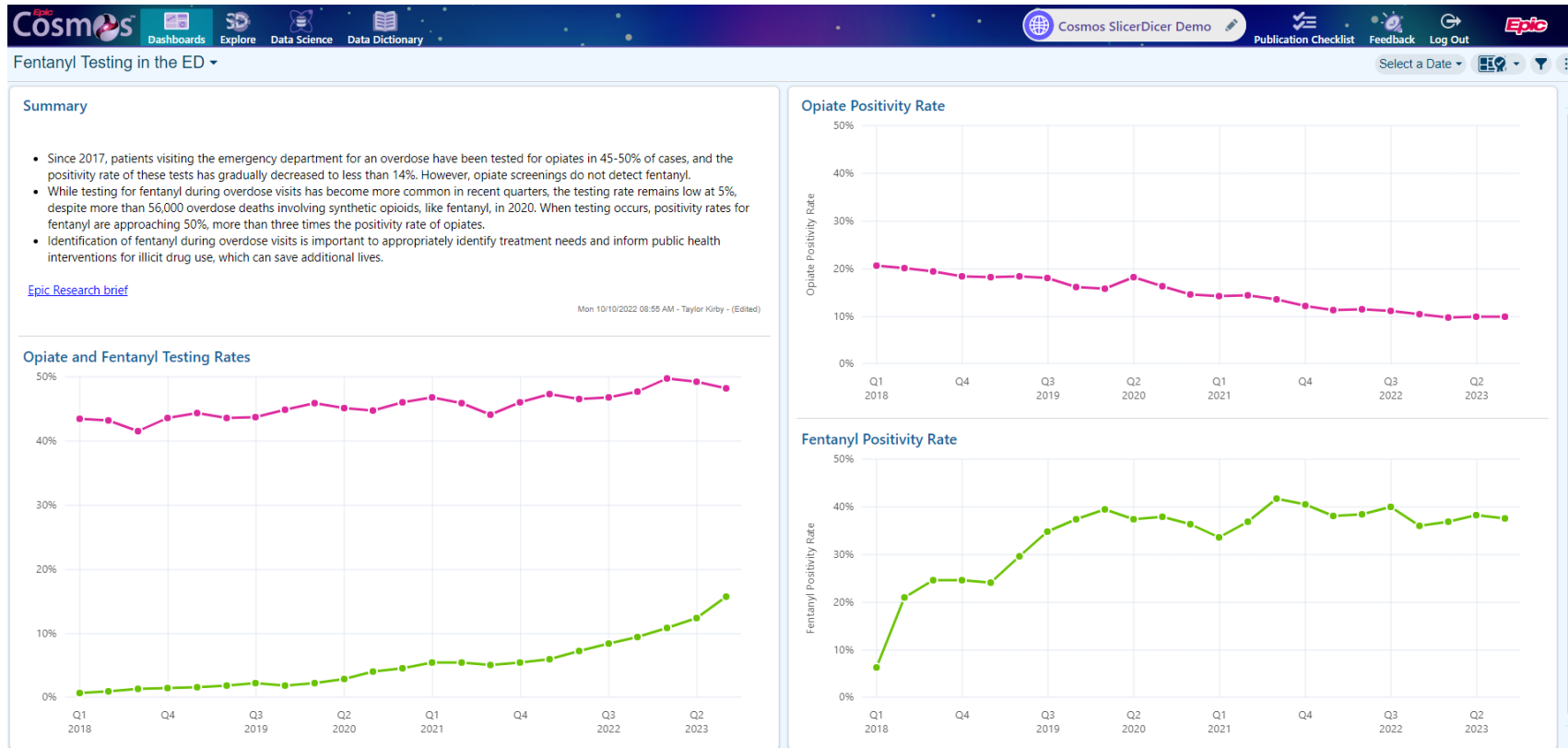
- Designed for usability; use Data Science tools for complex analysis.

Example Use Case

You have a previous publication using a “**gold standard**” dataset. You want to compare your previous results to a new set of results using a similar query in Cosmos.

You recreate your cohort using SlicerDicer and see some interesting differences that launch a new, continued project.

Cosmos Dashboards



Research Powered by

COVID 19 Vaccines & Myocarditis

COVID-19 Vaccination and Pediatric Myocarditis: Using Big Data to Monitor Vaccine Adverse Events



Jane Hinkle
CWRU
School of Medicine
Class of 2023

Age	COVID-19 Positive		COVID-19 Vaccinated		
	Incidence per 1,000,000	Relative Risk of Myocarditis (95% CI)	Incidence per 1,000,000	Relative Risk of Myocarditis (95% CI)	Risk Ratio
12-25	425	12.4 (10.5, 14.5)	129	3.8 (3.2, 4.4)	3.3 (2.7, 4.0)
26-45	214	8.5 (7.2, 10.0)	70	2.8 (2.4, 3.2)	3.0 (2.5, 3.7)
46-64	187	11.3 (9.3, 13.6)	53	3.2 (2.7, 3.7)	3.5 (2.9, 4.3)
65+	167	14.8 (11.5, 19.1)	31	2.8 (2.2, 3.4)	5.4 (4.2, 6.9)
Total	232	10.4 (9.5, 11.4)	57	2.6 (2.4, 2.4)	4.1 (3.7, 4.5)

Myocarditis appears to be ~3-5 times MORE likely from COVID-19 itself than from the COVID-19 vaccine.

This analysis was completed in ~1 week using COSMOS!

Research Question:

How are pediatric myocarditis and COVID-19 infection and vaccination statuses statistically interrelated?

Why Cosmos was a good method:

Cosmos has a wide array of immunization and diagnosis information that can be tracked overtime.

Data Science Tools in Use

Academic publications using Cosmos have been published in medical/medical data science peer-reviewed journals.

NEJM: Vaccine Effectiveness of JYNNEOS against Mpox Disease

Mpox Vaccination Can Prevent Two-Thirds of New Infections

2 of 3 
cases prevented
in fully vaccinated individuals.

 The NEW ENGLAND
JOURNAL of MEDICINE



Why Cosmos for Research

1. **Longitudinal Records:** Integrates inpatient and outpatient data.
2. **Representative Sample:** Diverse and inclusive patient data.
3. **Fast Access:** Quick answers without lengthy data requests.
 - Eliminates time-consuming data request.
 - Provides immediate data access for faster discoveries.

iTHRIV Cosmos Support

1. Free Consults

- a. **Needs Assessment:** Discuss your project with Real World Data experts and determine which tools, Cosmos or otherwise, best suit your needs
- b. **Product Access and Onboarding:** Guidance with getting started in Cosmos
- c. **Query Training:** Assistance with using SlicerDicer for study feasibility or other purposes

2. Research Collaboration: iTHRIV Informatics team members can participate in funded research efforts that leverage Data Science Virtual Machine environment and pull in RCTA as needed

RCTA Cosmos Support (Fee-Based)

Our Expertise:

1. Deep Knowledge of COSMOS, SliderDicer, EPIC tools and Caboodle data models.
2. EPIC-Certified team for advanced workflows.
3. We serve as data architects in the COSMOS workflow.

Comprehensive Services:

1. SlicerDicer Assistance: Help with complex queries and visualizations.
2. DSVM Configuration: set up user-specific virtual machines for data science needs
3. SQL Queries: Transfer de-identified Cosmos data in virtual machines.
4. Feasibility Queries: Generate aggregate data for study feasibility.

Request Access

- [Epic Cosmos - Health Information Technology](#)

Resources

[Need UserWeb access?](#)

[Approved multi-factor authentication programs!](#)

[Overview of Cosmos](#)

[Take a virtual tour of Cosmos](#)

[Latest Cosmos Statistics](#)

[Looking for an Executive Review?](#)

[Register for Cosmos Slice of the Month](#)

[Sign up for Cosmos Quarterly Newsletter!](#)

[Cosmos Data Science Users Meeting for real world use cases by experts in the data science platform.](#)

[Cosmos Data Science Userweb Forum for the latest announcements and information from and by the community.](#)

Request Cosmos Access

First Name *

First Name

Last Name *

Last Name

UVA Computing ID *

ABC1DE

Email *

USERID@uvahealth.org

UserWeb Profile *

Login to UserWeb, click profile pic/avatar, copy web address

Access Type Requested

Cosmos

Describe research *

Briefly describe the research question(s) you are investigating with Cosmos.

Access Time

How long do you need access?

Additional Information or Questions

Additional Information or Questions

Submit

Feasibility: Beginning a Research Project

Contact Epic

- When starting a research project with Cosmos, reach out to Epic early for guidance. Connect with your Cosmos TS or document any uncertainties in your disclosures during project setup.

Determine Feasibility

Epic provides the following resources to aid feasibility analysis:

- [Cosmos Data Domain Encyclopedia](#)
- [Data Dictionary](#)
- [Cosmos Data Science Whitepapers](#)
- **Cosmos SlicerDicer**

Conducting Feasibility Analysis

1. Use **SlicerDicer** to see if a study population is in Cosmos
2. Use the **Data Dictionary** to see if there are relevant columns for the data you will need to reference about that population.
3. Use the documents available to evaluate bias and other considerations.

Determine Feasibility in Cosmos

Study	Notes from SlicerDicer	Feasible in Cosmos?
You need at least 500 patients in your cohort for a study on patients diagnosed with Zika virus disease. between 1/1/2022 and 1/1/2024 Are there enough of them?	<i>There are over 900 patients diagnosed with Zika virus disease in this date range</i>	Yes
You would like to study patients who have had an intestinal transplant in the last 10 years. You need at least 50 for your study. Are there enough of them?	<i>There are 10 or fewer patients with a Transplanted Organ of Intestines or Small Intestine since 1/1/2014</i>	No
Babesiosis is a disease that can be transferred via blood transfusion. Can you report on patients with babesiosis in Cosmos? Can you report on whether these patients donated blood?	<i>There are over 11,000 patients with babesiosis in Cosmos since 2020. You can find blood transfusions in Billed Procedures but not blood donations.</i>	<i>Babesiosis diagnoses: yes. Blood donations: no.</i>

Construction: Building a Data Mart

1. Start after project creation and database provisioning.
2. Data scientists define the data mart based on research questions.
3. Data architects explore Cosmos data using SQL in EDDI (De-identified data set).
4. Relevant data is copied from EDDI to the project database.

From Validation to Publication

1. **Validation:** Ensuring High Data Quality
2. **Analysis:** Moving from Information to Insights
3. **Publication:** Sharing Your Findings
 - Review findings against the [Cosmos Publication Checklist](#).
 - Ensure compliance before file transfer and sharing.

Receive Free iTHRIV Consult

1. **Email Request:** Send a brief description of your request to iTHRIVadmin@uvahealth.org
2. **Submit a Consult Request:** Fill out a consult request form for Informatics Tools help at portal.ithriv.org after logging in using your UVA institutional login
3. **Office Hours:** Wednesdays at 12pm at <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/ithriv.informatics>

Submit a Cosmos Service Request

1. **Submit Form:** Fill out the [RCTA Research Data Request](#) form for consultation and cost estimate.
2. **Cost Estimate:** \$100/hour provided after consultation.
3. **Approval:** Work prioritized after signed cost estimate.
4. **Service Delivery:** Team gathers requirements, extracts data, and builds the data mart, etc.
5. **Billing:** Study team is invoiced for services provided.

Resources

- [Cosmos Portal & Analytics Resource Kit](#)
- [Data Dictionary](#)
- [Data Domain Encyclopedia](#)
- [Slice of the Month meeting](#)
- [Best practice guides](#)

Cosmos E-Learning Lessons

- [Tour of Cosmos \[COS100\]](#) : Navigate Cosmos, create dashboards, and explore data.
- [Querying Cosmos Data \[COS200\]](#) : Use SlicerDicer models, dashboards, and population linking.
- [Advanced Cosmos Queries \[COS300\]](#) : Explore advanced criteria like sequential and linked measures.
- [SlicerDicer Filters and Time \[COS310\]](#) : Learn tips for working with dates and over-time visualizations.
- [Navigate the Cosmos GitLab \[COS320\]](#) : Use and share code in Cosmos GitLab for data analysis.

DSVM* Support Features

- [Cosmos Data Science Whitepapers](#)
- Epic [SQL I & II](#) Training Companions
- Cosmos Data Science Users meeting ([recordings on Galaxy](#))

Reference

1. [COS305 Introduction to Cosmos Data Science](#)
2. [EPIC Cosmos Learning Program Support Materials](#)
 - Cosmos for Informaticists PowerPoint
 - Cosmos for Data Scientists PowerPoint
 - Cosmos for Students PowerPoint

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Questions?

