

# Monitoring of reported COVID-19 vaccination rates in community oncology settings



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### **Background**

- To date, 754K deaths have been attributed to COVID-19 in the US
- FDA granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the 1st COVID-19 vaccine on 12/11/20
- Study marks review of 10 months post EUA of COVID-19 vaccines
- US Oncology (USON) treats more than 1.2 million patients annually

## **Objective**

• Explore vaccination rates among cancer patients on active chemo

#### Methods

- Patients ≥ 18 years, with a cancer diagnosis at a USON clinic, two or more office visits after 1/1/21 and chemo on or after 12/1/20
- Data was retrospectively extracted from iKnowMed (iKM) database, which is Ontada's oncology-specific electronic health record (EHR)
- Patients in "Vaccine Initiated" received their first dose, whereas those in "Vaccine Completed" are fully vaccinated (1 or 2 doses depending on manufacturer)
- Those in "Absence of Vaccination" had no record of vaccination

**Table 1. Patient Demographics** 

	Absence of Vaccination n=35,077 (49%)	Any Vaccination n=36,788 (51%)
Age* Mean (Std dev)	66 (13)	68 (12)
Gender Female Male	19,502 (48%) 16,156 (47%)	19,873 (52%) 16,915 (53%)
Disease Status* Metastatic Disease Localized Disease	24,588 (47%) 11,070 (49%)	27,695 (53%) 11,681 (51%)

<sup>\*</sup> Statistically significant, p < 0.0001

**Data Overview** 

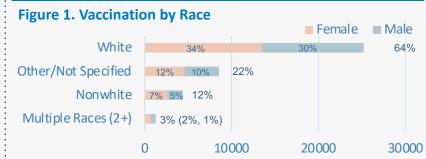


Figure 2. Vaccination Cumulative Totals by Month

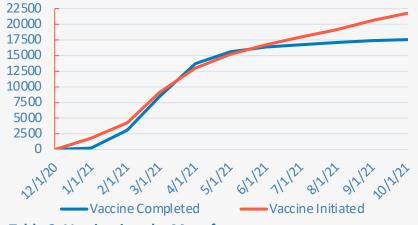


Table 2. Vaccinations by Manufacturers

	Pfizer N (%)	Moderna N (%)	Janssen N (%)	Astra- Zeneca N (%)	
Patient Count (%)	18,805 (51%)	16,160 (44%)	1770 (5%)	53 (<1%)	

**Table 3. Top 5 Documented Reasons for Vaccine Exception** 

Note: N = number of all records with available reasons

Reason	N (%)
Reason not available	1,162 (64%)
Other/Not received due to other reason	456 (25%)
Not received due to patient objection	82 (4%)
Not received due to medical precaution/contraindication	60 (3%)

#### Results

- Statistically significant differences in vaccination rates observed across age (p<0.0001) and disease status (p<0.0001)</li>
- 68% (25,176) of vaccinated patients were white
- 70% (25,676) of vaccinated patients were vaccinated in the first five months
- The rate of completing vaccines plateaus around June, while the rate of initiating vaccines continues to increase
- 49% (35,077) of patients lack COVID-19 vaccination data
- 3% (2,024) of patients had a documented vaccine exception

#### Limitations

Vaccination responses are largely self-reported

#### Conclusion

- Active chemo cancer patients' vaccination rates are lower than national reported vaccination rates (51% vs 68%)
- 21,821 (30%) of patients initiated vaccination without completion
- The majority of vaccinated USON cancer patients received Pfizer