

Defining and Evaluating Mental Health Using Syndromic Surveillance

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Goal:

To use syndromic surveillance to better understand emergency department visit burden, and trends over time, for mental health concerns





Step 1:
*Individual syndrome
definitions for
specific conditions*

Step 2:

Broad overarching “any mental health” definition



Could you outline the collaborative nature of this project?

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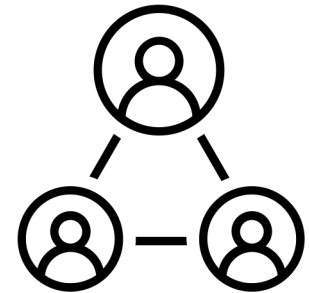
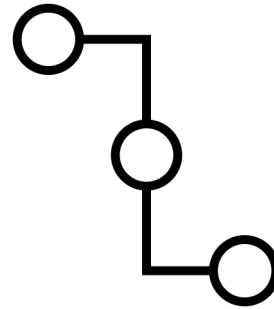
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What were some
guiding
principles in
identifying and
defining mental
health concerns?



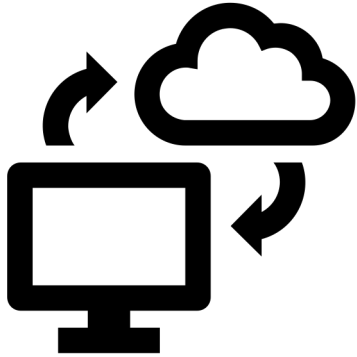
How did you distinguish between the use of diagnosis codes versus symptom-based free-text terms to identify mental health conditions?



What were some decision points when terms and codes overlapped?

How did you balance definition sensitivity and specificity?

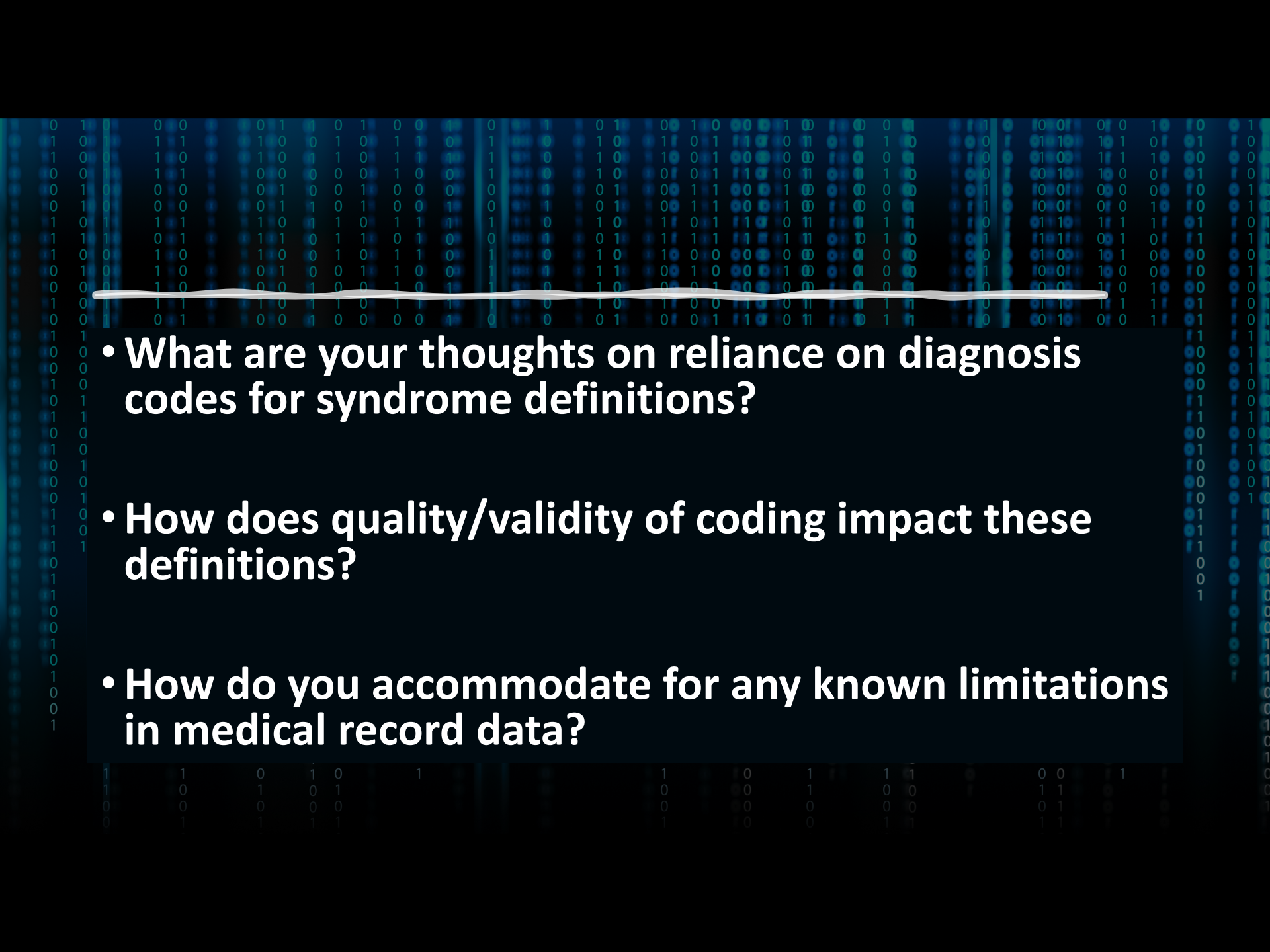




Could you speak to the use and misuse of codes and how that might impact results returned by syndrome definitions?



How might poor code performance impact syndrome definitions?

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- **What are your thoughts on reliance on diagnosis codes for syndrome definitions?**
 - **How does quality/validity of coding impact these definitions?**
 - **How do you accommodate for any known limitations in medical record data?**

Could you describe your experiences with collaborative syndrome testing?

- How did testing influence final syndrome definition syntax?
- Any lessons learned?



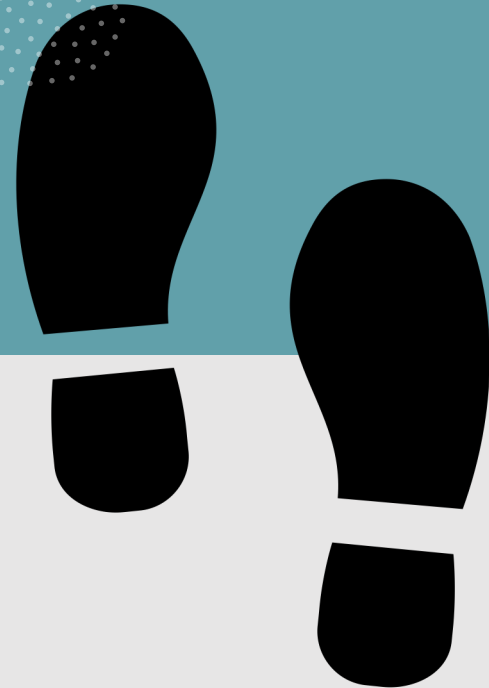
How are you using these syndrome definitions for public health surveillance and action?

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        subject to mirror
        mirror_mod.mirror_object =
        operation == "MIRROR_X":
        mirror_mod.use_x = True
        mirror_mod.use_y = False
        mirror_mod.use_z = False
        operation == "MIRROR_Y":
        mirror_mod.use_x = False
        mirror_mod.use_y = True
        mirror_mod.use_z = False
        operation == "MIRROR_Z":
        mirror_mod.use_x = False
        mirror_mod.use_y = False
        mirror_mod.use_z = True

    @selection at the end -add
    ob.select= 1
    mirror_ob.select=1
    context.scene.objects.active
    ("Selected" + str(modifier
    mirror_ob.select = 0
    bpy.context.selected_ob
    data.objects[one.name].select
    print("please select exactly
    --- OPERATOR CLASSES ---

    (types.Operator):
    X mirror to the selected
    object.mirror_mirror_x"
    mirror X"
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Next steps?





Questions?

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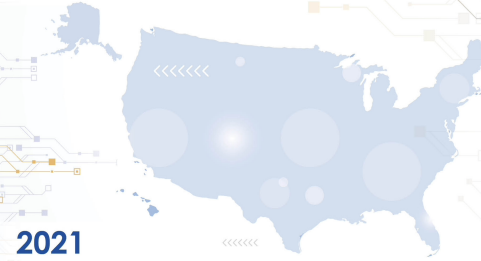
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