



**“ASSESSMENT STUDIES OF GLYCEMIC HEALTH IN RELATION TO
HYPERIENSION AND OBESITY AMONG LATE PERODUCTIVE URBAN WOMEN”**

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INTRODUCTION: -

Hypertensive diseases of pregnancy are serious maternal morbidities occurring in 6 % -8 % of all pregnancies. Gestational hypertension and preeclampsia are risk factors for other forms of maternal morbidities (as well as neonatal morbidity and mortality), Making these diseases of reproductive – aged women a particularly important public health problem 1,2,3,4,5 Women with gestational hypertension risk progression to severe hypertension, preeclampsia, or eclampsia.6,7 Women with preeclampsia are predisposed to conversions, abruption placentae, disseminated intravascular coagulation, cerebrashemortage, pulmonary edema, renal failure and liver haemorrhage 2,5,8 Hypertensive disorders in pregnancy are also known to be associated with an increased risk of developing by pretension and stroke later in life. The risk posed by preeclampsia to the fetus include severe growth retardation, hypoxemia, acidosis , premature birth, and death.1.6.The many risk factors for hypertensive disorders of pregnancy include null parity, multitetal gestation, Black race, extremes of reproductive age obesity, family history of preeclampsia or eclampsia, preeclampsia in previous pregnancy; presence of diabetes, thrombophiliasessential hypertension, or renal disease 1,8,10-22, and other contextual factors (e.g residential poverty) 2022.

Few population-based studies of maternal morbidities exist; recent studies have provided insight into risks of pregnancy-induced hypertensive disorders, but large subsets of the population were excluded in evaluation of socioeconomic status (SES), body mass index (BMI), gestational diabetes, of maternal health as cofactors.

We investigated the socioeconomic variables and hypertensive disorders at the time of labour and delivery for a large state population over a 10 year period. Having 10 year of discharge data for New York state (NYS) gave us the opportunity to study the relation between maternal morbidity specifically hypertension and factors related to residential poverty and race/ethnicity. We separated New York city (NYC) from the rest of NYS for all analyses, because these regions differ in terms of racial/ethnic structure, population density, economics, geographic characteristic, and health care delivery system. This study provides insight into how race and ethnicity may each contribute to the risk for hypertension.

Objectives: -

We studied trends of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy by residential socioeconomic status (SES) and racial/ethnic subgroups in New York state over a 10 year period.

Methods:-

Data Sources;

The NYS hospital discharge database, statewide planning and research cooperative system (Spapers), was formed in 1979 for the purpose of monitoring and fiscally managing inpatient and ambulatory hospitalization services in NYS. The Statistical variables we chose for this study include International Classification of Disease Nineteenth Revision Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM)²⁶ Codes for up to 8 discharge diagnoses (or 15 diagnoses if the patient was discharged in 1994 or later), demographic information (sex, race, ethnicity, age), type of medical procedure and zip code of residence.

From the US Census Bureau we obtained 2000 US Census data at the zip code tabulation area (ZCTA) level from Summary File 3.²⁷ ZCTA'S are geographic units meant to approximate the boundaries of postal zip codes and comprise groups of census blocks.

Cases: -

Between 1993 and 2002, 312,032 acute care hospital discharges in NYS had a pregnancy-related diagnostic, procedure, or diagnostic-related grouping ICD-9-CM Code²⁵. We selected records with codes for a delivery, excluding 417,279 hospitalised pregnant women for reasons

other than delivery. We excluded hospitalizations if we could not obtain residential information because the woman resided outside NYS (n=50,897), or was incarcerated (n=2145).

The zip code was changed or removed by the post office during the study period (n=5020) or was otherwise unmatched with 2000 US Census data (n=1385), or no poverty information was available for the zip code (n=131). We also excluded hospitalisations if the woman was younger than 18 or older than 54, or if age was missing (n=34673), finally, we excluded those hospitalisations where the women had a pregnancy terminated by miscarriage or spontaneous or induced abortion (n=29467) had a diagnosis of HIV or AIDS (n=242), or had a diagnosis of both type 1 and type 2 diabetes (n=26). The final study sample consisted of 2571069 (95 % of total records with codes for a delivery) hospitalizations with delivery.

We assessed 5 hypertensive outcomes: essential hypertension (pre-existing hypertension), gestational hypertension, preeclampsia, severe preeclampsia and eclampsia, and preeclampsia or eclampsia superimposed on pre-existing hypertension, severe preeclampsia and eclampsia and similar risk distribution and were unbin into 1 group to stabilize estimates. Case definitions for hypertension were based on the ICD-9-CM Codes recorded as discharged, dangles essential hypertension (642.0, 642.1, 642.2, 642.9) gestational hypertension (644.3), preeclampsia (612.4), severe preeclampsia and eclampsia (642.5, 642.62 and preeclampsia or clampsia superimposed on pre-existing hypertension (642.7).

When multiple diagnoses for preeclampsia, severe preeclampsia, or eclampsia, were listed, we categorized the hospitalization as the most severe form record for other combinations of hypertension; we counted the hospitalization in each applicable category. Race/ethnicity and residential poverty.

Hospital discharge records contained information on the patient's race and ethnicity. Hispanic or non his pond. If Hispanic ethnicity was identified, it was maintained as the race/ethnicity of the patient if a patient was identified as non-hispanic, her race was categorized white (white), or non- Hispanic other race (other).

Neighbourhood poverty levees was measured as the percentage of residents within each ZCTA Living below the federal poverty line. This exposure was pituitary categorised into 6 groups: <2.5 %, 2.5-4.99%, 5 % 9.99 % 10 % -14.99 % 15 % 256.4-99 % and > 20 % lie. Federally defined poverty areas 28,29. Because of the small number of hypertensive hospitalizations in some upsets of

race/ethnicity and neighbourhood poverty, these 6 categories were condensed into 3 groups for the analyses: <10 % -1999% and 220 % .20. Bias assessment identified no substantive residual confounding.

Potential confounders and effect

Modifiers

Diabetes, considered a likely effect modifier, was categorized into 4 groups type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes, gestational diabetes, and no diabetes, we further investigated the combination of gestations and type 2 diabetes, because diabetes diagnosed during pregnancy is often thought to be type 2 diabetes that is identified through prenatal testing.³⁰ Definitions for diabetes were based on ICD-9-CM codes as follows: type1diabetes (250,250.0,250.1,250.2,250.3,250.4, 250.5,250.6,250.7,250.8,250.9,250.01,250.03,type2 diabetes(250.00,250.02,250.10,250.12,250,20,250.22,250.30,250.60,250.62,250.70,250.72,250.80,250.82,250.90,250.92) and gestational diabetes (648.8).

We obtained information about each patient's age and type of medical insurance from hospital discharge records age was categorized into 5 groups, 15 to 17 ,18 to 19, 20 to 34, 35 to 44, and 45 to 54. Medicated status was defined as being insured by Medicaid or enrolled in a Medicaid health maintenance organization .Because having no health insurance usually indicated both low income and delayed application to Medicaid for pregnant women, ³¹. We combined women whose discharge records indicated self-pay as the method of payment (5 %) with women whose services were covered by Medicaid for our analyses.

Finally, we stratified all analyses in the study by the geographic region of residence as indicated by the country of residence on the hospital discharge record.

NYC included the city's counties Bronx, Kings (Brooklyn), New York (Manhattan Queens, and Richmond(State Island) NYS included all other counties grouped together.

Date Management and Statistical Analysis.

We conducted all data management and statistical analyses using UAS Software Version 8.2 (SAS Institute in Cary NC). We linked hospitalization record zip code data with US census ZCTA Data. We calculated hospitalization rates for each of the S hypertension outcomes by combinations of race/ethnicity and residential poverty level and by diabetes and demographic factors. We assessed the 10 year trends of hospitalization rates with hypertensive disorders

overall and separately for combinations of age group, region, racial/ethnic group, and diabetes status. unadjusted stratified analyses for rates of hospitalization with delivery by diabetes status, region, racial ethnic group, age group, and residential poverty level. We calculated rate ratios for combinations of exposure factors and effect modifiers using both stratified analysis and logistic regression. Hereafter, the term rate refers to number of events per 100 hospitalizations with delivery unless otherwise stated.

Results

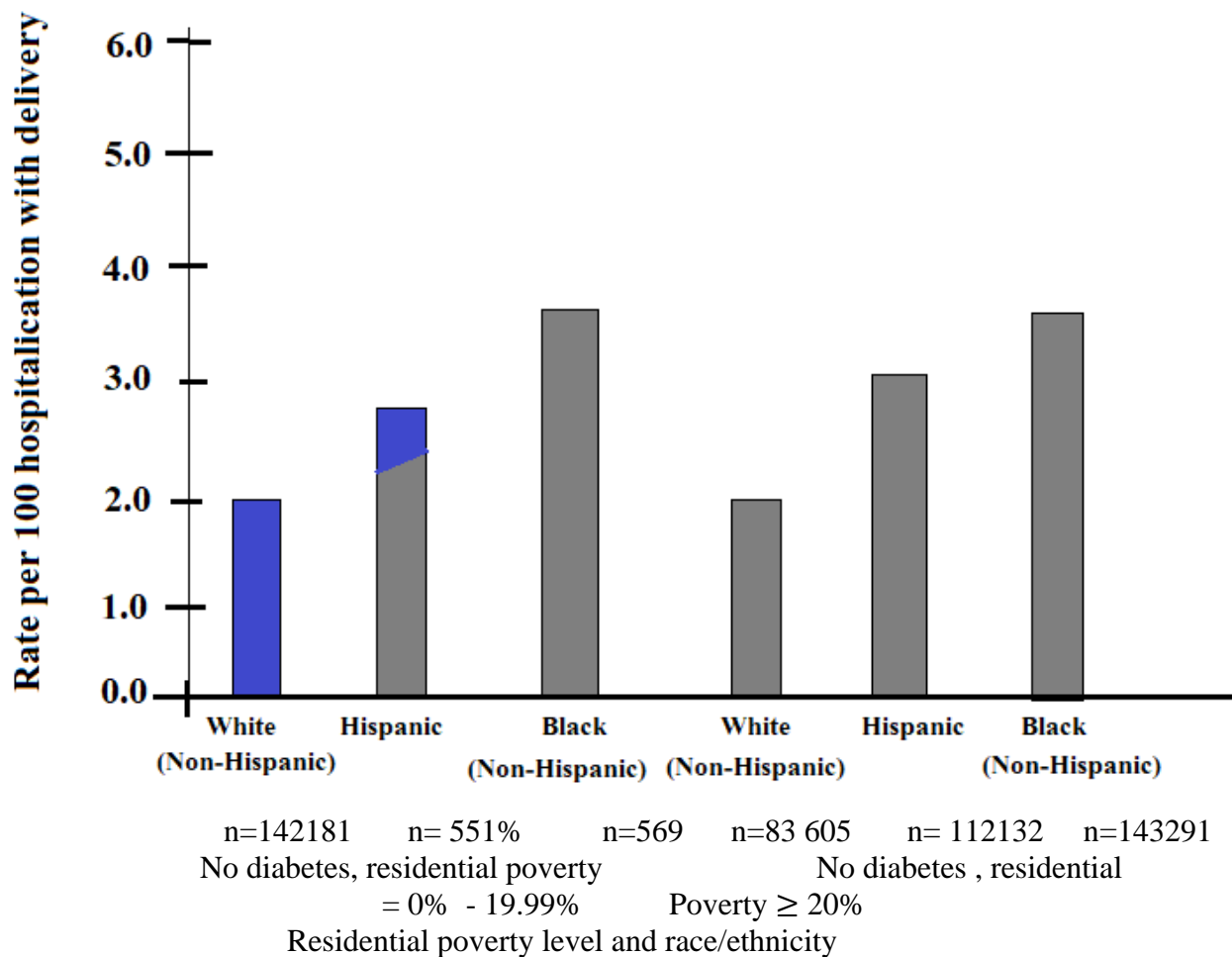
The rates of gestational hypertension, preeclampsia, and eclampsia were highest in both the youngest (15 to 17) and the oldest (45 to 54) women, whereas increased age was positively associated with the rate of essential hypertension (table 1). Women with a diagnosis of diabetes (gestational, type 1, or type 2) had increased rates of diagnoses for all forms of hypertension studied compared with those without diabetes diagnoses.

Women with diagnoses of type 1 diabetes were most likely to have diagnoses of all forms of hypertension except essential hypertension (Table 1)

Table 1 – Rates of Hypertensive disorders during pregnancy : New York state , 1993-2002

	N	Essential Hypertension	Gestational Hypertension
Prevalence	2571069	1.2	1.5
Age Y			
15-17	80550	0.6	1.8
18-19	143128	0.6	1.6
20-34	1915272	1.0	1.5
35-44	427-932	2.4	1.8
45-54	4187	5.6	3.1
Race/ethnicity			
White	1297 460	1.7	1.8
Other	512 653	1.1	1.2
Hispanic	310 858	0.9	1.2
Black	950 098	2.1	1.5
Location			
NYC	1206454	1.3	1.1
NYS	1364615	1.2	2.0
Medicaid recipient			
No	1054 022	1.2	1.8
Yes	1547 047	1.2	1.4
Type 2 diabetes 3509		9.6	2.7
Type 1 diabetes 6772		8.1	3.5
	Preeclampsia	Severe	
	Superimposed	Pre-eclampsia	
	On pre-existing	and	

Preeclampsia	Hypertension	Eclapsia	Total
2.4	0.3	0.8	6.1
4.3	0.2	1.3	7.9
3.5	0.2	1.1	6.6
2.2	0.3	0.8	5.6
2.4	0.7	1.0	7.9
5.0	2.0	2.1	17.2
2.0	0.2	0.7	5.5
2.3	0.3	0.9	5.5
3.0	0.3	1.0	6.2
3.3	0.7	1.2	8.5
2.8	0.4	0.9	6.3
2.0	0.2	0.8	6.0
2.0	0.3	0.8	5.9
2.6	0.3	0.9	6.3
5.4	2.7	2.1	21.2
7.9	2.6	3.6	24.5



Analyses assessing associations between race/ethnicity and residential poverty with hypertension residential poverty with hypertension hospitalization showed similar results for preeclampsia and for all hypertension combined. For simplicity and clarity, we have chosen to present results focused on preeclampsia rates and will state when results varied for other hypertensive diagnoses.

Among non-diabetics, differences in preeclampsia rates by race/ethnicity were pronounced in NYC, with higher rates among Black women (3.2) and Hispanic women (1.8), regardless of neighborhood poverty level. Only among Hispanic women did a clear association exist between neighborhood poverty level and preeclampsia rate.

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Review of literature –

We found increasing racial disparities in maternal hypertension rates over the past decade in NYS. This finding was strengthened when further analyses focused specifically on preeclampsia hospitalizations among nondiabetic women aged 20 to 34 to remove potential confounding associated with age, diabetes status, and mixed forms of hypertension. Not only did higher rates of preeclampsia exist among black women hospitalized with delivery than among white women, but this difference appeared to be increasing over the same time period, the rate of hospitalization with delivery for women living in poor areas remained relatively constant within racial/ethnic groups and geographic regions (data not shown); this partially removes changes in SES as a cause of the increasing disparity. Preeclampsia rates were much higher in NYC than in the rest of NYS for Black and Hispanic women, but not for white women. Our study could not fully explain the greater racial ethnic disparities in rates of preeclampsia and all hypertension combined in NYS by the maternal characteristics we studied.

One possible explanation may be that disparities across social gradients are greater in major urban areas. Our assessment of the association between preeclampsia rates in urban areas outside NYC showed relatively similar rates in rural and urban regions. No clear trends among black and Hispanic women across rural areas could be assessed because of the small population sizes outside cities. Evaluation of differences in diagnostic rates for the largest hospitals in each region ruled out a second possible explanation.