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Abstract

Background/Objectives—Information about the safety of physical activity (PA) programs in older adults with mobility limitations is critically important to inform clinicians and others responsible for their clinical management. We conducted a safety analysis of study hospitalization data and determined whether the intervention was differentially associated with categories of hospitalizations or subgroups of participants.

Design—Multicenter RCT. Participants randomized to a PA or health education (HE) program for an average of 2.6 years.

Setting—8 field centers.

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Participants—1,635 sedentary men and women aged 70-89 years with lower extremity physical limitations, but able to walk 400-m in 15 min.

Interventions—Structured, moderate-intensity PA (n = 818) at a center (2x/wk) and at home (3-4x/wk) that included aerobic, strength, balance, and flexibility training or HE (n = 817) of educational workshops and upper extremity stretching exercises.

Main Outcomes and Measures—All cause in-patient hospitalizations ascertained at sixmonth intervals.

Results—49.1% of PA and 44.4% of HE (risk difference=4.68%, 95%CI –0.18 to 9.54; HR=1.16, 95%CI 1.00 to 1.34) reported a total of 1458 hospitalizations. The intervention effect on incident hospitalization did not differ by race, sex, SPPB, age, and history of CVD/diabetes. PA was associated with an increase in the rates of hospitalization within the middle baseline gait speed category, compared to HE: <0.8m/s, HR[95%CI] 0.93[0.76-1.14]; 0.8–1.0m/s, 1.54[1.23-1.94]; >1.0m/s, 1.05[0.67-1.65]; interaction p=0.005).

Conclusion/Relevance—A PA program in older adults at risk for mobility disability did not lead to a differential risk of specific types of hospitalizations compared to a HE group, overall. Baseline gait speed may be a marker for risk of hospitalization during a PA intervention, as individuals with moderate baseline gait speed in the PA group had slightly higher rates of hospitalizations, compared to HE.

Keywords

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INTRODUCTION

Previously, we reported that a structured moderate intensity physical activity (PA) program compared with a health education (HE) program, reduced major mobility disability over an average follow-up of 2.6 years among older adults at risk of disability¹. Another potential benefit of a PA intervention suggested by observational studies of older persons is reduced risk for hospitalization, and fewer admissions and bed stays^{2,6}. However, in the LIFE study, a randomized controlled trial, we found a marginal non-significant difference in the overall proportion of randomized participants reporting hospitalizations at assessment visits in the PA group compared to the HE group (48.4% in PA vs. 44.1% in HE, RR=1.10; 95% CI 0.99-1.22); a comparison that was closely scrutinized during follow-up as a safety outcome by the LIFE Data Safety and Monitoring Board¹. Given the importance of this finding related to participant safety and the prescription of PA in older adults with mobility limitations and chronic disease burden, it is important to explore the issue in greater detail to inform clinicians responsible for the clinical management of this rapidly growing segment of the population.

Therefore we conducted a detailed post-hoc analysis of the LIFE Study hospitalization data and examined whether subgroups of the LIFE participants might be at higher risk for hospitalizations. We used the clinically relevant baseline sub-groups previously identified in the main outcomes paper. We were also interested in whether the effect of the intervention

on hospitalizations differed based on baseline physical function. For example, poorer lower extremity function has been associated with increased hospitalizations^{7_9} and in the LIFE Study, individuals with poorer baseline lower extremity physical function appeared to benefit more from the PA intervention¹ compared to those with higher levels of function.

The specific aims of this study were: 1) to examine whether a PA intervention compared with a HE intervention was associated with a higher risk of hospitalization-related outcomes: length of stay (LOS), LOS >1 day, and specific types of hospitalizations using a standardized classification scheme; 2) to examine whether the effect of the intervention on initial hospitalization differed by baseline subgroups. We also provide an exploration of an intervention by baseline predictor interaction that was found in the course of our analyses.

METHODS

Trial design and participants

The LIFE study was a multicenter, single-blinded, parallel randomized trial conducted at 8 field centers across the U.S (see on-line Appendix) between February 2010 and December 2013. The study protocol was approved by the institutional review board at each field center and written informed consent was provided by all participants. Details of the LIFE Study design and inclusion/exclusion criteria¹⁰, recruitment and baseline characteristics of the sample¹¹, and main outcomes manuscript¹ have been published. Eligibility criteria included: 1) age 70-89 years; 2) sedentary status; 3) mobility limitations but able to walk 400 meters in <15 minutes; and 4) no major cognitive impairment.

Interventions

The PA intervention focused on walking, with a goal of 150 min/week, and also incorporated strength, flexibility, and balance training¹⁰. The intervention included attendance at two center-based visits per week and home-based activity 3-4 times per week for the duration of the study. The PA sessions were individualized and progressed towards a goal of 30-40 min of walking daily at moderate intensity, 10 min of lower extremity strength training, 10 min of balance training, and 5-10 min of flexibility exercises. The Borg Rating of Perceived Exertion scale¹² that ranges from 6 to 20, was used to measure intensity of activity. The participants began with lighter intensity and gradually increased intensity over the first 2-3 weeks of the intervention to 13 (activity perception "somewhat hard") for walking and 15-16 for strength exercises.

The HE intervention involved weekly workshops during the first 26 weeks, and then monthly sessions thereafter (bi-monthly attendance was optional). Workshops included topics relevant to older adults, such as how to negotiate the health care system, how to travel safely, preventive services and screenings recommended at different ages, where to go for reliable health information, and nutrition, but there was no discussion of PA. Each workshop also included a 5-10 minute instructor-led program of gentle upper extremity flexibility exercises.

Baseline Demographics, Clinical Characteristics

The baseline characteristics of the LIFE participants have been reported in detail and are presented in the on-line appendix $(eTable S1)^{11}$. Physical function was assessed with the Short Physical Performance Battery¹³ and the 400-m walk test¹⁴. We converted the time to walk 400-m to gait speed (m/s).

Outcome Assessment

The primary outcome for the study was all cause in-patient hospitalizations ascertained at six month intervals. Outcome assessors were blinded to the intervention assignment and all hospitalizations were considered serious adverse events (SAEs). Also, participants were asked to notify study personnel about any hospitalization in between follow-up interviews. Medical record technicians and adjudicators could also identify additional hospitalizations upon review of medical records. For each hospitalization, medical records were obtained and abstracted for codes, diagnoses, procedures, and length of stay. Medical Officers at each site assigned presence or absence of each diagnosis using standardized criteria. We used the Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (MedDRA®) classification scheme, to examine categories of related medical conditions at the System Organ Class level (SOC, 26 categories). In all analyses, hospitalizations were considered an event when they were reported to masked staff (staff who were blinded to intervention group assignment) at a scheduled assessment visit or found through medical record technicians and adjudicators, regardless of whether the event was also reported at any point during follow-up to an unmasked staff member. Because PA participants had more contact with unmasked interventionists who could report SAEs, we focus here on hospitalizations reported to masked staff at assessment visits scheduled at equal follow-up intervals in both groups, providing a comparison between randomized groups that is less affected by ascertainment and reporting biases.

Statistical Considerations

All analyses were performed in SAS 9.4. Baseline characteristics were summarized by intervention group using mean (SD) and proportions.

To address aim 1, the number and percent of participants reporting hospitalization at assessment visits was summarized as a composite of hospitalizations for all causes, and by the components of the composite with causes defined by MedDRA® SOC. Seventeen randomized participants [11 (1.3%) of 818 from PA, 6 (0.7%) of 817 from HE] that did not have any follow-up assessment visits where hospitalizations could be reported to masked staff are excluded from these analyses. For this reason, the overall percentages of hospitalized participants reported in each group will be slightly larger than that previously reported¹. We calculated 95% confidence intervals on the differences between intervention groups in the proportion of participants hospitalized using exact confidence intervals when the number of hospitalizations within a MedDRA® SOC category was small. The number of events per person year of follow-up was calculated within intervention group overall, and by MedDRA® SOC category, as the total number of events divided by the total person years of follow-up. Because single participants could contribute multiple events to the numerator, when appropriate, confidence intervals were calculated using a negative binomial model and

accounted for the non-independence of events within participants. Rate ratios, comparing event rates between intervention groups, were obtained from these models.

Length of stay was summarized with medians (IQR) and number of hospitalizations with length of stay >1 day are described by intervention group in terms of the proportion of all hospitalizations. We used zero-inflated negative binomial models adjusted for sex and clinic (both used to stratify randomization) to examine the effect of intervention arm on length of stay for the initial hospitalization.

Time until the initial hospitalization was defined as time from randomization until the date of the first hospital admission. Censoring dates were defined as the last assessment visit date with an outcome assessment. Cumulative hazard curves were used to express the cumulative risk of any hospitalization versus follow-up time.

Analyses addressing aim 2 used Cox regression models, stratified by clinical site and gender, to estimate the intervention hazard ratio for initial hospitalizations and to explore whether the intervention effect was homogeneous across levels of baseline subgroups. Subgroup effects were evaluated by entering the interaction term between the baseline factor and the intervention effect into the model. When evaluating for subgroup effects of gender, we no longer stratified the baseline hazard on this factor. Subgroup levels were classified as follows: age (<80, 80 years), race (Non-Hispanic White, Other), gender, baseline SPPB (<8, 8), baseline 400-m walk gait speed (<0.8 m/s, 0.8 m/s), history of CVD, and history of diabetes. We found a significant interaction between baseline gait speed and the intervention and explored this relationship over the continuous range of gait speed by fitting a B-spline curve, which allows us to fit a smoothed non-linear relationship, to gait speed within the Cox regression model.

RESULTS

As previously reported¹¹ and shown in eTable 1, the PA and HE groups were well balanced on the baseline variables. The table also shows that the number of participants in the PA and HE groups was balanced across the three gait speed categories.

Hospitalization Events and Reasons for Hospitalizations

There were 1458 hospitalizations reported during the trial (Table 1). Overall, 49.1% of PA participants and 44.4% of HE participants reported a hospitalization during an average of 2.6 years of follow-up, corresponding to an absolute difference of -4.68% (95% CI -9.54 to 0.18) or 36 total participants between the two groups. This difference equates to a relative risk of 1.106 (95% CI 0.996 to 1.227). The number of total hospitalizations per year of follow-up was 0.378 for the PA group and 0.324 for the HE group, with a rate ratio of 1.16 (95% CI 1.002 to 1.353; p=0.047) and a difference of 96 hospitalizations between the two groups. The cumulative hazard curves for the first reported incidence of in-patient hospitalization are shown in Figure 1.

We also examined the components of the all-cause hospitalization outcome using MedDRA® SOC category to define the types of hospitalizations (Table 1). There were 22

MedDRA® SOC categories with 4 or more total hospitalizations in either the PA or HE group. Hospitalizations for cardiac disorders accounted for the greatest number of total events (N=213, 116 in PA, 97 in HE). MedDRA® SOC categories with rate ratios >2.0 had a very small number of events. Note that all the MedDRA® SOC category confidence intervals included 1.00; only gastrointestinal disorders came close to having a lower bound of >1.0.

Length of Stay

The median and inter-quartile range for initial hospitalization length of stay was 5 days (IQR = 2 to 10.5) in the PA group and 5 days (IQR=3 to 10.5) in the HE group. We found no significant difference between groups in the length of initial hospitalization (p=0.29). Of the 777 hospitalizations in the PA group, 624 (79.0%) were >1 day and of the 681 hospitalizations in the HE group, 545 (80.0%) were >1 day.

Evaluation of the Overall Hazard Ratio for Hospitalization

Using Cox regression, the PA intervention was estimated to have increased the hazard rate for initial hospitalization by 16% compared to the HE intervention (HR=1.16; 95% CI 1.005 to 1.338; p=0.043).

Evaluation of the Intervention Effect among Baseline Subgroups

With the exception of 400-m gait speed (p < 0.01), there were no differences in the effect of the intervention on hospitalizations among levels of baseline subgroups (Figure 2). For baseline gait speed, the risk of hospitalization was elevated by 40% (HR=1.40; 95% CI 1.15 to 1.72) among those with baseline gait speed 0.8 m/s. We further evaluated this relationship by fitting a B-spline to continuous baseline gait speed (Figure 3). The top panel of Figure 3 illustrates hazard ratios in the PA and HE groups relative to a person in the HE group with a baseline gait speed of 1.0 m/s (i.e. the reference group). Generally, risk of hospitalization decreased with increasing gait speed in both groups, with risk leveling off for PA participants with gait speed between 0.75 m/s and 0.95 m/s. The bottom panel provides hazard ratios (95% CI) for the PA group relative to the HE group for baseline walking speed and represents the ratio of the corresponding points on the lines in the top panel. For example, a participant in the PA group with a walking speed of 0.80 m/s has a 47% (i.e. HR=1.47) increase in risk of hospitalization compared to a participant in the HE group with a walking speed of 1.0 m/s. In contrast, a participant in the HE group with a walking speed of 0.80 m/sec has a 19% (i.e. HR=1.19) increase relative to the participant walking at 1.0 m/sec in the HE group (top panel). Using this example, it follows, that at 0.80 m/s, the PA participant has a 24% (=1.47/1.19) increased risk compared to an HE participant also walking at that speed (bottom panel). There was elevated risk in PA compared to HE among those with baseline walking speed between 0.8 and 1.0 m/s, with the lower bound of the 95% confidence interval generally being >1 in this interval.

Exploration of Baseline Gait Speed and Intervention Interaction Effect

In these exploratory analyses (Available On-line), we asked if the observed interaction between baseline gait speed (more hospitalizations for PA in the 0.8-1.0 m/s category) was

consistent across diagnostic categories and field centers as well as over time throughout the study. We also examined whether the differences were attributable to greater PA in the 0.8-1.0 m/s gait speed category.

As reported above, there was an absolute difference of 36 total participants between the two groups. As shown in eTable S2, in the lowest gait speed category, the difference was 14 participants in the opposite direction to the overall result, (180 in PA, 194 in HE). In the highest speed category, the difference was 8 participants in the same direction as the overall result (43 in PA, 35 in HE). Therefore, in the middle category the difference was 42 participants (an absolute difference of 12.8%) with 173 in PA and 131 in HE.

Within the 0.8–1.0 m/s group, the PA group reported more hospitalizations than the HE group in 8 of 9 MedDRA® SOC categories (Figure 4 and eTable 2). Therefore, the result is not being driven by one particular component of the composite, all-cause hospitalization outcome. Also, as shown in eTable S3 and eFigure S1, the nominally, larger percentage of hospitalizations in the PA versus HE group was observed in the middle gait speed category in 7 of 8 field centers, a result that indicates consistency of these differences. We found no indication that participants in the 0.8-1.0 m/s category were doing any more or less activity than expected, based on their functional capacity, compared to the other two categories (eFigure S2). We observed a stepwise and consistent pattern of PA behavior across all three baseline gait speed categories. Finally, across the duration of the study, hazard rates were similar for the PA and HE groups in the <0.8 m/s and >1.0 m/s gait speed categories (eFigure S3). For those with a gait speed of 0.8–1.0 m/s, the PA group had an initial increase in hazard which then stabilized and was consistently higher than the HE group, resulting in accumulation of a larger number of events. We examined MedDRA® SOC categories for hospitalizations that occurred within the first three months following randomization for the PA group (18 events) and HE group (10 events). The hospitalizations were distributed across 15 categories, with no clustering of events in any one category.

DISCUSSION

We had previously reported a marginal difference in the risk of hospitalizations in the PA group compared to the HE group, a result that was close to reaching conventional levels of statistical significance¹. The independent Data Safety and Monitoring Board convened for the LIFE Study scrutinized the adverse event data closely but did not see evidence of harm sufficient to discontinue the LIFE Study. We previously concluded that "Further studies are needed to assess the effects of physical activity on mortality and hospitalizations in vulnerable older adults"¹. The goal of this study was to conduct a detailed post-hoc analysis of the LIFE Study hospitalization data and determine whether subgroups of the LIFE participants might be at higher risk for hospitalizations.

In summary, the absolute difference between the PA and HE groups both in the number of participants reporting a hospitalization (36 participants) and the absolute number of hospitalizations (96 hospitalizations) was small, when considering the 1458 in-patient hospitalizations reported during the trial. The hazard ratio reported herein provided similar conclusions to the analysis of risk presented in the main outcomes paper¹ even after the

more complete adjustment for factors used to stratify randomization (site, gender), with the lower bound on the hazard ratio equal to 1.005 (p=0.043). There was considerable heterogeneity in the reasons for the hospitalizations as evidenced by the MedDRA® SOC categories. When considering MedDRA® SOC categories with a sufficient number of events to make an informed judgment, we found scant evidence that the PA intervention led to greater rates of hospitalizations for a particular SOC category. The LIFE Study was an 8 site trial and the overall results on hospitalizations were generally consistent across the field centers. Finally, our post-hoc analysis identified only gait speed during the self-paced 400-m walk test at baseline as modifying the intervention effect on hospitalizations.

The largest number of hospitalizations were related to cardiac disorders with 19 more events in the PA compared to the HE group, not surprising given the participants' age and the fact that, at baseline, the participants were sedentary. One might hypothesize that the higher, but non-significant, number of hospitalizations for cardiac disorders in the PA group was related to the PA intervention producing symptoms that revealed clinical conditions requiring a hospital admission for a precautionary evaluation or in-patient procedure. Interestingly, we did not see evidence for an increase in the rate ratio for musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders (0.87) as a result of the PA intervention; there were 10 fewer events in the PA compared to the HE group in a total of 118 hospitalizations. With the exception of gastrointestinal disorders (1.50), the difference in the number of hospitalizations between the two groups for all other MedDRA® SOC categories was less than 20 events. We find no compelling evidence that the PA intervention led to a higher incidence of hospitalization within a specific MedDRA® SOC category when the data were examined in aggregate.

We found no evidence that a PA intervention reduced length of stay. In cross-sectional and observational studies of older adults, regular PA has been shown to significantly reduce healthcare utilization and costs, including length of stay^{2,5}, ^{15,17}. However, Davies and colleagues¹⁸ reported in a recent Cochrane review, that there was only a non-significant trend towards a reduction in the number of patients experiencing hospital admissions with exercise in randomized controlled trials of exercise-based interventions with six months follow-up or longer compared to usual medical care.

To provide some context to the gait speed categories that were used in our analyses, we note that working groups have proposed using cut point values of 0.8 m/s and 1.0m/s to define slow gait speed^{19, 20}. A recent review focused on geriatric clinical settings, reported that over short distances (2-15 m) a gait speed estimate for usual pace of 0.58 m/s (95% confidence interval [CI]: 0.49–0.67) and 0.89 m/s (95% CI: 0.75–1.02) for maximal pace, while gait speed at usual pace in acute care settings was 0.46 m/s (95% CI: 0.34–0.57), which was significantly slower than the gait speed of 0.74 m/s (95% CI: 0.65–0.83) recorded in outpatient settings.²¹ Cesari et al.²² reported that a 6-m usual gait speed of less than 1 m/s identifies persons at high risk of health-related outcomes within a cohort of well-functioning older people. Finally, Studenski²³ synthesized a wide literature base and a task force report and suggested the following gait speed categories that might be used in diagnostic testing: < 0.6 m/s - seriously abnormal; 0.6 to 1.0 - mildly abnormal; 1.0 to 1.4 – normal; 1.4 or higher - superior.

The strong interaction between baseline 400-m walk gait speed and treatment showed that individuals in the middle gait speed category accounted for the bulk of the imbalance in hospitalizations between the PA and HE groups. Overall, this remained true when we examined hospitalizations in the three gait speed categories at each site and for each MedDRA® SOC category. Potentially, individuals in the <0.8 m/s category may have exercised at a lower intensity which did not unmask physical symptoms, whereas individuals in the >1.0 m/s category, who were likely healthier and may have walked at a higher intensity, found the additional stress or disruption of homeostasis manageable. The 0.8-1.0 m/s category is a potentially more unstable category who have the cardiovascular and neuromuscular capacity to walk at a relatively high intensity but have poorer overall health so that the stress of moderate intensity PA may unmask latent physical symptoms leading to the small between treatment imbalance in hospitalizations.

However, when we examined the data for differences between the three gait speed categories for MedDRA® SOC category, field center, PA dose, and hazard rates, the overwhelming conclusion was that none of these factors furthered our understanding of the imbalance in hospitalizations within the middle gait speed category. Rather we observed remarkable consistency in the pattern of hospitalizations and the hazard rates, while the PA dose revealed nothing unusual across the three gait speed categories.

The results should be considered in the context of the study's strengths and limitations. First, the LIFE Study was a randomized controlled trial which allowed a comparison of hospitalization data for the PA and HE groups, thereby strengthening causal inferences. However, our findings may not be applicable to other groups of older individuals, for example, older adults with no mobility limitations. Our analyses were prompted by repeated monitoring of the LIFE study for the purposes of safety, and as such, there was no control for Type I error, i.e., a false positive finding, across this repeated monitoring. In addition, we acknowledge that subgroup analyses of clinical trials have high risks of false findings. Therefore the association between the middle gait speed with increased hospitalization in the PA group relative to the HE group could be a spurious finding and not be present were the subgroups larger. However, as a safety endpoint, these results may have identified a group that needs more attention during implementation of a PA intervention. We only examined events reported to masked staff which we believe reduced the potential detection bias related to reporting of hospitalizations by unmasked interventionists. However, the more frequent contacts between PA group intervention staff and participants compared to the HE group may have led to the recognition of additional health conditions leading to referrals and slightly more in-patient procedures, a possible referral bias. However, this would not explain the interaction between 400-m walk gait speed and the intervention effect. Finally, a limitation of the 400-m walk test is that it may not be feasible to conduct in all clinical environments or patient populations. Simonsick and colleagues 24 reported that walking speed during a 2 minute walk test, used as a warm-up prior to the 400-m walk test, was similar (p = 0.78) to the speed during the 400-m walk test completed "as quickly as possible, at a pace you can maintain" suggesting that shorter distance/duration tests might be used to determine walking speed. Walking speeds measured during a 4 m walk and a 400-m walk at usual pace have been shown to be correlated,¹⁴ but we remain cautious about substituting short walk tests for the 400-m walk test.

In summary, we did not find compelling evidence that a PA program in older adults at high risk for mobility disability placed participants at risk for hospitalizations that involved specific types of conditions; yet, at the same time, we found no support for the hypothesis that a PA intervention reduces the rate of hospitalizations in our sample. We found no evidence of higher risk for hospitalizations between PA and HE for subgroups based on age, sex, race, or CVD and diabetes. Interestingly, we did observe that individuals with gait speeds of 0.8-1.0 m/s accounted for the majority of the imbalance in hospitalizations between the two intervention groups, albeit the difference was small (a difference of 42 participants in PA compared to HE, 12.8% absolute difference). The 400-m gait speed did appear to identify a different subgroup of participants compared to the SPPB since we did not observe a significant difference in hospitalizations in participants with an SPPB score of <8 compared to 8-9 between the PA and HE group in our subgroup analyses (Figure 2). Gait speed might be a marker that clinical intervention staff can use to identify individuals who have the physical capacity to ramp up intensity and duration of exercise but may be vulnerable with respect to health and chronic conditions.

Supplementary Material

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Subgroup	PA (Events/N)	HE (Events/N)	Hazard Ratio (95% Cl)	1	Interaction P-Value
Overall	396 / 807	360 / 811	1.16 (1.00, 1.34)	-	
Age					
70-79	212 / 469	178 / 451	1.21 (1.00, 1.48)		0.47
80+	184 / 338	182 / 360	1.09 (0.89, 1.34)		
Sex					
Men	124 / 267	116 / 265	1.06 (0.83, 1.37)		0.47
Women	272 / 540	244 / 546	1.19 (1.00, 1.42)	-	
Race/Ethnicity					
Non-Hispanic White	301 / 594	293 / 629	1.12 (0.95, 1.31)	-	0.41
Other	94 / 210	67 / 180	1.29 (0.95, 1.78)	- - -	
SPPB					
1-7	181 / 348	186 / 376	1.06 (0.87, 1.30)		
8-9	215 / 459	174 / 435	1.25 (1.03, 1.53)	+	0.26
400m Gait Speed					
<0.8	180 / 344	194 / 363	0.93 (0.76, 1.14)		<.01
>=0.8	216 / 463	166 / 448	1.40 (1.15, 1.72)		
CVD					
No-History	260 / 573	231 / 558	1.13 (0.95, 1.35)	-	0.59
Prior CVD	136 / 234	129 / 253	1.23 (0.96, 1.56)		
Diabetes					
None	199 / 401	165 / 409	1.32 (1.07, 1.62)		0.21
Imparied Fasting Gluco	87 / 190	76 / 165	1.01 (0.75, 1.38)		
Diabetes	110 / 216	119 / 237	1.02 (0.79, 1.32)		
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Figure 2.

Hazard Ratios (95% CI) for Hospitalizations among Baseline Subgroups

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Figure 3.

B-Spline Curve Illustrating the Relationship Between Baseline Gait Speed and Hospitalizations



Figure 4.

Hospitalization rates by categories of 400-m walk gait speed at baseline, overall and by MedDRA SOC categories.

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Total hospitalizations by treatment group and by MedDRA System Organ Class category

	Physical	Activity (N=807)	Health F	Educatio	on (N=811)		
MedDRA System Organ Class	Participants (% of participants)	Total Events	Events per participant year (95% CI)	Particip ants (% of particip ants)	Tot al Eve nts	Events per participant year (95% CI)	Difference In % of Participan ts (95% CL)	Rate Ratio (95% CI)
ALL Inpatient Hospitalizations	396 (49.1%)	777	0.378 (0.340, 0.419)	360 (44.4%)	681	0.324 (0.291, 0.361)	-4.68 (- 9.54, 0.18)	1.16 (1.00, 1.35)
Blood And Lymphatic System Disorders	11 (1.4%)	16	0.009 (0.004, 0.022)	9 (1.1%)	12	0.006 (0.003, 0.014)	-0.25 (- 1.33, 0.82)	1.45 (0.44, 4.78)
Cardiac Disorders	77 (9.5%)	116	0.054 (0.042, 0.070)	70 (8.6%)	76	0.045 (0.034, 0.060)	-0.91 (-3.71, 1.89)	1.21 (0.83, 1.76)
Ear And Labyrinth Disorders	5 (0.6%)	w	0.002 (0.001, 0.006)	6 (0.7%)	9	0.003 (0.001, 0.006)	0.12 (-4.72, 4.97)	0.84 (0.26, 2.76)
Endocrine Disorders	4 (0.5%)	5	0.002 (0.001, 0.006)	1 (0.1%)	1	$\begin{array}{c} 0.000\ (0.000,\ 0.000)\ 0.003) \end{array}$	-0.37 (- 5.21, 4.48)	5.05 (0.59, 43.26)
Gastrointestinal Disorders	59 (7.3%)	81	0.038 (0.029, 0.050)	47 (5.8%)	53	0.025 (0.018, 0.034)	-1.52 (- 3.93, 0.90)	1.50 (0.99, 2.28)
General Disorders And Administration Site Conditions	19 (2.4%)	24	0.011 (0.006, 0.017)	19 (2.3%)	21	$\begin{array}{c} 0.009\ (0.005,\ 0.015) \end{array}$	-0.01 (-1.49, 1.46)	1.16 (0.58, 2.32)
Hepatobiliary Disorders	8 (1.0%)	9	$\begin{array}{c} 0.004 \ (0.002, \ 0.010) \end{array}$	6 (0.7%)	7	$\begin{array}{c} 0.003 \ (0.001, \ 0.008) \end{array}$	-0.25 (- 1.15, 0.65)	1.29 (0.36, 4.70)
Immune System Disorders	5 (0.6%)	7	0.003 (0.001, 0.008)	3 (0.4%)	3	$\begin{array}{c} 0.001 \ (0.000, \ 0.005) \end{array}$	-0.24 (- 5.09, 4.60)	2.44 (0.48, 12.40)
Infections And Infestations	61 (7.6%)	73	0.035 (0.027, 0.045)	49 (6.0%)	57	0.027 (0.020, 0.035)	-1.52 (- 3.97, 0.94)	1.30 (0.88, 1.93)
Injury, Poisoning And Procedural Complications	54 (6.7%)	58	0.027 (0.021, 0.036)	56 (6.9%)	63	$\begin{array}{c} 0.029\ (0.023,\ 0.038) \end{array}$	0.21 (-2.24, 2.67)	0.93 (0.64, 1.36)
Investigations	3 (0.4%)	4	$\begin{array}{c} 0.002\ (0.001,\ 0.005) \end{array}$	2 (0.2%)	2	$\begin{array}{c} 0.001 \ (0.000, \ 0.004) \end{array}$	-0.12 (- 4.97, 4.72)	2.02 (0.37, 11.03)
Metabolism And Nutrition Disorders	22 (2.7%)	25	$\begin{array}{c} 0.012\ (0.008,\ 0.017) \end{array}$	21 (2.6%)	21	0.010 (0.006, 0.015)	-0.14 (- 1.70, 1.43)	1.20 (0.67, 2.15)
Musculoskeletal And Connective Tissue Disorders	50 (6.2%)	54	0.025 (0.019, 0.034)	55 (6.8%)	64	0.029 (0.022, 0.038)	0.59 (–1.81, 2.99)	0.87 (0.59, 1.29)
Neoplasms Benign, Malignant And Unspecified (Incl Cvsts And Polyns)	17 (2.1%)	17	0.008 (0.005, 0.014)	17 (2.1%)	20	0.009 (0.006, 0.015)	-0.01 (-1.41, 1.39)	0.87 (0.43, 1.76)

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Nervous System Disorders	67 (8.3%)	83	0.039 (0.030, 0.051)	55 (6.8%)	99	0.031 (0.024, 0.041)	-1.52 (- 4.09, 1.05)	1.26 (0.86, 1.85)
Psychiatric Disorders	7 (0.9%)	7	$\begin{array}{c} 0.003 \ (0.001, \ 0.007) \end{array}$	3 (0.4%)	3	$\begin{array}{c} 0.001 \ (0.000, \ 0.004) \end{array}$	-0.49 (- 5.33, 4.36)	2.34 (0.61, 9.07)
Renal And Urinary Disorders	14 (1.7%)	15	0.006 (0.004, 0.011)	16 (2.0%)	16	$\begin{array}{c} 0.007 \ (0.004, \ 0.011) \end{array}$	0.24 (-1.08, 1.55)	0.94 (0.46, 1.90)
Reproductive System And Breast Disorders	4 (0.5%)	4	0.002 (0.001, 0.005)	3 (0.4%)	3	0.001 (0.000, 0.004)	-0.12 (- 4.97, 4.72)	1.35 (0.30, 6.03)
Respiratory, Thoracic And Mediastinal Disorders	48 (5.9%)	60	0.030 (0.022, 0.042)	36 (4.4%)	44	0.021 (0.015, 0.031)	-1.51 (- 3.67, 0.65)	1.43 (0.87, 2.33)
Skin And Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders	2 (0.2%)	3	0.001 (0.000, 0.004)	7 (0,9%)	6	0.004 (0.002, 0.010)	0.61 (-4.23, 5.45)	0.22 (0.04, 1.19)
Surgical And Medical Procedures	68 (8.4%)	76	0.036 (0.028, 0.046)	73 (9.0%)	84	$\begin{array}{c} 0.039\ (0.031,\ 0.049) \end{array}$	0.57 (–2.17, 3.32)	0.91 (0.65, 1.28)
Vascular Disorders	33 (4.1%)	36	0.017 (0.011, 0.025)	26 (3.2%)	29	$\begin{array}{c} 0.014 \ (0.009, \ 0.021) \end{array}$	-0.88 (- 2.71, 0.94)	1.25 (0.69, 2.29)