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## **Real-World Effectiveness and Economic Impact Associated with Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell Therapy Among Older Patients with Relapsed/Refractory Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma in US**

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# Background

- Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) is the most common non-Hodgkin lymphoma, with more than half of patients diagnosed over the age of 65 and approximately 30% of patients are over the age of 75.<sup>1</sup>
- Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR T) therapy has become a standard treatment for relapsed/refractory DLBCL.
- Though DLBCL is more prevalent in older patients, RWE data of CAR T use in older patients are scarce.
- The objective is to describe the RWE including effectiveness and economic impact associated with CAR T in older patients with relapsed/refractory DLBCL in the US.

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# Data Source and Selection Criteria

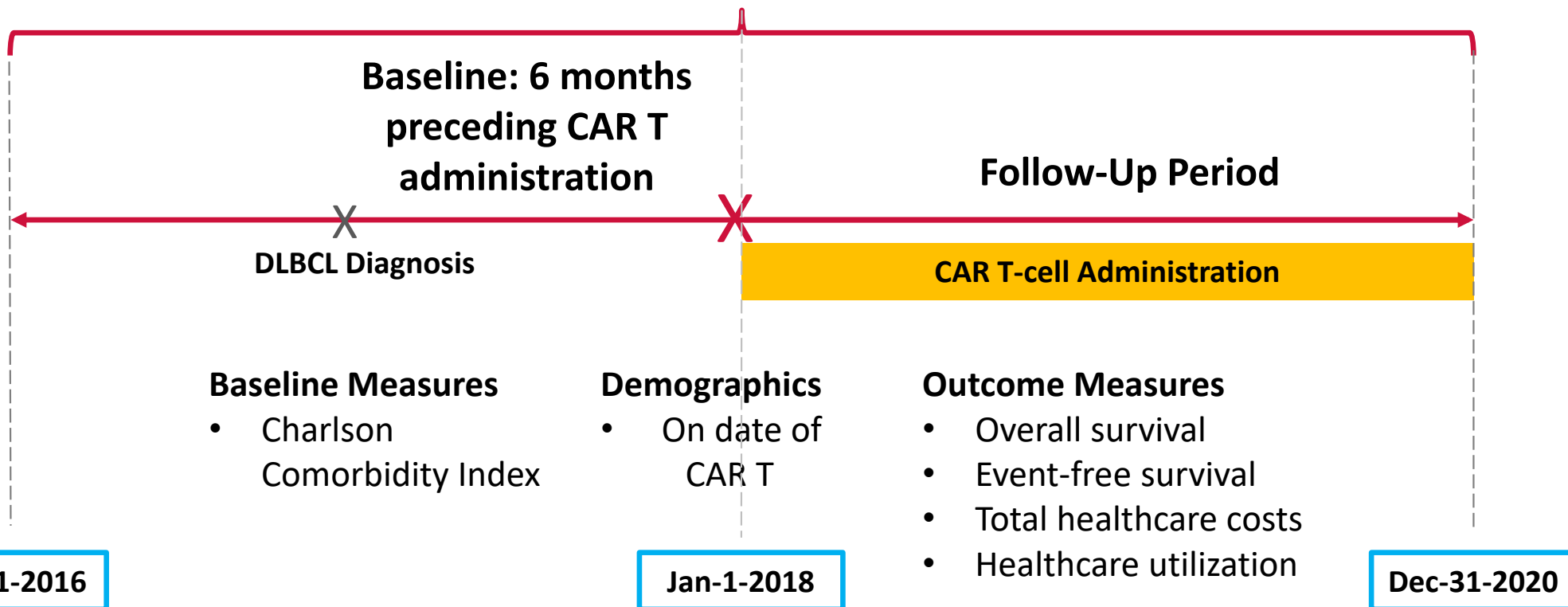
**100% Medicare Fee-for-Service Parts A/B/D from 4/1/2016 to 12/31/2020**

- Inclusion
  - $\geq 1$  inpatient or  $\geq 2$  outpatient claims
    - **diagnosis of DLBCL (ICD-10) between April 1, 2016 and December 1, 2020**
  - $\geq 1$  claim for CAR T following diagnosis of DLBCL
    - **CAR T must have been administered on January 1, 2018 or later**
  - Aged 65+ on the date of CAR T administration
- Exclusion
  - Patients with evidence of clinical trial participation



# Study Design

## Measurement Window



# Statistical analysis

- Analysis was stratified by three age groups
  - 65-69, 70-74, 75+
- Event: initiation of next treatment or death from any cause
- Bridging therapy: any DLBCL treatment within 28 days of CAR T administration
- Cox regression for EFS and OS
  - Variables of interest: Age, Sex, Comorbidity index, bridging treatment
- Healthcare utilization and costs were also stratified by CAR T administration setting
  - Inpatient vs outpatient



# Patient population

Patients meeting diagnostic criteria for DLBCL between 4/1/2016 and 12/1/2020

**n=78,839**

Presence of  $\geq 1$  claim for CAR T therapy between 1/1/2018 and 12/31/2020

**n = 854**

Age 65+ at CAR T administration with no evidence of clinical trial participation

**n=551**



# CAR T-cell Therapy utilization in Older Patients

Among patients who received 3<sup>rd</sup> line treatment and beyond

Age group	% of CAR T use in 3L+
Age 65-69	19.2%
Age 70-74	22.1%
Age 75+	12.8%

- **Only 1 in 5 received CAR T therapy in age 65-74**
- **Only 1 in 9 received CAR T therapy in age 75+**



# Baseline Characteristics

	Age 65-69 n=202		Age 70-74 n=176		Age 75+ n=173		Full Sample n=551	
<b>Median age (range)</b>	67	(65-69)	72	(70-74)	78	(75-90)	<b>72</b>	(65-90)
<b>Male (n,%)</b>	108	53.50%	93	52.80%	98	56.60%	299	54.30%
<b>Urban/Suburban Residence (n, %)</b>	160	79.20%	142	80.70%	142	82.10%	444	80.60%
<b>Median Charlson Comorbidity Index (range)</b>	4	(0-15)	4	(0-15)	4	(0-15)	<b>4</b>	(0-15)
<b>Bridging Therapies* (n,%)</b>								
Any therapy	102	50.50%	69	39.20%	91	52.60%	262	<b>47.50%</b>
Chemotherapy or targeted therapy	64	31.70%	41	23.30%	55	31.80%	160	29.00%
Steroids*	<50	-	<50	-	23	13.30%	73	13.20%
Radiation*	<11	-	<11	-	13	7.50%	29	5.30%
<b>CAR T Administration setting</b>								
Inpatient (n,%)	171	84.70%	155	88.10%	130	75.10%	456	82.80%
Length of Stay (days, std)	19.7	12.4	24.2	21.2	20.5	13.1	<b>21.4</b>	16.2
Outpatient (n,%)	31	15.30%	21	11.90%	43	24.90%	95	17.20%

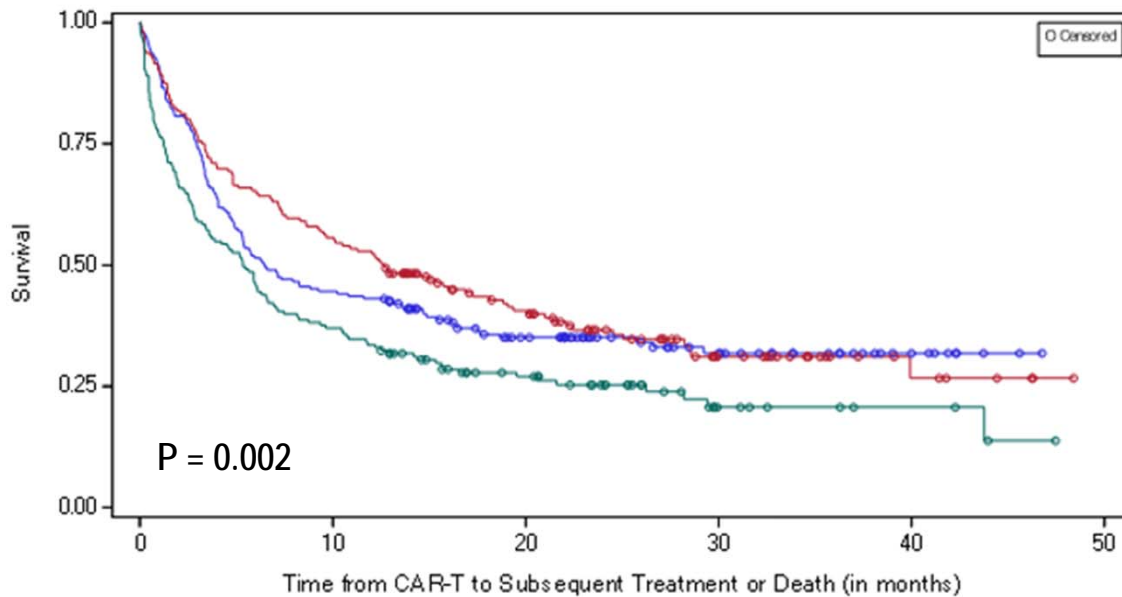
\*Cell sizes < 11 patients have been suppressed to maintain patient confidentiality





# Outcomes – Event-Free Survival

Kaplan-Meier Plot



At risk					
Age Group	65-69	70-74	75+		
65-69	202	90	52	26	<11
70-74	176	98	56	21	<11
75+	173	64	34	<11	<11

## Median EFS in all patients

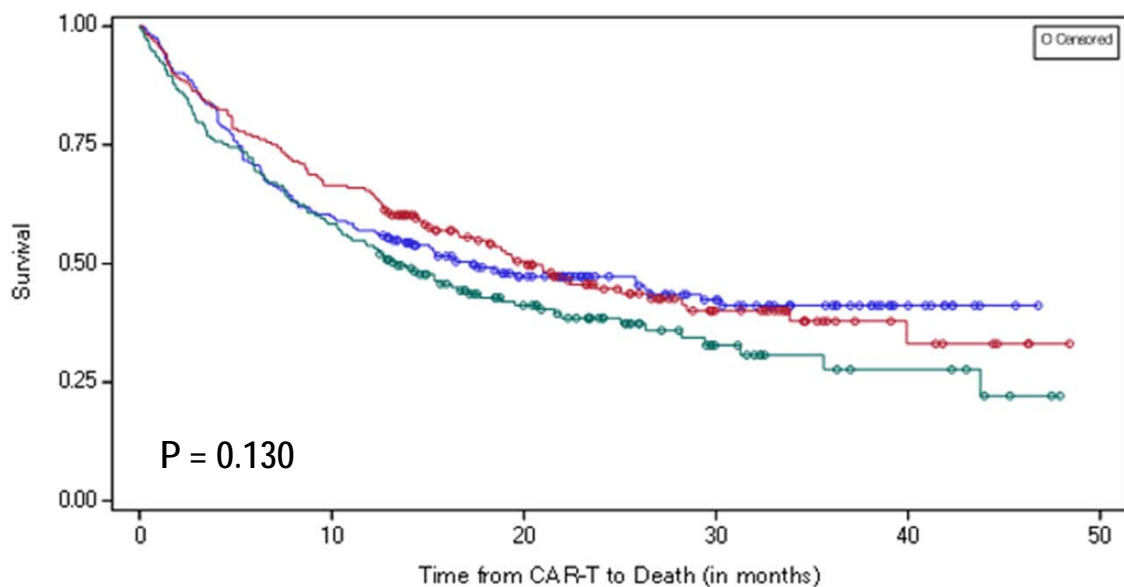
❖ 7.2 months (95%CI: 6.0 – 9.7)

Age group	Median EFS	1-year EFS
Age 65-69	6.5 months	43.1%
Age 70-74	12.6 months	51.7%
Age 75+	5.3 months	33.5%



# Outcomes – Overall Survival

Kaplan-Meier Plot



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Age Group — 65-69 — 70-74 — 75+

At risk

65-69	202	121	70	37	11
70-74	176	117	68	27	<11
75+	173	101	50	17	<11

## Median OS in all patients

❖ 17.1 months (95%CI: 14.2 – 21.0)

Age group	Median OS	1-year OS
Age 65-69	17.3 months	56.9%
Age 70-74	20.1 months	64.2%
Age 75+	13.4 months	53.8%



# Risk factors for EFS

Characteristics		Univariate		Multivariate	
		HR	95%CI	HR	95%CI
Age groups	75+ vs. 65-69	<b>1.37</b>	1.07 - 1.74	<b>1.41</b>	1.10 - 1.82
	75+ vs. 70-74	<b>1.54</b>	1.19 - 1.98	<b>1.46</b>	1.13 - 1.89
Gender	Male vs. Female	1.01	0.81 - 1.22	0.92	0.75 - 1.14
Urban/Suburban Residence	Rural vs. Urban	1.14	0.88 - 1.47	Not included	-
Bridging therapy prior to administration	Present vs. Absent	<b>1.34</b>	1.09 - 1.64	<b>1.27</b>	1.03 - 1.56
Charlson Comorbidity Index	5+ vs. 0-4	<b>1.57</b>	1.28-1.94	<b>1.56</b>	1.26 - 1.92



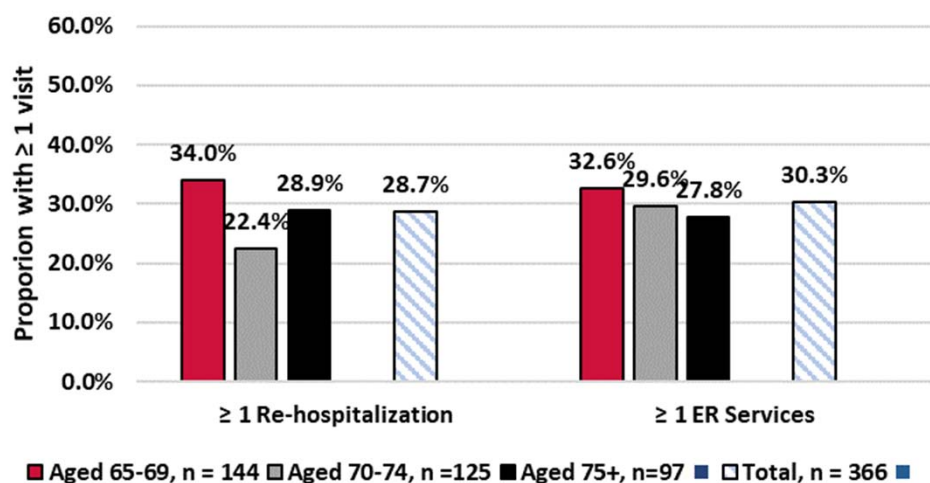
# Risk factors for OS

Characteristics		Univariate		Multivariate	
		HR	95%CI	HR	95%CI
Age groups	75+ vs. 65-69	1.25	0.96 – 1.62	1.20	0.91 – 1.58
	75+ vs. 70-74	1.29	0.98 – 1.70	1.20	0.90 – 1.58
Gender	Male vs. Female	1.05	0.85 – 1.33	1.00	0.80 – 1.26
Urban/Suburban Residence	Rural vs. Urban	1.22	0.93 – 1.60	Not included	-
Bridging therapy prior to administration	Present vs. Absent	<b>1.51</b>	1.19 – 1.86	<b>1.58</b>	1.26 – 1.99
Charlson Comorbidity Index	5+ vs. 0-4	<b>1.63</b>	1.30 – 2.05	<b>1.39</b>	1.11 – 1.75

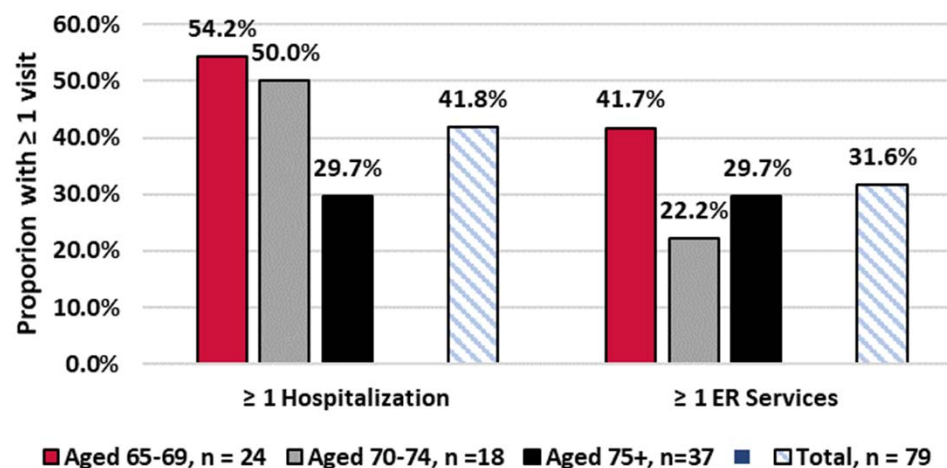


# Outcomes – ER and inpatient utilization

**Healthcare Resource Use: Patients Receiving CAR-T in an IP Setting, n = 366 (82.2%)**



**Healthcare Resource Use: Patients Receiving CAR-T in an OP Setting, n = 79 (17.8%)**



**Initial Hospitalization CAR T Administered**

**Follow-Up Hospitalizations**  
**CAR T Administered in IP      CAR T Administered in OP**

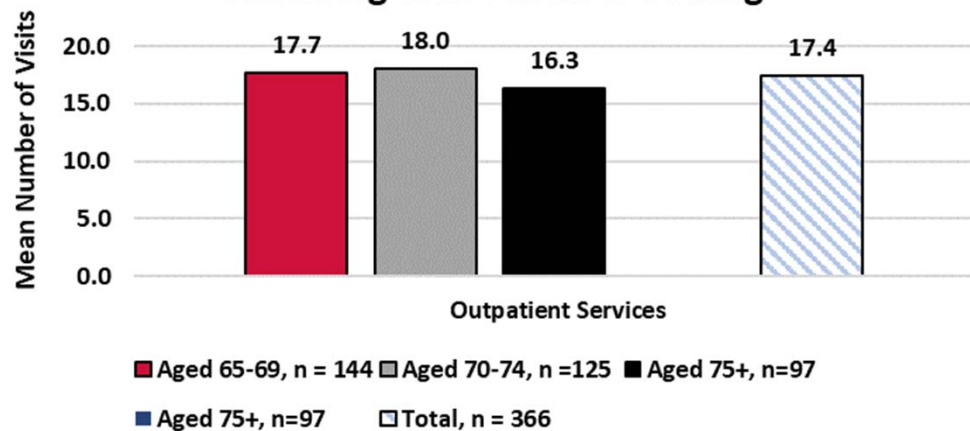
**Hospitalization Length of Stay (Mean, SD)**

21.4 (16.2)	7.6 (6.6)	7.5 (6.3)
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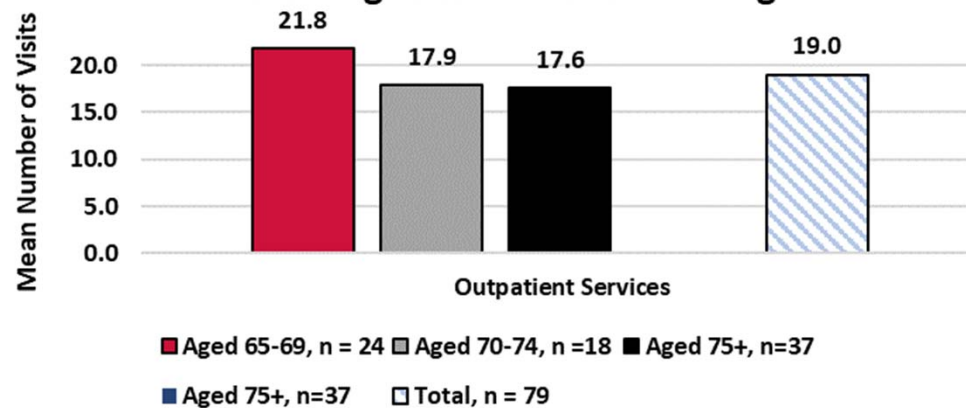


# Outcomes – Outpatient Utilization

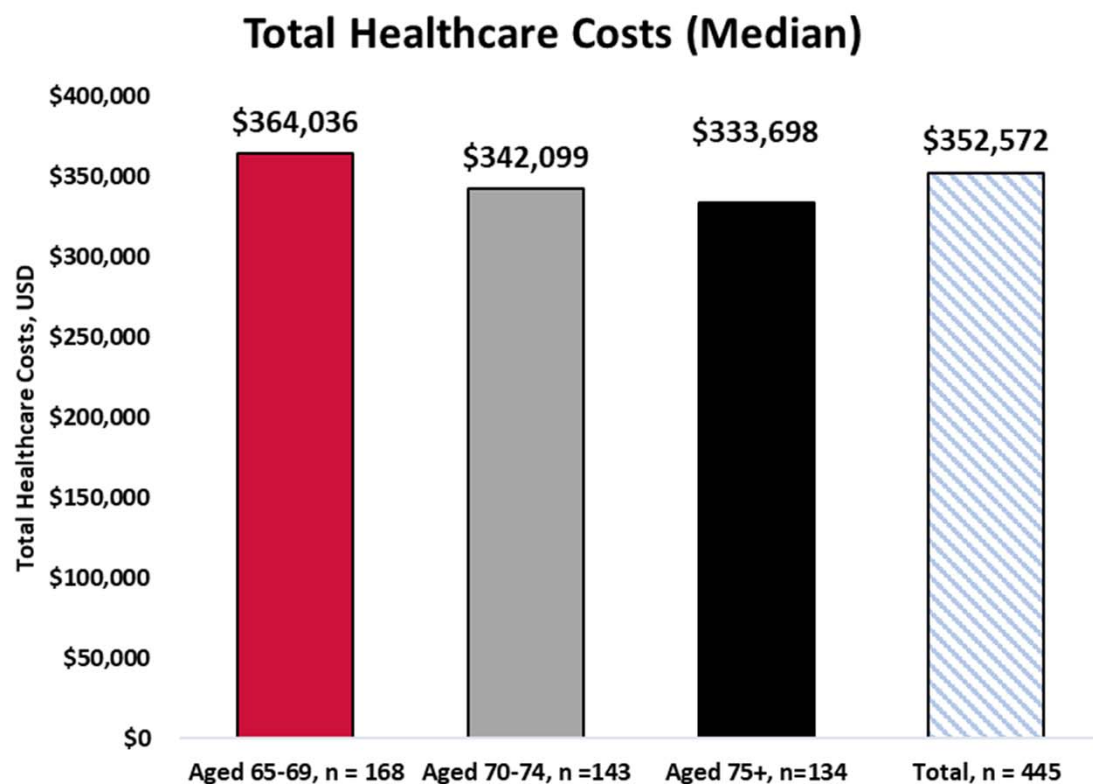
Follow-Up Outpatient Healthcare Use: Patients Receiving CAR-T in an IP Setting



Follow-Up Outpatient Healthcare Use: Patients Receiving CAR-T in an OP Setting



# Outcomes – Healthcare Costs



- Median total healthcare costs incurred during the 90-day period following CAR T administration were similar across age categories
- Mean costs presented a similar pattern:
  - Aged 65-69: \$311,699
  - Aged 70-74: \$296,192
  - Aged 75+: \$271,767
  - Total sample: \$294,692



# Conclusions

- This is the largest and nationally representative RWE study in US in older patients with DLBCL who received CAR T therapy.
- CAR T therapy is associated with favorable EFS in older patients, comparable to outcomes observed among the pivotal phase 2 studies.
  - Less favorable EFS was observed in patients aged 75+
- CAR T therapy use in older patients was low, especially in patients aged 75+.
- Charlson Comorbidity Index was an independent risk factor for both EFS and OS.
- Healthcare costs associated with CAR T therapy were high.
- This study indicated that there is unmet need for more accessible, effective, and tolerable therapy in older patients, especially in patients aged 75+.

