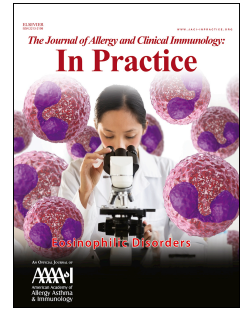


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59 ABSTRACT

60 **Background:** Biologic therapy is a paradigm-shifting management strategy for many patients
61 with asthma and chronic urticaria, but concerns for therapy-associated anaphylaxis may limit
62 access to these therapies for patients unable to travel to medical clinics.

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64 **Objective:** To characterize the cost-effectiveness of in-clinic vs. at-home biologic therapy with
65 omalizumab and mepolizumab.

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67 **Methods:** Economic evaluation using microsimulations was performed from societal and
68 healthcare sector perspectives for patients with asthma or chronic spontaneous urticaria receiving
69 omalizumab or mepolizumab in an Allergy clinic, primary care provider (PCP) office, or at home
70 over a 1-year time horizon (12 injections per year in each base-case with sensitivity analysis to
71 24 injections per year). Travel times and distances were applied to a population attending a
72 tertiary-care allergy clinic in Northern New England receiving omalizumab or mepolizumab,
73 using a Willingness to Pay (WTP) of \$10 million per death-prevented and in-clinic
74 administration reducing anaphylaxis fatality and hospitalization 10-to-100-fold. Deterministic
75 and probabilistic sensitivity analyses were performed.

76

77 **Results:** One-way Allergy clinic travel distances significantly exceeded local PCP offices (49
78 miles, 95% CI 42-56, vs. 12 miles, 95% CI 10-15). In the omalizumab societal analysis, annual
79 PCP and Allergy clinic administration cost \$1,369.14 (SD, \$51.33) and \$1,916.68 (SD, \$40.86),
80 respectively. Small reductions in medication-related fatalities with in-clinic administration were
81 offset by the potential increase in automobile fatalities resulting from traveling to the Allergy

82 clinic (14.6 per million person-years for this strategy, SD 15.0). Compared to at-home
83 administration, in-clinic omalizumab administration was not cost-effective, with an incremental
84 cost-effectiveness ratio (ICER) of \$500,648,430 (PCP), and with Allergy clinic administration
85 dominated by higher costs and automobile-related fatalities. Routine mepolizumab clinic
86 administration was dominated by at-home administration unless anaphylaxis rates or self-
87 administration teaching costs were high.

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89 **Conclusions:** For many patients, at-home administration of omalizumab or mepolizumab may
90 be a cost-effective strategy.

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93 HIGHLIGHTS

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95 **What is already known about this topic?** Biologic therapy for asthma and urticaria is safe and
96 effective for most patients, but anaphylaxis risk has historically limited access to at-home
97 administration.

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99 **What does this article add to our knowledge?** For most patients, at-home administration of
100 omalizumab and mepolizumab is a cost-effective option. The in-clinic mitigation of therapy-
101 related anaphylaxis risk is offset by increased risk of automobile-related fatality.

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103 **How does this study impact current guidelines?** Home administration may be an appropriate
104 consideration for many patients receiving omalizumab or mepolizumab. This is associated with
105 lower overall risk to the patient, lower costs, and increases access to these therapies.

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108 INTRODUCTION

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110 In 2007, the Omalizumab Joint Task Force established a series of recommendations based on

111 a review of Genentech omalizumab clinical trial and post-approval surveillance data, which

112 advised the administration of omalizumab to be limited to physicians working in clinical

113 settings.¹ This recommendation was established in response to the 0.09% risk of anaphylactic

114 reactions following administration of omalizumab noted in clinical trial data, as well as the

115 black box warning being placed on the package.² Subsequently, continued observation of

116 post-marketing reports suggested the estimated frequency of omalizumab-related anaphylaxis

117 was at least 0.2%, and the product insert language has been updated.² While in-clinic

118 administration of omalizumab may allow for observation for development of anaphylaxis and

119 improved reaction management, the opportunity cost and travel-related risks associated with

120 administration of omalizumab and similar biologics in a clinical setting has not been defined

121 (Table 1).²⁻⁷ However, delayed anaphylaxis may occur despite in-clinic observation.^{8,9}

122 Recently, the European Commission approved omalizumab self-administration across all

123 indications,¹⁰ a practice facilitated with the availability of omalizumab pre-filled syringes.¹¹

124 European guidance suggests that omalizumab may be administered by trained lay-caregivers

125 from the fourth dose onward, if deemed appropriate by the treating physician.¹⁰ Similarly,

126 the recent approval of mepolizumab for home administration illustrates an evolving paradigm

127 of risk management and healthcare delivery (with other biologics following suit).^{3,12}

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129 The approach of mandated clinic observation instituted for some biologics may require

130 patients to frequently travel long distances to specialty clinics, often with limited or absent

131 evening and weekend access. Given that evidence suggests lay-caregivers are able to

132 successfully perform home administration,¹³ the cost-effectiveness of clinic biologic
133 administration is an important unanswered question. We therefore undertook this cost-
134 effectiveness analysis of clinic-observed biologic administration to clarify the health and
135 economic benefits of this practice.

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137 METHODS:

138 *Decision Model:*

139 TreeAge Pro (Williamstown MA) was used to develop a decision model (Figure 1) to
140 evaluate Monte Carlo microsimulations of hypothetical patients (n=100,000 per arm)
141 receiving at-home vs. in-clinic administration of omalizumab or mepolizumab, with
142 comparisons of both Allergy and Primary Care Provider (PCP) clinic administration of
143 biologic therapies. Microsimulations were performed to estimate anaphylaxis and
144 hospitalization rates. To isolate the effect of in-clinic vs at-home administration with respect
145 to therapeutic costs and benefits of biologic therapies, a 1-year time horizon was used which
146 assumed equivalent effectiveness between at-home and in-office administration. The
147 threshold for cost-effective care was set at \$10 million dollars per death prevented.¹⁴ Because
148 the effect of at-home administration on adherence is uncertain (home availability could
149 increase or decrease adherence rates), this variable was not included in the base-case
150 analysis; however, sensitivity analyses did include additional costs of home teaching and
151 adherence monitoring. This analysis conformed to the Consolidated Health Economic
152 Evaluation Reporting Standards (CHEERS) guideline¹⁵ and was approved by the Dartmouth
153 College Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.

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155 *Clinic Travel:*

156 De-identified travel distances and travel times for the population of patients traveling to the
157 Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) Allergy Clinic for omalizumab and
158 mepolizumab were collected from September 1, 2016 to October 7, 2018. For each patient
159 identified the city and state of residence was used to record travel time and distance using
160 Google Maps. Travel time and mileage to the Allergy clinic and the patient's PCP of record
161 were recorded.

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163 *Costs:*

164 Table 2 details model assumptions. Direct costs of in-clinic administration were estimated
165 from healthcare claims data compiled and maintained by FAIR Health, Inc. after permissions
166 for data use were obtained (the authors are solely responsible for research and conclusions
167 reflected in this article and FAIR Health is not responsible for the conduct of the research or
168 for the opinions expressed in this article).¹⁶ Costs of in-clinic injections (code 96372)
169 included the primary medical procedure and hospital outpatient facility fee. Total in-network
170 costs of medication administration were used in the base-case model. Average automobile
171 fuel price and economy were incorporated into the model,^{17,18} in addition to average hourly
172 wage to reflect indirect costs associated with clinic biologic administration.¹⁹ All patients
173 experiencing anaphylaxis assumed costs of emergency department (ED) evaluation, and
174 those with severe anaphylaxis assumed additional costs of hospitalization. Patients receiving
175 injections at home and at primary care sites also experienced costs of emergency transport to
176 the ED; however, as the DHMC Allergy clinic (Lebanon, NH) is attached to an ED, medical
177 center transportation costs were excluded from the Allergy clinic (which we presume to be

178 the case for most academic allergy practices similar to the one modeled in this analysis). The
179 costs of ED visits and hospitalizations were derived from Clark et al. who reported data from
180 11,972 individuals with an ED visit or hospitalization from January 1, 2002 to December 31,
181 2008.²⁰ All costs were expressed in January 2019 dollars,¹⁹ with a mid-point conversion date
182 of January 1, 2005 used for Clark et al.^{19,20}

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184 *Probabilities:*

185 Published literature was incorporated to represent risks of anaphylaxis, hospitalizations, and
186 fatalities, with *a priori* risk reductions assumed for in-clinic administration ranging from 10-
187 fold to 100-fold. The rate of occurrence of anaphylaxis related to omalizumab and
188 mepolizumab administration was modeled at 0.2% and 0.1% per patient, respectively.^{2,3}

189 Case-anaphylaxis fatality was estimated at 0.33%, based on a population-based
190 epidemiologic study of three national databases reported by Ma et al.²¹ The rate of severe
191 anaphylaxis necessitating hospitalization was based on Clark et al. who reported 22% of
192 patients seen with anaphylaxis required hospitalization.²⁰ As the incremental health-state
193 utility between in-clinic vs at-home biologic administration is unknown, quality-adjusted
194 life-years (QALY) were not used as an outcome measure and instead the analysis evaluated
195 cost per fatality prevented.

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197 *Sensitivity Analyses:*

198 Base-case analyses were performed from the societal perspective with additional sensitivity
199 analyses including the healthcare sector perspective (excluding fuel and job-related indirect
200 costs). Additional sensitivity analyses were performed with home teaching/adherence

201 monitoring costs modeled at \$1,500. Medication and in-clinic observation was estimated at
202 40 minutes in the base-case with sensitivity ranges modeled to 130 minutes. In the base case
203 12 injections of each medication were assumed, with 24 injections of omalizumab evaluated
204 in sensitivity analyses. In-clinic administration-related protection against anaphylaxis
205 hospitalization and fatality was 10-fold in the base-case with 100-fold protection modeled in
206 sensitivity analyses. Further analyses were performed across variable ranges by
207 deterministic and probabilistic sensitivity analyses with modal triangular distributions.
208 Triangular distributions were used to incorporate base assumptions as modal distributions
209 with extreme value probabilities minimized, and were validated using alternative beta
210 distributions for probabilities and fatalities with gamma distributions for costs and times.

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212 RESULTS

213 *Travel Times and Distances:*

214 For both omalizumab and mepolizumab, travel times and distances to the Allergy clinic
215 exceed those to the PCP office by significant margins. For omalizumab, one-way Allergy
216 travel distance was 49 miles (95% CI, 42-56 miles) compared with a distance to the PCP of
217 12 miles (95% CI, 10-15 miles), translating to one-way travel time of 59 minutes (95% CI,
218 51-66) for Allergy clinic vs. 19 minutes (95% CI, 16-22) for the PCP office. Similar findings
219 were observed for patients receiving mepolizumab (Allergy: 39 miles, 95% CI 29-49 miles;
220 46 minutes, 95% CI 37-56 minutes; PCP: 14 miles, 95% CI, 10-17 miles; 21 minutes, 95%
221 CI, 16-25 minutes).

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223 *Cost-Effectiveness:*

224 In the omalizumab analysis, the costs of either type of observed injection strategy were
225 greater than the home injection strategy: Allergy clinic \$1,916.68 (SD, \$40.86), PCP
226 administration \$1,369.14 (SD, \$51.33), and home injection \$7.47 (SD, \$213.66). Small
227 reductions in medication-related fatalities were noted with in-clinic administration (home:
228 6.8 fatalities per million person-years, SD 149.6; PCP: 4.1 fatalities per million person-years,
229 SD 15.0) but these were offset by increased automobile fatalities attributable to having to
230 travel longer distances to the Allergy clinic (14.6 fatalities per million person-years in this
231 strategy, SD 15.0). In-clinic administration of omalizumab was not cost-effective, with an
232 incremental cost-effectiveness ratio (ICER) of \$500,648,430 at a PCP office. Administration
233 in the Allergy clinic was dominated (e.g, of all options compared, this resulted in the worst
234 comparative health outcomes and highest cost) with both higher costs and fatalities
235 attributable to automobile travel (Table 3). Modeling an extreme scenario in a sensitivity
236 analysis where in-clinic (either venue) administration was associated with a 100-fold
237 reduction in the risk of anaphylaxis hospitalization and fatality risk still remained cost-
238 ineffective, with PCP and allergy clinic ICERs above \$10 million per death prevented (PCP:
239 \$463,456,793; Allergy: dominated). When evaluating fatality risk, patients living more than
240 24 miles from the clinic were at a higher risk of automobile fatality than anaphylaxis fatality.

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242 Clinic administration of mepolizumab resulted in greater fatalities (from anaphylaxis and
243 automobile accidents combined) whether patients travelled to PCP or Allergy offices (per-
244 strategy deaths per million persons at home: 3.1, SD 102.2; PCP office: 4.3, SD 10.2; Allergy
245 clinic: 11.4, SD 10.2). From a societal perspective, administration-related costs were greater
246 in both the PCP and Allergy clinic (home: \$4.40, SD \$166.59; PCP office: \$1,396.35, SD

247 \$454.88; Allergy clinic: \$1,744.00, SD \$40.86). Clinic administration remained dominated
248 in the PCP and Allergy clinic models even assuming a 100-fold risk reduction for
249 anaphylaxis hospitalization and fatality.

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251 *Sensitivity Analyses*

252 Additional microsimulation with 1 million subjects randomized to each strategy did not
253 change overall results. Additional Monte Carlo simulation with alternate random number
254 seeding demonstrated similar findings, with a PCP vs home administration ICER of
255 \$641,000,659. Multiple additional analyses were performed to determine critical levers
256 where these practices could potentially attain cost-effectiveness. Increasing the degree of in-
257 clinic protection to a 1,000-fold fatality risk reduction still did not result in cost-effective care
258 (omalizumab ICER \$426,098,636 for PCP vs home administration, Allergy clinic
259 administration dominated). Excluding wage costs, in-clinic administration remained cost-
260 ineffective (omalizumab PCP vs home administration \$364,952,038 with Allergy-clinic
261 administration dominated).

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263 Omalizumab PCP-clinic administration became cost-effective as rates of anaphylaxis
264 increased above 4.2%, anaphylaxis case-fatality rate exceeded 7.7%, or if additional teaching
265 and adherence costs reached \$1,336.29 (Figure 2), with an interaction seen between risk of
266 anaphylaxis and case-fatality rate (Figure 3). Given longer travel distances to Allergy clinic,
267 this strategy was not cost-effective unless risks for omalizumab anaphylaxis reached 6.2%,
268 case-fatality exceeded 11.3%, or teaching costs reached \$1,988.66. Probabilistic Sensitivity
269 Analysis (n=10,000 simulations) demonstrated home administration to be the most cost-

270 effective strategy of the 3 options in 91.7% of omalizumab simulations (Figure 4). Similar to
271 the omalizumab analysis, PCP administration of mepolizumab could be cost-effective if the
272 rate of mepolizumab anaphylaxis exceeded 4.4%, case-anaphylaxis fatality rate of 15.9%, or
273 teaching/adherence costs reached \$1,402.51. Probabilistic Sensitivity Analysis (n=10,000
274 simulations) demonstrated home administration to be the most cost-effective strategy in
275 92.7% of mepolizumab simulations (Figure 4). Using alternative distributions without
276 adherence costs, home administrations was the most cost-effective option in 99.9% of
277 omalizumab simulations and 99.7% of mepolizumab simulations
278
279 Evaluation of clinic-administered omalizumab from the healthcare sector perspective resulted
280 in PCP and Allergy strategy costs of \$901.66 (SD, \$75.96) and \$900.6 (SD \$66.72),
281 respectively, for a PCP vs home strategy ICER of \$445,861,774. The Allergy clinic strategy
282 remained dominated by the home strategy, and mepolizumab was similarly dominated by
283 home administration from this perspective.

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285 DISCUSSION

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287 While recent changes in European practice have created an avenue for home administration of
288 omalizumab, in the United States, current recommendations advocate for administration of
289 omalizumab in a medical clinic. This is due in equal parts to previous lack of availability of a
290 pre-filled omalizumab syringe and the fact that this had to be reconstituted, as well as the
291 aforementioned risk of anaphylaxis and black box warning from the FDA accompanying the
292 drug. Allergy and pulmonary clinics serve as the most common setting of omalizumab
293 administration; however, in many parts of the country access to subspecialty care requires

294 significant travel burdens compared to local primary care settings. Our study highlights this
295 reality at a tertiary care medical center in Northern New England, where patients receiving
296 omalizumab travel significantly longer distances to receive omalizumab administration in
297 Allergy clinic relative to more proximal PCP offices (with an average additional distance
298 traveled of 37 miles). Given the longer travel distances, patients experience significant risks of
299 traffic accidents and fatalities, important variables that we may not readily consider when
300 weighing recommendations for in-office administration of products to protect against small risks.
301 Travel distances may vary by location, with greater or lesser disparities between Allergist and
302 PCP travel distances noted contextually. However, despite current practice standards being what
303 they are, on the balance, requiring in-clinic omalizumab administration in the United States does
304 not appear cost-effective, specifically with Allergy clinic administration potentially leading to
305 both greater costs and overall fatalities in the simulation reported here. While administration at
306 PCP offices is unusual (which we recognize is not a realistic option in many circumstances and
307 was only included for cost comparison), even in this setting mandated clinic-observed
308 omalizumab administration is not cost-effective, with the ICER exceeding \$500 million dollars
309 per death prevented from a societal perspective.

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311 Our analysis suggests patient-specific scenarios may exist to justify clinic-observed omalizumab
312 administration. For example, if significant teaching costs or adherence concerns exist, or if risk
313 of anaphylaxis or case-fatality is high clinic observation would be appropriate. However, in
314 more rural setting such as ours, extended travel to subspecialty clinics to receive biologic therapy
315 does not seem justified in most circumstances. While preference data do not exist exploring this
316 area as of yet, it is also presumable that this could represent a preference-sensitive care area for

317 patients who value the in-office pathway, where shared decision-making and use of a decision-
318 aid could also play a role. We could not model this as of yet, however.

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320 Strengths of our analysis include incorporation of home education and adherence monitoring
321 costs, because a legitimate concern of home biologic administration may be that adherence may
322 fall without health care provider supervision. However, whether or not adherence would actually
323 increase or decrease is unknown, because improved access to therapy for patients who no longer
324 need to travel hours for therapy may actually offset a decrease in home adherence. The
325 incorporation of home adherence devices for biologic administration will be valuable to ensure
326 home administration as prescribed. Such adherence monitors can effectively interact with
327 medical devices and relay real-time information to providers and pharmacies through cloud
328 computing.²² The issue of ensuring adherence to home biologic therapy cannot be overstated,
329 and in the end may be the most critical piece of the puzzle in improving asthma management.²³

330

331 Our analysis does have limitations. First, as a simulation it is dependent on strength of inputs
332 used, and is an approximation of how “real life” may unfold, and as such this should be kept in
333 perspective. Second, this is a novel concept that has exceptionally limited prior literature to help
334 guide plausible assumptions. Third, our travel time and distances were derived from the clinic
335 population of a rural tertiary care medical center in Northern New England, so it is quite possible
336 that our travel times to allergy clinic may be less applicable to travel distances in a more urban
337 setting, or in states with higher densities of other academic medical centers and we did not
338 evaluate differential costs for pediatric vs adult patients. However, one-way travel distances and
339 times of 12 miles (19 minutes) to a PCP office may be more reflective of national median values.

340 Although, as noted earlier, significant variation in travel distance may occur based on geographic
341 location. Sensitivity analyses were performed to address this limitation, with one-way travel
342 distances and times of 6 miles (9.5 minutes) to a PCP office modeled. Fourth, we intentionally
343 did not model health state transitions, extended model horizons, costs associated with access
344 barriers to biologics, lost opportunities to improve disease control and their consequences in
345 healthcare utilization. While incorporating these aspects of care into more complex models could
346 provide additional perspective on cost-effectiveness, the intent of this analysis was to specifically
347 evaluate the practice of observed biologic administration. There may be a role for further
348 investigation of models with longer time horizon, all-cause age-adjusted mortality, and health
349 state transitions, but unless a large differential effect occurs with therapy adherence these factors
350 would not be expected to impact the model conclusions. Fifth, we excluded ED transport costs
351 for Allergy clinic anaphylaxis; however, the addition of these costs would only make this
352 strategy less-cost-effective. Sixth, we did not specifically model the practice of home biologic
353 administration in patients with prior episodes of anaphylaxis, and excluded patients with known
354 hypersensitivity to omalizumab and mepolizumab from the respective analyses. Similar to
355 patients with very poorly controlled asthma despite biologic therapy, a history of biologic
356 anaphylaxis could increase risk for more severe anaphylaxis where home administration would
357 be less desirable. Seventh, we did not evaluate differential cost of epinephrine autoinjectors (as it
358 was assumed there was no differential self-injectable epinephrine preparedness between groups
359 and because all patients would have one irrespective of where the biologic was administered) or
360 patient-preference sensitive shared decision-making regarding emergency medical care in the
361 setting of resolved anaphylaxis at home. The potential delayed nature of anaphylaxis with
362 omalizumab creates an indication for self-injectable epinephrine (SIE) for all patients, which

363 means that SIE cost will be the same, because being monitored in the office does not remove all
364 risk.⁹ Eighth, shared decision-making should also have a role in the setting of biologic
365 administration, and there may be a role for the development of formal decision aids to assist in
366 this process which could influence cost models. Ninth, it is important to note that home
367 administration could shift coverage of biologic therapy by some insurers with difference in costs
368 that could impact patients; however, from a societal perspective these changes would not be
369 expected to impact model conclusions. Tenth and lastly, additional medication procurement
370 costs, more extended lost-productivity costs and time-away from school for clinic travel was not
371 modeled, which could make in-clinic administration even more costly. However, the model did
372 account for potential under-employment due to severe asthma with an analysis excluding wage-
373 costs. Medication procurement was not included in the model due to unknown variation between
374 clinic and home administration in terms of in home-delivery, pharmacy travel distance, and
375 frequency of medication pick-up.

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377 In summary, routine administration of clinic-observed omalizumab or mepolizumab does not
378 appear to be cost-effective practice in most situations. The current analysis supports the recent
379 label change for mepolizumab home administration, and suggests that the United States should
380 explore the risks and benefits of adopting an approach similar to the Europe for omalizumab
381 administration with the advent of pre-filled omalizumab syringes. While we as a field focus on
382 patient safety related to medications in the office, and above all else are cautious to protect
383 against the risk of anaphylaxis, there should be consideration for the trade-offs we
384 unintentionally ask our patients to assume in the risk related to automobile travel to the office,
385 which may be the greatest risk a patient assumes that particular day.

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432 Figures and Legends:

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434 Figure 1: Evaluation of Health and Economic Benefits of Clinic Vs. Home Biologic

435 Administration

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437 Figure 2: Deterministic cost-effectiveness analysis are shown for omalizumab (panel a) and
438 mepolizumab (panel b) with red bars indicating values above and blue bars those below the base-
439 case analysis. Tornado diagrams of Incremental Net Monetary Benefit (INMB) are shown with
440 PCP clinic strategy compared with Home administration strategy, with prevented fatalities
441 converted to dollars at a Willingness to Pay (WTP) at \$10,000,000 per death prevented. Positive
442 values are considered cost-effective. Expected Value (EV) shows the base-case analysis.

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444 Figure 3: Sensitivity Analyses of omalizumab anaphylaxis risk vs anaphylaxis fatality risk.
445 Colors denote cost-effective care at a Willingness-To-Pay (WTP) of \$10,000,000 per death
446 prevented.

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448 Figure 4: Probabilistic Sensitivity Analysis using modal triangular distributions for omalizumab
449 (a) and mepolizumab (b) from a societal perspective demonstrated home administration to be
450 most cost-effective in 91.7% of omalizumab and 92.7% of mepolizumab simulations (n=10,000
451 each) at a WTP of \$10,000,000 per death prevented.

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Table 1: Incidence of Anaphylaxis with Selected Biologics

Biologic	Manufacturer	Mechanism of action	Incidence of anaphylaxis	In-clinic administration recommended on product labeling?
Dupixent (<i>dupilumab</i>)	Sanofi Genzyme	Inhibits IL-4 and IL-13	Not reported	No
Enbrel (<i>etanercept</i>)	Amgen	TNF α inhibitor	<2%	No
Fasenra (<i>benralizumab</i>)	AstraZeneca	IL-5 antagonist	Not reported	Yes
Humira (<i>adalimumab</i>)	Abbvie	TNF α inhibitor	Approximately 1%	No
Nucala (<i>mepolizumab</i>)	GSK	IL-5 antagonist	Not reported	Optional
Xolair (<i>omalizumab</i>)	Genentech	Anti-IgE	$\leq 0.2\%$	Yes

Table 2: Model Inputs and Assumptions

Input	Value	Range	Reference
Cost of clinic injection, code 96372	<u>Primary Medical Procedure</u> : In-Network Price: \$42; Out-of-Network Price: \$90; <u>Hospital Outpatient Facility fee</u> : In-Network: \$33; Out-Of-Network: \$94; <u>Total Costs</u> : In-Network: \$75; Out-of-Network: \$184 <u>Base Assumption</u> : \$75	\$75 - \$320	FairHealthConsumer. www.fairhealthconsumer.org Accessed June 15, 2019
Automobile fatality rate	1.18 per 100 million vehicle miles travelled	0.118 - 1.18 per 100 million vehicle miles travelled	Traffic Safety Facts 2016 Data. www.crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov Accessed June 15, 2019.
Automobile fuel price and economy	\$2.68 per gallon, regular 23 miles per gallon	\$ 1.98 - \$3.50 per gallon (18 - 39 mpg)	Irving. www.theirving.com . Accessed June 15, 2019; Best and Worst Gas Mileage 2018. www.cars.com . Accessed June 15, 2019
Omalizumab Clinic Travel (one-way)	Allergy miles: 49 (95% CI, 42-56); Allergy travel: 59 minutes (95% CI, 51-66); PCP miles: 12 (95% CI, 10-15); PCP travel: 19 minutes (95% CI, 16-22); Number of visits per year: 12-24	Allergy clinic: 24.5 - 98 miles (30 - 120 minutes); PCP: 6-19.5 miles (9.5 - 38 minutes);	Practice Survey DHMC, n = 134
Mepolizumab Clinic Travel (one-way)	Allergy miles: 39 (95% CI, 29-49); Allergy time: 46 minutes (95% CI, 37-56); PCP miles: 14 (95% CI, 10-17); PCP time: 21 minutes (95% CI, 16-25); Number of visits per year: 12	Allergy clinic: 19.5 - 78 miles (23 -92 minutes); PCP: 7 - 19.5 miles (10.5 - 42 minutes)	Practice Survey DHMC, n = 36
Average Hourly Wage	\$27.83	\$0 - \$100	Bureau of Labor Statistics. www.bls.gov Accessed June 15, 2019
Omalizumab Anaphylaxis	0.2%	0.2% - 5%	Xolair [package insert]. South San Francisco, CA: Genentech, 2018
Mepolizumab Anaphylaxis	≤0.1%	0.1% - 5%	Nucala [package insert]. Research Triangle Park, NC: GSK; 2017; Personal communication.
Anaphylaxis Fatality	≤0.33%	0.33% - 1.3%	Ma L, Danoff TM, Borish L. Case fatality and population mortality associated with anaphylaxis in the United States. <i>J Allergy Clin Immunol</i> 2014; 133: 1075-83.
Annual Visits	12	12-24	model assumption
Clinic Wait Time	40 minutes	30 - 130 minutes	
Home Teaching	\$0	\$0 - \$1,500	
Clinic Administration Fatality Risk Reduction	10x	10x - 100x	

Anaphylaxis Cost	Ambulance Transport: \$470 (2007 USD); \$585 (2019 USD); ED evaluation (all): \$1,152 (2005 USD); \$1,521 (\$2019 USD); Hospitalization (22%): \$5,652 (2005 USD); \$7,460 (2019 USD)	Ambulance Transport: \$400 - \$1,500; ED evaluation: \$900 - \$2500; Hospitalization (5% - 50%): \$2,500 - \$2,000	Patel DA, Holdford DA, Edwards E, Carroll NV. Estimating the economic burden of food-induced allergic reactions and anaphylaxis in the United States. <i>J Allergy Clin Immunol.</i> 2011; 128: 110-115; Clark S, Wei W, Rudders SA, Camargo CA. Risk factors for severe anaphylaxis in patients receiving anaphylaxis treatment in US emergency departments and hospitals. <i>Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.</i> 2014;134(5):1125-1130; CPI inflation Calculator. www.data.bls.gov . Accessed June 15, 2019
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Note: Triangular distributions were evaluated using the modal value each variable bounded by the minimum and maximum ranges fitted to a triangle with maximum apical unit distribution at the mode and probability minimized at extreme values, and were validated by alternative beta distributions for probabilities and fatalities, and gamma distributions for costs and times.

Table 3: Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Administration Strategies by Product

Strategy	Cost	Fatality (per million)	Net Monetary Benefit	Anaphylaxis	Hospitalization (per million)	ICER
Omalizumab						
Home Administration	\$7.47 (SD, \$213.66)	6.8 (SD, 149.6)	-\$75.45 (SD, \$1,666.28)	0.2% (SD, 4.5%)	420 (SD, 20490)	Dominant
PCP Clinic	\$1,369.14 (SD, \$51.33)	4.1 (SD, 15.0)	-\$1,409.92 (SD, \$185.56)		30 (SD, 5,480)	\$500,648,430
Allergy Clinic	\$1,916.68 (SD, \$40.86)	14.6 (SD, 15.0)	-\$2,062.25 (SD, \$159.78)		Dominated	
Mepolizumab						
Home Administration	\$4.04 (SD, \$166.59)	3.1 (SD, 102.2)	-\$35.72 (SD, \$1,156.85)	0.1% (SD, 3.1%)	270 (SD, 16,430)	Dominant
PCP Clinic	\$1,396.35 (SD, \$47.53)	4.3 (SD, 10.2)	-\$1,439.16 (SD, \$133.72)		30 (SD, 5,480)	Dominated
Allergy Clinic	\$1,744.00 (SD, \$40.86)	11.4 (SD, 10.2)	-\$1,857.62 (SD, \$116.57)		Dominated	

QUESTION

**Clinic vs Home
Biologic
Administration?**

LOCATION

PCP office

Allergy clinic

Home

INPUTS

Omalizumab or Mepolizumab

- **Cost of medication**
 - **Clinic injections**
 - **Home teaching and adherence monitoring (sensitivity analysis)**
- **Anaphylaxis**
 - **Medication specific anaphylaxis rates**
 - **Anaphylaxis case-fatality rates**
 - **Costs of ambulance transport, emergency care, hospitalization**
 - **10x (to 100x) fold risk reduction in anaphylaxis hospitalization and fatality rates for PCP or allergy clinic administration**
- **Travel costs (PCP and allergy clinics)**
 - **Automobile fatality risks**
 - **Job-related opportunity costs**
 - **Costs of travel to clinic**

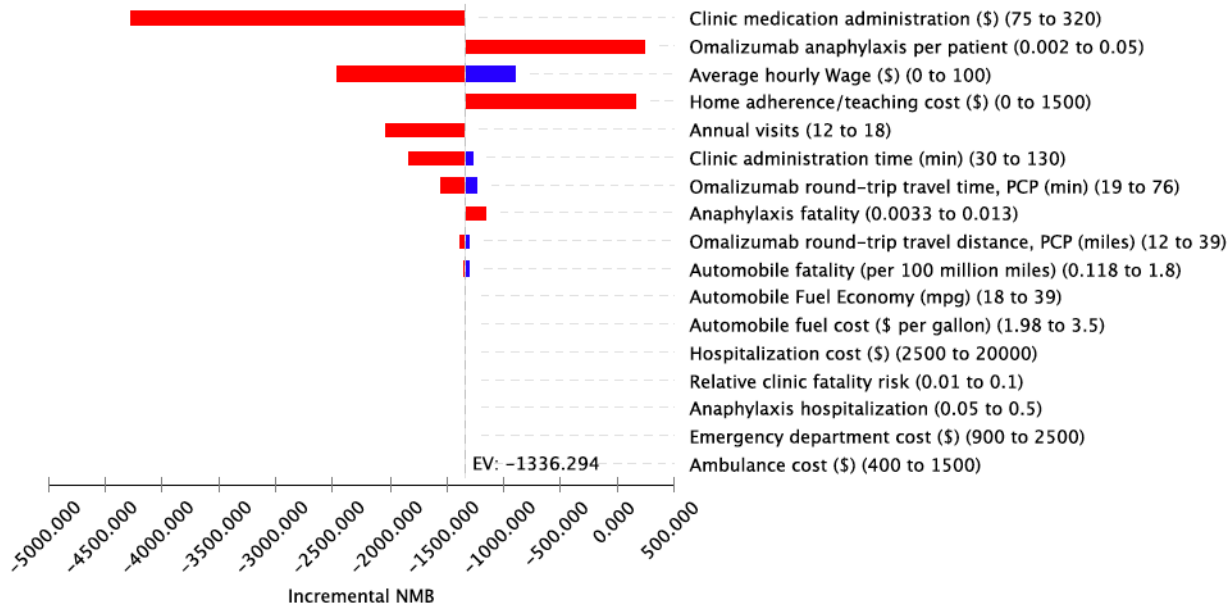
OUTCOMES

- **Overall Costs**
- **Overall Fatalities**
- **Hospitalization Rates**
- **Cost per death prevented**

Figure 2

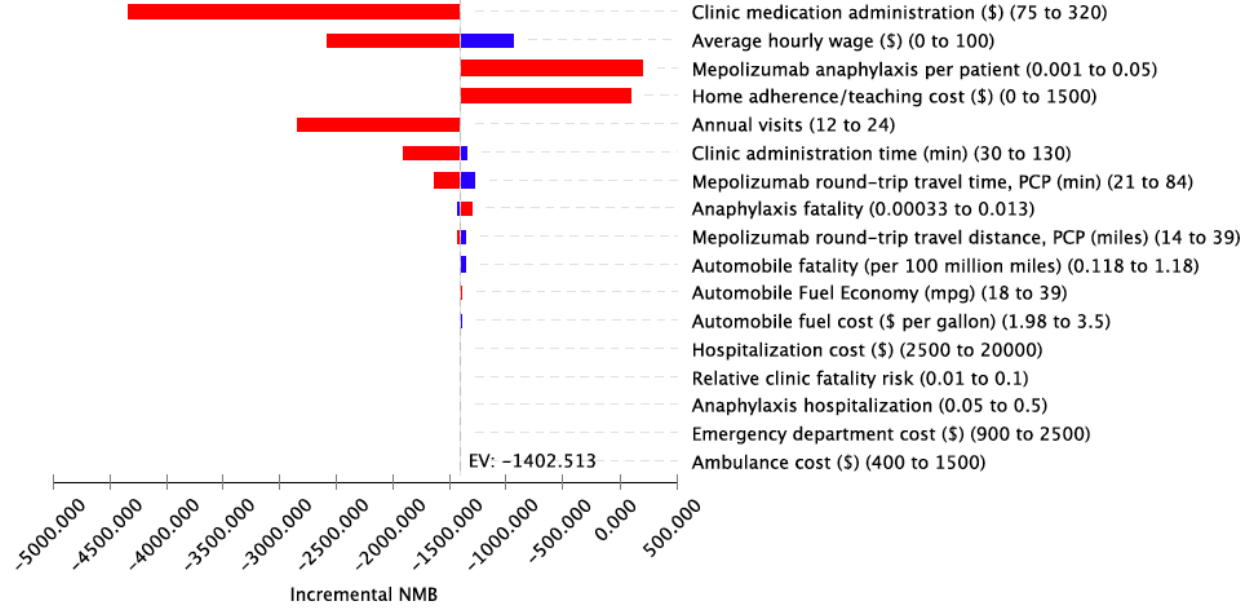
A.

Tornado Diagram – Omalizumab INMB
PCP Clinic vs. Home
(WTP: 10,000,000)



B.

Tornado Diagram – Mepolizumab INMB
PCP Clinic vs. Home
(WTP: 10,000,000)



Sensitivity Analysis

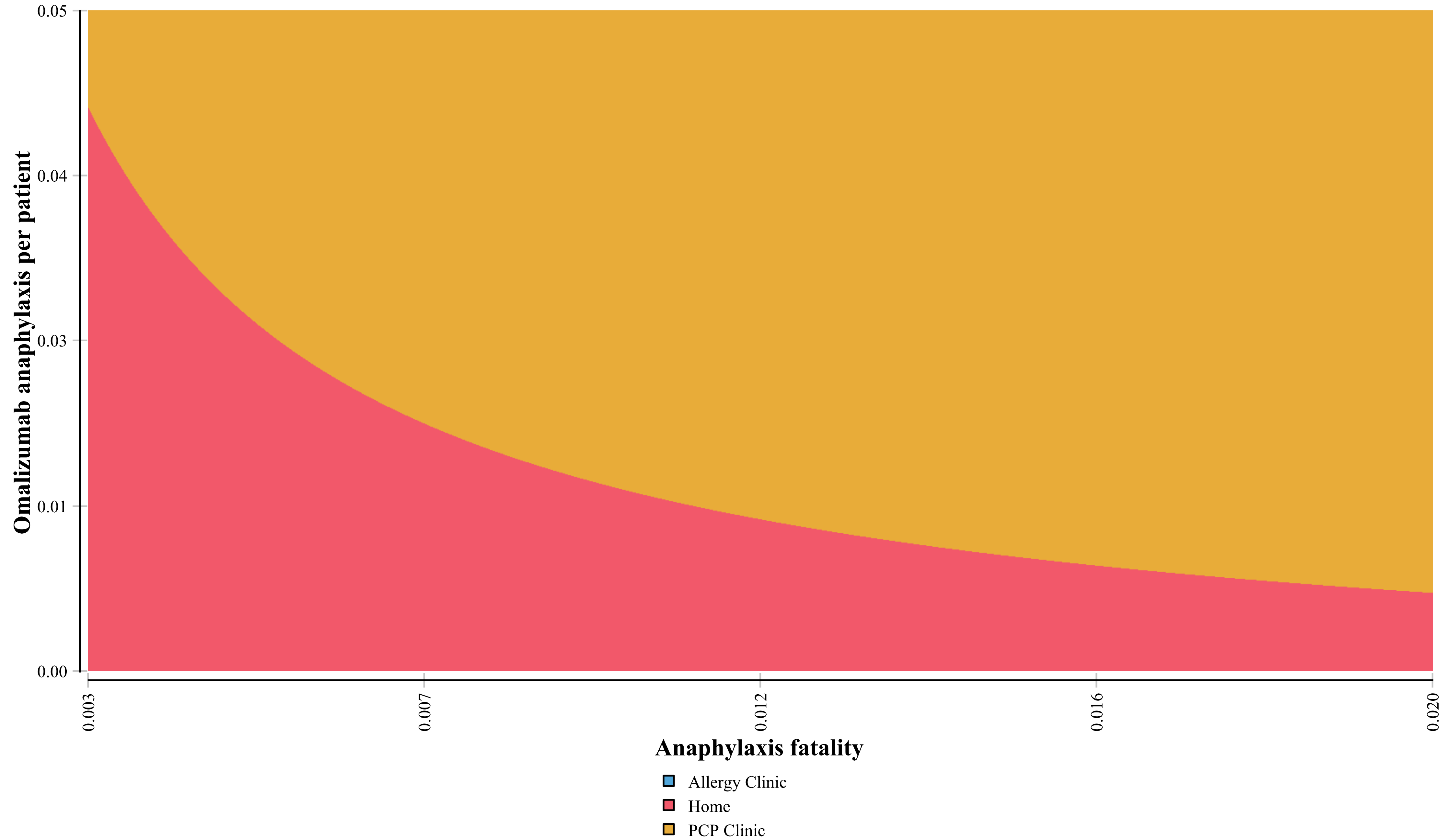
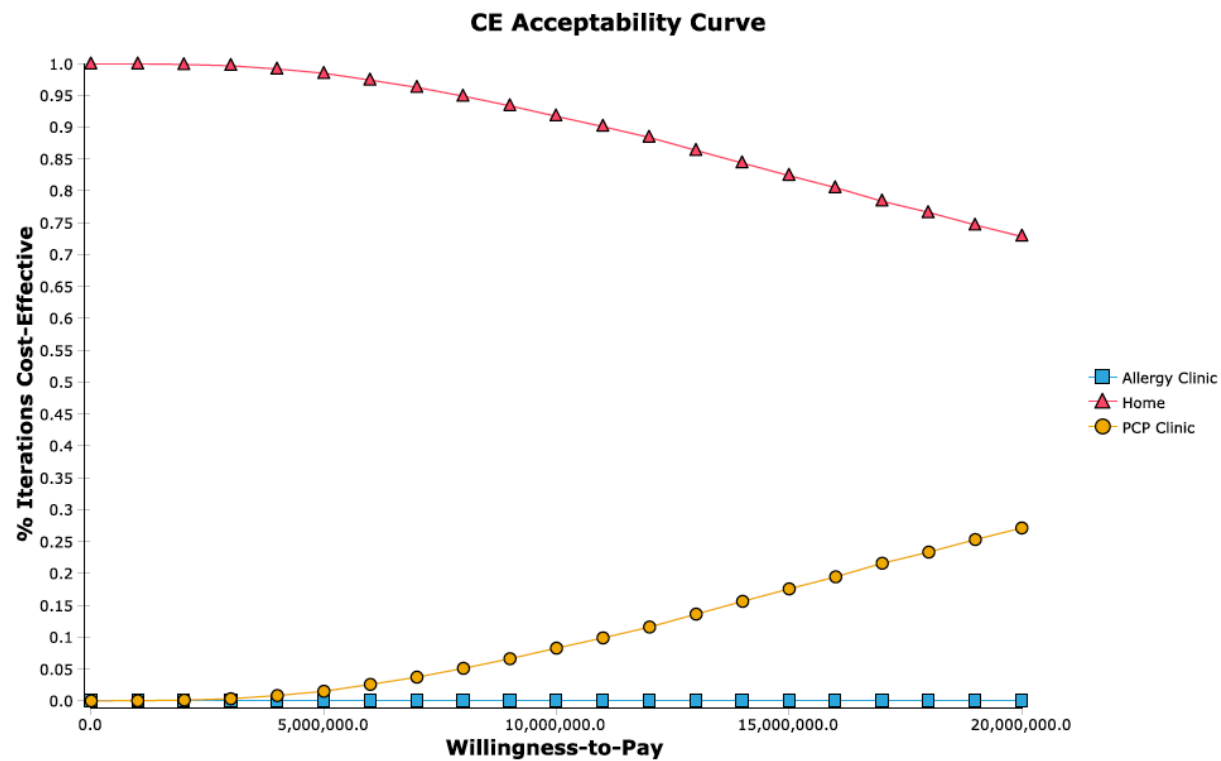


Figure 4

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