

Disparities in Geographic Access to Hospital Outpatient Pulmonary Rehabilitation Programs in the United States

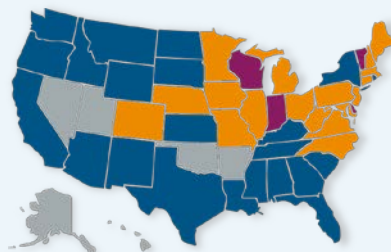
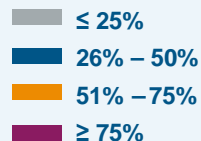
STUDY PURPOSE

1. To examine the geographic distribution of hospital-based outpatient pulmonary rehabilitation (PR) programs in the United States.
2. To compare the organizational characteristics of hospitals that offer PR programs and those that do not.

METHODS AND DATA

- **Multistep process** to determine hospital PR services
- Included **2,068** PR programs in **4,409** hospitals; **768** PR programs certified by AACVPR*

Percentage of Hospitals

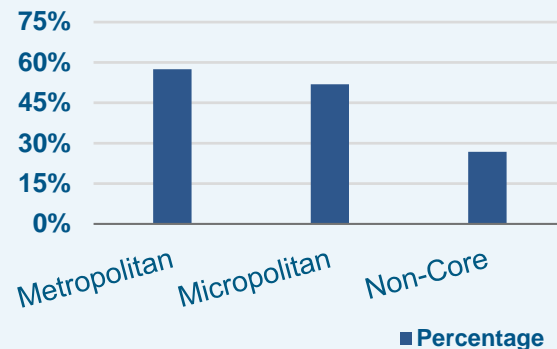


Significant geographical disparities in access to outpatient PR across the United States.

RESULTS

Small rural hospitals and rural areas are least likely to provide PR even though PR has been shown to improve quality of life.

Availability of Outpatient PR Programs – 2018



* American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation