# Real-world Diagnostic Pathway and Prescribing Patterns in Patients Newly Diagnosed with Migraine in the United States from 2018-2021

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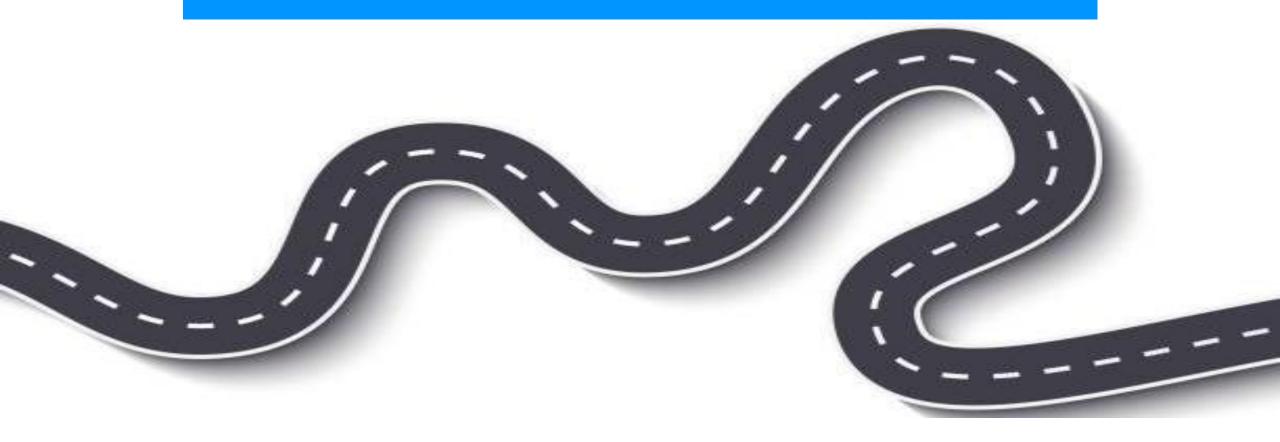
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# **Study Objective**

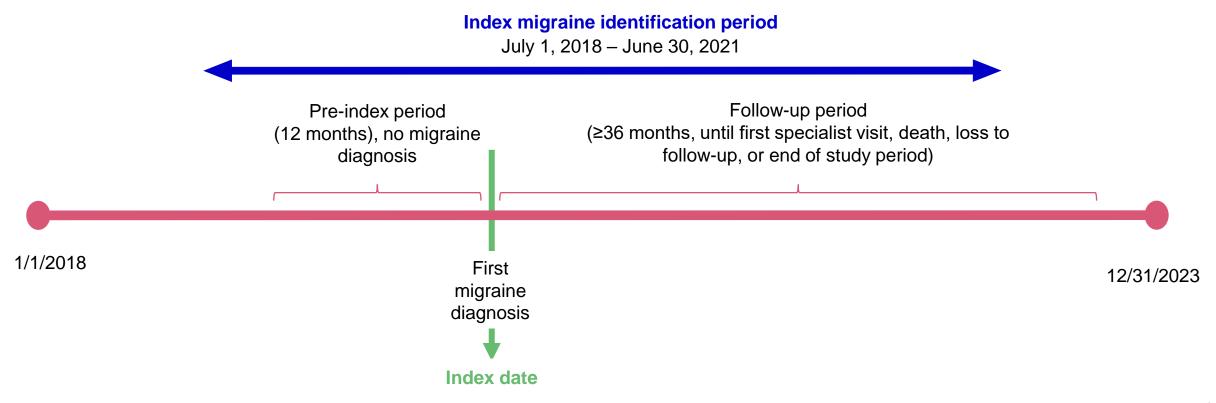
To describe the real-world diagnostic journey and treatment patterns in individuals newly diagnosed with migraine between 2018-2021



### Study Design and Population

Retrospective cohort study using medical and pharmacy claims from the Optum Market Clarity® database, with records from over 86 million individuals primarily insured by United Healthcare

Study population consisted of adults (≥18 years old) with a new diagnosis of migraine, defined as at least one inpatient or two outpatient claims with an ICD-10-CM diagnosis of migraine



# **Study Outcomes**

Diagnostic journey	Age at first migraine diagnosis	
	Comorbidities at the time of first migraine diagnosis	
	Setting of diagnosis	
	Specialty of provider diagnosing	
Migraine medications	<ul> <li>First migraine prescription by type (acute, preventive, both acute and preventive prescribed simultaneously)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Acute migraine medications prescribed during follow-up: triptans, CGRP antagonists, ergots, lasmiditan</li> </ul>	
	Analgesics prescribed during follow-up: butalbital, NSAIDs, opioids	
	Preventive migraine medications prescribed during follow-up	
	<ul> <li>Migraine-specific: oral CGRP antagonists, CGRP monoclonal antibodies</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Non-migraine specific*: ACEi/ARBs, anticonvulsants, beta-blockers, memantine, onabotulinumtoxinA, SNRIs, TCAs</li> </ul>	

<sup>\*</sup> Defined as a filled prescription for medications after migraine diagnosis and no use prior to migraine diagnosis ACEi, angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor; ARBs, angiotensin receptor blockers; CGRP, calcitonin gene-related peptide; NSAIDs, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; SNRIs, serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors; TCAs, tricyclic antidepressants

### Population Demographics

	Study Population N=165,281
Female, n (%)	134,341 (81.3%)
Age at first migraine diagnosis (years), mean (SD)	46.0 (15.1)
Age group (years), n (%)	
18-34	40,749 (24.7%)
35-54	76,014 (46.0%)
55-64	28,778 (17.4%)
65+	19,740 (11.9%)
Race, n (%)	
African American	14,778 (8.9%)
Asian	2,188 (1.3%)
Caucasian	112,967 (68.4%)
Other/Unknown	35,348 (21.4%)
Insurance type, n (%)	
Commercial	107,281 (64.9%)
Medicaid	32,978 (20.0%)
Medicare	29,461 (17.8%)
Unknown	375 (0.2%)

A total of 165,281 individuals newly diagnosed with migraine between July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021

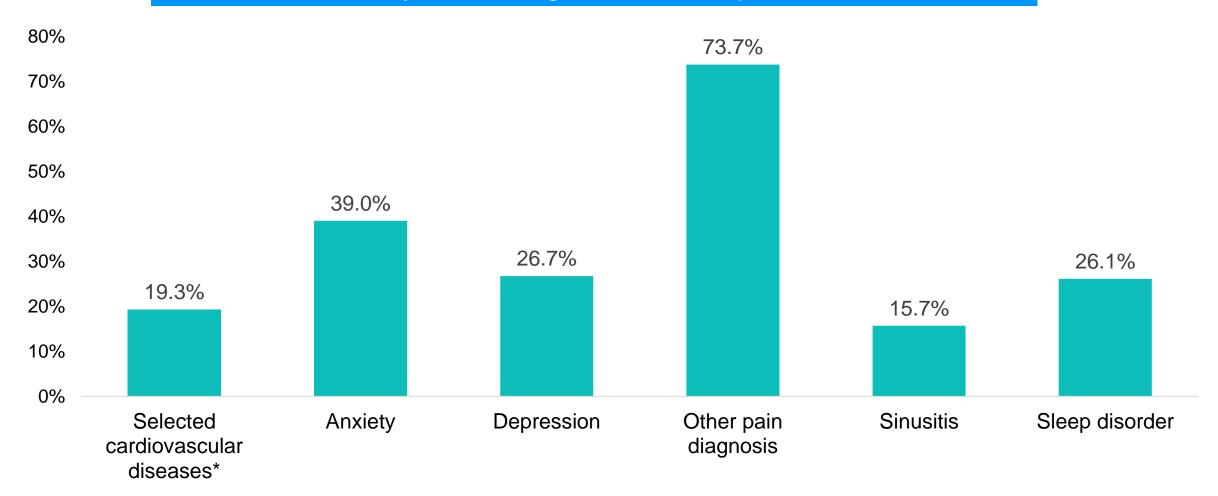
Individuals were predominantly female, Caucasian, and had commercial insurance

Mean age was 46 years

SD, standard deviation

# Selected Comorbidities at Index Migraine Diagnosis

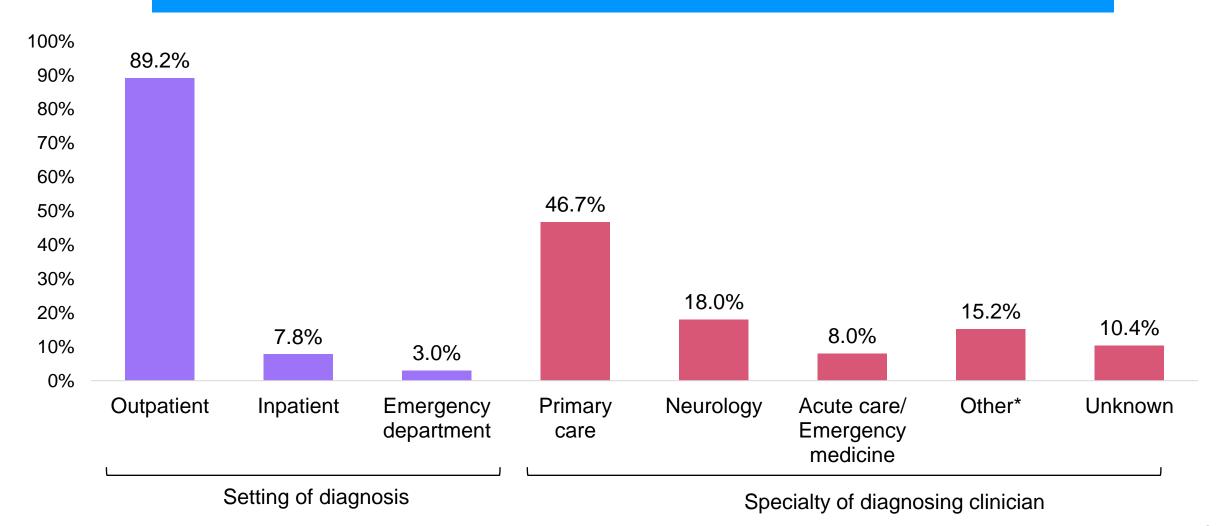
Nearly 20% of individuals had at least one absolute contraindication to triptans and nearly 3/4 had a diagnosis of another pain condition



<sup>\*</sup> Includes gastrointestinal ischemia, ischemic cerebrovascular or cardiovascular disease, peripheral vascular disease, or uncontrolled hypertension

### **Index Migraine Diagnosis**

Most individuals were diagnosed in outpatient settings and by primary care providers

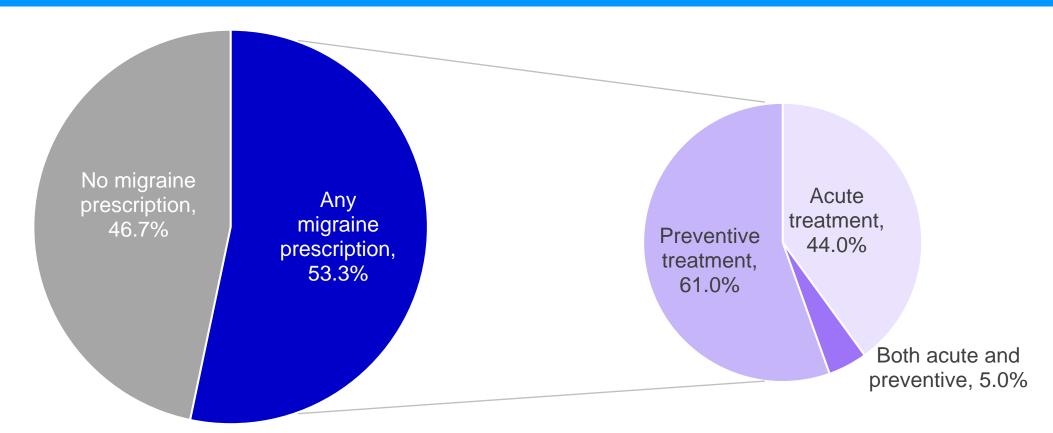


<sup>\*</sup> Most common Other specialties were ophthalmology (2.2%), chiropractic (1.5%), and anesthesiology (1.1%)

### Initial Migraine Prescription Medications

During the 3-year follow-up period, nearly half of individuals received no migraine prescription medications

Of those receiving any prescription, the first prescription was preventive in the majority of individuals



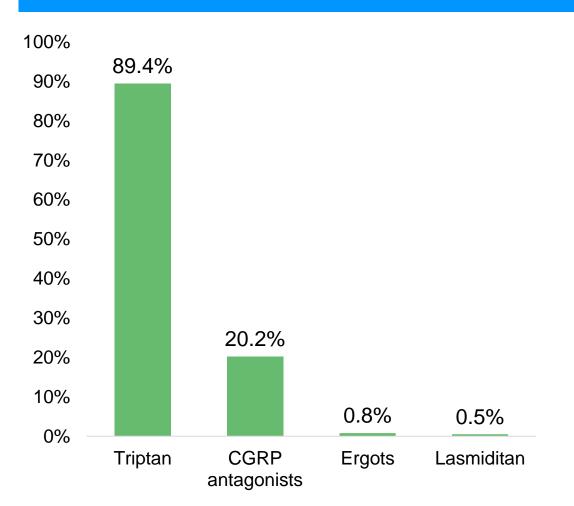
Preventive medications: oral CGRP antagonists, CGRP monoclonal antibodies, ACEi/ARBs, anticonvulsants, beta-blockers, memantine, OnabotulinumtoxinA, SNRIs, TCAs

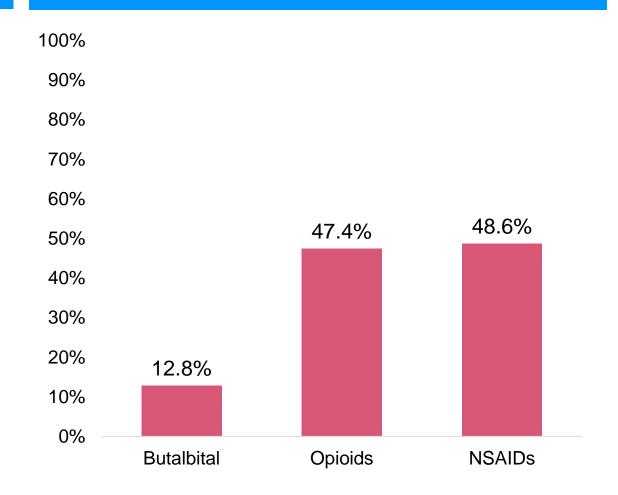
Acute migraine medications: triptans, oral CGRP antagonists, ergots, lasmiditan

### Use of Acute Treatments and Analgesics During Follow-up

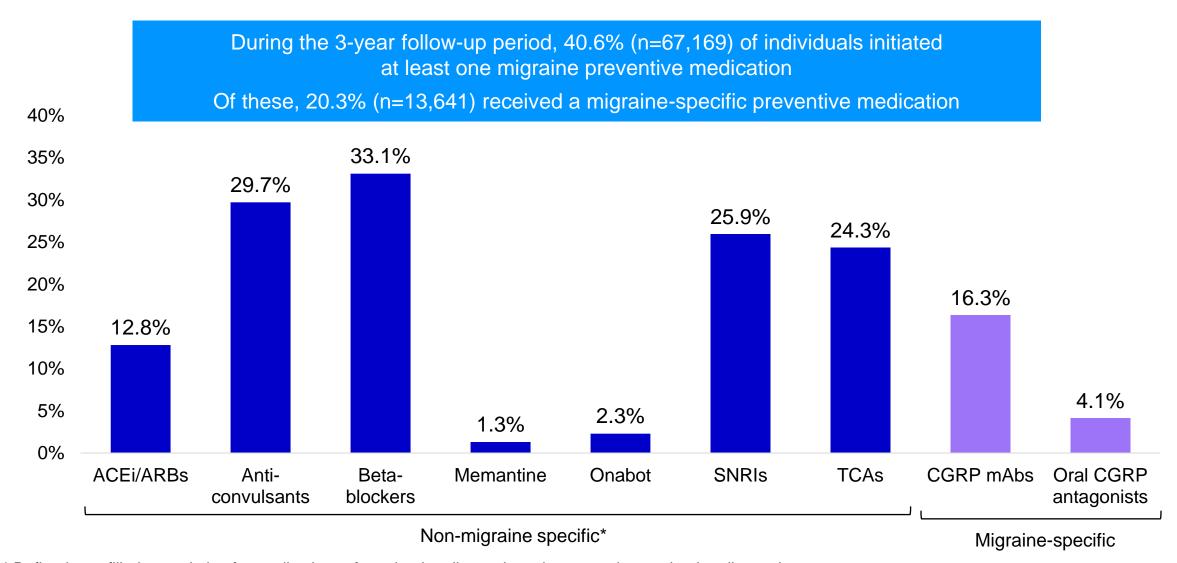
During the 3-year follow-up period, 30.4% (n=50,229) of individuals received at least one acute migraine medication

Nearly half of all individuals (N=165,281) received an opioid or a prescription NSAID during follow-up





### Use of Preventive Treatments During Follow-up



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### Limitations

Diagnoses of migraine and comorbid conditions relied on ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes and may not reflect true clinical diagnoses (for example, rule-out diagnoses)

Prescription data in pharmacy claims do not indicate whether the medication was consumed or taken as prescribed

Pharmacy claims data do not include over-the-counter medications or those not billed to insurance providers

Non-migraine specific preventive medications may have been prescribed for other reasons (for example, ACEi/ARBs and beta-blockers for hypertension)

### Conclusions

New diagnoses of migraine were most often made by PCPs and in outpatient settings

Pain comorbidities, behavioral comorbidities, and cardio- and cerebrovascular conditions were common

Nearly half of individuals newly diagnosed with migraine received prescription medications within 3 years of diagnosis.

Prescribing non-migraine specific medications is common, with newer, migraine-specific drug classes used infrequently.

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