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# COVID-19 and Children with Type 1 Diabetes

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# Conflicts of interest

- None

# Learning objectives

01

Contrast the known risks for COVID-19 in adults vs. children with type 1 diabetes

02

Describe factors that appear to increase risk for children with type 1 diabetes when they experience COVID-19

03

Contribute to plans to reduce risk for children with type 1 diabetes during the pandemic

# What do we know?

- **Adults with T1D** are more likely than those without diabetes to have infections of the urinary tract, skin, lower resp tract, and serious bacterial infections.
- **Children and adolescents** with A1c at/near target range do not appear to have increased risk of infections.
- **Healthy children** are susceptible to COVID-19, but usually have a milder course than adults.

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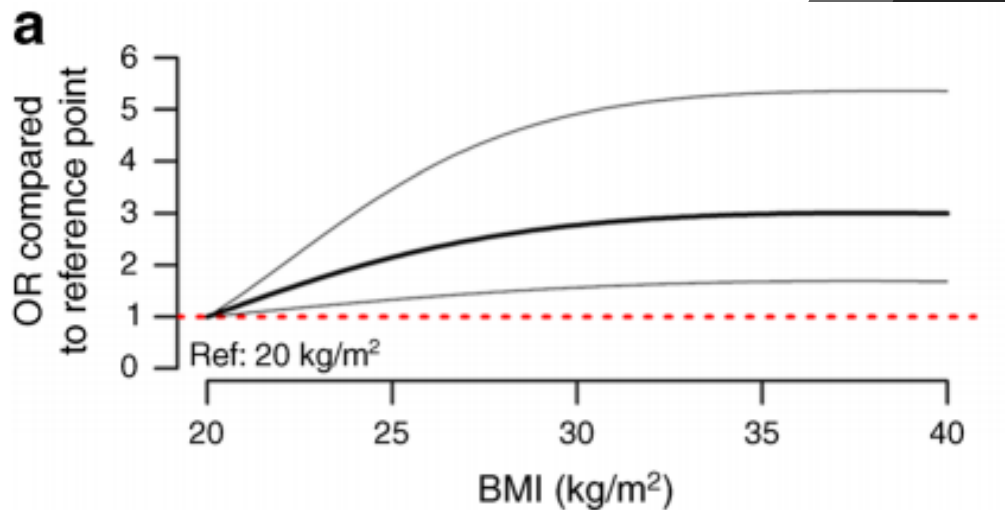
# What do we know?

- Infectious diseases in people with T1D may trigger DKA.
- High A1c and minority race/ethnicity are risk factors for DKA.
- COVID-19 hit minority communities harder.

- Do kids with T1D get sicker with COVID-19 than other kids?
- Are some kids with T1D at higher risk?

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# A little COVID-19 data on type 1



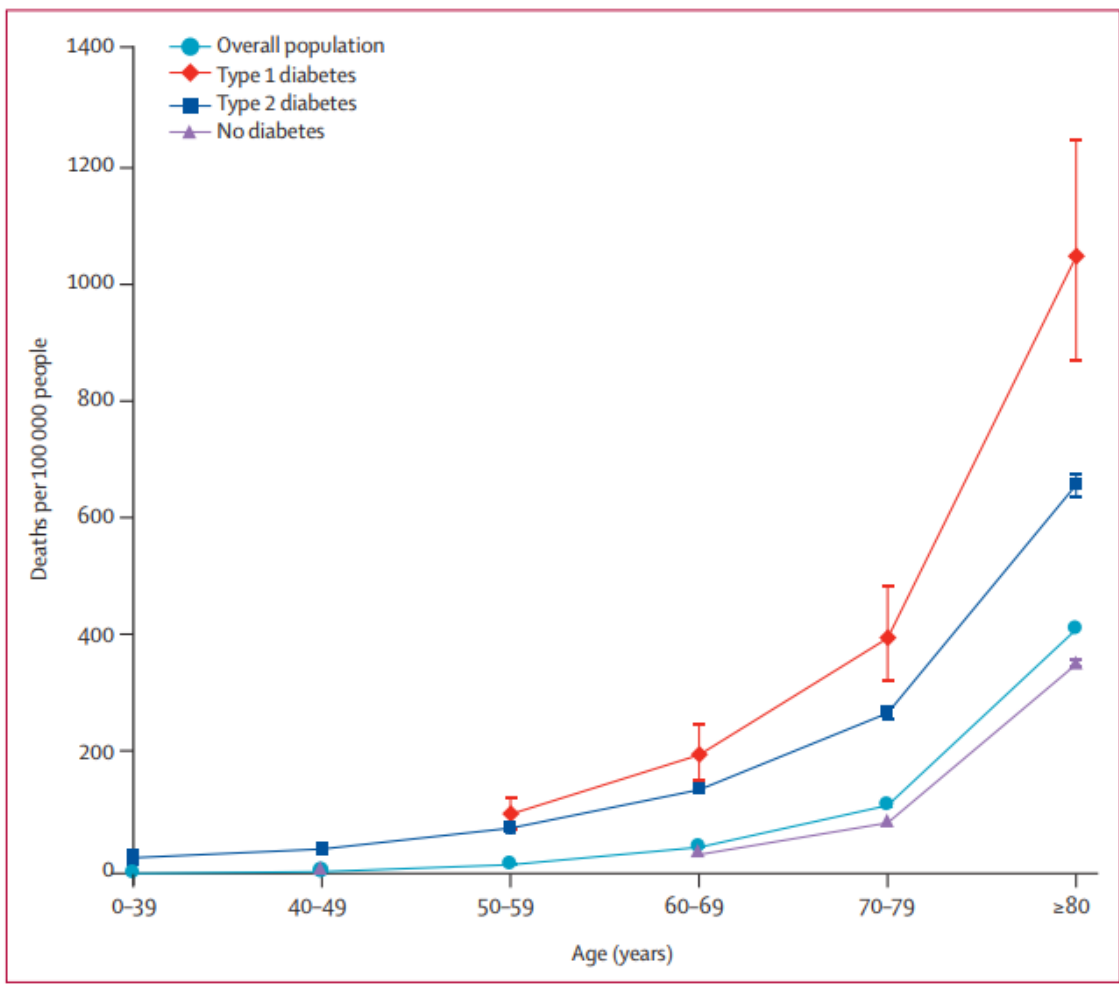
- Nationwide (**France**), multicenter, observational study in people with diabetes hospitalized for COVID-19 in 53 centers
- March 10-31, 2020
- 1,317 patients with diabetes
  - 29% intubated
  - 10.6% death
  - 18% discharged on day 7
- Multivariable analysis
  - Only BMI associated with intubation (OR 1.28 [1.1-1.47])
- Only 39 with T1D
  - ETT 0.73 (0.35-1.56)
  - Death 0.44 (0.11-1.86)
  - No deaths under 65 years of age

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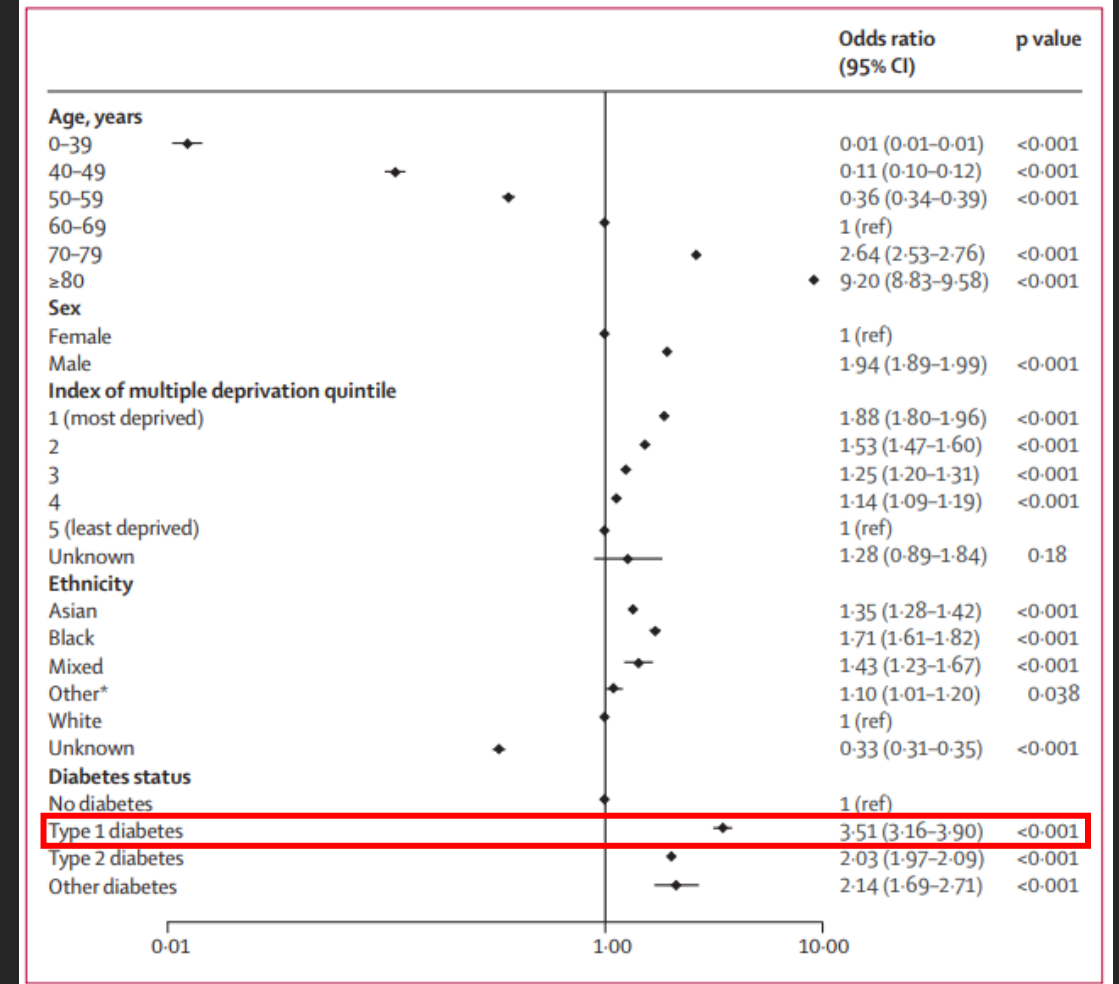
- National (UK) study with 98% of general practices reporting to the National Diabetes Audit. Population 61 million.
- In-hospital death for people with diabetes from 3/1/20-5/11/20.
- T1D: 263,830 people (no deaths < age 50)
- T2D: 2,864,670 people

	COVID-19-related deaths		
	Overall population	Type 1 diabetes	Type 2 diabetes
Total	23 698	364	7434
Age, years			
0-39	160 (0.7%)	..	18 (0.2%)
40-49	384 (1.6%)	..	89 (1.2%)
50-59	1313 (5.5%)	49 (13.5%)	399 (5.4%)
60-69	2865 (12.1%)	73 (20.1%)	1042 (14.0%)
70-79	5904 (24.9%)	97 (26.6%)	2096 (28.2%)
≥80	13 072 (55.2%)	125 (34.3%)	3790 (51.0%)

## Unadjusted in-hospital COVID-19 mortality



## Adjusted OR for in-hospital deaths with COVID-19





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Center data  
through  
12/16/20

- **68** pediatric T1D patients with COVID+ cases
- 1 new onset, had DKA
- 5 established patients with DKA
  - 3 patients with A1c >14%,
  - 1 patient with A1c >10% 2 mo prior to DKA
  - 1 patient with A1c 8.3%, stopped CGM?
- No other hospitalizations
- Mostly URI symptoms (cough, congestion, fever, runny nose, headache)
- No one needing O<sub>2</sub> treatment

	Hospitalized N=35	Non- Hospitalized N=58	p value
<b>Age</b>			.31
0 to 5	2 (6)	1 (2)	
6 to 10	4 (11)	6 (10)	
11 to 15	12 (34)	30 (52)	
16 to 19	17 (49)	21 (36)	
<b>Female</b>	16 (46)	32 (55)	.39
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			<.001
NHW	6 (17)	30 (52)	
NHB	18 (51)	9 (16)	
H	8 (23)	15 (25)	
Other	3 (9)	4 (7)	
<b>Insurance Type</b>			.02
Public	26 (74)	29 (50)	
Private	9 (26)	29 (50)	
<b>A1c %</b>	11.7 [3.8]	8.8 [2.4]	<.001
<b>Last A1c Group</b>			<.001
<7%	0 (0)	5 (9)	
7%-9%	4 (11)	27 (46)	
>9%	31 (89)	26 (45)	
<b>Insulin Pump Use</b>	6 (17)	29 (50)	.001
<b>CGM Use</b>	10 (29)	36 (62)	.002

# T1D Exchange COVID-19 registry

- 46 diabetes centers submitted cases of T1D patients who had COVID-19 (n=110)
- No deaths\*
- No multisystem inflammatory disease of childhood (MIS-C)

Logistic regression for hospitalization among COVID-19+ patients with established T1D

n = 93	Unadjusted	Adjusted
<b>A1c</b>	1.60 (1.30, 2.04) *	1.49 (1.20, 1.94) *
<b>Age</b>	-	0.97 (0.84, 1.11)
<b>Female gender</b>	-	0.54 (0.18, 1.53)
<b>Public insurance</b>	-	1.26 (0.30, 5.02)
<b>Minority</b>	-	2.75 (0.71, 11.74)
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>		

\*1 death in patient who was not tested for COVID-19. Out of hospital death from apparent pulmonary embolus. NY area in spring 2020.

# Hypercoagulation and COVID-19

- **COVID-19** causes a coagulopathy
  - Mild laboratory alterations
  - Disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC) with thrombotic/multiple organ failure
- **Hypercoagulability:**
  - ATIII deficiency (1:500)
  - Protein C or S deficiency (inherited or inducible – liver disease, vit K antagonists, renal failure)
  - Hyperhomocysteinemia
  - Elevated factor VIII (higher in African Americans, lower in type O blood)
  - Malignancy
  - Smoking
  - Estrogen, testosterone
  - Trauma
  - **Dehydration**

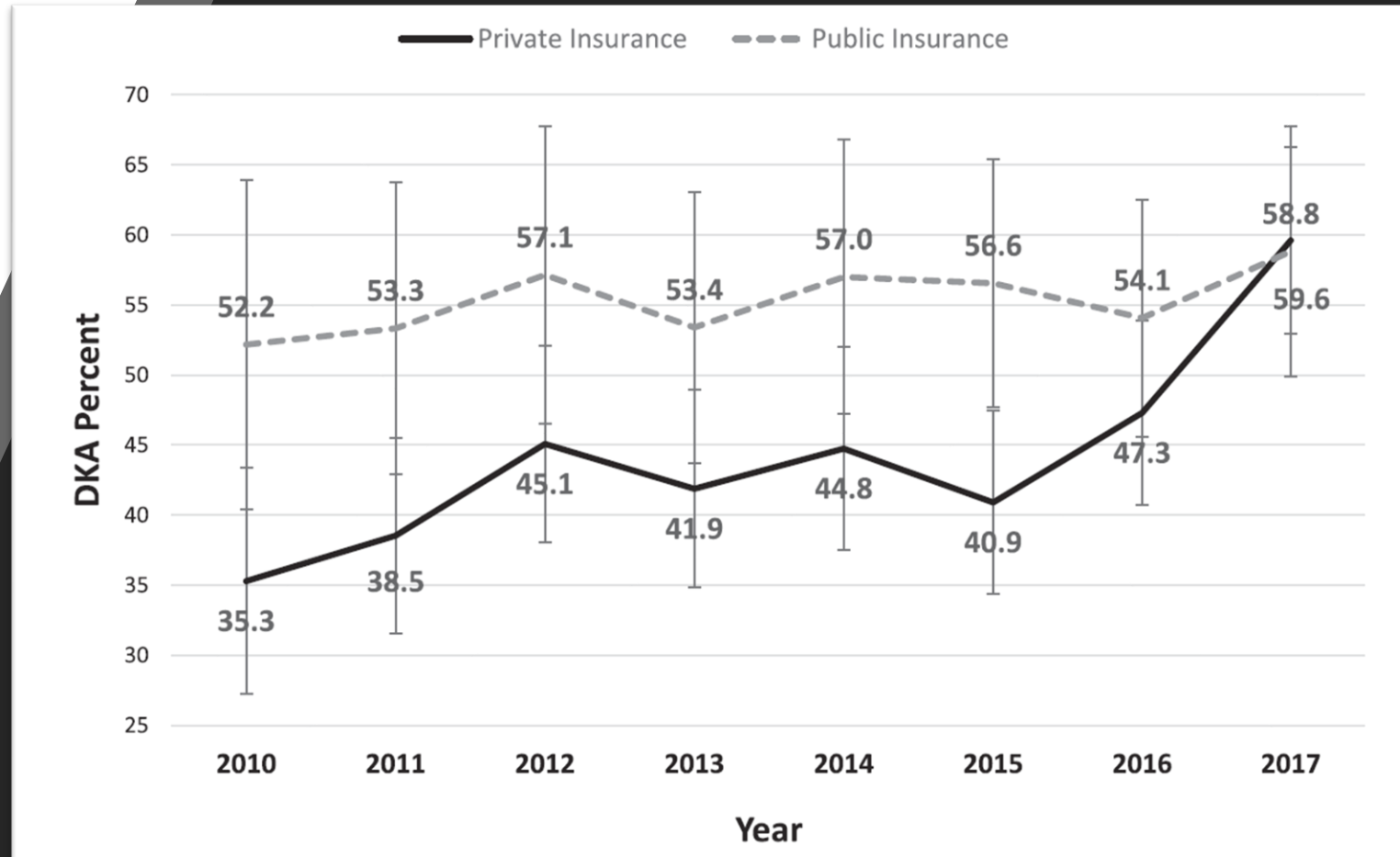
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Could the pandemic increase **incidence of DKA** at T1D onset?

# DKA at diagnosis of type 1 diabetes in Colorado



New onset type  
1 diabetes  
during the  
pandemic

Could SARS-CoV-2 increase the **incidence of type 1 diabetes**?

- Virus binds to ACE2, enters endocrine cells
- SARS epidemic: high incidence of hyperglycemia
- Viral infections appear to trigger autoimmune diseases

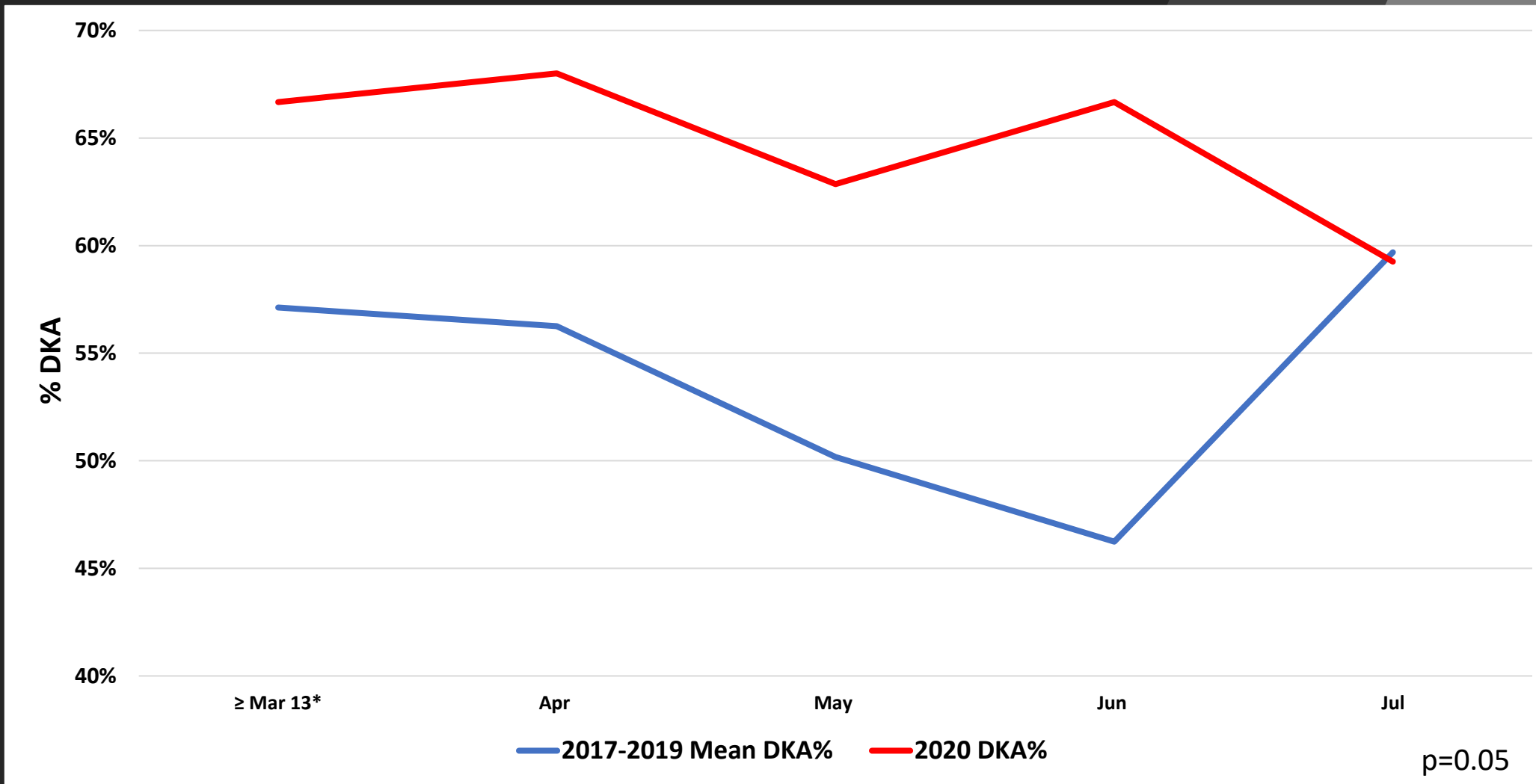
# New onset type 1 diabetes during the pandemic

- **Italy**: 23% fewer new onset T1D cases in Feb-Apr. More severe DKA.
- **UK**: Increased T1D? High rates of severe DKA in Mar-June.
- **Germany**: T1D incidence as predicted
- **Australia**: No increase in incidence or severity

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# DKA at diagnosis of T1D – BDC data

## 2017-2019 vs 2020



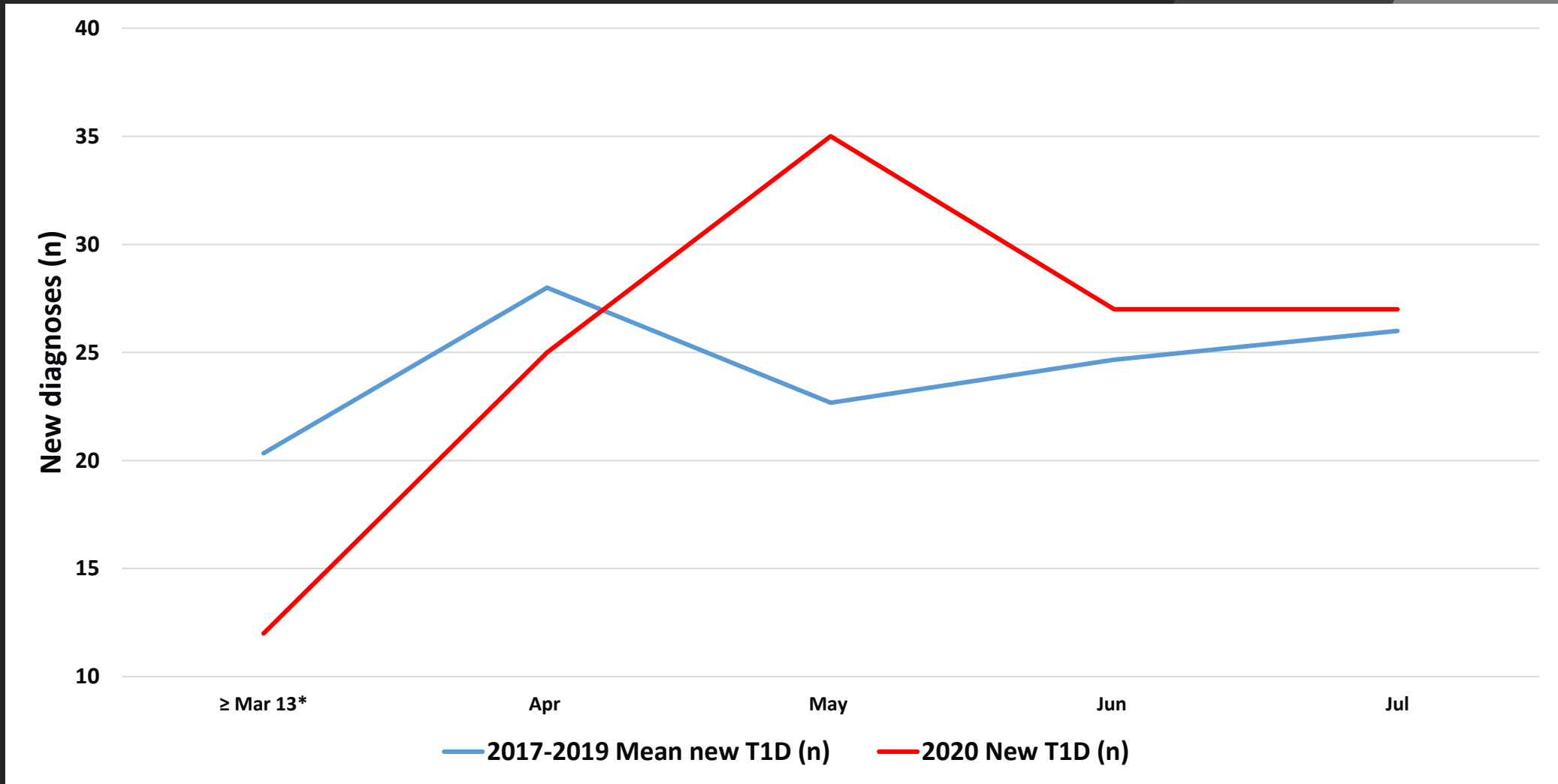
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(Severe DKA: 17.3% vs. 28.6%)

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# New diagnosis of T1D – BDC data

## 2017-2019 vs 2020



\*partial month



## Newly diagnosed T1D, COVID-19+

	N = 17
<b>Age</b>	
0 to 5	1 (6)
6 to 10	4 (24)
11 to 15	11 (64)
16 to 19	1 (6)
<b>Female</b>	10 (67)
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	
Non-Hispanic White	1 (6)
Non-Hispanic Black	6 (35)
Hispanic	6 (35)
Other	4 (24)
<b>Insurance Type</b>	
Public	13 (76)
Private	4 (24)
<b>A1c %</b>	12.4 [2.7]
<b>Primary reason for Hospitalization</b>	
DKA	12 (71)
Diabetes education	3 (18)
N/A	2 (12)

## T1D Exchange QI Collaborative COVID-19 registry

### New diagnosis of T1D

- 17 cases who were COVID+ at the time of T1D diagnosis
- DKA rate **71%**

## Summary: Hospitalization

- DKA is the leading cause of hospitalization in children with T1D who get COVID-19.
- A1c >9% is the single greatest risk factor for DKA. COVID-19 is almost incidental in many cases.
- Racial/ethnic minority patients are much more likely to get COVID-19.
- Non-Hispanic White patients with mild symptoms of COVID-19 are much more likely to come to our attention than their minority counterparts.
- Compared to adults, children appear to have better outcomes.

## Summary: New diagnosis of T1D

- We are not seeing increases in T1D incidence. Yet.
- **DKA rates skyrocketed** during lockdowns.
  - Clinics were closed.
  - People were afraid to venture out.
- DKA rates may be normalizing now (but they're still too high).