

# TREND IN ACCIDENTAL MARIJUANA INGESTION RELATED HOSPITAL VISITS BEFORE AND AFTER RECREATIONAL LEGALIZATION

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# Disclosures

- I have nothing to disclose

# Background - Timeline



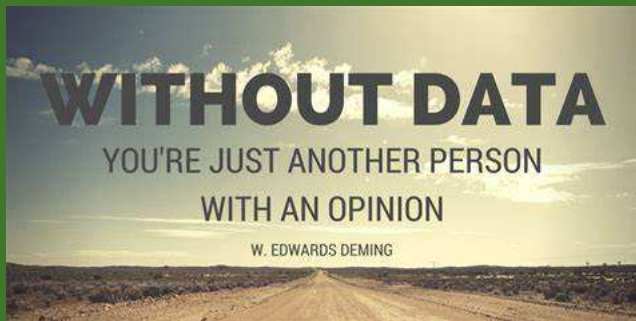
# Limits meant to help children

- Edibles cannot be sold in packages that are attractive to children or confused with non-marijuana candy brand
- Packaging must be opaque, resealable, child-resistant
- Retailer cannot be within 1000 feet of a school





# ANECDOTAL INCREASE IN ACCIDENTAL INGESTIONS





# Our Study

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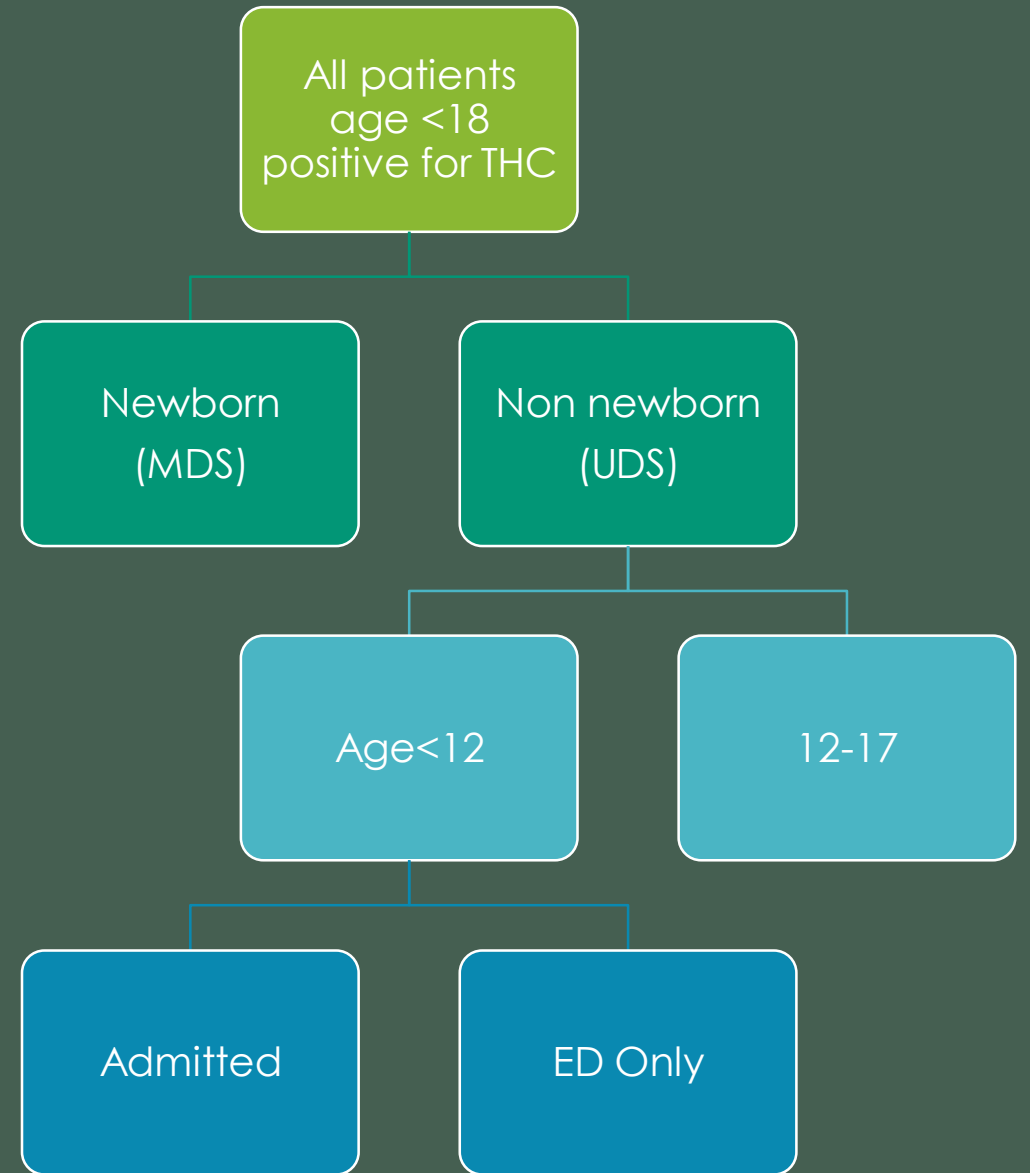
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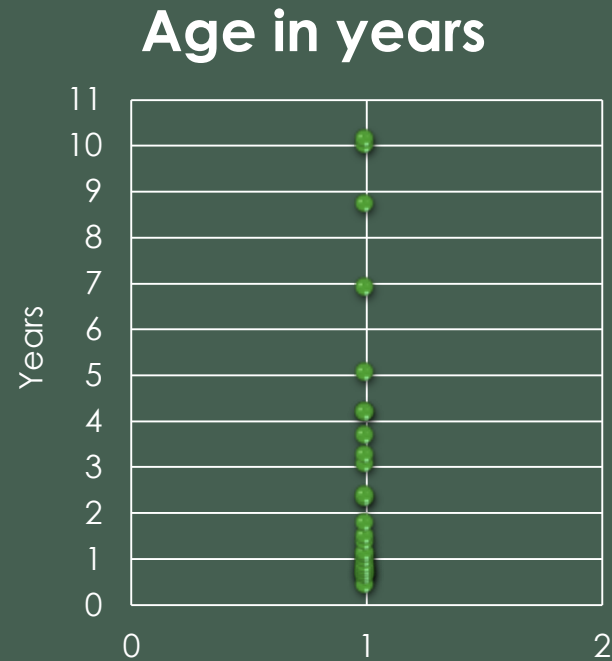
- Urine Drug screen results
- Sex
- Race
- To which unit they were admitted
- If social work was consulted
- Associated Diagnoses codes

## Statistics

- Rates of THC positive patients
- Test of population proportions

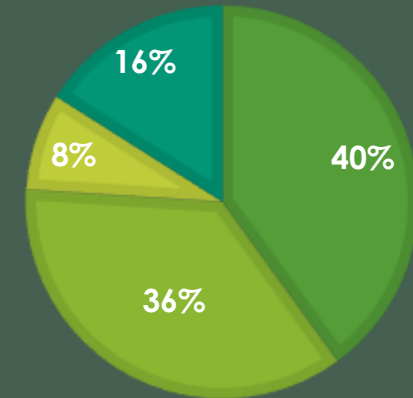
# Results - Demographics

- Total 25 patients
  - 12 admitted to inpatient unit
    - 9 general pediatrics
    - 3 PICU
  - 13 ED only encounter
- Age range 5mos to 10 years
  - Avg – 3 yrs
  - Median – 1 yrs 9mos



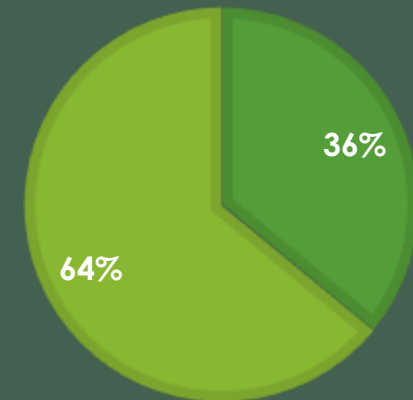
### RACE

■ White ■ Black ■ multiracial ■ hispanic



### SEX

■ male ■ female

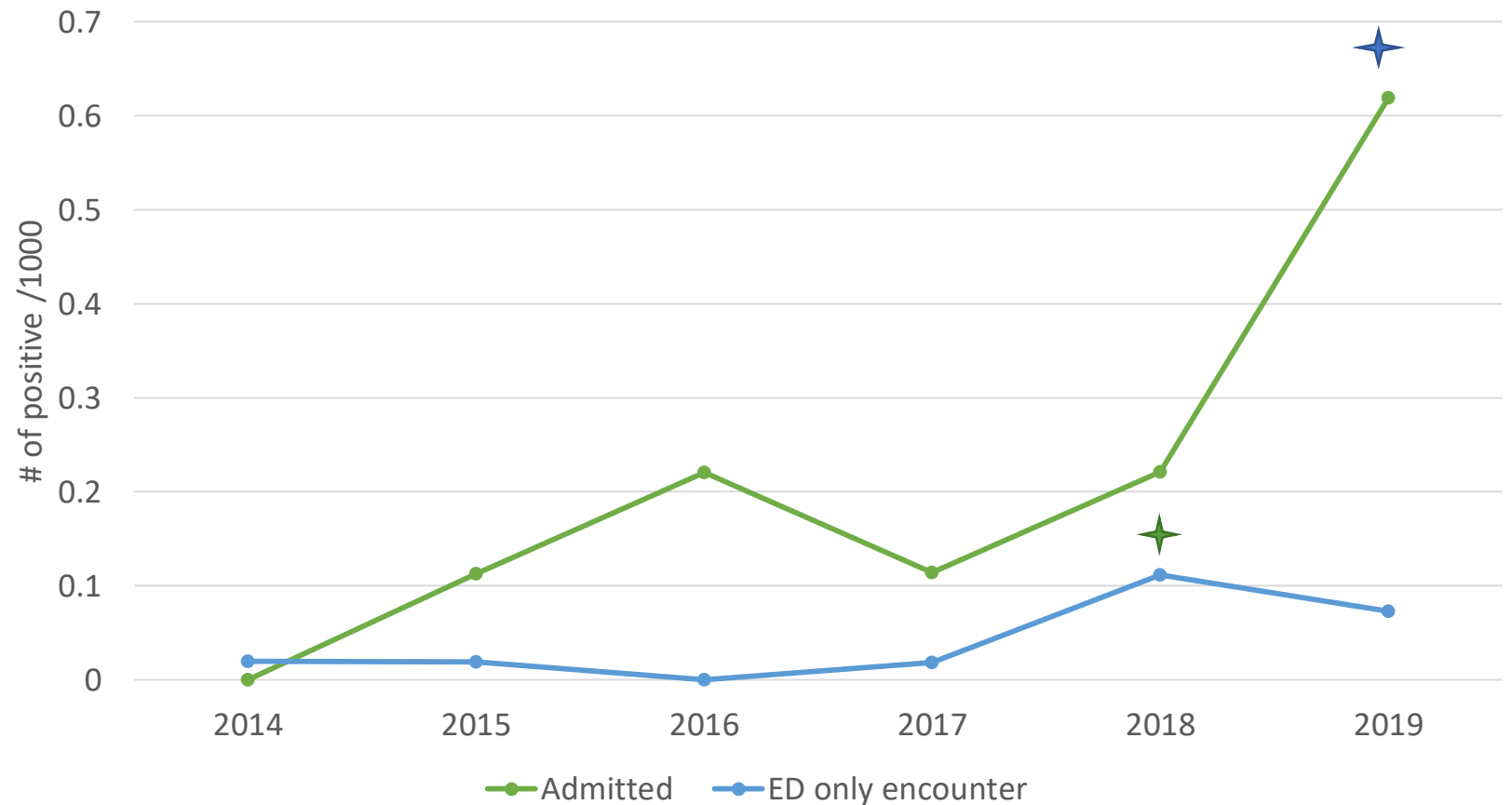




# Results

- Numbers were low pre-legalization
- The rate overall increased the year that legalization passed
- Proportion of hospitalized children tripled the first full year of legalization
- Year to year changes approach statistical significance
- Stars mark significant changes compared to 2017

Number of UDS positive for THC in patients <12yo per 1000 total encounters



# Discussion

Outside  
labs

Comprehensive  
Drug Screens



# Future Work

- Continue to Collect data through first year of retail availability
- Expand data to Comprehensive drug screens
- Advocacy

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