

Using Data to Protect Beneficiaries and Evaluate Public Health Policies

1. **Why would this happen? Does the medication make the patient easier to manage?**

A - The assumption is that antipsychotics are used to treat a range of behaviors, some of which could be justified, but then the medication has to be intensely monitored and titrated down (or up I suppose) as needed. In the worst case, antipsychotics can be used as "liquid sedation" to more easily manage the patient/resident.

2. **Are these risk adjusted or unadjusted rates?**

A - Yes, the Covid-19 case and mortality rates were per 100 resident weeks (i.e. weeks in facility)