

Clinical Characteristics and Outcomes of Infective Endocarditis in Persons Who Inject Drugs: A Preliminary Analysis 2018-2021

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Introduction and Objectives

- With the rise of the opioid epidemic, Temple University Hospital (TUH) experiences a high volume of admissions due to IVDU-related infective endocarditis, and research is needed to better assess and improve patient care
- Objective: This study aims to characterize the patient demographic, clinical characteristics, trends and outcomes for IVDU-related infective endocarditis at TUH over the past 4 years

Methods

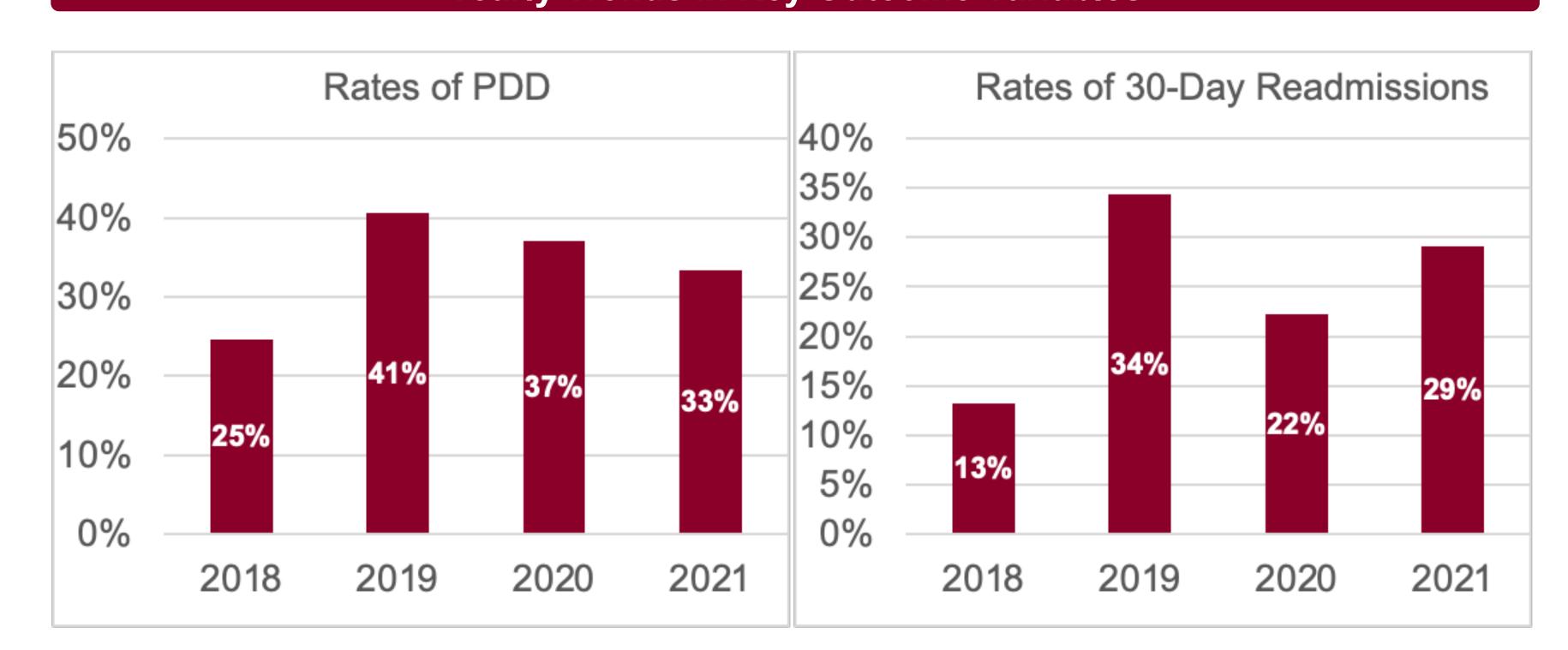
- An IRB-approved, single institution, retrospective chart review of PWID admitted to TUH with a diagnosis of infective endocarditis from 2018-2021
- Inclusion criteria: 18+ years old, history of IVDU, "definite" score according to Duke criteria for infective endocarditis
- Exclusion criteria: any score less than "definite" according to Duke criteria
- **Primary outcomes:** rates of patient-directed discharge (PDD), 1-year mortality, 30-day readmission
- Secondary outcomes: rates of homelessness, medical comorbidities, medical complications, and valvular surgery; length of stay; blood culture microorganisms

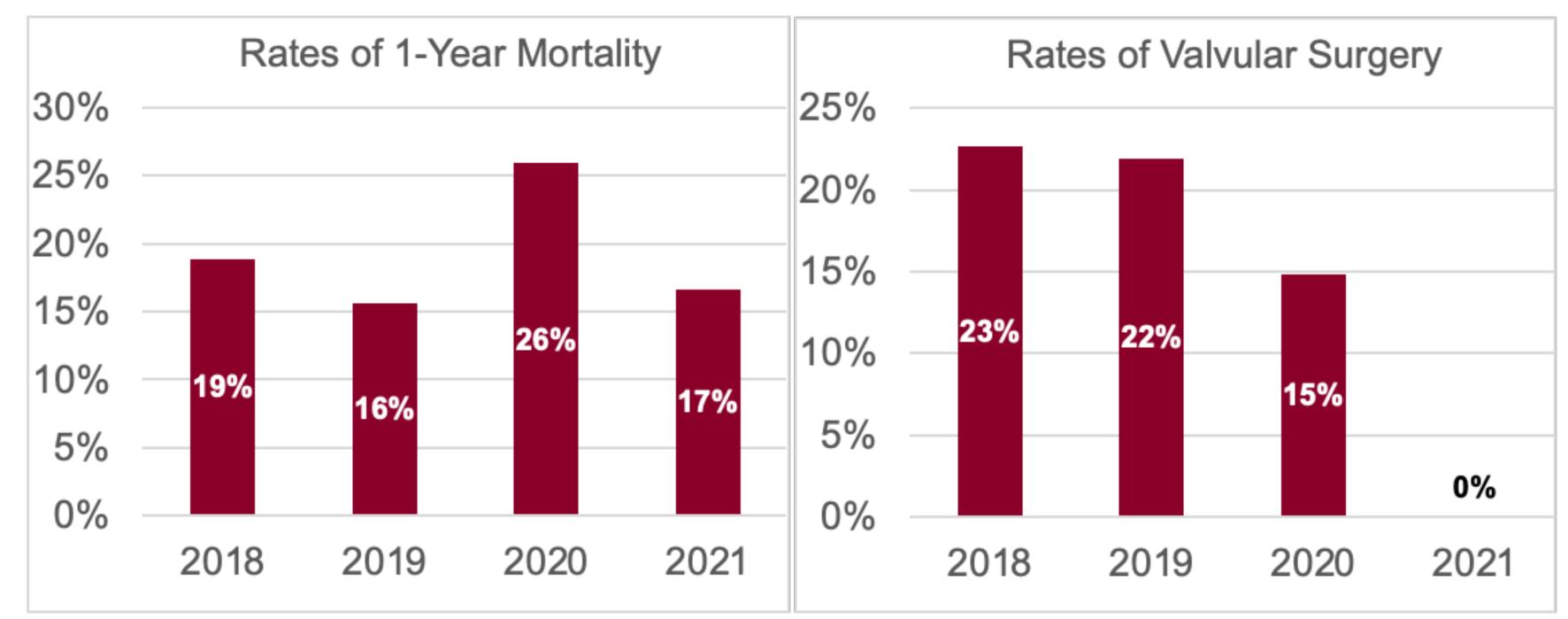
Results

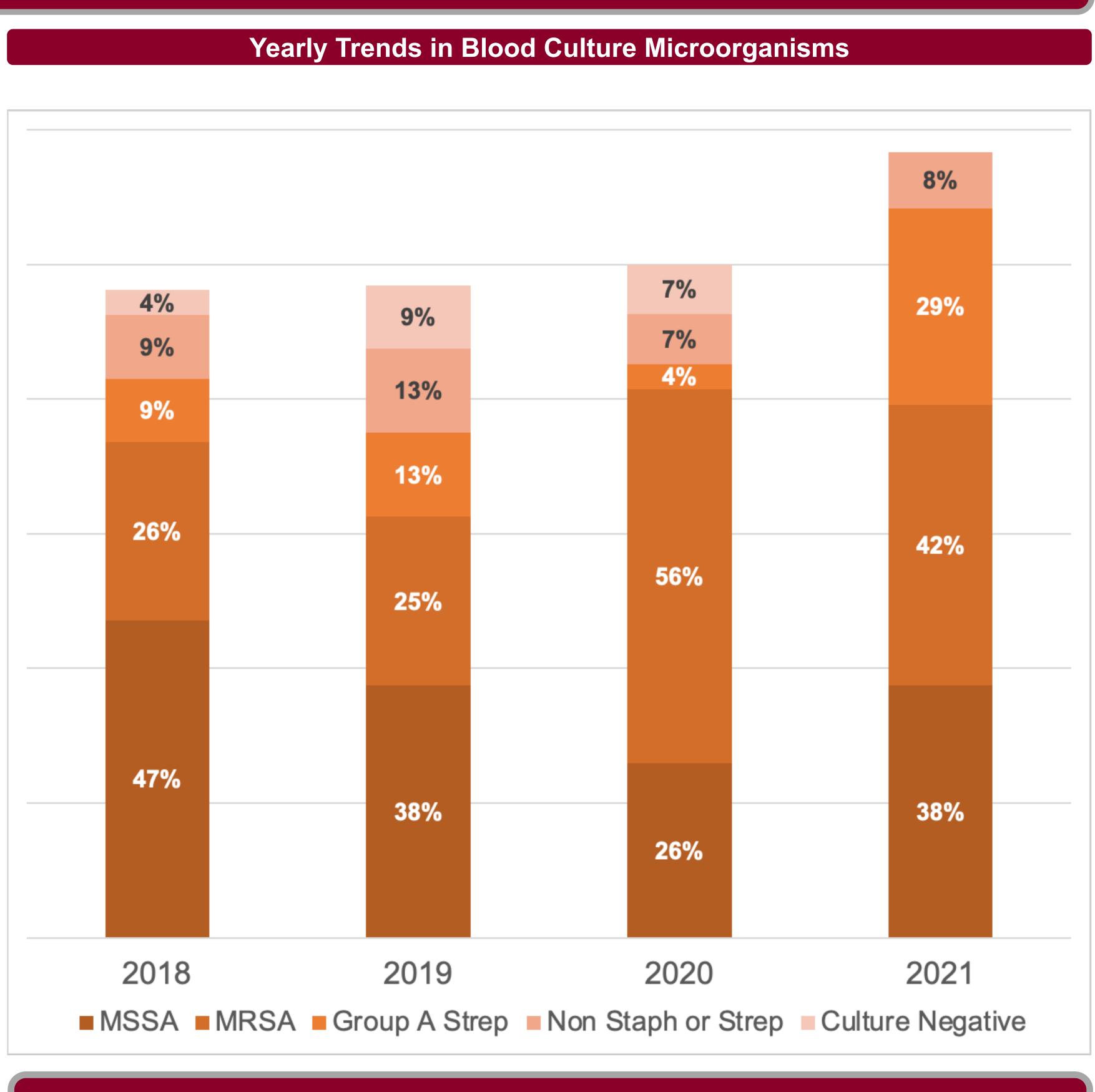
Demographic	CS		Comorbidities		
Total Encounters	136		Condition	Count	Percent
Total Patients	103 37		HCV	123	90%
Average Age			Septic Emboli	117	86%
Race	Count	Percent	Homelessness	94	69%
Caucasian/White	96	71%	Osteomyelitis	42	31%
African American/Black	18	13%	Septic Arthritis	23	17%
Hispanic/Other	15	11%	Acute Renal Failure on Dialysis	15	11%
Hispanic/Black	2	1%	HIV	12	9%
Other Race	2	1%	CHF	11	8%
Unknown	3	2%	CKD	11	8%
Other/Unknown	5	4%	Diabetes	5	4%
Sex	Count	Percent			
Male	82	60%			
Female	54	40%			

Yearly Analysis								
	2018	2019	2020	2021				
Total Encounters	53	32	27	24				
Median LOS	14.0	12.5	7.0	13.0				
Encounters with PDD	25%	41%	37%	33%				
Encounters with Readmits within 30 Days	13%	34%	22%	29%				
Encounters with 1-Year Mortality	19%	16%	26%	17%				
Encounters Receiving Valvular Surgery	23%	22%	15%	0%				
Encounters with Hx of Homelessness	66%	78%	56%	79%				

Yearly Trends in Key Outcome Variables







Conclusion

- From 2018-2021, TUH experienced high rates of PDD (32%), 30-day readmissions (23%), and 1-year overall mortality (19%)
- Rates of streptococcus pyogenes are going up while rates of valvular surgery are going down; annual trends in rates of PDD, 30-day readmissions, and overall 1-year mortality require more scrutiny
- Next Steps: A finalized analysis including all data points from 2018-2022 utilizing more sophisticated statistical analysis