

Beyond the Noise: Where Claims Data Science Meets Interpretation

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Your speakers today



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- 13 years in provider market intelligence and claims analytics
- Prior PBM and disease management experience
- Transportation, manufacturing, financial services before coming to healthcare



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- 20 years health system experience
- Service line operations, strategic planning, and enterprise analytics leadership
- Head of Product at Definitive Healthcare



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- 15+ years health system experience
- Finance and strategy background
- UCLA Health, Strategy and Business
 Development



Today, claims data analytics is still challenging...



There are common idiosyncrasies you should know about.



"But can't artificial intelligence fix the bad data?"



Ummm...Not all!



Let's dive in.



While all-market, all-payor claims data availability has improved...

Traditional medicare

100%



Various ways to acquire the data

Commercial / other

Unknown %



 No 100% complete all-payor claims dataset(s) are available for purchase - <u>STILL</u>



There are national, regional, and local factors to know about.



For example, major national data gaps exist...



- No 100% dataset with deep procedure and diagnosis detail available through CMS
- Not all Managed Medicaid commercial data is available



- Actively suppresses their data being available
- Affects 14 Anthem-heavy and Anthem participating states



As do regional gaps...



- Closed loop system in most markets
- Out-of-network activity may be seen



- Intermountain Health's owned plan
- Closed loop system; Out-of-network activity may be seen

UPMC HEALTH PLAN

- Closed loop system; Out-of-network activity may be seen
- Separation of health system and health plan



 Low, or sometimes zero, availability in western states



There are also structural factors to understand.



Some RCM/Billing application data is unavailable...



- RCM owned by Elevance/Anthem
- Billed claims don't flow through the major clearinghouses or data consolidators



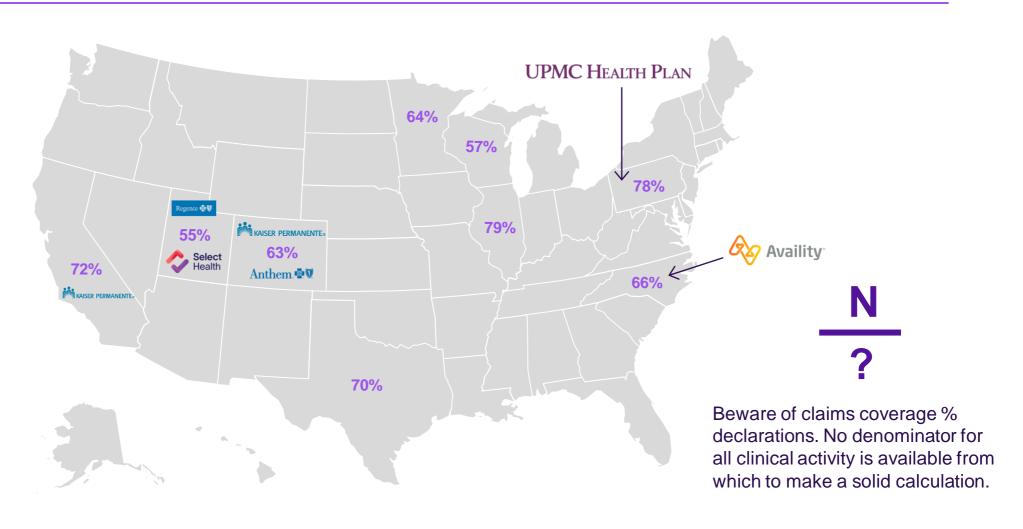
- Spot analysis can reveal this data gap
- Data not routed to clearinghouses or sold separately



The net effect on 'coverage' can be substantial.



Selected % of Unique Claims Data Patients vs. U.S. Census Estimates (2022)





It's important to know these circumstances before doing market analyses.



Recommendation #1:

Understand claims data is known to be incomplete but offers valuable directional insights otherwise not available. Particularly, ambulatory/outpatient information not typically required in state reporting.



Once you start using a market intelligence solution, you need to know about the quirks...



Things we'll discuss today



NPI 1s & NPI 2s



Location Names



Location Types



Master Billing

Nulls /

Redacted



Payor Types

Neonatology

Nephrology

Neurology

Neurosurgery

Nuclear Medicine

Obesity Medicine

Obstetrics & Gynecology

Obstetrics Midwife

Ophthalmology

Optometry

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Orthopedic Surgery

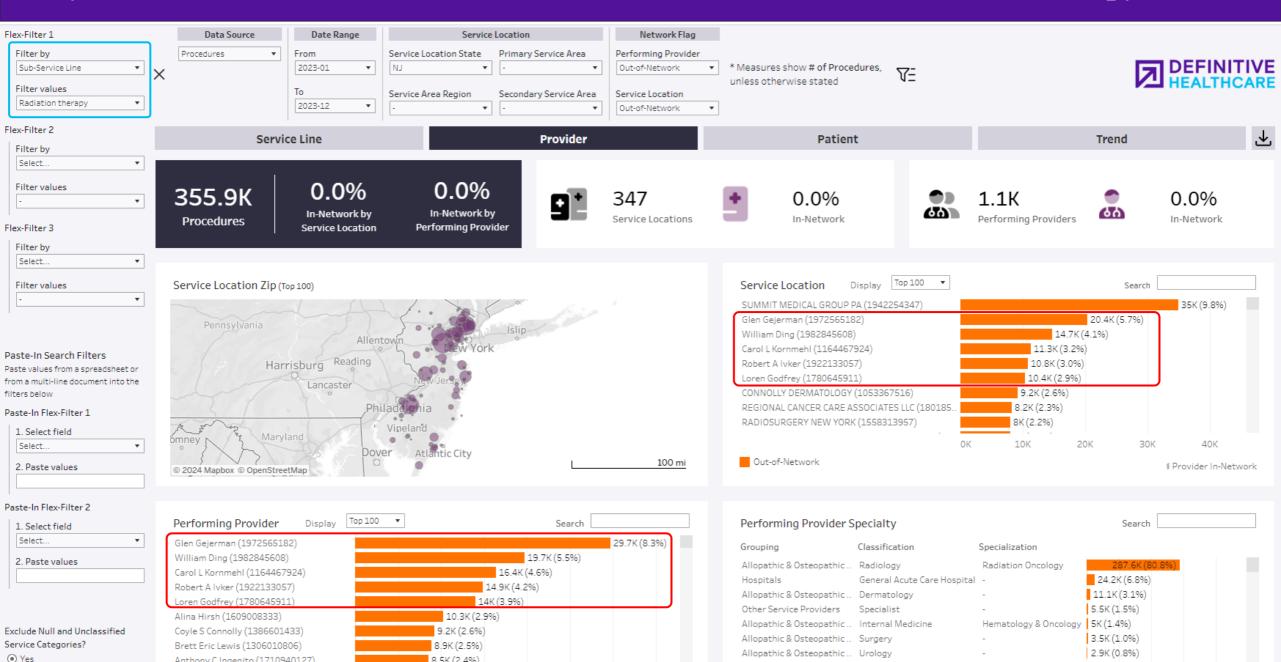
Provider Specialties



All entities and individuals discussed are intended as representative examples of common situations. No judgment of their individual claims data practices are being made or implied.



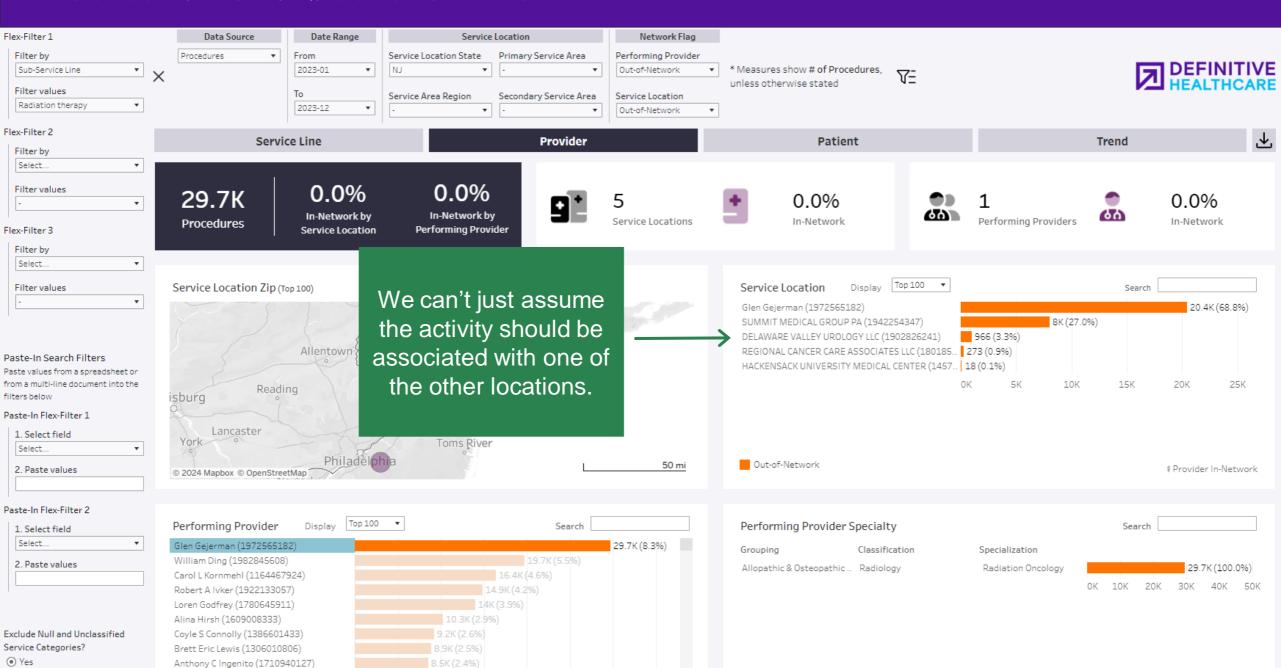
Why would individual clinicians be listed as the Location for Radiation Therapy?



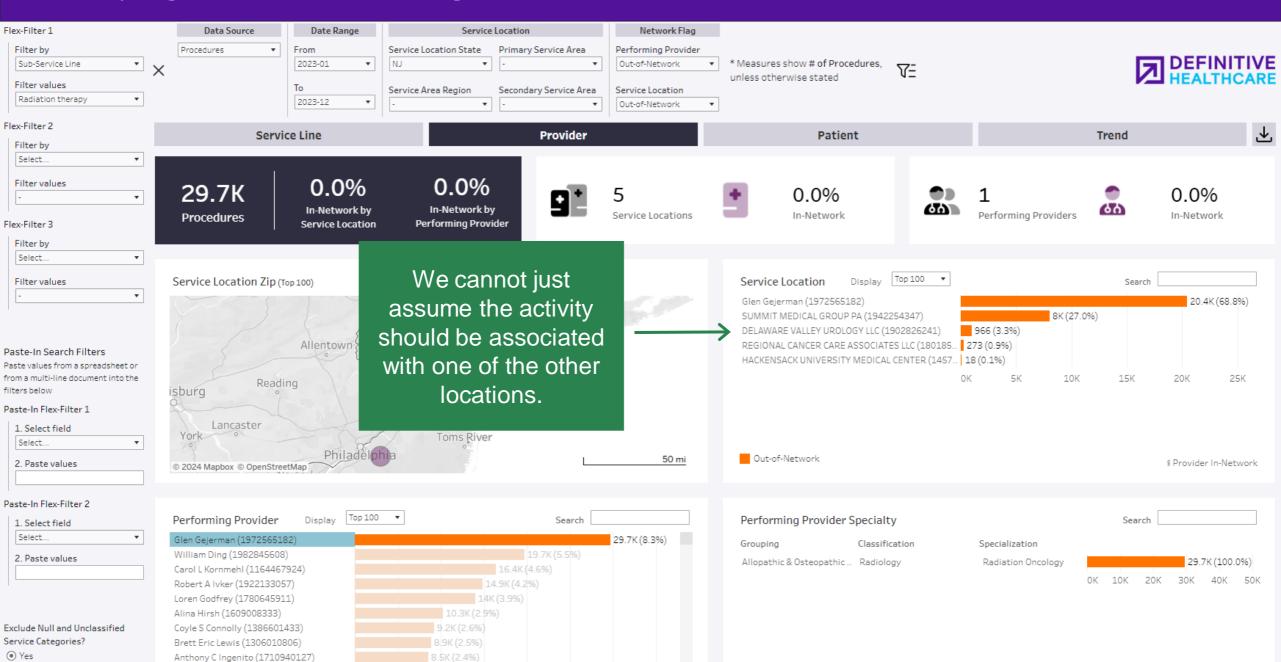
Sometimes, in raw claims, an NPI 1 is in the data field where an NPI 2 is expected.



This situation is not black and white...



Underlying data showed Billing NPIs were mixed...



Dr. Gejerman appears to be part of RCCA in Hackensack, NJ; which had minimal activity in the data.



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BLOOD DISORDERS \(\neg\)

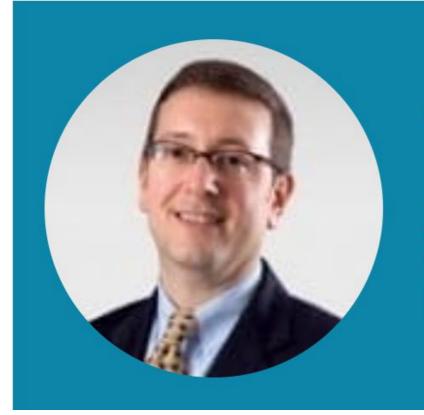
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RESOURCES V

FOR PHYSICIANS V

REQUEST APPOINTMENT



GLEN GEJERMAN, MD

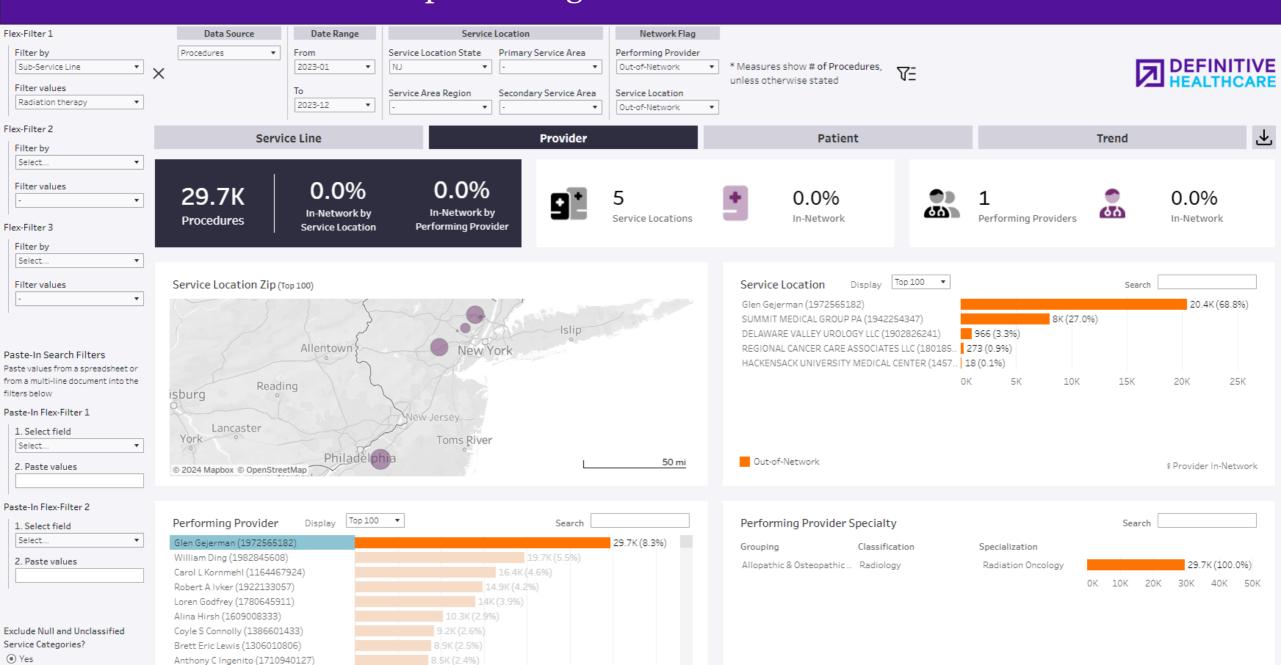
BOARD CERTIFICATIONS: Radiation Oncology

LANGUAGES: English

LOCATIONS: Hackensack, NJ

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Could Summit Medical Group be billing his work at RCCA? Or is it all Summit-related?



The reverse can also be true.



Locations can be listed where we expect to see clinicians. Here are some Angiography & Venography volumes. Network Flag Filter by Procedures Service Location State Primary Service Area Performing Provider From 2023-01 Sub-Service Line * Measures show # of Procedures, unless otherwise stated Filter values To Service Area Region Secondary Service Area Service Location Angiography & venography 2023-12 Flex-Filter 2 Service Line **Provider** Patient Trend Filter by Select. 0.0% Filter values 0.0% 85.4K 842 0.1% 3K 0.0% In-Network by In-Network by Performing Providers In-Network Service Locations In-Network Procedures Flex-Filter 3 Service Location Performing Provider Filter by Top 100 ▼ Filter values Service Location Zip (Top 100) Service Location Display Search 4.6K (5.4%) ARMC FACULTY PRACTICE (1568663250) 4K (4.7%) UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC (1154367803) PULSE VASCULAR, LLC (1255899704) 3.7K (4.3%) Allentown JERSEY SHORE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER (179. 3.6K (4.2%) Paste-In Search Filters MORRISTOWN MEDICAL CENTER (1053384776) 2.8K (3.3%) Harrisburg Paste values from a spreadsheet or PROFESSIONAL SERVICE FUND OF DEBORAH (1407. 2.7K (3.2%) from a multi-line document into the Lancaster VASCULAR HEALTH LLC (1053977801) 2.3K (2.7%) filters below HACKENSACK UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER (1457. 1.7K (2.0%) Paste-In Flex-Filter 1 HMH HOSPITALS CORPORATION (1144894577) 1.7K (2.0%) 1. Select field nnev 2K Atlantic City Dover 100 mi Out-of-Network 2. Paste values \$ Provider In-Network © 2024 Mapbox © OpenStreetMap Paste-In Flex-Filter 2 Top 100 Performing Provider Display Search Performing Provider Specialty Search 1. Select field Select. Paul J Svigals (1265452684) 726 (0.8%) Grouping Classification Specialization UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC (115. 672 (0.8%) 2. Paste values 22.3K (26.1%) Allopathic & Osteopathic .. Internal Medicine Cardiovascular Disease Courtney A Krathen (1528326600) 666 (0.8%) 19.9K (23.4%) Allopathic & Osteopathic .. Internal Medicine Interventional Cardiolo. Burak M Arkonac (1518918838) 656 (0.8%) 8.6K (10.0%) Vascular & Intervention.. Allopathic & Osteopathic ... Francis Kang (1831517804) 632 (0.7%) 7.6K (8.9%) Allopathic & Osteopathic ... Internal Medicine Addi Suleiman (1518262088) 626 (0.7%) Allopathic & Osteopathic .. Vascular Surgery 5K (5.9%) Exclude Null and Unclassified ATLANTICARE PHYSICIAN GROUP PA (109 606 (0.7%) Allopathic & Osteopathic ... Diagnostic Radiology 4.4K (5.1%) Radiology Service Categories? 586 (0.7%) Vijayendra K Verma (1275585846) 3.5K (4.1%) General Acute Care Hospital

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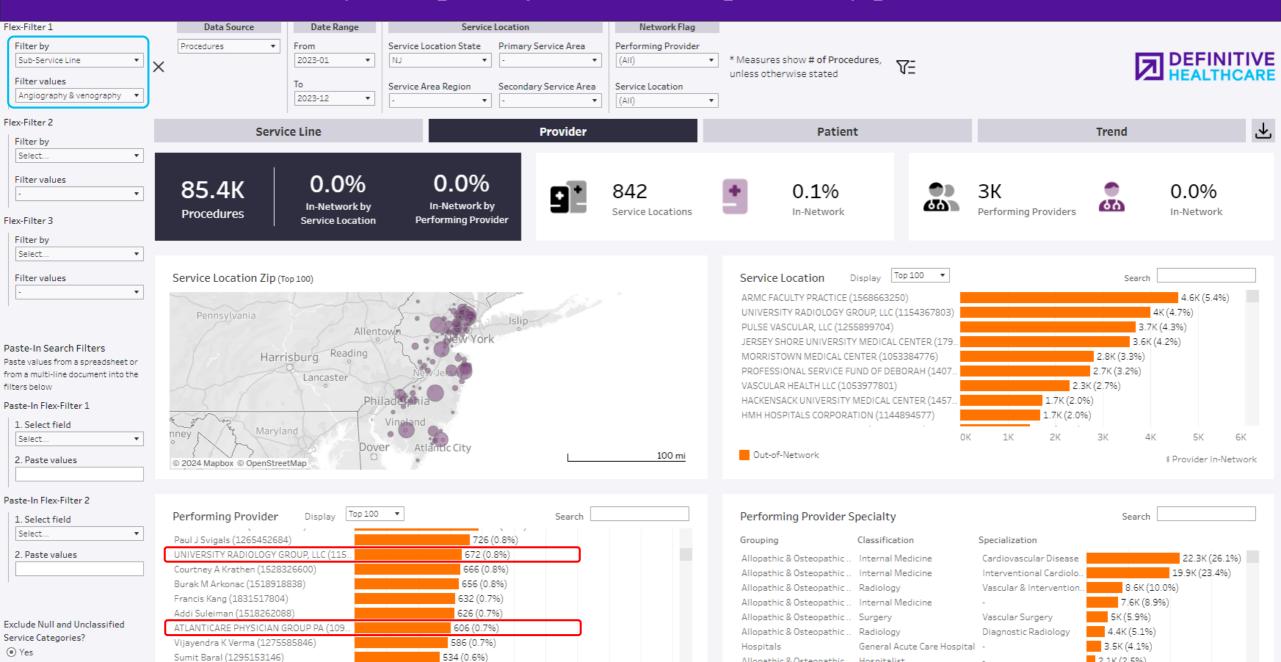
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Yes

Sumit Baral (1295153146)

534 (0.6%)

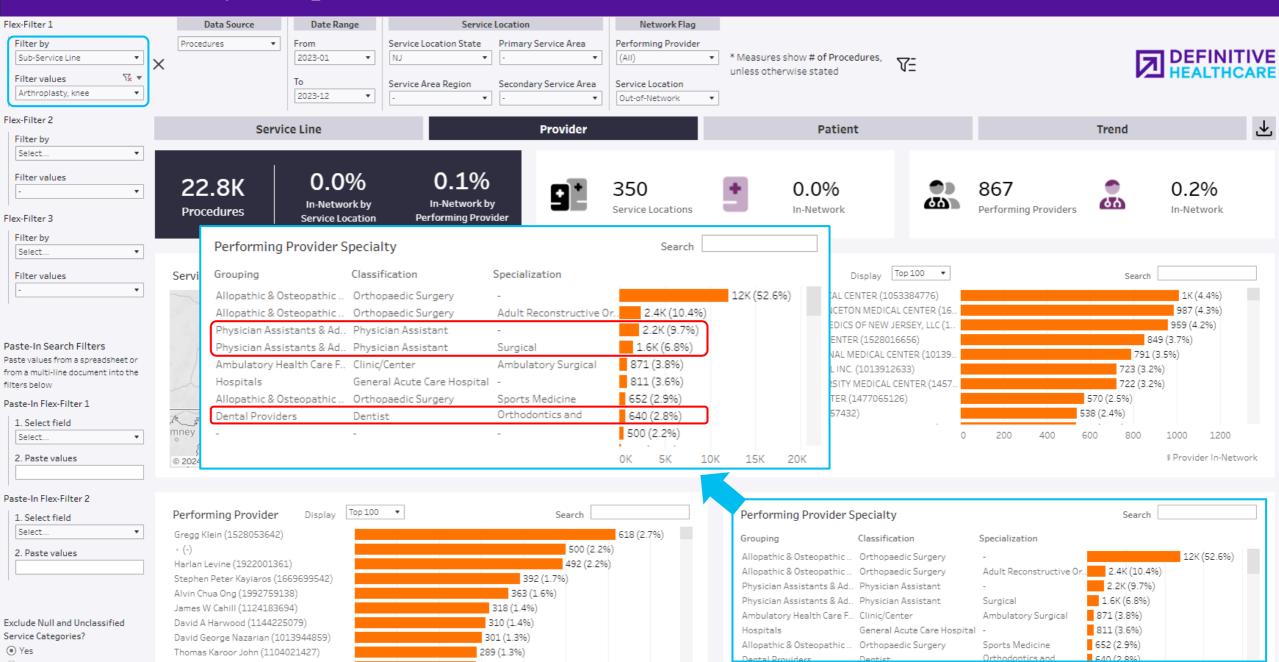
So, we know the activity took place, just not who specifically performed it.



Can a physician assistant or a dentist (!) perform a knee replacement?



Claims data says it's possible!



There's a claim field for a provider's specialty, which can have unexpected information.



The data shows Penn Medicine Princeton is the culprit, is isolated to this facility.

640 **Procedures** 0.0%

In-Network by Service Location 0.0%

In-Network by Performing Provider



Service Locations



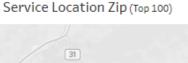
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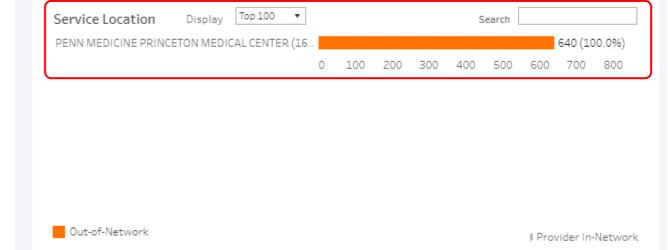
Performing Providers



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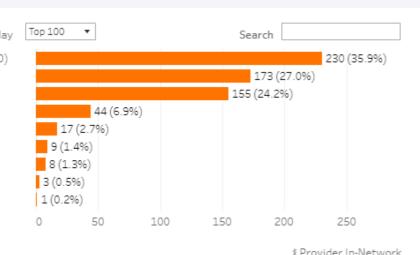






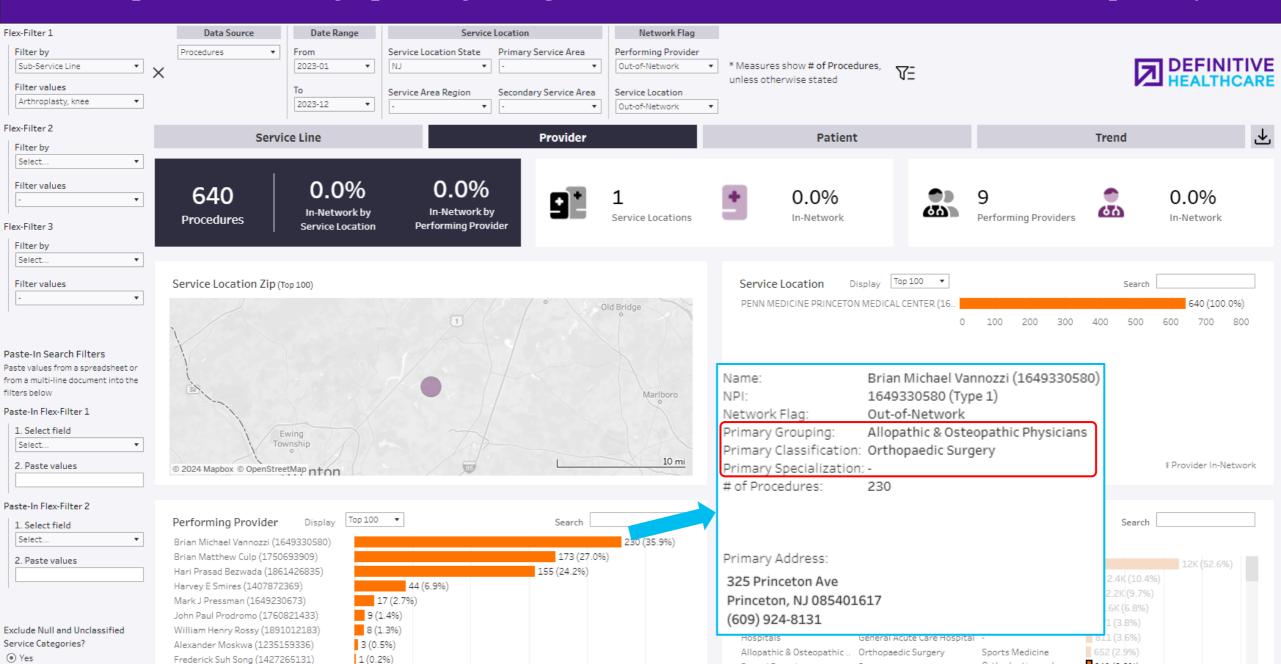
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Out-of-Network





And, despite the *Primary Specialty* being correct, the claim indicated the incorrect specialty.



Importantly, sometimes the claim is more 'right' than a provider's primary specialty.



It isn't a 1:1 situation, based on the distribution of specialties listed for the Penn Medicine location.

987
Procedures

0.0%

In-Network by Service Location 0.0%

In-Network by Performing Provider



Service Locations



0.0%



40
Performing Providers



0.0% In-Network

Service Location Zip (Top 100)



Service Location Display Top 100 ▼

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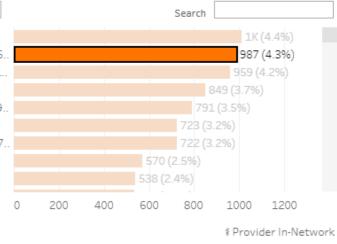
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VANTAGE SURGERY CENTER (1528016656)

ATLANTICARE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (10139...
THE VALLEY HOSPITAL INC. (1013912633)

HACKENSACK UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER (1457...
OCEAN MEDICAL CENTER (1477065126)

ORTHONJ LLC (1720557432)

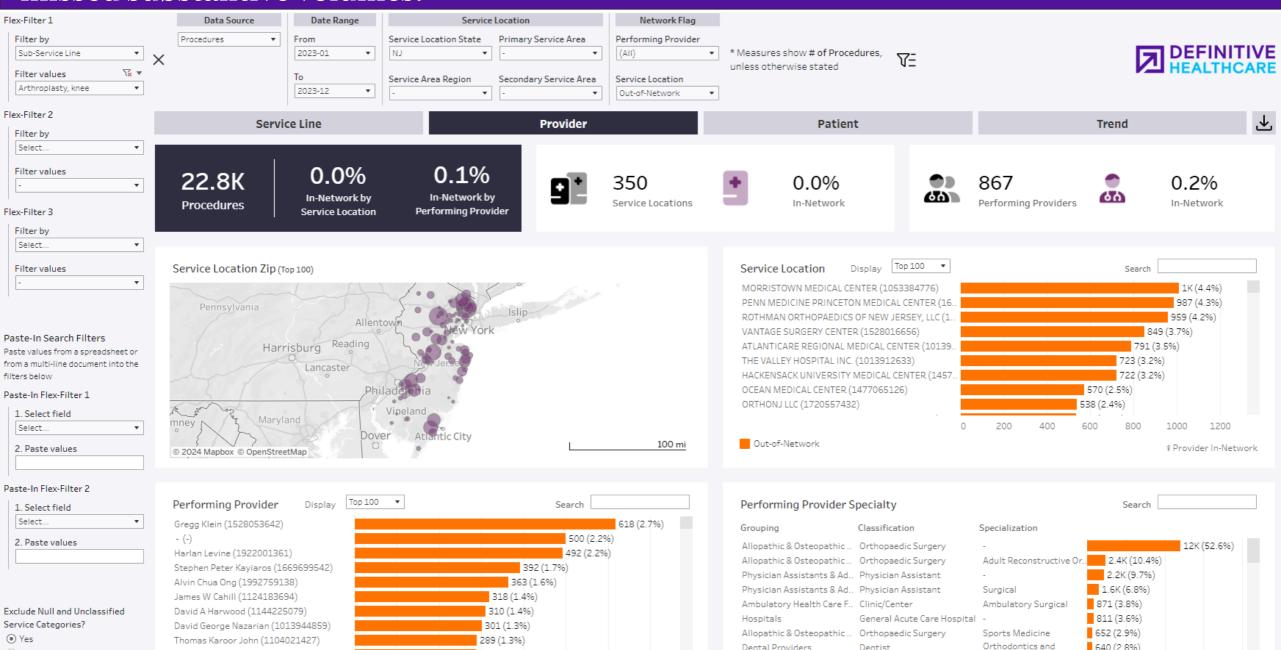
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Top 100 Performing Provider Search 242 (24.5%) Brian Michael Vannozzi (1649330580) 188 (19.0%) Brian Matthew Culp (1750693909) 171 (17.3%) Hari Prasad Bezwada (1861426835) Anthony Jake Boniello (1154702249) 83 (8.4%) 74 (7.5%) Harvey E Smires (1407872369) 38 (3.9%) Robert David Hager (1598876963) 31 (3.1%) PENN MEDICINE PRINCETON MEDICAL CE.. 22 (2.2%) Gregory M Leiter (1750429080) 18 (1.8%) Mark J Pressman (1649230673) 300 50 100 150 200 250



If we'd limited our analysis to just the Orthopedic Surgery <u>specialty</u>, we might have missed substantive volumes.



Recommendation #2:

Always start broader market analyses with specific procedures or service lines, before any provider specialty filters.



Master billing is a challenge for everyone...



A good example is University Radiology in New Jersey



Imaging Center Locations

Bedminster

Bridgewater

Cherry Hill

East Brunswick

Edison

Elizabeth

Freehold

Hillsborough (Rte. 206)

Lacey

Linden

Maplewood

Metuchen

Monroe

Moorestown

Neptune

New Brunswick

Nutley

Oakhurst

Point Pleasant

Somerset

Teaneck

Tinton Falls

Wall

Warren

Hospitals

Bergen New Bridge Medical Center

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Jersey Shore University Medical Center

Monmouth Medical Center

Monmouth Medical Center Southern Campus



Raritan Bay Medical Center - Old Bridge Division

Raritan Bay Medical Center - Perth Amboy Division

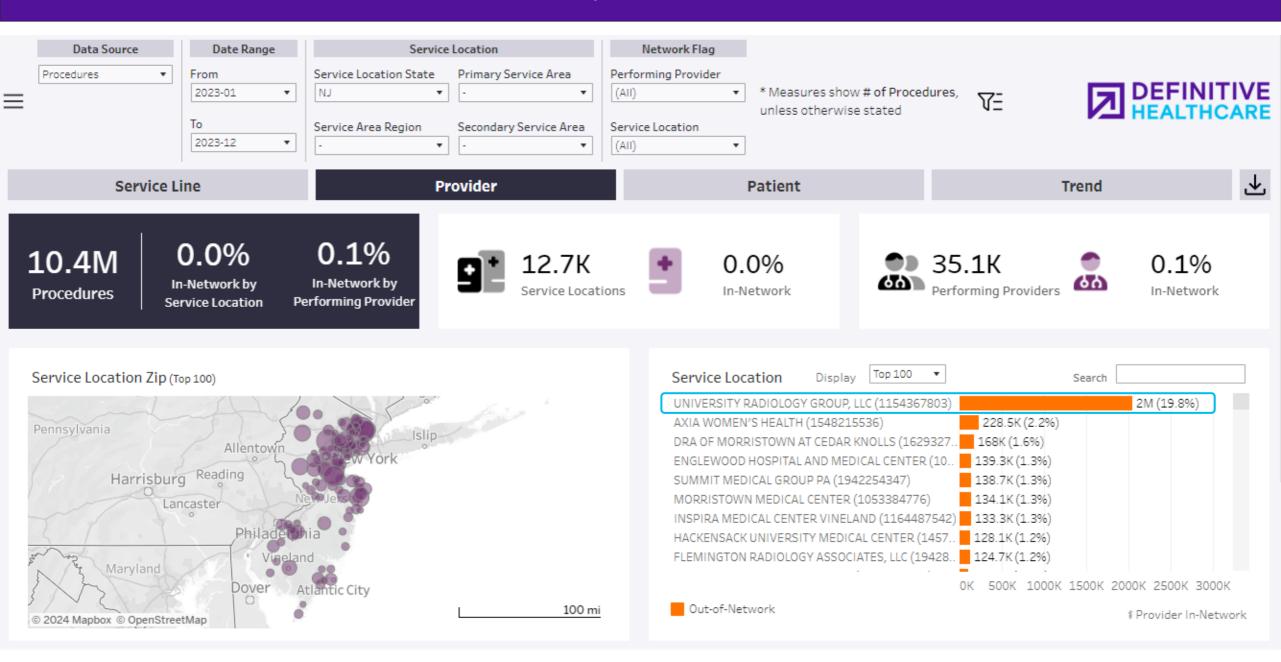
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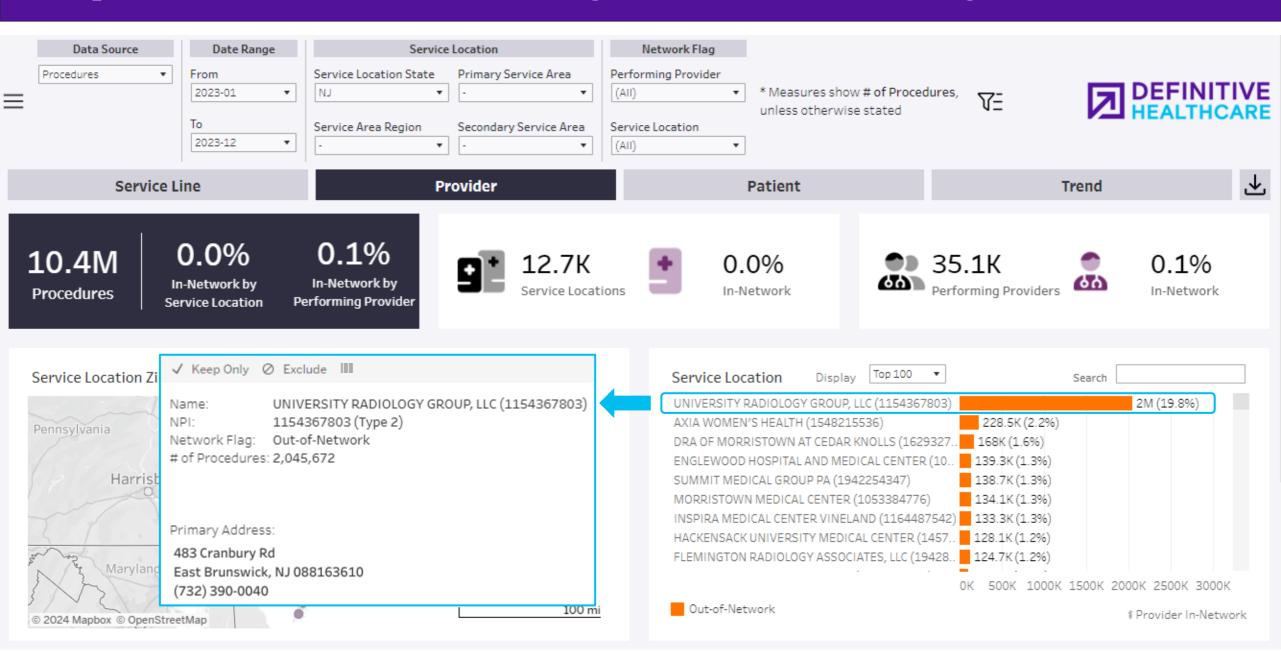
St. Peter's University Hospital

Trinitas Regional Medical Center

The overall available data for them is very solid...



But specific sub-location detail is missing due to their master billing.



To overcome this, <u>sometimes</u> claims data contains sublocation detail by Zip 5, but it is often inconsistent.

					Year		
Billing Entity	Service Location	Registered Zip	Claim Zip	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	08816	379,232	<mark>474,445</mark>	604,731	1,458,408
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	08901	122,979	139,792	150,063	412,834
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	07753	82,931	96,561	101,324	280,816
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	07302	59,195	64,716	71,207	195,118
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	08873	45,190	54,241	58,795	158,226
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	08840	63,543	42,702	48,689	154,934
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	07208	37,101	42,029	47,913	127,043
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	08876	1,602	61,301	59,143	122,046
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	08831	26,788	32,497	34,867	94,152
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	07059	27,494	31,593	33,115	92,202
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	08820	24,310	32,188	34,309	90,807
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	08807	22,821	29,333	33,243	85,397
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	08863	24,799	28,902	30,019	83,720
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	08857	22,879	27,399	31,087	81,365
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	07740	1,740	36,994	36,987	75,721
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	07102	29,087	31,244	9,280	69,611
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	07666	18,840	23,843	23,643	66,326
UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	UNIVERSITY RADIOLOGY GROUP, LLC	08816	08731	15,479	20,594	22,382	58,455

Vast majority of data tied to main
Registered
Primary
Location Zip code



Another version of master billing is one NPI 2 used for many different <u>types</u> of locations.



53 Locations!

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SANFORD MEDICAL CENTER

This will overstate Sanford Medical Center activity **AND** Make the

individual locations' data less clear

Doing Business As:

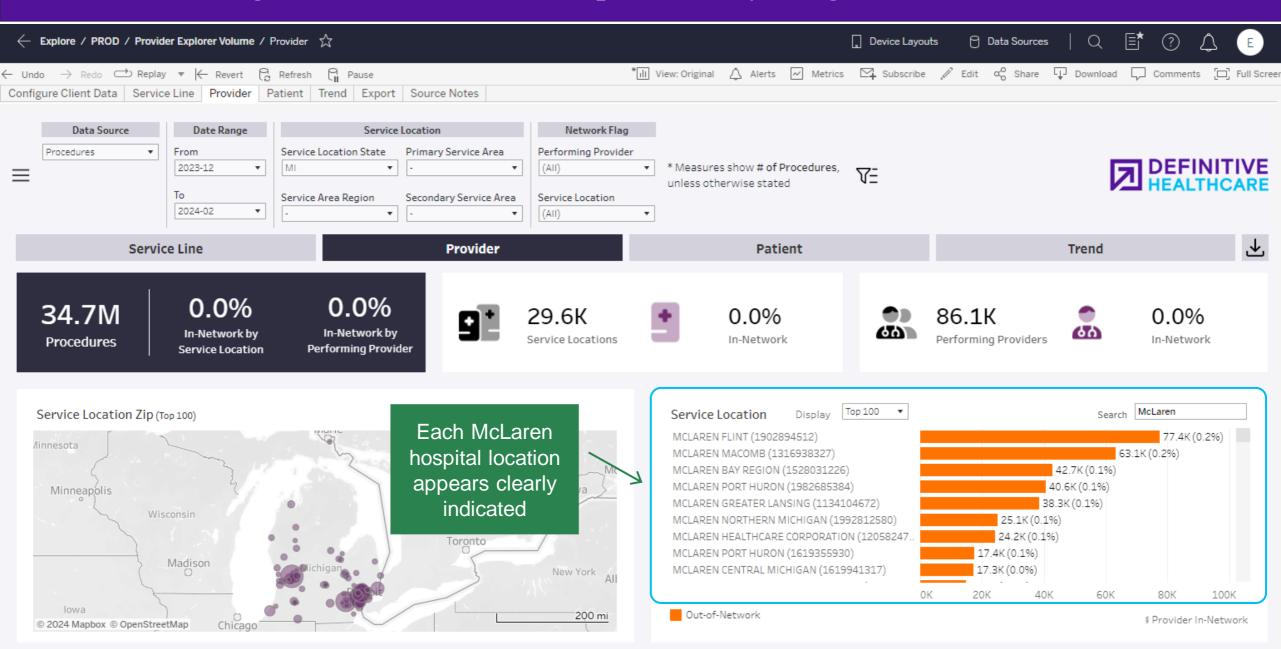
SANFORD DERMATOLOGY CLINIC	SANFORD 32ND & ELLIS FAMILY MEDICINE CLINIC
SANFORD CHILDREN'S 32ND & ELLIS CLINIC	SANFORD MATERNAL FETAL MEDICINE CLINIC
SANFORD USD MEDICAL CENTER	SANFORD 26TH AND SYCAMORE FAMILY MEDICINE
SANFORD INFECTIOUS DISEASE CLINIC	SANFORD NEUROLOGY CLINIC
SANFORD INTERNAL MEDICINE CLINIC	SANFORD EYE CENTER & OPTICAL
SANFORD CHILDREN'S 69TH & LOUISE CLINIC	SANFORD RHEUMATOLOGY CLINIC
SANFORD PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION	SANFORD HARRISBURG CLINIC
SANFORD 69TH & MINNESOTA FAMILY MEDICINE	SANFORD EAR NOSE & THROAT CLINIC
SANFORD OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY 32ND & ELLIS CLINIC	SANFORD CHILDREN'S 26TH & SYCAMORE CLINIC
SANFORD CHILDREN'S RESIDENCY CLINIC	SANFORD CLINIC ALLERGY AND IMMUNOLOGY
SANFORD ACUTE CARE SPORTS COMPLEX CLINIC	SANFORD FEMALE PELVIC MEDICINE AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY CLINIC
SANFORD DIABETES AND THYROID CLINIC	SANFORD HEALTH FERTILITY & REPRODUCTIVE CLINIC
SANFORD GASTROENTEROLOGY CLINIC	SANFORD BRANDON FAMILY MEDICINE
SANFORD NEUROSURGERY AND SPINE CLINIC	SANFORD PULMONARY MEDICINE CLINIC
SANFORD VASCULAR ASSOCIATES	SANFORD EDITH SANFORD BREAST CENTER
SANFORD WOMEN'S PRIMARY CARE CLINIC	SANFORD GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY CLINIC
SANFORD MOLECULAR IMAGING CLINIC	SANFORD USD 34TH & KIWANIS FAMILY MEDICINE CLINIC
SANFORD ORTHOPEDICS & SPORTS MEDICINE	SANFORD ACUTE CARE 26TH & SYCAMORE CLINIC
SANFORD USD MEDICAL CENTER-CRNA/ED	SANFORD 69TH & LOUISE FAMILY MEDICINE
SANFORD ACUTE CARE 69TH & MINNESOTA CLINIC	SANFORD CARDIOVASCULAR INSTITUTE
SANFORD 4TH AND SYCAMORE FAMILY MEDICINE	SANFORD CHILDREN'S CLINIC SANFORD USD MEDICAL CENTER MB2
EDITH SANFORD BREAST SPECIALTY CLINIC	SANFORD HEALTH EDITH SANFORD BREAST CENTER BRIDGES
SANFORD CHILDREN'S SPECIALTY CLINIC	SANFORD 49TH AND OXBOW FAMILY MEDICINE
SANFORD SURGICAL ASSOCIATES	SANFORD NEPHROLOGY CLINIC
SANFORD OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY CLINIC	SANFORD HEALTH PSYCHIATRY & PSYCHOLOGY CLINIC
SANFORD ACUTE CARE 32ND & ELLIS CLINIC	



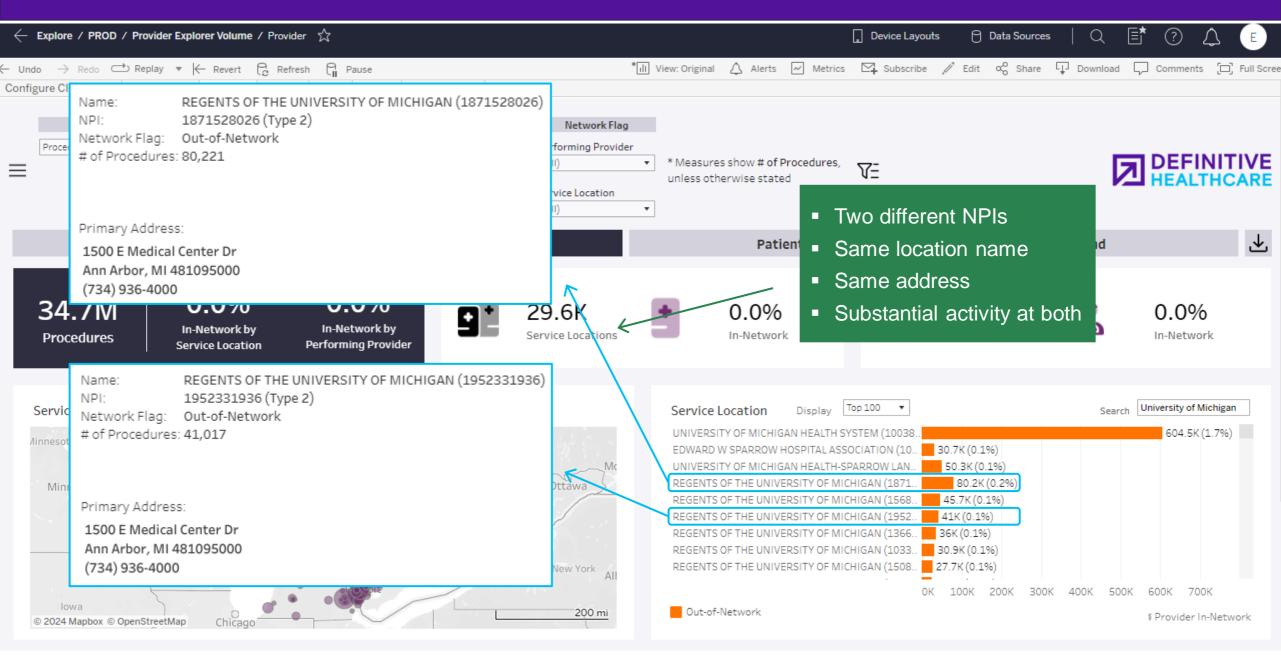
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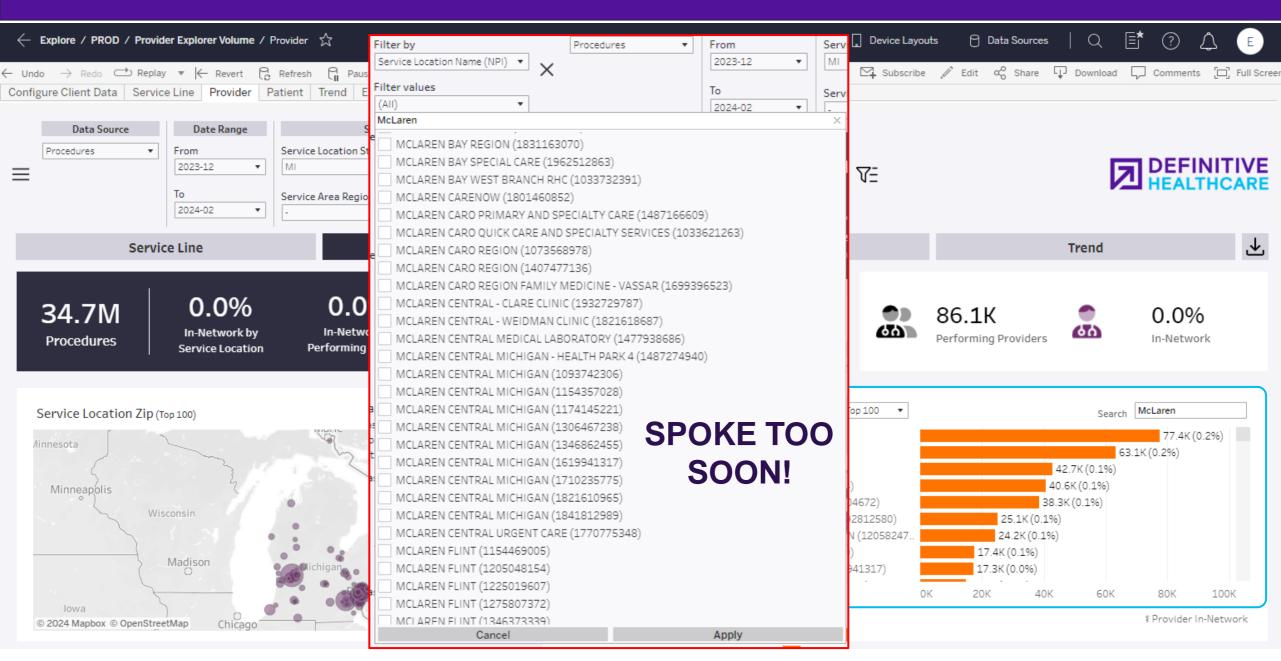
When NPPES registrations are location specific, they are great...



But often they are not...



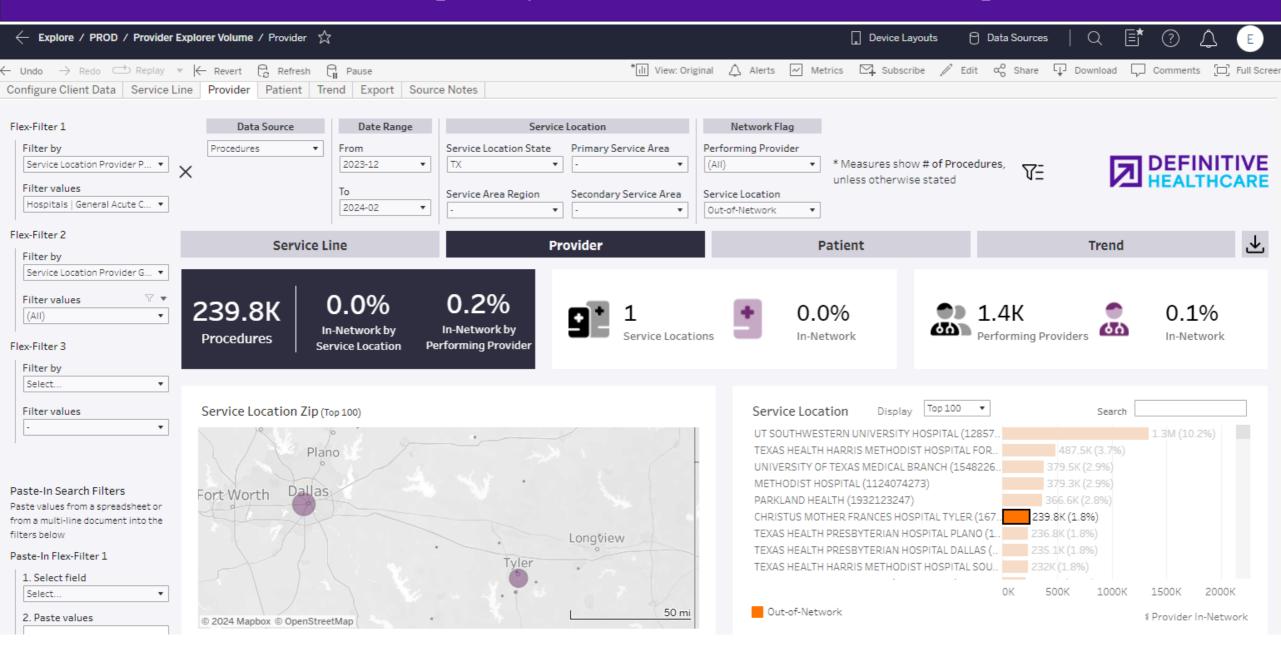
Bottom line: When NPPES registrations are location specific they are great...



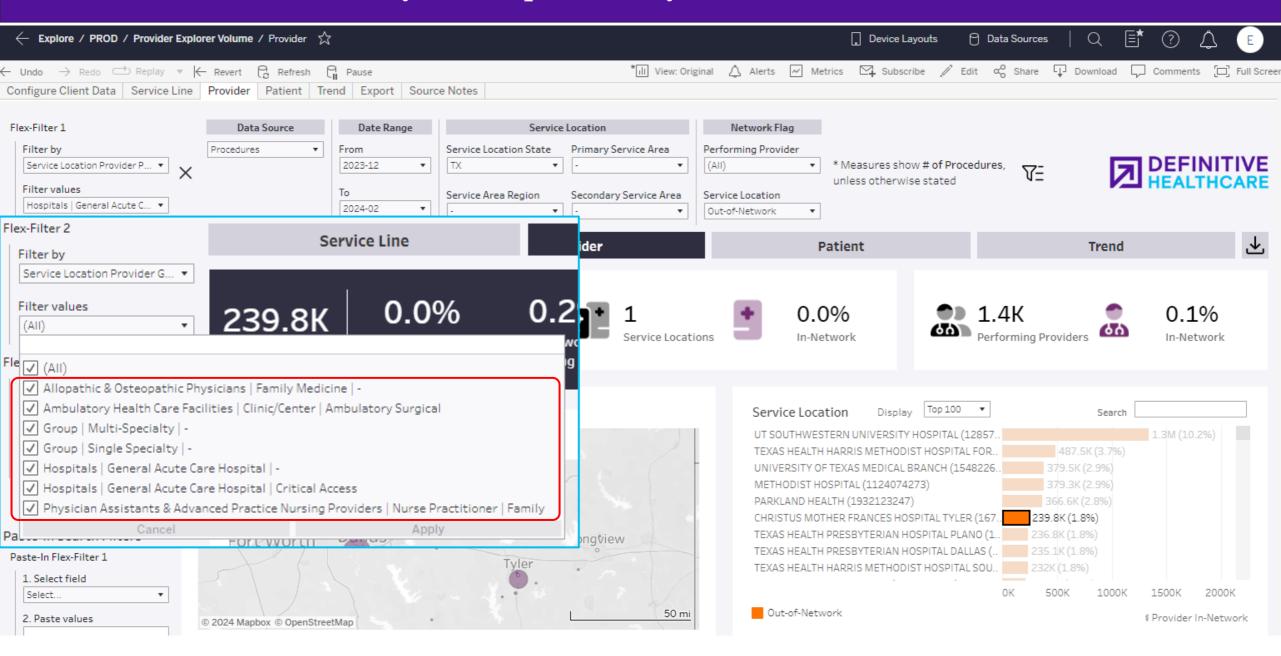
Location types may also confuse...



Christus Mother Frances Hospital Tyler is a General Acute Care Hospital...



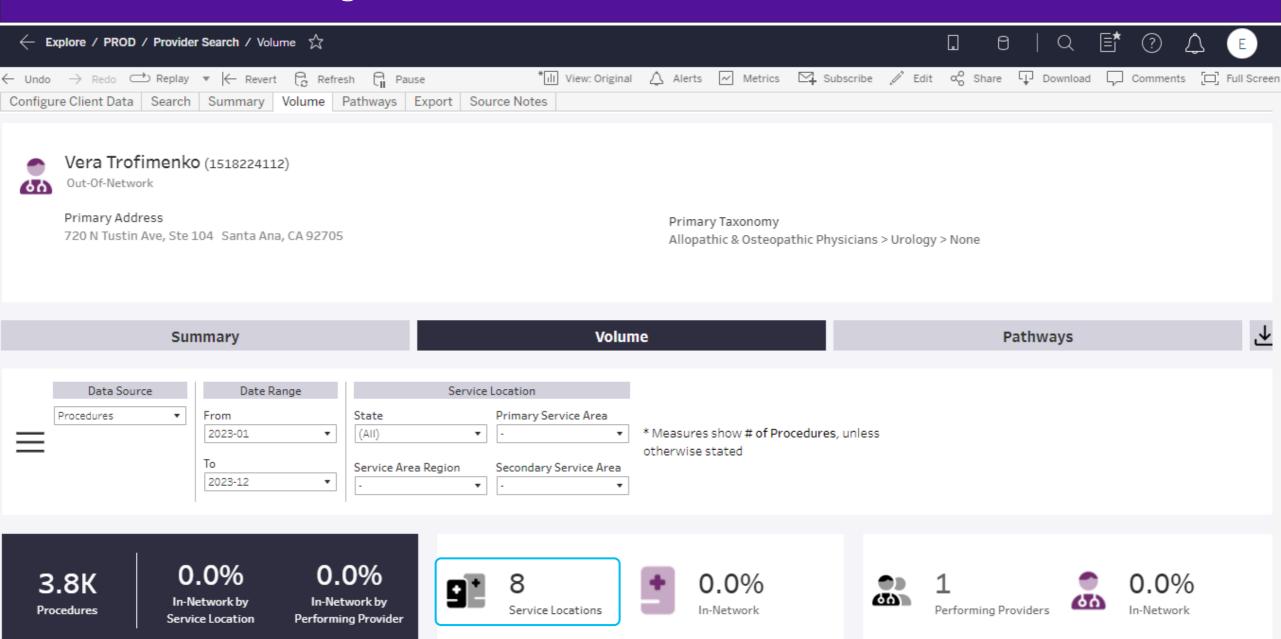
But in their claims data they have a personality disorder!



Even knowing where a specific provider performs their activity can be difficult...



Let's look at this Urologist in California...



The majority of her activity, according to claims, occurs at "Lamia L. Gabal, MD, Inc."

3.8K

Out-of-Network

0.0%

In-Network by Service Location 0.0%

In-Network by Performing Provider



8 Service Locations



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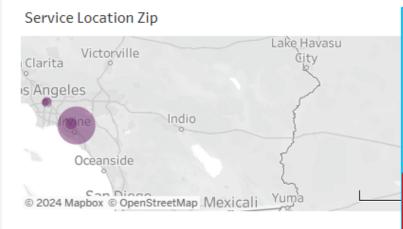
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Performing Providers



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In-Network



Name: LAMIA L. GABAL, MD, INC. NPI: 1801000542 (Type Type 2)

Network Flag: Out-of-Network

Primary Grouping: Allopathic & Osteopathic Physicians

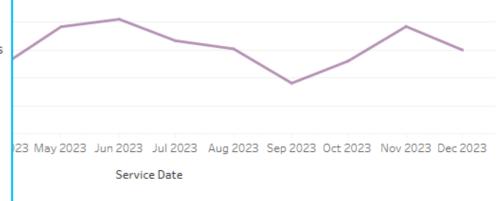
Primary Classification: Urology

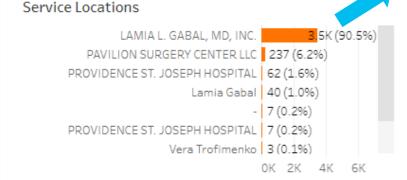
Primary Specialization: Pediatric Urology # of Procedures: 3,451 (90.5%)

Primary Address

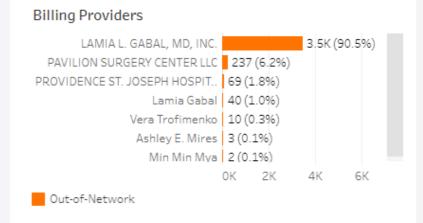
720 N Tustin Ave, # 140 Santa Ana, CA 927053606 (949) 825-7650

Out-of-Network









And NPPES says that address is her primary location...

NPI	Name	NPI Type	Primary Practice Address	Phone	Primary Taxonomy
<u>1518224112</u>	VERA TROFIMENKO	.	720 N TUSTIN AVE STE 104 SANTA ANA, CA 92705	949-825-7650	Urology

But a Google search finds her as a provider for Prestige Medical Group...

NPI	Name	NPI Type	Primary Practice Address	Phone	Primary Taxonomy
1518224112	VERA TROFIMENKO	.	720 N TUSTIN AVE STE 104 SANTA ANA, CA 92705	949-825-7650	Urology
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And NPPES doesn't have a registration for a Prestige Medical Group in California...

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<u>1518224112</u>	VERA TROFIMENKO	•	720 N TUSTIN AVE STE 104 SANTA ANA, CA 92705	949-825-7650	Urology

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1437332624	PRESTIGE MEDICAL GROUP LJCPSC	añe	MONTEHEIDRA TOWN CTR SAN JUAN, PR 00926-7007	787-760-6604	Anesthesiology
<u>1528440781</u>	PRESTIGE MEDICAL GROUP LLC	añe	6924 PROFESSIONAL PKWY E LAKEWOOD RANCH, FL 34240-8414	941-752-6002	Specialist
1801476502	PRESTIGE MEDICAL GROUP LLC	aRe	8800 W 159TH ST ORLAND PARK, IL 60462-5618	708-942-6843	Clinic/Center

NPPES does have registration for "Lamia L. Gabal, MD, Inc." at the Tustin Ave address

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<u>1518224112</u>	VERA TROFIMENKO	•	720 N TUSTIN AVE STE 104 SANTA ANA, CA 92705	949-825-7650	Urology
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NPI	Name	NPI Type	Primary Practice Address	Phone	Primary Taxonomy
1801000542	LAMIA L. GABAL, MD, INC.	añe	720 N TUSTIN AVE # 140 SANTA ANA, CA 92705-3606	949-825-7650	Urology

Of which Dr. Lamia Gabal appears to be the founder...

(949) 825-7650

Our **Tustin, CA** Office Rate Us: ★★★★











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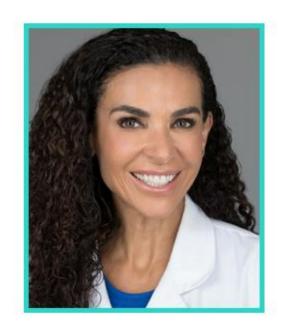
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Lamia Gabal, MD, FPMRS

Urologist & Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery

Dr. Lamia Gabal is a board-certified urologist with a subspecialty board certification in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS). She specializes in several different areas of urology, including regenerative and restorative surgeries. At Prestige Medical Group, the doctor and her staff take great pride in offering many of the newest, cutting-edge treatment options, including SculpSure®, and MonaLisa Touch®.

But the Tustin, CA address for this practice location's website is completely different

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ADDRESS

Tustin, CA 92780

PRESTIGE MEDICAL

New Patients ▼

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() HOURS

Monday: 8:30 am - 5:00pm

18302 Irvine Blvd #200

Wednesday: 8:30 am - 5:00pm

Thursday: 8:30 am - 5:00pm

Friday: 8:30 am - 5:00pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

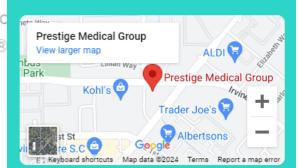
Urine Drop Off Hours

and 1:45pm - 3:45pm

Friday: 8:45am - 11:45am and 1:45pm -3:00 pm

CONTACT

(949) 825-7650

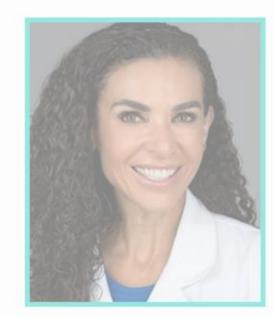


OUR PROVIDERS



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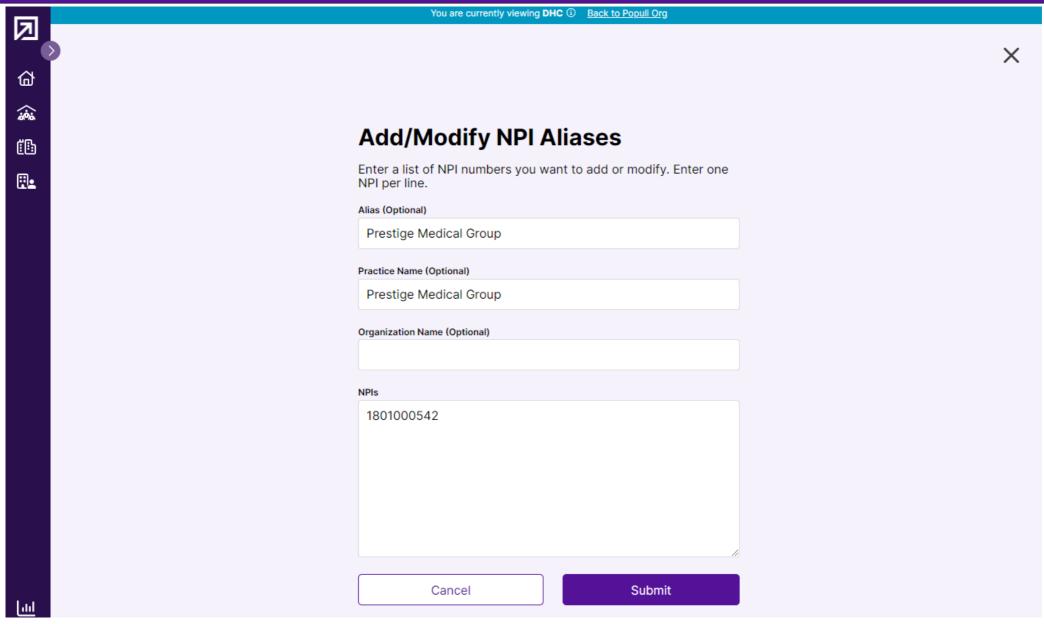
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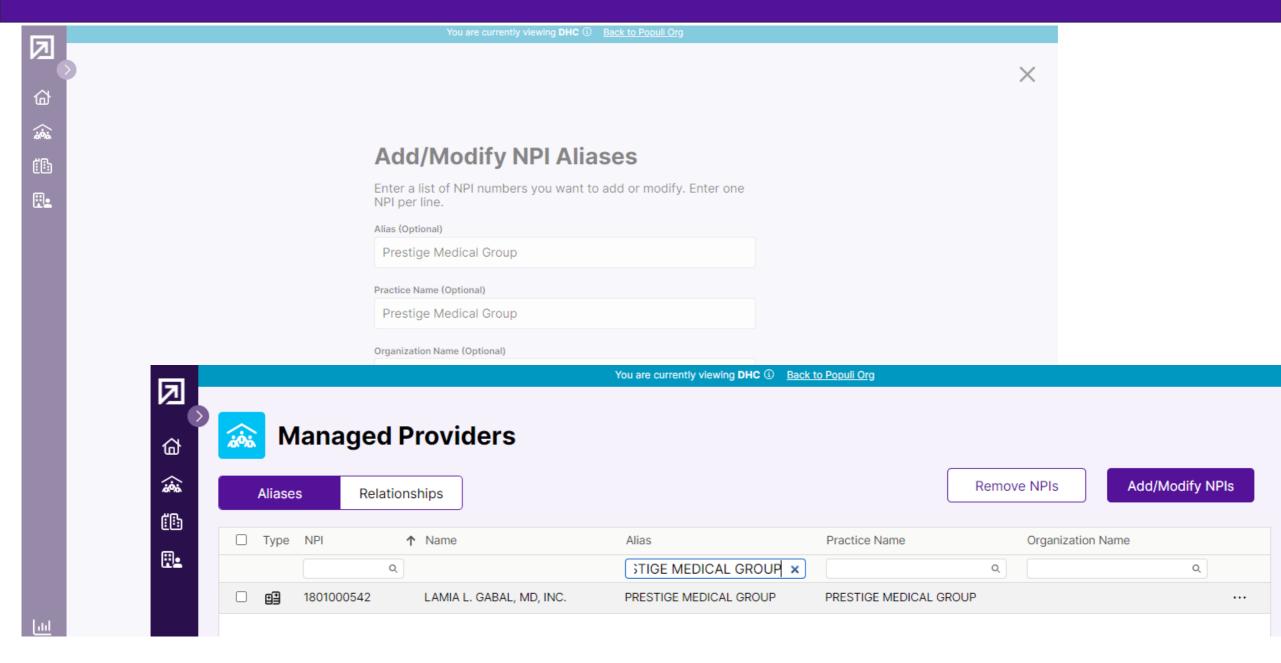
Confused yet?



No provider directory can be perfect. Make sure your analytics solution enables your local knowledge to be easily incorporated



We can at least change the name for this location, so it is more logical



The result will be cleaner, more easily understood, data...

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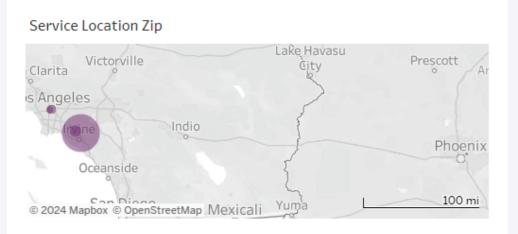


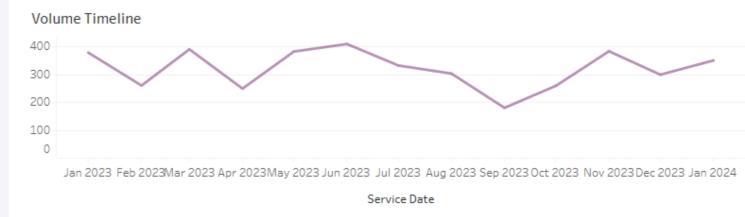


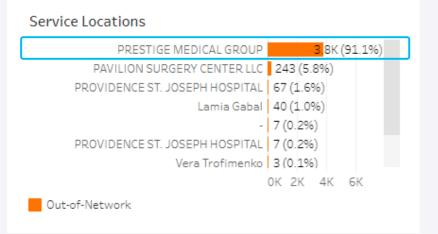
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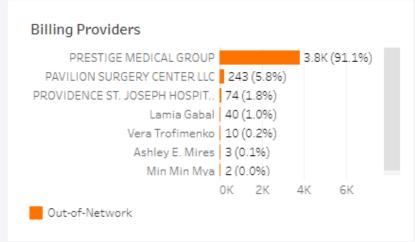
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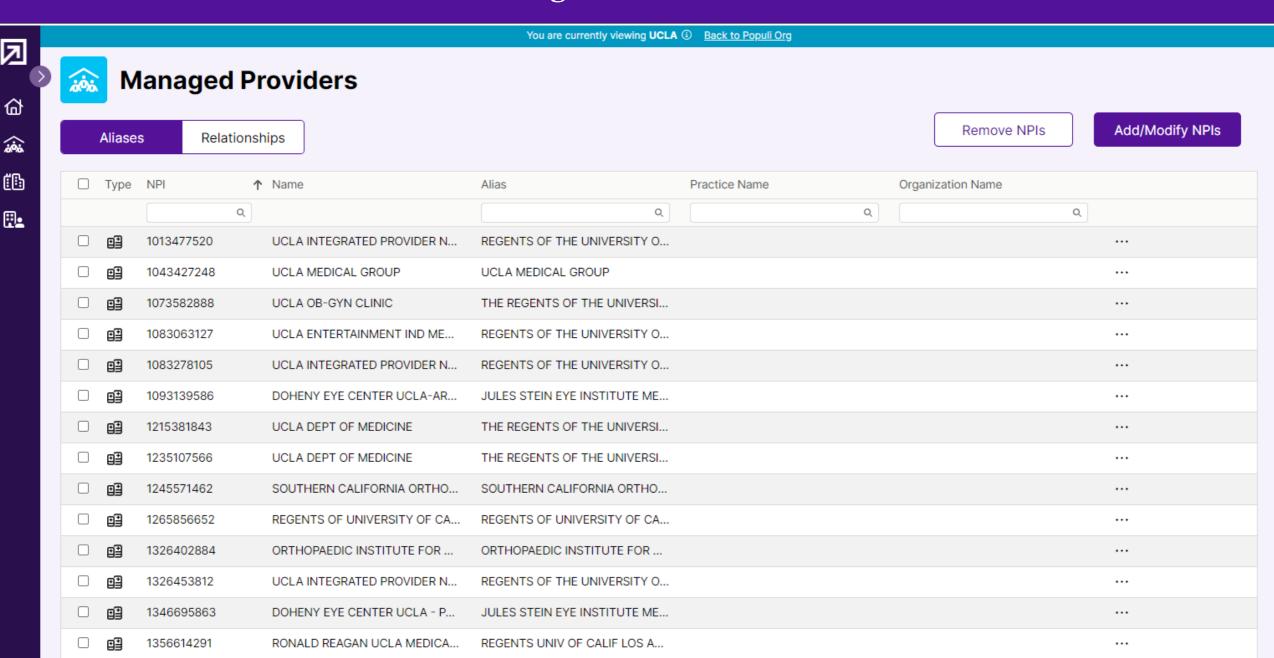




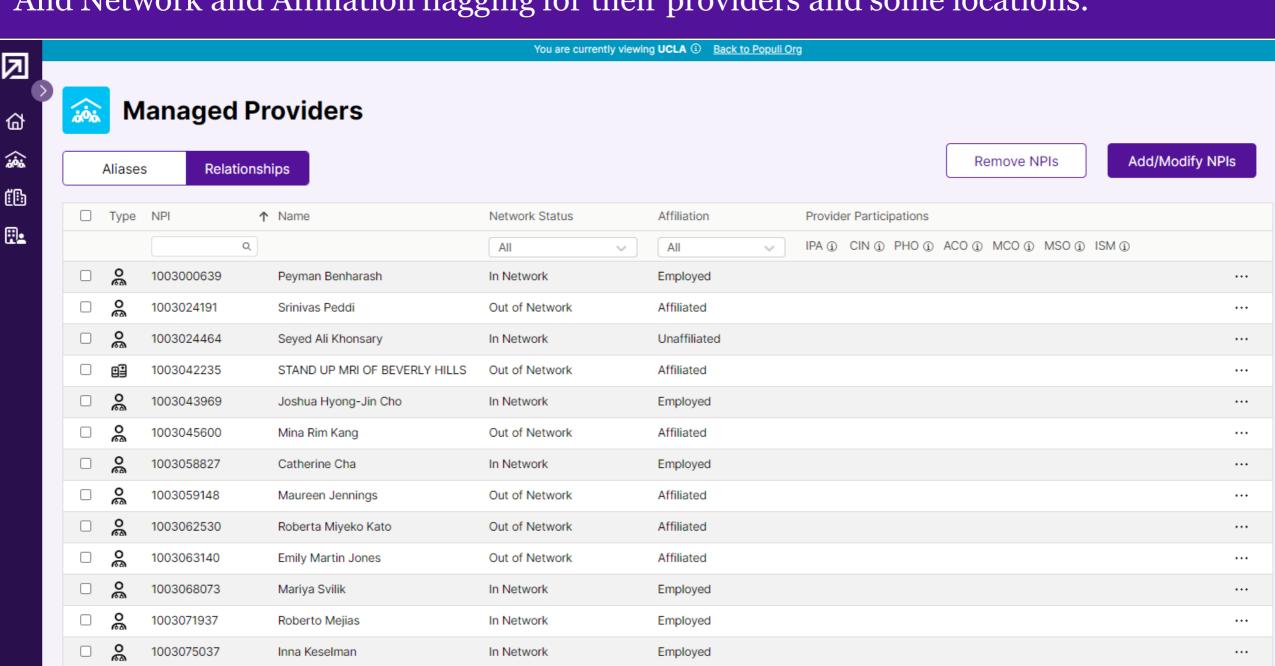




The UCLA Health team has been doing this with both their own and other locations...



And Network and Affiliation flagging for their providers and some locations.



Recommendation #3:

Local market knowledge always needs to supplement claims data.



Why do I see nulls or 'Redacted' items?



These items can appear in several places...

34.7M **Procedures**

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Service Location

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In-Network by Performing Provider



29.6K Service Locations



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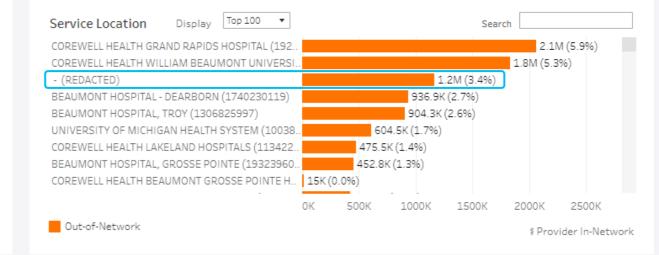
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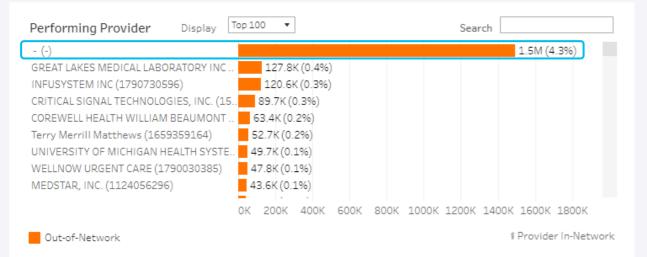


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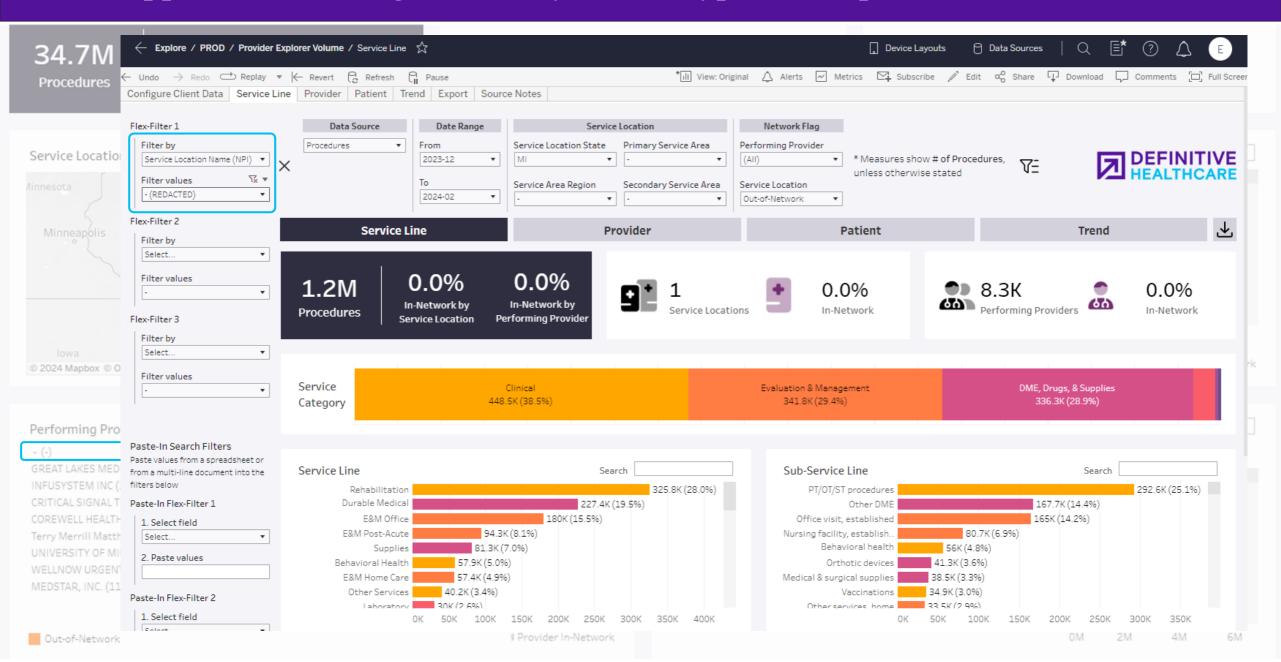




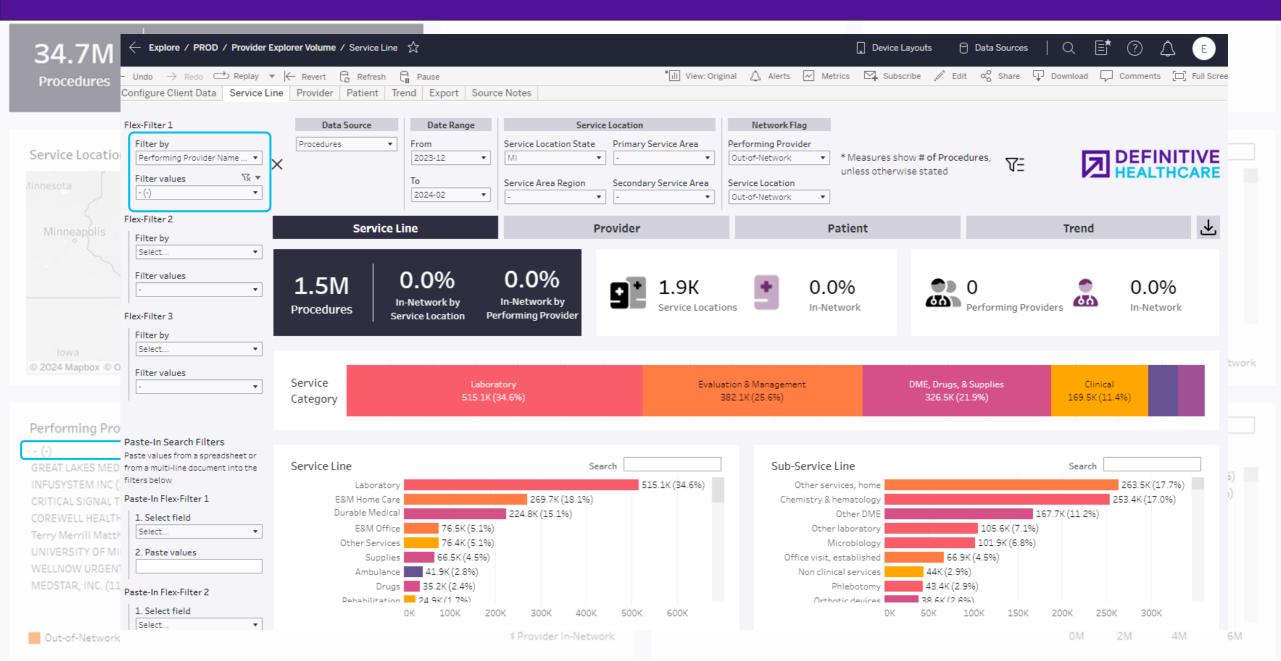




It can happen across a range of activity, often a type of PHI protection on the raw claim



But can also simply be missing data on the claim



Payor/Payer information is a kaleidoscope!



What you expect to see in raw claims data...

payer_id	payer_name	type_of_coverage	type_of_coverage_grouping	year	count
99998	AARP	Medicare Supplemental	Medicare Supplemental	2022	55
Standard Payer ID	Clean Payer Name	Clean Coverage Type			



What we actually get in claims data...

payer_id	payer_name	type_of_coverage	type_of_coverage_grouping	year	count
36273	AARP	Commercial	Commercial	2022	63,625
36273	AARP	Indemnity	Commercial	2022	7,703
36273	AARP	<u>null</u>	null	2022	5,374
AARP	AARP	Self-funded	Commercial	2022	4,459
8940	AARP	Self-funded	Commercial	2022	3,602
AARP-UNITED HEALTHCARE MCR SUPPLE	AARP-UNITED HEALTHCARE MCR SUPPLE	Self-funded	Commercial	2022	2,866
AARP-UHC MCR SUPPLEMENT	AARP-UHC MCR SUPPLEMENT	Self-funded	Commercial	2022	1,659
36273	AARP	Self-funded	Commercial	2022	806
7684	MDX HI AARP MDCR COMPLE	Medicare	Medicare	2022	775
36273	AARP	Other	Other	2022	671
05271	AARP	Medicare	Medicare	2022	482
36273	AARP	BCBS	Commercial	2022	228
AARP UHC MEDICARE SUPP ALL USA	AARP UHC MEDICARE SUPP ALL USA	Self-funded	Commercial	2022	162
AARP UNITED HLTH GRP	AARP UNITED HLTH GRP	Self-funded	Commercial	2022	146
36273	AARP	Medicare	Medicare	2022	101
MANAGED CARE UHCAARP OMR	MANAGED CARE UHCAARP OMR	Self-funded	Commercial	2022	93
TH36273	AARP MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT	Commercial	Commercial	2022	91
36273	AARP	PPO	Commercial	2022	84
AARP UNITED HEALTHCARE CL	AARP UNITED HEALTHCARE CL	Commercial	Commercial	2022	77
MANAGED CARE UHCAARP OQO	MANAGED CARE UHCAARP OQO	Self-funded	Commercial	2022	58
99998	AARP	Medicare Supplemental	Medicare Supplemental	2022	55
99998	AARP	Self-funded	Commercial	2022	52
99998	AARP	Medicaid	Medicaid	2022	36
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This is one of the relatively easy ones to fix...



Recommendation #4:

Research your and your key competitors' data up front, to understand and adapt to the various quirks you might encounter.



Why can't all this data be better?



Without a mandate for all this data to be cleaner, it won't happen soon.



Summary

Understand that claims data is known to be incomplete but offers valuable insights otherwise not available. Particularly, ambulatory/outpatient information not typically required in state reporting.

Always start broader market analyses with specific procedures or service lines, before any provider specialty filters.

Local market knowledge is helpful to supplement and add further color to claims insights.

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Despite the promise of AI, it will take time before many of these data items can reliably be fixed.

