Comparison of ICD-10 Diagnoses and Longitudinal Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate in the Detection of Incident Stage 3 Chronic Kidney Disease: A Retrospective Comparison Study Using United Kingdom Secondary Care Data

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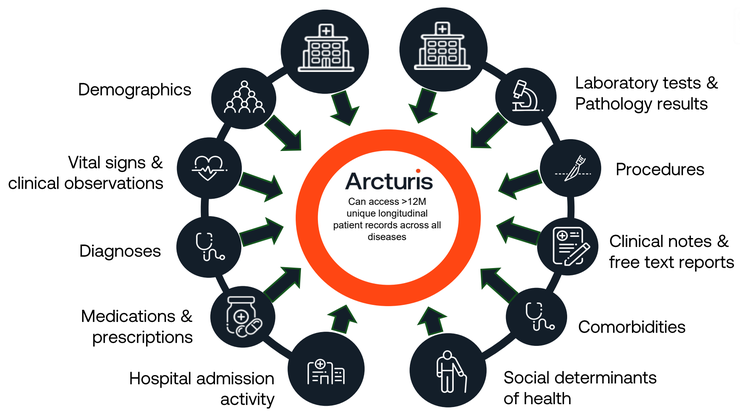

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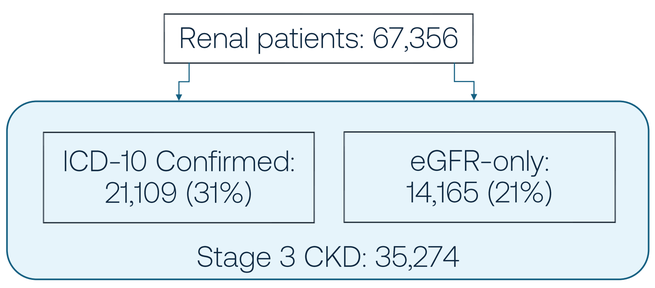

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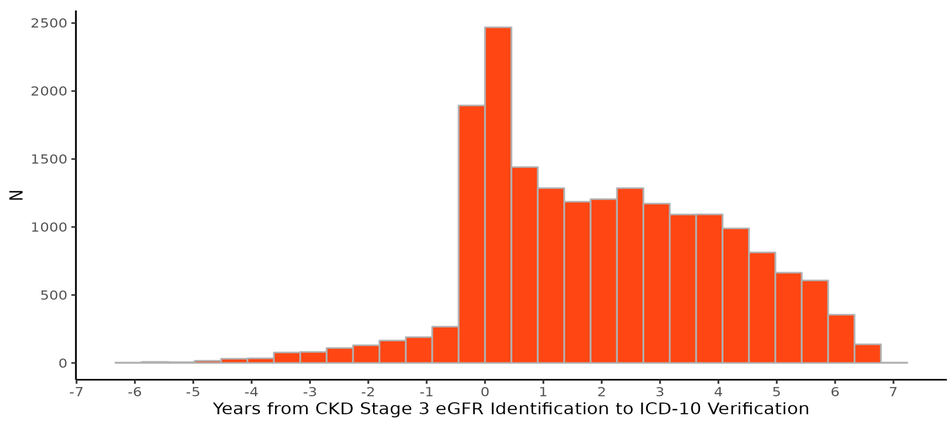

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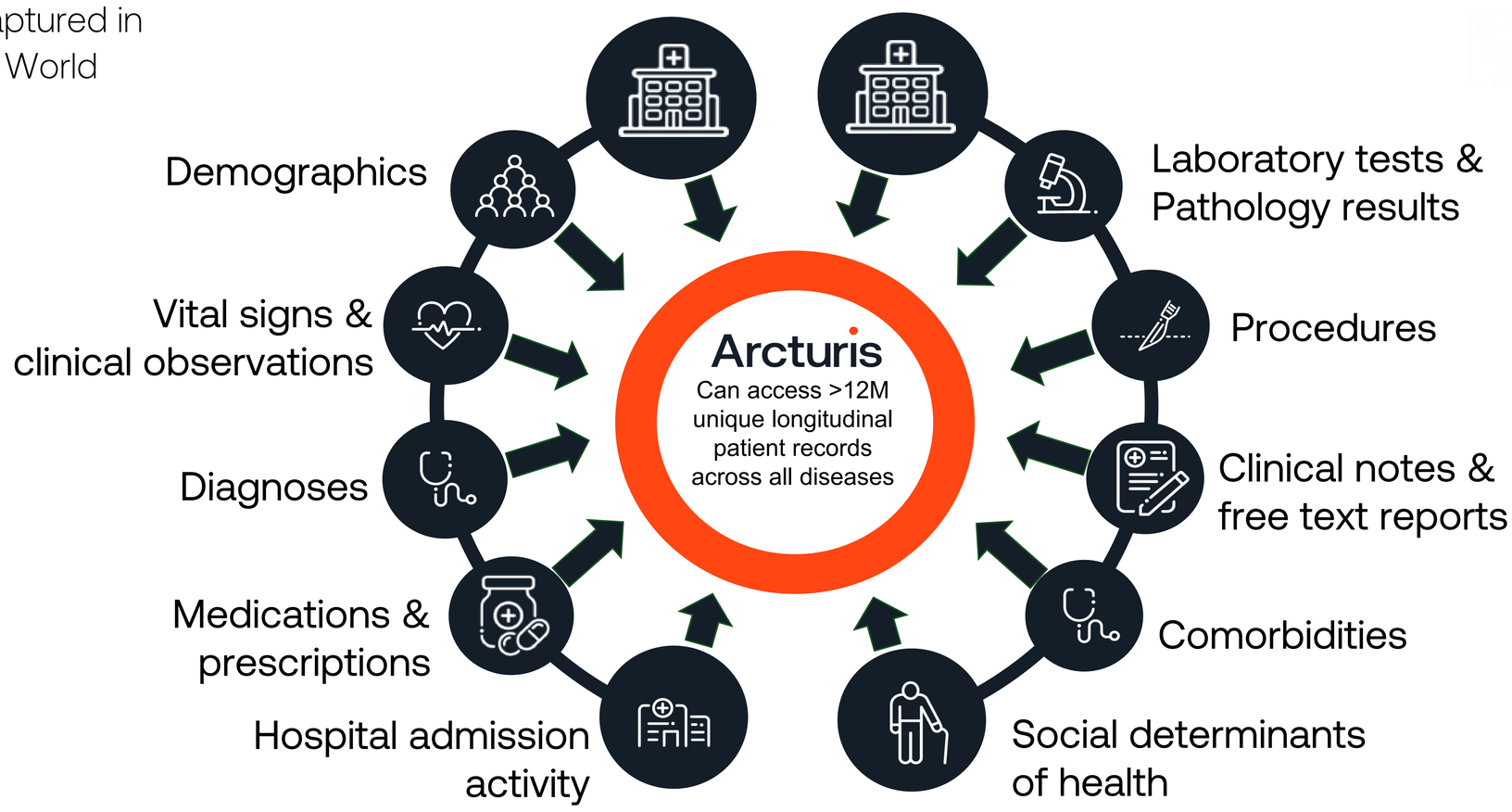

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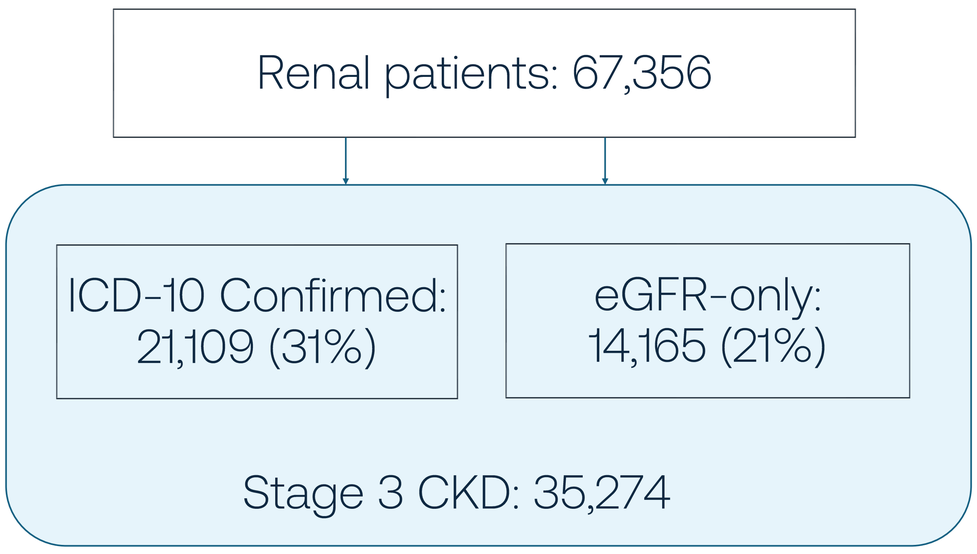

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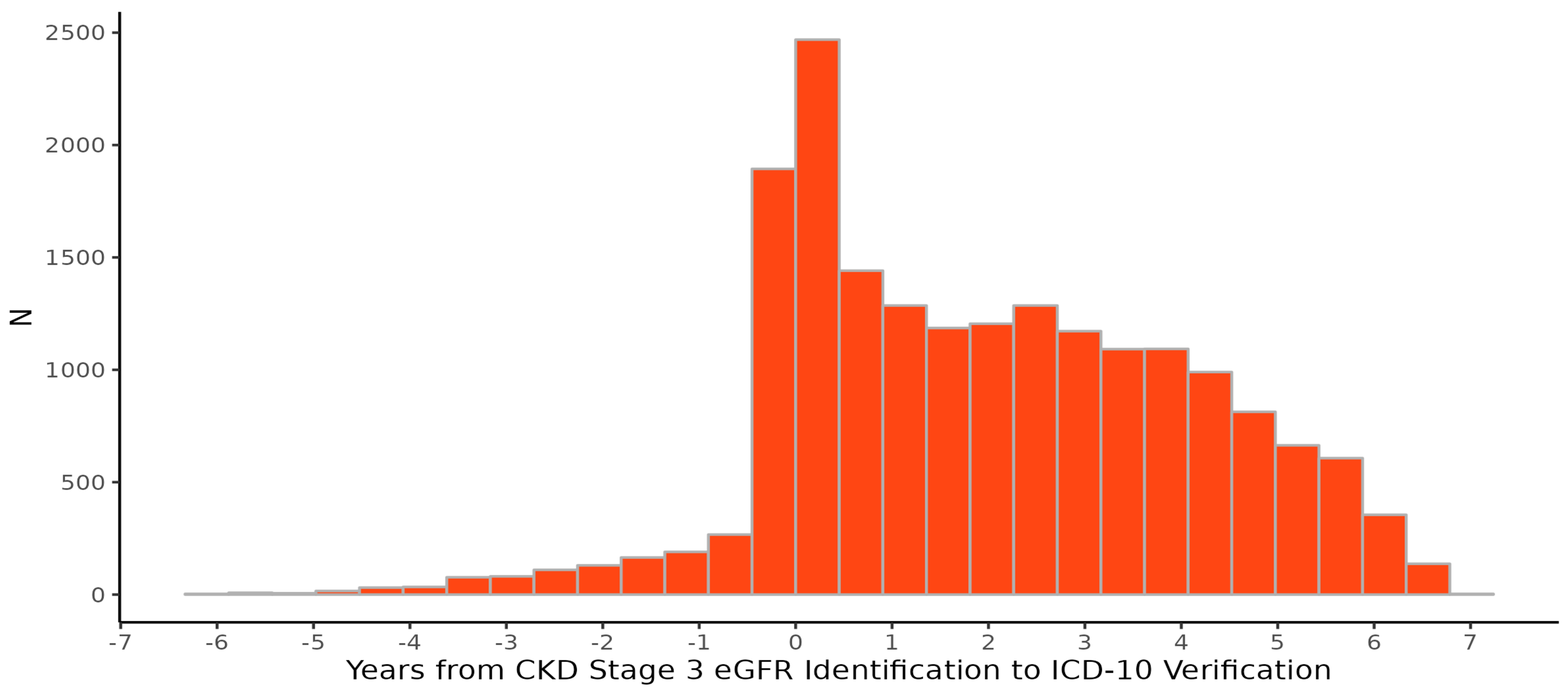

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