

INTRODUCTION

We sought to evaluate overall and race/ethnic trends in the rate of ECG monitoring and types of prolonged cardiac monitoring performed in-hospital after ischemic stroke and transient ischemic attack (TIA) across a large network of hospitals in Florida and Puerto Rico (PR).

HYPOTHESIS

We hypothesized that Hispanic and Black patients were less likely to receive prolonged cardiac monitoring after ischemic stroke/TIA compared to White patients.

METHODS

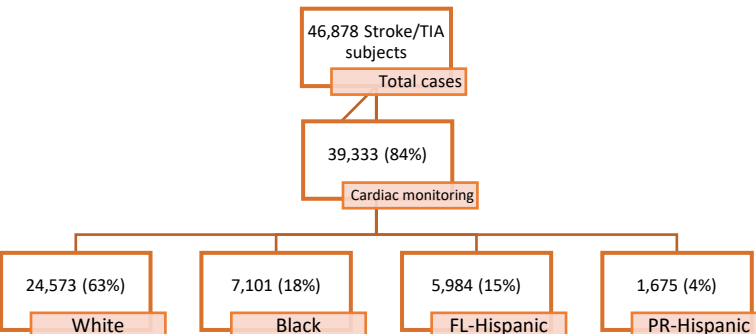
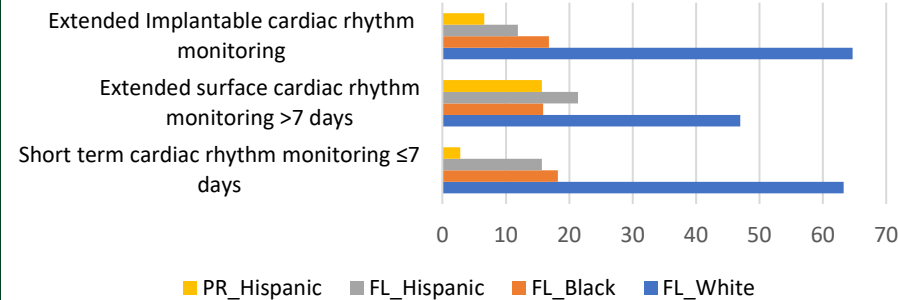


Figure 1. Flow diagram of 46,878 stroke/TIA cases in the registry with data on in-hospital cardiac monitoring.

- Univariate analysis was performed to determine the overall rate of ECG monitoring and the characteristics of patients who received cardiac surface monitoring ≤ 7 days and > 7 days, and implantable cardiac rhythm monitoring.
- Multivariate logistic regression was performed to identify factors associated with the various types of prolonged cardiac rhythm monitoring.

RESULTS

Figure 2. Percentage of patients who received prolonged cardiac monitoring by type and race/ethnicity



- Overall, 39,333 (84%) patients admitted for stroke/TIA received ECG monitoring during hospital admission (mean age 71 ± 14 years; 49% female).
- After adjustment, **smokers and patients age > 80 years** were less likely to receive ECG monitoring overall (OR 0.95, 95% CI 0.9-0.99 for both).
- **Black race** was associated with receiving extended surface monitoring > 7 days (OR 1.15, 95% CI 1.04-1.26) and negatively associated with implantable cardiac monitoring (OR 0.81, 95% CI 0.68-0.96).
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- There were **no sex differences** observed.

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DISCUSSION

- AHA/ASA guidelines recommend ≥ 24 hours of cardiac rhythm monitoring after stroke/TIA; however, specific strategies regarding the type and duration of monitoring are lacking and clinical practice patterns vary widely.
- Patients > 80 years of age and smokers were less likely to receive any prolonged ECG monitoring after stroke/TIA. This might be explained by the higher presence of large vessel atherosclerotic disease in smokers and higher prevalence of atrial fibrillation in older patients.
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SUMMARY

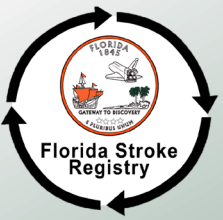
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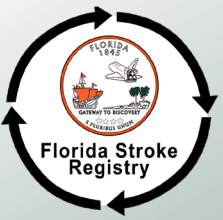
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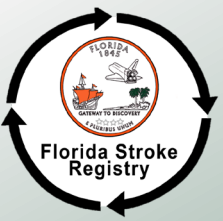
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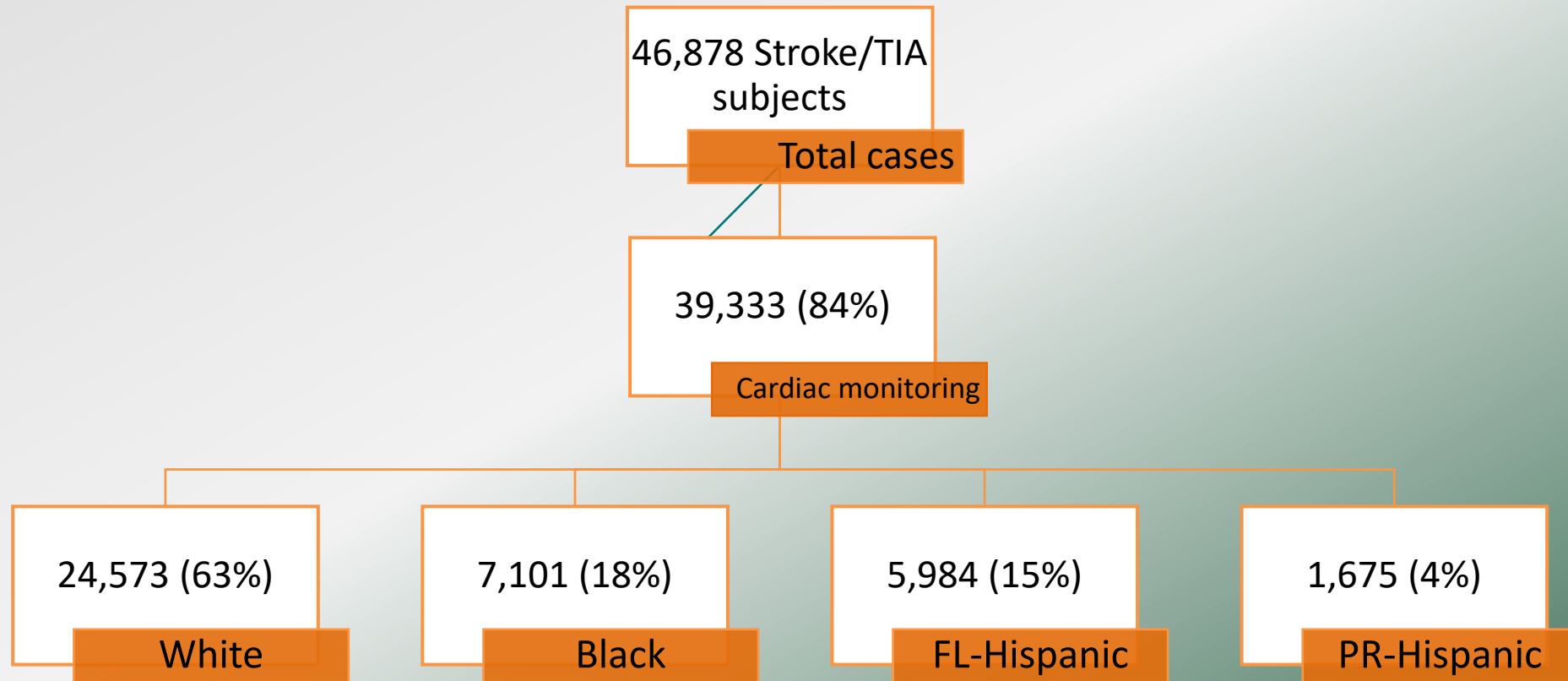
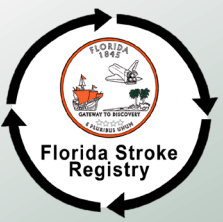


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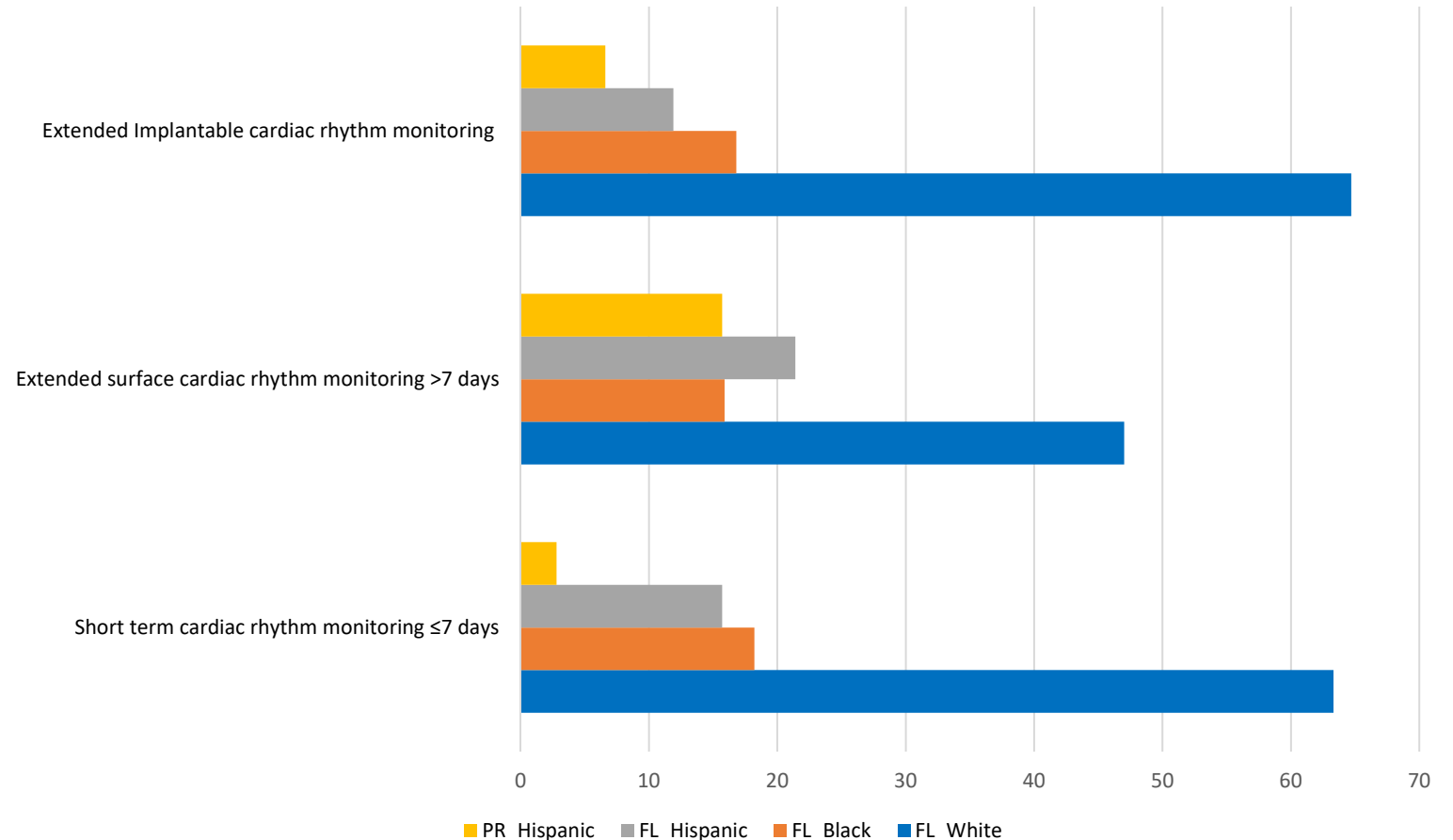
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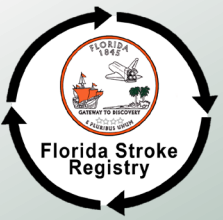
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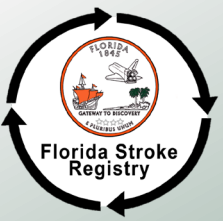
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