# Effectiveness of Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) in Reducing Hazardous Drinking: Results from an Implementation Study in Primary Care Setting

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## Background

- Multiple meta-analyses support the efficacy of screening and brief intervention (BI) on hazardous drinkers in the primary care (PC) setting (Ballesteros et al., 2004; Whitlock et al., 2004; Kaner et al., 2007; Jonas et al., 2012)
- A review of reviews (O'Donnell et al., 2013) supports the effectiveness of BI at reducing alcohol related problems across 56 trials and a wide range of patients in PC
- Implementation remains a challenge
- Some recent effectiveness and implementation studies conducted in PC found no significant effects of BI (Hilbink et al., 2012; Kaner et al., 2013; Williams et al., 2014)

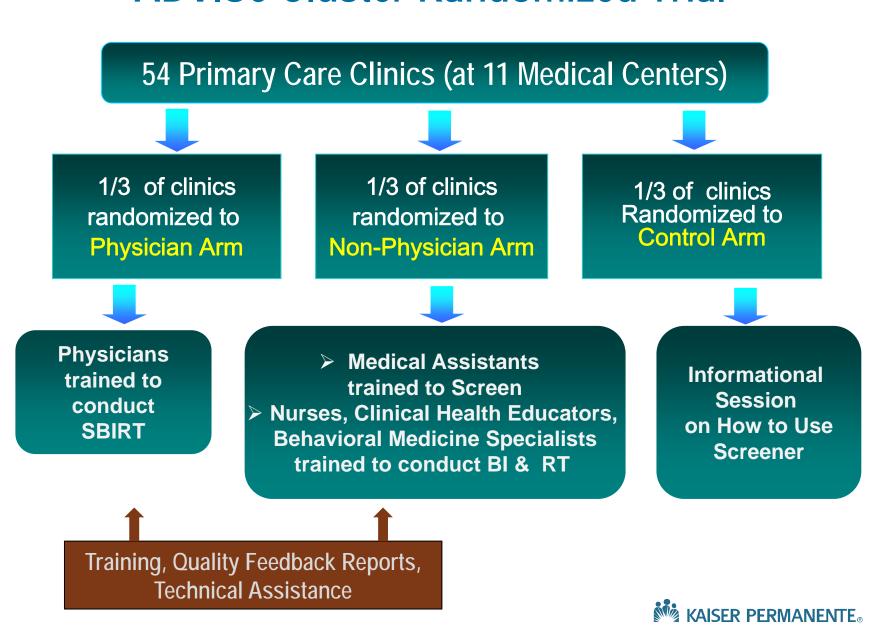


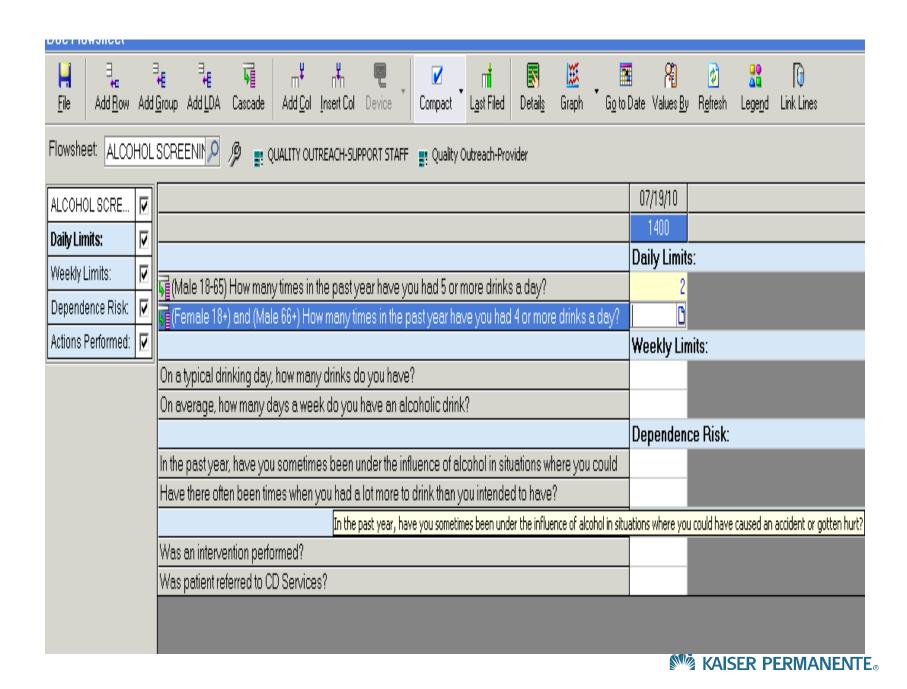
## Research Aim

Using secondary data, this observational cohort study aims to evaluate the effectiveness of receiving brief intervention or referral to treatment (BI/RT) on alcohol use outcomes at subsequent screening



### **ADVISe Cluster Randomized Trial**





## Intervention: NIAAA Guide

- Based on NIAAA Guide "Helping Patients Who Drink Too Much"
- Feedback, advice, addressing readiness and collaborative goal-setting
- Providing written NIAAA patient education brochure (English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese translations)
- Referral to specialty treatment for further assessment

## Year 1 Implementation Outcomes (N=639,613)

	Physician Arm	Non-Physician Arm	Control Arm	
% Screened	9.2%	50.9%	3.5%	
% Given BI/RT among those screened positive	44.4%	3.4%	2.7%	

#### Notes:

- 1. Differences in rates of screening were significant between each of the two intervention arms vs. Control arm as well as between the two intervention arms.
- 2. Differences in rates of BI/RT among those who screened positive were significant between the Physician arm vs. Non-Physician arm or Control arm.

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## System-wide Adoption of Alcohol SBIRT at KPNC

	ADVISe Study	KPNC Region-wide
% Screened	51% (by Medical Assistants in Non-Physician Arm)	86% (by Medical Assistants)
% Given BI/RT among those screened positive	44% (by Physicians In Physician arm)	39% (by Physicians)



# Current Analyses: Effectiveness of BI/RT on Patient Alcohol Use Outcomes (\*Secondary Aim of the ADVISe Study)

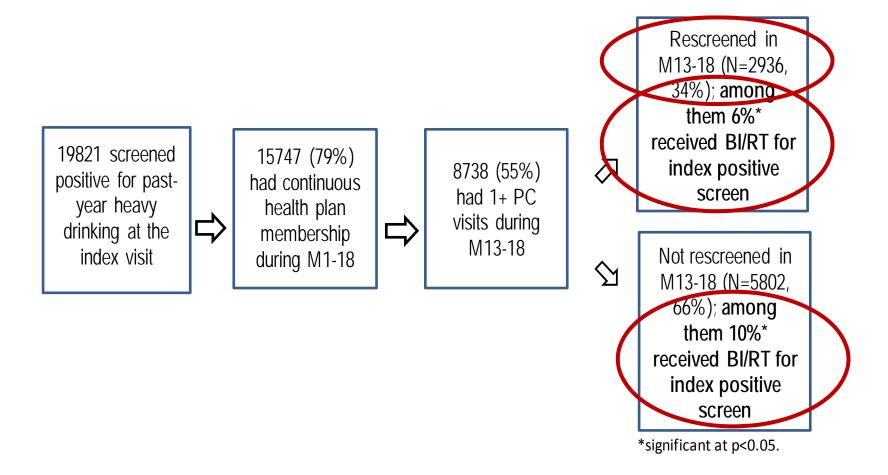
Out of the patients who screened positive in year 1 (i.e., index positive screening)



Was receiving BI/RT associated with lower odds of hazardous drinking at subsequent screening during months 13-18 post the index positive screening?



## Selection of the Analytical Sample



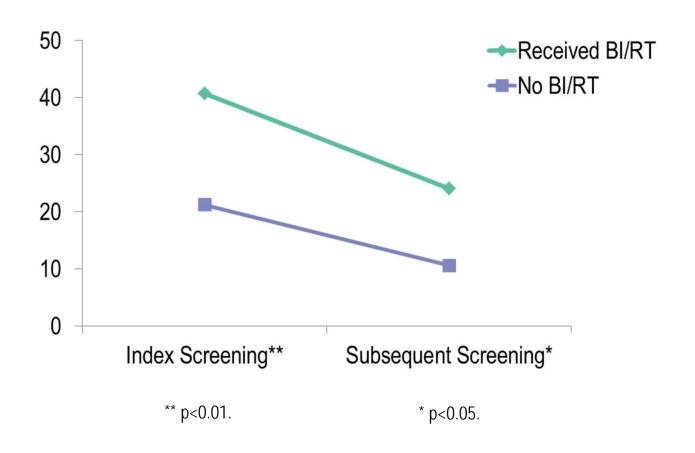


## Statistical Analyses

- Multivariate GEE logistic models examined the association between receiving BI/RT for positive index screen and hazardous drinking at subsequent screening
  - Accounting for clustering effect at the clinic level, and adjusting for demographics, past-year hazardous drinking days at index event, comorbidity and treatment arm
  - Addressing attrition and potential selection bias with inverse probability weighting (IPW)



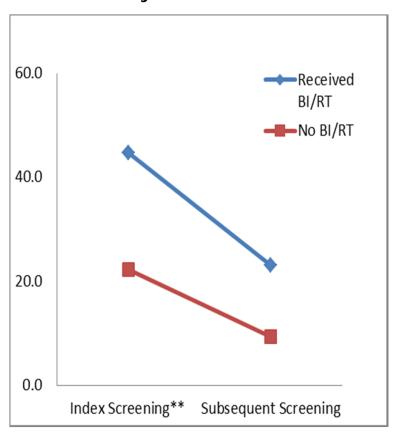
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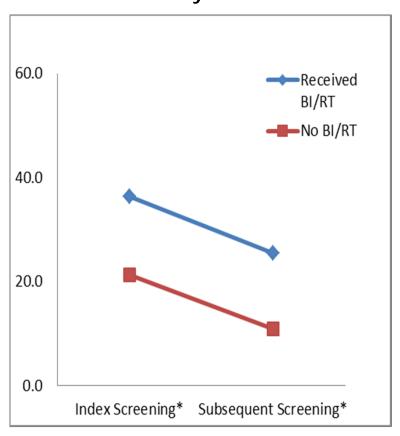


## Average Number of Past-Year Hazardous Drinking **Days**

#### Physician Arm



#### Non-Physician Arm



<sup>\*\*</sup> p<0.05. \* p<0.10.



### Receiving BI/RT for Positive Index Screen vs. Hazardous Drinking at Subsequent Screening

		CC/No IPW (N=2936)	With IPW (N=2790) a,b	With IPW (N=2643) a,c
		OR Lower Upper	OR Lower Upper	OR Lower Upper
Received BI/RT for positive index scree	n Yes vs. No	1.36 ( 0.96 , 1.93 )	1.88 ( 0.90 , 3.94 )	0.59 ( 0.26 , 1.33 )
Study Arm	PCP vs. Control	0.99 ( 0.45 , 2.19 )	1.21 ( 0.58 , 2.56 )	0.73 ( 0.36 , 1.47 )
	NPP vs. Control	1.25 ( 0.58 , 2.73 )	1.43 ( 0.71 , 2.88 )	1.21 ( 0.59 , 2.51 )
Past Year Heavy Drinking Days>=8 at Index Screen	Yes vs. No	1.80 ( 1.42 , 2.27 ) ‡	1.84 ( 1.42 , 2.38 ) ‡	1.76 ( 1.33 , 2.33 ) ‡
Gender	Female vs. Male	0.69 ( 0.55 , 0.86 ) †	0.77 ( 0.61 , 0.96 ) *	0.72 ( 0.57 , 0.91 ) †
Age (per 5 year increase)		0.94 ( 0.88 , 0.99 ) *	0.94 ( 0.90 , 0.99 ) *	0.95 ( 0.90 , 1.00 ) *
Race/Ethnicity	Af. Am. vs. White	0.50 ( 0.34 , 0.75 ) ‡	0.44 ( 0.29 , 0.67 ) ‡	0.48 ( 0.32 , 0.71 ) ‡
	API vs. White	0.70 ( 0.44 , 1.10 )	0.59 ( 0.34 , 1.03 )	0.63 ( 0.37 , 1.07 )
	Hispanic vs. White	0.66 ( 0.56 , 0.77 ) ‡	0.66 ( 0.53 , 0.81 ) ‡	0.60 ( 0.49 , 0.73 ) ‡
	Other vs. White	0.62 ( 0.43 , 0.88 ) †	0.71 ( 0.47 , 1.05 )	0.56 ( 0.38 , 0.82 ) †
Any Chronic Dx 1Yr Prior to Baseline	Yes vs. No	0.96 ( 0.79 , 1.17 )	0.94 ( 0.75 , 1.17 )	0.96 ( 0.77 , 1.19 )
Any Psych Dx 1Yr Prior to Baseline	Yes vs. No	0.94 ( 0.77 , 1.15 )	0.89 ( 0.72 , 1.09 )	0.90 ( 0.71 , 1.14 )
Any Alcohol Dx 1Yr Prior to Baseline	Yes vs. No	1.00 ( 0.55 , 1.83 )	0.88 ( 0.49 , 1.60 )	1.03 ( 0.54 , 1.96 )
Any Drug Dx 1Yr Prior to Baseline	Yes vs. No	0.50 ( 0.27 , 0.92 ) *	0.68 ( 0.32 , 1.44 )	0.71 ( 0.38 , 1.30 )
Duration between Index and Follow-up day increase)	Screening (per 30	0.95 ( 0.90 , 1.00 ) *	0.93 ( 0.89 , 0.98 ) †	0.94 ( 0.90 , 0.99 ) *
No. PC Visits during Months 13-18		1.01 ( 0.98 , 1.04 )	1.01 ( 0.96 , 1.05 )	1.02 ( 0.98 , 1.05 )

#### Notes:



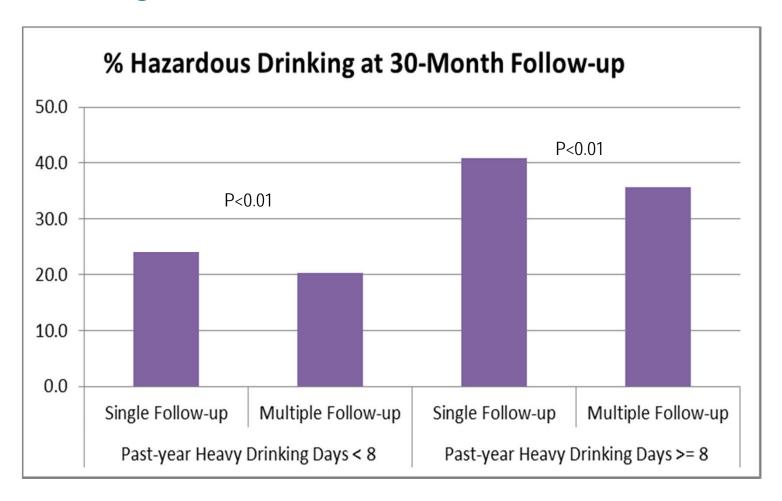
<sup>1.</sup> CC=Complete Case. IPW=Inverse Probability Weighting. \*p<0.05; †p<0.01; ‡p<0.001.

<sup>2. &</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Standards errors might be over-estimated; re-analyses with bootstrapping in progress.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Inverse weights truncated at 95 percentile to avoid extreme values.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Inverse weights truncated at 90 percentile to avoid extreme values.

## Hazardous Drinking at Subsequent Screening by **Screening Patterns over 30 Months**





## Limitations

- An observational study
  - BI/RT NOT randomized
- Single item screener asking about heavy drinking days in past year
  - Won't be able to pick up effects in months 1-12
- Potential variation in BI/RT delivery



## Discussion and Next Steps

- No association between initial BI/RT and hazardous drinking at subsequent screening
  - Higher severity at index screening related to receipt of BI/RT
  - Providers re-screening and documentation behaviors (Kim et al., 2013)
  - One time BI/RT not enough
  - Heterogeneous treatment effects (HTE)

#### Next Steps

- Different types of attrition (disenrollment from health plan, not having a PC visit, not re-screened)
- Additional, more frequent screening and BI/RT during longer follow-up
- Other outcomes/other data source
- Looking beyond the cohort who screened positive in year 1



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