

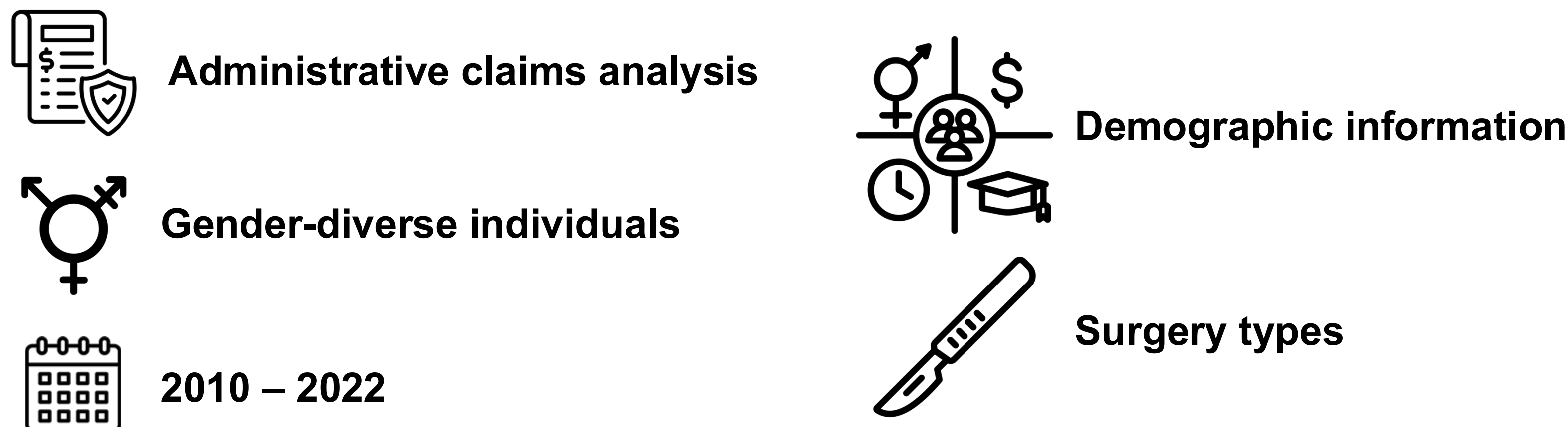
Utilization of Gender-Affirming Surgical Services in the United States: A Multi-Payor Administrative Claims Analysis

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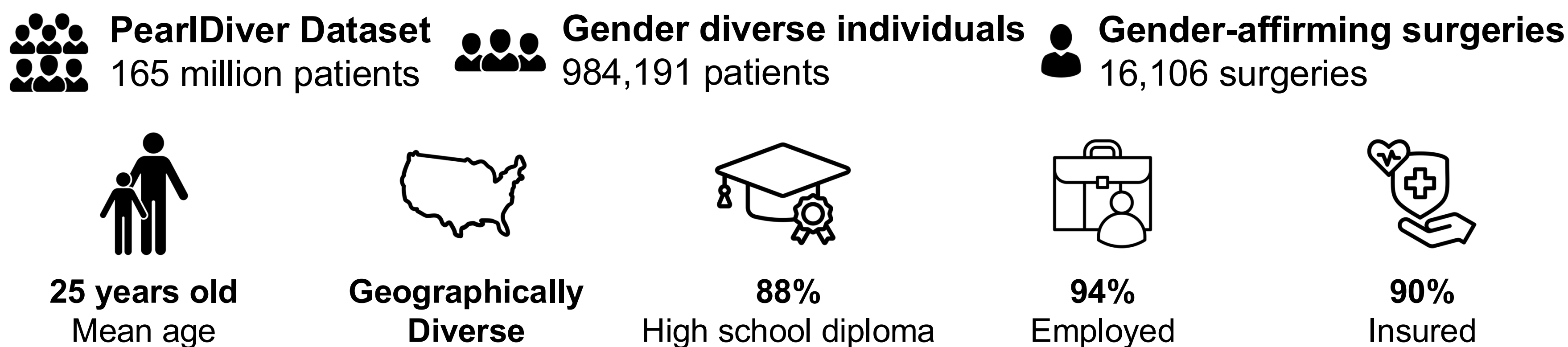
Introduction

- Over the past 15 years, utilization of gender-affirming surgical services has dramatically risen
- Administrative claims datasets are useful tools to study minority populations
- Thus, we aimed to explore demographic information and gender-affirming surgical service utilization in a large administrative claims dataset that includes records from multiple payors

Methods



Results



Discussion

- Administrative claims data is a valuable tool to assess utilization, barriers, and outcomes regarding gender-affirming surgery
- Genital gender affirming surgery rates remain relatively low, likely due to both patient preference and access issues with few surgeons offering these procedures
- Identifying patients who have undergone gender-affirming surgery in administrative claims datasets is also very challenging
- This analysis prioritized specificity over sensitivity, thus likely omitting many patients

CONCLUSION

Gender-affirming surgery utilization in the United States continues to **dramatically rise**.

Future studies should work to develop of a **standardized methodology** to identify patients who have undergone gender-affirming surgery in administrative claims datasets.



Gender-Affirming Surgery Over Time

