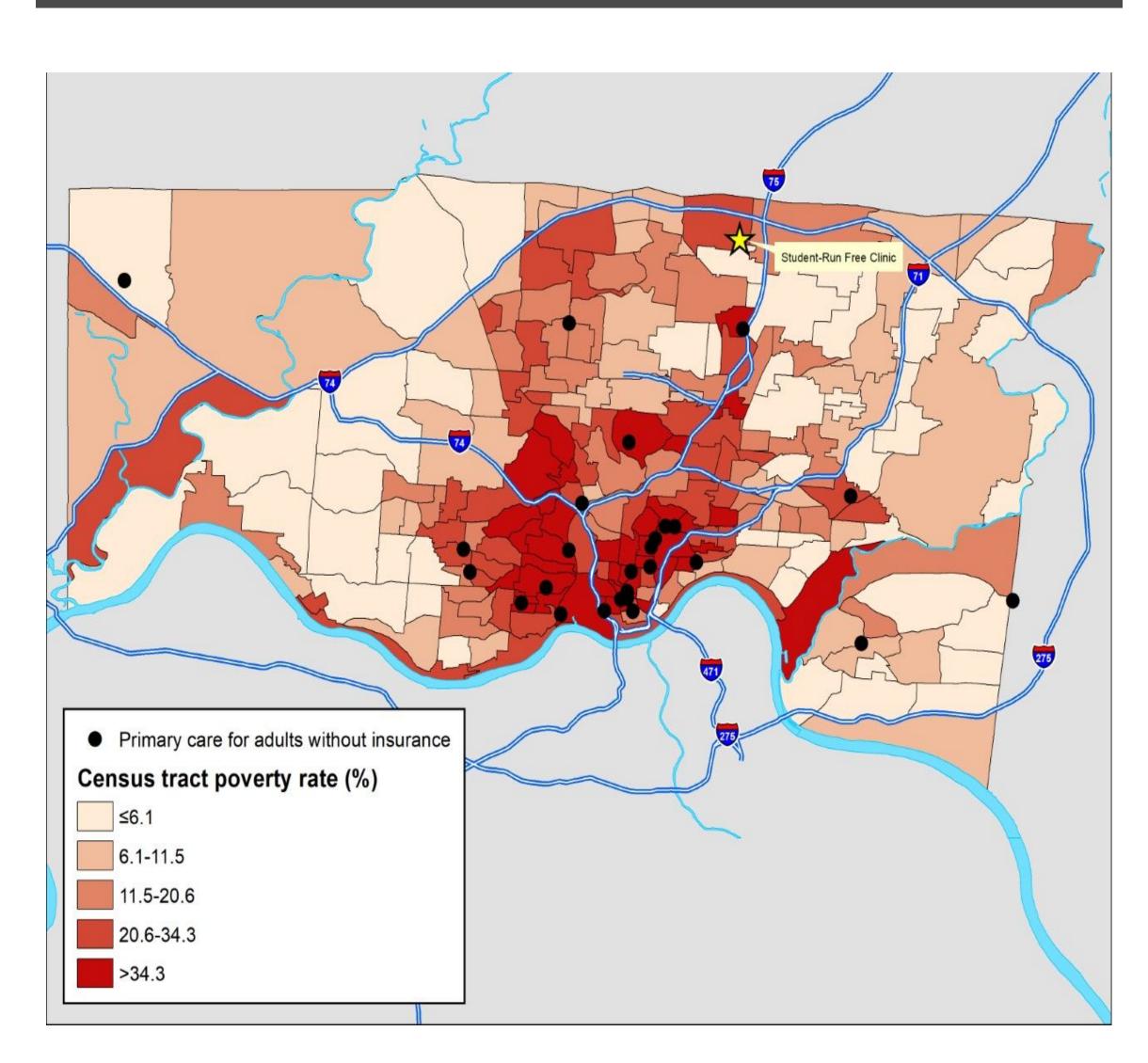


Understanding the 'who' behind our 'why': A characterization of the patient experience at a Cincinnati Student-Run Free Clinic



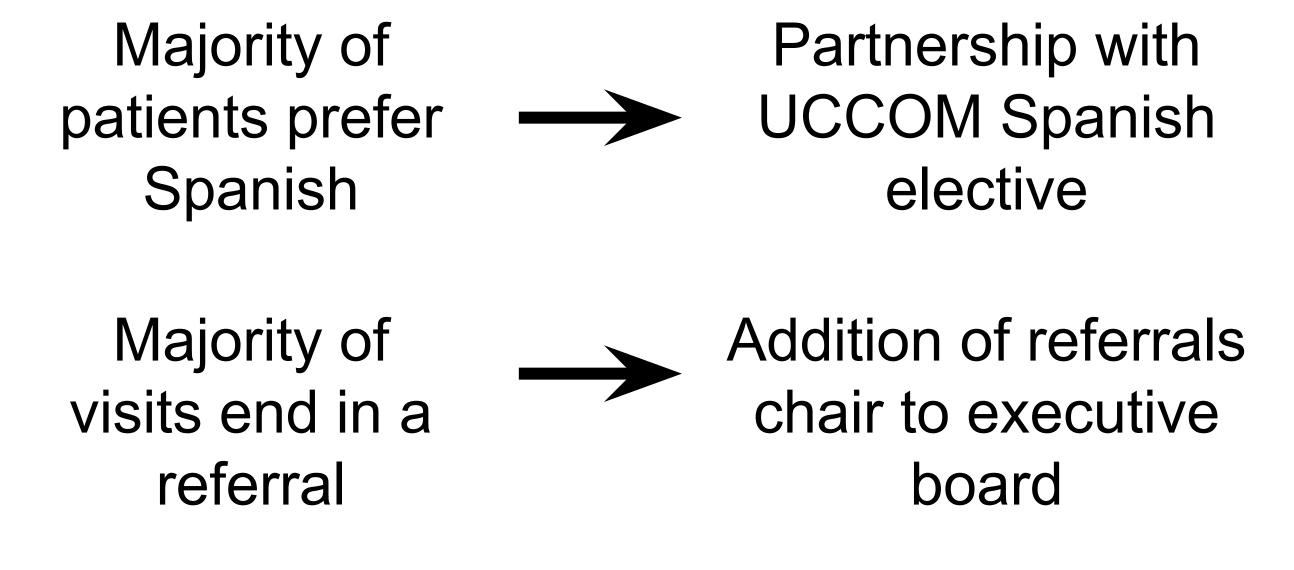
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Background



Who is UC-SRFC

- •Located in Springdale, OH home to 11,000 residents of which 17% live in poverty and 50% are of racial or ethnic minority
- •Community partner is the Healing Center, which offers many resources
- •Opened in fall 2019 and closed in spring 2020 for COVID-19
- •Have made previous successful adjustments based on data:



Methods

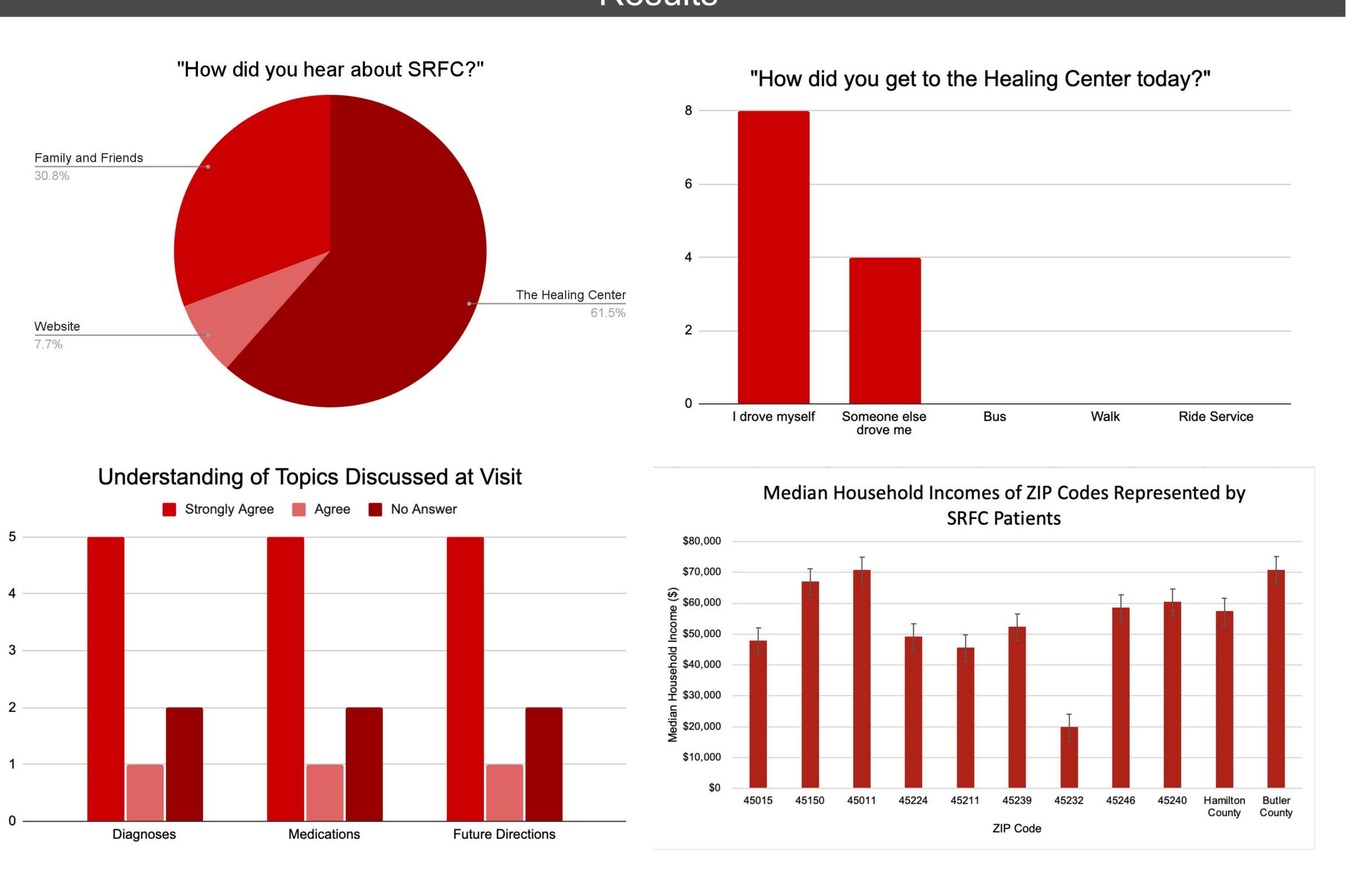
Pre-visit and post-visit surveys were offered to each patient in English or Spanish depending on preferred language

Pre-visit survey focused on themes of Healing Center utilization, other healthcare options, transportation to and from the clinic and basic demographics

Post-visit survey focused on patient experience and understanding of visit

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My concerns were addressed during my visit				
I feel the wait time was appropriate Please indicate wait time:				
I feel the amount of time the medical team spent with me was appropriate				
The medical team that took care of me today was friendly and respectful				
I learned something about my health today				
I understand the diagnoses discussed with me today				
I understand the medications discussed with me today				
I understand the future instructions discussed with me today				
Overall, I would come back to SRFC for care again				

Results



Conclusions

- Majority of patients are hearing about our services through the Healing Center
- Majority of patients are getting to our site by driving themself or riding with someone else
- Majority of patients feel they understand the diagnoses, treatments and future steps discussed, but not all patients
- Patients are coming from many zip codes with varying average income levels

Next Steps

- Postpone discussions about trying to offer transportation services
- Increase advertising through other avenues such as social media or flyers at local businesses
- Increase student training on ways to ensure that patients are understanding the topics discussed such as the teach-back method
- Consider implementing an after visit summary sheet for patients to take home



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