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Refining Historical Limits Method to Improve Disease Cluster Detection, New York City, New York, USA

Technical Appendix

The Technical Appendix contains mathematical notation for the HLM, details on customized analyses implemented for 2 diseases with unique patterns of reporting and diagnosis over time, a technical note, sample output for summarizing and presenting signals, and sample SAS code (SAS v.9.2, SAS Institute, Cary, NC).

Mathematical Notation for HLM

$$\frac{X_0}{\mu} > 1 + 2 * \left(\frac{\sigma_x}{\mu}\right) \tag{1}$$

where X_0 is the current total of cases in the most recent four-week interval, and μ and σ_x are the mean and standard deviation, respectively, of the 15 historical four-week periods (X_{1-15}).

Customized Analyses for Two Diseases

For Group A *Streptococcus*, new filtering rules in our surveillance database system were applied in July 2012 to screen out reports of specimens collected from noninvasive sources, resulting in an abrupt decrease in the number of reported cases. Ignoring this change would have biased against signaling. Therefore, we continued to consider only cases with confirmed, probable, suspected, or pending statuses. Because the confirmatory proportion is high for this disease (73%, Figure 2), including pending cases does not strongly bias toward signaling.

For Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, the total number of reported cases increased beginning in summer 2011, while there was no corresponding increase in the number of confirmed, probable, and suspected cases. Ignoring this pattern would have biased toward false signaling. We therefore monitor only confirmed, probable, and suspected cases at a lag of four weeks to allow for near complete data accrual. Signal quality was prioritized over timeliness for this disease, which has no immediate public health intervention.

Technical Note

Since these adjustments of the baseline data require a time series in which to identify outliers, calculate averages, and run regressions, baselines will need to be prospectively updated at regular intervals. It is not necessary to recalibrate historical data on a weekly basis because the adjustments will not be very different from week to week. However, the interval at which recalibrations are made should be sufficiently short such that recent disease trends are taken into account. The interval must be shorter than one year because data less than a year in the past is considered as the most recent historical data point in the method (X₃ in Figure 1), and we want at least 12 weeks to have passed between the end of the baseline period and the date of recalibration to allow for sufficient data accrual. We chose this 12 week cutoff based on the fact that in 2010 and 2011, all relevant diseases had at least 70% data accrual at 12 weeks post diagnosis, and all but two diseases (encephalitis and human granulocytic anaplasmosis) had at least 90% data accrual.

It is these considerations that led us to conclude that the baseline data should be recalibrated every 26 weeks (twice per year), e.g., on the 1st and 27th weeks of the year, and include historical data from the earliest week that is required for comparison by the method (X_{13} in Figure 1) through 12 weeks prior to the recalibration date. In other words, in the baseline period to be used for prospective surveillance during weeks 1 through 26 of year *Y*, the earliest week that is required is week 46 of year *Y*-6 (the 4-week period from week 46 through week 49 of year *Y*-6 constitutes time period X_{13} for week 1 of year *Y*). The latest week that is included is week 40 of year *Y*-1 (12 weeks prior to week 1 of year *Y*). Analogously, the baseline period for weeks 27 through 52 of year *Y* will include week 20 of year *Y*-5 through week 14 of year *Y*.

Sample SAS Code for Implementing Refinements 2 and 3

The following sample SAS code adjusts historical data to remove gradual trends and resets outliers that could indicate past clusters to the average number of cases in the remaining instances of that 4-week period in historical data.

Structure your historical dataset called collapsed_events_city in the following format. The variable "fsatdiag" refers to the Saturday ending the week of interest (i.e. 5/17/2008 refers to the week from Sunday, 5/11/2008, through Saturday, 5/17/2008, inclusive). Ensure that every Saturday is included in the dataset for each disease and geographic area, even if the number of events for that week is zero. If you are running an analysis at a smaller geographic area, include another variable to identify the disease count within each area.

Sample structure for input dataset, named "collapsed_events_city"

Disease_code	Disease	Events	fsatdiag	
Dis1	Disease1	15	5/17/2008	
Dis1	Disease1	4	5/24/2008	
Dis2	Disease2	0	5/17/2008	

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PROGRAM NAME: Adjusting Baseline for HLM Refined
     PROGRAMMER: Alison Levin-Rector
*-- assign libnames;
libname signals 'SPECIFY LOCATION TO SAVE ADJUSTED BASELINE DATA';
* 1. REMOVE GRADUAL TRENDS FROM HISTORICAL DATA;
* weekly event count is excluded from the regression model if it is more than
4 standard deviations greater or less than the mean of entire dataset, to
avoid biasing trend;
*-- define the baseline period depending on whether we are in the first or
second half of the calendar year;
data null ;
     if week(date()) <= 26 then firstday = nwkdom(1,7,1,year(date())-</pre>
          6)+45*7;
     if week(date()) <= 26 then lastday = nwkdom(1,7,1, year(date())-1)+39*7;
     if week(date()) > 26 then firstday = nwkdom(1,7,1,year(date())-5)+19*7;
     if week(date()) > 26 then lastday = nwkdom(1,7,1,year(date()))+13*7;
     call symputx ('firstday BL', firstday);
     call symputx ('lastday_BL',lastday);
run:
*-- exclude weeks with event counts that are more than 4 standard deviations
above or below the mean for that disease from the regression;
proc sql;
     create table collapsed events outliers as
select *, mean(events) + 4*std(events) as cutoff1, mean(events) -
     4*std(events) as cutoff2
     from collapsed events city
where fsatdiag <= &lastday BL
     group by disease code
     order by disease code, fsatdiag;
quit;
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data collapsed events outliers;
      set collapsed events outliers;
      if events <= cutoff1 & events >= cutoff2 then events model = events;
run:
*-- run regression;
proc reg data = collapsed events outliers;
     by disease code;
     model events model = fsatdiag;
      output out = reg output r = res p = pred;
      ods output ParameterEstimates = params;
run:
*-- save the number of events predicted by the linear regression at the most
recent week for each disease;
proc sql;
      create table newline as
      select disease code, pred as new intercept
     from reg output
     having max(fsatdiag) = fsatdiag
      order by disease code;
quit;
*-- save the p-values from slope term to determine whether the regression
found a significant trend for each disease;
proc sql;
     create table slopes as
     select disease code, probt
     from params
     where strip(variable) = "fsatdiag"
     order by disease code;
quit;
*-- if the trend had a significant slope, then adjust event counts so that
the trend over time is flat and if not, preserve the original event counts;
data adjusted events sig;
     merge reg output slopes newline;
     by disease code;
      res2 = events-pred;
      events adj = new intercept + res2;
      if probt > .05 | probt = . then events adj = events;
run;
* 2. EXCLUDE PAST CLUSTERS FROM HISTORICAL DATA;
* This step is applied to 4-week periods rather than weekly counts, so first
we create a moving 4-week sum of events over our entire baseline period;
data adjusted events sig outliers;
      set adjusted events sig;
     by disease code;
      retain num sum num sum adj 0;
      if first.disease code then do;
      count=0;
            num sum=0;
            num sum adj=0;
      end;
      count+1;
      last4=lag4(events);
     if count qt 4 then num sum=sum(num sum, events, -last4);
      else num sum=sum(num sum, events);
      last4adj=lag4(events adj);
      if count gt 4 then num sum adj=sum(num sum adj,events adj,-last4adj);
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else num sum adj=sum(num sum adj,events adj);
     drop last4 last4adj;
run;
proc sql;
      create table adjusted events sig outliers as
      select disease code, disease, fsatdiag, num sum, num sum adj,
            significant, mean(num sum adj) + 4*std(num sum adj) as cutoff
     from adjusted events sig outliers
     where count >= 4
     group by disease code
      order by disease code, fsatdiag;
quit;
*-- require more than 2 events to be considered an outlier;
data adjusted events sig outliers;
      set adjusted events sig outliers;
     num sum outliers = num sum adj;
     if num sum adj >= cutoff & num sum adj > 2 then num sum adj = .;
      week = week(fsatdiag) + 1;
run;
*-- fill in dropped outliers with average of the same week from other years;
proc sql;
     create table averages as
      select disease code, week, avg(num sum adj) as num sum adj avg
     from adjusted events sig outliers
     group by disease code, week
     order by disease code, week;
quit;
proc sort data = adjusted events sig outliers; by disease code week; run;
data adjusted events sig fill;
      merge adjusted events sig outliers averages;
     by disease code week;
     if num sum adj = . then num sum adj = num sum adj avg; /* this is where
            we fill them in*/
     drop week num sum adj avg;
run;
*-- save the adjusted historical data to memory;
proc sort data = adjusted events sig fill out =
signals.adjusted baseline city;
by disease code fsatdiag;
run;
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Sample Output for Summarizing and Presenting Signals

The following sample output is an example of the presentation of a signal for one disease and geographic resolution. SAS code used to produce this output is provided in the subsequent section. This output is automatically generated and placed in a secured folder. The location of this output is then sent by e-mail to the appropriate disease reviewer for each signal. Not included in this sample output is a summary of all signals produced each week that is distributed to the entire Bureau of Communicable Disease.

Campylobacteriosis

UHF Signal in Neighborhood X

Disease Campylobacteriosis	Unit of geography Neighborhood	Date of interest Diagnos	Total dx past 4 weeks: 26MAY13 - 22JUN13 11	Signal Strength (# of SDs above mean) 5.70	new signal since last week? yes	if not new, how many new events in signal? N/A	Rate per 100,000 in signal area past 4 weeks 8.6	Citywide rate per 100,000 past 4 weeks 1.55
	Х	is date						
Total dx past 4 weeks in				ending case stat	uses			
When # of SDs above m A missing signal strength				d				

Year	Most recent week (Sun-Sat)	2 weeks ago	3 weeks ago	4 weeks ago	Total
2013 Pending	0	0	0	0	0
2013 Conf/Prob/Susp	4	2	3	2	11
2012 Conf/Prob/Susp	3	1	1	0	5
2011 Conf/Prob/Susp	1	1	1	0	3
2010 Conf/Prob/Susp	0	0	3	0	3
2009 Conf/Prob/Susp	1	0	0	1	2
2008 Conf/Prob/Susp	0	1	1	0	2

Unadjusted counts of cases by year, week and case status

Rate per 100,000 for previous 4 wks *Numbers indicate the location of events in the signal. *Note that rates are meant to provide context only and do not necessarily correspond to signals.

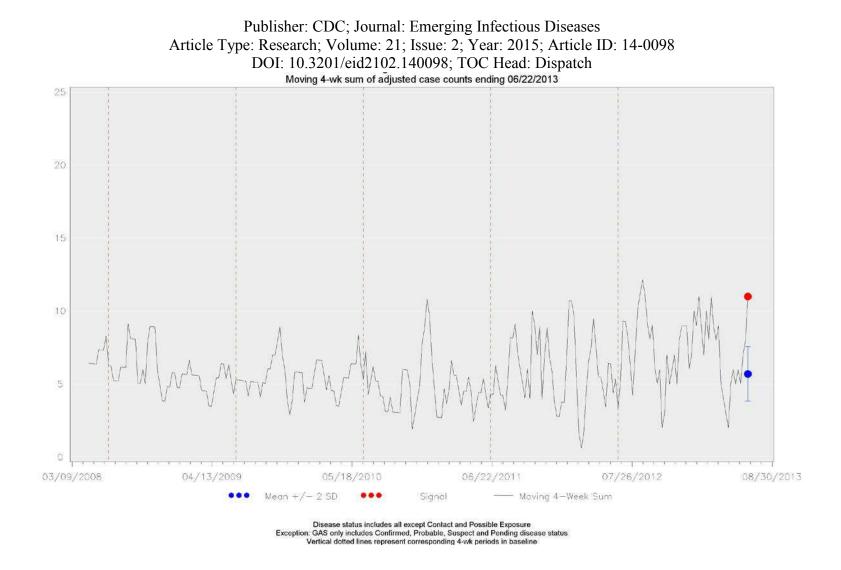
	0.00 - 0.49
	0.52 - 0.95
0	0.97 - 1.49
	1.68 - 2.07
	2.10 - 8.60

Technical Appendix Figure 1. Spatial distribution of the address at time of report for cases included in the signal and rates of disease by UHF neighborhood in the previous 4 weeks.

Case locations have been moved to a different neighborhood to protect confidentiality.

		Pat.		Investigation								
#	Event ID	init.	Disease status	status	Diagnosis date	Gender	Age	Address	Boro	Zip	UHF	Geocode
1	XXXXXX	XX	CONFIRMED	NOT_NEEDED	05/28/2013	XXXXX	N/A	XXXXXX	XX	XXXXX	Neighborhood X	yes
2	XXXXXX	XX	CONFIRMED	NOT_NEEDED	05/29/2013	XXXXX	N/A	XXXXXX	XX	XXXXX	Neighborhood X	yes
3	XXXXXX	XX	CONFIRMED	NOT_NEEDED	06/04/2013	XXXXX	N/A	XXXXXX	XX	XXXXX	Neighborhood X	yes
4	XXXXXX	XX	CONFIRMED	NOT_NEEDED	06/05/2013	XXXXX	N/A	XXXXXX	XX	XXXXX	Neighborhood X	yes
5	XXXXXX	XX	CONFIRMED	NOT_NEEDED	06/06/2013	XXXXX	N/A	XXXXXX	XX	XXXXX	Neighborhood X	yes
6	XXXXXX	XX	CONFIRMED	NOT_NEEDED	06/12/2013	XXXXX	N/A	XXXXXX	XX	XXXXX	Neighborhood X	yes
7	XXXXXX	XX	CONFIRMED	NOT_NEEDED	06/13/2013	XXXXX	N/A	XXXXXX	XX	XXXXX	Neighborhood X	yes
8	XXXXXX	XX	CONFIRMED	NOT_NEEDED	06/17/2013	XXXXX	N/A	XXXXXX	XX	XXXXX	Neighborhood X	yes
9	XXXXXX	XX	CONFIRMED	NOT_NEEDED	06/17/2013	XXXXX	N/A	XXXXXX	XX	XXXXX	Neighborhood X	yes
10	XXXXXX	XX	CONFIRMED	NOT_NEEDED	06/18/2013	XXXXX	N/A	XXXXXX	XX	XXXXX	Neighborhood X	no
11	XXXXXX	XX	CONFIRMED	NOT_NEEDED	06/21/2013	XXXXX	N/A	XXXXXX	XX	XXXXX	Neighborhood X	no

Identifying information is suppressed to protect confidentiality.



Technical Appendix Figure 2. Moving 4-week sum of adjusted case counts compared with historical mean ± 2 SD.

Sample SAS Code for Summarizing and Presenting Signals

The following sample SAS code applies the HLM method and creates an output document with a summary of all signals as well as a detailed linelist report for each signal detected (see sample output above). Also included is code that automates the emailing of signal details to reviewers.

The input dataset should be event-level data in the following structure. The variable "fsatdiag" refers to the Saturday following the diagnosis date for each event. The following code is only for a citywide analysis. If you are running an analysis at multiple geographic resolutions, then include another variable to indicate the geographic unit. The "confirmatory" variable is an indicator variable for disease status that is set to 1 if the case is confirmed, probable, suspected, or pending and 0 if it is not. The input dataset should also include variables such as patient initials, disease status, diagnosis date, gender, and age for display in linelists, and X and Y coordinates for mapping.

Sample structure for input dataset, named "event_level_input"

Disease_code	Disease	Event_ID	fsatdiag	confirmatory
Dis1	Disease1	XXXXX1	5/17/2008	1
Dis1	Disease1	XXXXX2	5/24/2008	0
Dis2	Disease2	XXXXX4	5/17/2008	1

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PROGRAM NAME: Analysis and Output for HLM Refined
   PROGRAMMERS: Alison Levin-Rector
         Elisha Wilson
             Deborah Kapell
* create macro variables for the most recent Saturday in the dataset and
today's date;
proc sql noprint;
   select max(fsatDiag)
   into :maxFSATDiag
   from event level input;
quit;
data null ;
call symput ('fileweek',put(today(),date9.));
run;
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***** CITYWIDE ****;
* pull in recent data (since the end of the baseline period);
proc sql;
      create table current data as
      select disease code, disease, fsatdiag, count (event id) as events adj,
            count(confirmatory) as confirmatory
      from event level input
     where fsatdiag > (&lastday BL - 28)
      group by disease code, disease, fsatdiag
      order by disease code, disease, fsatdiag;
quit;
* merge current data with baseline data and categorize weeks into relevant
time periods for analysis;
data trends1;
      set signals.adjusted baseline city (rename=(num sum adj = events adj))
            current data;
      if fsatdiag >= (&maxfsatdiag-22) & fsatdiag <= &maxfsatdiag then
            period='current';
      if abs(fsatdiag - (&maxfsatdiag-365-28)) <= 3 then period='p1';
      if abs(fsatdiag - (&maxfsatdiag-365)) <= 3 then period='c1';
     if abs(fsatdiag - (&maxfsatdiag-365+28)) <= 3 then period='s1';
     if abs(fsatdiag - (&maxfsatdiag-365*2-28)) <= 3 then period='p2';
      if abs(fsatdiag - (&maxfsatdiag-365*2)) <= 3 then period='c2';</pre>
      if abs(fsatdiag - (&maxfsatdiag-365*2+28)) <= 3 then period='s2';</pre>
      if abs(fsatdiag - (&maxfsatdiag-365*3-28)) <= 3 then period='p3';
     if abs(fsatdiag - (&maxfsatdiag-365*3)) <= 3 then period='c3';
     if abs(fsatdiag - (&maxfsatdiag-365*3+28)) <= 3 then period='s3';
     if abs(fsatdiag - (&maxfsatdiag-365*4-28)) <= 3 then period='p4';
     if abs(fsatdiag - (&maxfsatdiag-365*4)) <= 3 then period='c4';
     if abs(fsatdiag - (&maxfsatdiag-365*4+28)) <= 3 then period='s4';
      if abs(fsatdiag - (&maxfsatdiag-365*5-28)) <= 3 then period='p5';</pre>
     if abs(fsatdiag - (&maxfsatdiag-365*5)) <= 3 then period='c5';</pre>
     if abs(fsatdiag - (&maxfsatdiag-365*5+28)) <= 3 then period='s5';
run:
*-- carry out HLM analysis at citywide level;
proc sql;
      create table City1 as
     select disease code, disease, period, sum(events adj) as count
     from trends1
     where period ^=''
      group by disease code, disease, period;
quit;
* count the number of confirmed/probable/suspect/pending cases;
proc sql;
     create table confirmatory1 as
      select disease code, disease, sum(confirmatory) as confirmatory
      from trends1
      where period = "current"
      group by disease_code, disease, period;
quit;
proc transpose data=City1 out=City2;
     by disease code disease;
     id period;
     var count;
run;
data City2;
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      merge City2 confirmatory1;
      by disease code disease;
run;
data City3;
      set City2;
      array xx current p1 c1 s1 p2 c2 s2 p3 c3 s3 p4 c4 s4 p5 c5 s5;
            do over xx;
                  if xx=. then xx=0;
            end;
      if current>0 then do;
            mean=mean(p1,c1,s1,p2,c2,s2,p3,c3,s3,p4,c4,s4,p5,c5,s5);
            sd= std(p1,c1,s1,p2,c2,s2,p3,c3,s3,p4,c4,s4,p5,c5,s5);
            if sd>0 then ratio= (current-mean)/sd;
            if current >=mean+2*(sd) then significant=1;
            else significant = 0;
      end;
     format mean 5.1;
     format sd 5.2;
     format ratio 5.2;
     length geography $20.;
     geography= 'City';
     geoUnit='City';
     metric='Diagnosis date';
run;
** The equivalent analysis above is carried out at all geographic resolutions
(in our case at Borough and UHF neighborhood);
* merge significant signals at all geographic resolutions;
data AllSignificant;
     set City3 Boro3 UHF3;
      /* only keep signals that are significant and that have at least 3
     confirmed, probable, suspected, or pending events */
     if (confirmatory>2 & significant=1);
     fsatDiag=&maxfsatDiag;
     rundate=today();
     format fsatDiag rundate mmddyy10.;
run;
proc sort data=allsignificant;
     by disease code geography;
run;
* delete saved signals if the analysis is run multiple times on the same day;
data signals.trends signals;
     set signals.trends signals;
     where rundate ~= date();
run;
* create macro variable with the last time the analysis was run;
proc sql noprint;
      select max(rundate, date9.)
      into :lastweek
     from signals.trends signals;
quit;
* save signal details datasets;
proc append base=signals.trends signals data=allsignificant;
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run;
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* compare this week's signals with last week's signals in order to flag new
signals;
proc sort data = signals.trends signals out = lastweek (keep=disease code
geography);
      where rundate = input("&lastweek", date9.);
     by disease code geography;
run;
data Allsignificant compare;
     merge allsignificant (in=a) lastweek (in=b);
     by disease code geography;
     if a;
     if ~b then new = "*";
run;
*-- Output the signal summary document;
data health2;
confidential="Please do not Distribute";
run:
ods noresults;
ods rtf file= "...\&fileweek\Weekly trends &fileweek..doc";
title1 'TO: STAFF';
title2 'SUBJECT: WEEKLY TRENDS';
title3 '
';
title4 'As always, comments and feedback much appreciated.';
title5 '
';
title6 'Thanks !';
proc print data=health2 noobs;
var confidential;
run;
options orientation=landscape;
proc print data=allsignificant compare noobs label ;
var disease geography confirmatory ratio new;
label geography ='unit of geography';
label confirmatory ='Total dx past 4 weeks';
label ratio = "Signal Strength (# of SDs above mean)";
label new='* indicates new signal since last week';
title1 "Trends Report based on diagnosis date";
title2
           ;
title3 'The trends report compares the count of all cases (except contacts
and possible exposures)';
title4 'diagnosed in the past 4 weeks to the mean and standard deviation of
cases diagnosed';
title5 'during similar time periods in the past 5 years.';
title6 ;
title7 "This report was created
%sysfunc(left(%qsysfunc(date(),worddate18.)))";
footnote1 font='Arial' height=1 "Total dx past 4 weeks includes only
confirmed, probable, suspect and pending case statuses";
footnote2 font='Arial' height=1 "When # of SD's above mean > 2, current
period is considered a signal";
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footnote3 font='Arial' height=1 "A missing signal strength value indicates an
SD = 0 in the baseline period";
run;
* The following code preps data for graphs of signals
***** CITYWIDE ****;
* fill in missing Saturdays with zeroes for all diseases;
proc transpose data = current data(rename=(events_adj=events)) out = trans;
     by disease code;
     id fsatdiag;
     var events;
     format fsatdiag 8.;
run;
proc transpose data = trans out = trans2;
     by disease code;
run;
data collapsed events fillin;
     set trans2;
     if events = . then events = 0;
     fsatdiag = input(substr( name ,2),8.);
     format fsatdiag mmddyy10.;
     drop name;
     if fsatdiag < date();</pre>
run:
proc sort data = collapsed events fillin; by disease code fsatdiag; run;
* create a moving sum of events for the previous four weeks;
data events 4wk moving sum;
     set collapsed events fillin;
     by disease code;
     retain num sum 0;
     if first.disease code then do;
     count=0;
           num sum=0;
     end;
     count+1;
     last4=lag4(events);
     if count gt 4 then num sum=sum(num sum, events, -last4);
     else num sum=sum(num sum, events);
     drop count last4;
run:
* append to adjusted 4-wk sum of event counts;
data events 4wk moving sum;
set events 4wk moving sum(where=(fsatdiag>&lastday BL) drop=events)
     signals.adjusted baseline city(rename=(num sum adj=num sum)
     keep=disease code fsatdiag num sum adj);
run;
proc sort data = events 4wk moving sum; by disease code fsatdiag; run;
* pull signals for this week;
proc sort data = AllSignificant out = trends signals;
     by disease code fsatdiag;
     where geography = "City";
run;
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* merge signal data with event counts;
data events and signals;
     merge trends signals events 4wk moving sum;
     by disease code fsatdiag;
run;
proc sort data = events and signals;
     by disease code fsatdiag rundate;
run;
* create a record for the current mean and low and high interval that the
current count is being compared to;
data reshape;
      set events and signals;
     where fsatdiag = &maxfsatdiag & mean ~= .;
      yvar = mean; num sum = current; output;
      yvar = mean - sd; num sum = .d; output;
      yvar = mean + sd; num sum = .d; output;
run;
* output the rest of the dataset (minus the current information);
data therest;
      set events and signals;
      where (fsatdiag ~= &maxfsatdiag | mean = .) & fsatdiag >= (date()-
            365*5-60);
      yvar = .;
     mean = .;
      current = .;
run;
* append the current data to the rest of the data;
proc append base = reshape data = therest;
run;
data reshape city;
     set reshape;
     if &maxfsatDiag-365-7 <= fsatdiag <= &maxfsatDiag-365 then</pre>
            period1=fsatdiag;
      if &maxfsatDiag-730-7 <= fsatdiag <= &maxfsatDiag-730 then
      period2=fsatdiag;
      if &maxfsatDiag-365*3-7 <= fsatdiag <= &maxfsatDiag-365*3 then
            period3=fsatdiag;
      if &maxfsatDiag-365*4-7 <= fsatdiag <= &maxfsatDiag-365*4 then
           period4=fsatdiag;
      if &maxfsatDiag-365*5-7 <= fsatdiag <= &maxfsatDiag-365*5 then
           period5=fsatdiaq;
      geounit = "City";
      geog = "NYC";
run:
* sort for graphing;
proc sort data = reshape city(keep=disease code geounit geog fsatdiag num sum
     current yvar mean period:);
     by disease code fsatdiag;
run:
** The equivalent analysis above is carried out at all geographic resolutions
(in our case at Borough and UHF neighborhood);
* append all geographic levels;
data reshape all;
     length geog $50.;
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set reshape_city reshape_boro reshape_uhf;

run;

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* The following code preps data for table 2 in the linelist reports;
***** CITYWIDE ****;
* pull in raw data going back 5 years;
proc sql;
     create table raw data as
     select disease code, disease, fsatdiag, count (event id) as events
     from event level input
     where disease status in ("CONFIRMED", "PROBABLE", "SUSPECT")
     group by disease code, disease, fsatdiag
     order by disease code, disease, fsatdiag;
quit;
* reshape to fill in all dates for all diseases;
proc transpose data = raw data out = trans;
     by disease code disease;
     id fsatdiag;
     var events;
     format fsatdiag 8.;
run;
proc transpose data = trans out = trans2;
     by disease code disease;
run:
data raw data fillin;
     set trans2;
     if events = . then events = 0;
     fsatdiag = input(substr( name ,2),8.);
     format fsatdiag mmddyy10.;
     drop name ;
run;
proc sort data = raw data fillin; by disease code disease fsatdiag; run;
* save current week's dates for labels in output document;
proc sql noprint;
     select put(max(fsatdiag),date8.), put(max(fsatdiag)-27,date8.)
     into :weekmax, :weekmin
     from raw data fillin
quit;
* merge current data with baseline data and categorize weeks into relevant
time periods for analysis;
data raw city;
     set raw data;
     length week $50.;
     if events = . then events = 0;
     year = cat("year", put(year(fsatdiag), $4.));
     if (fsatdiag >= (date()-27) & fsatdiag <= (date()-21)) |
           (fsatdiag >= (date()-365-27) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365-21)) |
           (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*2-27) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*2-21)) |
           (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*3-27) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*3-21)) |
           (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*4-27) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*4-21)) |
           (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*5-27) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*5-21))
           then week='3 weeks ago';
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      if (fsatdiag >= (date()-20) & fsatdiag <= (date()-14)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365-20) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365-14)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*2-20) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*2-14)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*3-20) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*3-14)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*4-20) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*4-14)) |
            (fsatdiag \ge (date()-365*5-20) \& fsatdiag \le (date()-365*5-14))
            then week='2 weeks ago';
      if (fsatdiag >= (date()-13) & fsatdiag <= (date()-7)) |</pre>
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365-13) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365-7)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*2-13) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*2-7)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*3-13) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*3-7)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*4-13) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*4-7)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*5-13) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*5-7))
            then week='1 week ago';
      if (fsatdiag >= (date()-6) & fsatdiag <= (date())) |</pre>
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365-6) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*2-6) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*2)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*3-6) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*3)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*4-6) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*4)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date() - 365 + 5 - 6) \& fsatdiag <= (date() - 365 + 5))
            then week='Most recent week';
      if week ~= "";
run;
proc sort data = raw city; by disease code disease week year; run;
proc transpose data = raw city out = trans;
     by disease code disease week;
      var events;
      id year;
run;
proc transpose data = trans out = trans2 (rename=( name =year1));
      by disease code disease week;
run:
proc sort data = trans2; by disease code disease year1; run;
proc transpose data = trans2 out = final city (drop= name );
     by disease code disease year1;
     var events;
     id week;
run;
data final city2;
      retain disease code disease geog year 3 weeks ago 2 weeks ago
            1 week ago Most recent week;
      set final city;
      array weeks 3 weeks ago 2 weeks ago 1 week ago Most recent week;
      do over weeks;
            if weeks = . then weeks = 0;
      end;
      length year $30.;
      year = cat(substr(year1, 5), " Conf/Prob/Susp");
      geog = "NYC";
      label _3_weeks_ago = "4 weeks ago";
      label _2_weeks_ago = "3 weeks ago";
      label 1 week ago = "2 weeks ago";
      label Most recent week = "Most recent week (Sun-Sat)";
      drop year1;
run;
proc sql;
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      create table alldiseases as select distinct disease code, disease,
            max(substr(year, 1, 4)) as year2
      from final city2 group by disease code order by disease code;
quit;
* count pending separately;
proc sql;
      create table raw pending as
      select disease code, disease, fsatdiag, count (event id) as pending
      from event level input
      where disease status = "PENDING" & year(fsatdiag) = year(date())
      group by disease code, disease, fsatdiag
      order by disease code, disease, fsatdiag;
quit;
* reshape to fill in all dates for all diseases;
proc transpose data = raw pending out = trans;
     by disease code disease;
      id fsatdiag;
      var pending;
     format fsatdiag 8.;
run;
proc transpose data = trans out = trans2;
     by disease code disease;
run;
data raw pending fillin;
     set trans2;
     if pending = . then pending = 0;
     fsatdiag = input(substr( name ,2),8.);
      format fsatdiag mmddyy10.;
     drop _name_;
run;
proc sort data = raw pending fillin; by disease code disease fsatdiag; run;
* merge current data with baseline data and categorize weeks into relevant
time periods for analysis;
data raw city pending;
      set raw pending fillin;
      length week $50.;
      if pending = . then pending = 0;
      year = cat("year", put(year(fsatdiag), $4.));
      if (f_{satdiag} \geq (date()-27) \& f_{satdiag} \leq (date()-21))
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365-27) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365-21))
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*2-27) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*2-21)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*3-27) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*3-21)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*4-27) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*4-21)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*5-27) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*5-21))
            then week='3 weeks ago';
      if (fsatdiag >= (date()-20) & fsatdiag <= (date()-14)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365-20) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365-14)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*2-20) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*2-14)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*3-20) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*3-14)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*4-20) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*4-14)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*5-20) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*5-14))
            then week='2 weeks ago';
      if (fsatdiag >= (date()-13) & fsatdiag <= (date()-7))
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365-13) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365-7)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*2-13) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*2-7)) |
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            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*3-13) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*3-7)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*4-13) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*4-7)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*5-13) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*5-7))
            then week='1 week ago';
      if (fsatdiag >= (date()-6) & fsatdiag <= (date())) |</pre>
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365-6) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*2-6) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*2)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*3-6) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*3)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*4-6) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*4)) |
            (fsatdiag >= (date()-365*5-6) & fsatdiag <= (date()-365*5))
            then week='Most recent week';
      if week ~= "";run;
proc sort data = raw city pending; by disease code disease week year; run;
proc transpose data = raw city pending out = trans;
     by disease code disease week;
      var pending;
      id year;
run;
proc transpose data = trans out = trans2 (rename=( name =year1));
      by disease code disease week;
run;
proc sort data = trans2; by disease code disease year1; run;
proc transpose data = trans2 out = final city pending (drop= name );
      by disease code disease year1;
      var pending;
     id week;
run;
data final city pending2;
      retain disease code disease geog year 3 weeks ago 2 weeks ago
             1 week ago Most recent week;
      merge final_city_pending alldiseases;
      by disease code disease;
      array weeks 3 weeks ago 2 weeks ago 1 week ago Most recent week;
      do over weeks;
            if weeks = . then weeks = 0;
      end;
      length year $30.;
      if year1 ~= "" then year = cat(substr(year1,5)," Pending");
      else year = cat(strip(year2), " Pending");
      qeoq = "NYC";
      drop year1 year2;
      if ~( 3 weeks ago=0 & 2 weeks ago=0 & 1 week ago=0 &
            Most recent week=0);
run;
data final city;
      set final city2 final city pending2;
run;
proc sort data = final city; by disease code disease geog descending year;
run;
** The equivalent code above is carried out at all geographic resolutions (in
our case at Borough and UHF neighborhood);
data final freqs;
      retain disease code disease geog year 3 weeks ago 2 weeks ago
            1 week ago Most recent week;
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     length geog $50.;
     set final city final boro final uhf;
     Total = 3 weeks ago + 2 weeks ago + 1 week ago + Most recent week;
run:
* This code creates output reports with signal details;
* create folders for output to be saved;
options noxwait;
x "cd ...\&fileweek\";
x "md Linelist";
x "cd ...\&fileweek\Linelist";
x "md Lab Results";
*-- signals by city, boro and uhf;
%macro rollup(level=, merge=);
proc sql noprint;
     create table signals &level as
     select *
     from allsignificant
     where geounit="&level";
quit;
*-- linelist by city, boro and uhf;
* while the analysis is based on all disease statuses, only confirmatory
cases are printed in the linelist;
proc sort data = signals &level (keep=&merge geography metric confirmatory
     mean sd ratio rate); by &merge; run;
proc sort data = event level input out = event level input2
     (keep=event id disease code disease patinit disease status
           investigation status diagnosis date gender
           age years street 1 boro zip uhfname x coord y coord);
     by &merge;
     where fsatdiag >= (&maxfsatdiag-22) & fsatdiag <= &maxfsatdiag &
           disease status in ("CONFIRMED", "PROBABLE", "SUSPECT", "PENDING");
run;
data linelist &level;
     merge signals &level (in=insignals) event level input2;
     by &merge;
     if insignals;
     level = "&level";
run;
%mend rollup;
%rollup(level=City,merge=disease code);
%rollup(level=Boro,merge=disease code boro);
%rollup(level=UHF,merge=disease code uhfname);
* save events included in signals to permanent file for future references;
data signals.linelist &fileweek;
     set linelist_city linelist boro linelist uhf;
     keep disease code event id geography;
run;
* annotation for map;
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data signals;
     length function style color $ 8 text $ 20 geocode $ 3;
      retain xsys ysys '2' hsys '3' when 'a';
      set linelist boro linelist city linelist uhf;
     x = input(x coord, 12.);
     y = input(y coord, 12.);
     function='label'; style='arial'; text='+'; size=1.5; color = "red";
     if level = "UHF" then geog = uhfname;
     if level = "Boro" then geog = boro;
     if level = "City" then geog = "NYC";
     if x = . \& y = . then geocode = "no";
     else geocode = "yes";
run;
proc sort data = signals; by disease code geography diagnosis date event id;
run;
* add a count variable to number each case within each signal;
data signals;
     set signals;
     count + 1;
     by disease code geography;
     if first.disease code | first.geography then count = 1;
     text = strip(put(count, $3.));
run;
* merge this week's linelist with last week's linelist to identify new cases
in signals that existed in the prior week;
proc sort data = signals.linelist &lastweek out = lastweek; by disease code
     geography event id; run;
proc sort data = signals; by disease code geography event id; run;
data signals;
     merge lastweek (in=a) signals (in=b);
     by disease code geography event id;
     if b;
     if b & ~a then new = "*";
     if b & ~a then newnum = 1;
     else newnum = 0;
run;
proc sort data = signals; by disease code geography diagnosis date; run;
* create macro variables to facilitate looping through signals below;
proc sort data = allsignificant compare (keep=disease code disease geounit
boro uhfname new) out = mapsignificant; by disease code disease geounit boro
uhfname; run;
data null ;
      set mapsignificant;
     length geog $42.;
     by disease code disease geounit boro uhfname;
      geog = boro;
     if geog = "" then geog = uhfname;
     if geounit="City" then geog = "NYC";
     where ~(geounit="Boro" & boro in("UNKNOWN" ""));
      if first.disease | first.geounit | first.boro | first.uhfname then do;
            i+1;
            ii=left(put(i,20.));
            call symputx ('disease'||ii,strip(disease));
            call symputx ('diseasecode'||ii,strip(disease code));
            call symputx ('geounit'||ii,strip(geounit));
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            call symputx ('geog'||ii,strip(geog));
            call symputx ('geog2'||ii,substr(strip(geog),1,3));
            call symputx ('total',put(ii,20.));
            call symputx ('new'||ii,strip(new));
      end;
run;
*-- create summary dataset for choropleth map;
* read in shapefile;
proc mapimport datafile= ... /Maps/zip code areas w uhf.shp' out = uhfmap;
run;
data uhfpop;
     set /* read in a dataset with each geographic unit in map and the
           corresponding population */;
run;
* calculate the number of events in the last four weeks without missing zip
code by disease and geographic unit;
proc sql;
     create table disease summ as
      select disease code, disease, input(uhfcode, 3.) as uhfcode, count(*) as
            reports
      from event level input2
      where (disease status in ("PENDING", "CONFIRMED", "PROBABLE", "SUSPECT") &
            year(fsatdiag) = year(date()) & week(fsatdiag) < week(date()) &</pre>
            week(fsatdiag) >= week(date()) - 4 & zip ~= "")
      group by uhfcode, disease code, disease
      order by uhfcode, disease code, disease;
quit;
* calculate rates by geographic unit for mapping;
data disease summ rates;
      merge disease summ(in=indisease) uhfpop(in=inuhfpop);
      by uhfcode;
      if indisease & inuhfpop & census pop ~= 0;
      rate = round((reports / census pop) * 100000,.01);
run;
* loop through signals to create a report for each one;
%macro linelist;
%do i=1 %to &total;
* subset datasets to the relevant information for each signal;
data &&diseasecode&i;
   set disease summ rates;
   where disease = "&&disease&i";
run;
data signals&i;
  set signals;
  where disease = "&&disease&i" & level = "&&geounit&i" & geog =
     "&&geog&i";
run;
data final freqs &i;
  set final freqs;
  where disease = "&&disease&i" & geog = "&&geog&i";
run;
* summary data for first page;
proc sql;
            create table signals2 &i as
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      select distinct disease, geography, metric, confirmatory, mean,
            sd, ratio, rate, cityrate, count(new) as new count,
            min(newnum) as new signal
      from signals&i
      group by disease, geography, metric;
quit;
proc format; value na .="N/A"; run;
data signals2 &i;
      length new signal2 $3.;
      set signals2 &i;
      if new signal = 1 then new signal2 = "yes";
      else new_signal2 = "no";
      if new signal2 = "yes" then new_count = .;
      format new count na.;
run;
ods noresults;
options orientation=landscape;
* output results to Linelist folder;
ods rtf
file="...\&fileweek\Linelist\weeklylinelist &&disease&i.._&&geog&i...rt
f" bodytitle;
* PAGE 1 - summary of signal;
title "&&disease&i";
title2 "&&geounit&i Signal in &&geog&i";
footnote1 font='Arial' height=1 "Total dx past 4 weeks includes only
      confirmed, probable, suspect and pending case statuses";
footnote2 font='Arial' height=1 "When # of SDs above mean > 2, current
      period is considered a signal";
footnote3 font='Arial' height=1 "A missing signal strength value
      indicates an SD = 0 in the baseline period";
ods proclabel="&&geounit&i Signal in &&geog&i";
proc report data=signals2 &i nowd style(report)={outputwidth=7in
      font size=10pt};
      columns disease geography metric confirmatory ratio new signal2
            new count rate cityrate;
      define disease/display "Disease" width=20;
      define geography/display "Unit of geography" width=20;
      define metric/display "Date of interest" width=20;
      define confirmatory/display "Total dx past 4 weeks: &weekmin -
            &weekmax" width=20;
      define ratio/display "Signal Strength (# of SDs above mean)"
            width=10;
      define new signal2/display "new signal since last week?"
            width=10;
      define new count/display "if not new, how many new events in
            signal?" width=15;
run;
* PAGE 2 - raw counts;
footnotel font='Arial' height=1 "Unadjusted counts of cases by year,
      week and case status";
footnote2;
proc report data=final freqs &i nowd style(report)={outputwidth=7in};
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      columns year Most recent week 1 week ago 2 weeks ago
      3 weeks ago Total;
run;
* PAGE 3 - map;
* subset signals dataset to those that are not missing x and y
     coordinates for mapping;
data nomiss signals&i;
      set signals&i;
      where x \sim = . \& y \sim = .;
run;
footnote1;
pattern1 v=s c=grayff;
pattern2 v=s c=graydd;
pattern3 v=s c=graybb;
pattern4 v=s c=gray88;
pattern5 v=s c=gray66;
goptions reset=goptions device=png300 target=png300 ftext='Arial'
      htext=1 ftitle='Arial/bold' htitle=1.5 xmax=9 in ymax=7 in;
legend1 label= (j=l font='Arial/bold' 'Rate per 100,000 for previous 4
      wks'
  j=l font='Arial' '*Numbers indicate the location of events in the
      signal.'
  j=l '*Note that rates are meant to provide context only and do'
  j=l ' not necessarily correspond to signals.'
 position=(top left)) across=1 down=5 frame position=(bottom outside);
proc gmap data = &&diseasecode&i map = uhfmap anno=nomiss signals&i;
  id uhfcode;
  choro rate / levels=5 coutline=black legend=legend1 cdefault=white;
run;
quit;
* PAGE 4 - line list;
ods proclabel="Line List";
* if the signal is not new, include an extra column to indicate which
events are newly added to the repeated signal;
%if "&&new&i" = "" %then %do;
proc report data=signals&i nowd;
      columns new text event id patinit disease status
            investigation status diagnosis date gender age years
            street 1 boro zip uhfname geocode;
      define new/ display "New" width=1;
      define text/ display "#" width=2;
      define event id/ display "Event ID" width=10;
      define patinit/display "Pat. Init." width=2;
      define disease status/display "Disease Status" width=4;
      define investigation status/display "Investigation Status"
            width=4;
      define diagnosis date/display "Diagnosis Date" width=10;
      define gender/display "Gender" width=1;
      define age years/display "Age" width=3;
      define street 1/display "Address" width=10;
      define boro/display "Boro" width=12;
      define zip/display "Zip" width=5;
      define uhfname/display "UHF" width=10;
      define geocode/display "Geocode" width=3;
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      run;
      %end;
      %if "&&new&i" = "*" %then %do;
     proc report data=signals&i nowd;
            columns text event id patinit disease status investigation status
                  diagnosis date gender age years street 1 boro zip uhfname
                  geocode;
            define text/ display "#" width=2;
            define event id/ display "Event ID" width=10;
            define patinit/display "Pat. Init." width=2;
            define disease status/display "Disease Status" width=4;
            define investigation status/display "Investigation Status"
                  width=4;
            define diagnosis date/display "Diagnosis Date" width=10;
            define gender/display "Gender" width=1;
            define age years/display "Age" width=3;
            define street_1/display "Address" width=10;
            define boro/display "Boro" width=12;
            define zip/display "Zip" width=5;
            define uhfname/display "UHF" width=15;
            define geocode/display "Geocode" width=3;
      run;
      %end;
      * PAGE 6 - graph;
     proc sql;
            create table graphit as
            select *
            from reshape all
            where disease code="&&diseasecode&i" and geounit="&&geounit&i"
                  and geog="&&geog&i";
* allow axes to be flexible depending on counts;
     proc sql noprint;
            select max(num sum), min(min(yvar,num sum)), max(fsatdiag)
                  format=mmddyy10., max(period1), max(period2), max(period3),
                  max(period4), max(period5)
            into :maxsignal, :minsignal, :maxweek, :period1, :period2,
                  :period3, :period4, :period5
            from graphit;
      quit;
      data null ;
              if &maxsignal.<=10 then do; maxaxis=10; intaxis=1; end;</pre>
              else if 10<&maxsignal.<=25 then do; maxaxis=25; intaxis=5; end;
              else if 25<&maxsignal.<=50 then do; maxaxis=50; intaxis=5; end;
              else if 50<&maxsignal.<=100 then do; maxaxis=100; intaxis=10;
                  end;
              else if 100<&maxsignal.<=500 then do; maxaxis=500; intaxis=50;
                  end;
              else if 500<&maxsignal.<=1000 then do; maxaxis=1000;
                  intaxis=100; end;
              else if 1000<&maxsignal.<=1500 then do; maxaxis=1500;
                  intaxis=150; end;
              else if 1500<&maxsignal.<=2000 then do; maxaxis=2000;</pre>
                  intaxis=200; end;
              else if 2000<&maxsignal.<=2500 then do; maxaxis=2500;
                  intaxis=250; end;
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        else if 2500<&maxsignal.<=3000 then do; maxaxis=3000;
            intaxis=300; end;
        else if 3000<&maxsignal.<=3500 then do; maxaxis=3500;
            intaxis=350; end;
        else if 3500<&maxsignal.<=4000 then do; maxaxis=4000;
            intaxis=400; end;
        else if 4000<&maxsignal.<=4500 then do; maxaxis=4500;
            intaxis=450; end;
        else if 4500<&maxsignal.<=5000 then do; maxaxis=5000;</pre>
            intaxis=500; end;
        if &minsignal.<0 & &minsignal>-1 then do; minaxis=-1; end;
        else if &minsignal.<-1 & &minsignal>-5 then do; minaxis=-5;
            end;
        else minaxis = 0;
%global maxaxis intaxis;
  call symput('minaxis', minaxis);
  call symput('maxaxis',maxaxis);
  call symput('intaxis', intaxis);
run;
symbol1 i=hiloctj color=blue line=2;
symbol2 i=none color=blue value=dot height=1.5;
symbol3 i=l color=black value=none height=1.5;
symbol4 i=none color=red value=dot height=1.5;
legend1 label=none order=("mean" "current" "num sum")
      value=(h=2 pct f=simplex j=c c=black 'Mean +/- 2 SD' 'Signal'
      'Moving 4-Week Sum');
axis1 label=none color=black
    value=(h=2 pct f=simplex j=c c=black)
      order=(&minaxis. to &maxaxis. by &intaxis.)
      reflabel=(color=black)
      width=1
      length=75 pct
      major=none minor=none;
axis2 label=none color=black
    value=(h=2 pct f=simplex j=c c=black)
      reflabel=(color=black)
      width=1
      major=(number=6) minor=(number=12);
goptions reset=goptions device=png300 target=png300 ftext='Arial'
      htext=1 ftitle='Arial/bold' htitle=1.5 xmax=10 in ymax=6.5 in;
proc gplot data=graphit;
      title "&&disease&i";
      title2 "&&geounit&i Signal in &&geog&i";
      title3 height=1.05 "Moving 4-wk sum of adjusted case counts
            ending &maxweek";
      plot (yvar mean num sum current)*fsatdiag / cframe=GWH autovref
            cvref=wh overlay skipmiss vaxis=axis1 haxis=axis2
            legend=legend1 lhref=2 chref=stro href=&period1 &period2
            &period3 &period4 &period5;
      footnote1 height=0.75 "Disease status includes all except Contact
            and Possible Exposure";
      footnote3 height=0.75 "Vertical dotted lines represent
            corresponding 4-wk periods in baseline";
run;
quit;
ods rtf close;
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%end;
%mend;
%linelist;
* The following code emails signal information to reviewers.
* read in list of email recipients by disease;
proc import datafile = "...\Data\reviewers.xls" out = reviewers replace dbms =
     excel; run;
* merge with signal information;
proc sql noprint;
create table signals reviewer as
select distinct s.disease code
     ,s.disease
     , propcase (s.geog) as geography
     ,count(*) as cases in signal
     , case (min(s.newnum)) when 0 then 'No' else 'Yes' end as new signal
     ,case (min(s.newnum)) when 0 then count(s.new) else . end as new cases
     ,p.notes as REVIEWER label=''
from signals as s left join reviewers as p on s.disease code=p.code
where s.suppress = 'no'
group by s.disease code, s.geography
order by p.notes;
quit;
* create macro to send emails;
%macro email;
data null ;
set signals reviewer;
by reviewer;
if first.reviewer then do;
           i+1;
           call symputx('reviewer'||left(put(i,2.)), reviewer);
           call symputx('end',left(put(i,2.)));
end;
run;
* loop through reviewers to send all signal information in one email;
%do i=1 %to &end;
     data reviewer&i;
           set signals reviewer;
           where reviewer = "&&reviewer&i";
     run;
* &name macro set at beginning of code by whoever is running it;
FILENAME outbox EMAIL
              from= "&name@health.nyc.gov"
                      to=(&&reviewer&i)
                      cc=("&name@health.nyc.gov")
                      subject="Maven: AOW Signals for &fileweek"
               type='text/html'
              CT ='text/html';
ods html body=outbox style=minimal;
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ods escapechar='^';

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Publisher: CDC; Journal: Emerging Infectious Diseases
       Article Type: Research; Volume: 21; Issue: 2; Year: 2015; Article ID: 14-0098
                  DOI: 10.3201/eid2102.140098; TOC Head: Dispatch
ods text = "^{style [just=1]AOW Signals for &fileweek}";
* print summary table of signals in body of email;
proc report data=reviewer&i nowd nocenter spacing=5;
      columns disease geography cases in signal new signal new cases;
      define disease/display "Disease" ;
      define geography/display "Geography" ;
      define cases in signal/display "total dx past 4 weeks" ;
      define new signal/display "new signal since last week?" ;
      define new cases/display "if not new, how many new events in signal?";
      title;
     footnote;
run;
* print link to line lists in body of email;
ods text = "^{style [just=1]Signal details and the linelists are here: }";
ods html text = "^{style [just=1] ...\&fileweek\Linelist\ }";
ods text = "^{style [just=1] If you have questions, notify the analyst.}";
ods html close;
%end;
%mend;
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%email;