Multicenter Hyperbaric Outcomes Registry: 2020 Update

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Summary

Introduction/Background: The Multicenter Hyperbaric Outcomes Registry collects a defined set of outcome measures for all 14 UHMS-approved, and for some non-approved, hyperbaric oxygen treatment indications. We have now accumulated sufficient patient encounters for some indications to show statistically significant changes in signs and symptoms before and after treatment.

Methods: Slide 2 shows the sample REDCap screens for data entry. Drop-down menus and radio buttons are used as much as possible to minimize data entry.

Results: Currently, there are 934 patient entries in the registry. Slide 3 shows the case mix for the program, with delayed radiation injury and enhancement of healing in selected problem wounds as the top two indications. The top non-UHMS indication currently is ulcerative colitis (Slide 3). Major findings include: a) Significant increase in self-reported quality of life on the EQ-5D-5L (Slide 4) b) Significant decrease in hematuria score for radiation cystitis (Slide 5) c) Significant decrease in patient reported dry mouth in those with head and neck radiation along with a significant improvement in overall head and neck symptoms (Slide 6) d) In patients with diabetic foot wounds the median percentage reduction in wound length was 53% and the average percentage reduction in width was 50% (Slide 7) e) Significant improvement in audiometry in patients treated for idiopathic sudden sensorineural hearing loss (Slide 7)

Summary

An outcomes registry offers a consistent method for collecting treatment results for patients with both UHMS-approved and emerging indications. Other centers have begun entering into this registry and once enrolled will periodically pool their de-identified data to provide larger datasets on outcomes. These data can be collected rapidly and will be essential for refining existing indications, developing new ones, and detecting treatment trends over time.

Background

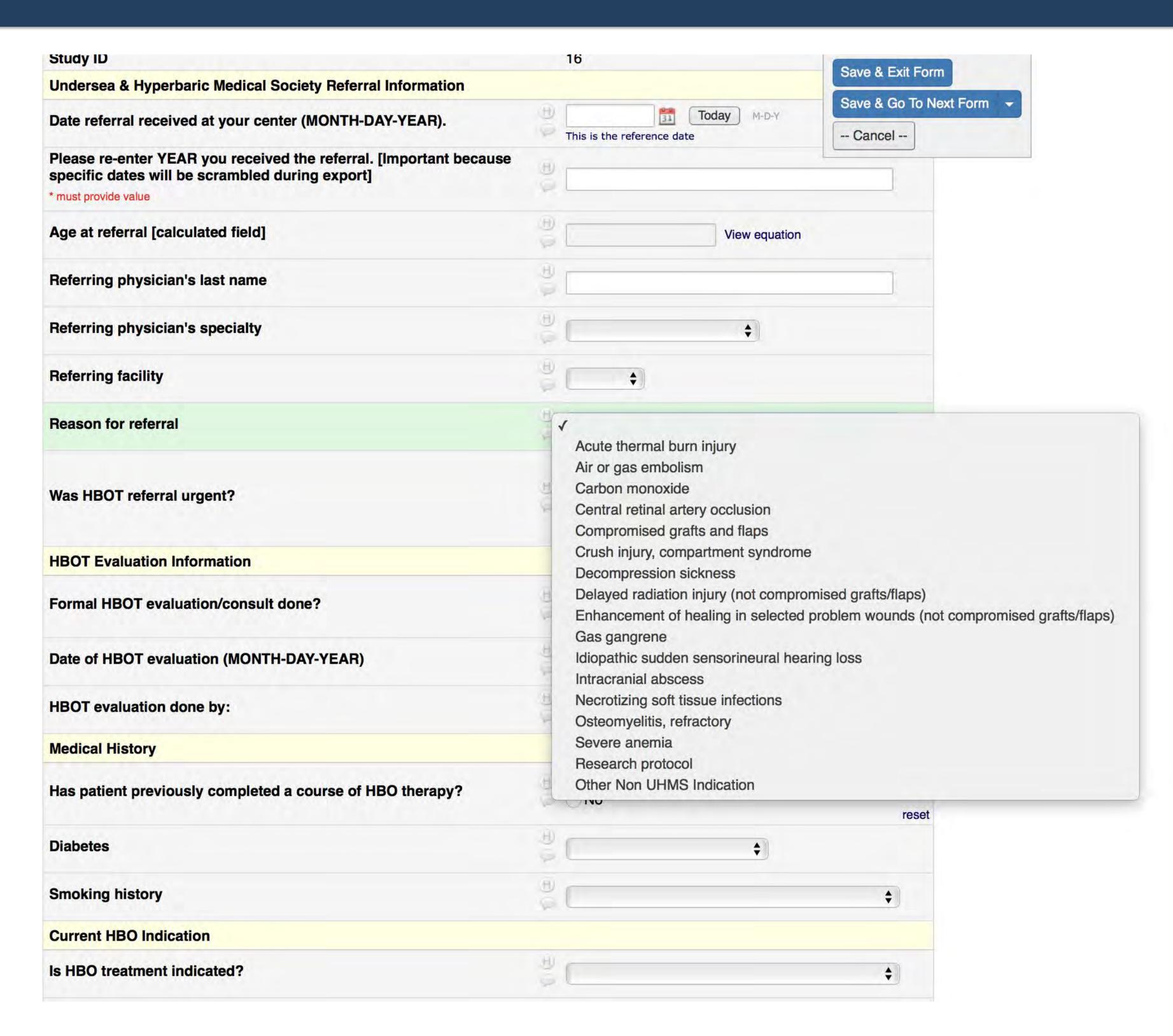
- Inadequate outcomes data exist to support hyperbaric oxygen indications.
- Most centers are small and so only see a limited amount of patients with any particular indication.
- With an outcomes-based registry, standardized outcomes from hyperbaric oxygen treatment can be collected across centers, allowing data to be combined.
- The Multicenter Hyperbaric Outcomes Registry is currently underway at 11 sites in the US and the UK

Methods

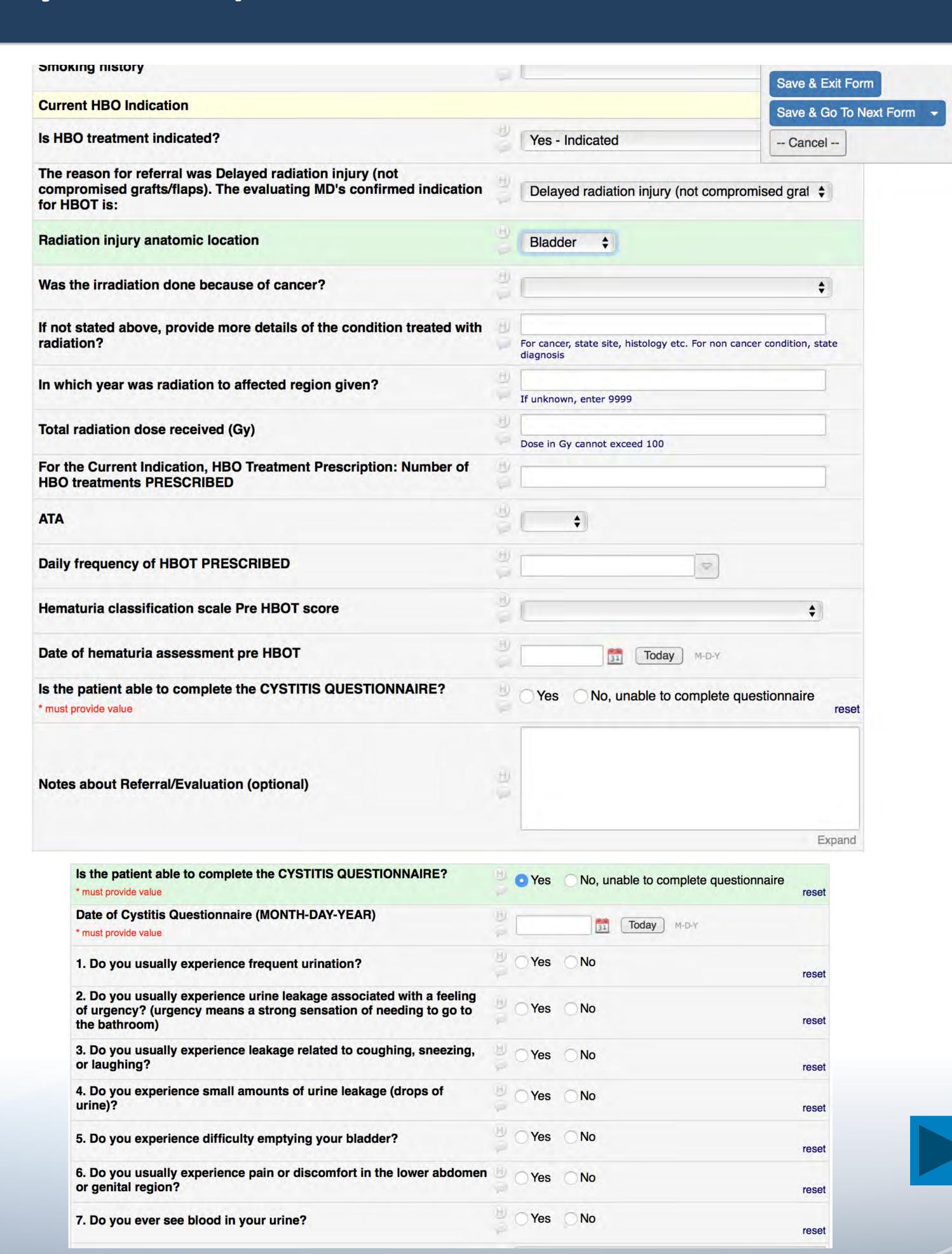
- Sample data entry screens shown on Slide 2.
- Registry built using the web-based data collection system REDCap.
- Standardized measures entered on all patients seen in hyperbaric program.
- Registry uses objective, patient-reported measures whenever possible to reduce bias.



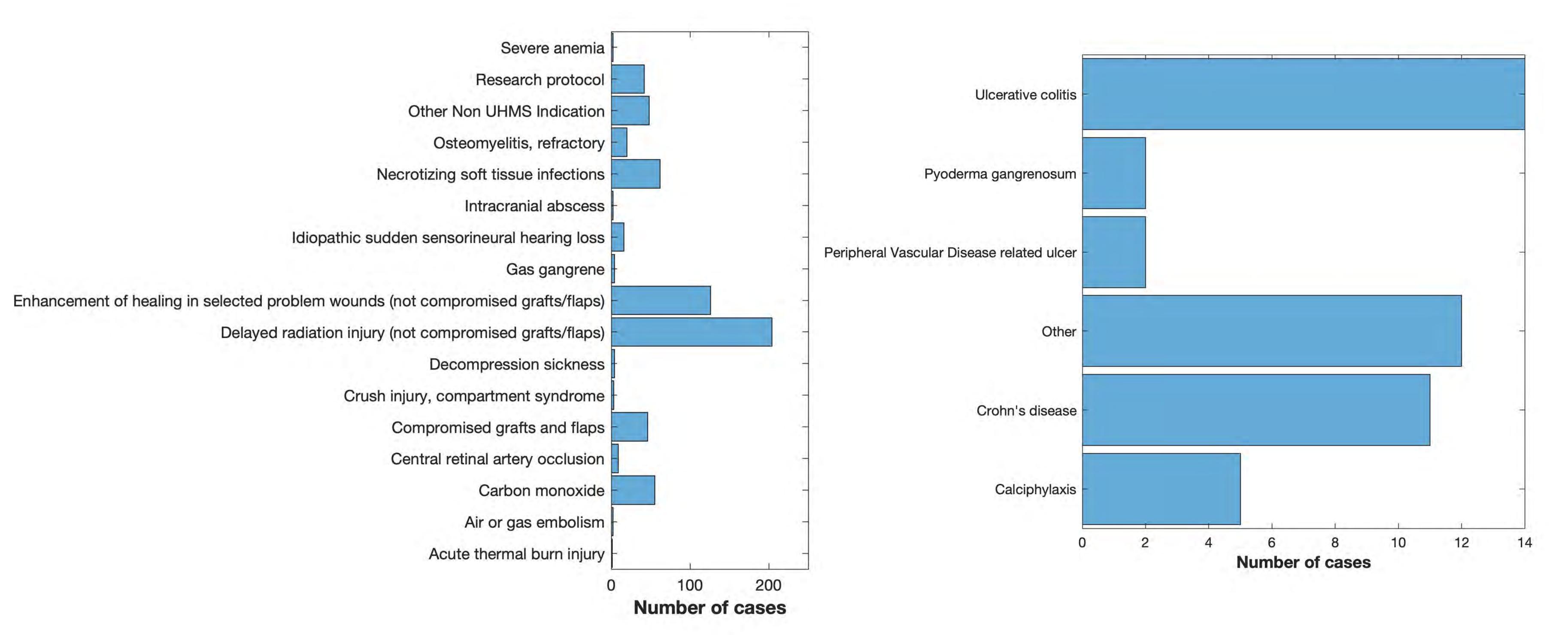
Methods (REDCap Data Entry Screens)



Data entry screens from REDCap. Use of drop down menus and radio buttons minimize data entry. In this case, hematuria and a cystitis questionnaire are completed for a patient with radiation cystitis.



Numbers of cases in the HBO Registry, by indication



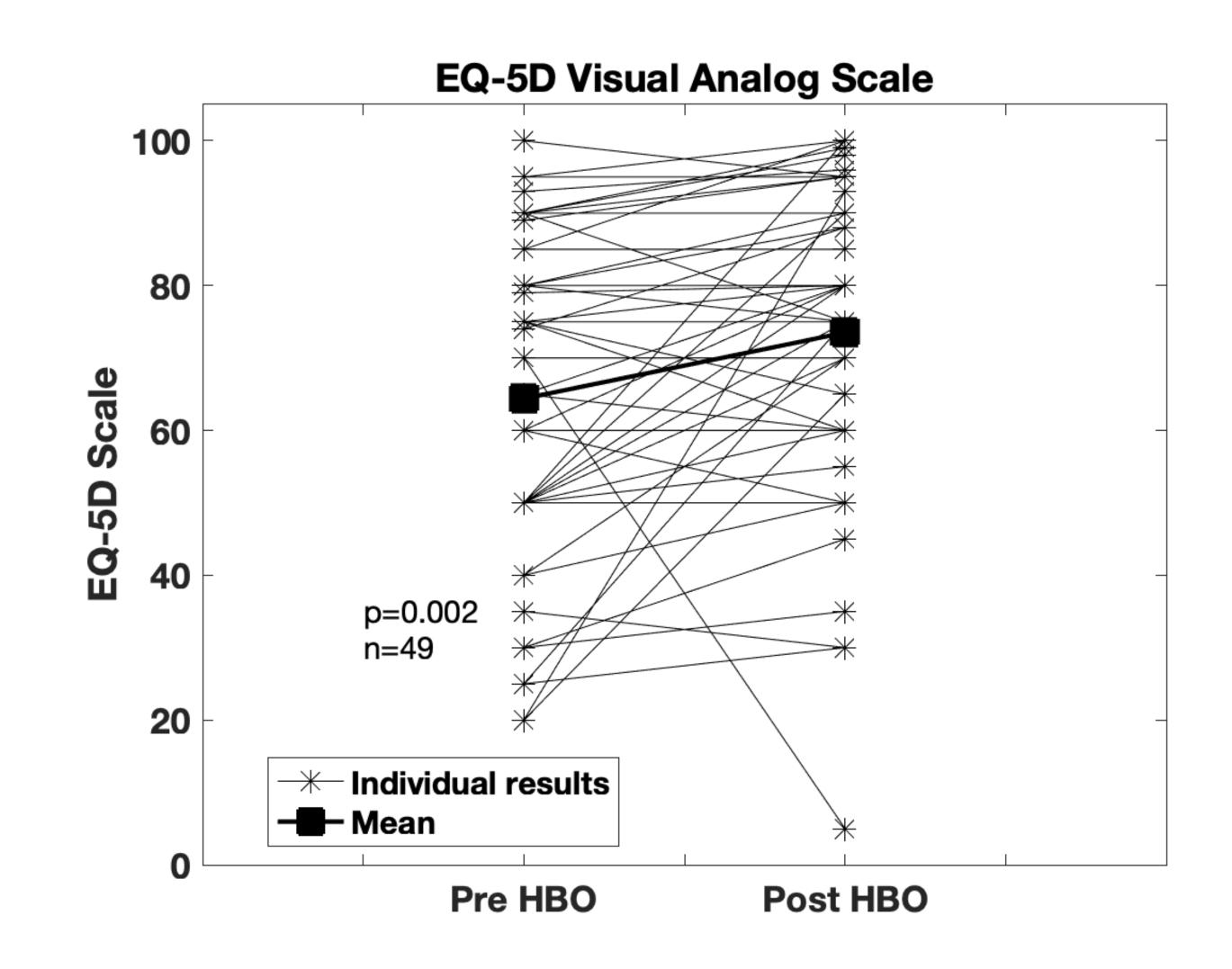
Case mix for the program

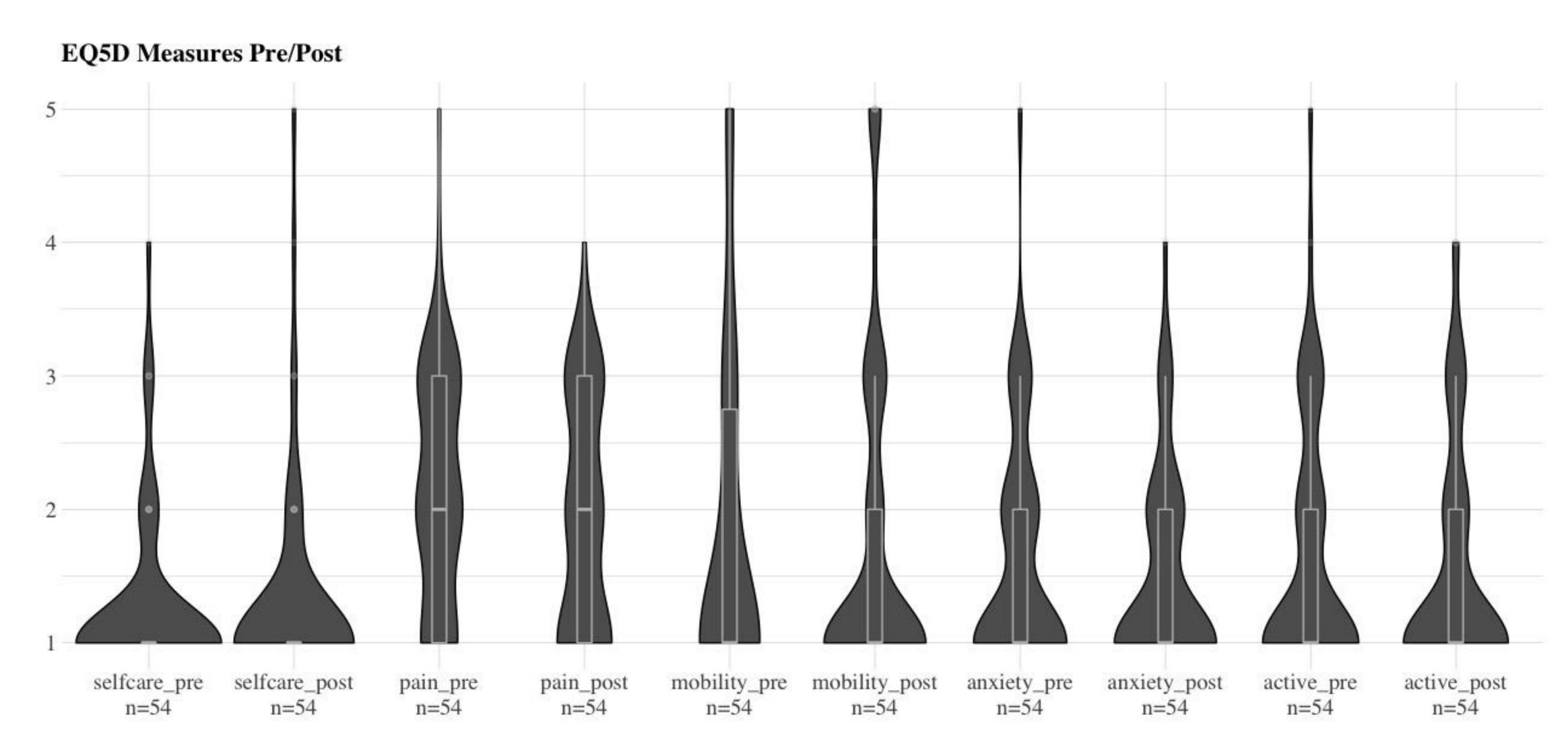






Results (Quality of Life)



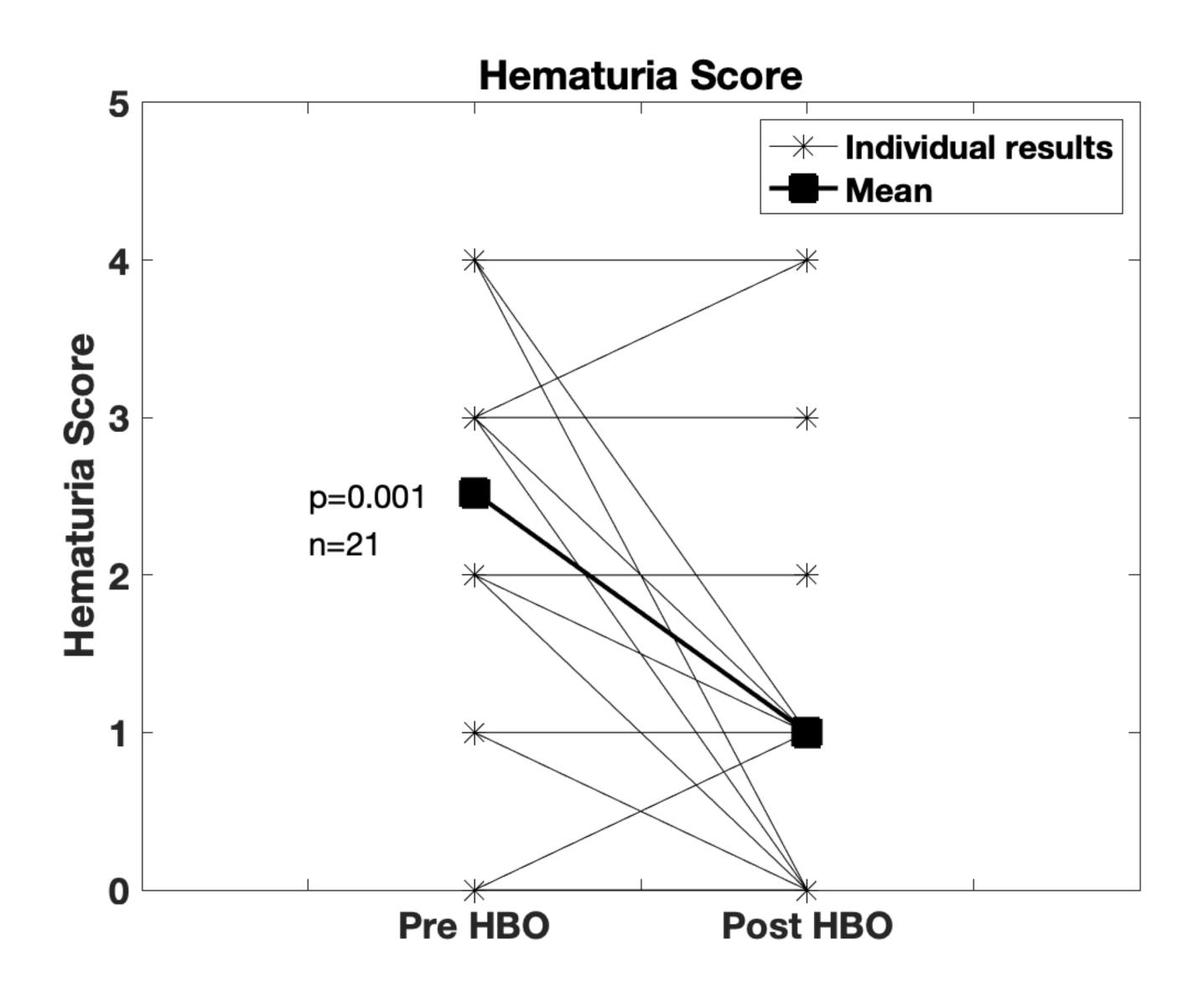


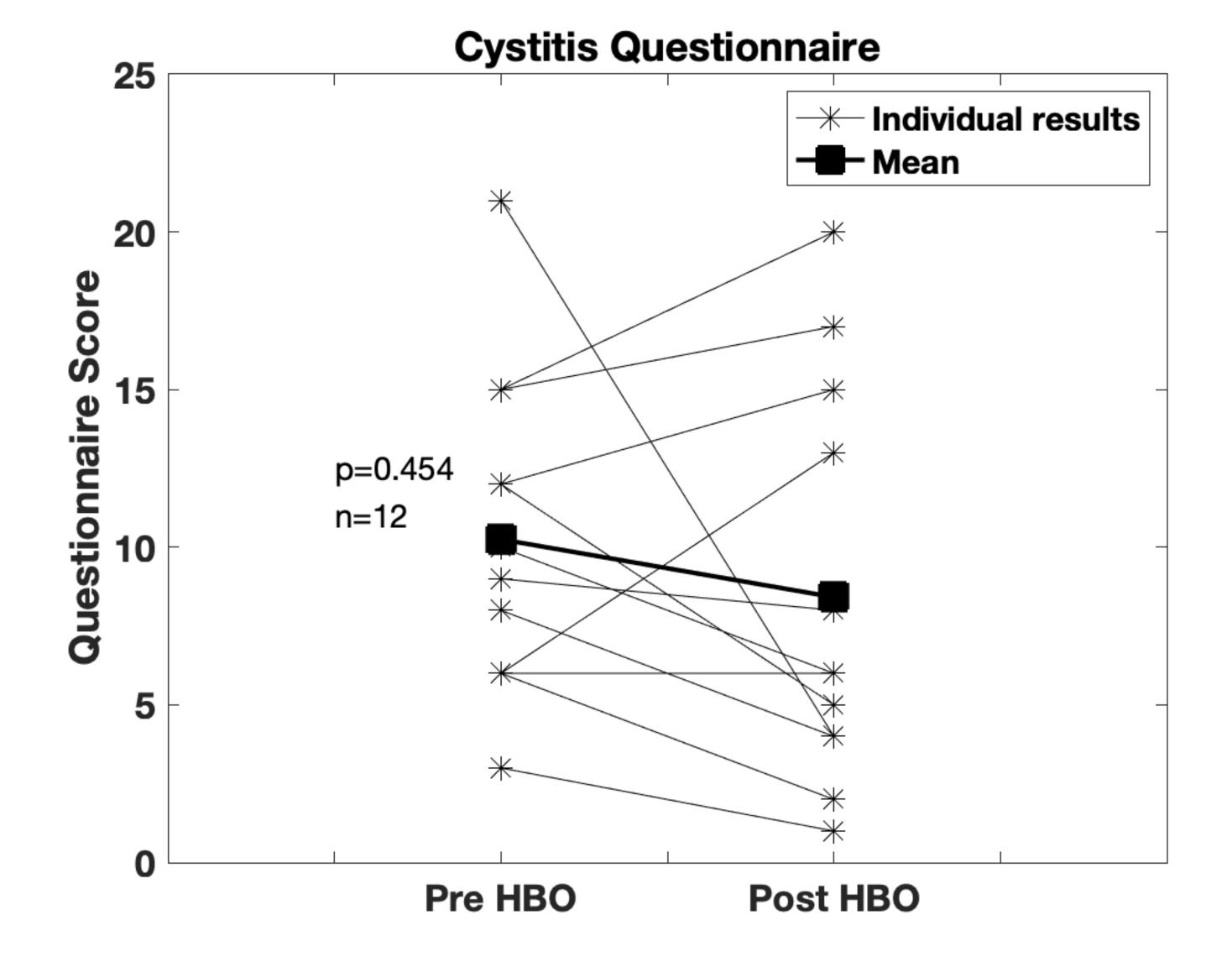
• Results from the EQ-5D-5L quality of life instrument. The visual analog scale results (0=worst health, 100=best health) are on the left. The right shows the results from the individual subscales (1=best, 5=worst).





Results (Radiation Cystitis)





- 0 No symptoms
- 1 Microscopic hematuria
- 2 Macroscopic hematuria
- 3 Frequent macroscopic hematuria
- 4 Severe hemorrhagic

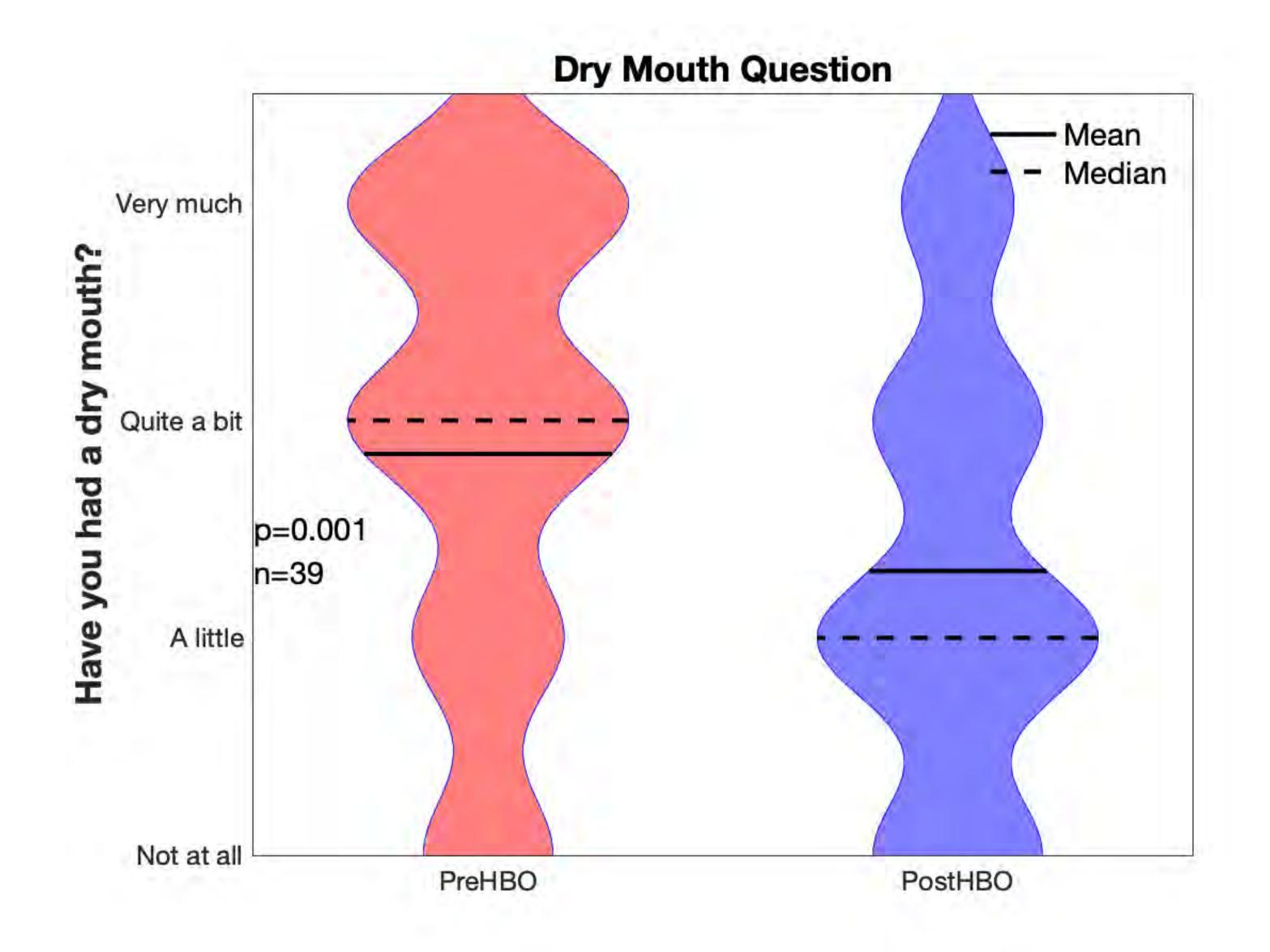
- Continuous, integer scale based on 8 questions.
- From 0 (no symptoms) through 26 (maximum symptoms)

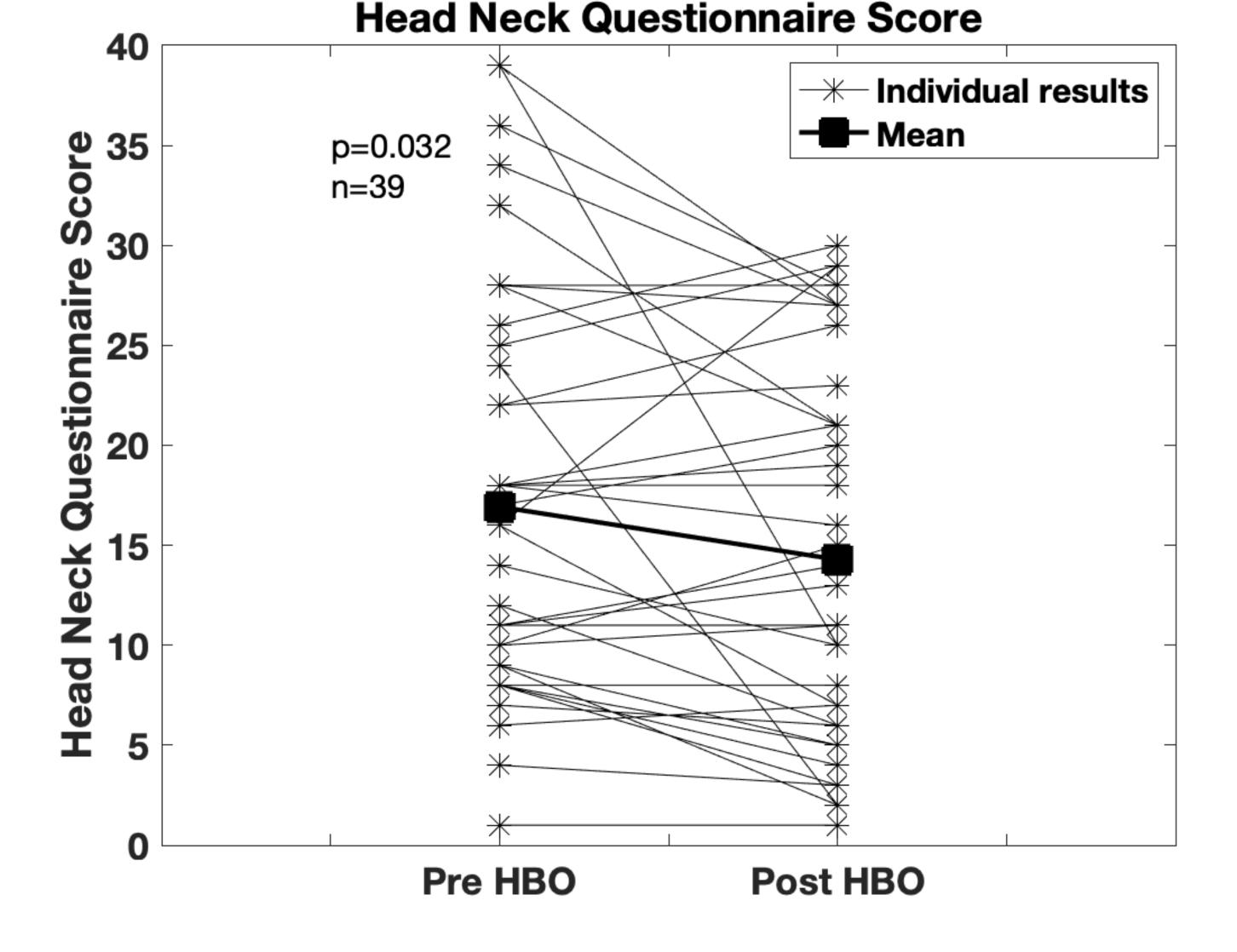






Results (Head and Neck)





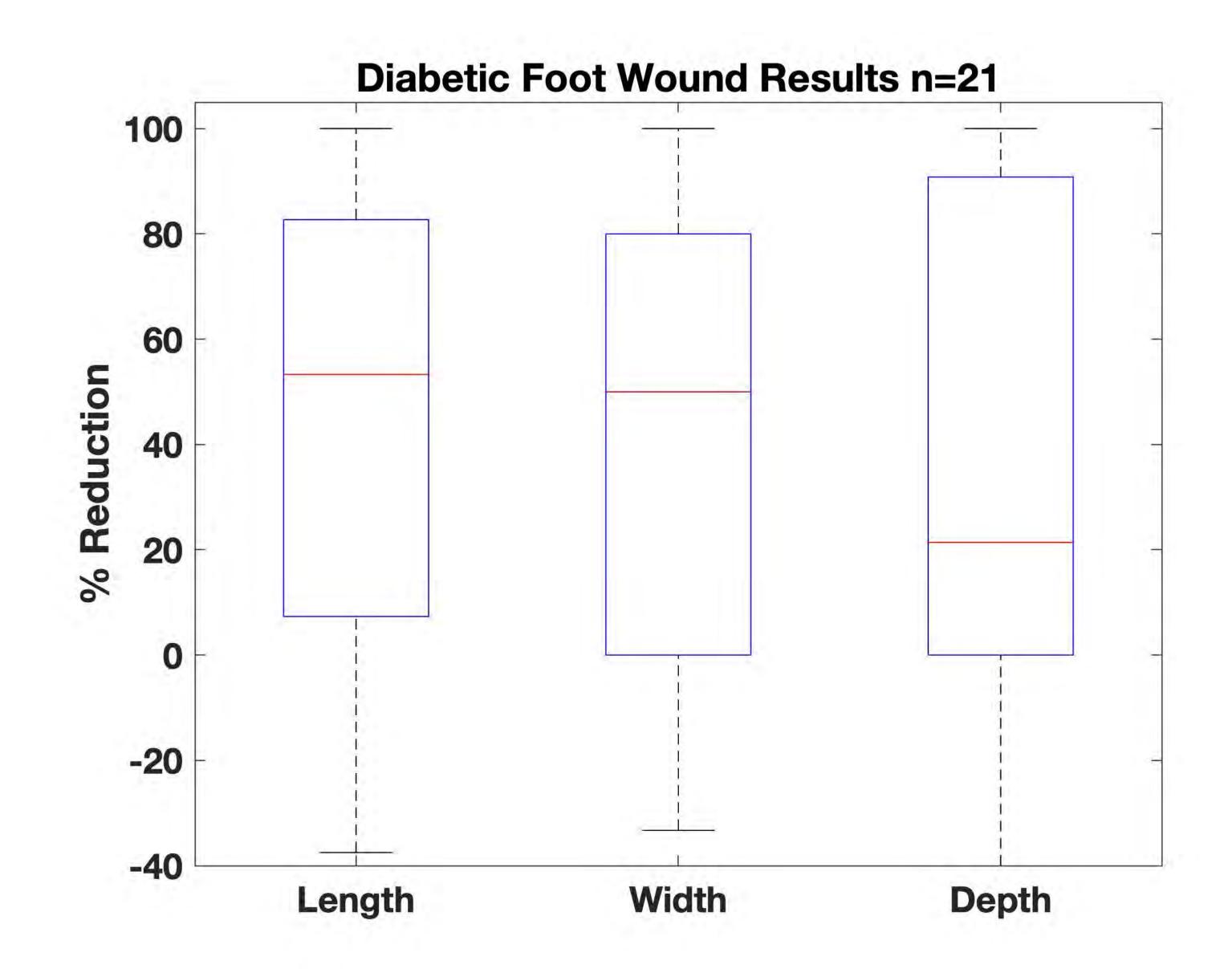
- 0 Not at all
- 1 A little
- 2 Quite a bit
- 3 Very much

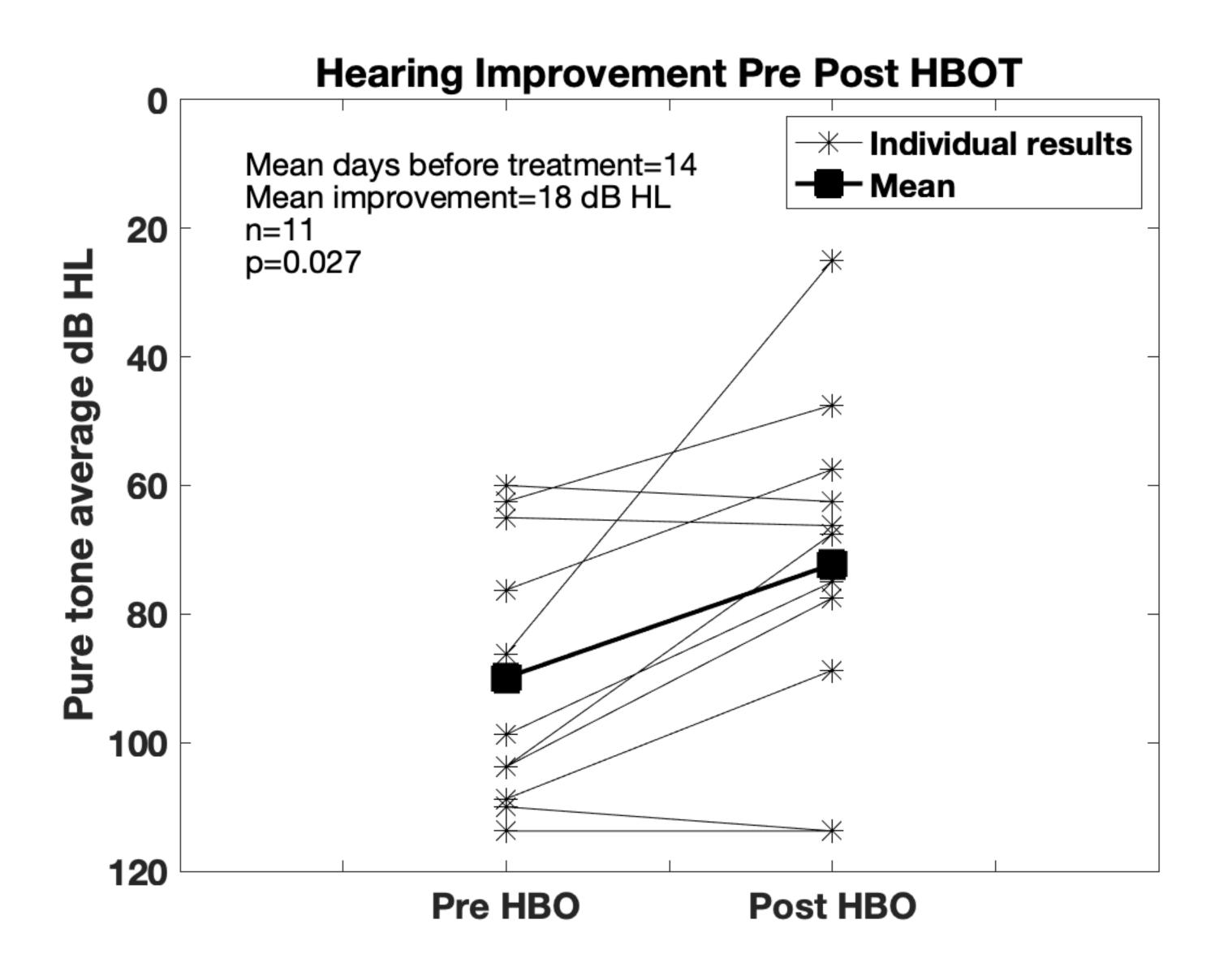
- Continuous, integer scale based on 26 questions.
- From 0 (no symptoms) through 68 (maximum symptoms). Asks about pain, swallowing, dry mouth, taste, cough, hoarseness.
- Response to the "dry mouth" question showing a significant improvement (left).
 Responses to the head and neck questionnaire are significantly lower after treatments (right).





Results (Diabetic Foot Wounds and ISSNHL)





- In patients with diabetic foot wounds the median percentage reduction in wound length was 53% and the median percentage reduction in width was 50% (left).
- Patients with idiopathic sudden sensorineural hearing loss show improvements in audiometry (right).





Challenges and Solutions for Registry

Disadvantage	Solution
Although free, REDCap requires IT support	*Larger centers often have REDCap
for installation, & some ongoing support	*For others, offer de-identified data entry at DH *In UK, King's College hosting multiple UK centers
REDCap is best used for relatively simple databases (not for complicated ones)	*We're focused on collecting simple data, so don't see this as a problem
Some validated questionnaires have big license fees	*We have chosen free questionnaires where possible; or developed new ones
Some centers collecting (or want to collect) different data	*We've worked with Australia (David Cooper) to try to harmonize datasets and are willing to do same with others *REDCap allows new modules to be added
"But we don't have time to enter data!"	*You probably do! We deliberately made the database small: data entry takes only 15 minutes spread over all (often 40) patient visits





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Conclusions

- By using defined outcomes in an outcomes registry, patient results can be combined easily.
- Significant results on some measures are already apparent due to the consistent data collection procedures.
- If multiple centers were to enter data using the same procedure 100's and even 1000's of patient outcomes could be combined to provide very powerful evidence on the use of hyperbaric oxygen therapy.
- A registry approach is essential for emerging and rare indications (calciphylaxis, inflammatory bowel disease, pyoderma gangrenosum, Raynaud's) where no single center will be able to collect sufficient data for a particular indication.



