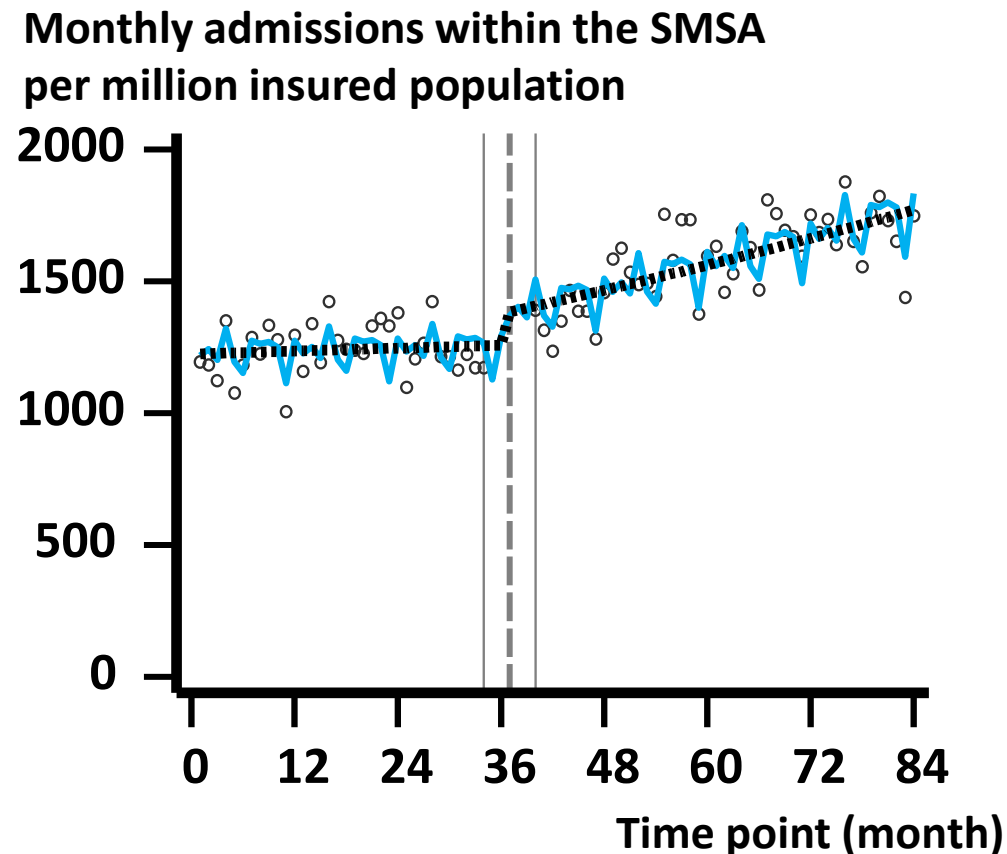


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- Using administrative claims data, we analyzed a total of 58,929 admissions of patients aged 65 years or older who resided in the secondary medical service area (SMSA) and were admitted to a hospital between 36 months before and 48 months after the hospital restructuring.
- Monthly admissions of elderly residents within the SMSA increased after hospital restructuring, underscoring the importance of examining admissions within the neighborhood when assessing the impact of public hospital restructuring.