

[COVID-19 Vaccine Breakthrough Infections Reported to CDC – United States, January 1–April 30 2021](#) applied the following standards to hospitalizations and deaths of fully vaccinated patients who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. ⁴

- **Patient A** was in the hospital for various reasons and symptomatic for COVID-19
- **Patient B** was in the hospital for various reasons but *did not* have symptoms associated with COVID-19.
- **Patient C** was in the hospital for reasons “clearly not related to COVID-19 (e.g., delivering a baby, suffering from car accident injuries)” and may or may not have had symptoms associated with COVID-19.

Patients B and C were considered hospitalizations/ deaths *unrelated* to SARS-CoV-2 infection, while Patient A was regarded as possibly related to infection.

CDC Standards for Evaluating Hospitalizations & Deaths of Vaccinated Patients Who Test Positive for SARS-CoV-2 (“Breakthrough” Infections)

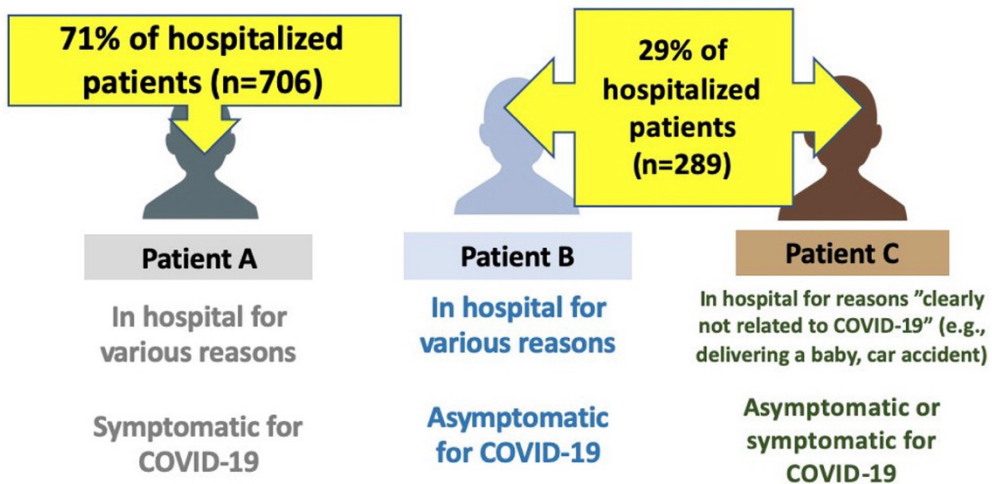
Patient A	Patient B	Patient C
In hospital for various reasons	In hospital for various reasons	In hospital for reasons “clearly not related to COVID-19” (e.g., delivering a baby, car accident)
Symptomatic for COVID-19	Asymptomatic for COVID-19	Asymptomatic or symptomatic for COVID-19
Hosp/death might be related to infection	Hosp/death is NOT related to infection	Hosp/death is NOT related to infection

Sources: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7021e3.htm#contribAff> & email correspondence with CDC Vaccine Breakthrough Team | Jessica Hockett

Of the 995 hospitalized patients included in the report, 71% (n=706) were "Patient As" and 29% (n=289) were Patient Bs/Cs.

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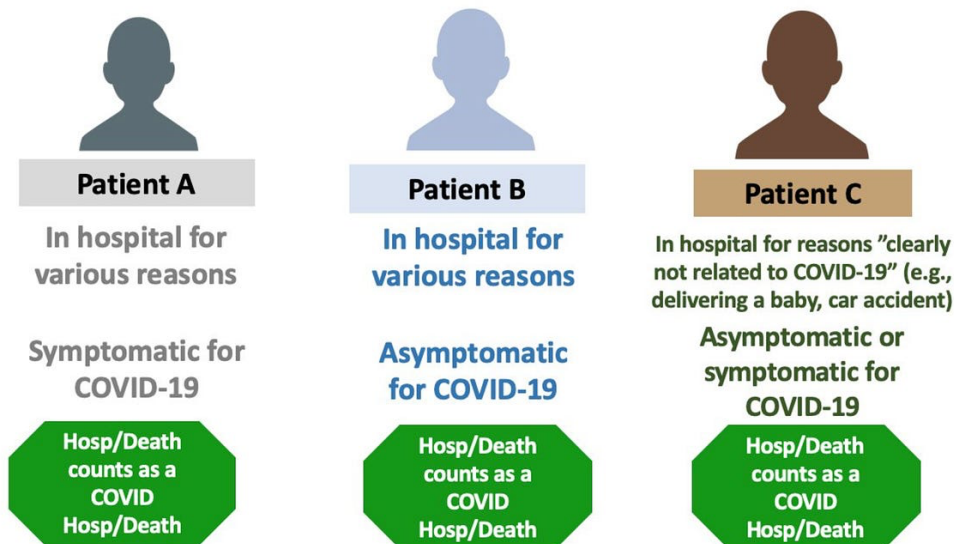
Vaccinated SARS-CoV-2 Positive Patients Who Were Hospitalized (n=995 Patients)



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Before the COVID shot was available, all three Patient types were considered COVID hospitalizations/deaths, simply by testing positive for SARS-CoV-2.

CDC's Stance During the Pandemic on Counting Hospitalizations & Deaths of Any Patient who Tests Positive for SARS-CoV-2



The CDC Vaccine Breakthrough team didn't consider asymptomatic/incidental-positive hospitalizations/deaths as related to SARS-CoV-2 infection. They also didn't feel the hospitalizations/deaths of patients with COVID-related symptoms who tested positive could necessarily be caused by SARS-CoV-2 infection.

In my opinion, the status of all patients as "fully-vaccinated" biased CDC standards for evaluating "breakthrough infections" away from blaming SARS-CoV-2 for hospitalizations and deaths.

This gave a false impression of the shot's efficacy against a virus that was never demonstrated to increase anyone's risk of severe illness or death.