

Figure S1. Standardized Mortality Rates for the yearly study periods\*, among White, Black, and Hispanic VA users aged 45 years or older, between March 2018 and February 2020

\*Period 1 March 2018 – February 2019  
 Period 2 March 2019 – February 2020  
 Period 3 March 2020 – February 2021

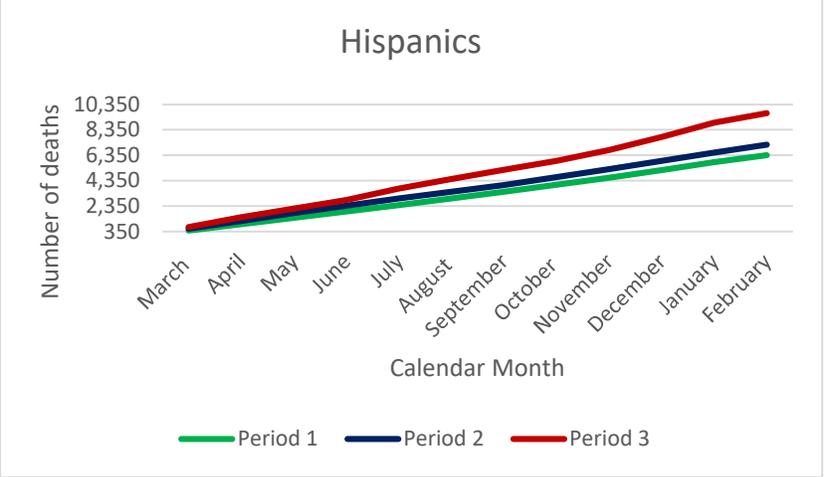
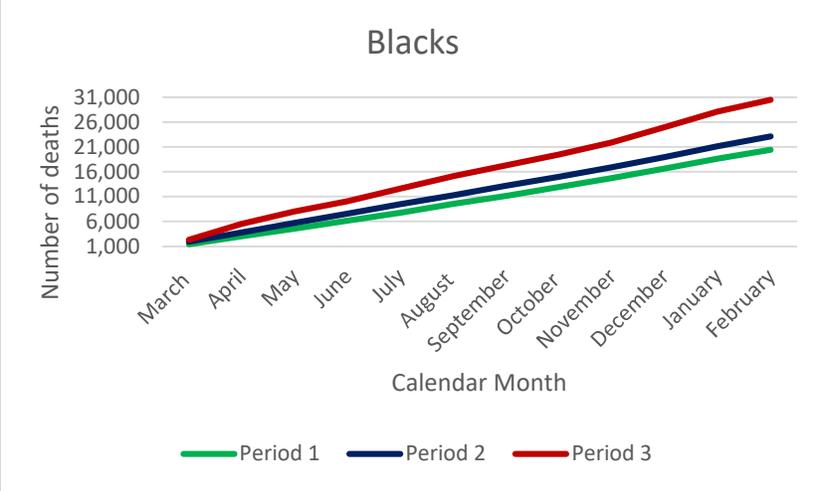
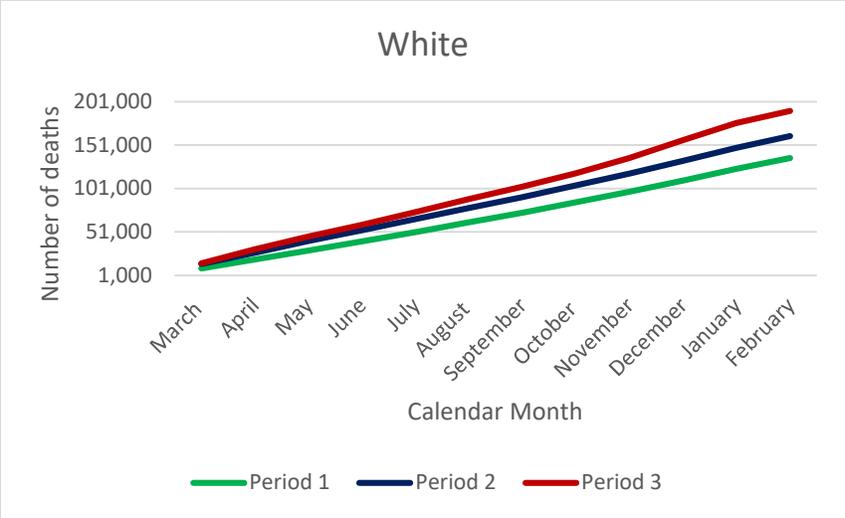


Figure S2. Cumulative death counts per study period\* by racial/ethnic group among VA users over 45 years or older, between March 2018 and February 2020.

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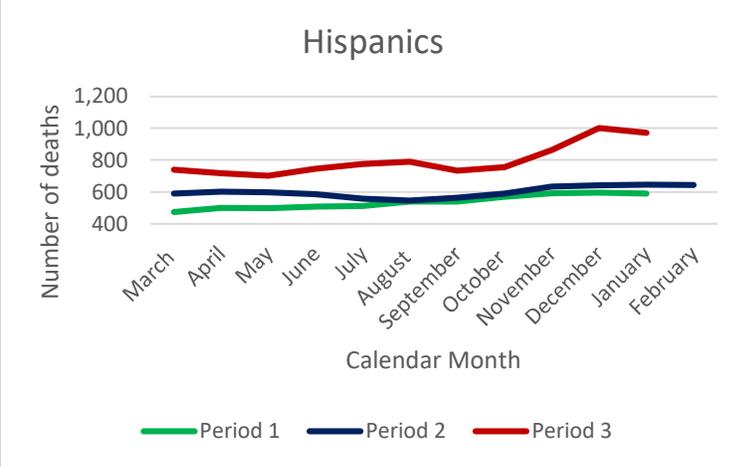
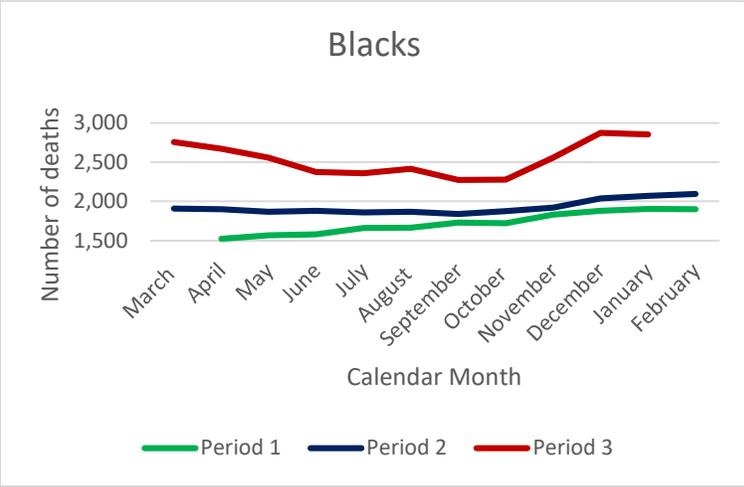
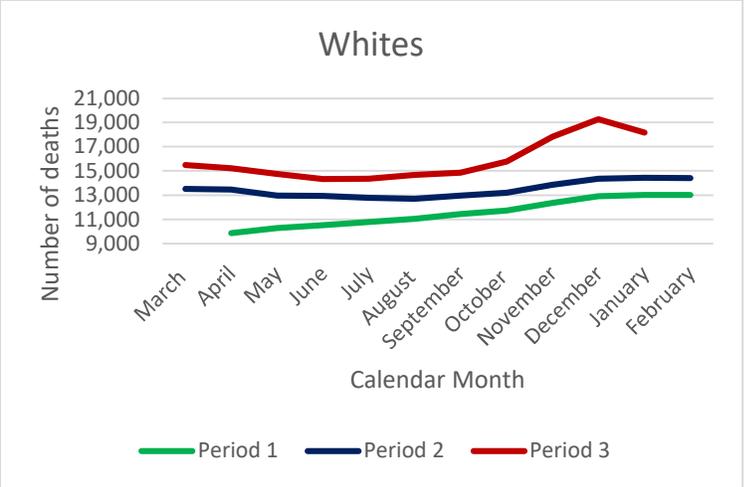


Figure S3. Monthly death counts using 3-month moving average per study period\* by racial/ethnic group among VA users over 45 years or older, between March 2018 and February 2020.

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