

# Triage in Accelerated Underwriting

The impact of triage on mortality and distribution

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# Accelerated Underwriting Landscape

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# Definition of Accelerated Underwriting



Any fully underwritten life insurance program that allows some applicants to forgo having a medical or paramedical exam and providing fluids, if they meet certain requirements and/or meet a certain pre-determined threshold

# Big data in consumer financial markets



## Consumer Financial Market

- FICO scores used for 50+ years
- Instant approval for home and auto loans



## Property & Casualty Insurance

- Credit scores industry standard
- Telematics



## Life Insurance

- Successful programs <5 years old
- Slow to gain traction

# Why was there a need for Accelerated Underwriting?



## Customer experience

- Underserved middle market
- Faster, less intrusive
- Expectations from Millennials



## Big data

- Public databases with personal, credit and financial information
- Computing power and predictive analytics

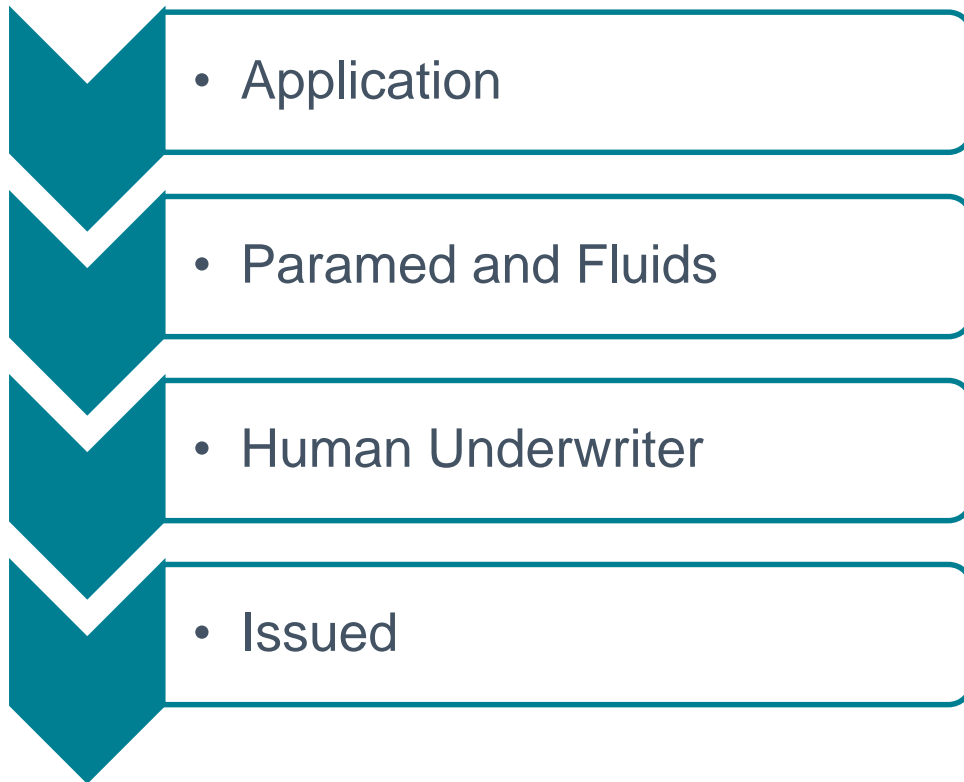


## Insurer and producer

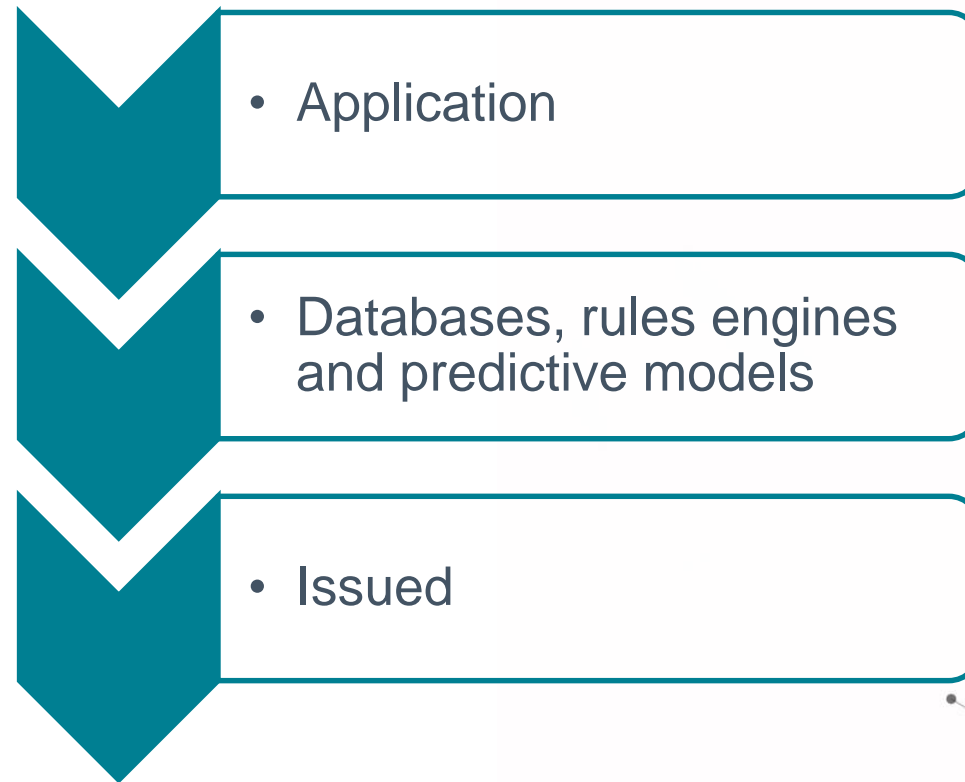
- Faster, cheaper, more sales
- Less administrative work

# How are Full Underwriting and Accelerated Underwriting different?

## Full Underwriting (FUW)



## Accelerated Underwriting (AUW)



# How is the data chosen?



## Effectiveness

- Highly correlated with the target variable
- Generates a best fit algorithm
- Worth the cost of obtaining



## Regulatory

- Insurance Circular Letter No. 1 (2019)
- Will regulators continue to push back against AUW?



## Fit into AUW

- Available within one to two days
- Ordered for all medically underwritten applicants
- What pieces of FUW can it replace?

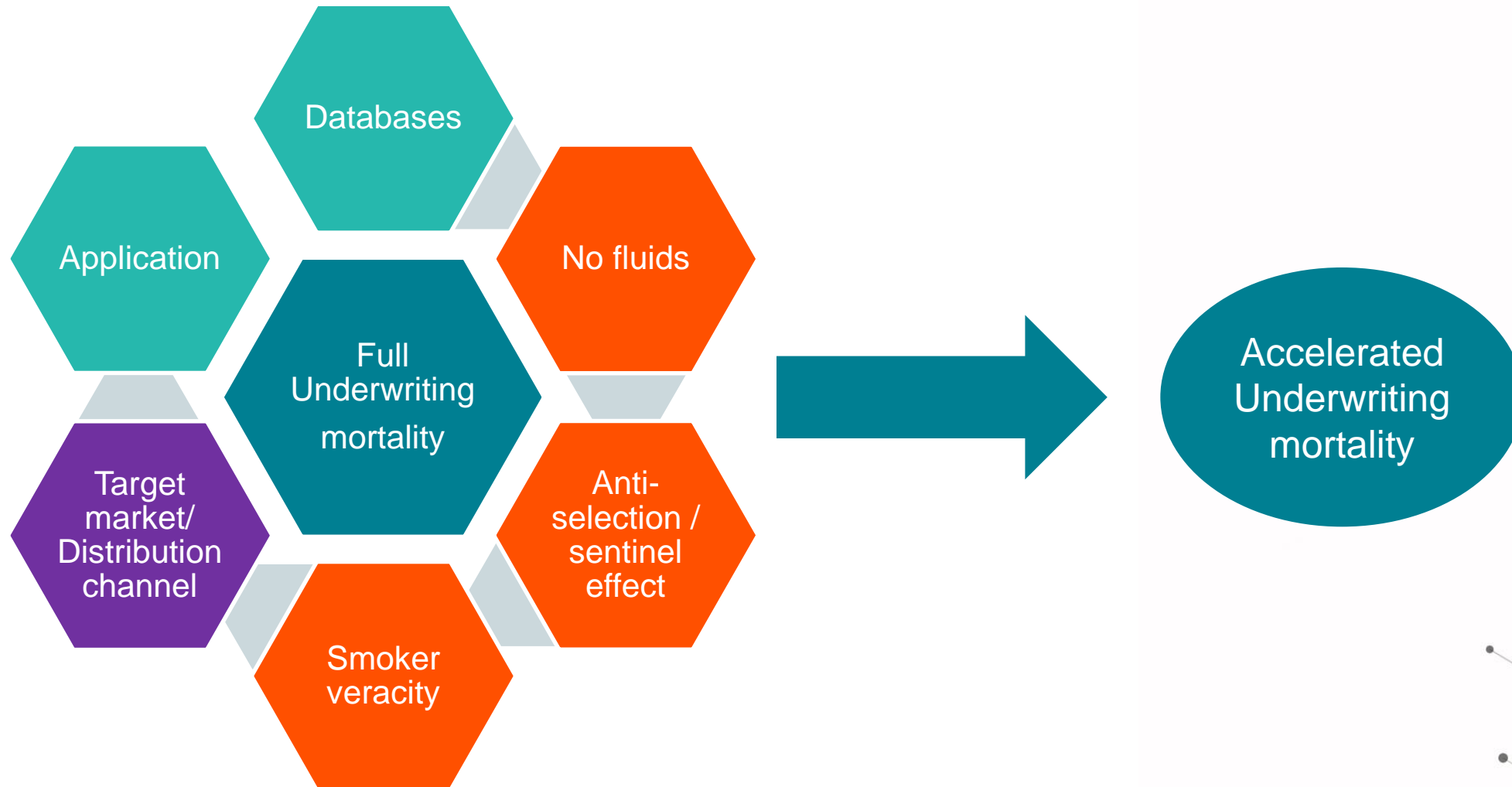


# Impact of no fluid testing, anti-selection and smoker veracity

	Full Underwriting	Accelerated Underwriting
Blood Profile	Verified	Missing
Blood Pressure	Verified	Missing
Tobacco	Verified	Self-Reported
Build	Verified	Self-Reported
Personal History	Verified	Self-Reported with Limited Verification
Drug & Alcohol Abuse	Verified	Self-Reported
MVR	Verified	Verified
Family History	Self-Reported	Self-Reported
Third Party Data	Missing	Added
Predictive Models	Missing	Added



# Aspects of Databases and Predictive models



# Accelerated Underwriting Evolution

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# AUW Evolution

## 1.0

- Reduce requirements for lower face amount and age
- Apply conservative loads to expected mortality
- Unsuccessful due to self-reported data, anti-selection, and no preferred classes

## 2.0

- Introduce advanced databases, rules engines, predictive models, tele-interviews, and reflexive questions
- Open availability to higher face amounts and older ages
- Decrease pricing loads until equivalent to FUW
- Mortality loads will not be the same, so savings found elsewhere

# AUW Evolution

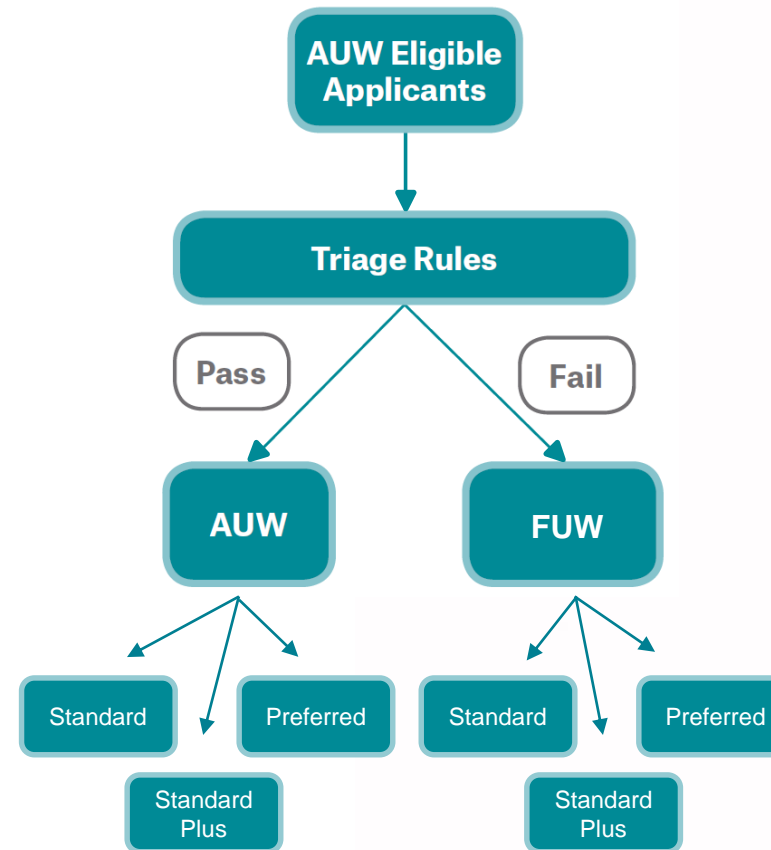
Industry-wide	2010	2014	Today
Programs	Mostly SI	Some accelerated	Varied
Underwriting tools	MIB, MVR, Rx	And early models, interviews, reflexives	And more models & electronic health records
Rules engines	Some	Half	Most
Pricing	Table 4-8	10-15% loads	Fully-underwritten
Face amounts	Up to \$100K	\$250K	\$1M+



# Triage in AUW

## What is a Triage program?

- The introduction of decision nodes in the underwriting process
- Pass to AUW: Better risks and higher degree of confidence
- Fail to FUW: Worse risks and lower degree of confidence



# Impact of Accelerated Underwriting Triage on Mortality

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# AUW Triage on Mortality – Cause and Effects

## Cause

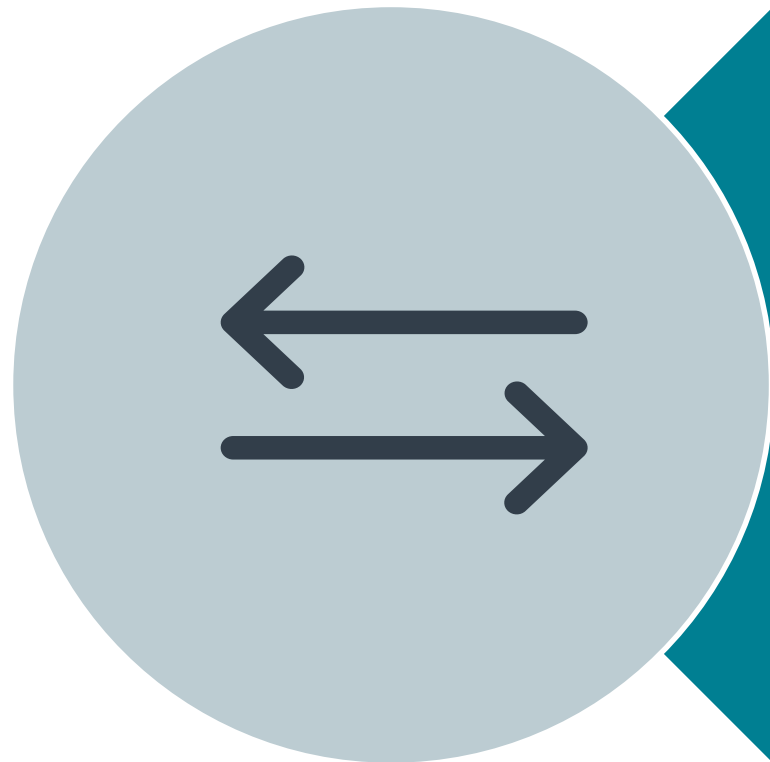
- Traditional AUW data bases – MIB, Rx, MVR
- Credit based scoring – ex. Lexis Nexis Risk Classifier, TransUnion True Risk Life
- Rx based scoring – Milliman IntelliScript, ExamOne ScriptCheck
- Predictive models and rules engines

## Effect

- Mortality segmentation
- Quasi-preferred class structure
- How correlated are the triage rules with a company's preferred underwriting rules?



# AUW Triage on Mortality – Uncorrelated Scenario

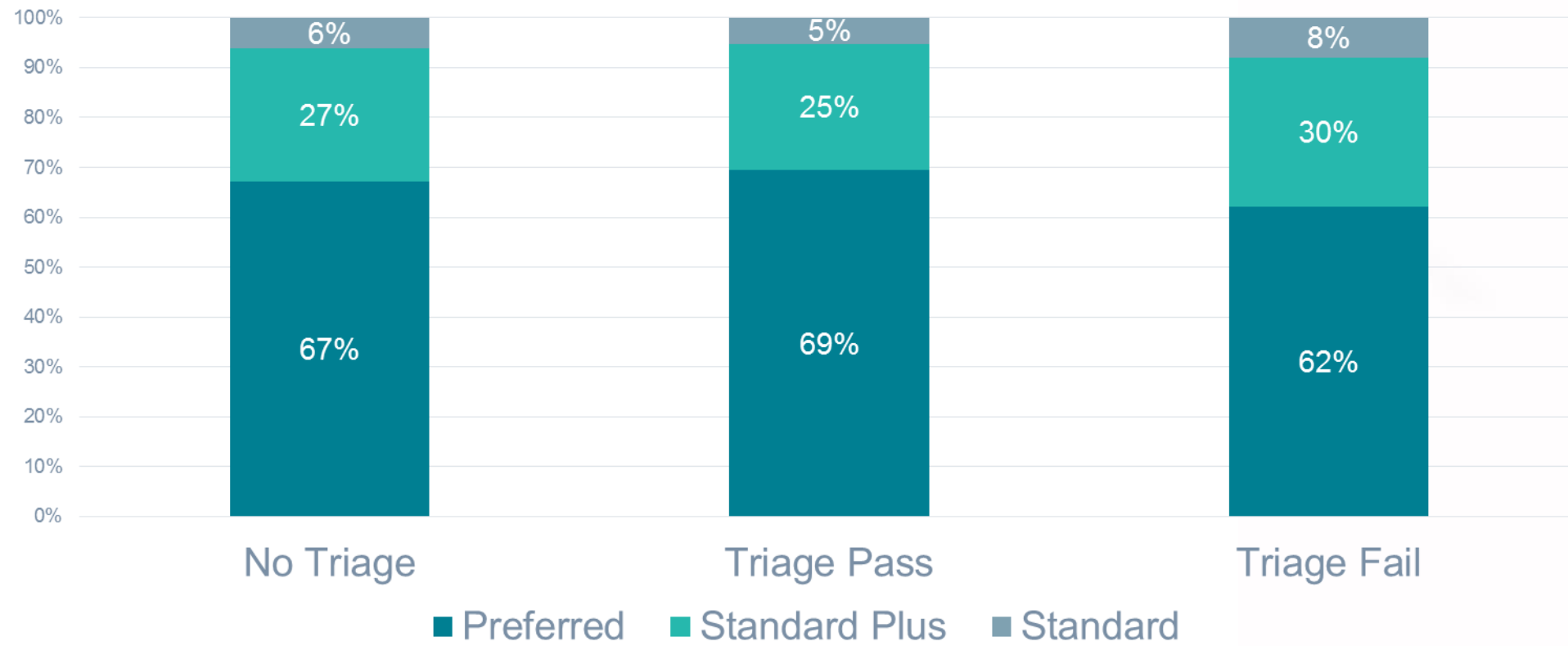


Triage scoring is  
unrelated to  
preferred class  
underwriting



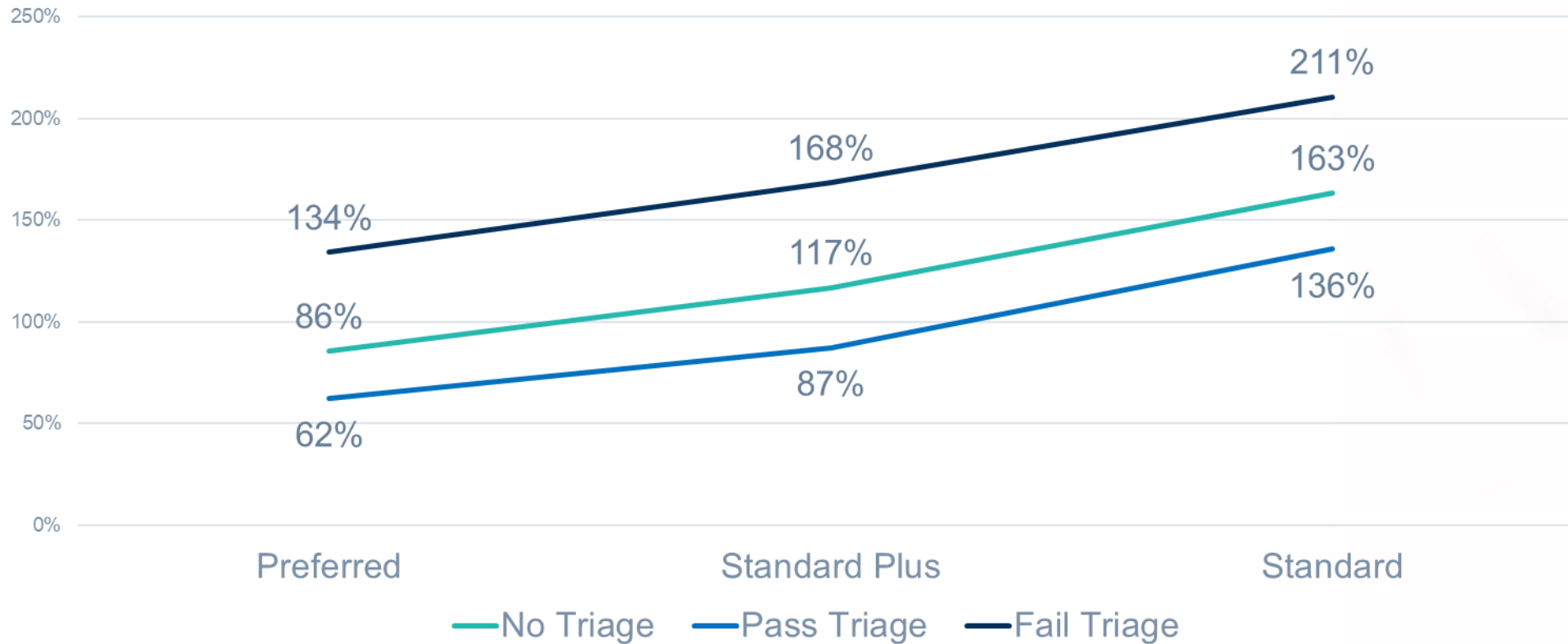
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Preferred Class Distribution by Triage Path

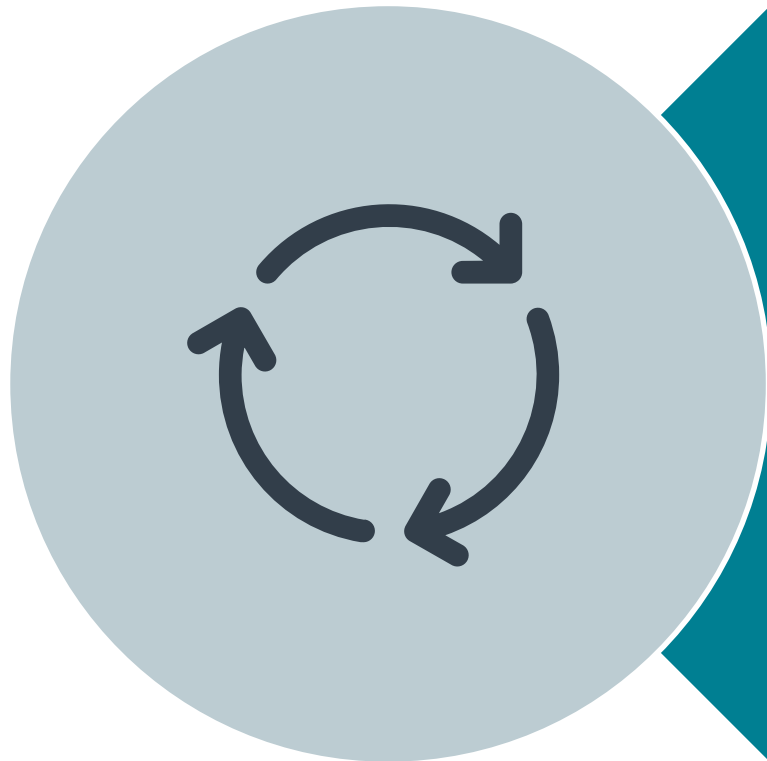


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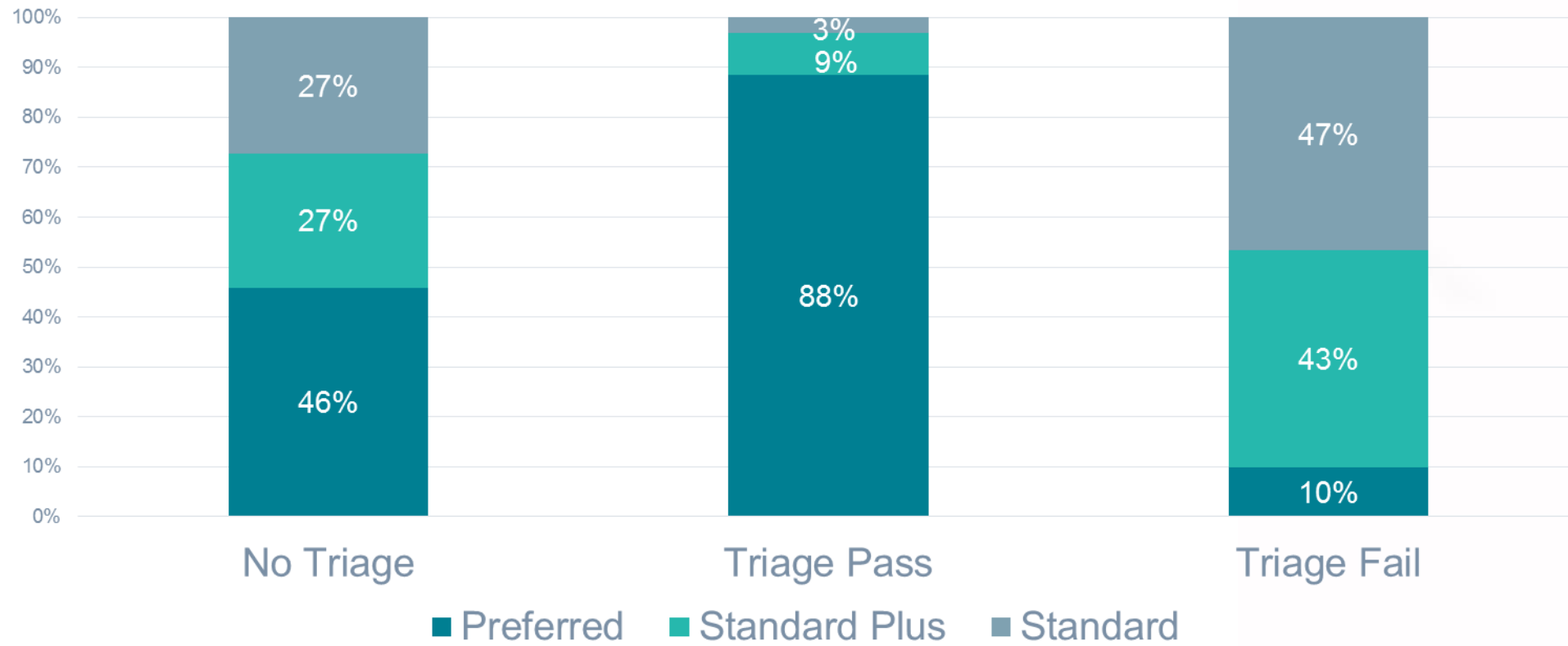


Triage scoring is highly related to preferred class underwriting



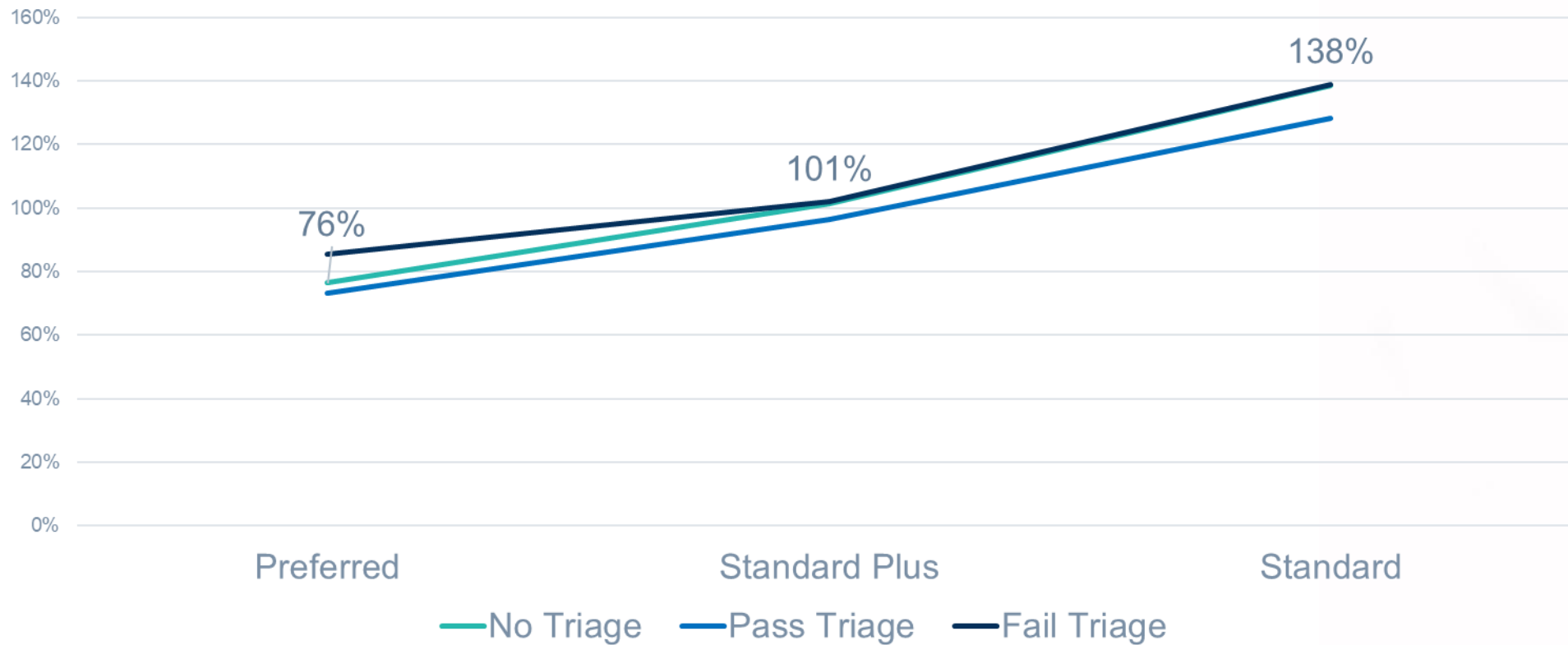
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# AUW Triage on Mortality – A Retro-Study

## Data

- Lexis Nexis Risk Classifier attached to 87 % of data
- Munich Re Data with 17k Claims

## Triage

- LNRC  $\geq$  600: AUW
- LNRC  $<$  600: FUW

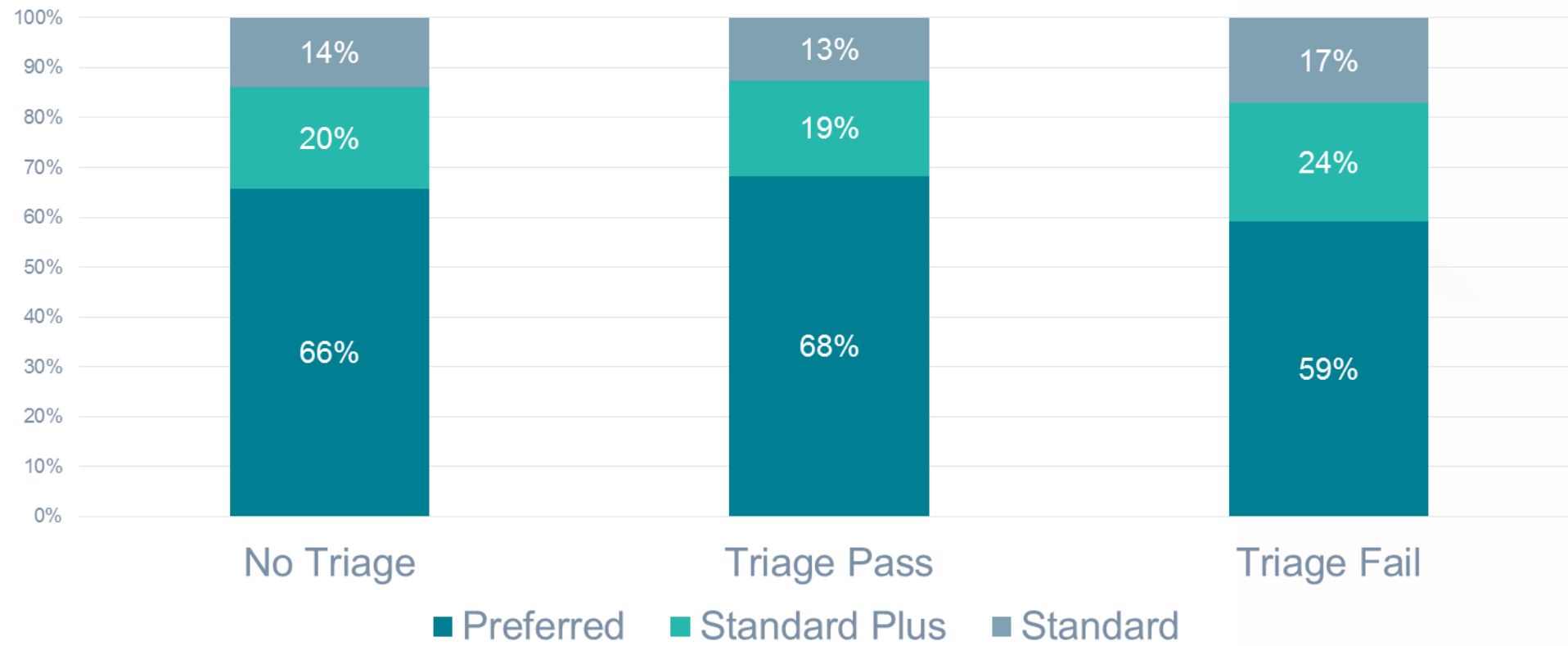
## Results

- Illustrate how a triage break point affects distribution and class level mortality



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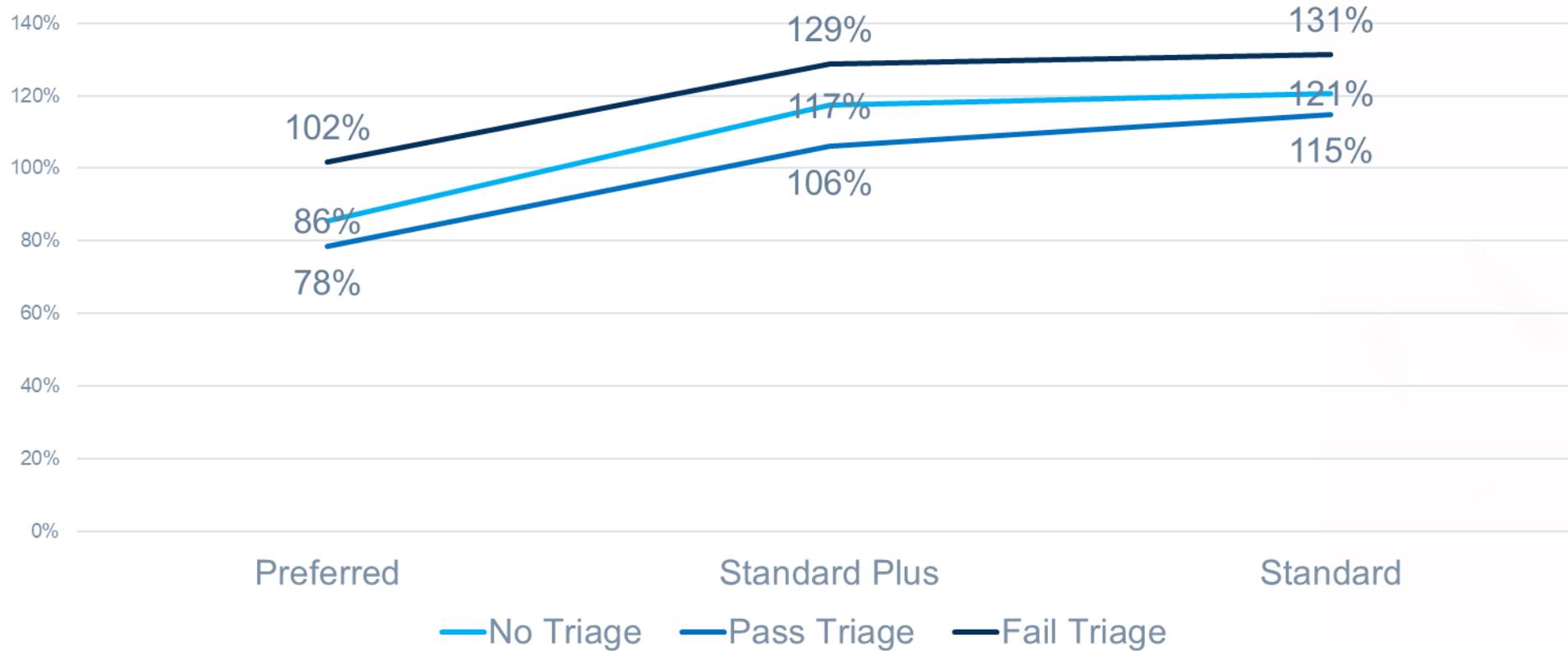
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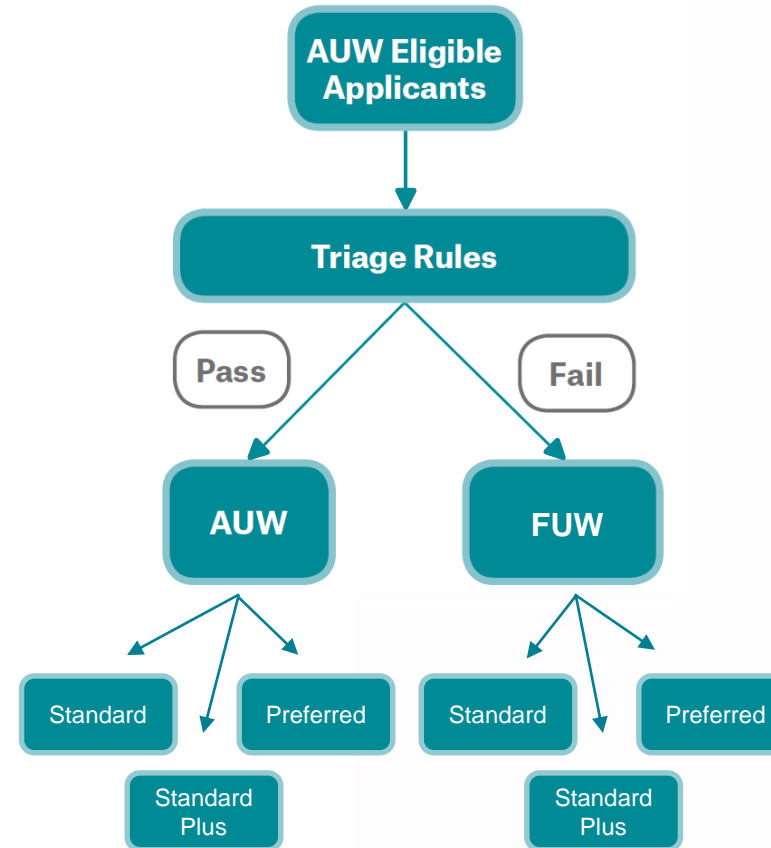
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# AUW Triage on Mortality – A Retro-Study

## Triage on LNRC

- Pass to AUW: An almost parallel shift to lower mortality
- Fail to FUW: An almost parallel shift to higher mortality



# Impact of AUW Triage on Mortality



Triage can be designed and calibrated to be correlated or uncorrelated with preferred underwriting rules



Both approaches are predictive but mortality segmentation is different



Each triage is unique and resulting impact to mortality will be unique



# Impact of Accelerated Underwriting Triage on Distribution

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# How do triage distribution shifts impact AUW?



Let AUW triage be calibrated to be mortality neutral



Adequacy of premiums under FUW and AUW



# AUW Triage on Distribution - Mortality Neutral

Risk Class	Distribution	FUW	
		Relative mortality	
Best Preferred	40%	85%	
Preferred	30%	95%	
Standard	30%	125%	
<b>Overall</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	

Same population, switch to AUW

Risk Class	Distribution	AUW	
		Relative mortality	
Best Preferred	50%	90%	
Preferred	40%	105%	
Standard	10%	130%	
<b>Overall</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	



# AUW Triage on Distribution - Mortality Neutral $\neq$ Profit Neutral

Risk Class	Distribution	FUW		
		Relative mortality	Premium	Claim Margin
Best Preferred	40%	85%	90%	94%
Preferred	30%	95%	101%	94%
Standard	30%	125%	133%	94%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>106%</b>	<b>94%</b>

Same population, switch to AUW

Risk Class	Distribution	AUW		
		Relative mortality	Premium	Claim Margin
Best Preferred	50%	90%	90%	100%
Preferred	40%	105%	101%	104%
Standard	10%	130%	133%	98%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>101%</b>

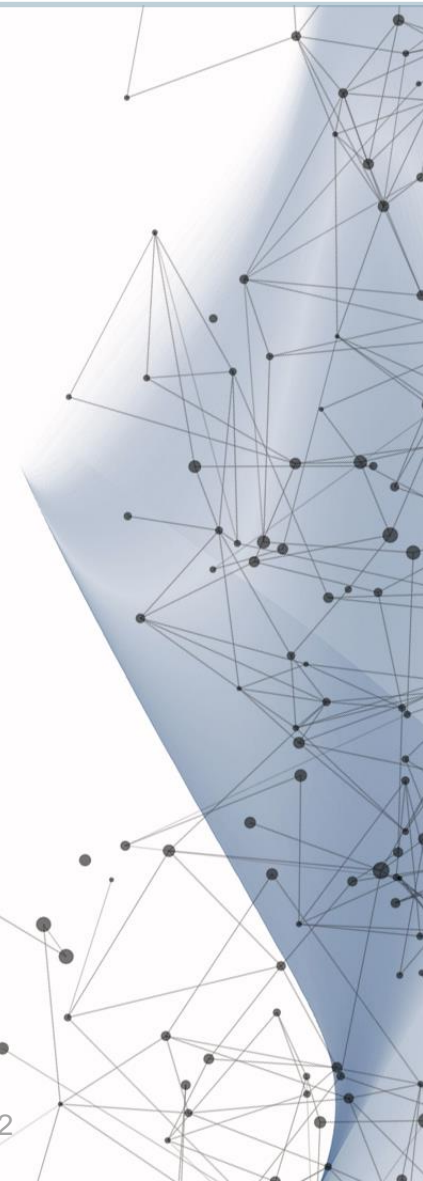


# AUW Triage on Distribution – Open World

AUW – Closed World				
Risk Class	Not Taken	Taken	Taken Distribution	Relative mortality
Best Preferred	20,000	25,000	50%	90%
Preferred	20,000	20,000	40%	105%
Standard	10,000	5,000	10%	130%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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20% of 'Not taken' become Best Preferred and Preferred

AUW – Open World					Baseline Relative mortality	New Relative Mortality
Risk Class	Not Taken	Taken	Taken Distribution			
Best Preferred	20,000	29,000	52%	90%	92%	
Preferred	16,000	22,000	39%	105%	107%	
Standard	8,000	? 5,000	9%	130%	130%	
<b>Overall</b>	<b>44,000</b>	<b>56,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>99.5%</b>	<b>101.4%</b>	





# Impact of AUW Triage on Distribution



Triage calibration can be designed to be mortality neutral



Overall mortality being neutral will not mean that overall profit will be unaffected



It can be seen that class level differences in mortality and distribution shifts by class can impact overall profitability



# Summary

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# Summary Triage in AUW



Triage - Introduces predictive power and confidence



Mortality - Triage can segment mortality but differently based on nature of the triage



Distribution – Class level shifts can impact underlying profitability and needs to be considered alongside mortality

