



Management of Breast Cancer in Elderly

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A frailty revealed...

- 2006: Mrs BON... IR... 84 yo
 - No previous medical history (high blood sugar?)
 - Husband: 86 yo w/ severe advanced Parkinson, 2 children
 - Breast self exam → T1c N0 M0 left breast; 54 kg, 167 cm
- Conservative surgery + axillary lymph node dissection
 - Invasive ductal carcinoma, 17 mm, SBR II
 - 8 N-
 - ER- PgR-, Ki 67 40%, HER2-
- Adjuvant strategy
 - Chemotherapy with anthracyclines (GERICO 06)? + XRT
- Scoring
 - Oncologist: PS 0 → “**Easy! Go for it**”
 - Geriatrician
 - Functional status, cognition, nutrition, GDS → OK
 - **However!** 3 falls < 1 year

... treatment decision process

- LVEF by MUGA scan normal
- Not in GERICO 06 trial, but OK for the oncology staff!
- The lady **“accepted”**....

... treatment decision process & respect

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- Not in GERICO 06 trial, but OK for the oncology staff!
- The lady **“accepted”.... but DID she?**
- Central venous access + 1 cycle of chemo → febrile neutropenia + severe stroke (cardiac arrhythmia?)
 - Chemotherapy stopped
 - Husband placed in nursing home
 - Delayed XRT
 - Recovered with neurological sequelae
 - Seniors residence
 - No relapse so far (last visit early 2014)

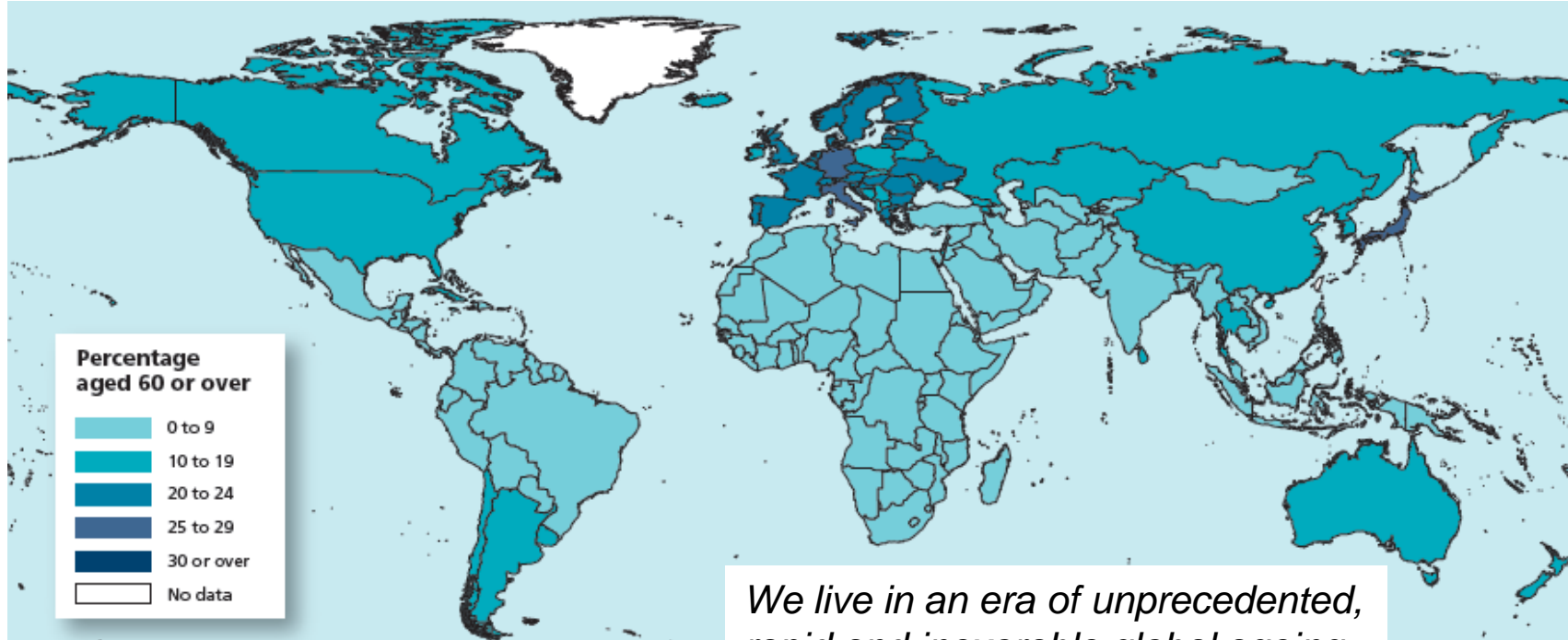


*Pelike from Attica
480–470 BC
Musée du Louvre*

Current dilemma and extreme positions

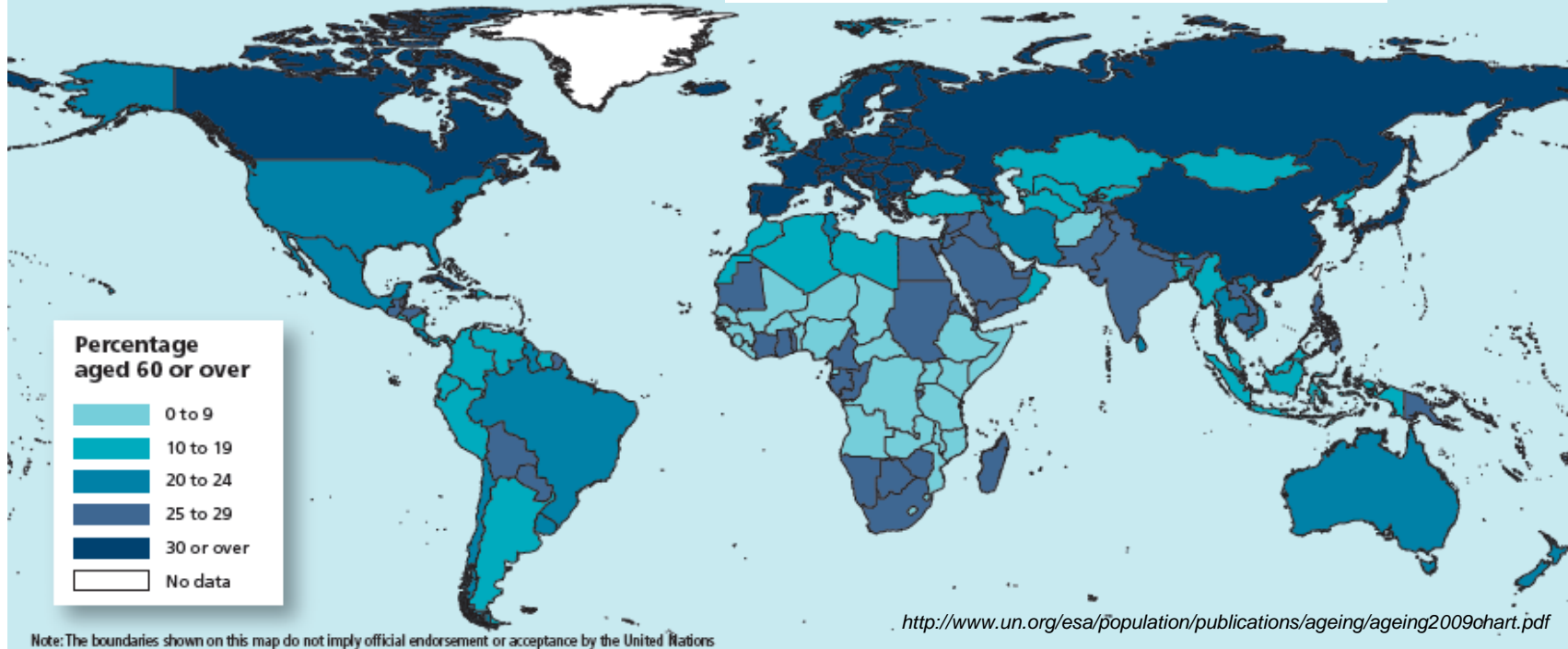
1. Therapeutic **nihilism**
 - Elderly patients **do not receive** any treatment
 2. The **intermediate** position?
 - Elderly patients **may** benefit from treatments
 3. Blind therapeutic **enthusiasm**
 - Elderly patients receive **futile/non beneficial** treatments
- Place and role of **geriatrician** and **oncologist**

2009

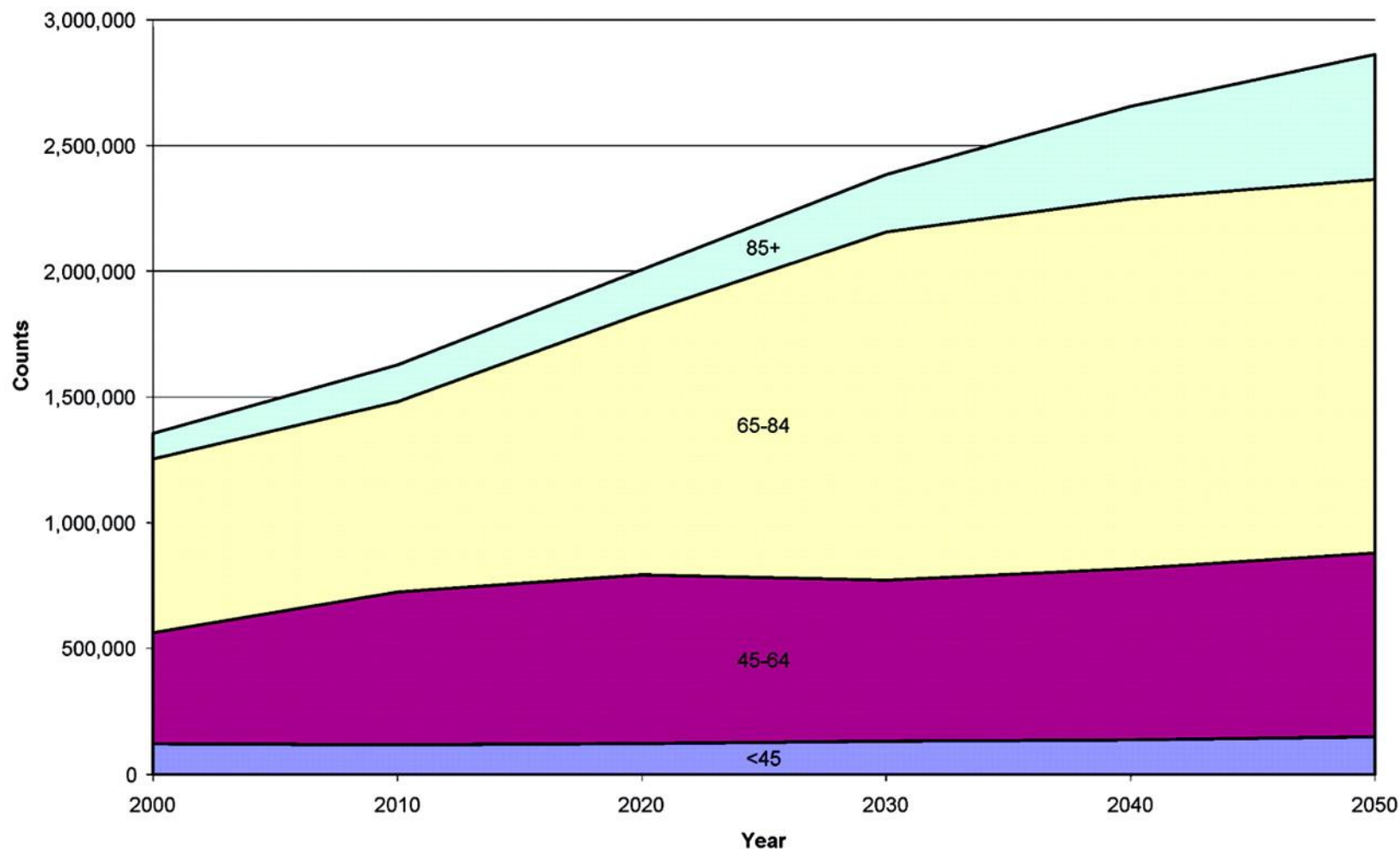


We live in an era of unprecedented, rapid and inexorable global ageing

2050



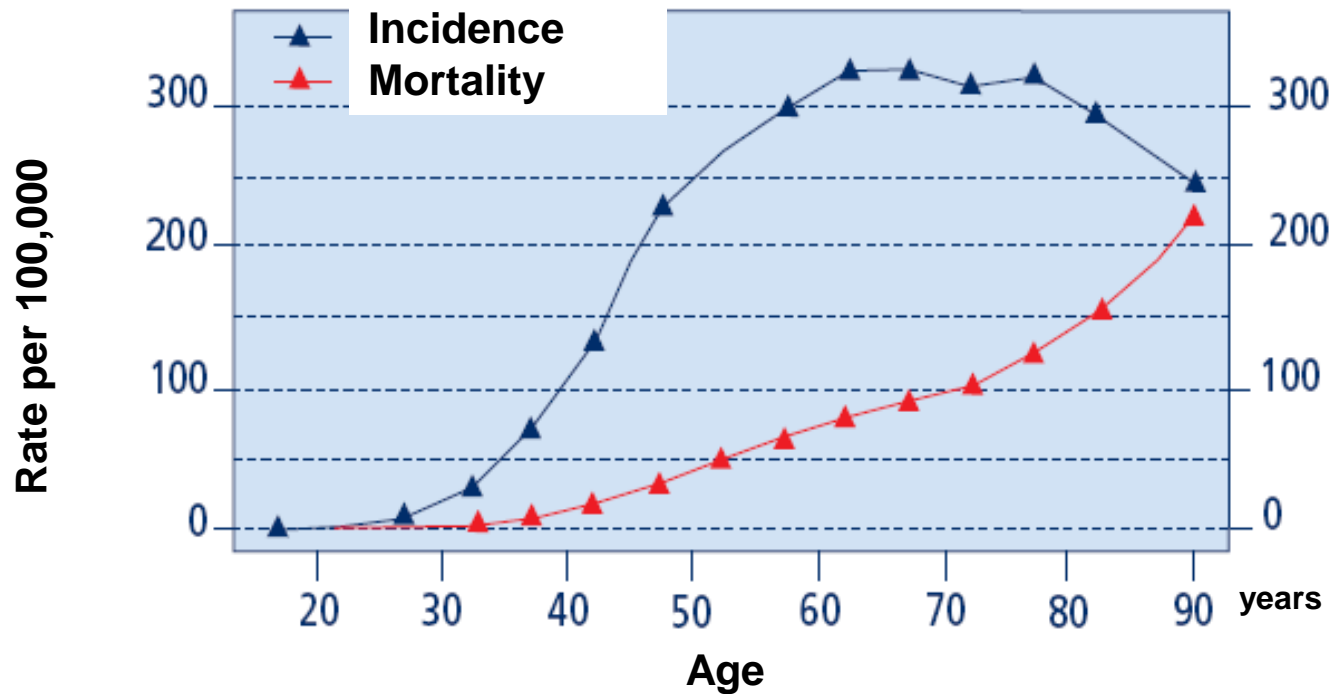
Projected number of cancer cases for 2000–2050 by age group (<45, 45–64, 65–84, 85+) based on projected census population estimates and delay-adjusted SEER-17 cancer incidence rates



Incidence of cancer from 2010 to 2030 (Smith JCO 2009)

- +11% < 65 yo
- +67% > 65 yo

Breast cancer incidence



40% or 25% x 1.5 in 2030 ?

Age	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75+	Total
	63.3	119.7	187.3	177.3	182.8	211.3	220	231.1	220.4	89.2

de Vathaire. FRANCIM/INSERM 1996, IVS 2003

Cancer survival in Europe 1999–2007 by country and age: results of EURO CARE-5—a population-based study

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Summary

Background Cancer survival is a key measure of the effectiveness of health-care systems. EURO CARE—the largest cooperative study of population-based cancer survival in Europe—has shown persistent differences between countries for cancer survival, although in general, cancer survival is improving. Major changes in cancer diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation occurred in the early 2000s. EURO CARE-5 assesses their effect on cancer survival in 29 European countries.

Methods In this retrospective observational study, we analysed data from 107 cancer registries for more than 10 million patients with cancer diagnosed up to 2007 and followed up to 2008. Uniform quality control procedures were applied to all datasets. For patients diagnosed 2000–07, we calculated 5-year relative survival for 46 cancers weighted by age and country. We also calculated country-specific and age-specific survival for ten common cancers, together with survival differences between time periods (for 1999–2001, 2002–04, and 2005–07).

Findings 5-year relative survival generally increased steadily over time for all European regions. The largest increases from 1999–2001 to 2005–07 were for prostate cancer (73.4% [95% CI 72.9–73.9] vs 81.7% [81.3–82.1]), non-Hodgkin lymphoma (53.8% [53.3–54.4] vs 60.4% [60.0–60.9]), and rectal cancer (52.1% [51.6–52.6] vs 57.6% [57.1–58.1]). Survival in eastern Europe was generally low and below the European mean, particularly for cancers with good or intermediate prognosis. Survival was highest for northern, central, and southern Europe. Survival in the UK and Ireland was intermediate for rectal cancer, breast cancer, prostate cancer, skin melanoma, and non-Hodgkin lymphoma, but low for kidney, stomach, ovarian, colon, and lung cancers. Survival for lung cancer in the UK and Ireland was much lower than for other regions for all periods, although results for lung cancer in some regions (central and eastern Europe) might be affected by overestimation. Survival usually decreased with age, although to different degrees depending on region and cancer type.

Interpretation The major advances in cancer management that occurred up to 2007 seem to have resulted in improved survival in Europe. Likely explanations of differences in survival between countries include: differences in stage at diagnosis and accessibility to good care, different diagnostic intensity and screening approaches, and differences in cancer biology. Variations in socioeconomic, lifestyle, and general health between populations might also have a role. Further studies are needed to fully interpret these findings and how to remedy disparities.

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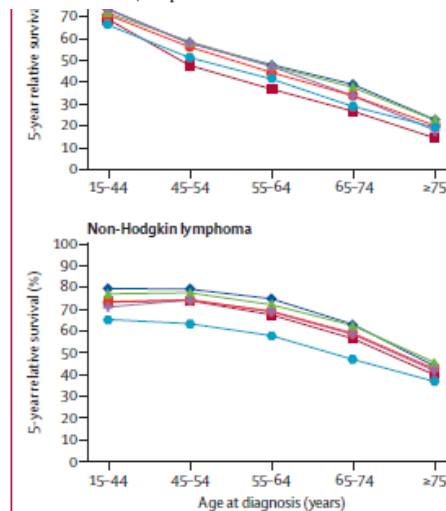
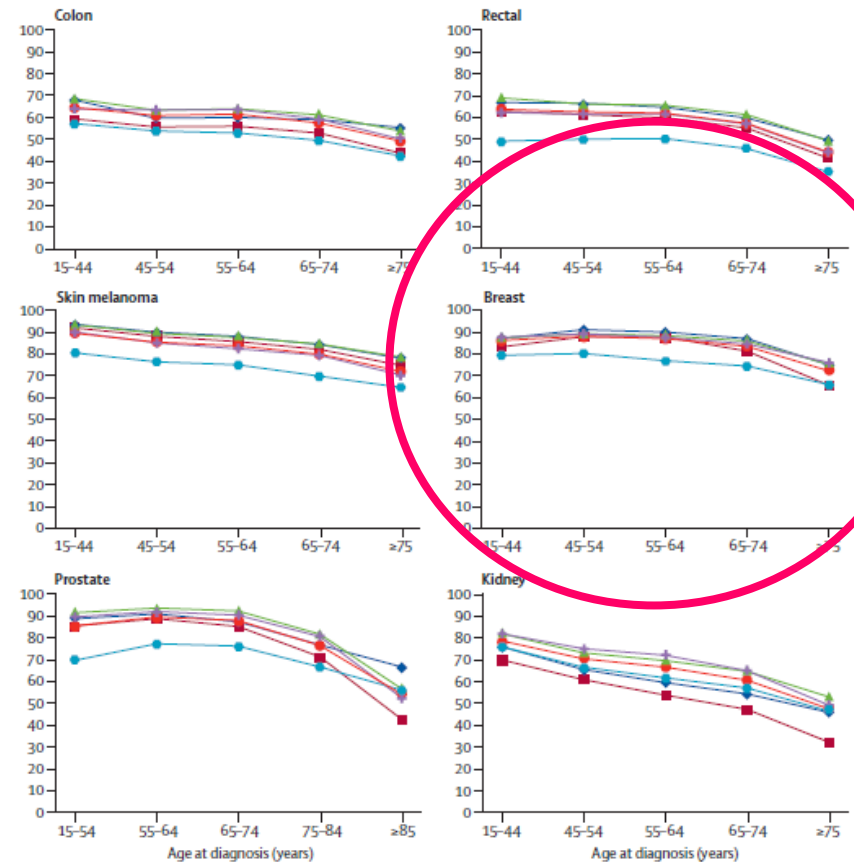


Figure 2: Age-specific 5-year relative survival for adults with cancer diagnosed in 2000–07
The European mean is the (population) weighted mean of country-specific relative survival estimates.



Relative survival accounts for mortality from causes other than the relevant cancer, which can vary widely between countries

- Most common shortcut in statistics

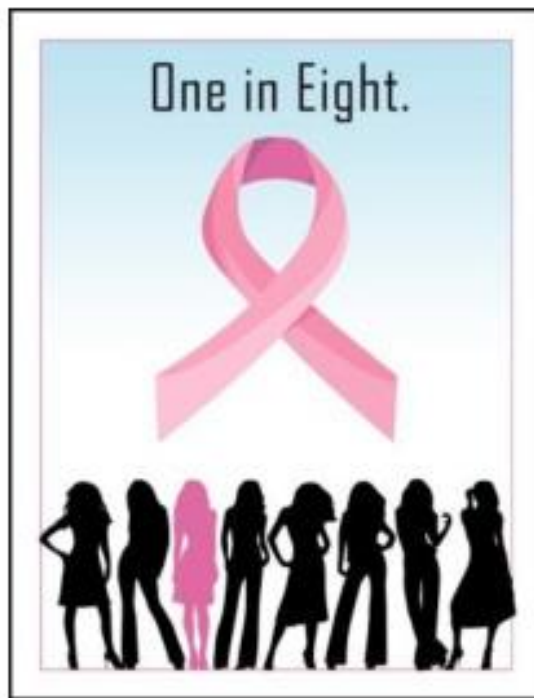
“1 in 8 women will develop BC in their lifetime”

instead of

“If everyone lived beyond the age of 70, 1 in 8 of those women would get or have had BC”

- Since BC risk increases w/ age, lifetime risk changes depending on age

- Age 20-29 1 in 2,000
- Age 30-39 1 in 229
- Age 40-49 1 in 68
- Age 50-59 1 in 37
- Age 60-69 1 in 26
- Ever 1 in 8



not correct



more correct

Screening and diagnosis

Breast-cancer screening > 70?

Research

Original Investigation

Cancer Screening Rates in Individuals With Different Life Expectancies

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Ian M. Allen, MD, MPH; Ronald C. Chen, MD, MPH

IMPORTANCE Routine cancer screening has unproven net benefit for patients with limited life expectancy.

OBJECTIVE To examine the patterns of prostate, breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screening in the United States in individuals with different life expectancies.

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS Data from the population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) from 2000 through 2010 were used and included 27 404 participants aged 65 years or older. Using a validated mortality index specific for NHIS, participants were grouped into those with low (<25%), intermediate (25%-49%), high (50%-74%), and very high ($\geq 75\%$) risks of 9-year mortality.

MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES Rates of prostate, breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screening.

RESULTS In participants with very high mortality risk, 31% to 55% received recent cancer screening, with prostate cancer screening being most common (55%). For women who had a hysterectomy for benign reasons, 34% to 56% had a Papanicolaou test within the past 3 years. On multivariate analysis, very high vs low mortality risk was associated with less screening for prostate (odds ratio [OR], 0.65 [95% CI, 0.50-0.85]), breast (OR, 0.43 [95% CI, 0.35-0.53]), and cervical (OR, 0.50 [95% CI, 0.36-0.70]) cancers. There was less screening for prostate and cervical cancers in more recent years compared with 2000, and there was no significant interaction between calendar year and mortality risk for any cancer screening ($P > .05$ for all cancers). Our sensitivity analysis showed that screening was also common in individuals with less than 5-year life expectancy.

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE A substantial proportion of the US population with limited life expectancy received prostate, breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screening that is unlikely to provide net benefit. These results suggest that overscreening is common in both men and women, which not only increases health care expenditure but can lead to net patient harm.

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Age (yr)	Nb of trial(s)	Relative risk of death (95%CI)
60-69	Malmö & Ostergöland	0.68 (0.54-0.87)
70-79	Ostergöland	1.12 (0.73- 1.72)

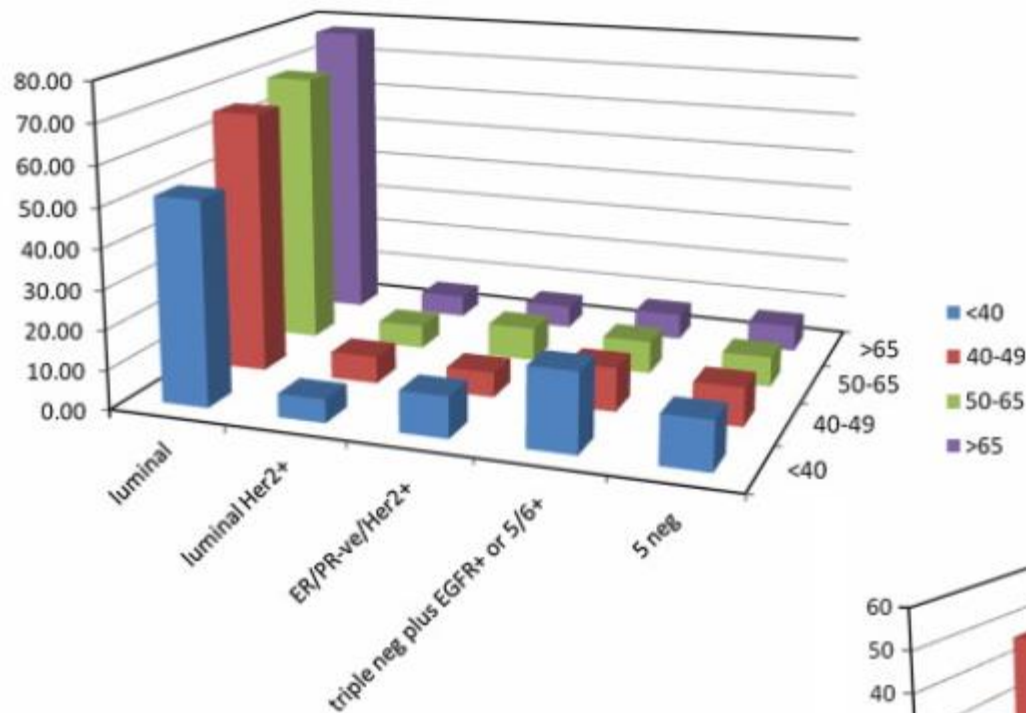
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Cancer Screening in Older Persons A New Age of Wonder

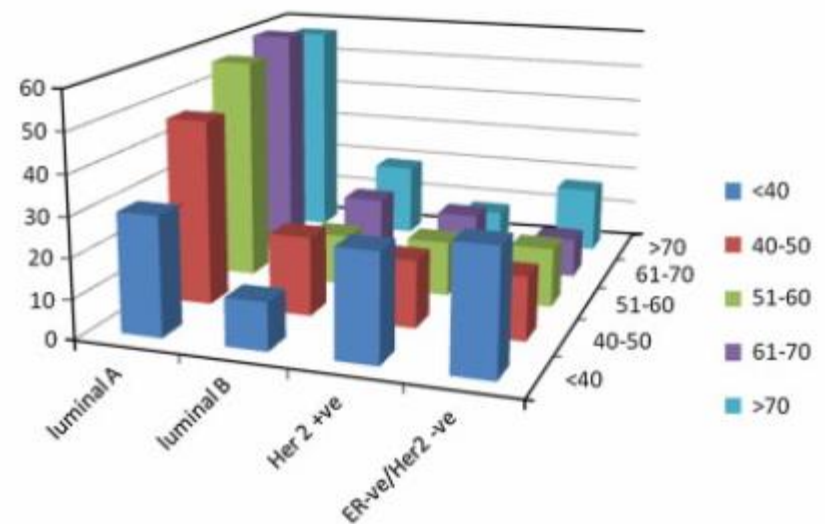
Cary P. Gross, MD

- 75+: YES YOU CAN, but
- No mass screening
 - Depends on **life expectancy**

Warner. NEJM 2011; Royce. JAMA 2014; Gross. JAMA 2014

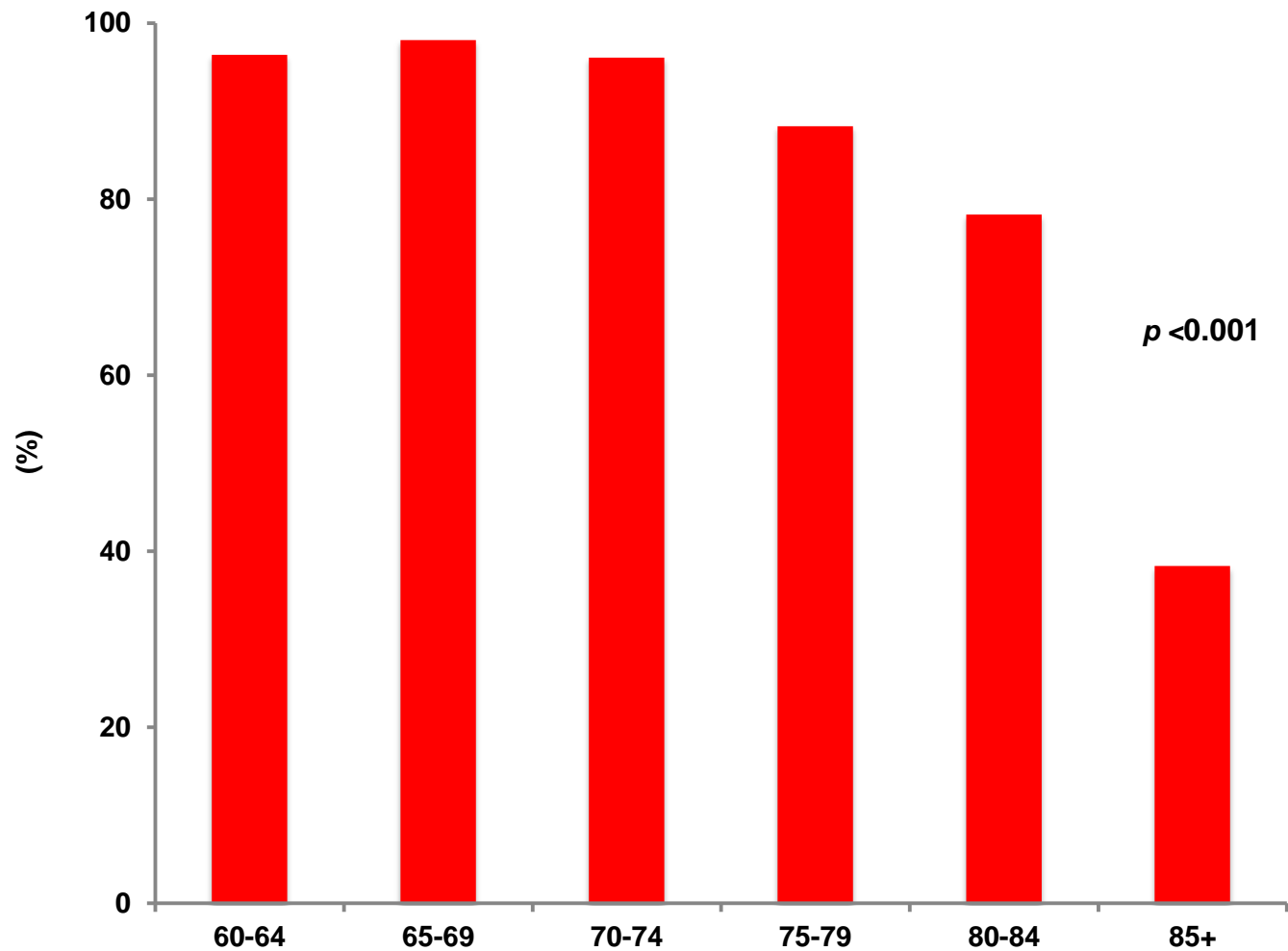


- British Columbia Cancer Agency
- 1986-1992
- 4,046 patients



- Jules Bordet
- 2,723 patients

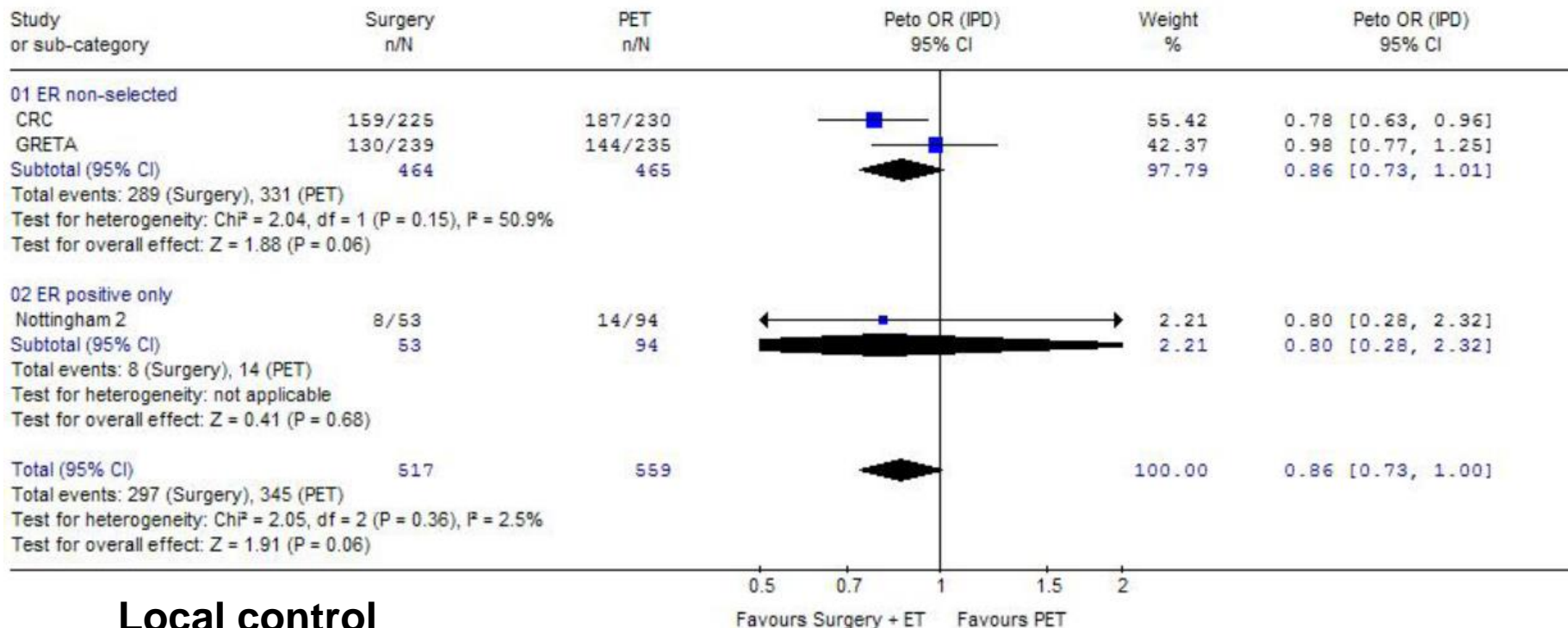
Local treatment



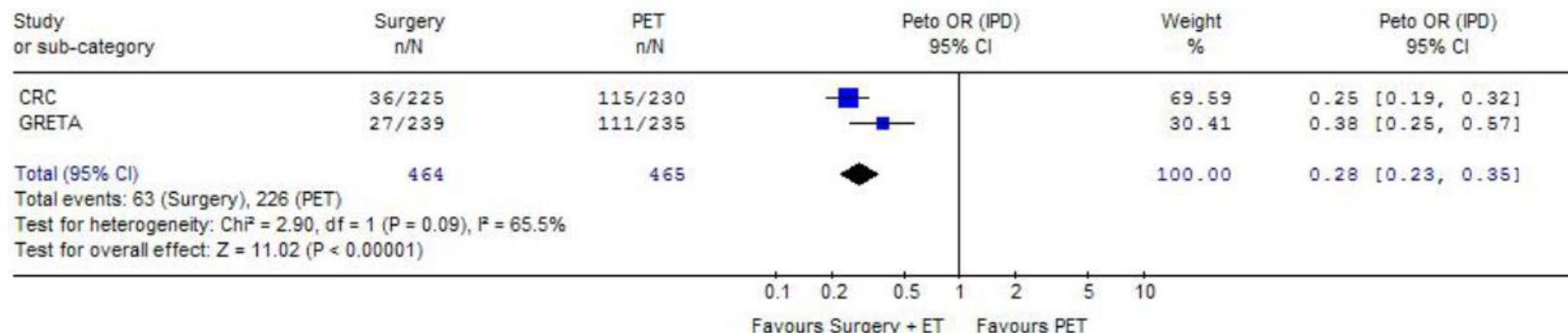
Percentage of women with stage 1 or 2 disease and a Charlson score of 0 who underwent surgery (n=850)

Surgery + endocrine TTT vs ET only

OS



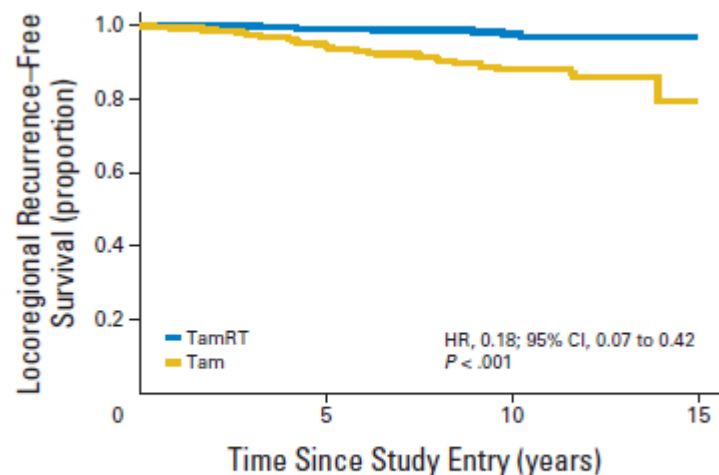
Local control



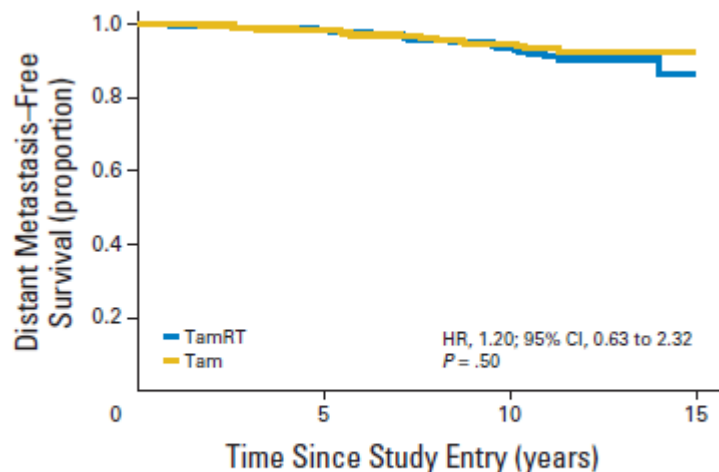
Primary endocrine treatment

1. Converting mastectomy into BCS
2. Allowing pre-habilitation
3. Non-operable patients

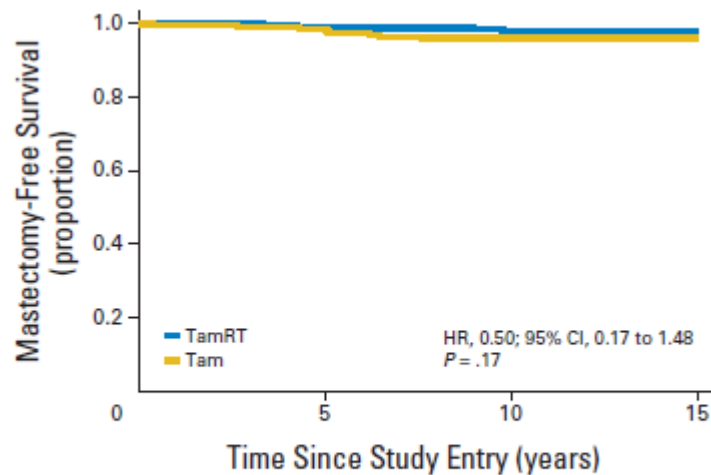
After BCS: TAM vs XRT + TAM (CALGB 9343)



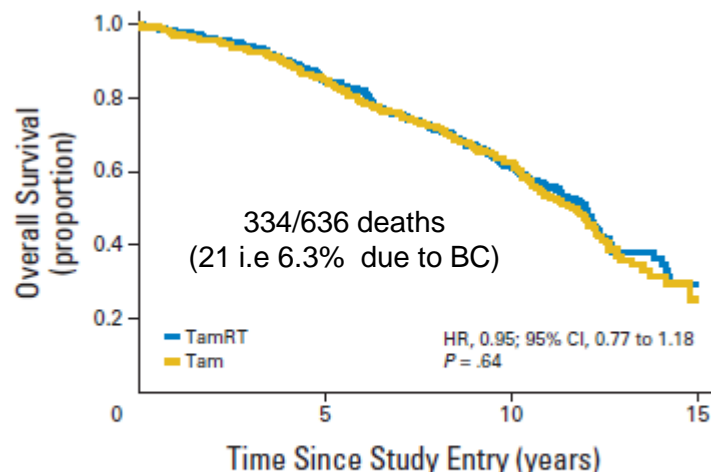
No. at risk				
TamRT	317	261	162	7
Tam	319	243	144	2



No. at risk				
TamRT	317	260	165	7
Tam	319	254	157	2



No. at risk				
TamRT	317	261	162	7
Tam	319	252	153	2



No. at risk				
TamRT	317	264	168	7
Tam	319	262	167	4

XRT

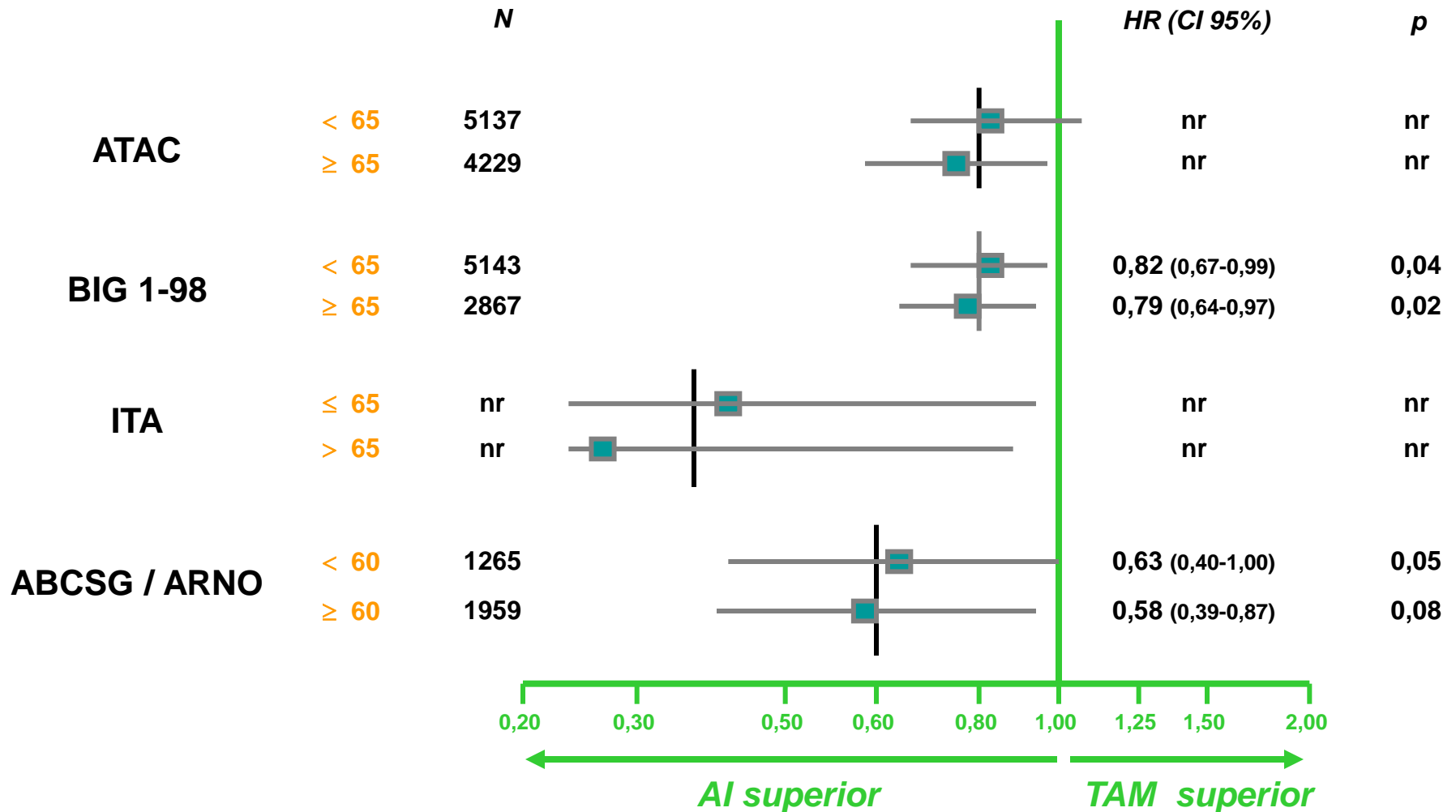
- **Omission if pT1 ER+? (NCCN)**
 - According to **life expectancy**
 - > 80 yo, multi-morbidities, good compliance to endocrine treatment?
- **Low risk patients**
 - Once-per-week fraction schedule (Whelan regimen)
 - Accelerated partial breast irradiation (APBI)
 - Larger radiation doses given to the localized tumour bed (instead of to the entire breast)
 - Spare extensive travel
- **Don't neglect the psychological burden of recurrence!**

Systemic treatment

Endocrine treatment

Relatively easy!

Benefit of AI according to age



Hot flushes
Thrombosis & embolism
Uterus cancer
Gynecological tractus
Vaginal discharge
Cataract

TAM



?

Neurocognition
Sexuality

Arthralgias & myalgias
Osteoporosis
Fractures
Dryness
Cardiovascular
Lipid profile

AI

**COMPLIANCE
is the issue!!!**

Chemotherapy

Less easy...

Doxorubicin, CHF and age



- SEER 1992-2002: 43,338 women 66-80 years, no CHF history
 - stage I to III BC, chemotherapy vs no
 - AC: younger, fewer comorbidities, advanced ($p=.001$)
 - CHF_{10 years} (%)

AC	Other chemo	No chemo
N = 4,712	N = 3,921	N = 34,705
38.4	32.5	29

- 66-70 years HR 1.26 (95% CI, 1.12-1.42) if AC
- 71-80 years no impact of CT type

Baseline	HR	(95%CI)
Age (decade)	1.79	(1.66-1.93)
Black	1.40	(1.30-1.50)
Trastuzumab	1.46	(1.21-1.77)
Hypertension	1.45	(1.39-1.52)
Diabetes	1.74	(1.66-1.83)
Coronary	1.58	(1.39-1.79)
Left XRT	1.04	(0.98-1.11)

Adjuvant chemo for breast cancer

DFS

All

≤50

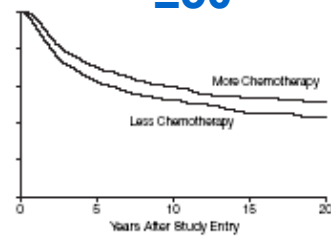
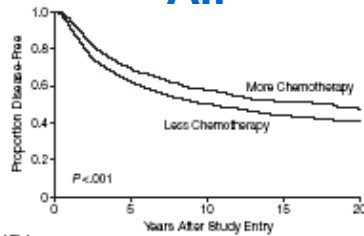
- CALGB (1975-1999)

- 4 randomized trials

- 6487 pts

> 65 yo 542 (8%)

> 70 yo 159 (2%)



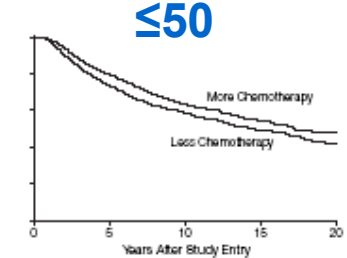
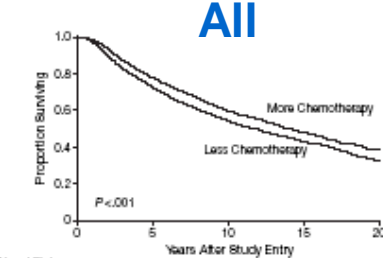
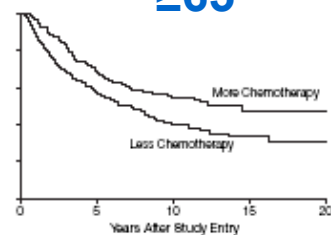
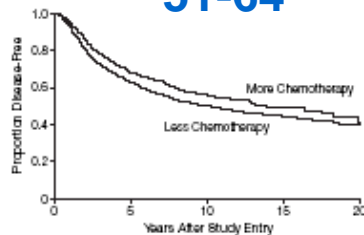
51-64

≥65

OS

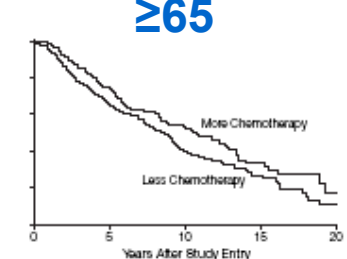
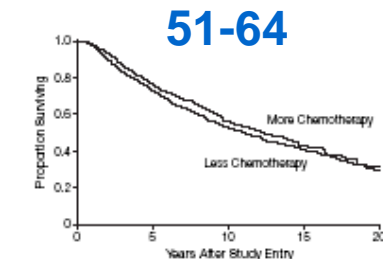
All

≤50



51-64

≥65



Results

- Benefit identical
- Toxicity careful!!
- Toxic deaths 1.5%



Comparisons between different polychemotherapy regimens for early breast cancer: meta-analyses of long-term outcome among 100 000 women in 123 randomised trials

Early Breast Cancer Trialists' Collaborative Group (EBCTCG)

Summary

Background Moderate differences in efficacy between adjuvant chemotherapy regimens for breast cancer are plausible, and could affect treatment choices. We sought any such differences.

Methods We undertook individual-patient-data meta-analyses of the randomised trials comparing: any taxane-plus-anthracycline-based regimen versus the same, or more, non-taxane chemotherapy (n=44 000); one anthracycline-based regimen versus another (n=7000) or versus cyclophosphamide, methotrexate, and fluorouracil (CMF; n=18 000); and polychemotherapy versus no chemotherapy (n=32 000). The scheduled dosages of these three drugs and of the anthracyclines doxorubicin (A) and epirubicin (E) were used to define standard CMF, standard 4AC, and CAF and CEF. Log-rank breast cancer mortality rate ratios (RRs) are reported.

Findings In trials adding four separate cycles of a taxane to a fixed anthracycline-based control regimen, extending treatment duration, breast cancer mortality was reduced (RR 0.86, SE 0.04, two-sided significance [2p]=0.0005). In trials with four such extra cycles of a taxane counterbalanced in controls by extra cycles of other cytotoxic drugs, roughly doubling non-taxane dosage, there was no significant difference (RR 0.94, SE 0.06, 2p=0.33). Trials with CMF-treated controls showed that standard 4AC and standard CMF were equivalent (RR 0.98, SE 0.05, 2p=0.67), but that anthracycline-based regimens with substantially higher cumulative dosage than standard 4AC (eg, CAF or CEF) were superior to standard CMF (RR 0.78, SE 0.06, 2p<0.0004). Trials versus no chemotherapy also suggested greater mortality reductions with CAF (RR 0.64, SE 0.09, 2p<0.0001) than with standard 4AC (RR 0.78, SE 0.09, 2p=0.01) or standard CMF (RR 0.76, SE 0.05, 2p<0.0001). In all meta-analyses involving taxane-based or anthracycline-based regimens, proportional risk reductions were little affected by age, nodal status, tumour diameter or differentiation (moderate or poor; few were well differentiated), oestrogen receptor status, or tamoxifen use. Hence, largely independently of age (up to at least 70 years) or the tumour characteristics currently available to us for the patients selected to be in these trials, some taxane-plus-anthracycline-based or higher-cumulative-dosage anthracycline-based regimens (not requiring stem cells) reduced breast cancer mortality by, on average, about one-third. 10-year overall mortality differences paralleled breast cancer mortality differences, despite taxane, anthracycline, and other toxicities.

Interpretation 10-year gains from a one-third breast cancer mortality reduction depend on absolute risks without chemotherapy (which, for oestrogen-receptor-positive disease, are the risks remaining with appropriate endocrine therapy). Low absolute risk implies low absolute benefit, but information was lacking about tumour gene expression markers or quantitative immunohistochemistry that might help to predict risk, chemosensitivity, or both.

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**Low influence of age (< 70 yo),
pN, pT, differentiation, ER or TAM**

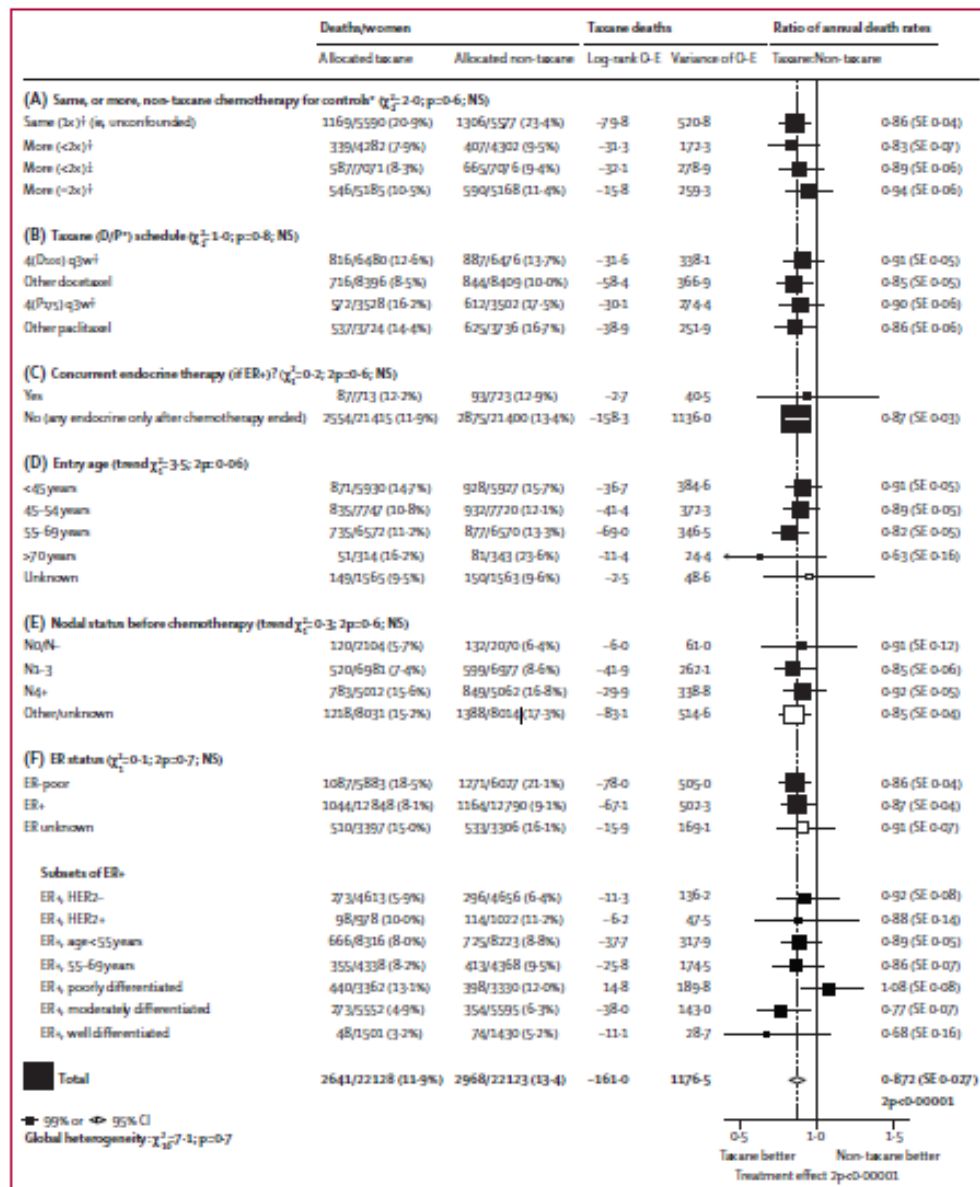
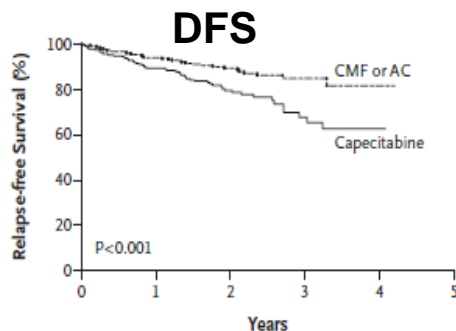


Figure 2: Subgroup analyses of breast cancer mortality (mortality with recurrence, by log-rank subtraction) for taxane-plus-anthracycline-based regimens versus the same, or more (less than doubled or roughly doubled), non-taxane cytotoxic chemotherapy. D=docetaxel. P=paclitaxel. 4(Dose) q3w=four doses of docetaxel 100 mg/m² at intervals of 3 weeks. 4(Pys) q3w=four doses of paclitaxel 175 mg/m² at intervals of 3 weeks. ER=oestrogen receptor. NS=not significant. * First four subgroups are as in the forest plots (webappendix pp 21–26) that give details of each trial's cytotoxic regimens. †Taxane courses do not overlap other chemotherapy courses. ‡Taxane given concurrently with anthracycline.

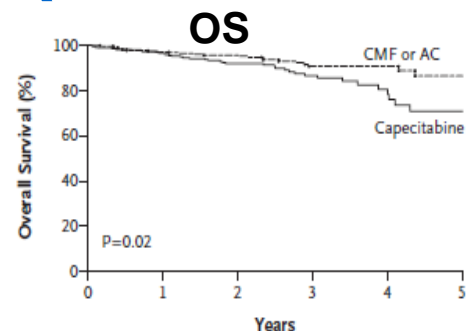
... mostly if ER-!

CALGB / CTSU 49907 (AC or CMF vs X)

All

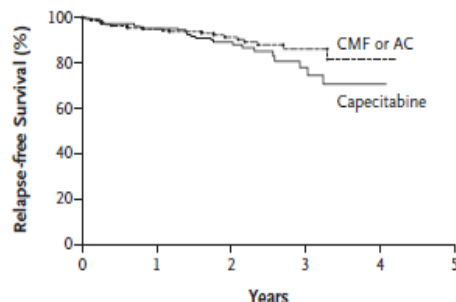


No. at Risk						
CMF or AC	326	254	124	46	2	0
Capecitabine	307	237	96	29	1	0

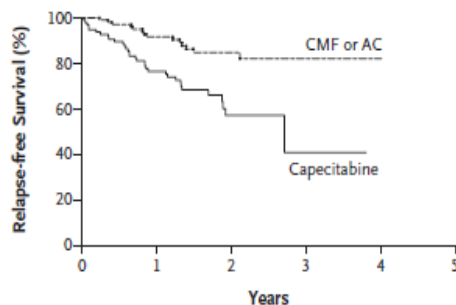


No. at Risk						
CMF or AC	326	297	216	117	58	7
Capecitabine	307	279	180	90	36	8

ER+



	No. of Patients at Risk	No. of Events
CMF or AC	218	21
Capecitabine	209	26



	No. of Patients at Risk	No. of Events
CMF or AC	218	15
Capecitabine	209	16

ER-

	No. of Patients at Risk	No. of Events
CMF or AC	106	14
Capecitabine	97	34

	No. of Patients at Risk	No. of Events
CMF or AC	106	9
Capecitabine	97	22

Muss. NEJM 2009

General recommendations for adjuvant chemo in elderly

- **Focus** on ER-
- **Regimen**
 - **Validated** **4 AC, 6 CMF**
 - Option 4 TC
 - ! Capecitabine no
 - Sequential regimen **no data**
 - Liposomal doxorubicin?
- **Primary prophylaxis** of febrile neutropenia w/ G-CSF
- *No restriction on trastuzumab if chemo indicated*

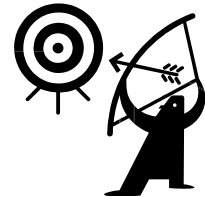
Targeted treatments



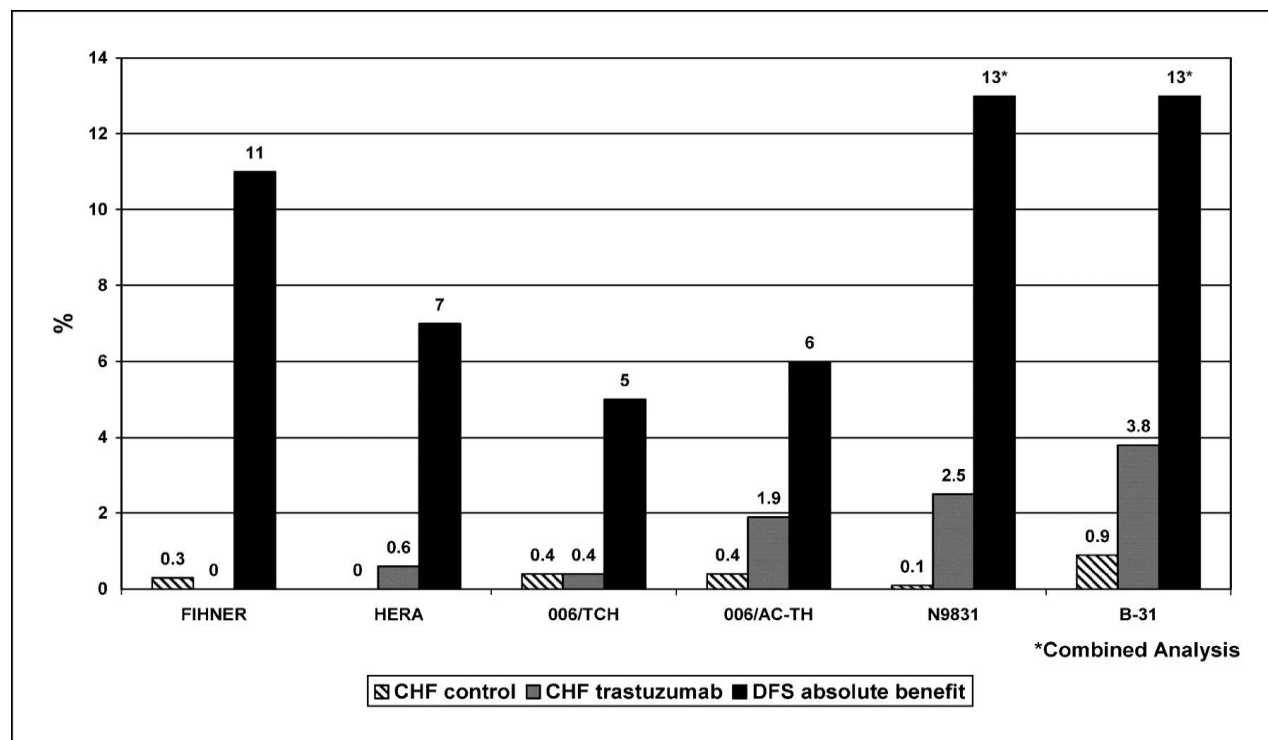
Lack of specific data

(for ex, in HERA: > 60 yo less than 16%)

but evidence of clinical benefit!



The incidence of CHF from the Finnish Herceptin Study (FINHER), Herceptin Adjuvant trial (HERA), Breast Cancer International Collaborative Group trial 006 (006) with TCH and AC-TH analyzed separately, the North Central Cancer Treatment Group trial 9831 (N9831), and NSABP B-31 (B-31).



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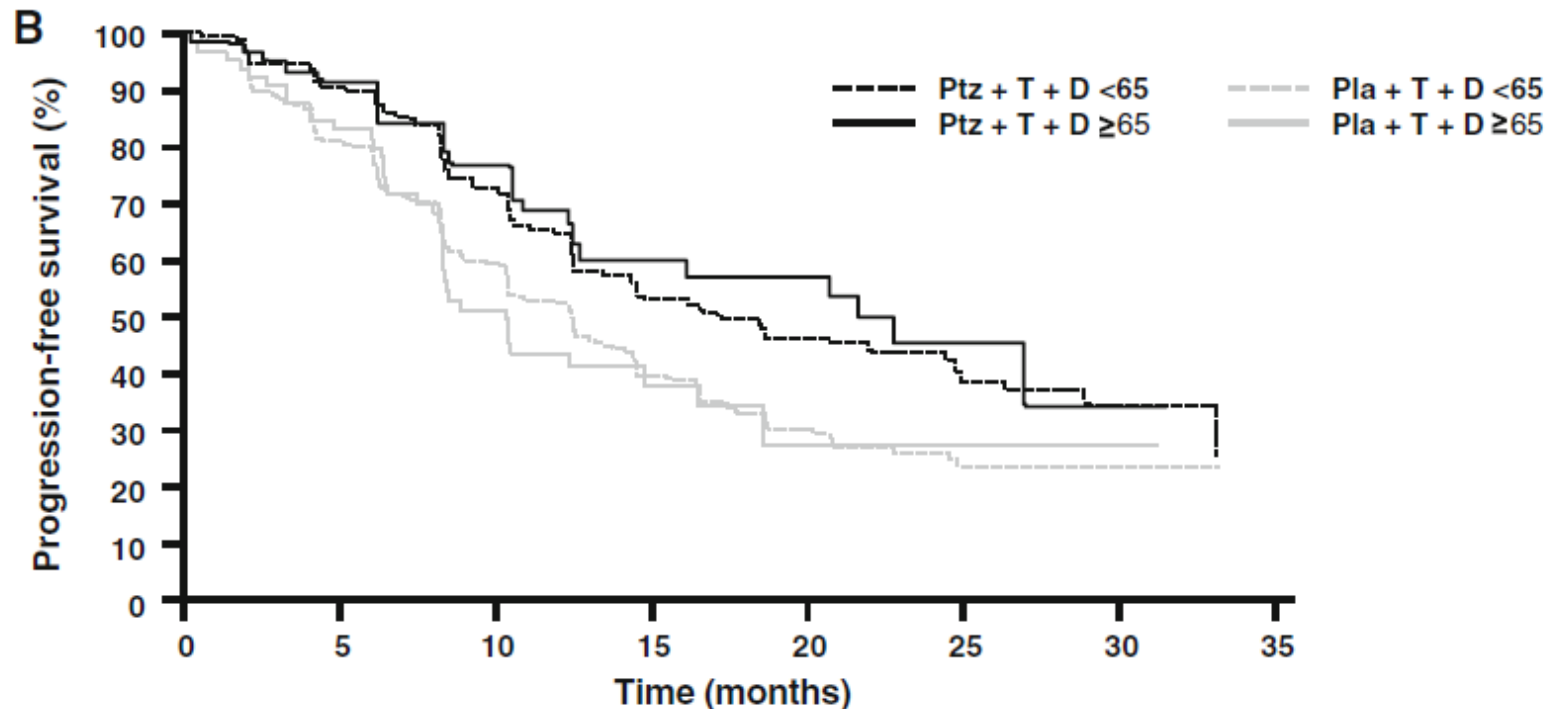
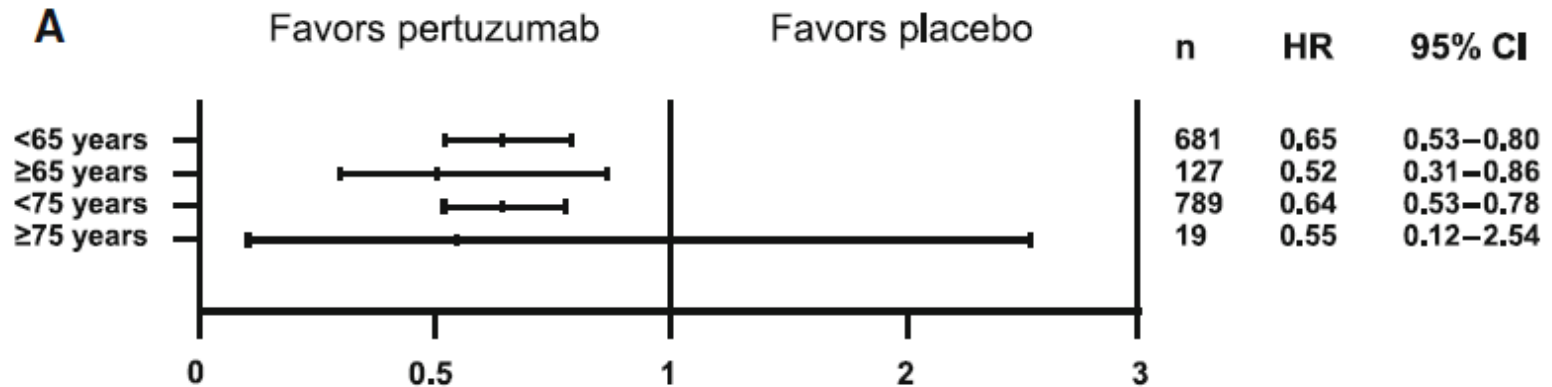
- NSABP B31
 - **Age**
 - **2% < 50 yo vs 5.4% > 60 yo**
 - LVEF > 4 AC
 - 12% if LVEF < 55%)
 - Concomitant > sequential
 - **Hypertension comedications**
- B31/N9831
 - 6.7% pts who had completed AC had a lower LVEF or developed cardiac symptoms preventing the initiation of T2T
 - 1/3 pts who started T2T discontinued it: 4.7% with symptomatic CHF, 14.2% with confirmed asymptomatic decline in LVEF, and the rest for noncardiac reasons

Duration and Toxicity of Adjuvant Trastuzumab in Older Patients With Early-Stage Breast Cancer: A Population-Based Study

Ines Vaz-Luis, Nancy L. Keating, Nancy U. Lin, Huichuan Lii, Eric P. Winer, and Rachel A. Freedman

- SEER database
- 2,028 patients ≥ 66 , stage I-III, 2005-2009, trastuzumab
 - 71.2% < 76
 - 66.8% wo/ comorbidities (Charlson)
 - 85.2% w/ chemotherapy
 - 81.7% w/ complete trastuzumab treatment (> 9 months)
 - Factors correlated w/ incomplete treatment
 - Age 80+ vs 66-70 OR 0.40 (0.30-0.55)
 - Comorbidities 2 vs 0 OR 0.65 (0.49-0.88)

Pertuzumab



T-DM1

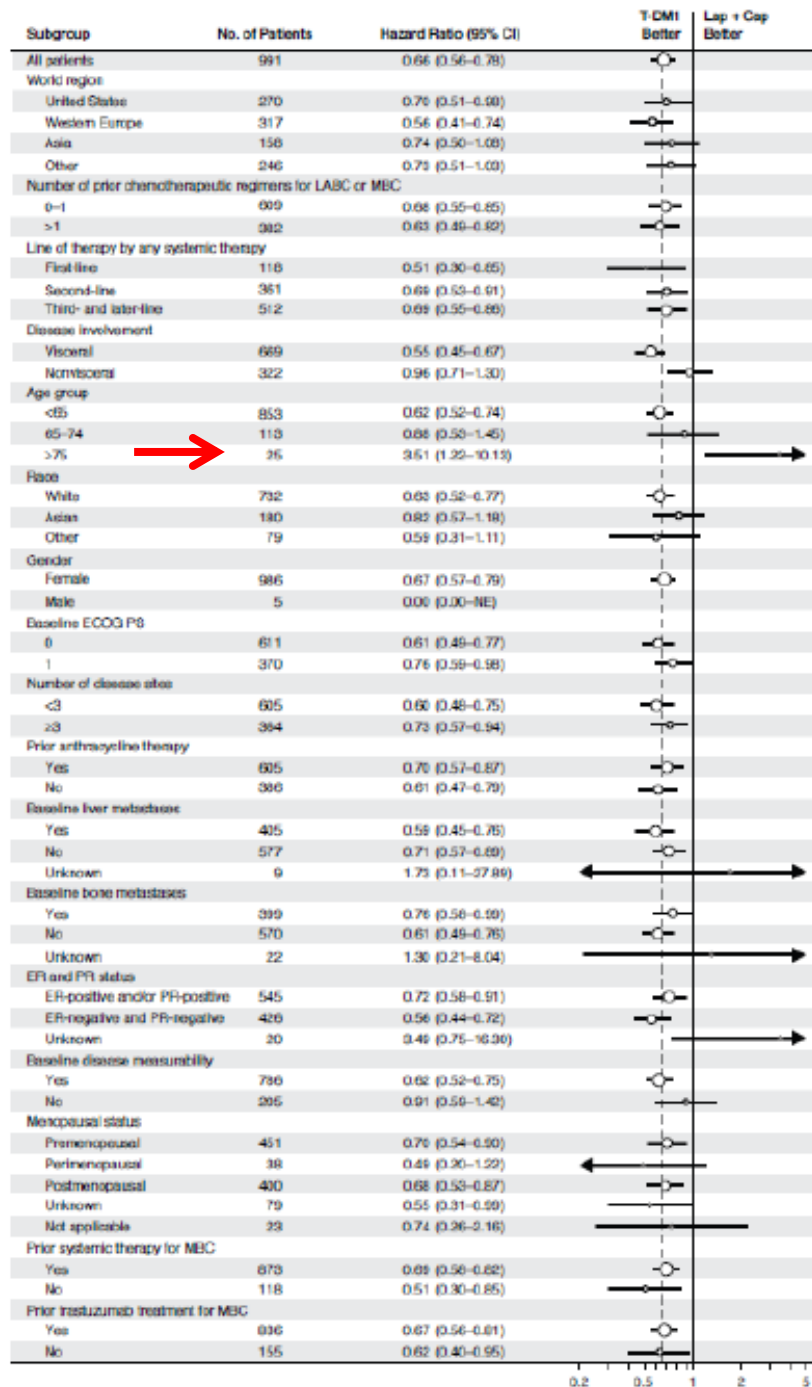


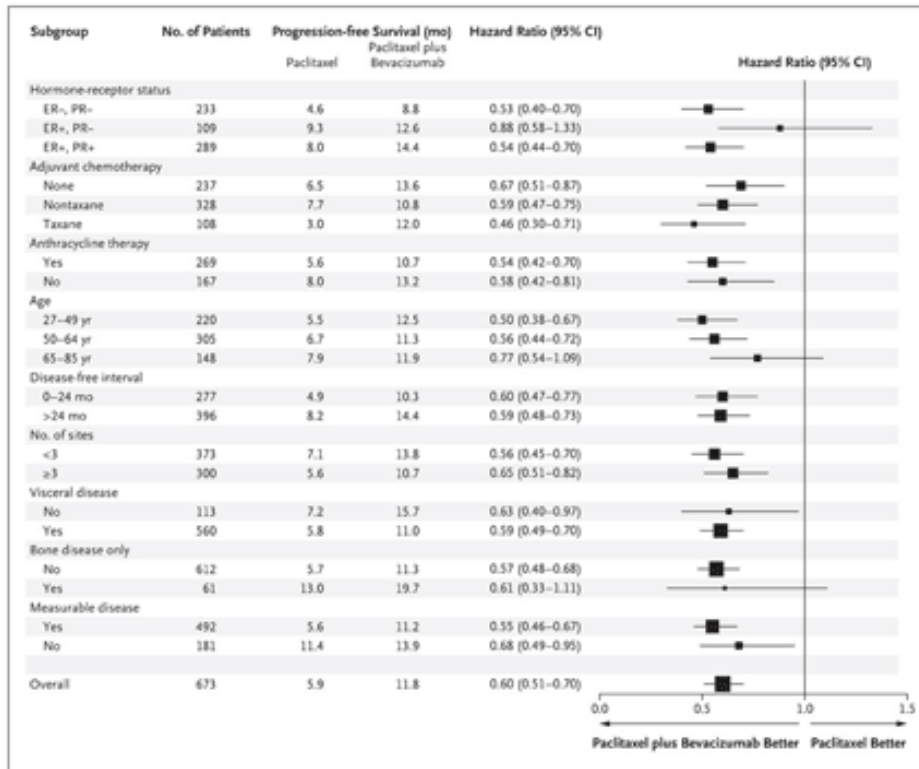
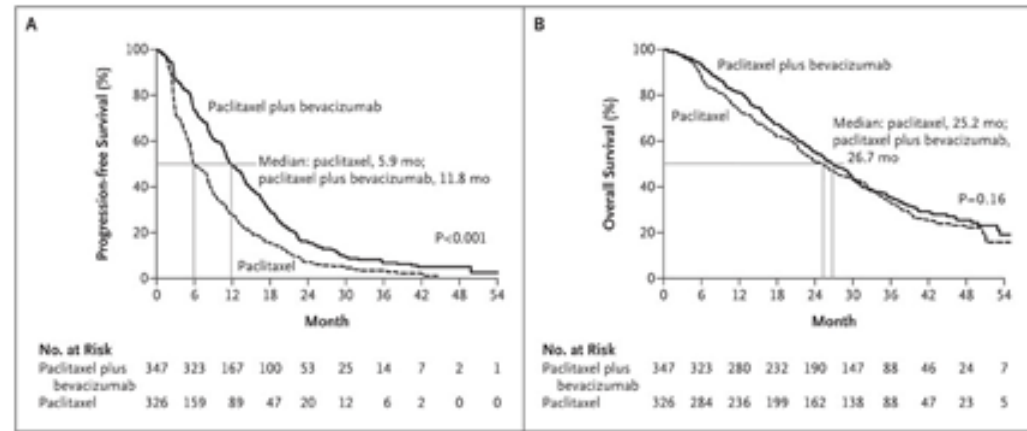
Table 4. Incidence of Grade ≥ 3 AEs by Patient Subgroup in T-DM1-Exposed Patients

Subgroup	Total No. of Patients (N = 884)	Grade ≥ 3 AE	
		No. of Patients	%
Age, years			
< 65	762	335	44.0
≥ 65	122	63	51.6
≥ 65 to < 75	93	49	52.7
≥ 75	29	14	48.3
Race			
White	692	288	41.6
Asian	99	63	63.6
Other	93	47	50.5
Previous systemic therapy for MBC			
Yes	722	336	46.5
No	162	62	38.3
Previous anthracycline use			
Yes	586	267	45.6
No	298	131	44.0

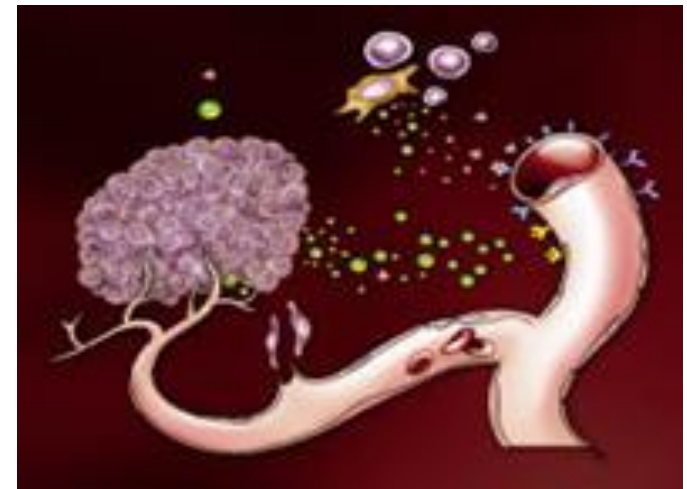
Abbreviations: AE, adverse event; MBC, metastatic breast cancer; T-DM1, trastuzumab emtansine.

Bevacizumab

MBC L1



> 65 yo ≤ 20%



Miller. N Engl J Med 2007

ATHENA: CT wo/anthracyclines + beva

%	< 70 N = 2,018	70+ N = 233*
Hypertension grade ≥ 3	4.2	6.9
Proteinuria grade ≥ 3	1.5	4.0
ATE (A or V)	3.3	2.9
Stop for toxicity	15	23
ATE	1.8	2.9
CHF	0.3	0.6
HTN	1.8	2.9

*175 (7.8%) 70+, 51 (2.3%) 75+, 7 (0.3%) 80+

Contraindicated Use of Bevacizumab and Toxicity in Elderly Patients With Cancer

Dawn L. Hershman, Jason D. Wright, Emerson Lim, Donna L. Buono, Wei Yann Tsai, and Alfred I. Neugut

- SEER database
- 3,039 patients ≥ 66 , stage IV breast, lung, colon cancer, 2004-2007, bevacizumab
 - Contra-indication defined as 2 claims for thrombosis, cardiac disease, stroke, hemorrhage, hemoptysis, or GI perforation
 - Toxicity defined as 1st development of 1 condition > beva
 - Beva use associated w/ white race, later year of diagnosis, tumor type, and decreased comorbid conditions
 - 35.5% had contra-indication
 - Black race, increased age, comorbidity, later year of diagnosis, lower socioeconomic status, lung and CRC
 - If no contra-indication \rightarrow 30% complication (black race)

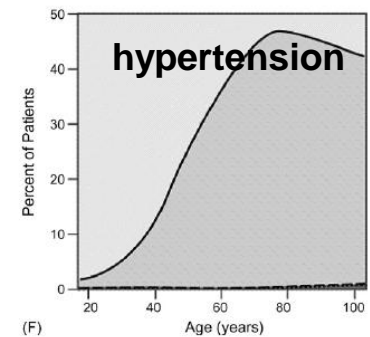
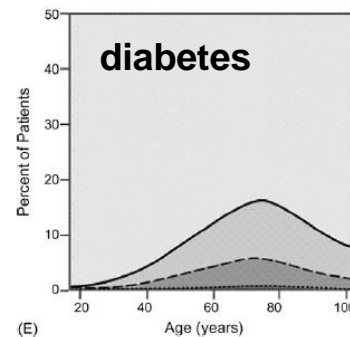
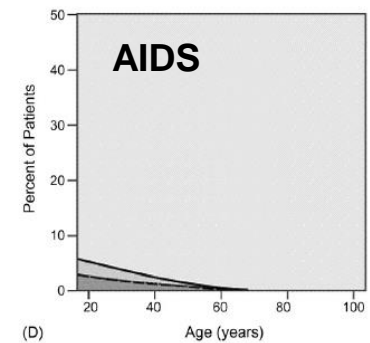
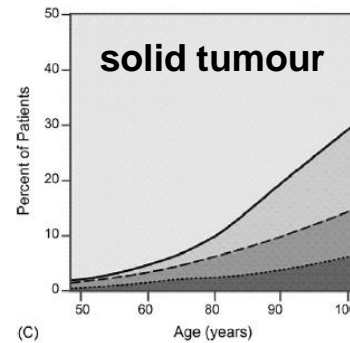
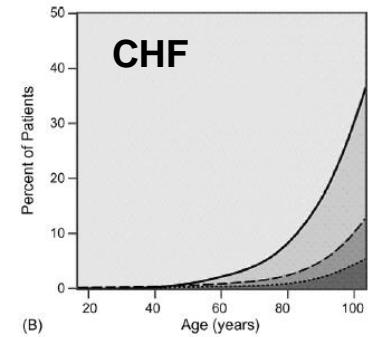
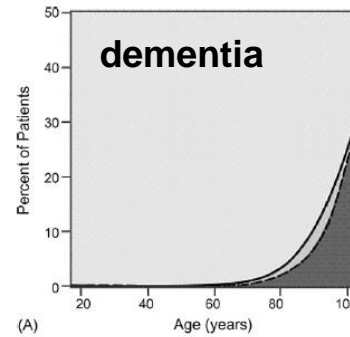
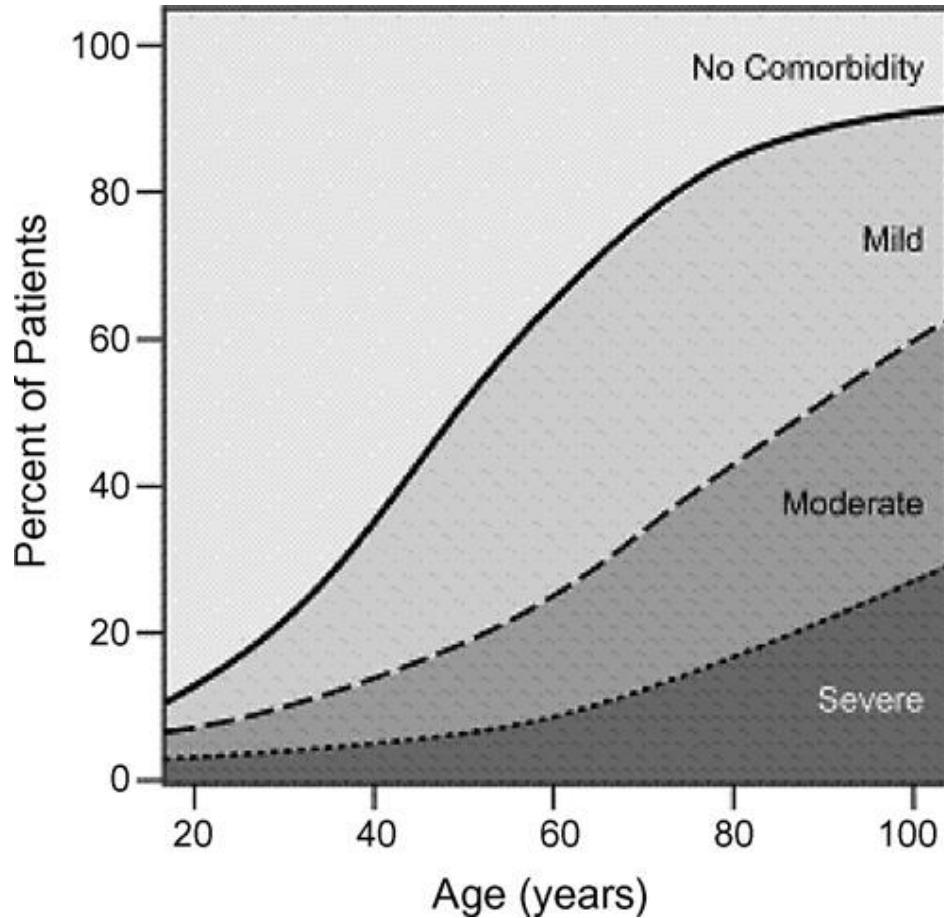
Definition of “old” x ageing heterogeneity

Women life expectancy

Age	Top 25 th % Fit	50 th % Intermediate	Lowest 25 th % Sick
50	40	33	24.5
70	21.3	15.7	9.5
75	17	11.9	6.8
80	13	8.6	4.6
85	9.6	5.9	2.9
90	6.8	3.9	1.8
95	4.8	2.7	1.1

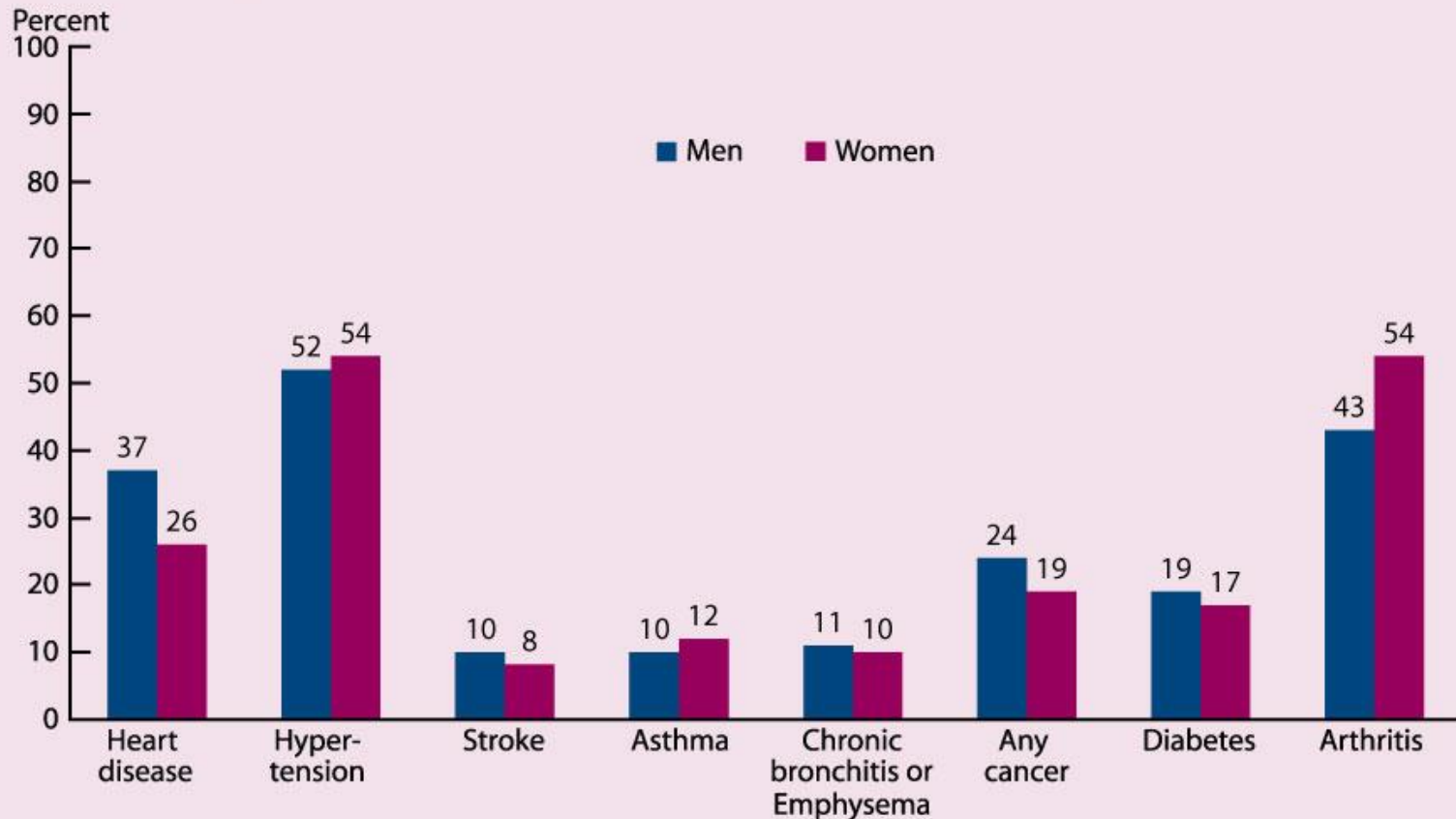


Multimorbidities across age



Co-morbidity @ AgeingStats.Gov

Percentage of people age 65 and over who reported having selected chronic conditions, by sex, 2005–2006



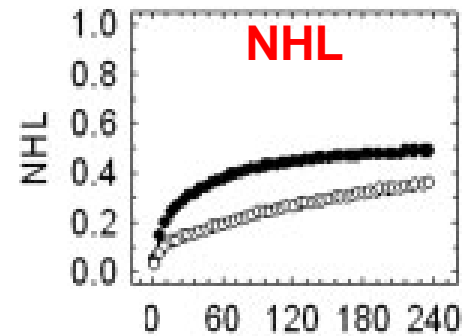
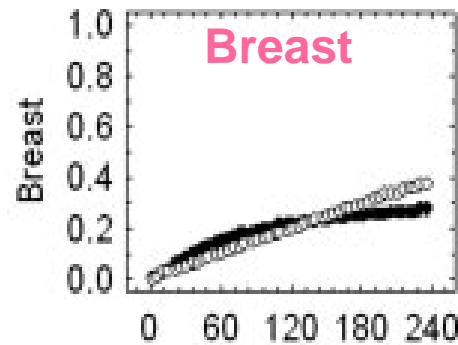
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Reference population: These data refer to the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

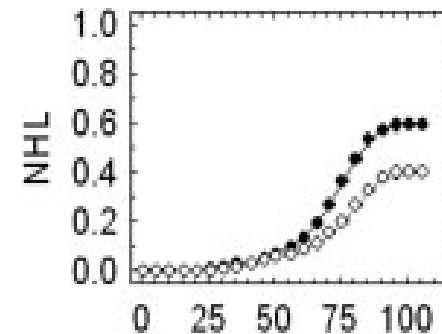
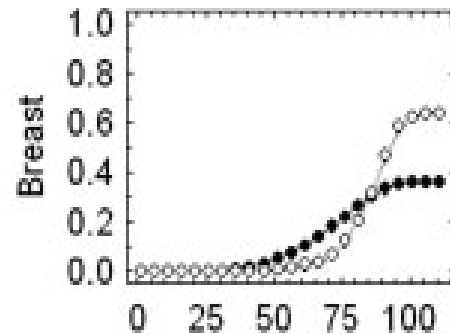
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey.

Competing causes of mortality

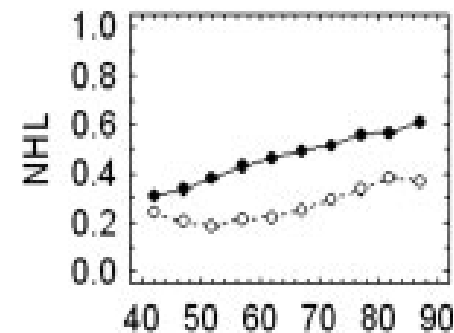
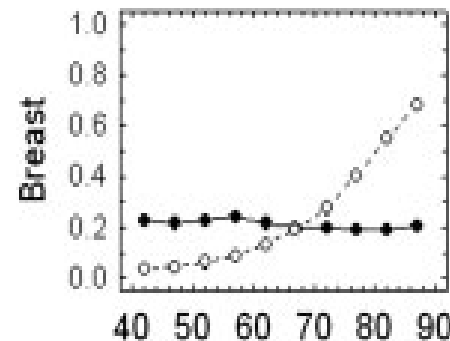
Cumulative probability of death vs time from diagnosis



Cumulative probability of death vs attained age



Competing HR of death vs age at diagnosis



Deaths attributed to the primary cancer (solid dots) and those attributed to comorbidity (open circles)

Kendal. Cancer 2008

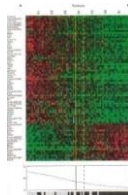
Balance of goals according to age

- **Young patient**

- Social and family obligations (children)
- Quantity of life +++

- **Oncology**

- Therapies and innovation
- Toxicity, response, survival
 - RECIST
 - NCI CTC v4.0
 - Survival
 - DFS, PFS, DDFS, OS
- Fast-moving world
- "Molecular portrait" of tumour & GEP



- **Elderly patient**

- QoL+++
- Independence
- Staying at home

- **Geriatrics**

- Symptoms, diagnosis
- Quality of survival, i.e. amount of life with good QoL
 - Cognition
 - Functional status
 - QoL
 - Nutrition, etc.
- Requiring time
- "Global portrait" of patient & CGA

CGA

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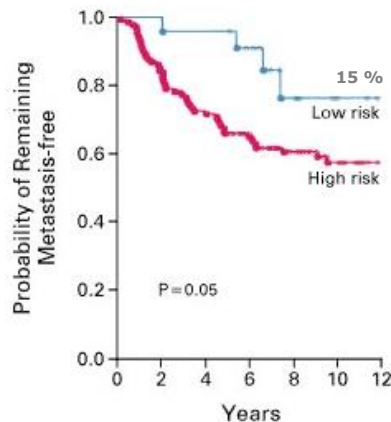
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A GENE-EXPRESSION SIGNATURE AS A PREDICTOR OF SURVIVAL IN BREAST CANCER

295 pts < 53 yo

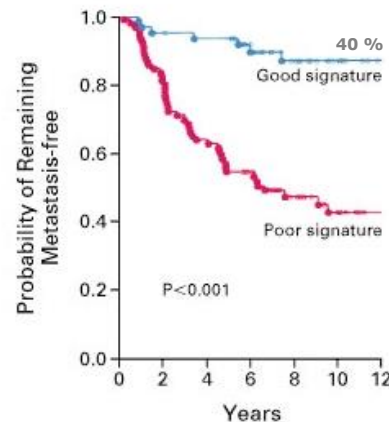
B St. Gallen Criteria



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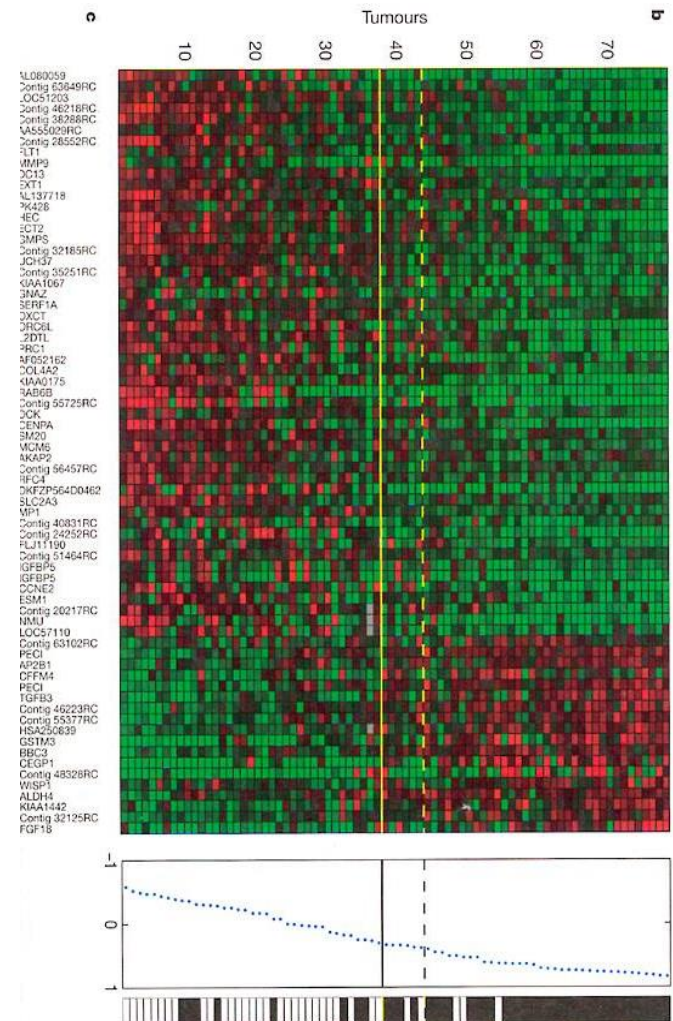
Low risk	22	22	21	17	9	5	2
High risk	129	107	88	69	48	34	19

A Gene-Expression Profiling



No. AT RISK

Good signature	60	57	54	45	31	22	12
Poor signature	91	72	55	41	26	17	9

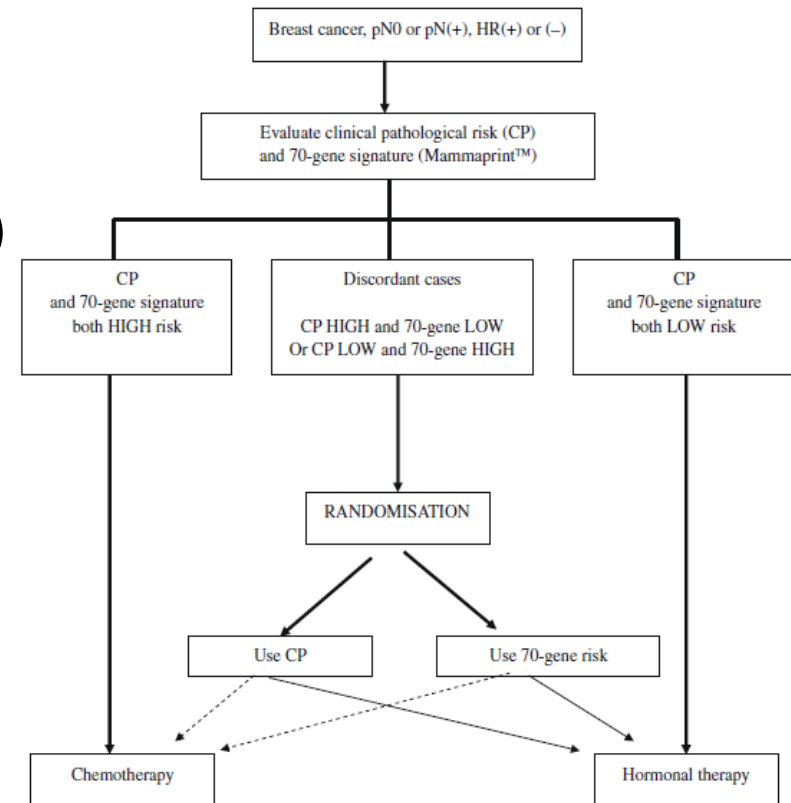
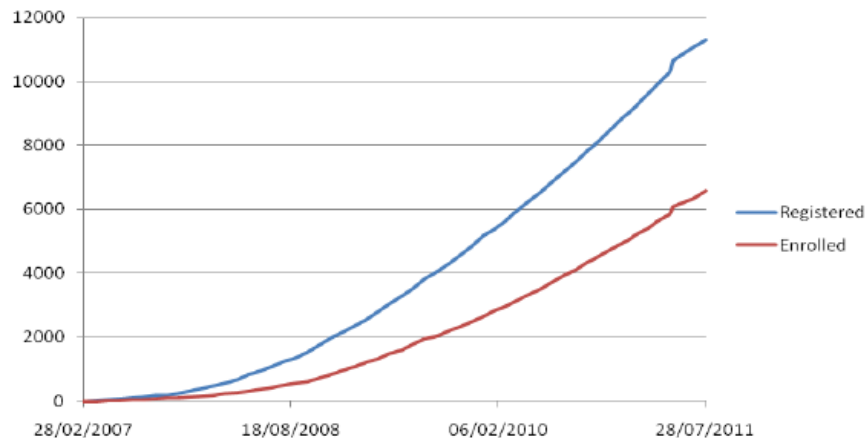


25,000 genes, 78 tumours, 70 genes, 17 pN0, all < 55 yo

van't Veer, Nature 2002; van de Vijver, NEJM 2002



- 6,600 pts **< 70**
 - FEB 2007-AUG 2011
 - 11,291 registered pts
 - 6,673 enrolled (59.1%)

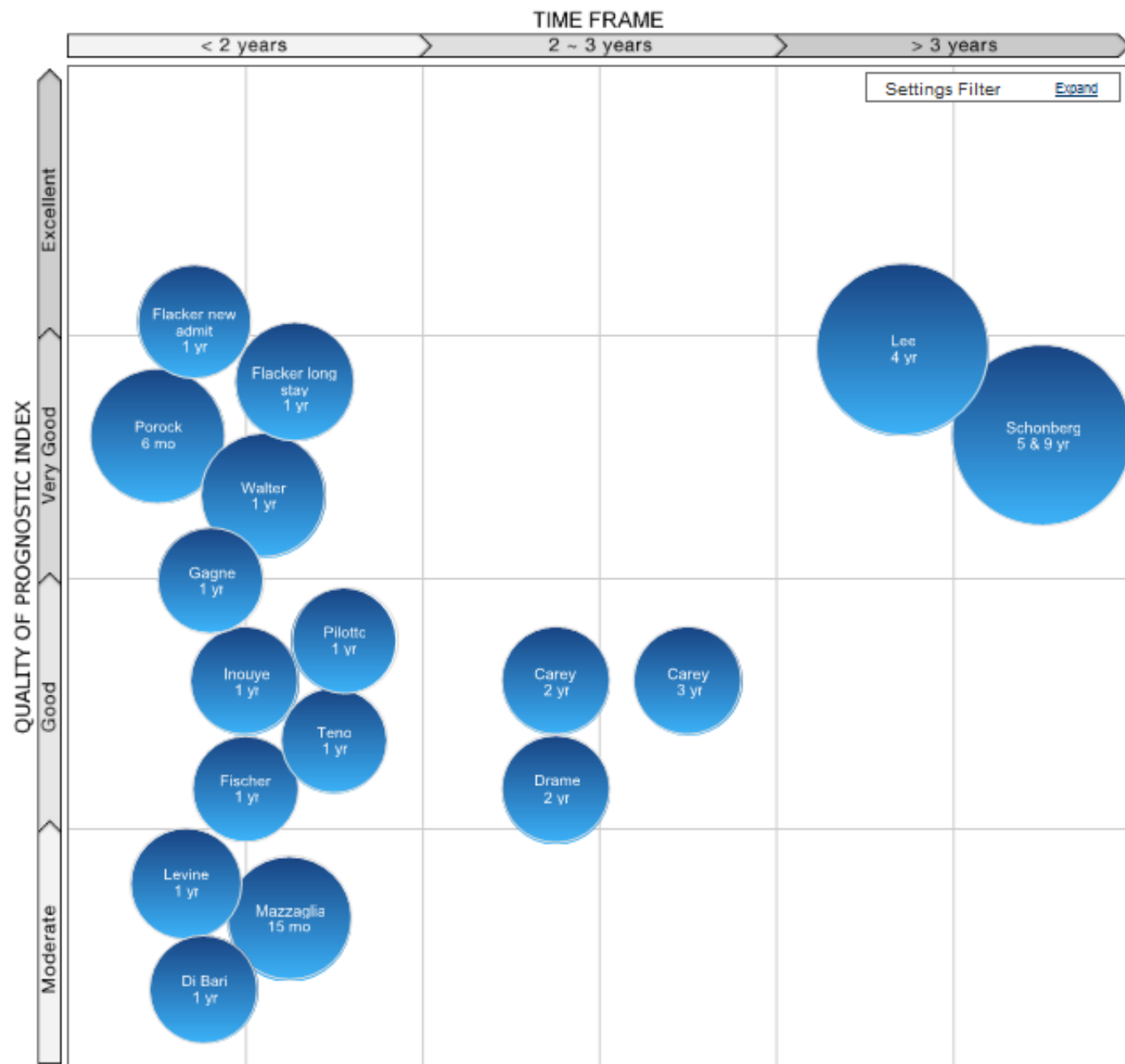


Abbreviations and legends

pN0: no axillary node involved at pathological examination ; pN(+): 1 to 3 axillary nodes involved;
HR (+) or (-): hormone-receptor-positive or negative; CP: clinicopathological risk

-----> HIGH risk -> LOW risk

Fig. 2 – MINDACT design.



4-year mortality score in general elderly population

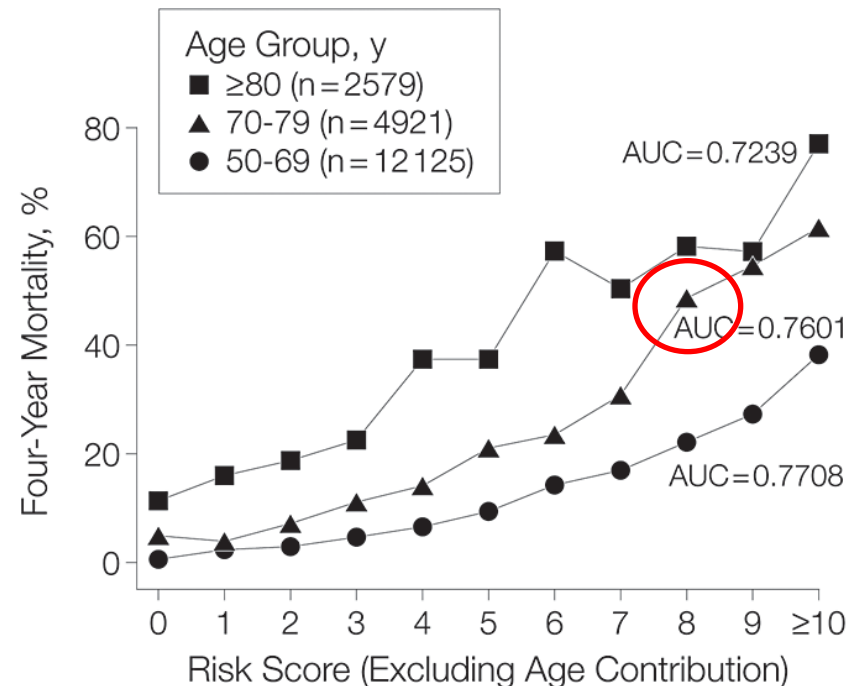
Box. Four-Year Mortality Index for Older Adults

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. Age _____ | 60-64: 1 point
65-69: 2 points
70-74: 3 points
75-79: 4 points
80-84: 5 points
≥85: 7 points |
| 2. Sex (Male/Female) | Male: 2 points |
| 3. a. Weight: _____
b. Height: _____ | BMI <25: 1 point |
| 703 × (weight in pounds/ height in inches ²)
BMI = _____ | |
| 4. Has a doctor ever told you that you have diabetes or high blood sugar? (Y/N) | Diabetes: 1 point |
| 5. Has a doctor told you that you have cancer or a malignant tumor, excluding minor skin cancers? (Y/N) | Cancer: 2 points |
| 6. Do you have a chronic lung disease that limits your usual activities or makes you need oxygen at home? (Y/N) | Lung Disease: 2 points |
| 7. Has a doctor told you that you have congestive heart failure? (Y/N) | Heart Failure: 2 points |
| 8. Have you smoked cigarettes in the past week? (Y/N) | Smoke: 2 points |
| 9. Because of a health or memory problem do you have any difficulty with bathing or showering? (Y/N) | Bathing: 2 points |
| 10. Because of a health or memory problem, do you have any difficulty with managing your money—such as paying your bills and keeping track of expenses? (Y/N) | Finances: 2 points |
| 11. Because of a health problem do you have any difficulty with walking several blocks? (Y/N) | Walking: 2 points |
| 12. Because of a health problem do you have any difficulty with pulling or pushing large objects like a living room chair? (Y/N) | Push or Pull: 1 point |

Total Points: _____

Health retirement study

- > 50 yo (40% > 70 yo)
 - Construction 11,701 subjects
 - Validation 8,009 subjects



Score ≥ 8 = 25% of 70+
Score ≥ 8 = 50% of 75+

Lee. JAMA 2006

5 key messages for elderly BC patients

1. **Under and over-treatment** are frequent
2. **Access to innovation** is unbalanced
3. **Geriatric problems** are far more frequent than usually believed
 - 2/3 impaired G8, > 50% functional dependence, >10% cognitive dysfunctions, 20% depression, > 40% significant comorbidities, > 50% risk of malnutrition, polypharmacy, etc.
4. **→ Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment CGA**
 - Brings to clinicians new information in > 2/3 cases
 - Modifies clinical decision in 20-25% cases (function & nutrition)
5. **Competing risks for mortality**
 - call for a certain degree of assessment of life expectancy to balance treatment decision

Management of elderly patients with breast cancer: updated recommendations of the International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG) and European Society of Breast Cancer Specialists (EUSOMA)

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