

# Cognitive Impairment and Dialysis

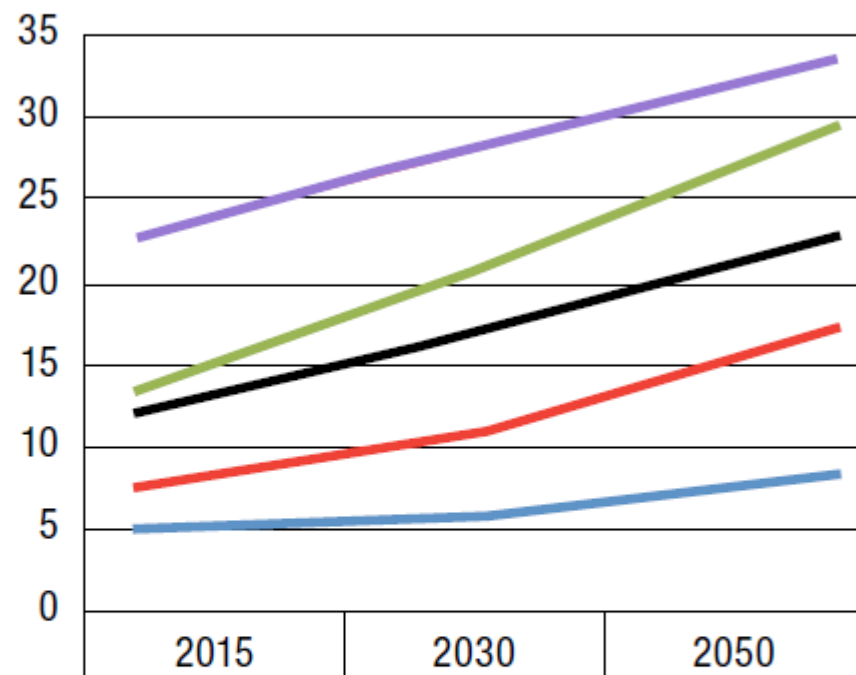
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Figure 1.1  
Percentage of the total population aged 60 years and over,  
by country income level, 2015 to 2050



LIC	5.2	6.0	8.4
L-MIC	8.1	11.2	16.3
UMIC	13.3	20.5	28.9
HIC	22.0	27.3	31.6
World	12.2	16.3	21.2

Table 5.4

The 12 leading contributors to Years Lived with Disability among people aged 60 years and over, according to the WHO GBD (2004) and IHME GBD (2010) methodology

WHO GBD (2004)			IHME GBD (2010)		
Chronic disease/ condition	Million YLD (% contribution to total)	Rank order (YLD)	Chronic disease/ condition	Million YLD (% contribution to total)	Rank order (YLD)
Visual impairment	30.9 (26.4%)	1	Musculoskeletal disorders	42.0 (25.8%)	1
<b>Dementia</b>	<b>15.4 (13.1%)</b>	<b>2</b>	Mental disorders	16.2 (10.0%)	2
Hearing loss	13.0 (11.1%)	3	Chronic respiratory	11.8 (7.2%)	3
Musculoskeletal disorders	11.2 (9.6%)	4	Visual impairment	10.4 (6.4%)	4
Mental disorders	7.0 (6.0%)	5	Diabetes/ endocrine	9.0 (5.5%)	5
Chronic respiratory	5.8 (5.0%)	6	Hearing loss	7.5 (4.6%)	6
Heart disease	4.7 (4.0%)	7	Genitourinary disorders	6.6 (4.1%)	7
Diabetes/ endocrine	4.6 (3.9%)	8	<b>Dementia</b>	<b>6.2 (3.8%)</b>	<b>8</b>
Stroke	4.4 (3.8%)	9	Heart disease	4.8 (2.9%)	9
Cancer	2.6 (2.2%)	10	Stroke	3.0 (1.8%)	10
Genitourinary disorders	0.8 (0.7%)	11	Cancer	2.9 (1.8%)	11
Digestive disorders	2.2 (1.9%)	12	Digestive disorders	1.0 (0.6%)	12
Total YLD burden (all diseases)	117.0 (100%)			162.8 (100%)	

Figure 2.3

Estimated prevalence of dementia for those aged 60 and over, standardised to Western Europe population, by GBD region

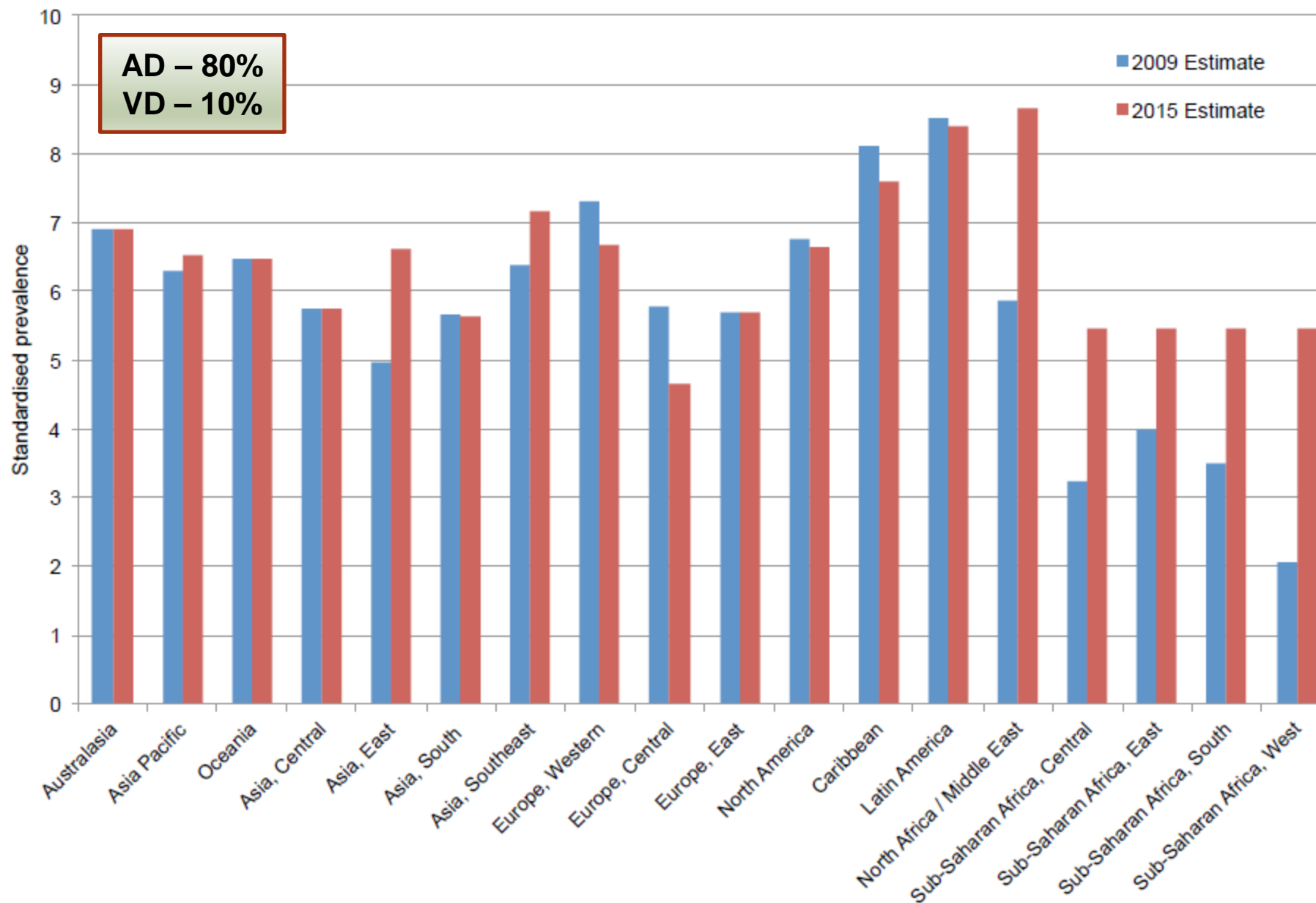
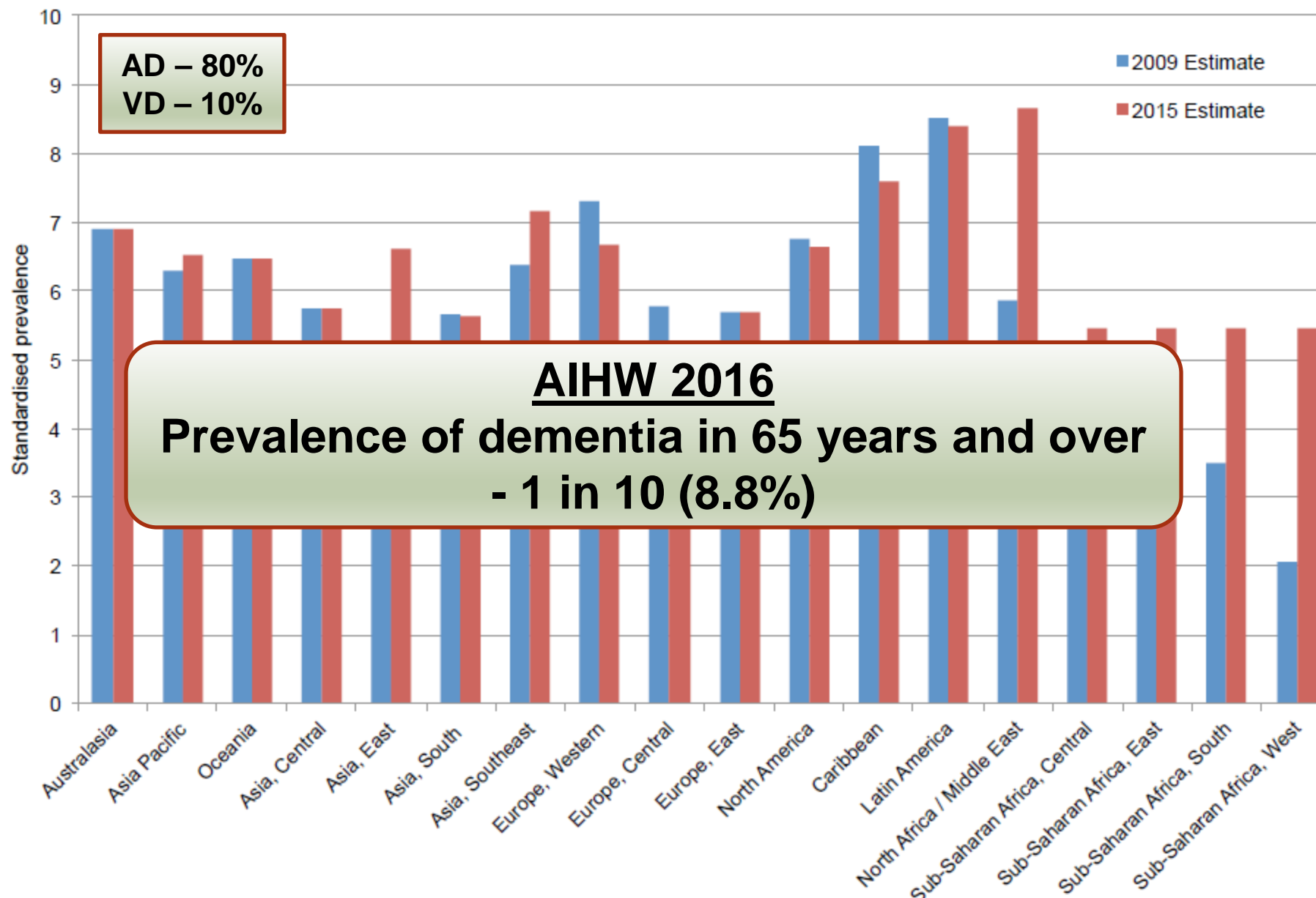
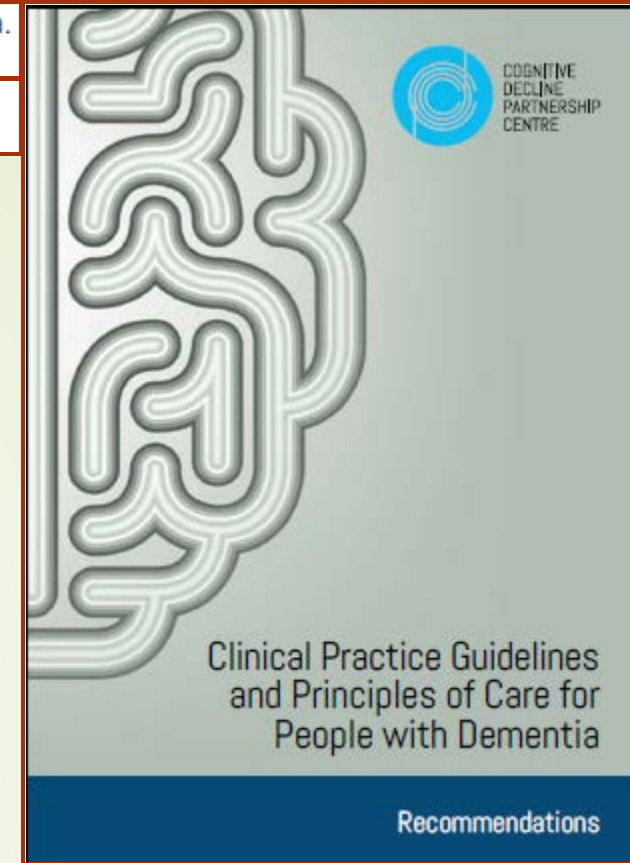


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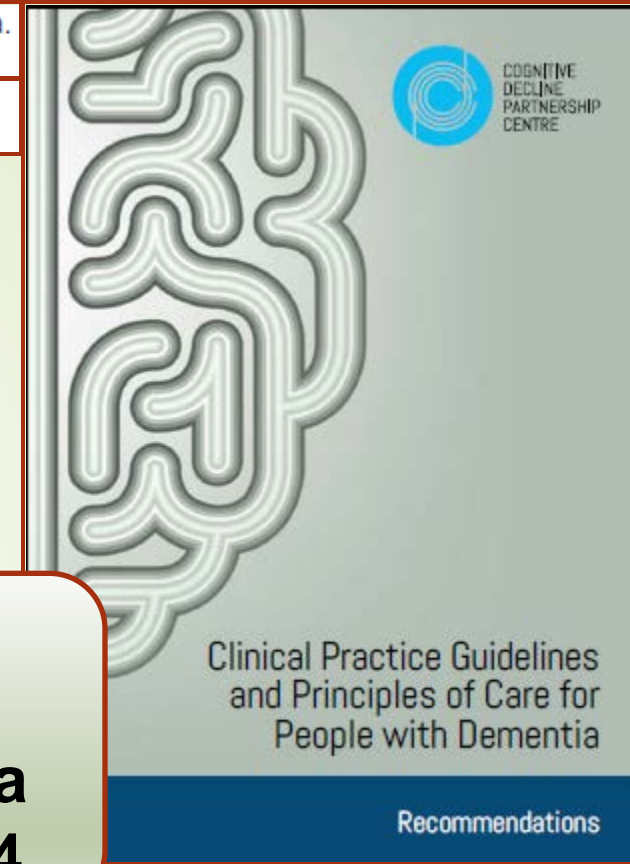


## Early identification

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| 22 | CBR | General population screening for dementia should not be undertaken.                                                                                             |
| 23 | PP  | Concerns or symptoms should be explored when first raised, noted or reported by the person, carer(s) or family and should not be dismissed as 'part of ageing'. |
| 24 | CBR | Medical practitioners working with older people should be alert to cognitive decline, especially in those aged 75 years and older.                              |

**Table 2:** Summary of recommendations for screening older people ( $\geq 65$  yr) for cognitive impairment from Canada and elsewhere

Organization	Recommendation
Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care (current)	Do not screen asymptomatic older adults ( $\geq 65$ yr) for cognitive impairment
Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care (2001) <sup>15</sup>	Insufficient evidence to recommend for or against screening for cognitive impairment
National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (2011) <sup>36</sup>	Screening for dementia in general population should not be undertaken
BC Ministry of Health, 2014 <sup>39</sup>	Do not screen asymptomatic population
US Preventive Services Task Force (2014) <sup>40</sup>	Insufficient evidence to assess the balance of benefits and harms of screening for cognitive impairment



## **Mild Cognitive Impairment**

**Common as brain ages**

**Does not consistently progress to dementia**

**False positive: MMSE – 1 in 8 MoCA – 1 in 4**

## Quality statement 1

### Early screening

A patient presenting to hospital with one or more key risk factors for delirium receives cognitive screening using a validated test. In addition, the patient and their carer are asked about any recent changes (within hours or days) in the patient's behaviour or thinking.

#### Purpose

To ensure patients with delirium and those at risk of delirium who present to hospital are identified early so that appropriate management and preventive measures can be put in place.

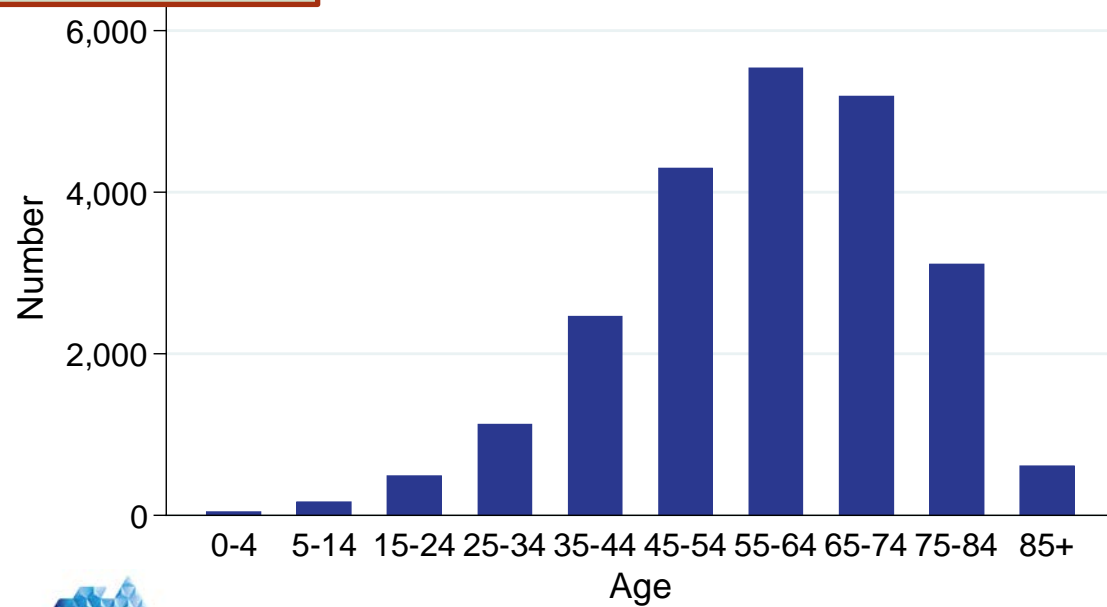
#### Rationale

Delirium is often missed in patients who present to hospital.<sup>4,9</sup> A structured approach can help improve detection rates.<sup>5</sup> Age  $\geq$  65 years, known cognitive impairment/dementia, severe medical illness and current hip fracture are key risk factors for delirium; additional risk factors may be included. Patients with any one key risk factor should undergo cognitive screening, be asked about any recent changes in behaviour and thinking, and receive interventions to prevent delirium.<sup>6</sup> Cognitive screening on presentation helps identify patients who should be assessed for delirium and is useful for monitoring delirium onset during a hospital stay.<sup>5, 27, 28</sup> Patients who have cognitive impairment or who have had a recent change in behaviour or thinking may have delirium and need to be assessed for it.<sup>6</sup>



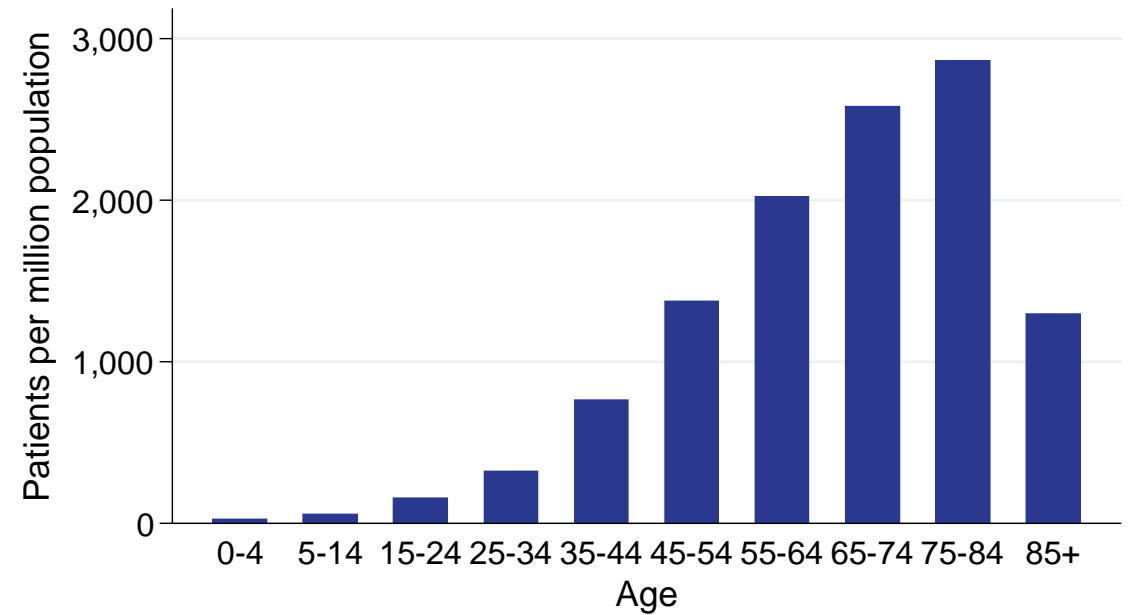
**Age  $\geq 65$  – 40%**  
**Age  $\geq 75$  – 15%**

Prevalent RRT Patients - Australia  
31 December 2015

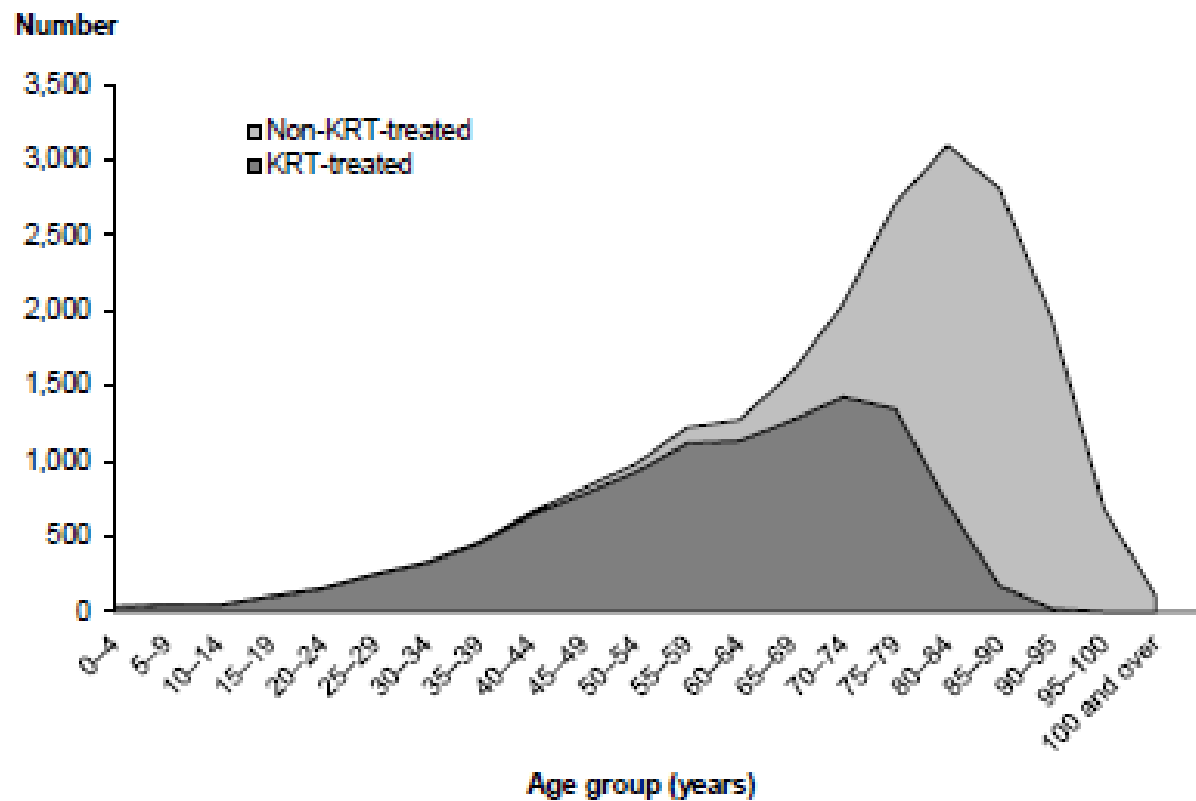


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Source: Linked ANZDATA Registry, AIHW National Mortality Database and National Death Index.

**Figure 4.3: Number of KRT-treated and non-KRT-treated cases, by age group at ESKD onset, 2003-2007**

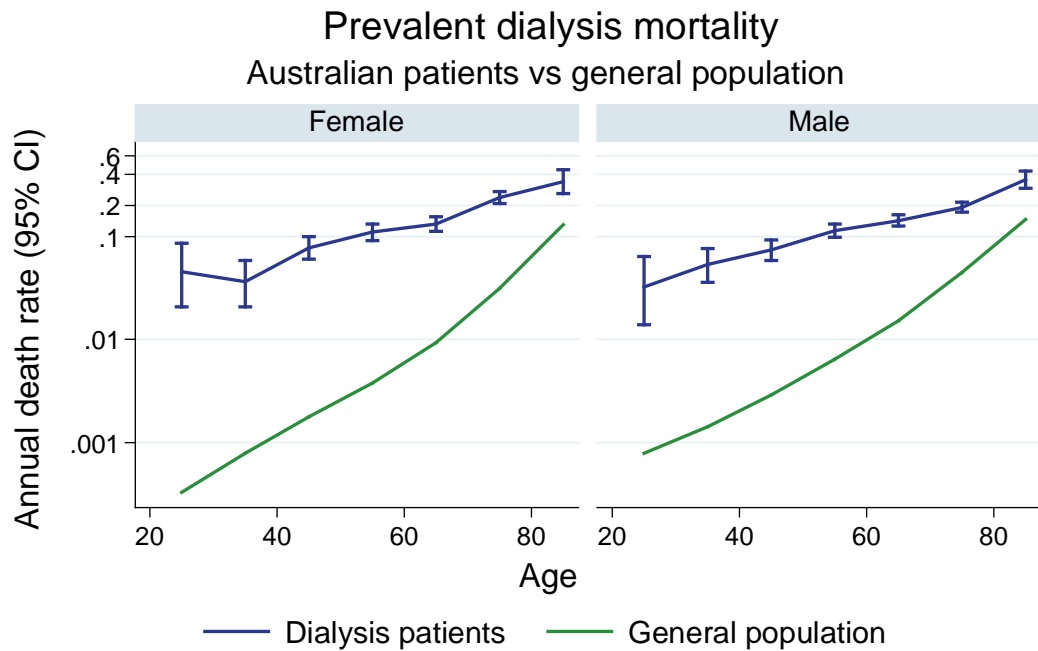

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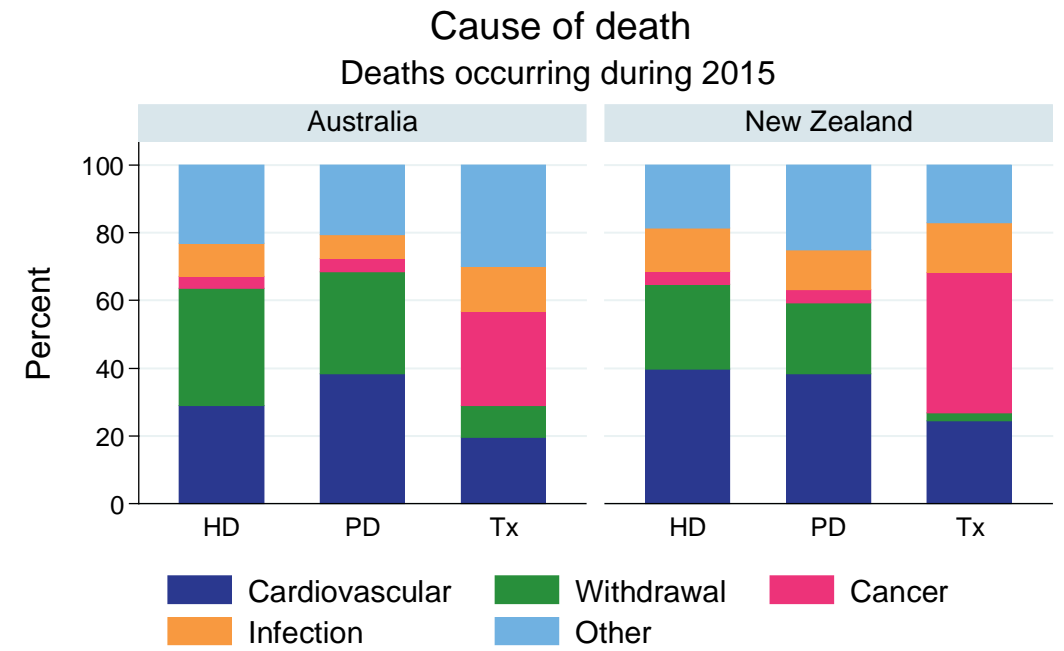
End-stage kidney disease in Australia  
 Total incidence, 2003-2007

June 2011

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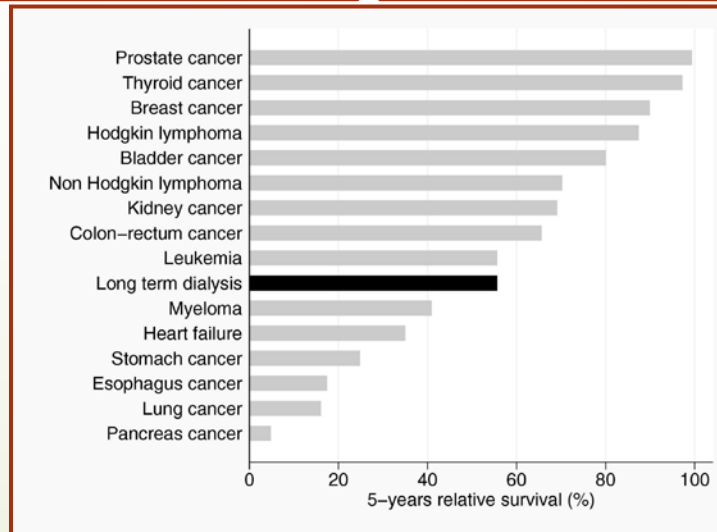


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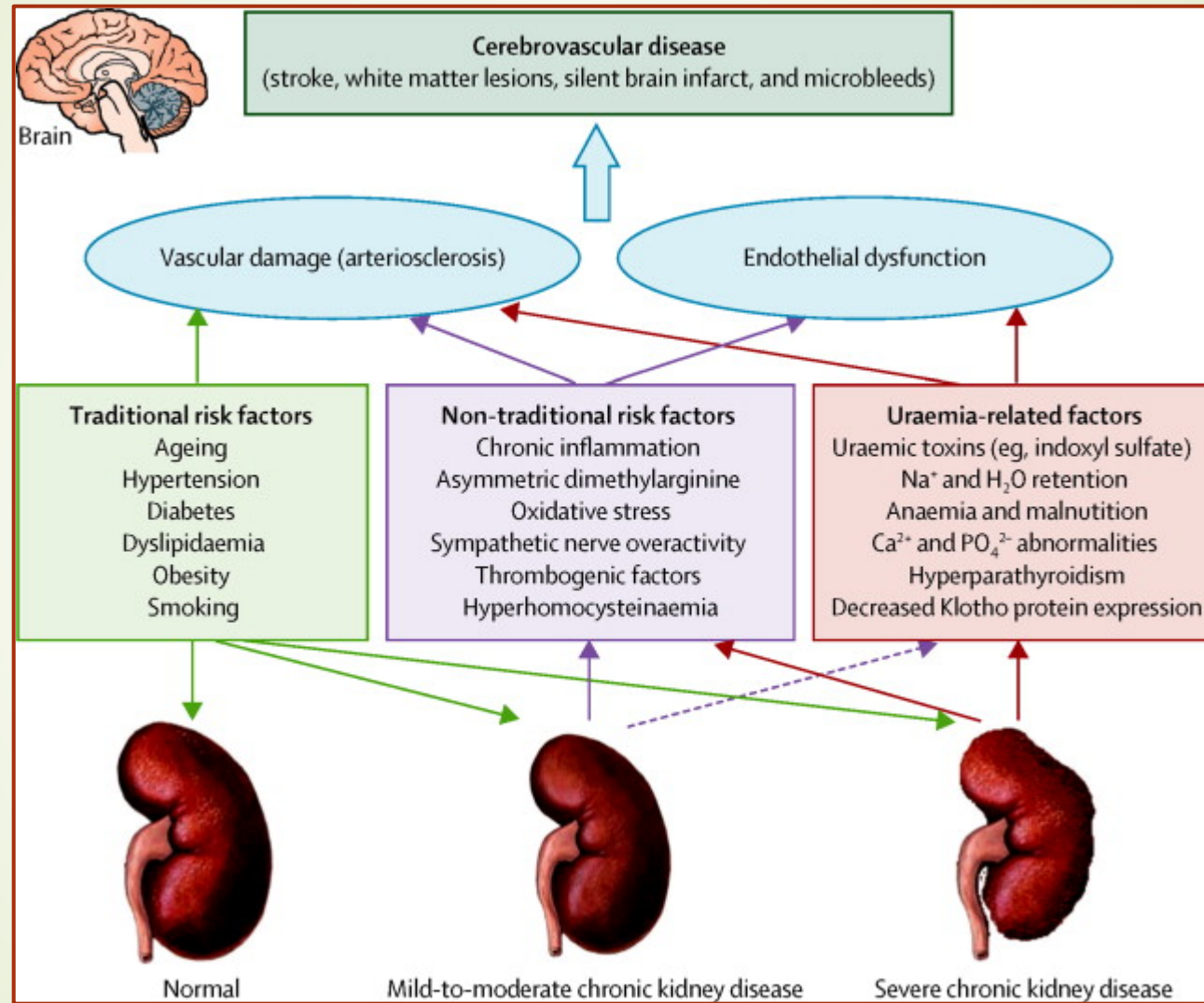


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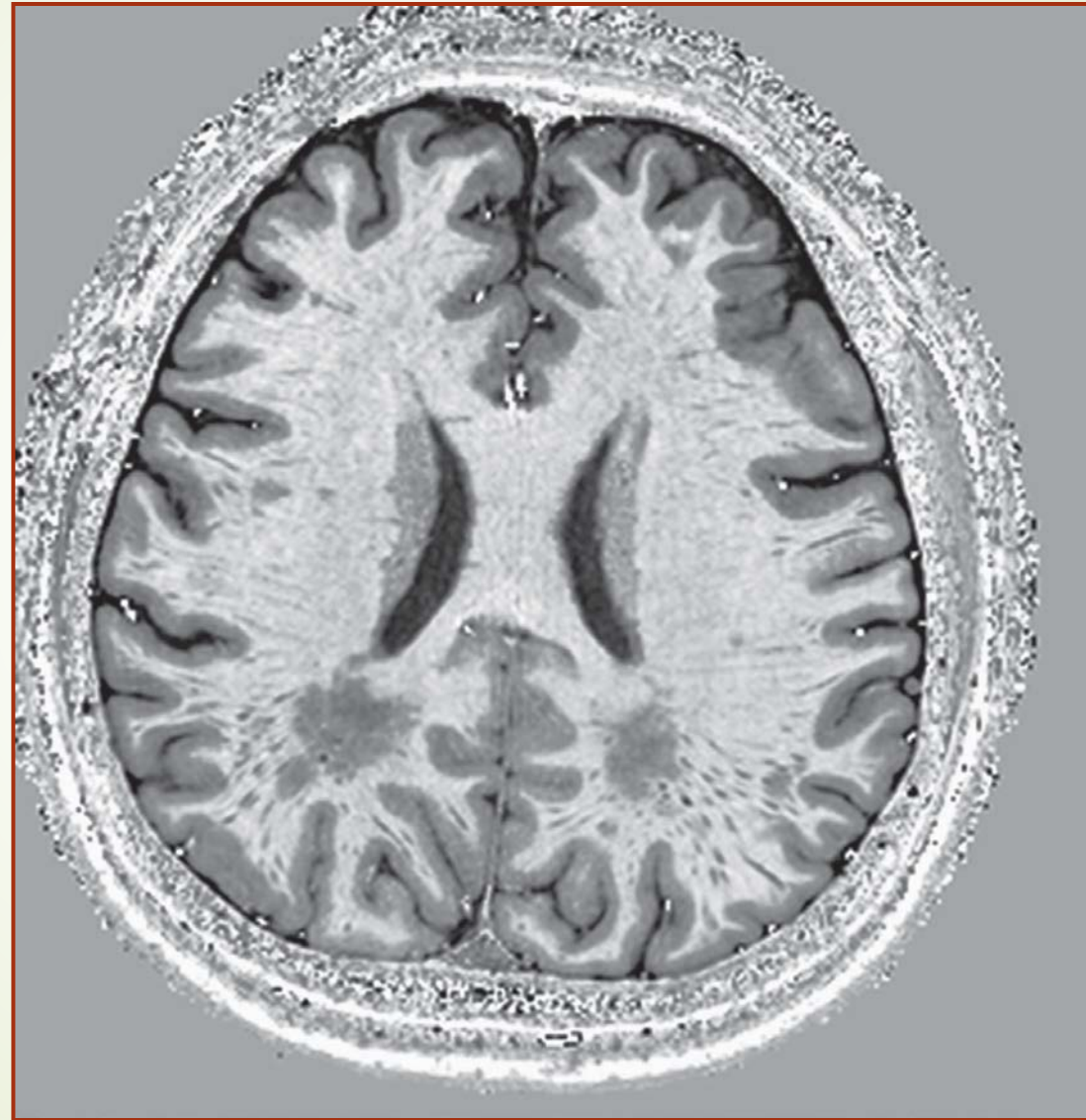
Median 5Y Survival - Australia Commencement of RRT - 2006-15	
Age	Survival
45-64	69
65-74	48
75-84	33
85+	19



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35Y, HD 7Y, no macrovascular, diabetes or smoking history



## Original Investigation

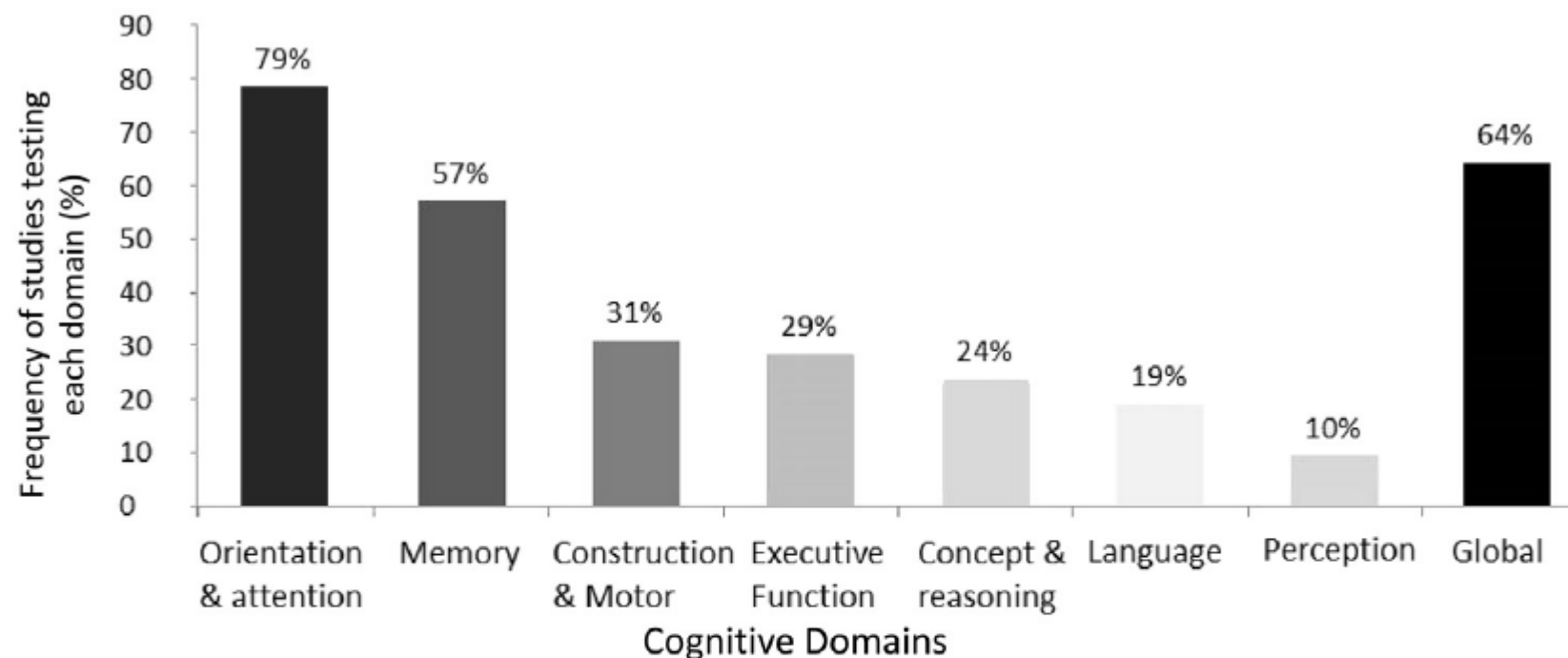
## Cognition in People With End-Stage Kidney Disease Treated With Hemodialysis: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis



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42 cross-sectional & cohort studies (3,522 total participants) included in data synthesis

Comparison population	Studies†	Participants‡
General population	32	2,231
People with NDD-CKD	8	629
People on PD	13	1,144
People with nondialyzed CKF	7	248



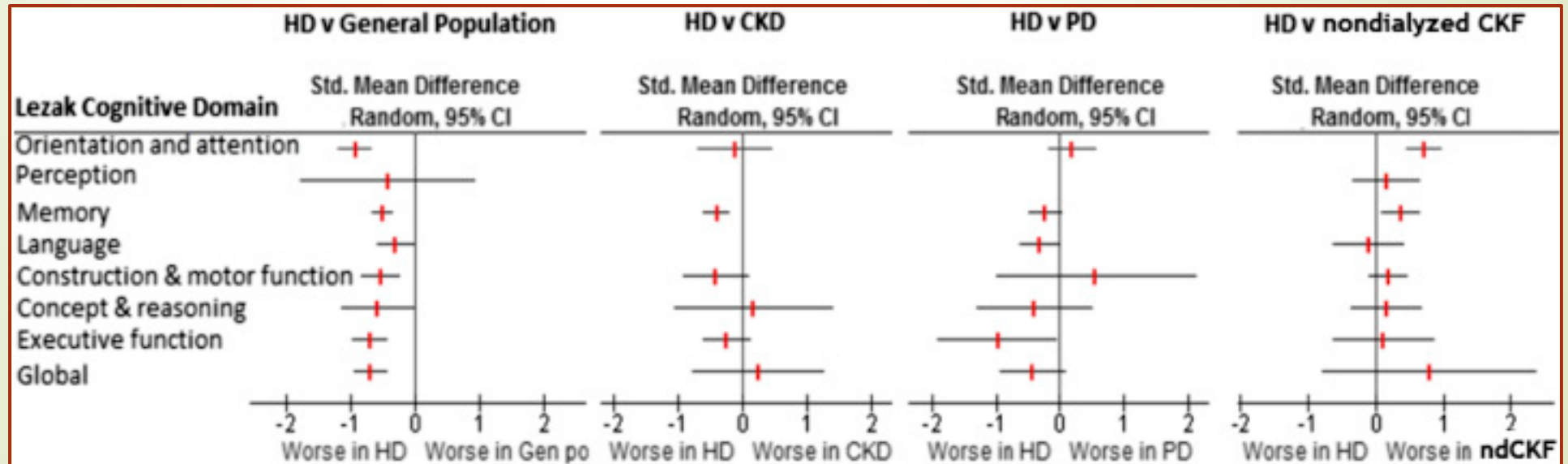
<b>Trials (N)</b>	33	24	13	12	10	8	4	27
<b>Participants</b>	3361	2922	1812	1554	376	1264	126	2458
<b>No. of tests utilized to measure the domain</b>	33	38	13	11	11	9	5	12
<b>Most frequent test used</b>	TMT A and B (17%)	WMS (25%)	Clock and GPB (17% each)	Stroop test (37%)	Progressive matrices (22%)	HVLT (20%)	Halstead Reitan (25%)	MMSE (53%)

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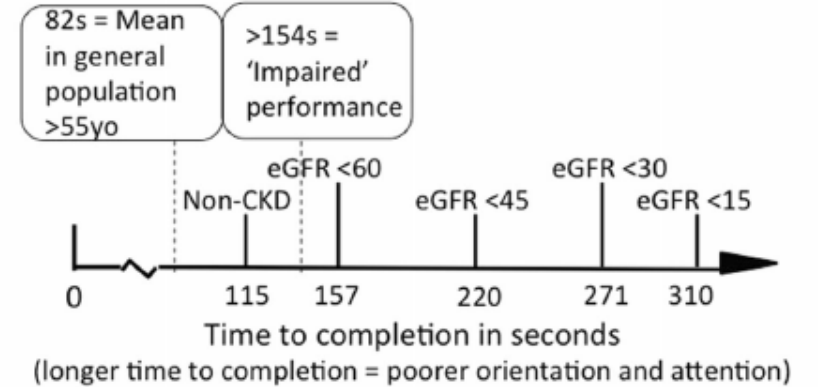
# Cognition in chronic kidney disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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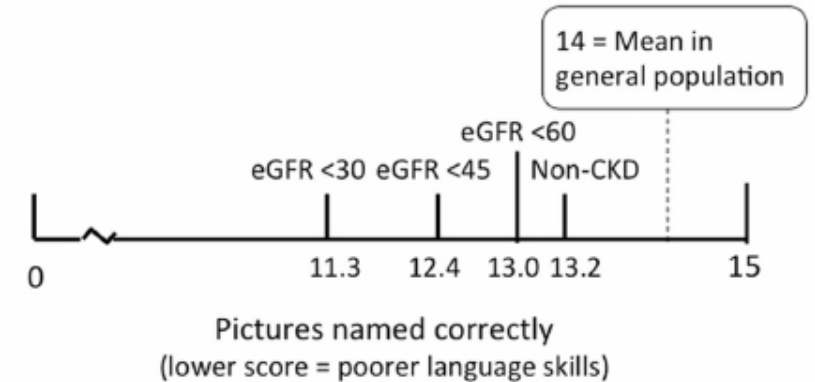
Total included in meta-analyses: 44 studies, 51,590 participants  
Possible comparisons between eGFR (mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>):  
eGFR 60: 43 studies, 51,418 participants  
eGFR 45: 15 studies, 37,259 participants  
eGFR 30: 13 studies, 18,041 participants  
eGFR 15: 6 studies, 5482 participants

- Pattern of CI in CKD is does not fit in to known syndromes
- Cognition declines with advancing CKD in each domain follows a unique pattern
- Global cognition measure appear to be useful in screening

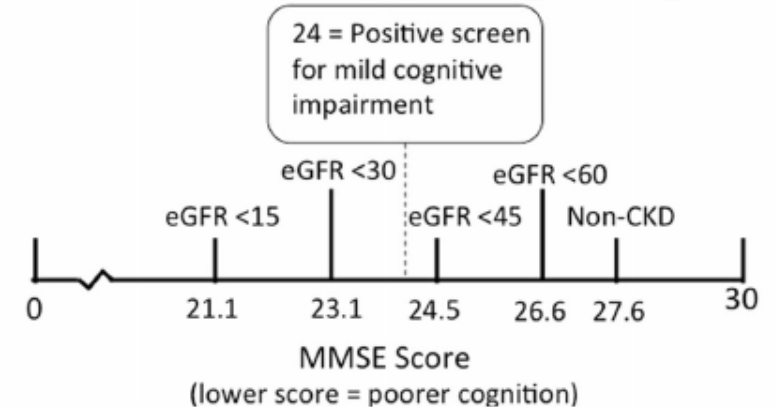
## a. Estimated difference in TMT B score, representing Orientation and Attention



## b. Estimated difference in 15-item BNT score, representing Language

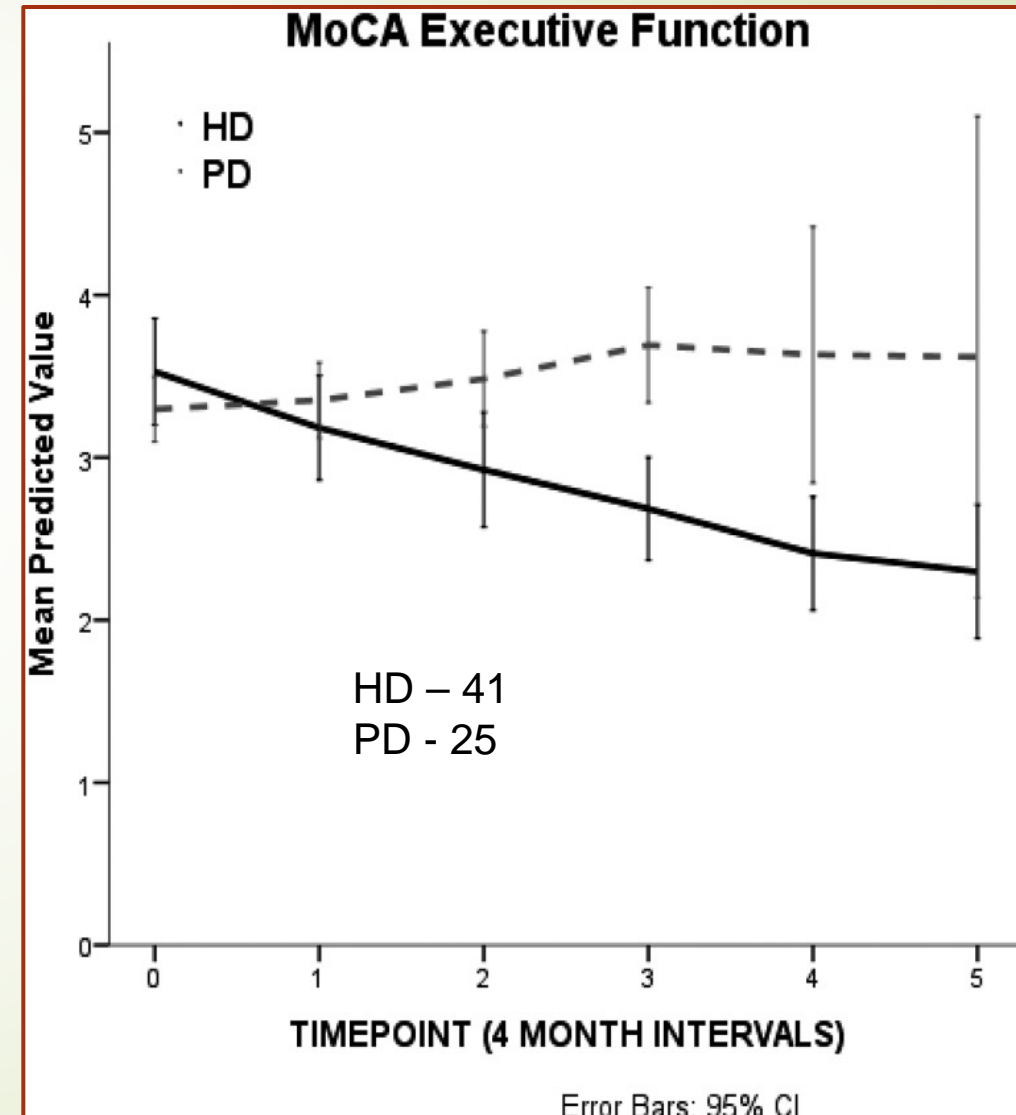
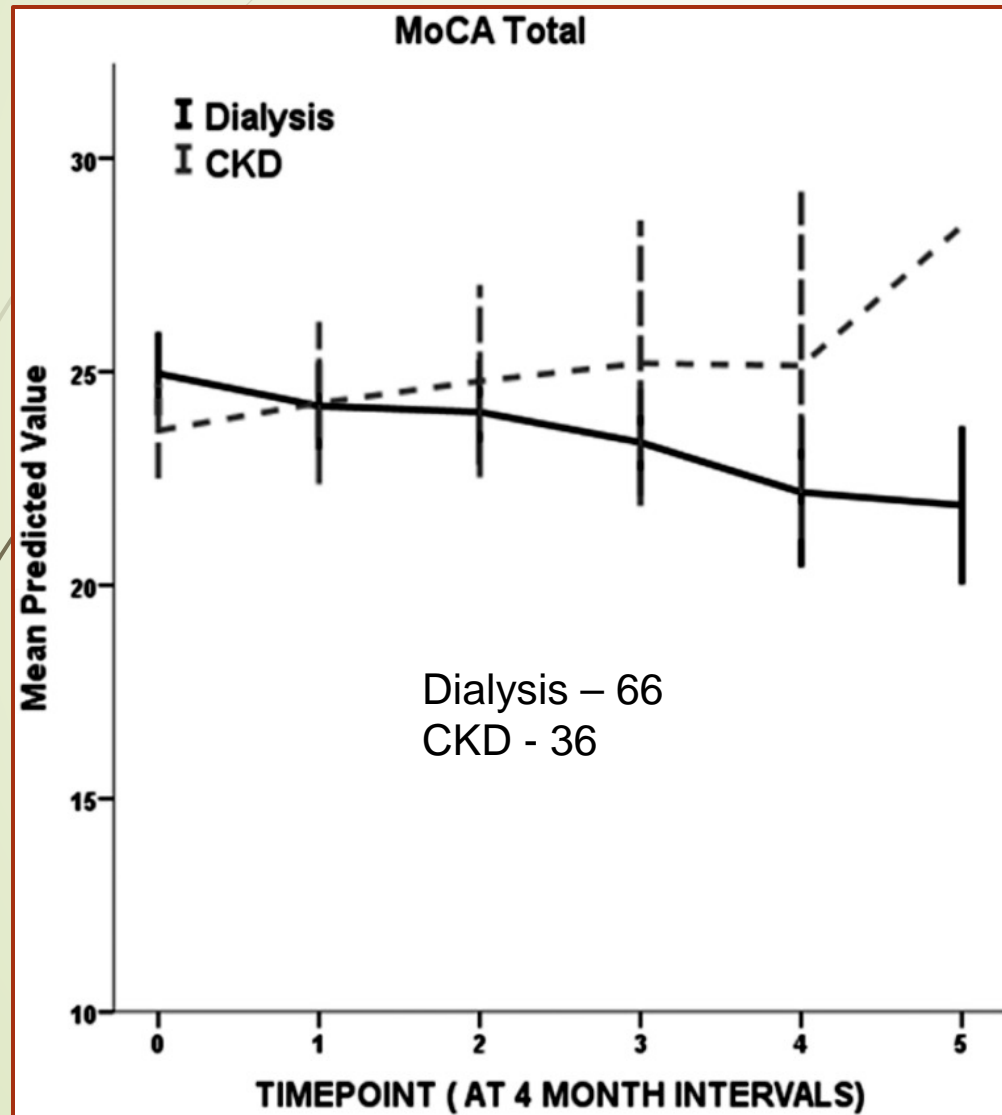


## c. Estimated difference in MMSE score, representing Global Cognition



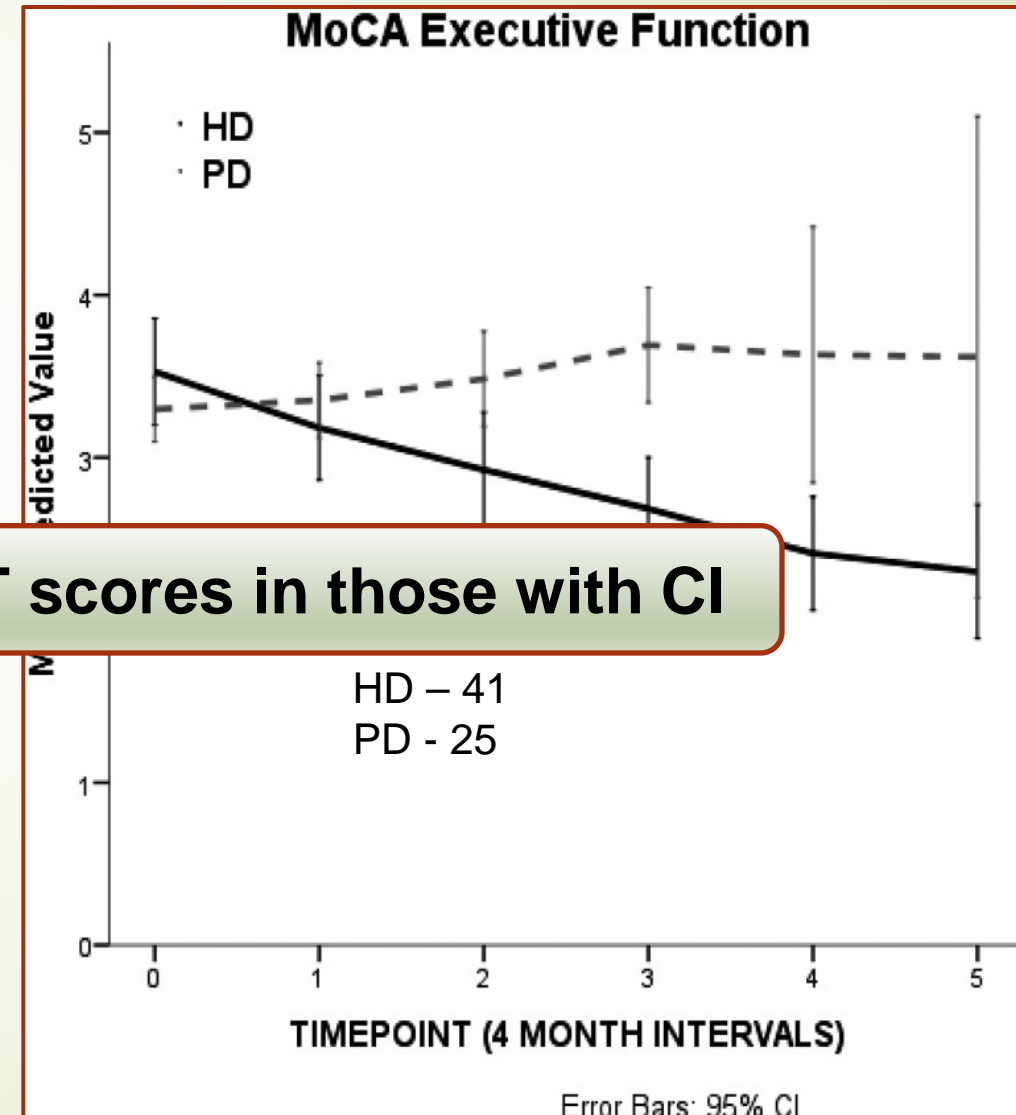
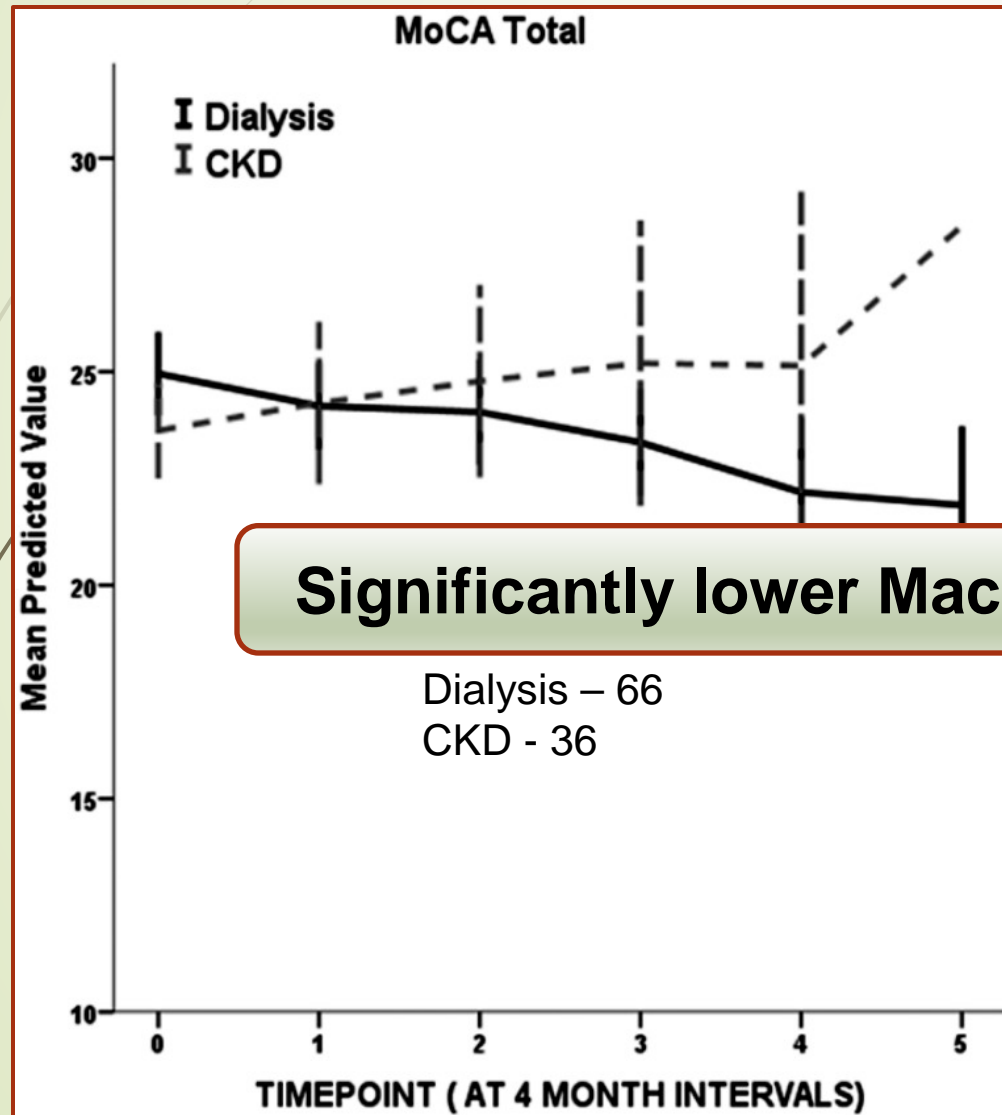
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**Significantly lower MacCAT-T scores in those with CI**


# Impact of cognitive impairment

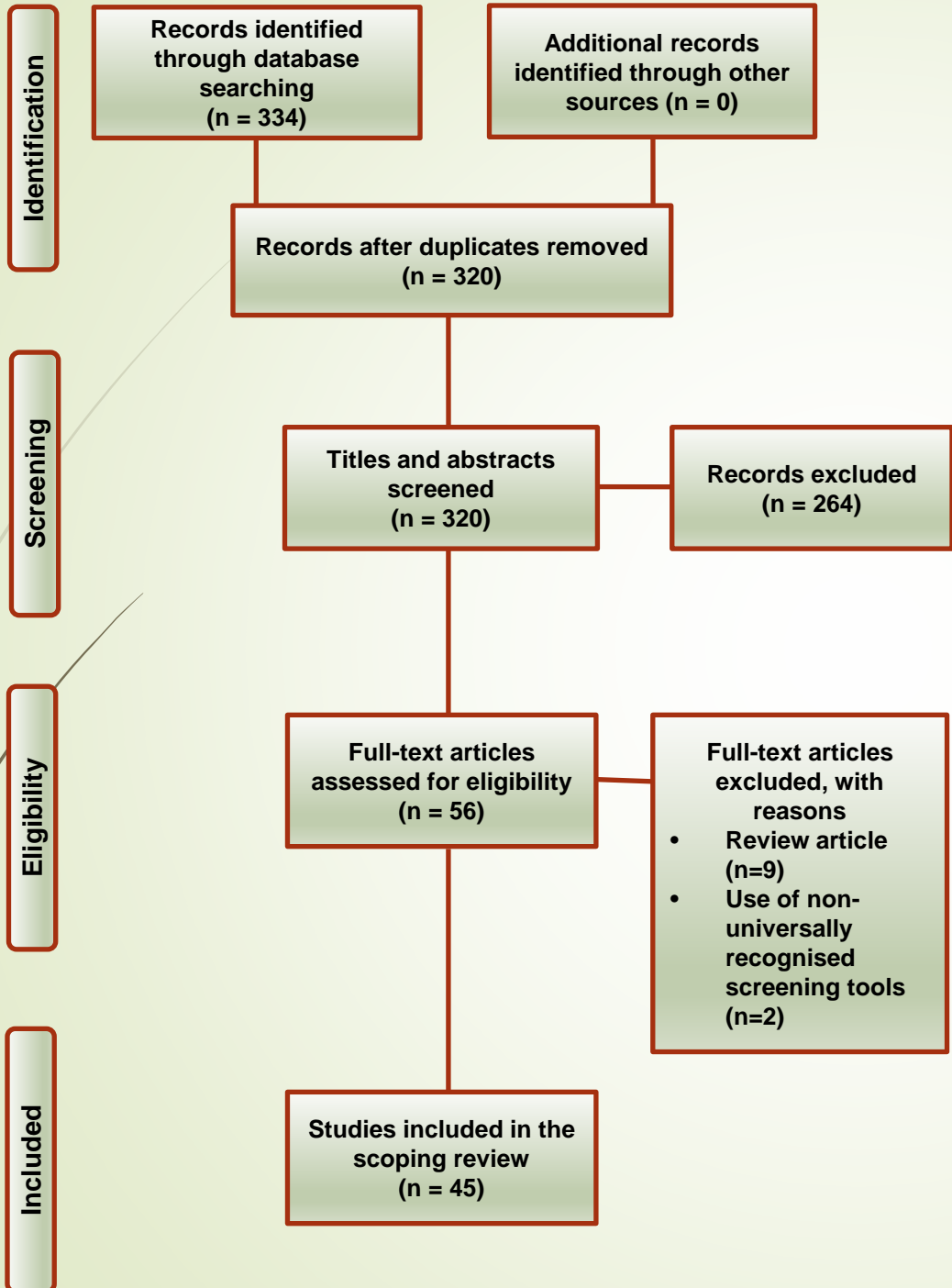
- Health literacy
  - Self-management capability
  - Delirium and depression
  - Decision making capacity (w/w dialysis)
  - Care giver burden
  - Resource utilisation
  - Mortality
- Recognition and management of depression
  - Prevention, recognition and management of delirium
  - Advance care planning
  - Assistance to patients and their carers with:
    - Navigating care pathways
    - Weighing up treatment options
    - Compiling advice from multiple sources
    - Adherence
    - Maintaining independence



# Screening of cognitive impairment in dialysis – a scoping review

A San, B Hiremagalur, W Muircroft and L Grealish



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- Validated tools for global cognitive assessment
  - Optimal condition and timing in relation to HD for administering the tool
  - Prevalence based on global cognitive assessment



- Medline, Cinhal, Embase, Psychinfo, Pubmed and Cochrane
- 2000 to 2015, English
- ESKD on dialysis
- Prospective trials using global cognitive assessment tools

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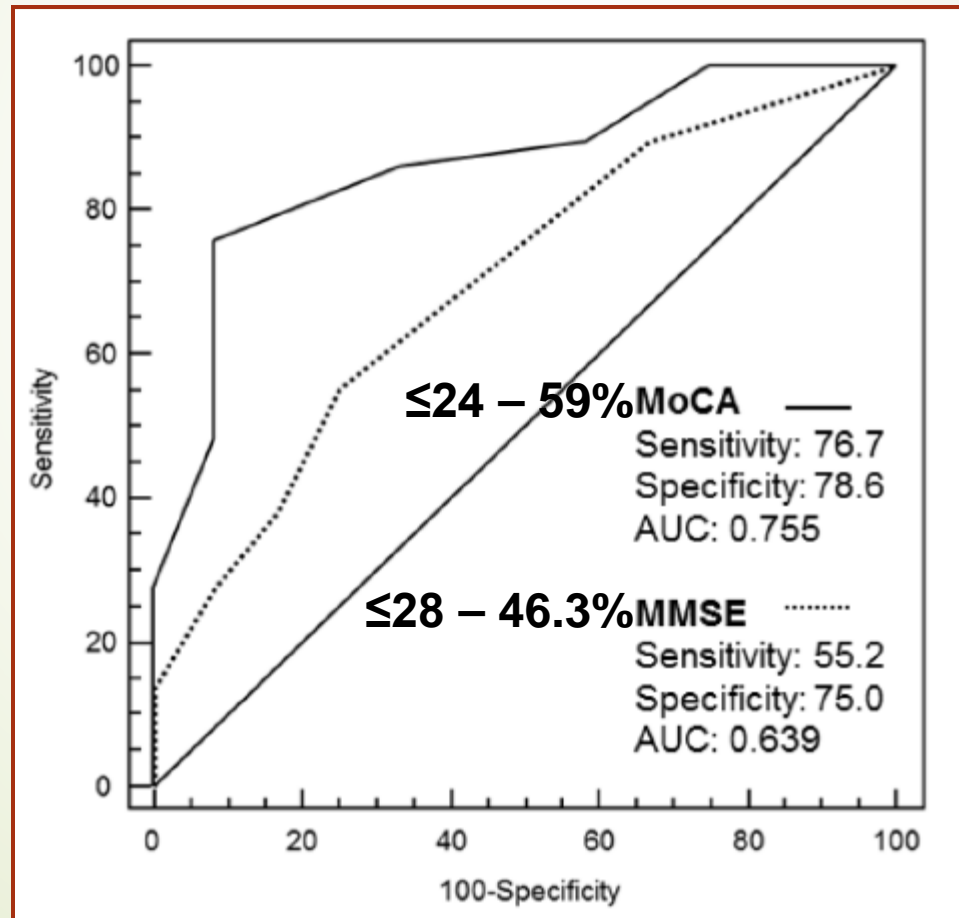
# N = 45

- Cross-sectional studies
- HD – **35** studies, HD+PD – **9** studies, PD – **1** study
- Control group included – **21** studies
- MMSE – **32** studies, MMSE+MoCA – **3** studies, MoCA – **1** study, 3MS – **9** studies
- Detailed neuropsychological testing – **17** studies
- Mean age 65 and over – **43** studies

# The Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) - A Sensitive Screening Instrument for Detecting Cognitive Impairment in Chronic Hemodialysis Patients

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N = 43  
CI based on NP – 70%





# MoCA

- Developed as a quick tool to detect MCI
- More sensitive than MMSE in detecting MCI
- Assesses patients in more domains than MMSE
  - Executive function
  - Higher-level language
  - Complex visiospatial processing
- Covers a range of content required for assessment of CI in CVD
  - Exception – mental processing speed
- Evidence that visiospatial/executive subset makes it preferentially sensitive to VD is mixed

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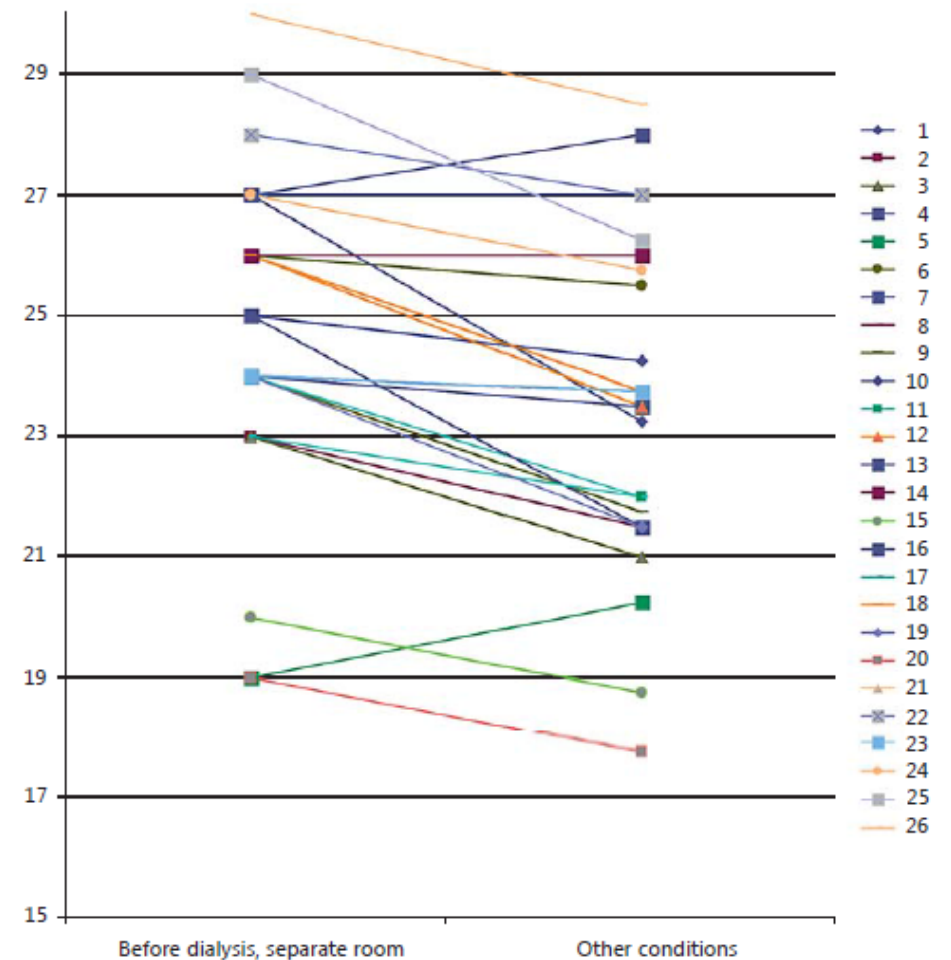
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Tholen et al.: Variability of Cognitive Performance during Hemodialysis:  
Standardization of Cognitive Assessment

Testing conditions	MoCA total score	p value (t test)
Separate vs. group room	24.17 ± 3.1 vs. 23.69 ± 2.64	0.101
Before vs. after dialysis	24.42 ± 2.62 vs. 23.37 ± 3.33	0.013*
Before dialysis		
Separate vs. group room	23.27 ± 2.99 vs. 24.35 ± 2.95	0.012*, <sup>a</sup>
Separate room vs. other conditions	24.96 ± 2.84 vs. 23.62 ± 2.78	<0.001*, <sup>a</sup>

Values represent mean ± SD. Statistically significant: \* p < 0.05.

<sup>a</sup> Statistically significant after Bonferroni correction of multiple comparisons.



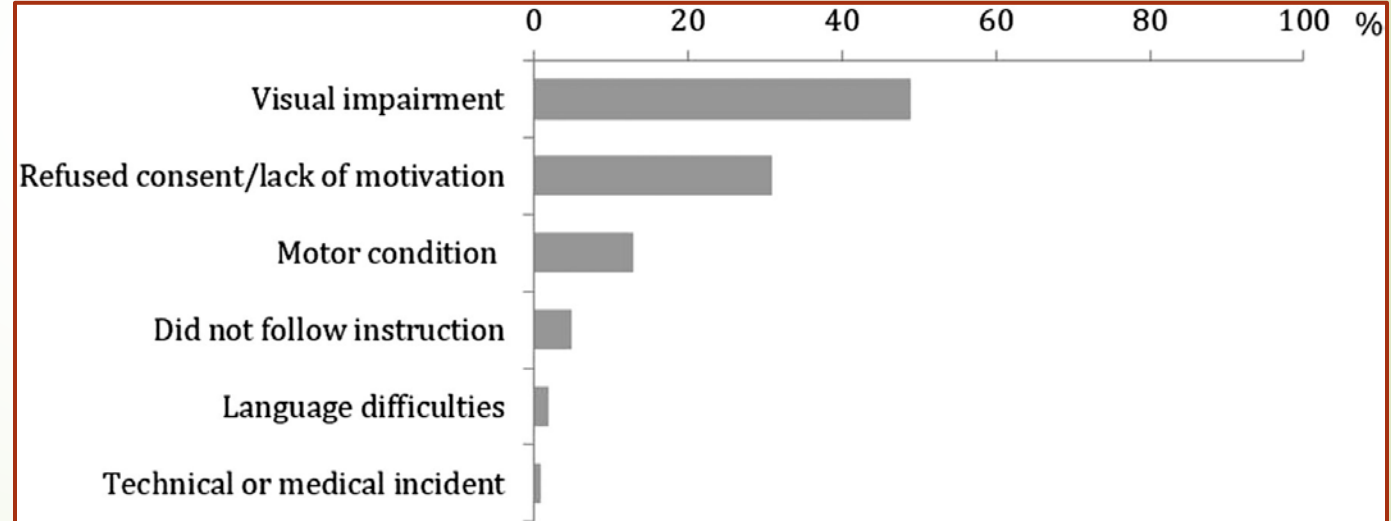
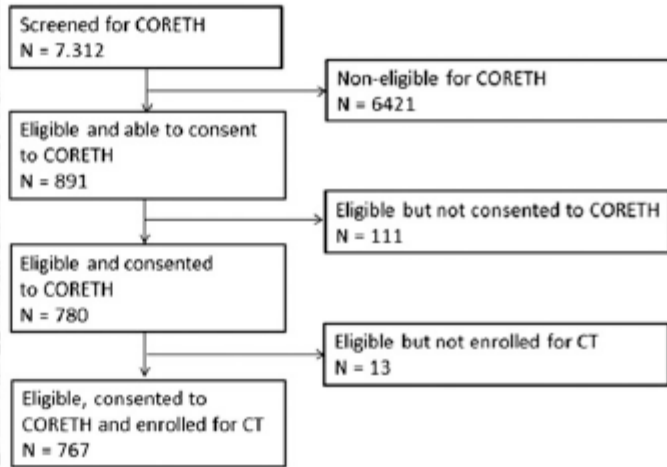
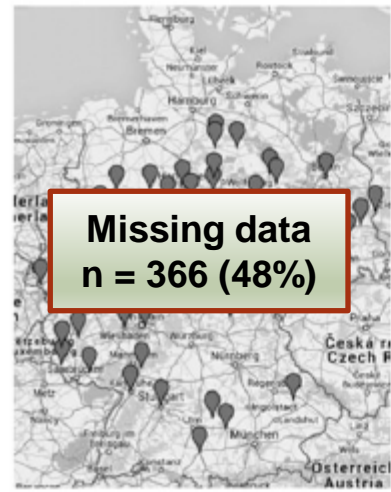


# Prevalence

- ▶ Global Cognitive Assessment Tool
  - ▶ HD (21/44 studies) - 6% to 66%; PD (3/10 studies) – 3 to 14%
- ▶ Neurocognitive Assessment (5/17 studies)
  - ▶ HD – 58 to 73%; PD – 67%
- ▶ Where reported:
  - ▶ HD>PD>CKD>Controls
  - ▶ NP>GCAT

# Cognitive Testing in Patients with CKD: The Problem of Missing Cases

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# Summary

- Routine cognitive assessment
  - Assessment tool
  - Barriers to assessment
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