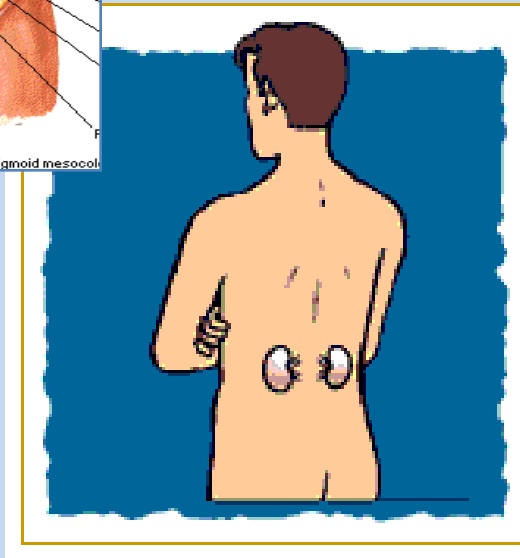
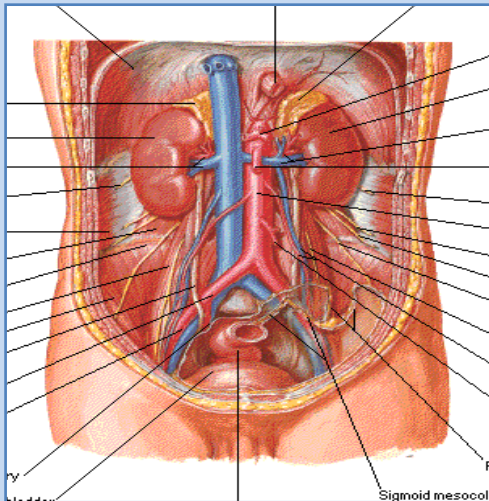


# Renal Disease: Pathology, trajectory, numbers and treatment options

## RENAL PALLIATIVE CARE SYMPOSIUM 2010



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# The Patient

## The Patient

- 73 yo female
- Resistant HT
- T2 Diabetes, proteinuria
- Cr 230 micromol/l
- eGFR 18 ml/min

***SEVERE CHRONIC KIDNEY  
DISEASE***

## Questions

- But I feel fine !
- Will I lose my kidneys?
- Am I going to need dialysis?
- Can I have a transplant?
- Are there side-effects to dialysis?

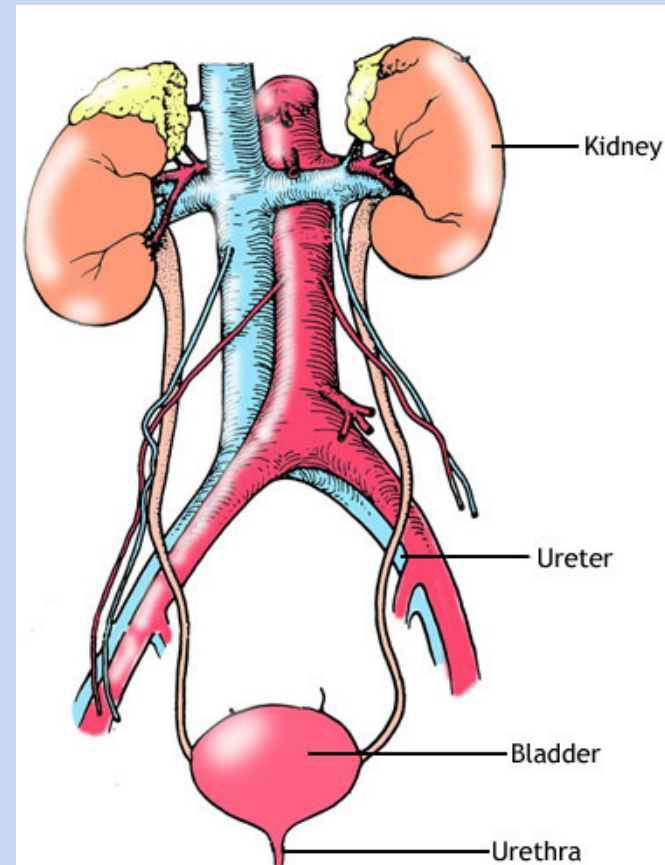
***\* Fear \****

# RENAL PALLIATIVE CARE SYMPOSIUM

- Kidneys and Chronic Kidney Disease
- Age and GFR
- Burden and pathology of disease in A&NZ
- Symptoms of CKD
- Pathways and planning treatment
- Renal Replacement Therapy

# The Kidneys & Glomerular Filtration

- Upper abdomen
- 0.3-1 million filters each side
- 2600 L blood/day
- 180 L filtered fluid (glomerular filtrate)
- 2 L urine per day

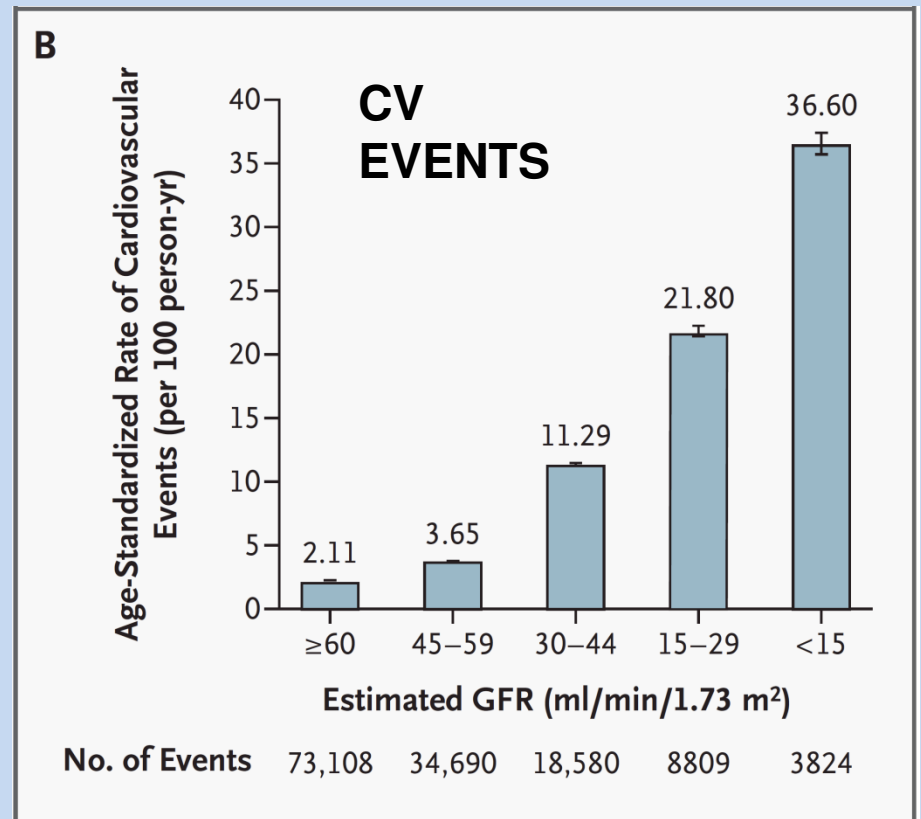
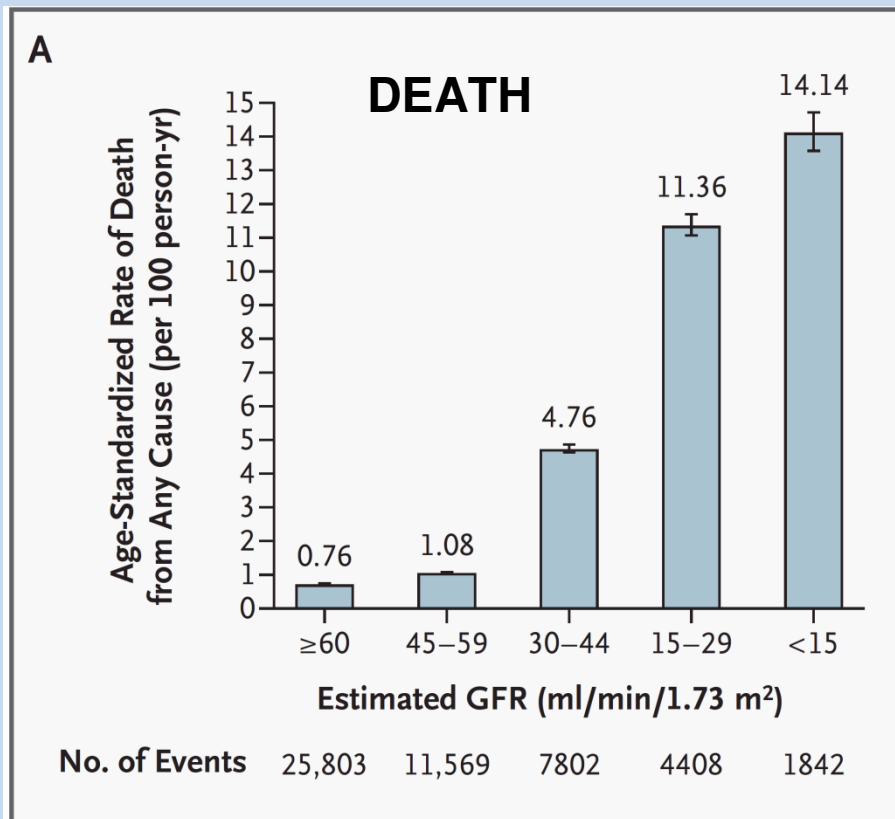




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# CKD Mortality and Cardiovascular Events

Age-Standardized Rates of Death from Any Cause (Panel A) and Cardiovascular Events (Panel B), According to the Estimated GFR among 1,120,295 Ambulatory Adults



# CKD and Mortality in large studies: Meta-Analysis

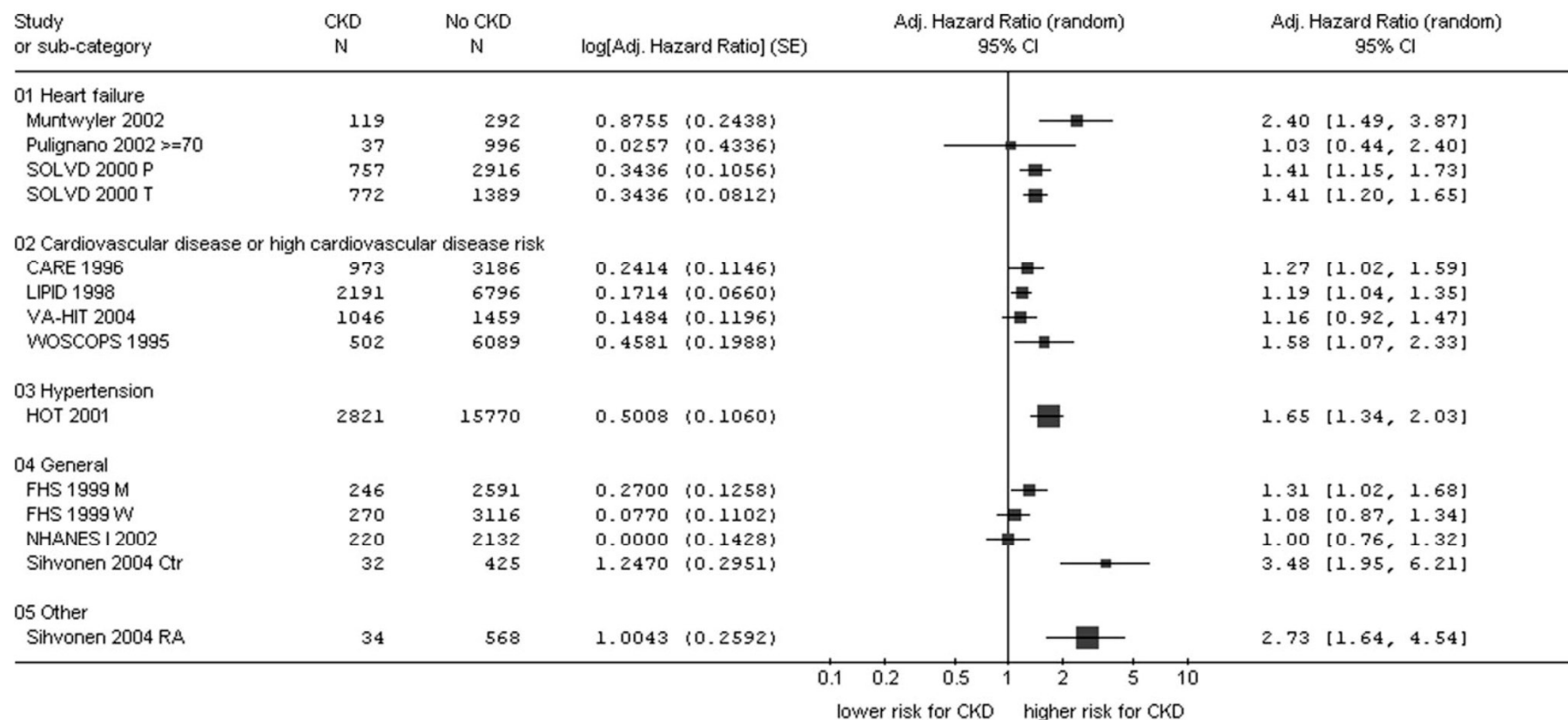


Figure 4. All-cause mortality in CKD using adjusted hazard ratios.



# What happens to CKD 4?

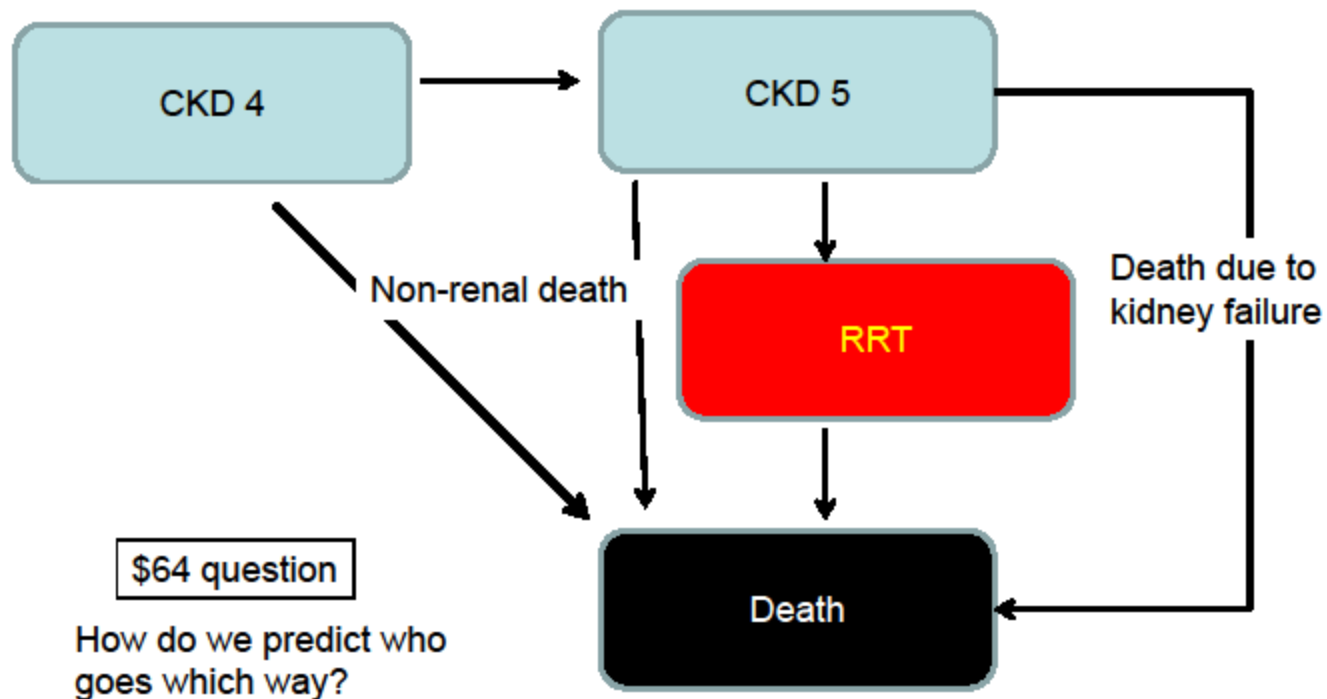
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- 2 key outcomes
  - Death
    - From non-renal causes
    - From end-stage kidney disease
  - Renal replacement therapy





# Possible transitions



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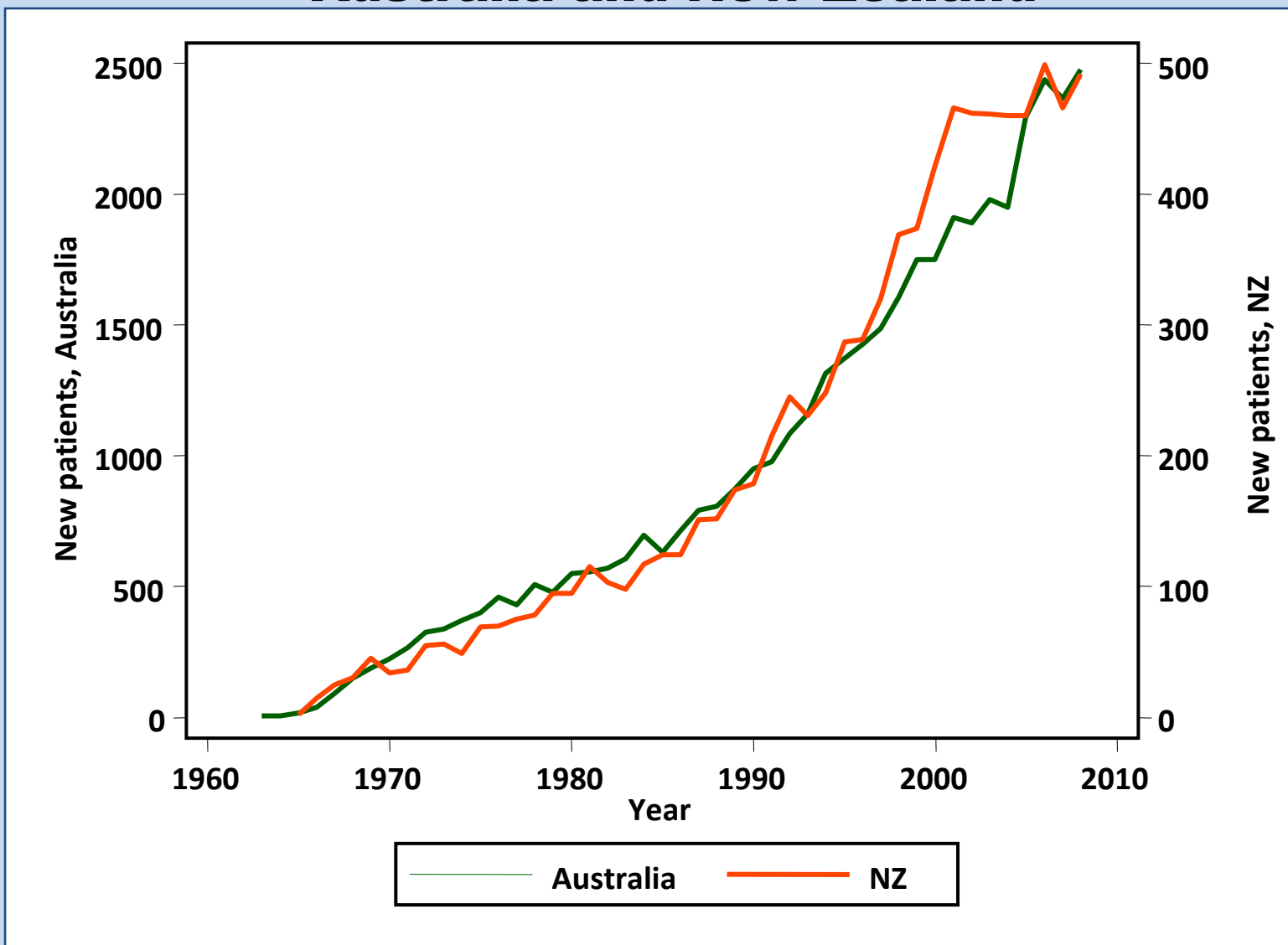
# Burden of Disease – 2009 report

- Australia (2008 data)
- RRT = 17,578
- Transplant = 7,516
- Dialysis = 10,062
- *Numbers St 4 & St 5 without RRT unknown*

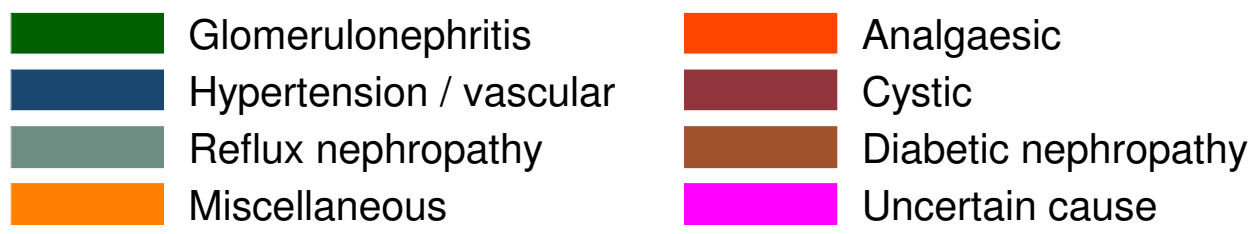
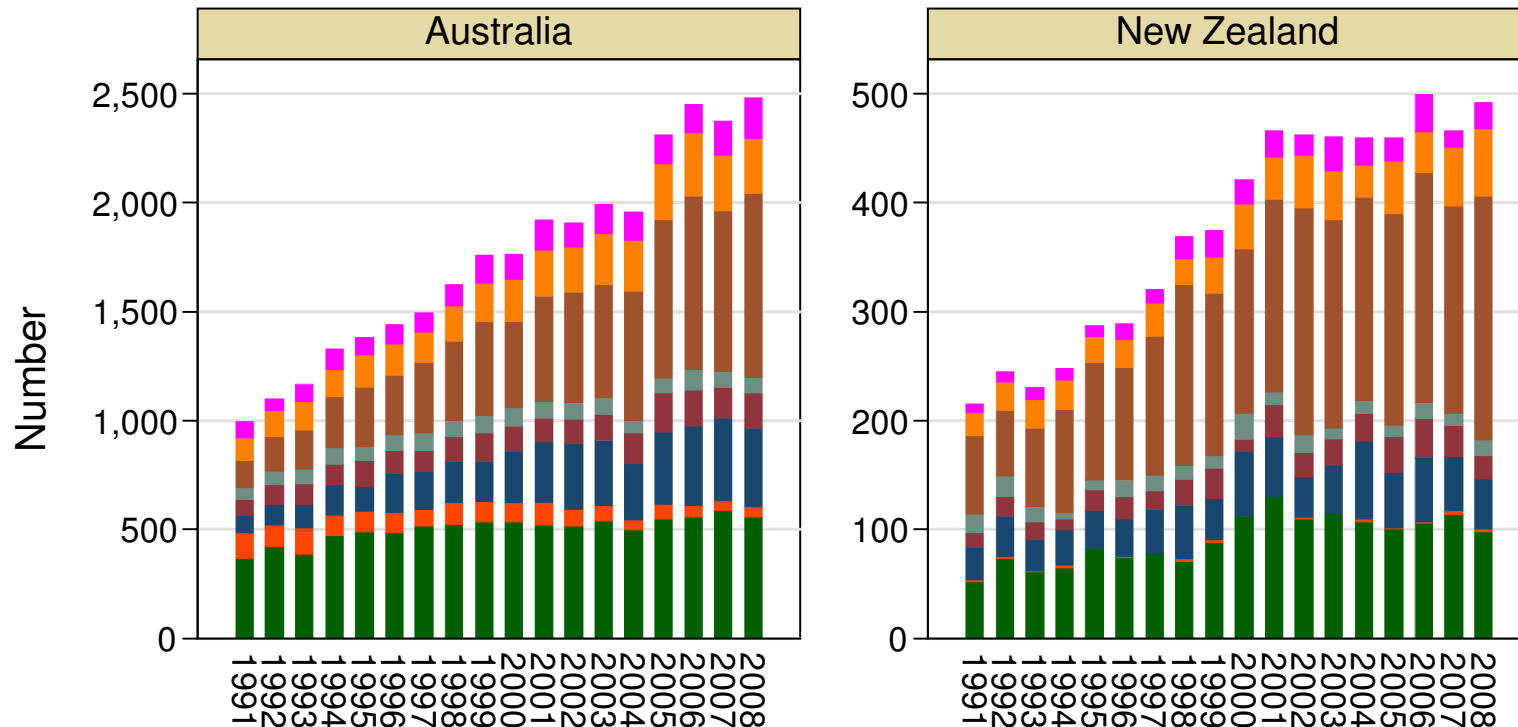


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# Number Starting Renal Replacement Therapy Dialysis or Transplantation Australia and New Zealand



# Primary Renal Disease Among People Starting Renal Replacement Therapy

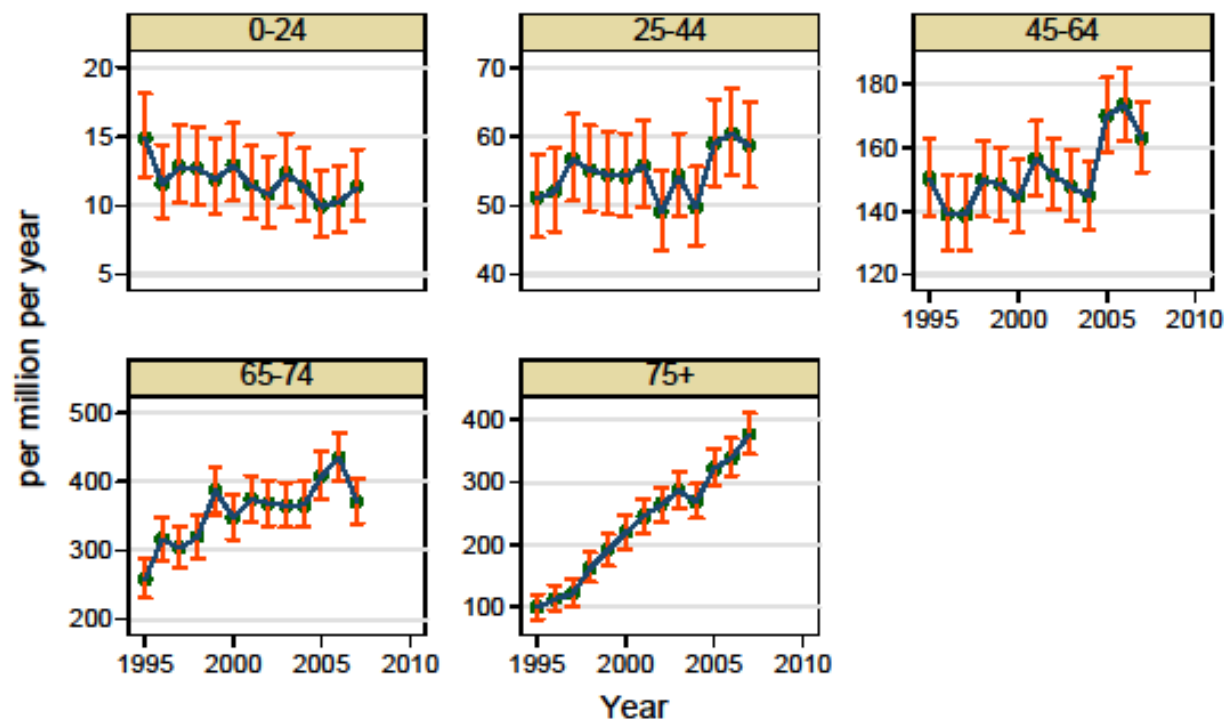


Note different y axis scales



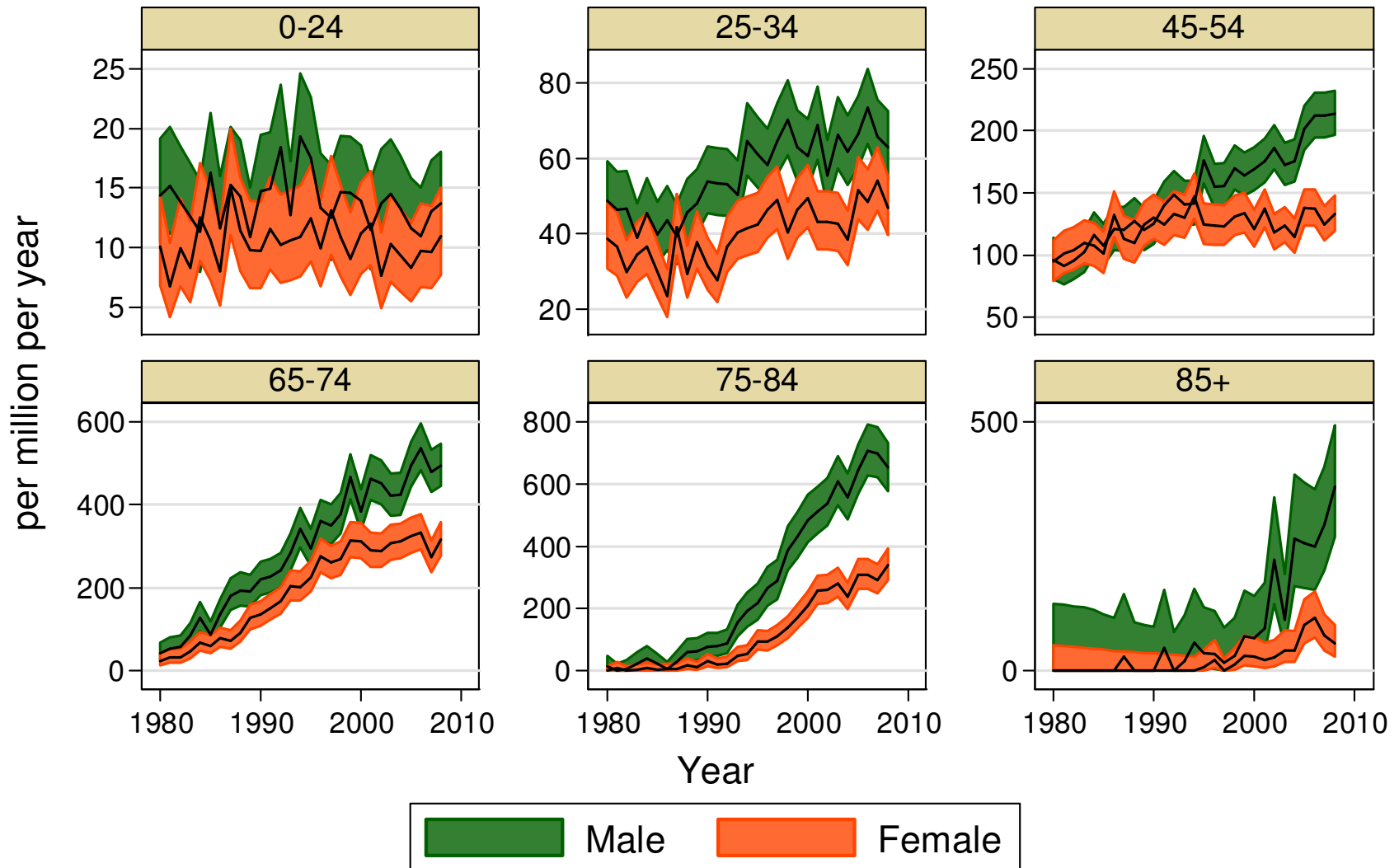
# Incidence of RRT in Australia

Incident RRT by age  
Australia



treated ESKD only

# Incident RRT Rates – Australia By Gender and Age Group

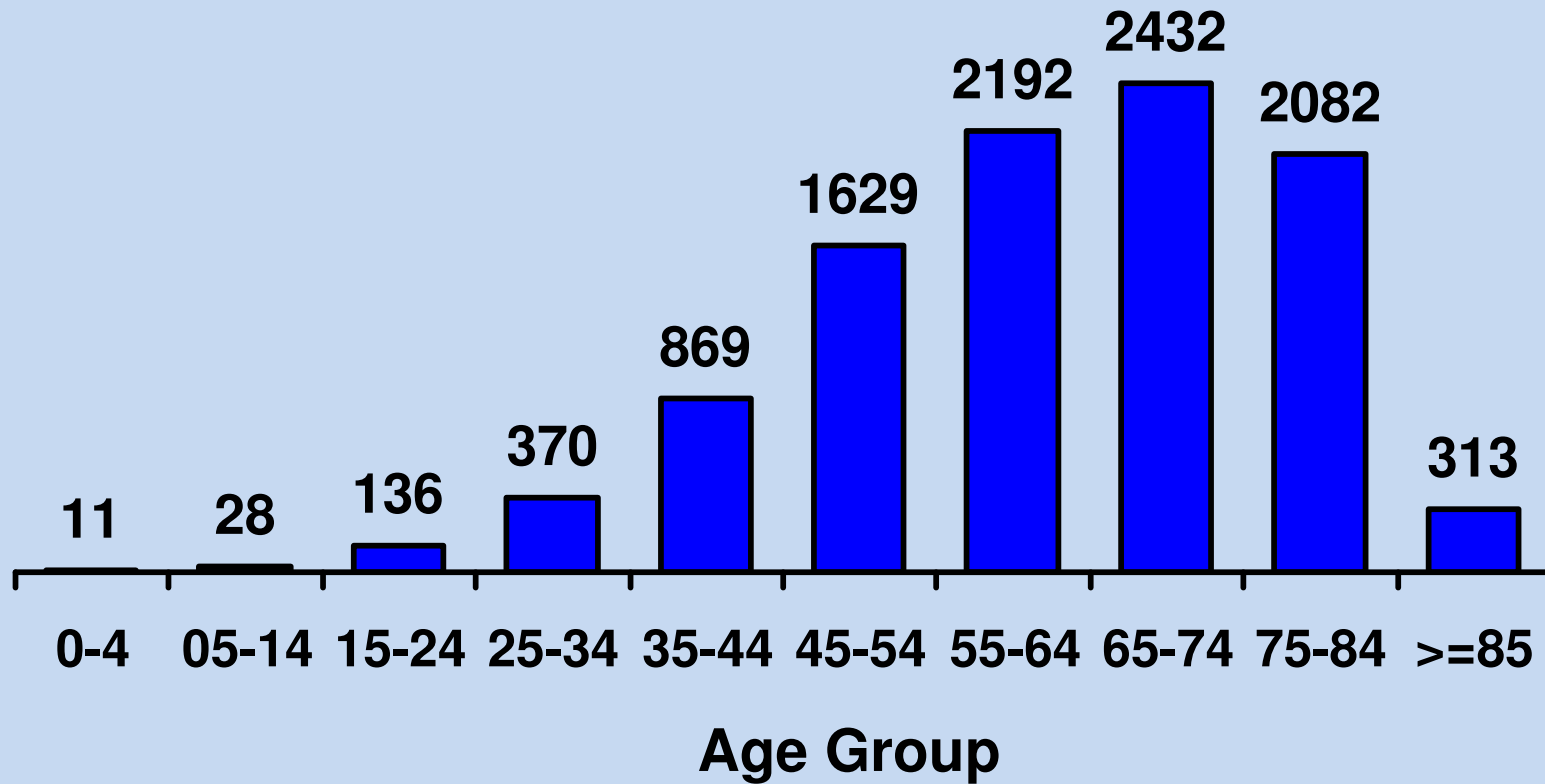


# Prevalent Dialysis Patients (Australia)

31-Dec-2008

## Number of Patients

(Total = 10,062)





## Outcomes in CKD4/5

- Australian data from AusDiab
  - Some selection bias
  - Only current national population-based data
  - Prevalence of CKD
    - For 65-74 y.o., 24% stage3, 0.8% CKD 4/5
    - For 75+ y.o. 38% CKD3, 2.5% CKD4/5

65-74 = 8 000 / 1 000 000 CKD 4/5

75 + = 25 000 / 1 000 000 CKD 4/5

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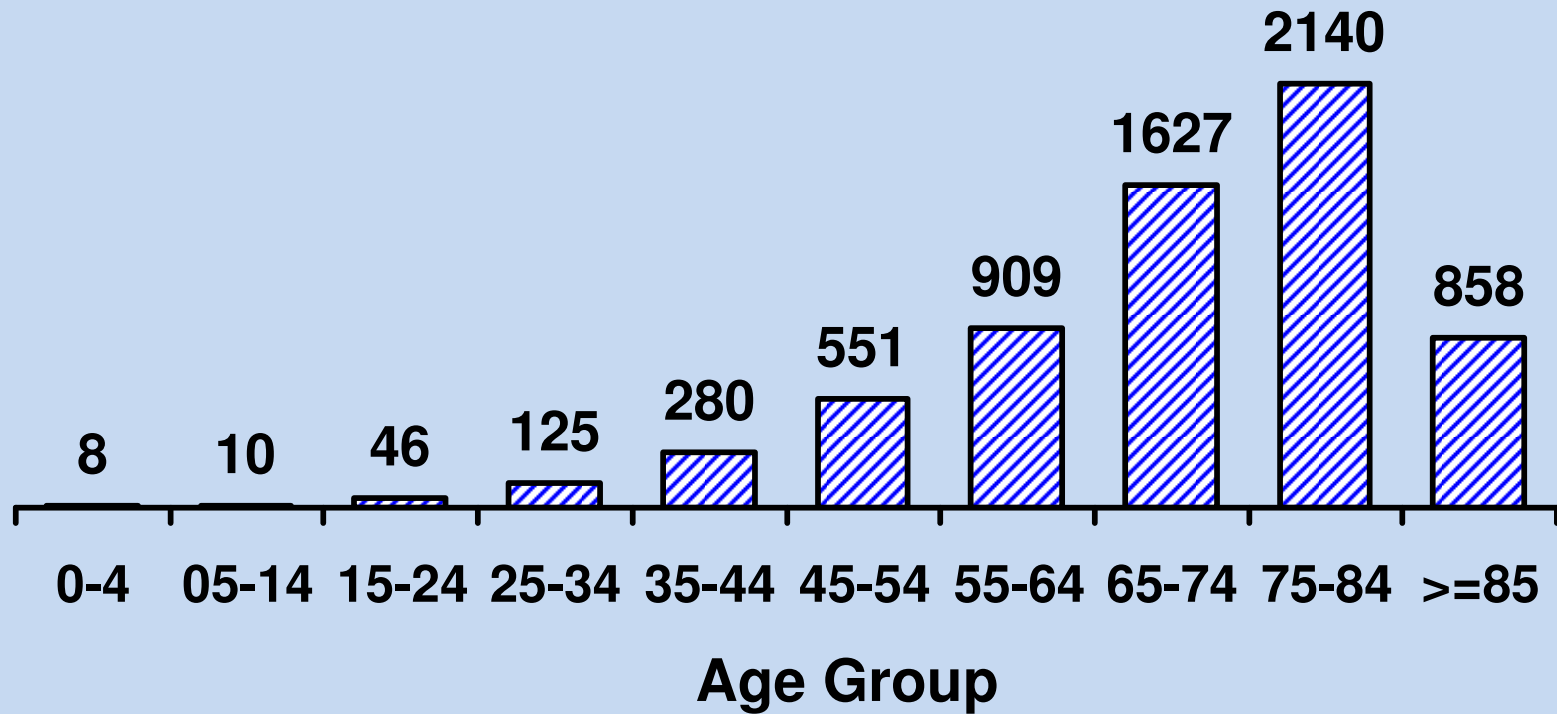


# Prevalent Dialysis Patients (Australia)

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Patients per Million

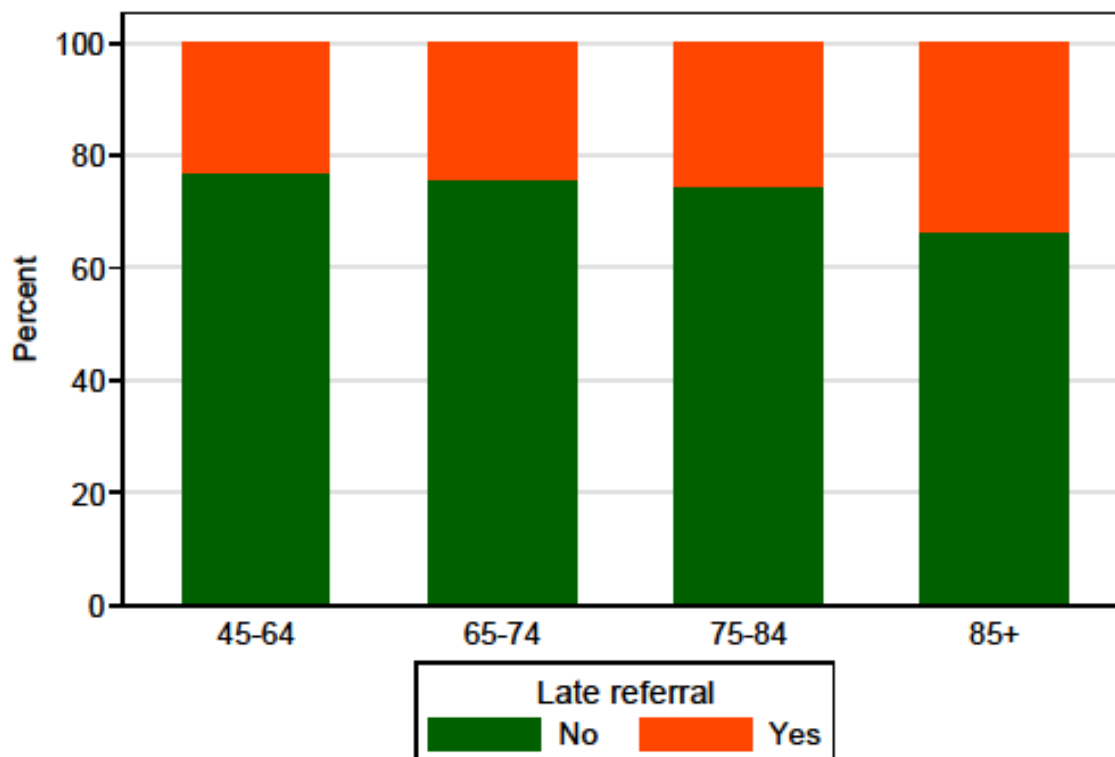
(Overall Rate 471)



- Only a small proportion of elderly people with Stage 4/5 will be dialysed.
- This is elderly group will (dialysed or not) require expertise we are discussing today



# Late referral

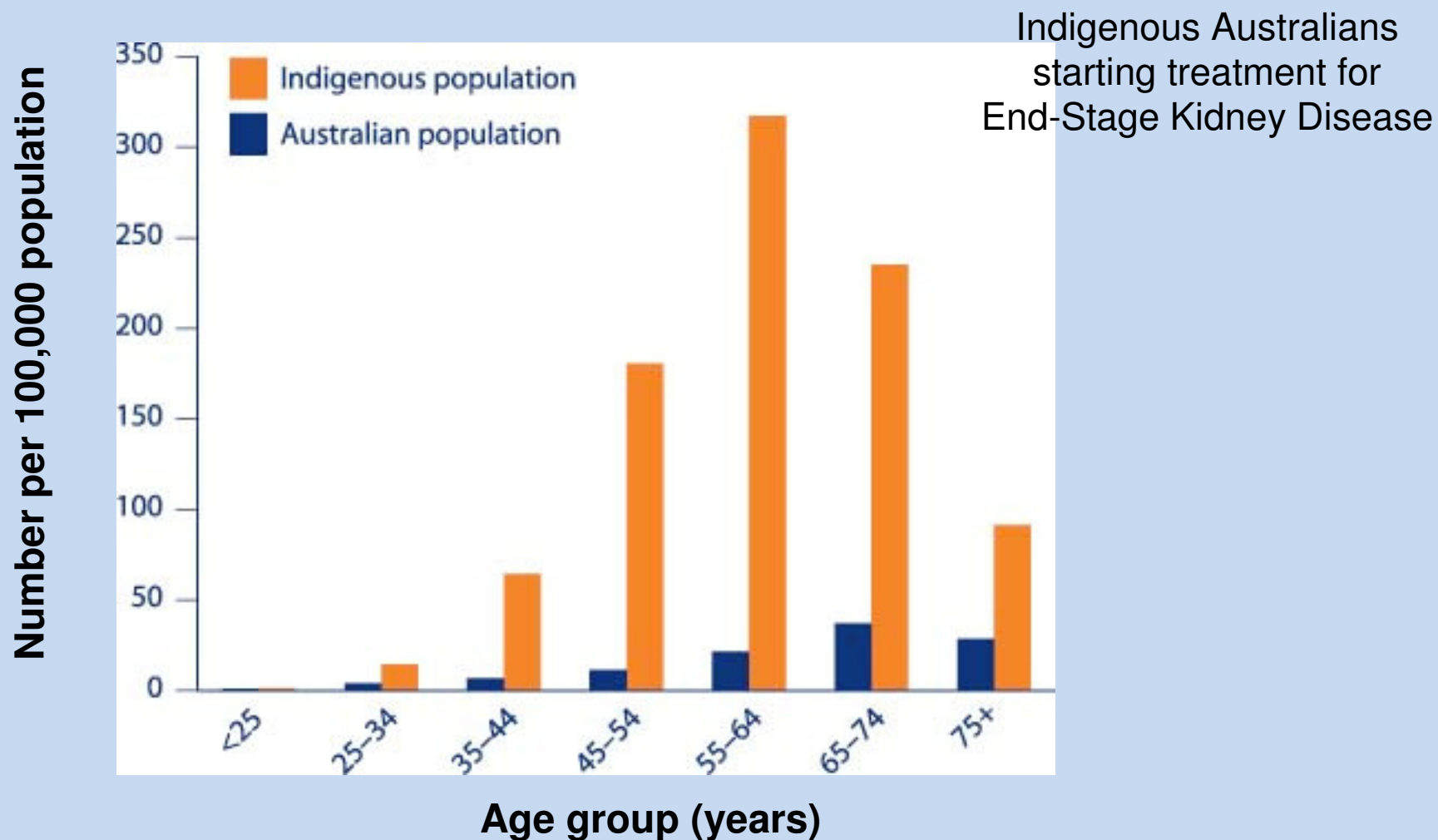


RRT starts, Australia, 2003-7

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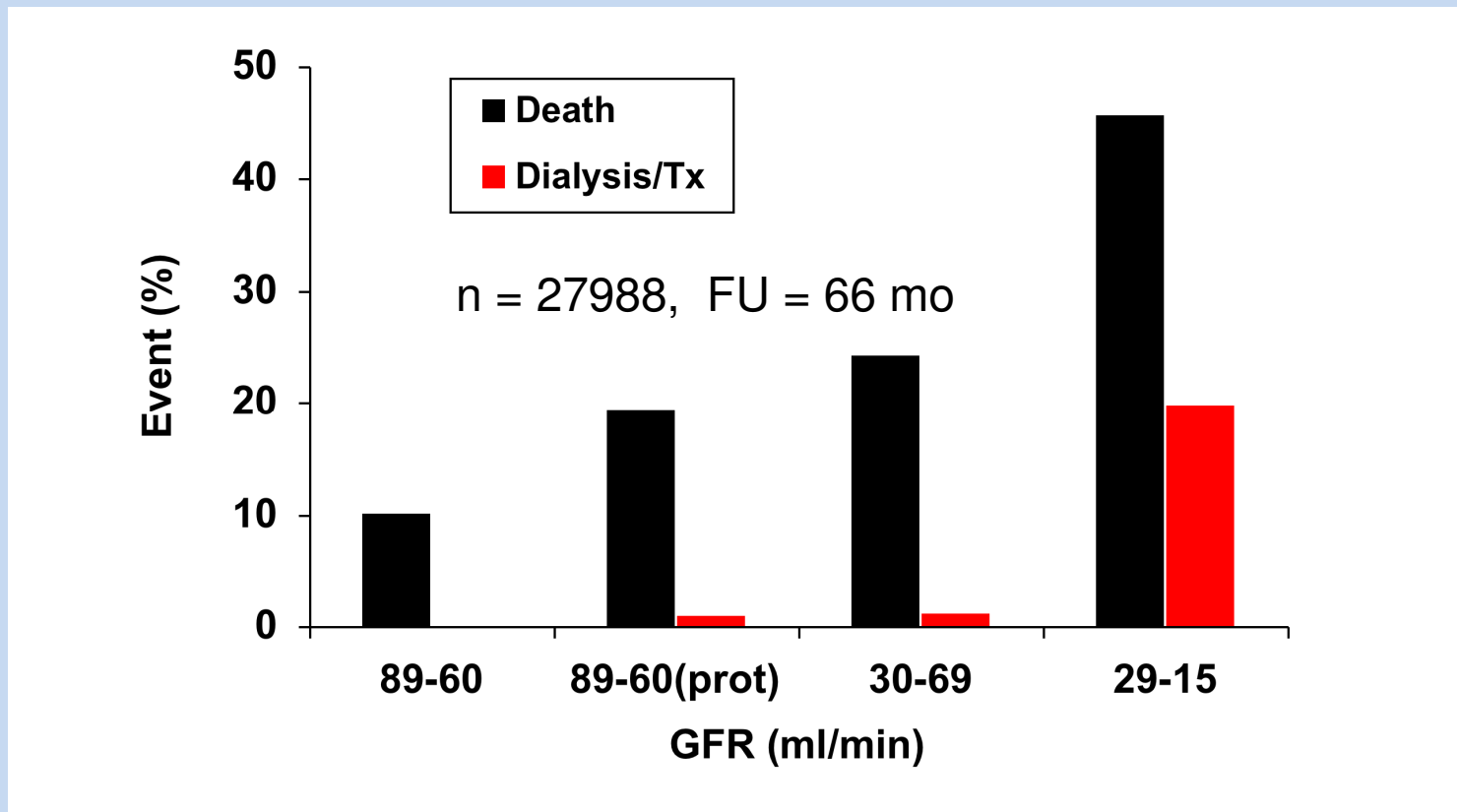
# Non-modifiable risk factor: Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage



Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, "Heart, stroke and vascular diseases, Australian facts 2004".

# Outcomes in patients with CKD

Kaiser Permanente Longitudinal Study



Patients with CKD are 20 times more likely to die from cardiovascular events than survive to reach dialysis

# Symptoms of Kidney failure

- Fatigue
- Nausea
- Itch
- Insomnia
- Dyspnoea
- Depression
- Anaemia
- ?
- Multiple
- Iron and EPO
- ?
- Antihistamines +  
creams

## Presentation of CKD



Barry White

# Clinical Presentation of CKD

CKD is generally asymptomatic.

- Patients do not normally present with symptoms of CKD, so annual checking of those at risk is essential
- People with CKD may not notice any symptoms until they reach end stage kidney disease requiring dialysis or transplant (eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73<sup>2</sup>)

Symptoms of end stage kidney disease include:

- Nocturia
- Malaise
- Anorexia/nausea/vomiting
- Pruritus
- Restless legs
- dyspnoea



# eGFR clinical action plan

eGFR mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup>	Description	Clinical Action Plan
<b>≥ 90</b>	Stage 1 CKD – kidney damage* with normal kidney function  OR	Further investigation for CKD may be indicated in those at increased risk**: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• blood pressure</li><li>• assessment of proteinuria</li><li>• urinalysis</li></ul>
<b>60 – 89</b>	Stage 2 CKD – kidney damage* with mild ↓ kidney function	Cardiovascular risk reduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• blood pressure</li><li>• lipids</li><li>• blood glucose</li><li>• lifestyle modification (smoking, weight, physical activity, nutrition, alcohol)</li></ul>

\* imaging or biopsy abnormalities, or proteinuria/haematuria

\*\* hypertension, diabetes, smoker, age > 50 yrs, obesity, family history of kidney disease, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

## eGFR clinical action plan...continued

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<b>15-29</b>	Stage 4 CKD – severe ↓ kidney function	As above + referral to nephrologist is usually indicated for physical and psychosocial preparation for renal replacement therapy (dialysis, pre-emptive transplantation, transplantation) or conservative medical management
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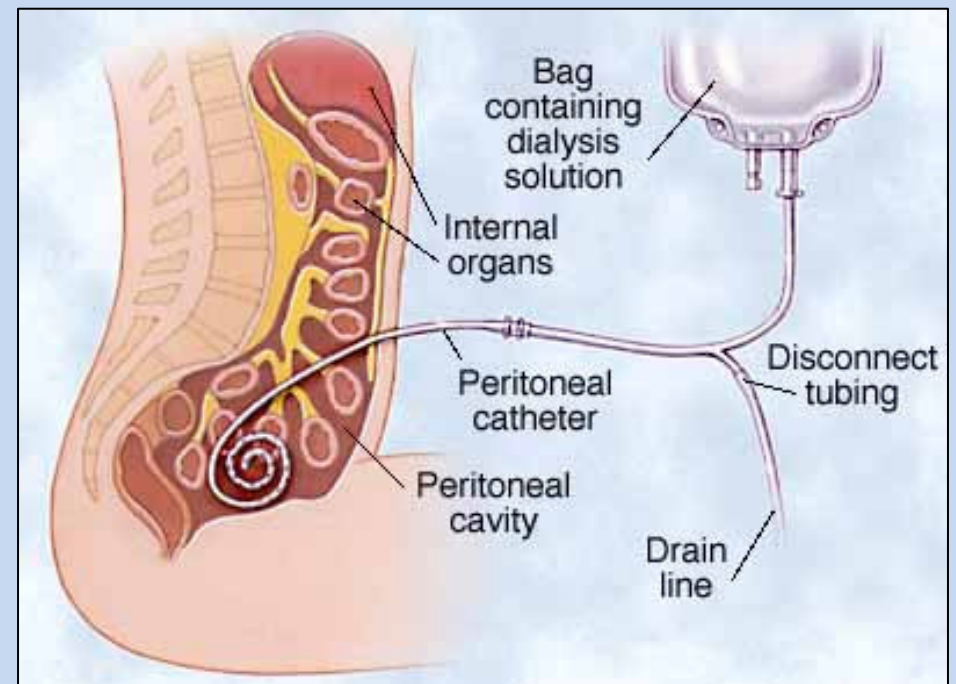
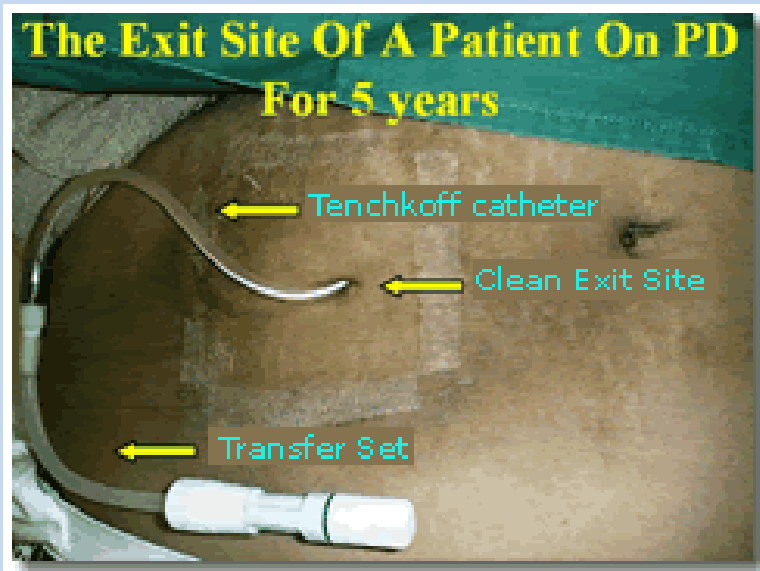
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## Peritoneal Dialysis

- Tube placed in patient's abdomen
- Fluid exchanged 4 times/day or overnight to clean blood
- Waste removed through thin layer of tissue lining the abdomen

# Peritoneal Dialysis



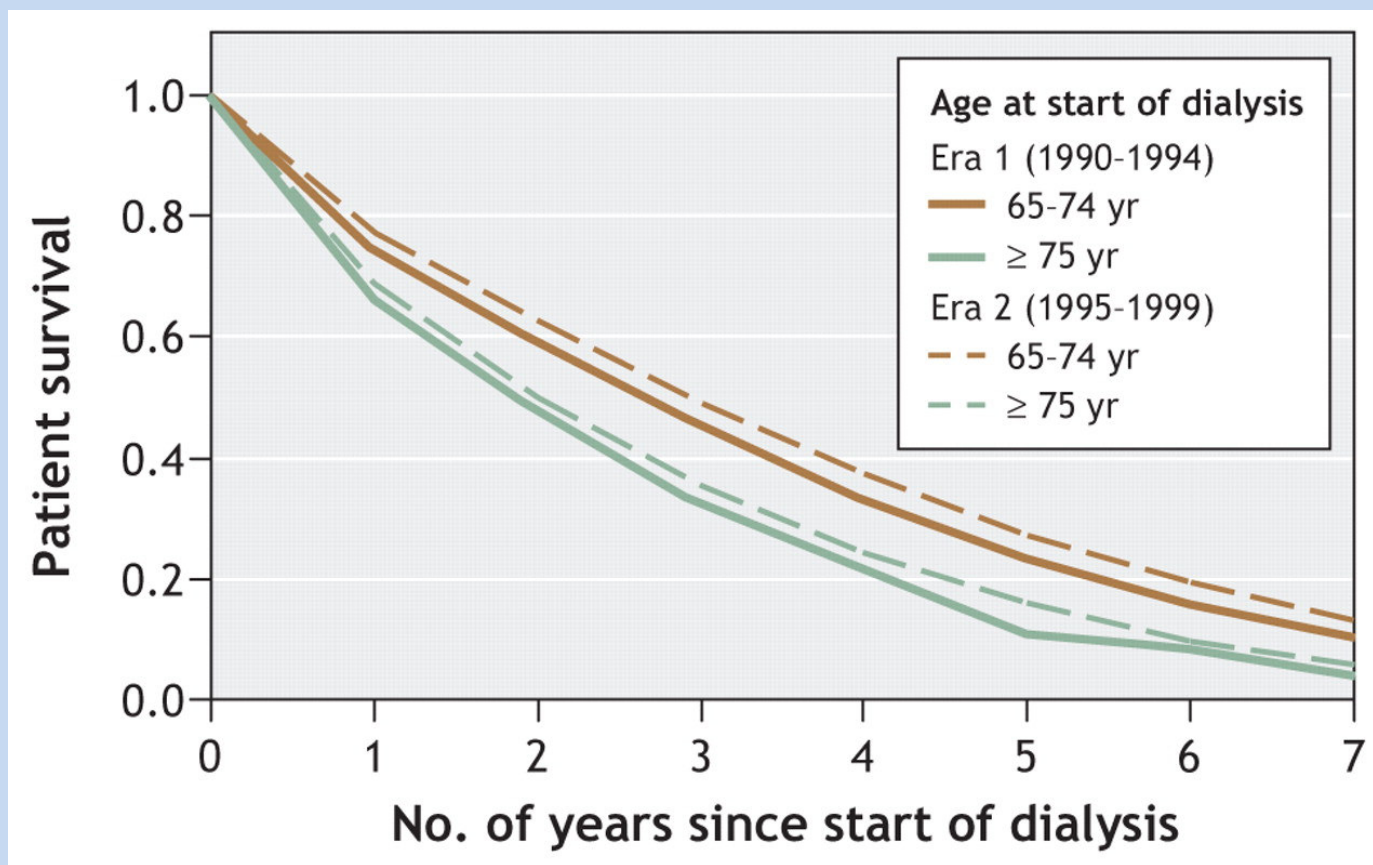
# Haemodialysis

- Blood cleaned 3 times per week
- 5 hours/session
- Home or hospital
- Lifelong or until transplantation
- Requires a 'fistula' in the arm



# Outcomes of the Elderly on Dialysis therapy

**Figure 1: Survival curves for patients aged 65-74 years and those aged 75 or more who began dialysis during 1990-1994 (era 1, solid lines) and 1995-1999 (era 2, dotted lines)**

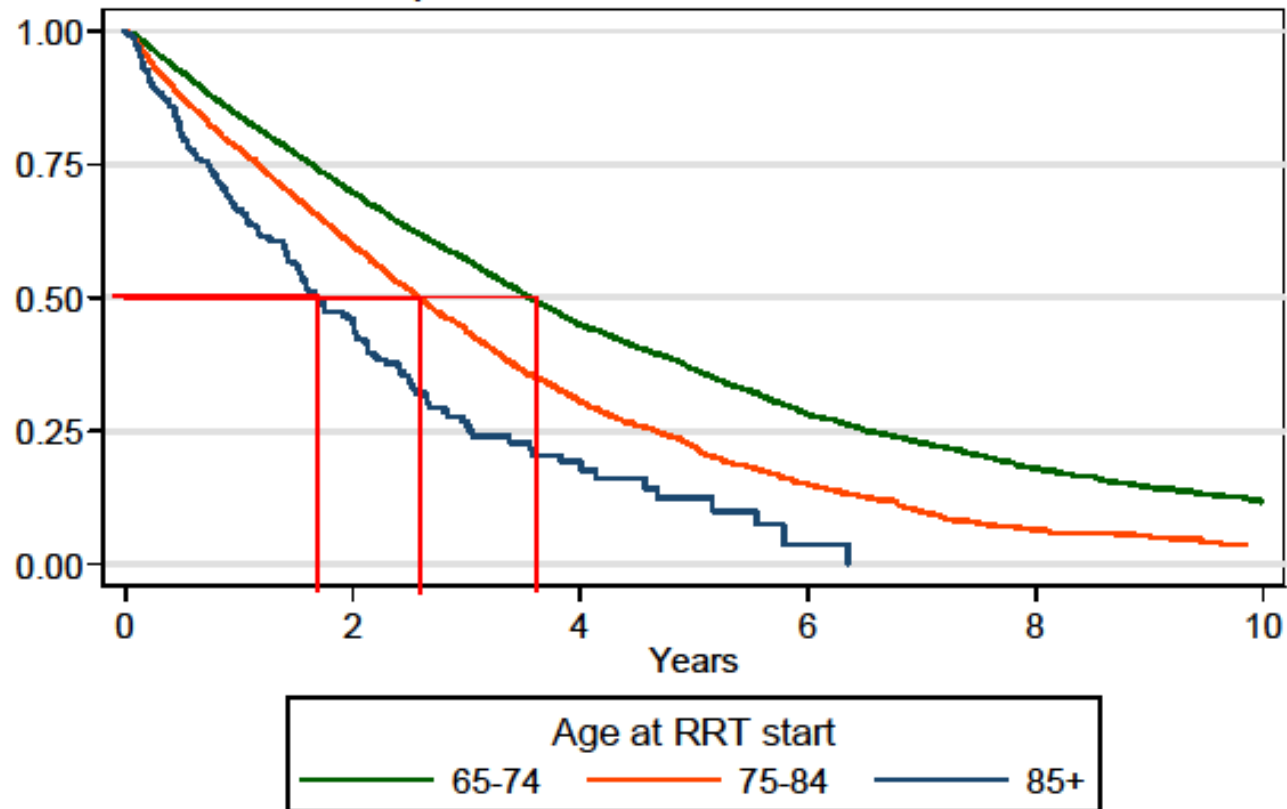


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# Survival on dialysis

Kaplan-Meier survival estimates



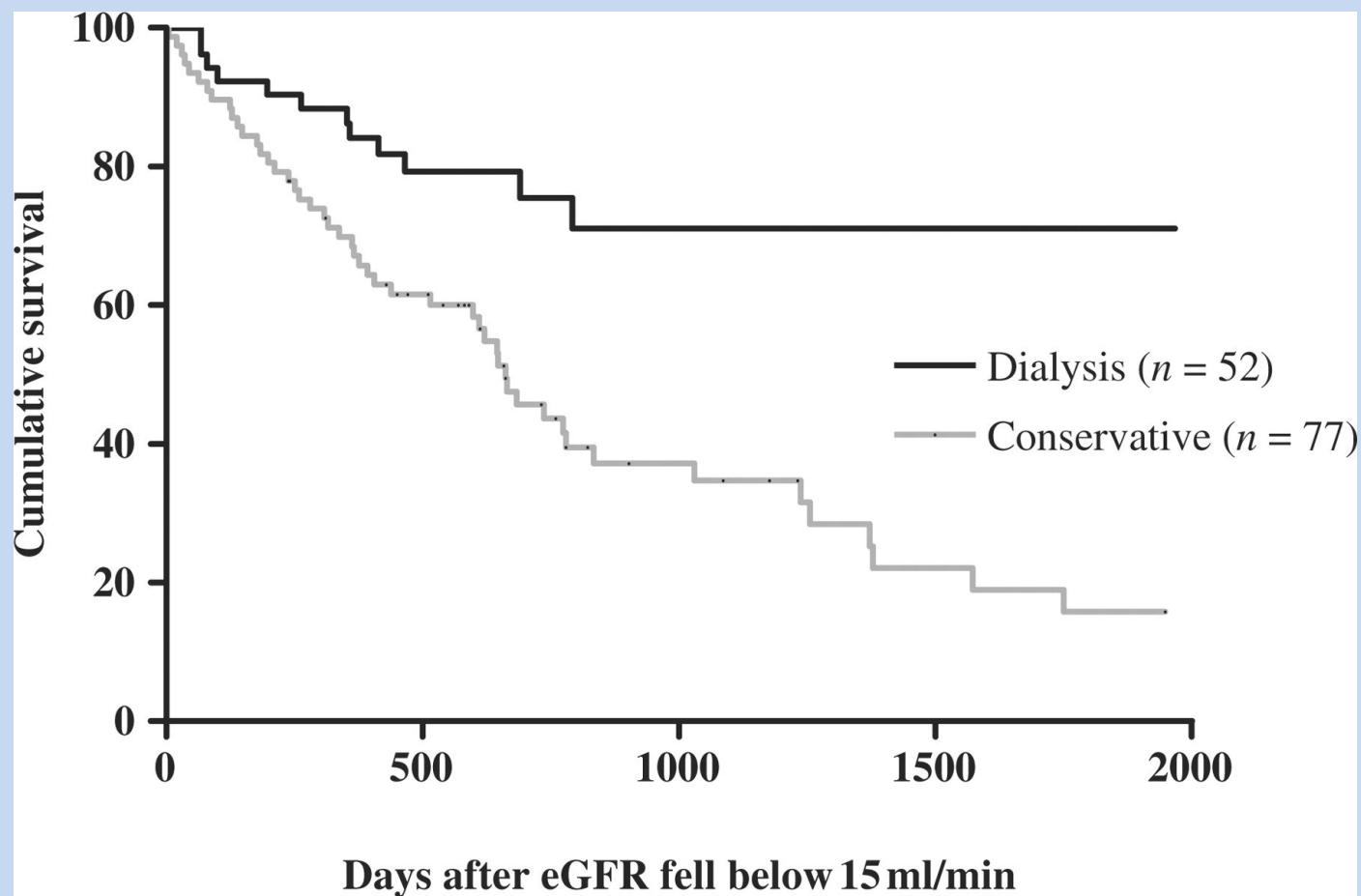
Survival, all new RRT 1995-2007, Australia only

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Does dialysis treatment prolong survival in the elderly ?

**Kaplan-Meier survival curves comparing the dialysis and conservative groups (log rank statistic = 13.63, P < 0.001) - age >75 yrs**



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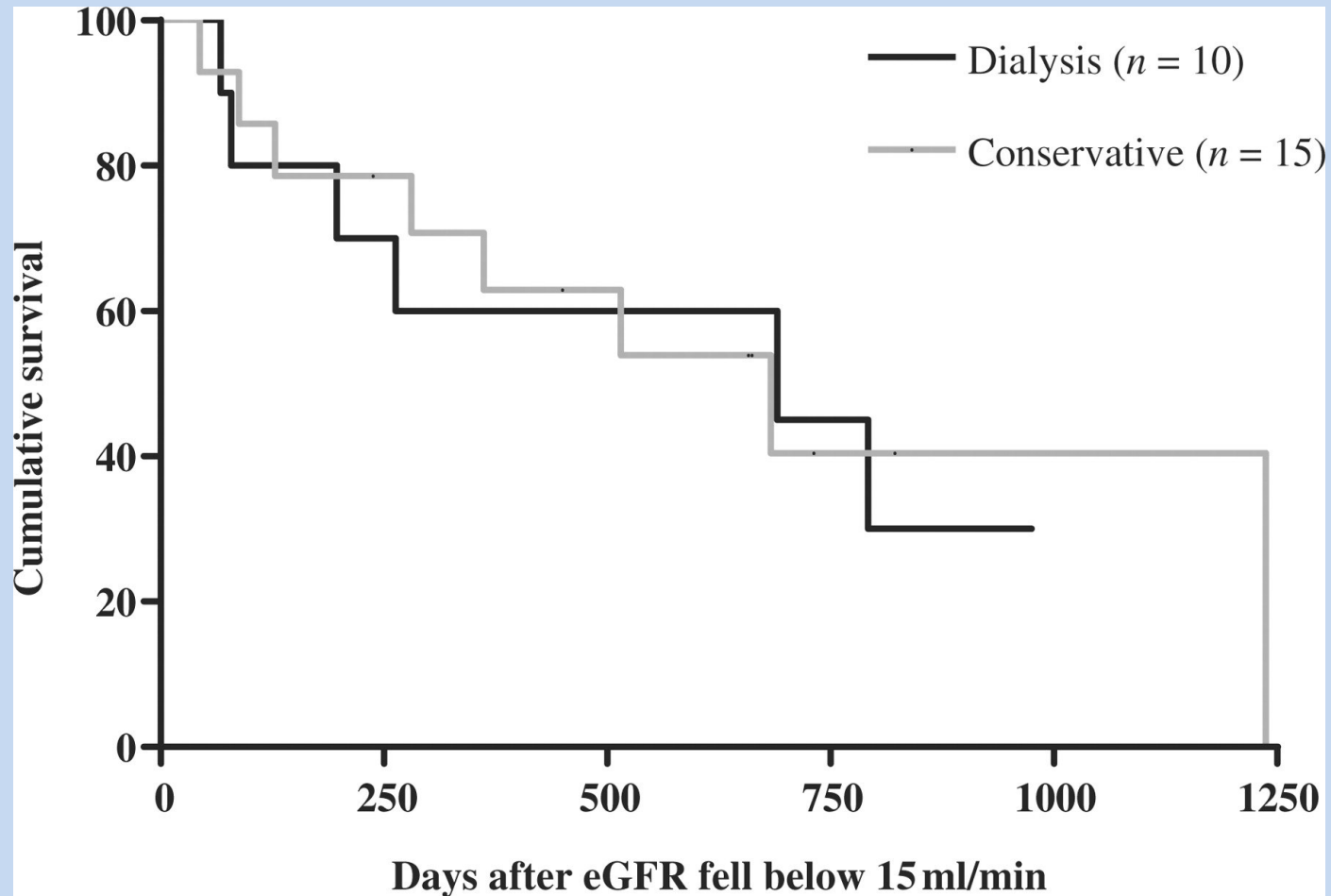
## Effect of comorbidities

Factor	Time ratio	
Diabetes	0.90 [0.85-0.95]	
Coronary artery disease	0.78 [0.74-0.83]	
Cerebrovascular disease	0.83 [0.78 to 0.88]	
Peripheral vasc disease	0.78 [0.73 to 0.82]	
Chronic lung disease	0.79 [0.74 to 0.84]	
Age 75-84	0.69 [0.66 to 0.73]	
Age 85+	0.48 [0.41 to 0.56]	
Male gender	1.15 [1.10 to 1.21]	

*Time ratios from multivariate analysis (assuming exponential distribution).  
Ratios are MULTIPLICATIVE.*

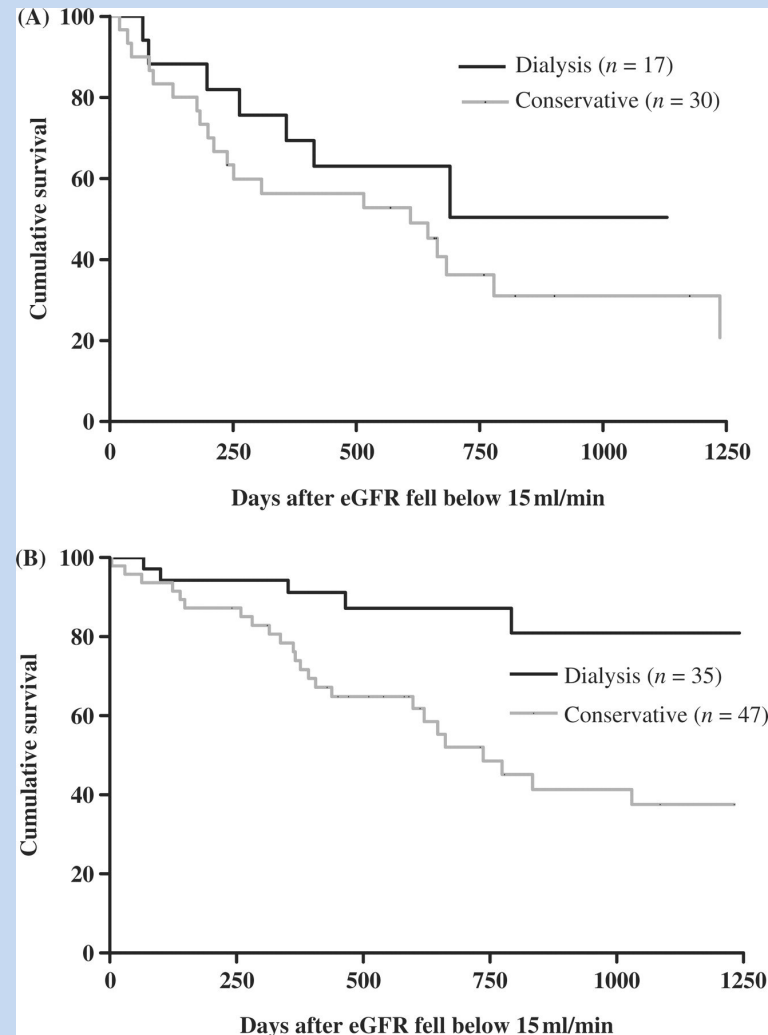
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**Kaplan-Meier survival curves for those with high comorbidity (score = 2), comparing dialysis and conservative groups (log rank statistic <0.001, df 1, P = 0.98) age > 75 yrs**



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**(A) Kaplan-Meier survival curves for those with ischaemic heart disease, comparing the dialysis and conservative groups (log rank statistic 1.46, df 1, P = 0.27) age > 75 yrs**



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- Good luck and thank you for attending today

*Thank you*