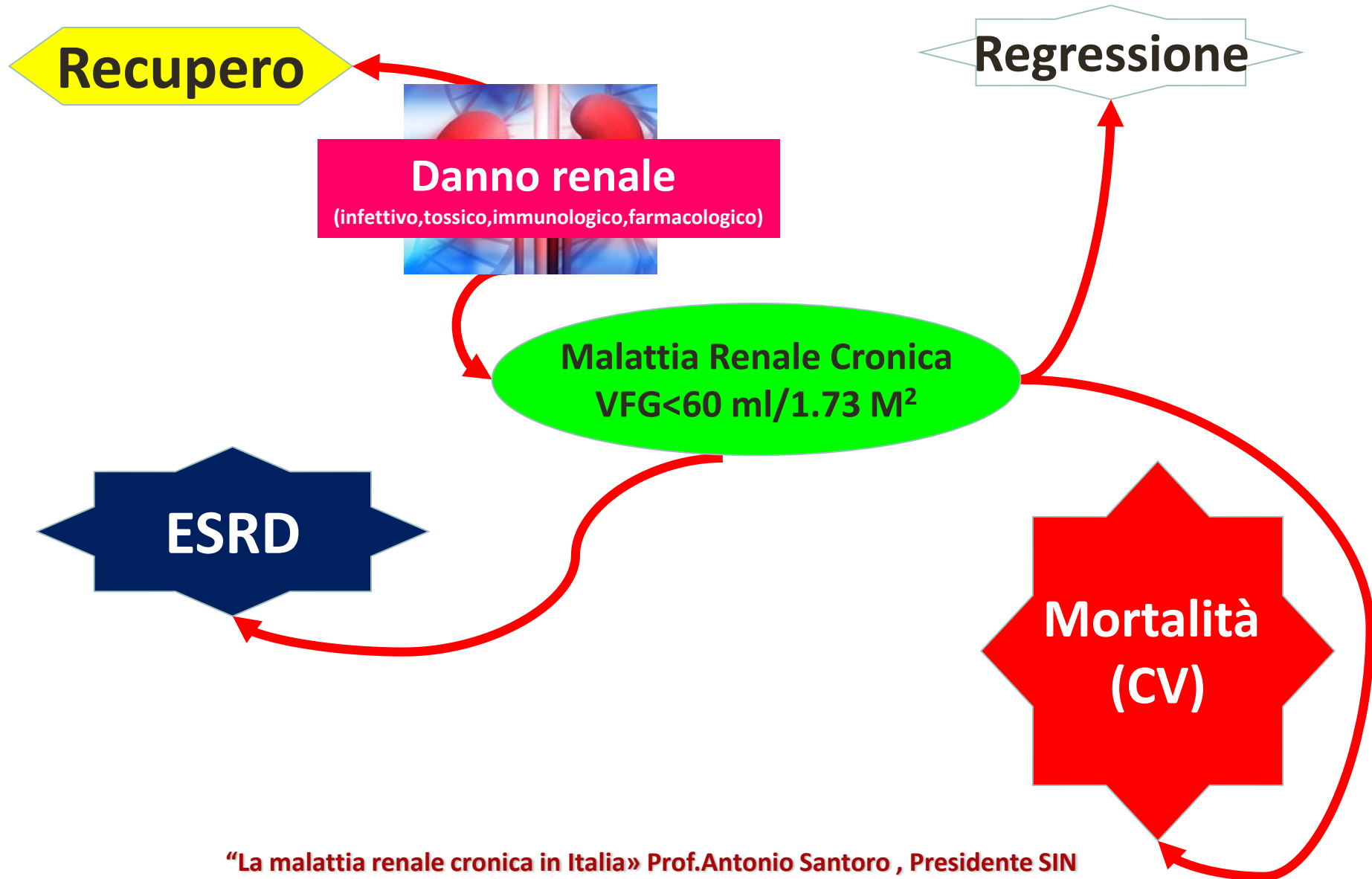




*Fenomenologia nazionale dell'uremia  
terminale  
il peso delle comorbidità*

*Antonio Santoro, MD, FERA*

*Past President della Società Italiana di Nefrologia*

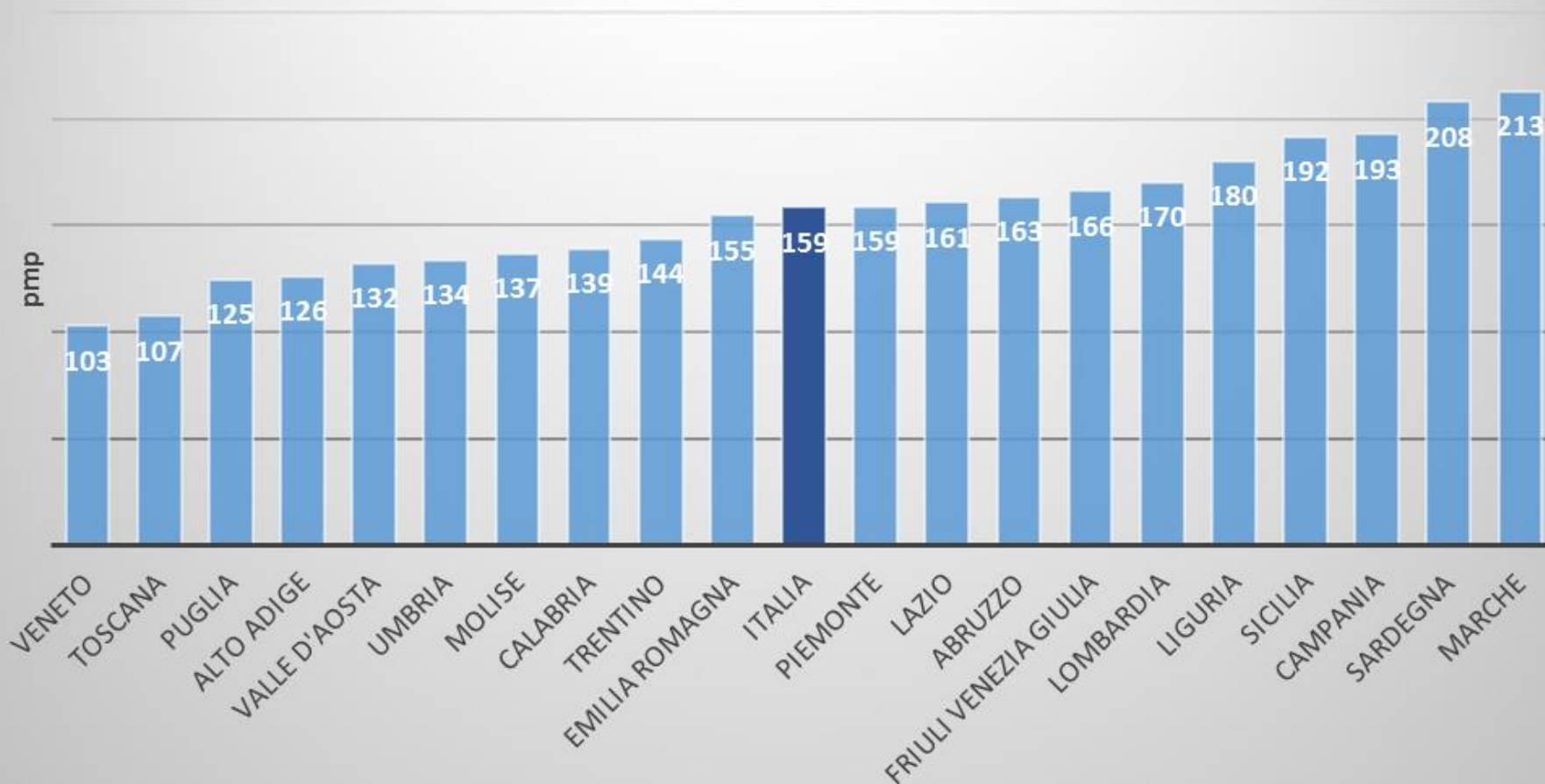


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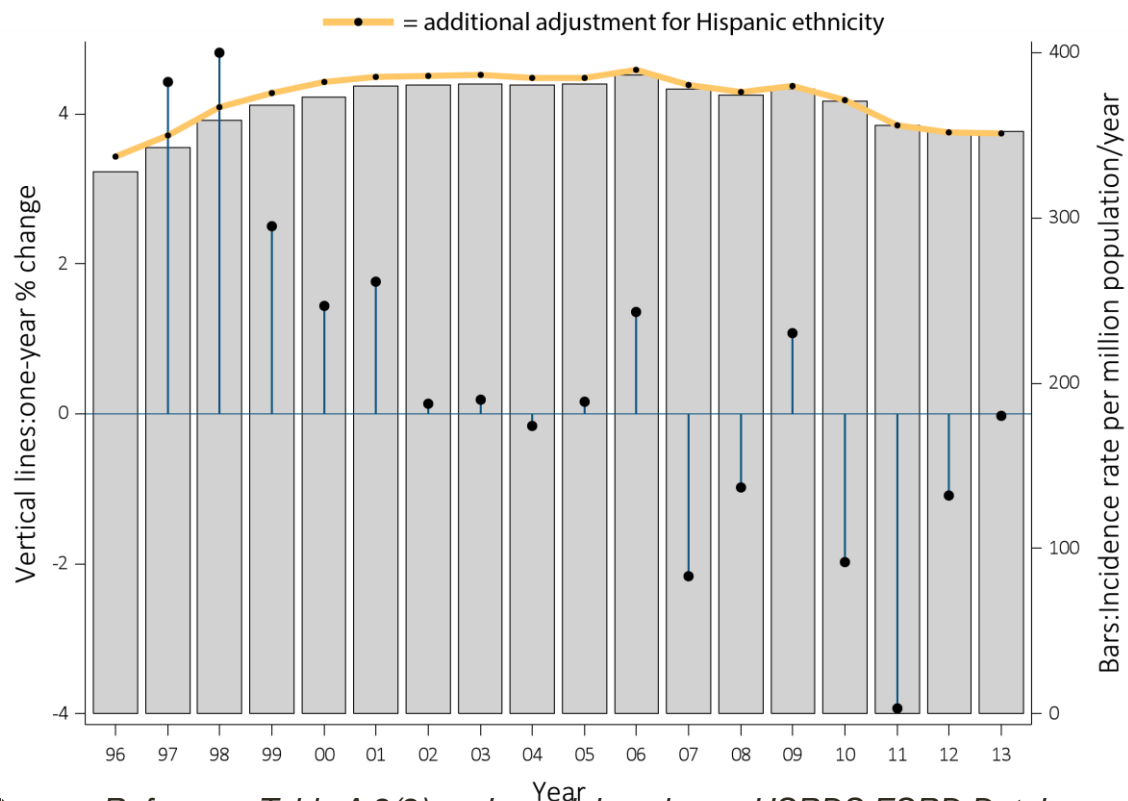


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# Incidenza



**Trends in the adjusted\* incidence rate (per million/year) of ESRD (bars; scale on right), and annual change (%) in the adjusted\* incidence rate of ESRD in the U.S. population, 1996-2013**



Data Source: Reference Table A.2(2) and special analyses, USRDS ESRD Database.

\*Adjusted for age, sex, and race.

The standard population was the U.S. population in 2011. Abbreviation: ESRD, end-stage renal disease.

# Prevalenza dializzati in Italia



circa 45.000 pazienti in Italia

Spesa per i pazienti in dialisi : oltre 2 miliardi di euro

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2006

2007

2008

2009

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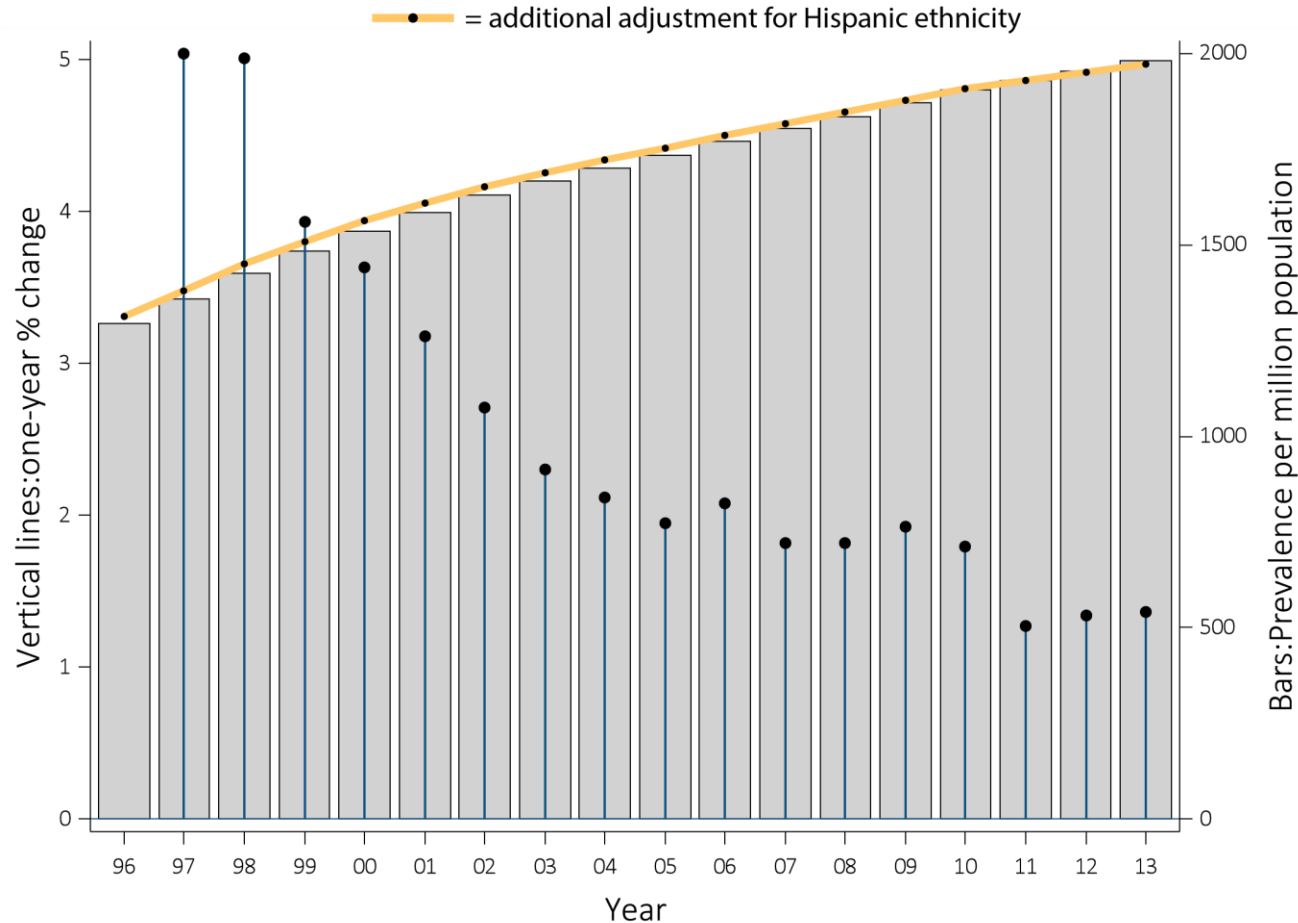
2011

2012

2013

2014

# Trends in the adjusted\* ESRD prevalence (per million) (bars; scale on left), and annual change (%) in adjusted\* prevalence of ESRD (lines; scale on right), in the U.S. population, 1996-2013



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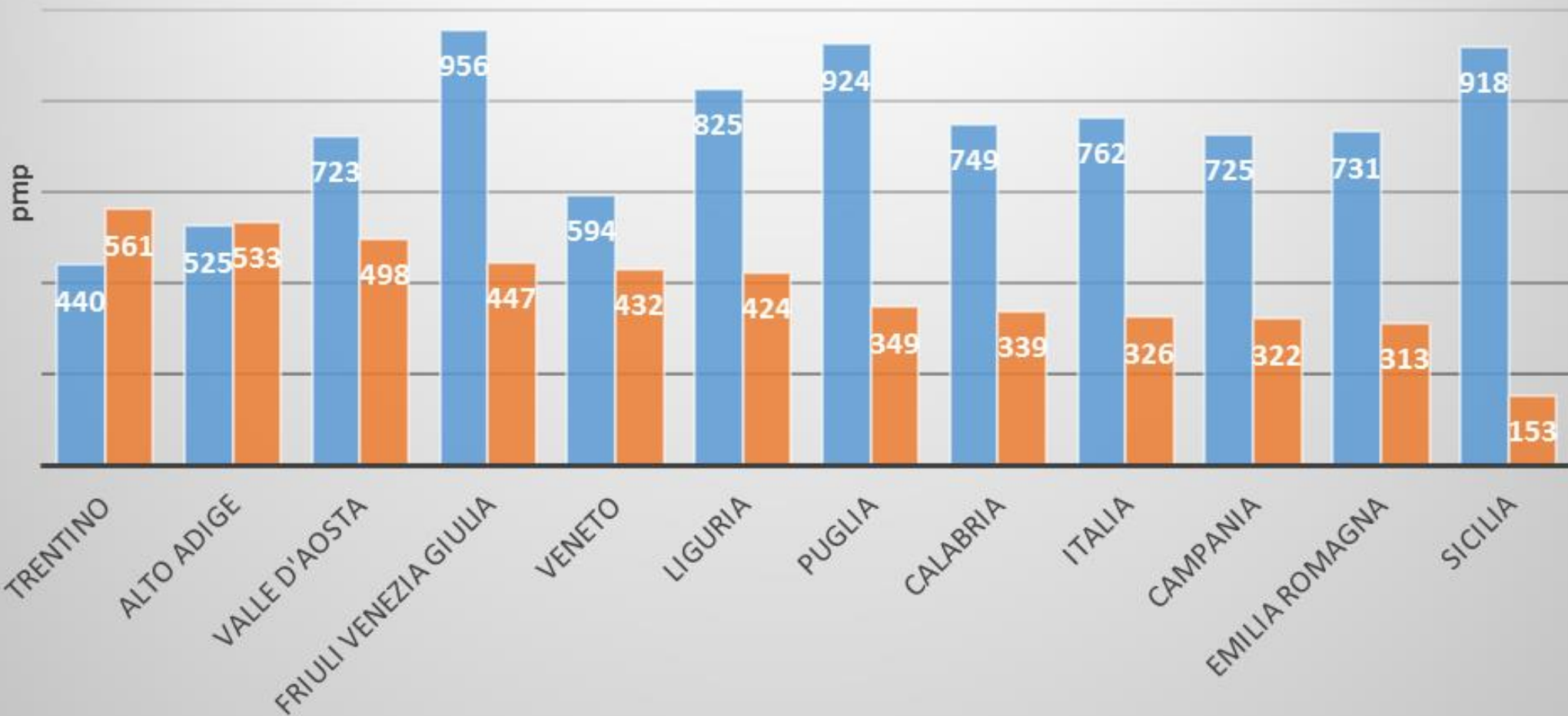
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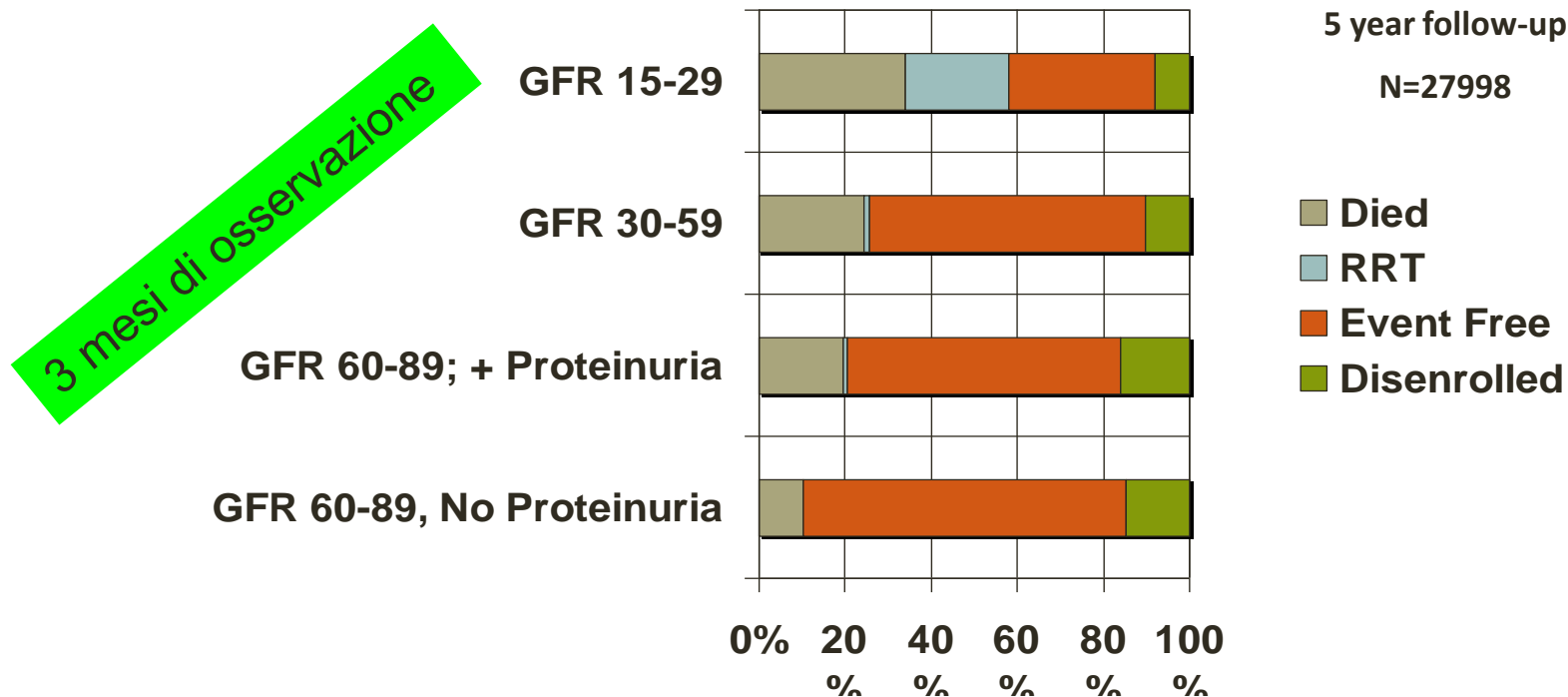
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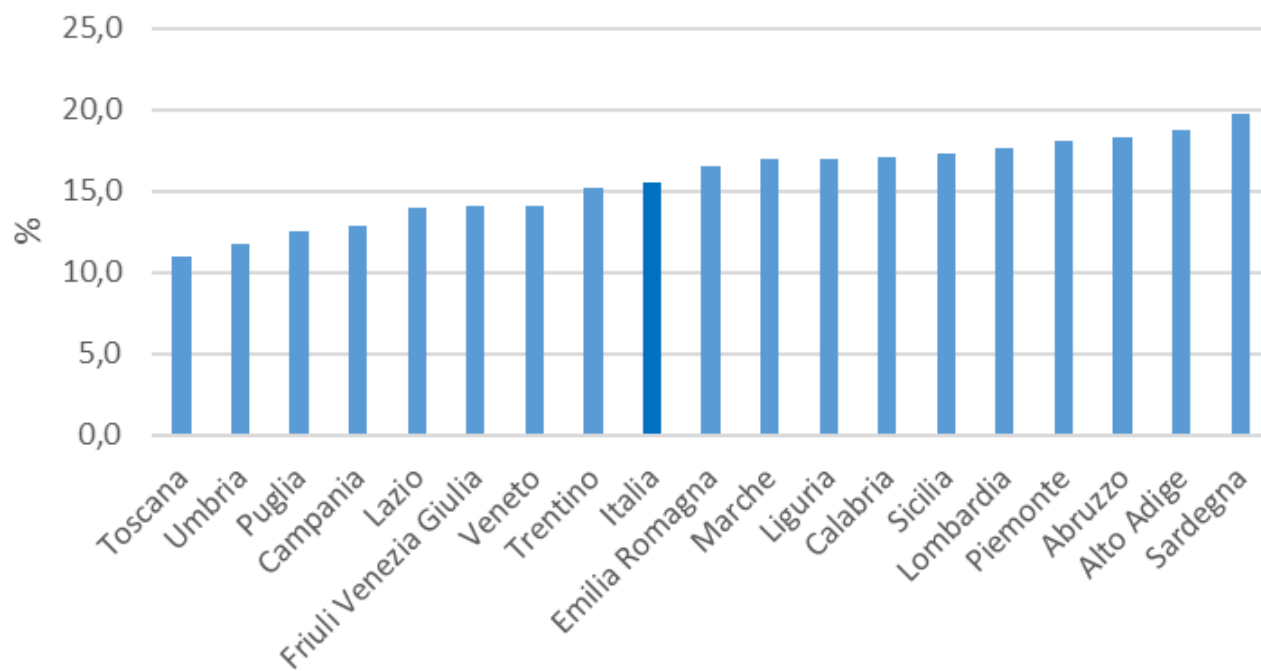


# CKD Patients Are More Likely to Die than to Progress to ESRD

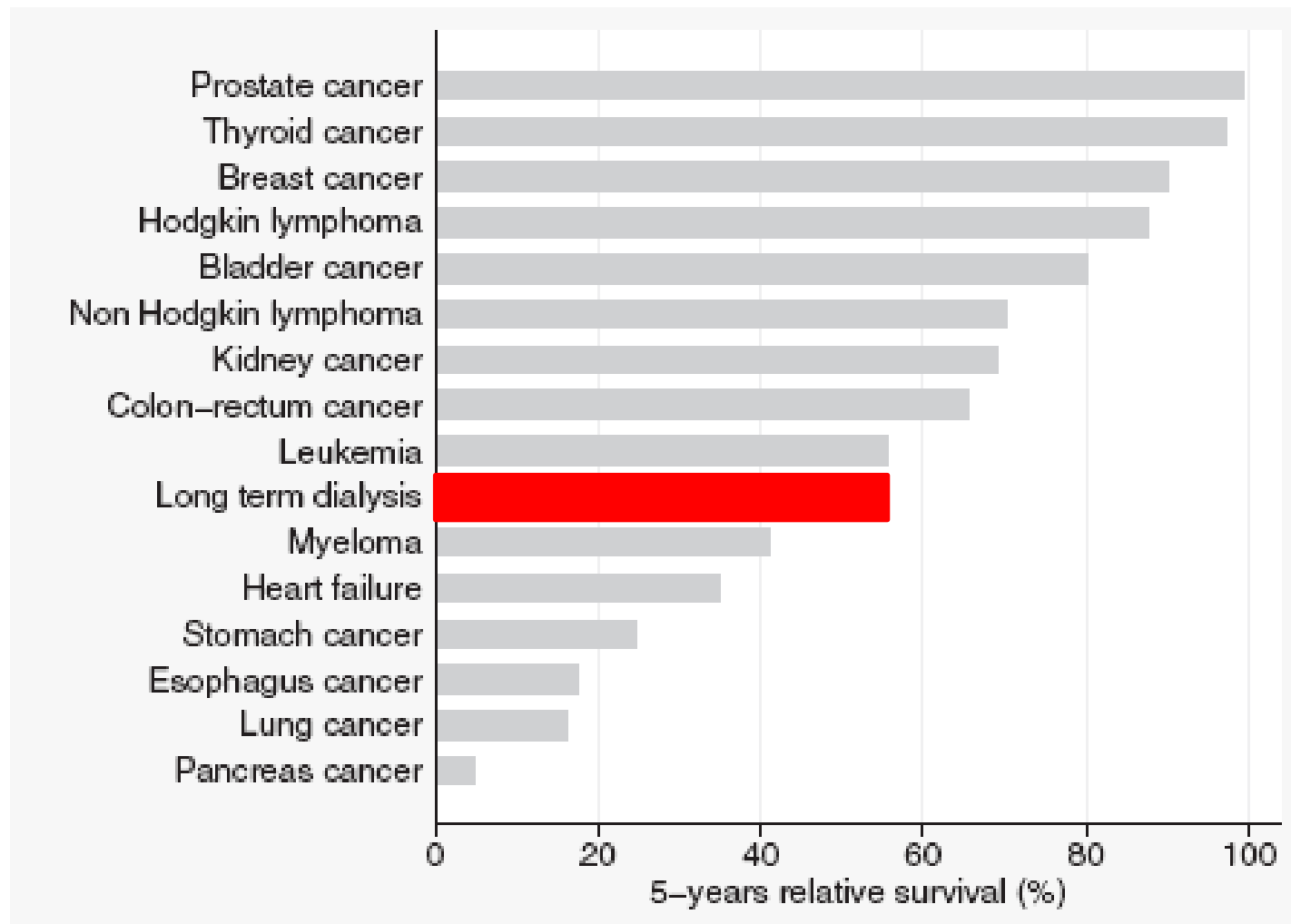
In 1996 Keith et al. identified 27 998 patients in their health plan who had estimated glomerular filtration rates of less than 90 mL/min per 1.73 m(2) on 2 separate measurements at least 90 days apart. They followed up patients from the index date of the first GFR of less than 90 mL/min per 1.73 m(2) until renal replacement therapy, death, disenrollment from the health plan, or June 30, 2001.



### Mortalità in dialisi (HD+PD)



# Comparison of 5-year relative survival



# Comparison between General Mortality and Dialysis Mortality

| Country        | Death rates per 100 patient years |                              |                                      |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                | General population<br>age 55-69 y | HD population<br>age 55-69 y | Ratio of HD to general<br>population |
| Australia      | 0.83                              | 16.1                         | 19.4                                 |
| Belgium        | 1.10                              | 21.3                         | 19.4                                 |
| Canada         | 0.97                              | 16.1                         | 16.6                                 |
| France         | 1.01                              | 13.7                         | 13.6                                 |
| Germany        | 1.13                              | 15.6                         | 13.8                                 |
| Italy          | 0.97                              | 11.4                         | 11.8                                 |
| Japan          | 0.82                              | 5.2                          | 6.3                                  |
| New Zealand    | 1.02                              | 16.2                         | 15.9                                 |
| Spain          | 0.98                              | 15.7                         | 16.0                                 |
| Sweden         | 0.85                              | 18.7                         | 22.0                                 |
| United Kingdom | 1.16                              | 16.5                         | 14.2                                 |
| United States  | 1.22                              | 19.0                         | 15.6                                 |

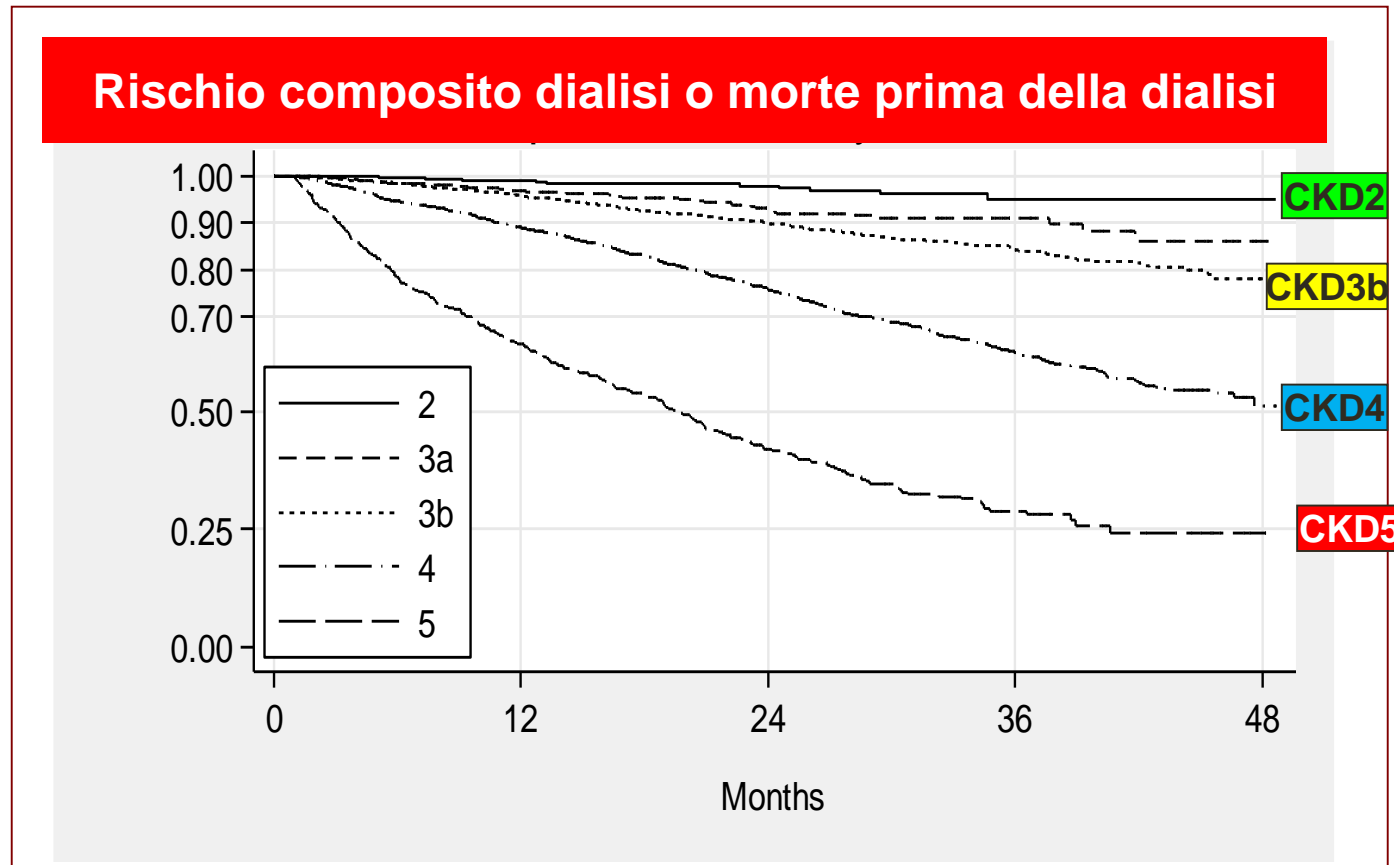
Ref: Dor et al, Int J Health Care Finance Econ. 2007

**Excess mortality attributable to chronic kidney disease. Results from the PIRP project.**

Gibertoni D<sup>1</sup>, Mandreoli M<sup>2</sup>, Rucci P<sup>3</sup>, Fantini MP<sup>3</sup>, Rigotti A<sup>4</sup>, Scarpioni R<sup>5</sup>, Santoro A<sup>6</sup>.

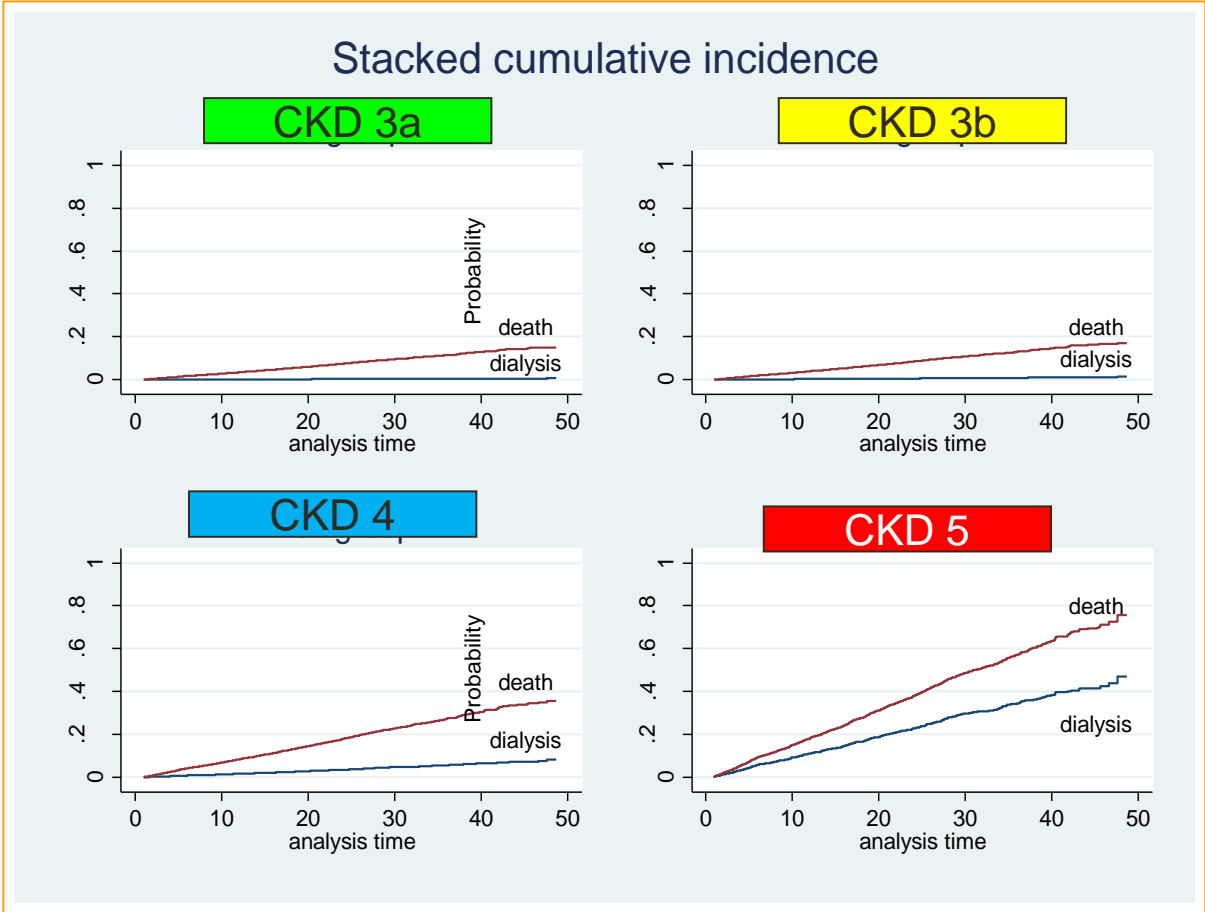
*Relative survival was the ratio of survival observed in CKD patients to the expected survival of the general population. Multivariate parametric survival analysis was used to identify factors predicting excess mortality. **The relative survival of CKD patients at 9 years was 0.708.** Survival was significantly lower in CKD patients with cardiovascular comorbidities, proteinuria, diabetes, anemia and high phosphate levels and in advanced CKD stages, males, older patients and those who underwent dialysis.*

# Curve di Kaplan – Meier negli stadi CKD



22.000 patients , PIRP Project Emilia-Romagna

# Analisi comparativa dei due competing risk



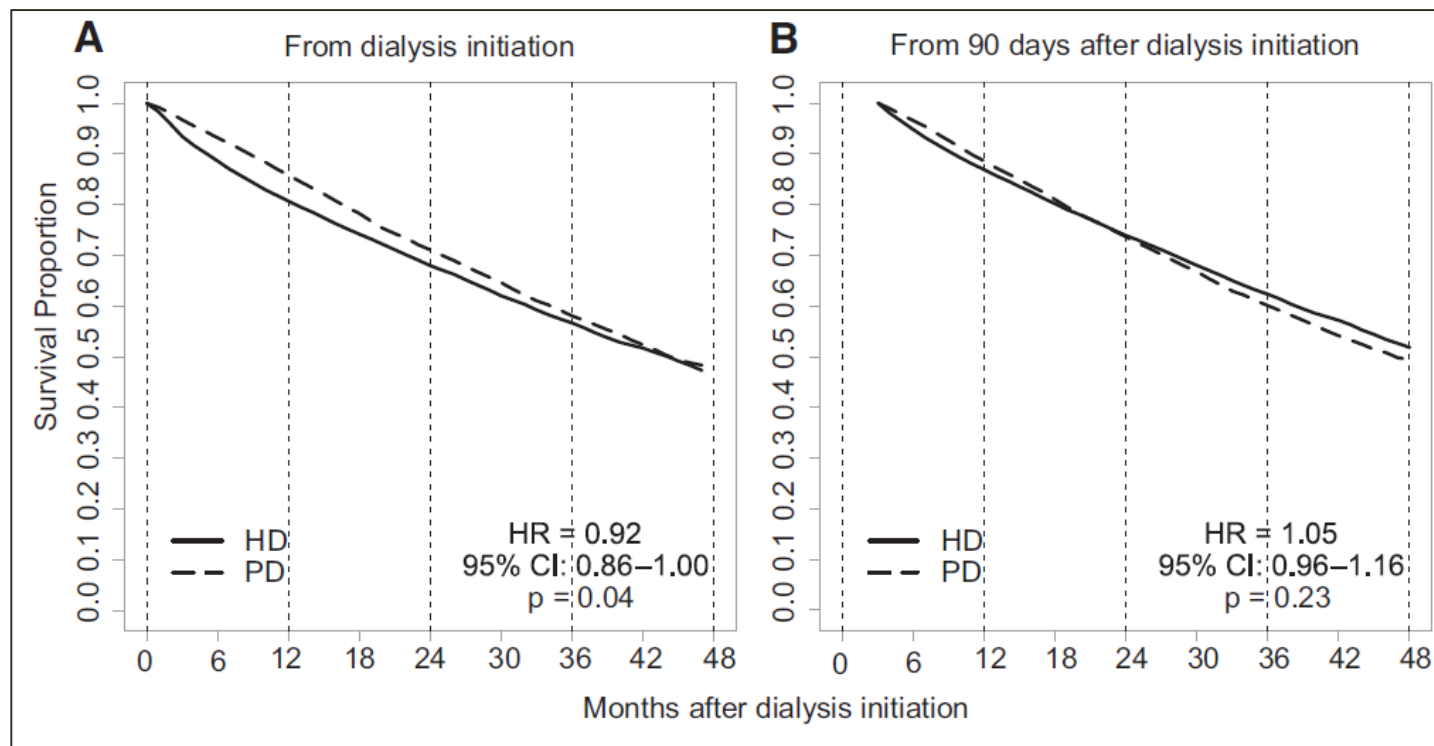
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# Propensity-Matched Mortality Comparison of Incident Hemodialysis and Peritoneal Dialysis Patients

Eric D. Weinhandl,\* Robert N. Foley,\*† David T. Gilbertson,\* Thomas J. Arneson,\*  
Jon J. Snyder,\* and Allan J. Collins\*†

*J Am Soc Nephrol* 21: 499–506, 2010. †

**6337 patient pairs** who initiated dialysis in 2003 in the US

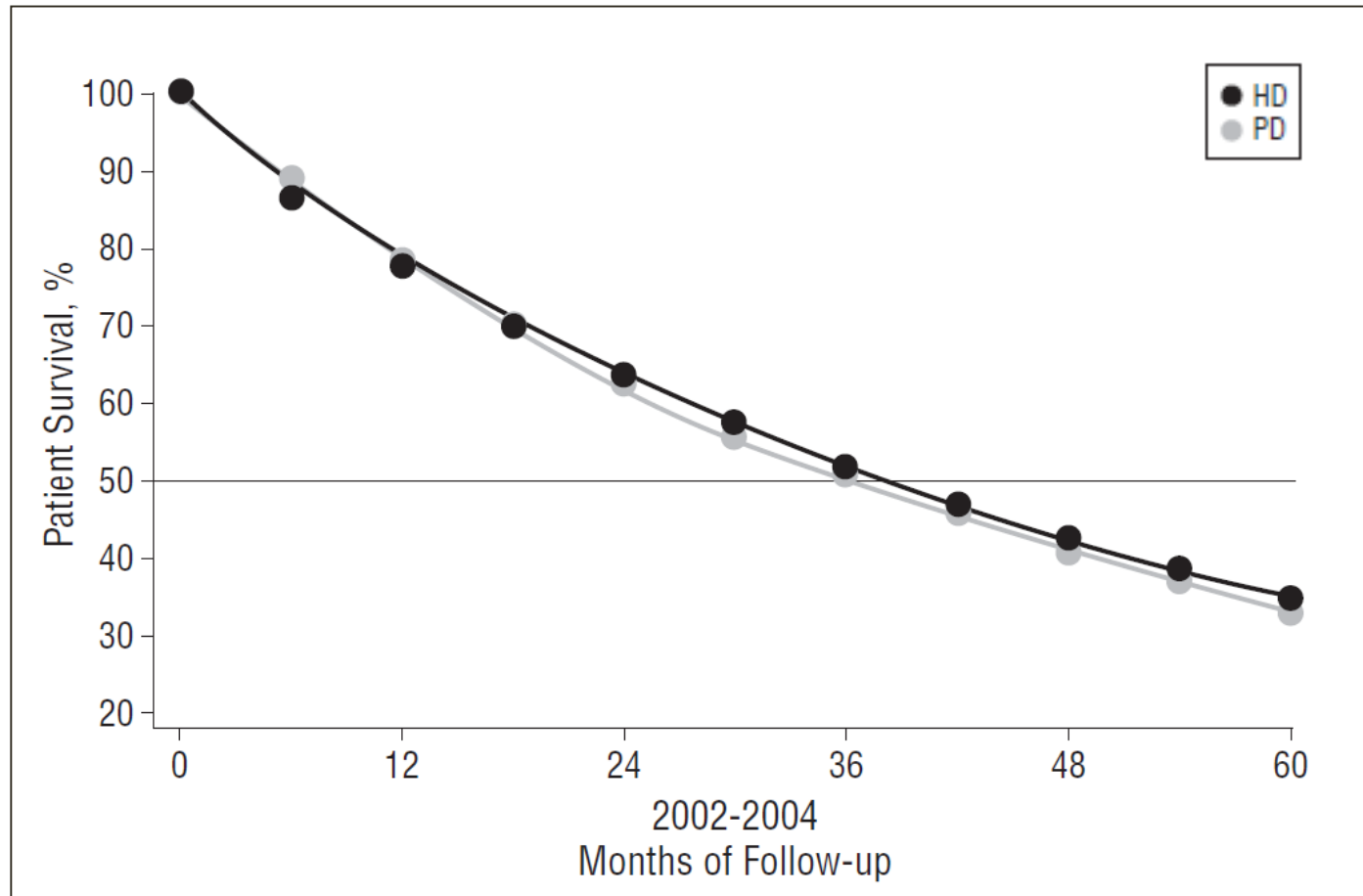


**Figure 1.** Intention-to-treat in the matched cohort showed lower death risk in PD when follow up began at initiation of dialysis. Risks were similar when follow-up began at day 90. HD, hemodialysis; PD, peritoneal dialysis.

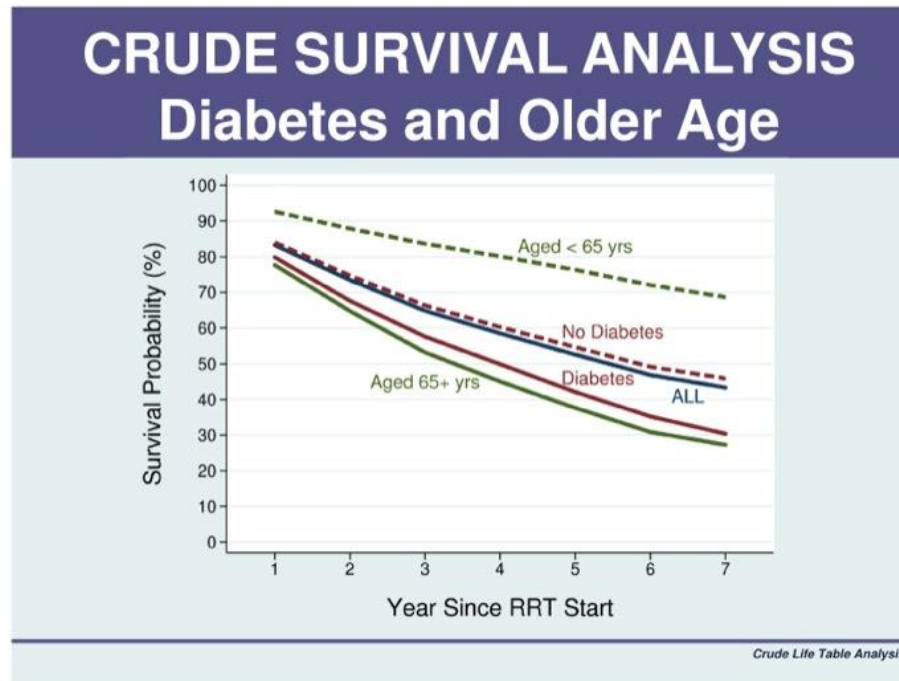


# Similar Outcomes With Hemodialysis and Peritoneal Dialysis in Patients With End-Stage Renal Disease

Rajnish Mehrotra, MD; Yi-Wen Chiu, MD; Kamyar Kalantar-Zadeh, MD; Joanne Bargman, MD; Edward Vonesh, PhD  
*Arch Intern Med.* 2011;171(2):110-118.



# Mortality on chronic dialysis in Italy



Italian Dialysis & Transplant Registry

# Survival of elderly patients with stage 5 CKD: comparison of conservative management and renal replacement therapy

*Chandna SM, et al. Nephrol Dial Transplant 2011;26:1608-1614*

## *Conservative management programme*

Patients opting for conservative management were offered ongoing support by the multidisciplinary team in liaison with community, primary care and hospice services. Full medical treatment was continued, which included the use of erythropoietin as appropriate to treat or prevent anaemia.

**Table 1.** Demographic and clinical details of patients treated by dialysis and conservative kidney management

|  | Conservative     | Dialysis         | P-value |
|--|------------------|------------------|---------|
| Number   | <u>155 (18%)</u> | <u>689 (82%)</u> |         |
| <u>Age at stage 5 (years)</u>                    | 77.5 ± 7.6       | 58.5 ± 15.0      | <0.001  |
| % >75 years                                      | 68.4             | 11.2             | <0.001  |
| % Male   | 59.4             | 66.6             | NS      |
| % Non-white                                      | 14.2             | 15.7             | NS      |
| % Diabetes                                       | 35.5             | 34.3             | NS      |
| % <u>High comorbidity</u>                        | 49.7             | 17.3             | <0.001  |
| eGFR at stage 5<br>(mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ) | 13.2 ± 1.4       | 13.2 ± 1.4       | NS      |

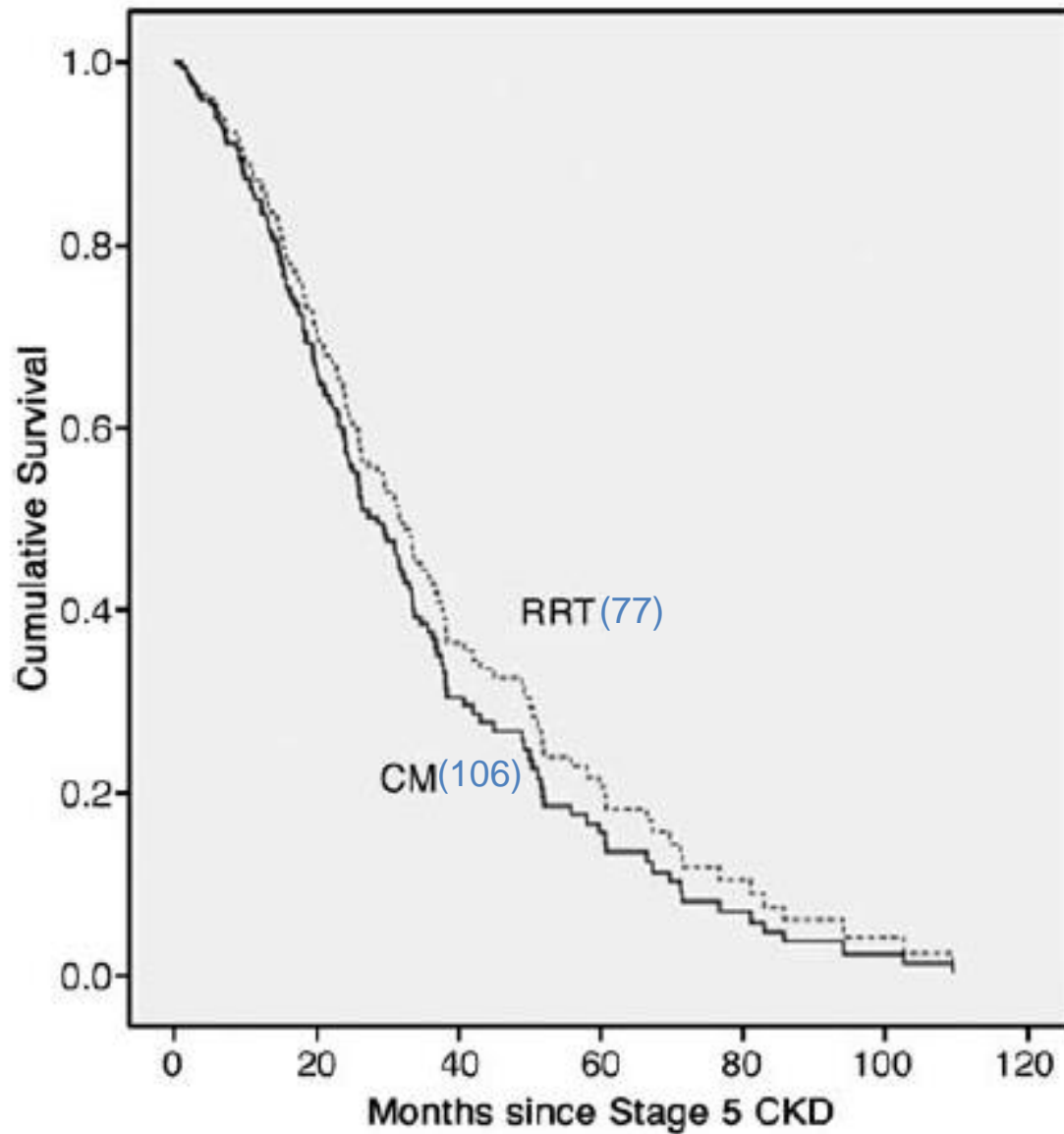


Fig. 3. Cox proportional model survival curve of patients aged >75 years—CM vs RRT—adjusted for age, gender, ethnicity, the presence of diabetes and the presence of high comorbidity. Median survival in RRT patients is better by <4 months, which is not statistically significant ( $P = 0.43$ ).

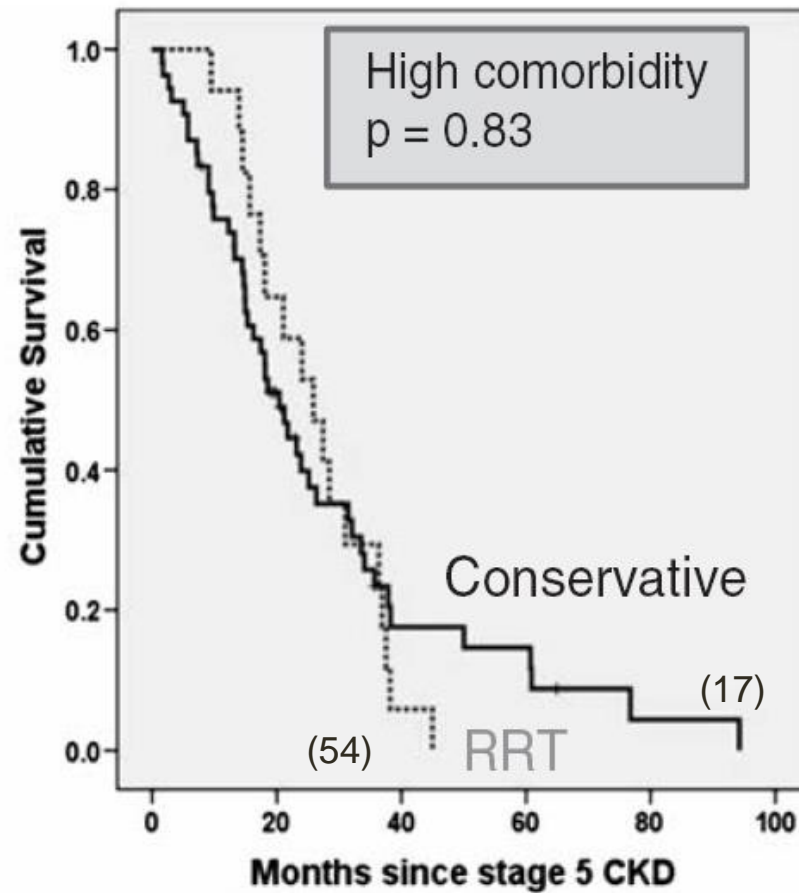
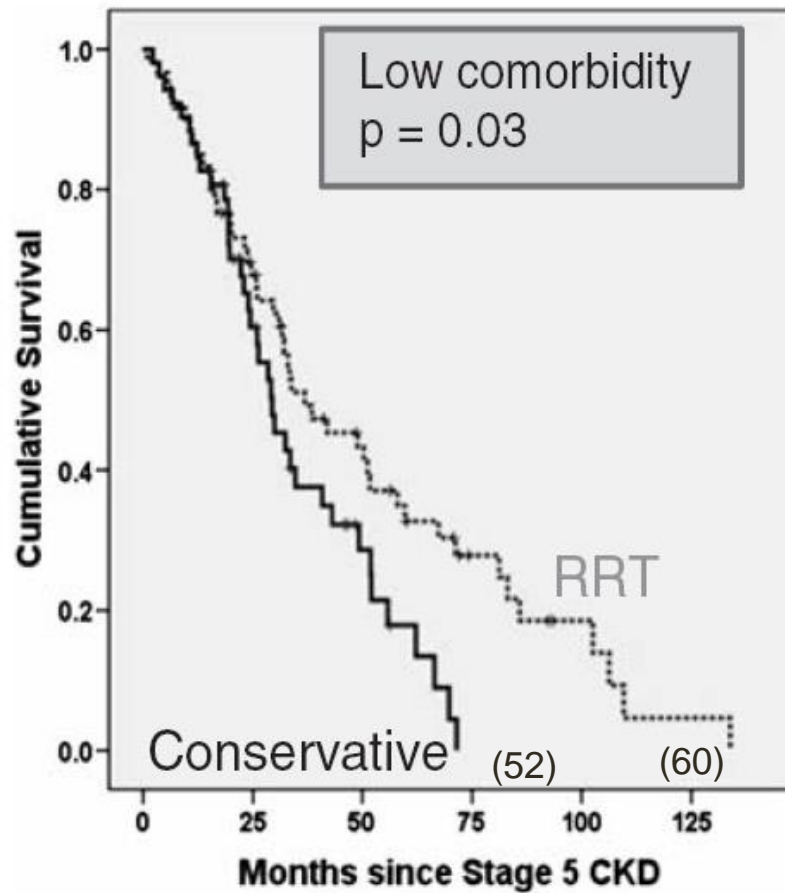
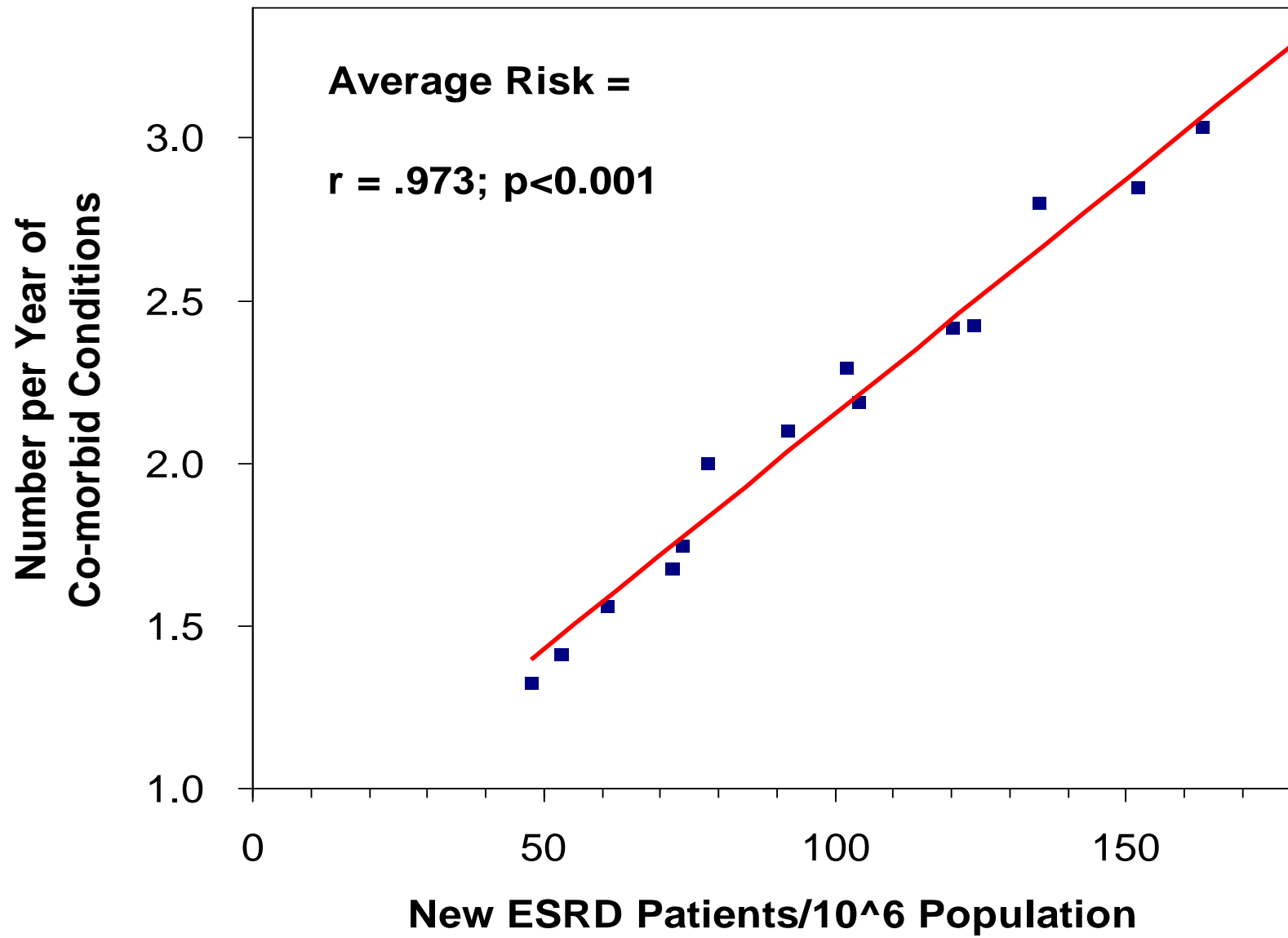


Fig. 2. Comparison of Kaplan–Meier survival curves by modality (RRT vs conservative kidney management) in patients >75 years. The panel on the left depicts the relationships in those with low comorbidity and that on the right in those with high comorbidity.



# Charlson Comorbidity Scoring System

Charlson ME, J Chron Dis, 1987

| Score | Condition   |
|-------|---|
| 1     | Myocardial infarction (history, not ECG changes only)<br>Congestive heart failure<br>Peripheral vascular disease (including aortic aneurysm $\geq$ 6 cm)<br>Cerebrovascular disease: CVA with mild or no residua or TIA<br>Dementia<br>Chronic pulmonary disease<br>Connective tissue disease<br>Peptic ulcer disease<br>Mild liver disease (without portal hypertension, includes chronic hepatitis)<br>Diabetes without end-organ damage (excludes diet-controlled alone) |
| 2     | Hemiplegia<br>Moderate or severe renal disease<br>Diabetes with end-organ damage (retinopathy, neuropathy, nephropathy, or brittle diabetes)<br>Tumor without metastases (exclude if $>$ 5 y from diagnoses)<br>Leukemia (acute or chronic)<br>Lymphoma   |
| 3     | Moderate or severe liver disease  |
| 6     | Metastatic solid tumor<br>AIDS (not just HIV positive)  |

Note: for each decade  $>$  40 years of age, a score of 1 is added to the above score

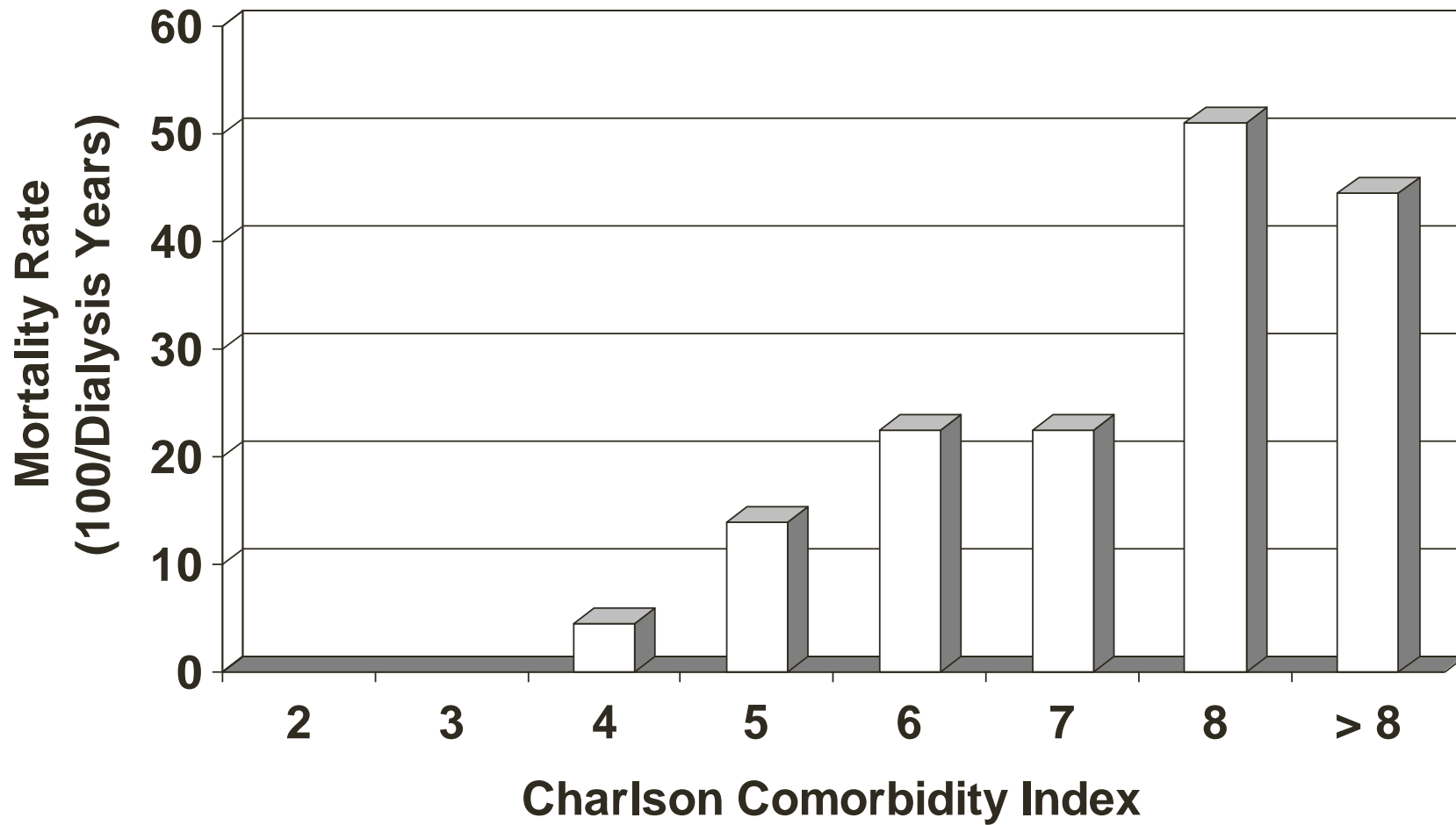
# Modified Charlson Comorbidity Index

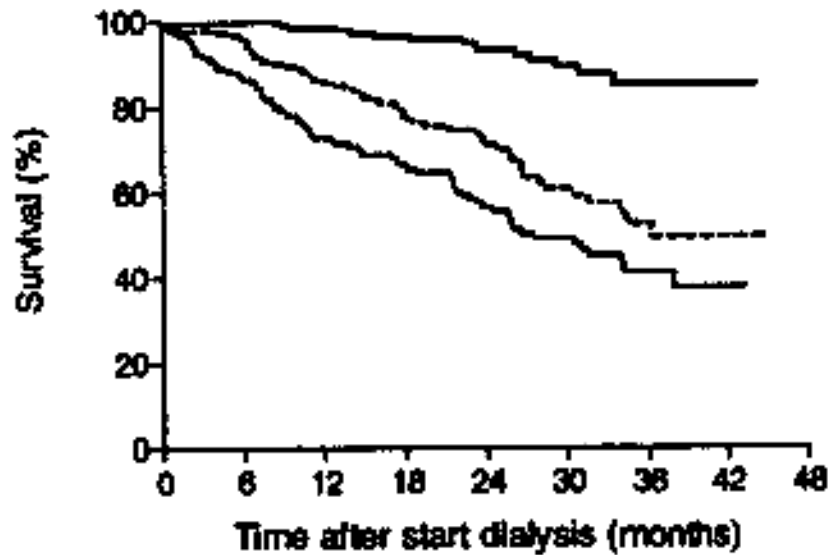
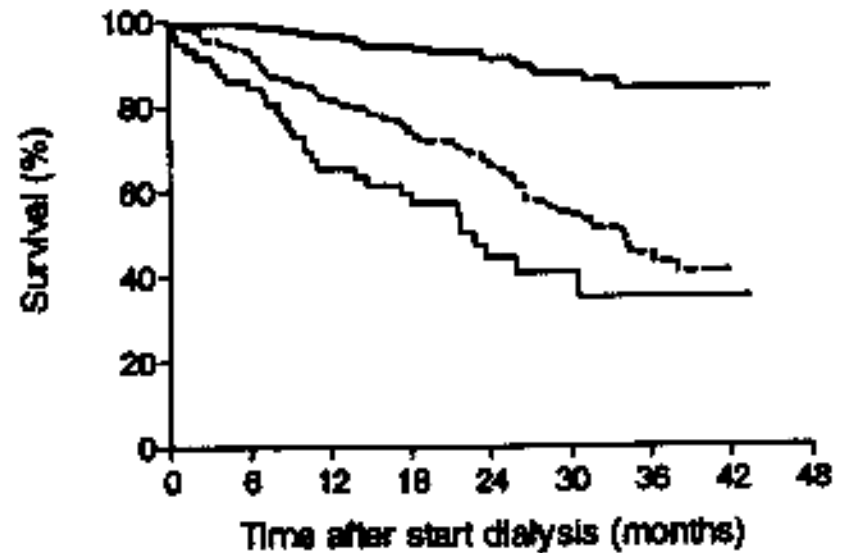
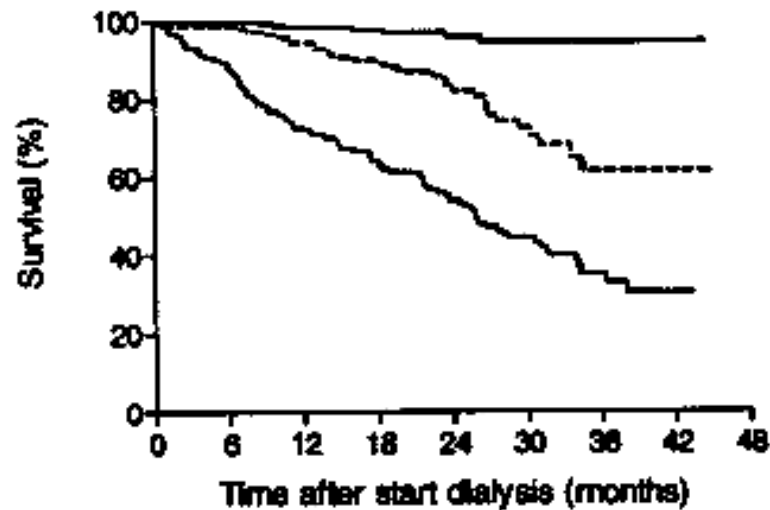
Beddhu S, Am J Med, 2000

| Score | Condition  |
|-------|--|
| 1     | <b>Coronary artery disease</b><br>Congestive heart failure<br>Peripheral vascular disease (including aortic aneurysm $\geq$ 6 cm)<br>Cerebrovascular disease: CVA with mild or no residua or TIA<br>Dementia<br>Chronic pulmonary disease<br>Connective tissue disease<br>Peptic ulcer disease<br>Mild liver disease (without portal hypertension, includes chronic hepatitis)<br>Diabetes without end-organ damage (excludes diet-controlled alone) |
| 2     | Hemiplegia<br>Moderate or severe renal disease<br>Diabetes with end-organ damage<br><b>Any tumor, leukemia, lymphoma</b>   |
| 3     | Moderate or severe liver disease   |
| 6     | Metastatic solid tumor<br>AIDS (not just HIV positive)   |

Note: for each decade > 40 years of age, a score of 1 is added to the above score





**Khan index****Davies index****Charlson index**

Concordance c Statistics  
(Indices combined with  
age in 6 classes)\*

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Khan index     | 0.72 |
| Davies index   | 0.73 |
| Charlson index | 0.74 |

NOTE. Testing population, n = 589.

\*Concordance c statistic for age alone is 0.66.

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# Analysis of factors predicting mortality of new patients commencing renal replacement therapy 10 years of follow-up

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**Table 3 Kaplan-Meier survival analysis of factors affecting mortality**

| Factor  | Mean survival (Months) | 95% CI       | P-value (Log rank test -Mantel Cox) |
|---|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Age <65 years                                     | 85.4                   | (69.2-101.7) |                                     |
| Age >65 years                                     | 51.7                   | (40.1-63.3)  | 0.001                               |
| Vascular disease                                  | 52.3                   | (38.6-66.0)  |                                     |
| No vascular disease                               | 77.4                   | (63.891.0)   | 0.014                               |
| Highest quartile of the calcium phosphate product | 60.4                   | (38.3-82.5)  |                                     |
| Lowest quartile of the calcium phosphate product  | 65.0                   | (54.8-77.2)  | 0.700                               |
| Diabetes mellitus                                 | 49.6                   | (33.6-66.6)  |                                     |
| No diabetes mellitus                              | 74.0                   | (61.9-86.0)  | 0.032                               |

# Registrazione dati di Comorbidità

SI'

- Abruzzi
- Basilicata
- Calabria
- Campania
- Emilia-Romagna
- Lazio
- Liguria
- Lombardia
- Piemonte
- Puglia
- Sardegna
- Sicilia
- Toscana
- Umbria



NO

- Val d'Aosta
- Marche
- Veneto
- Friuli
- Trentino
- Molise

Usano “**schemi di codifica**”:

- Calabria
- Lombardia
- Piemonte
- Puglia

Usano **definizioni di riferimento**:

- Campania
- Piemonte
- Puglia
- Sardegna
- Emilia
- Basilicata

Usano un “**grading**” di severità:

- Puglia

Usano uno “**score**”  
come indice globale di severità:

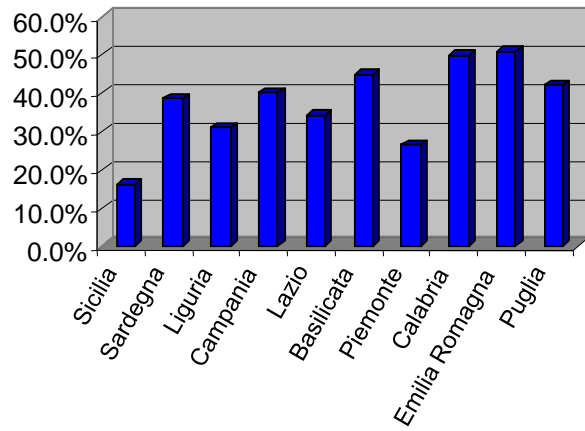
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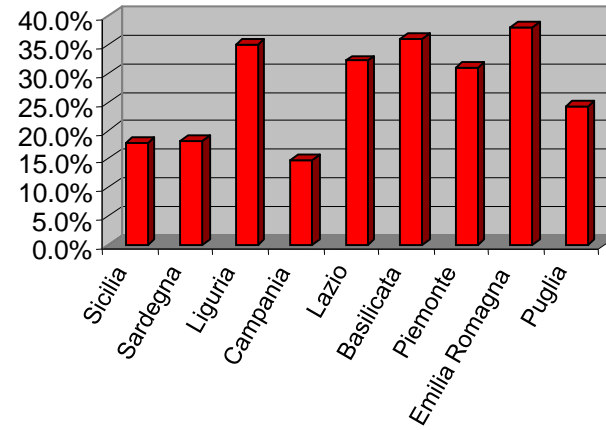


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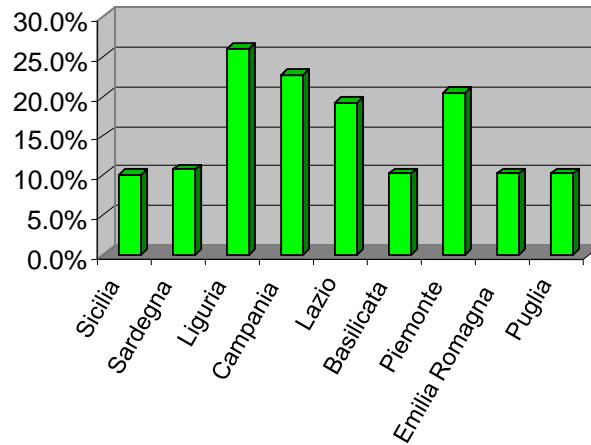
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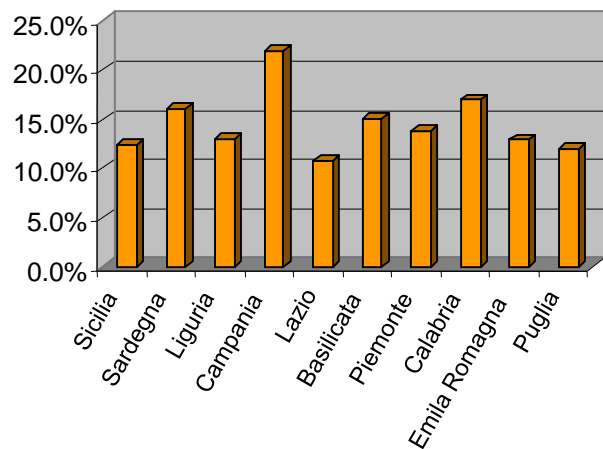
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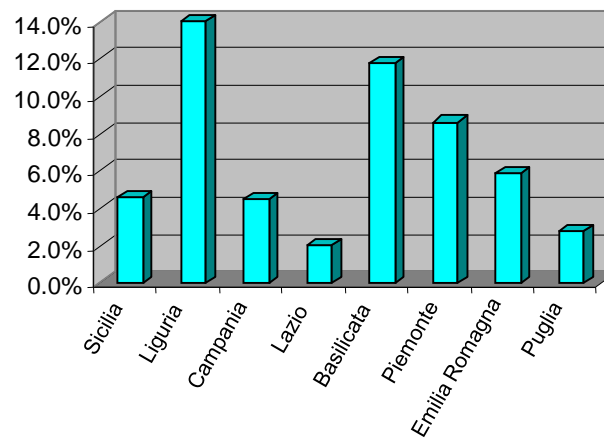
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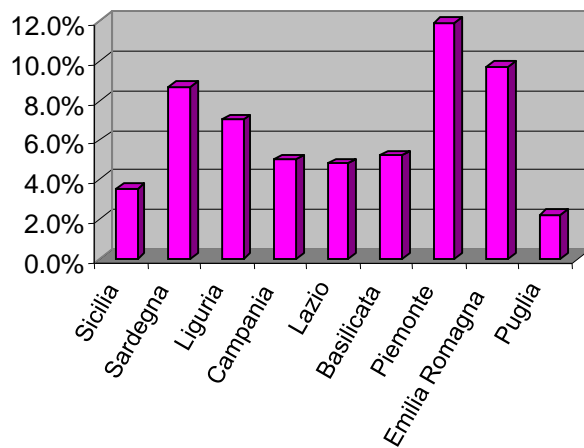
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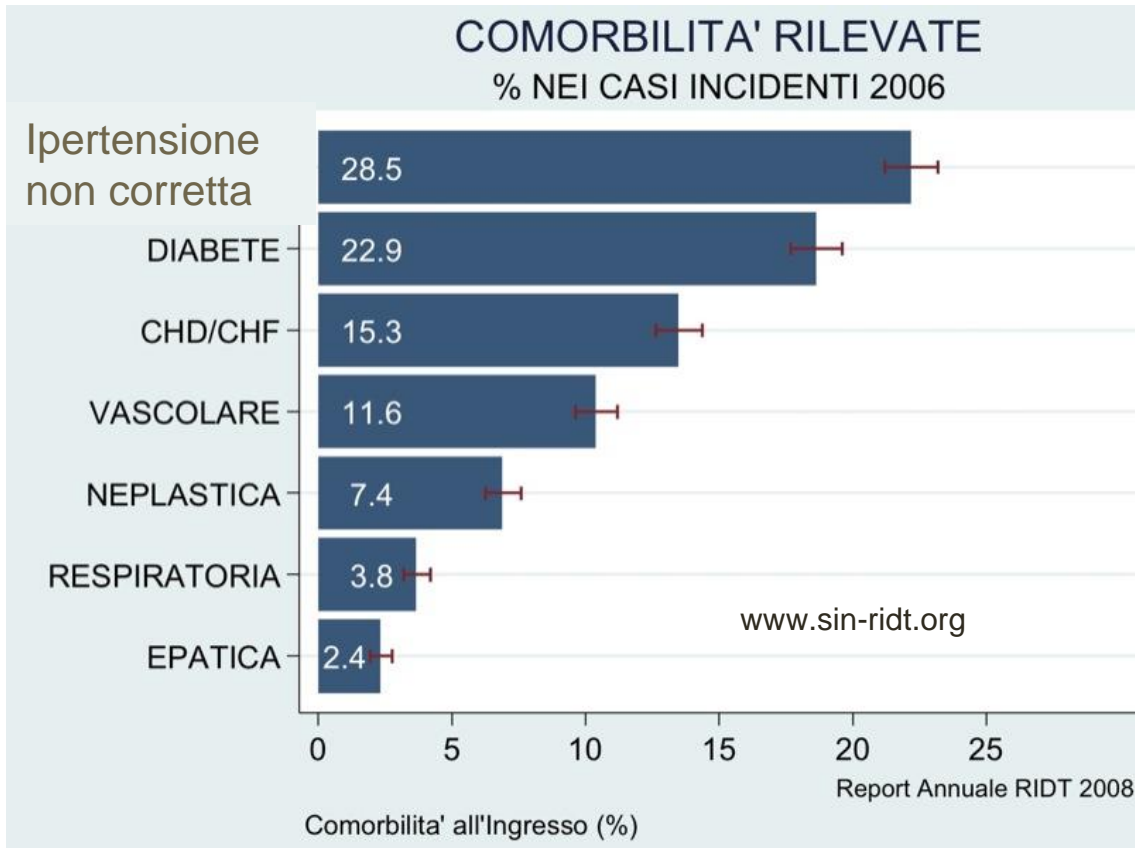


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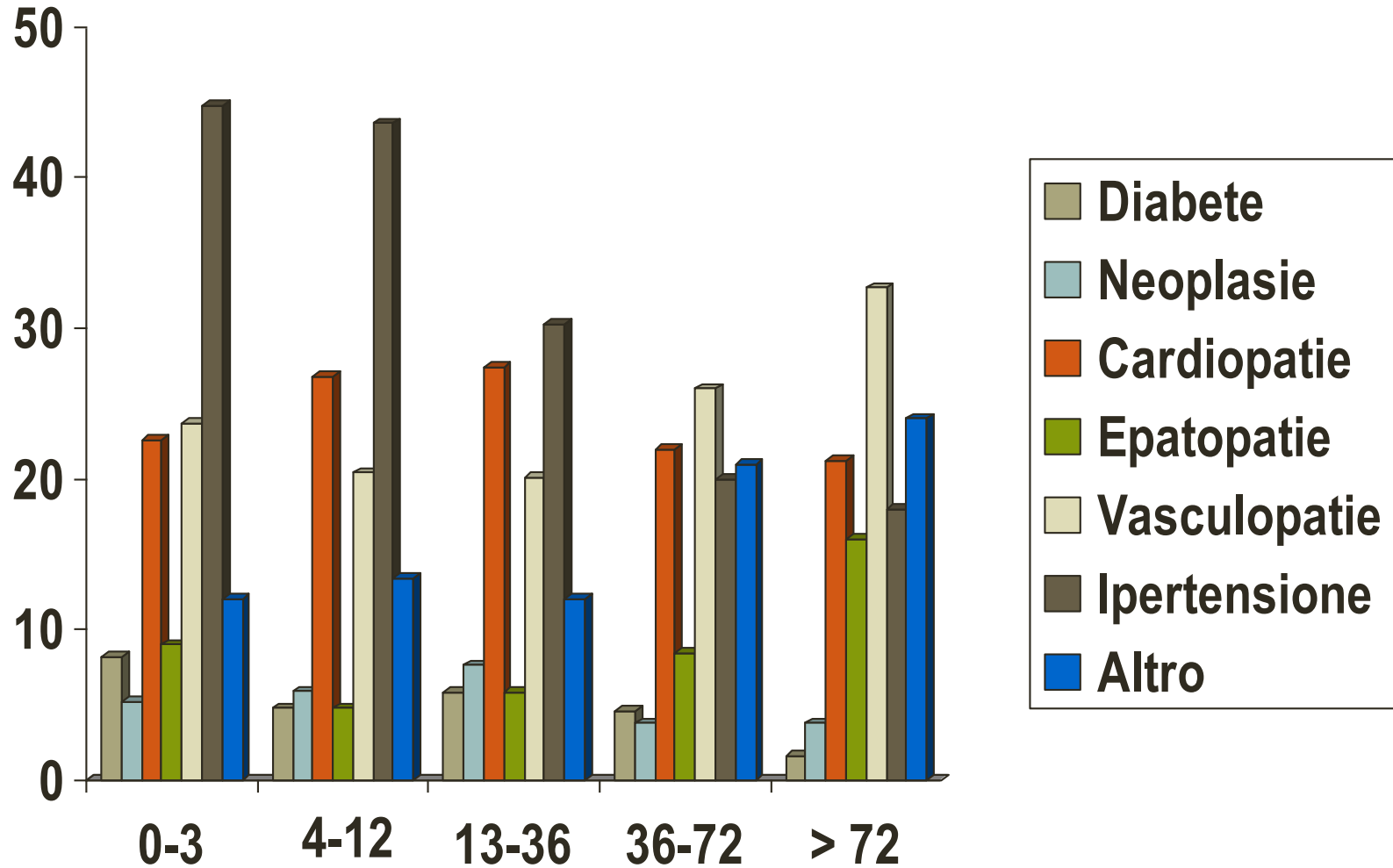


# Prevalence of comorbid conditions at baseline

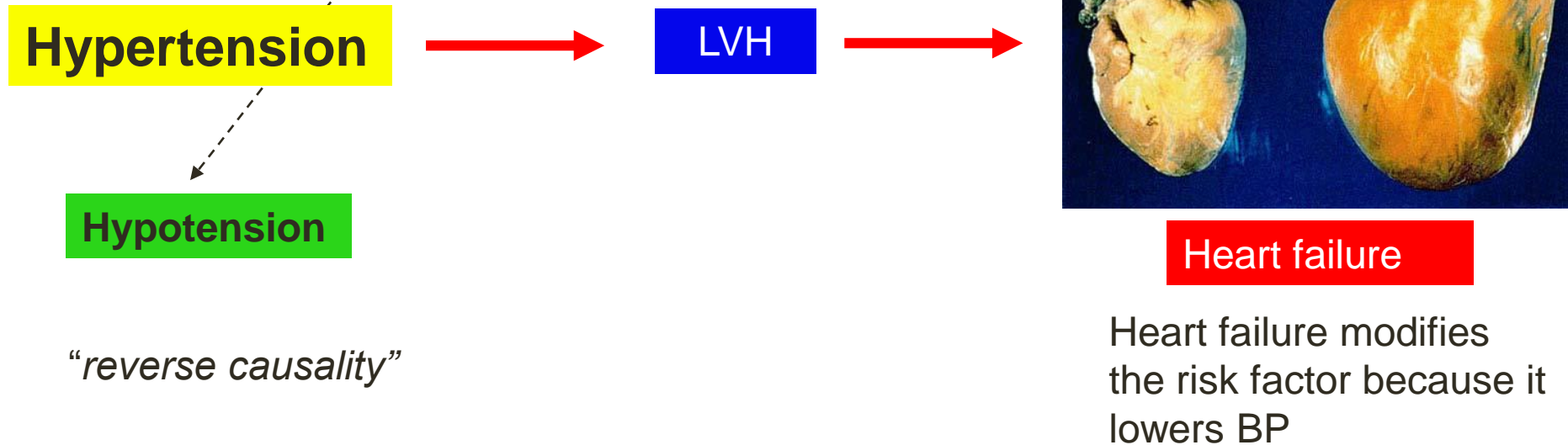


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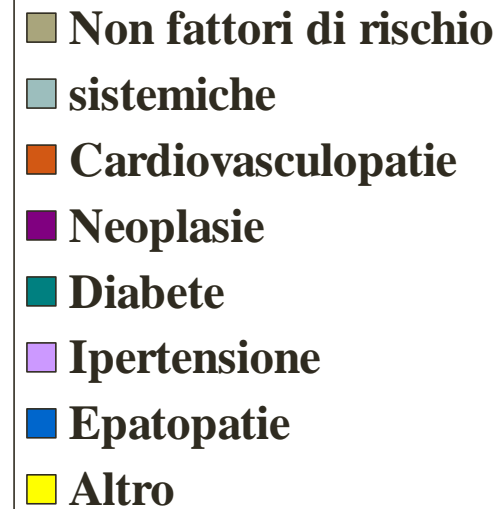
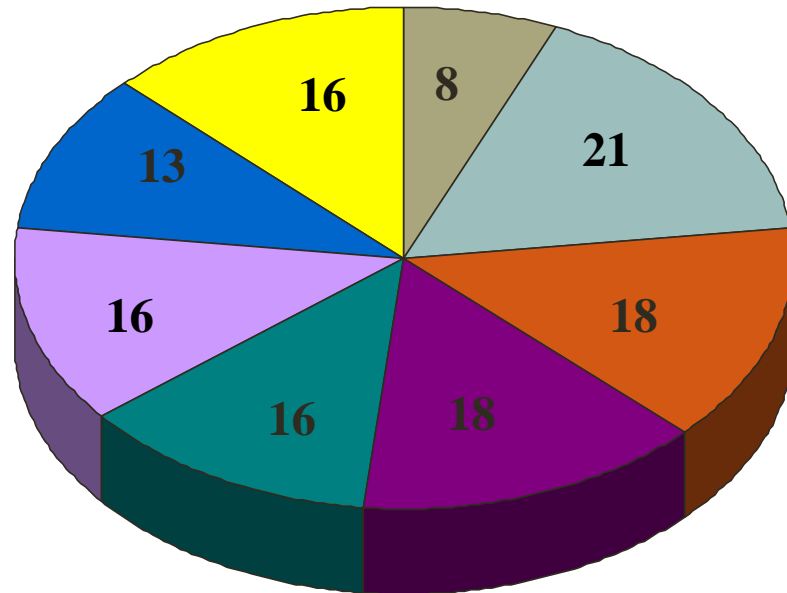
# ETA' DIALITICA (mesi) E FATTORI DI RISCHIO (%)



The "safety margin" for blood pressure to decline during ultrafiltration is further reduced among older patients since the elderly may have a lower average predialysis blood pressure that is the consequence of a systolic dysfunction.



# GIORNATE DI OSPEDALIZZAZIONE/ANNO: FATTORI DI RISCHIO



# The Emilia-Romagna Dialysis Registry



1994

2014

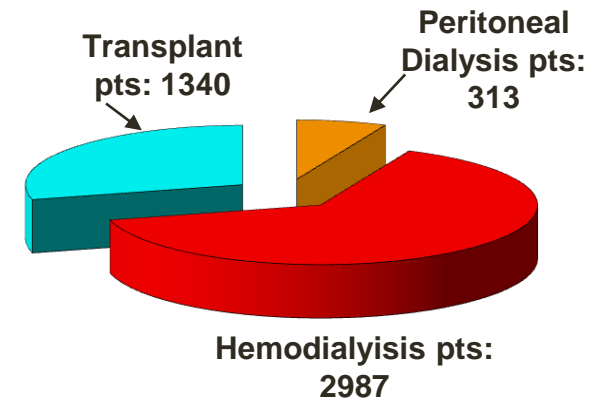
## Regional Dialysis Centres

- *Nephrology Departments: 13*
- *Limited Care Centres: 52*

## **Intention-to-Treat approach**

**Any patient starting chronic dialysis is recorded from his/her first dialysis as Incident Patient**

Registry Consistency  
dec 31.2013  
14.479 records



**Dialysis  
(PD+HD): 3300**

## 1994 – 2004: 20 years observation

|  | 1994  | 2013   | Difference    |
|--|---|--|---------------|
| Inhabitants (No)   | 3,922,702   | <b>4,452,782</b>   | +13.5%        |
| On RRT (No)  | 2343  | <b>4640</b>  | +98%          |
| On dialysis (HD+PD) (No)   | 1933  | <b>3300</b>  | +71%          |
| <b>Prevalence</b> on dialysis (pmp)                              | 492.8   | <b>741.1</b>   | +50.4%        |
| <b>Incidence</b> on dialysis (pmp)                               | 94,8  | <b>134</b>   | +41.3%        |
| Incident patients: mean age (years±SD)                           | 60.9±16.2   | <b>67.4±15.5</b>   | +6.5          |
| Incident patients: Karnofsky score ( <i>performance status</i> ) | KS 80-100: 49.2%<br>KS 40-70: 47.3%<br>KS 10-30: 3.5% | <b>KS 80-100: 38.7%</b><br><b>KS 40-70: 52.6%</b><br><b>KS 10-30: 8.7%</b> | ↓↓<br>↑<br>↑↑ |
| Gross Mortality (%)  | 12.3  | <b>16.1</b>  | ↑             |

# Rationale, Study aim, Design

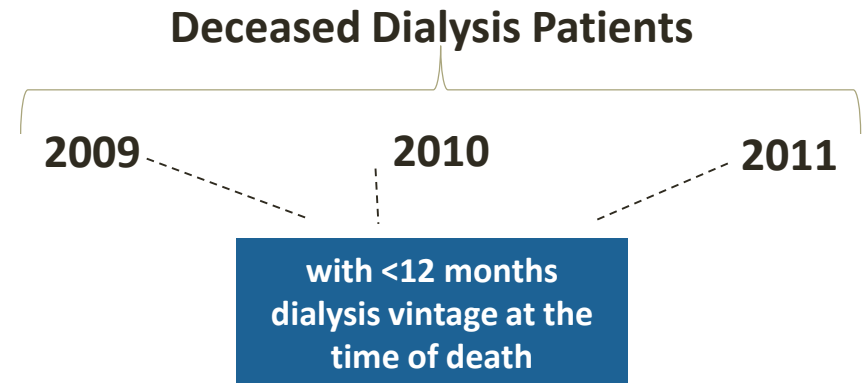
**Rationale:** a Registry based on the ITT permits an effective analysis of mortality, avoiding the possibility of an underestimation.

**Study aim:** evaluating the phenomenon of **early mortality** as a part of the overall mortality

**Early Mortality:** death occurring during the first 12 months of dialysis treatment (HD, DP)

**Study design:** retrospective analysis of the Registry data.

**Study cohort:**



# Results: overall mortality and Early Mortality

2009, 2010, 2011:

**Overall number of deaths:**

**1714**

**N=1190**

**Dialysis vintage  
>12 months  
(69.4%)**

**N=524**

**Dialysis vintage  
≤12 months  
(30.6%)**

40.3% F, 59.7% M  
504 HD; 20 PD

**Overall number of incident  
patients: 2228**

**Early mortality : 14.2%**

**Early  
mortality**





## Age at death

| Age (years) | %      |
|-------------|--------|
| <15         | 0      |
| 15-25       | 0      |
| 45-65       | 14.2 % |
| 65-75       | 22.16% |
| >75         | 63.63% |

## Early death : classification on the basis of the dialysis modality and dialysis vintage (months)

|                     | <b>Hemodialysis</b><br>(Number and %)<br>Overall early deaths :<br>504 | <b>Peritoneal Dialysis</b><br>(Number and %)<br>Overall early deaths : 20 |
|---------------------|--|---|
| <b>&lt;3 months</b> | <b>260 (51.6%)</b>   | <b>3 (15%)</b>  |
| 3-6 months          | 107 (21.2%)  | 5 (25%)   |
| 6-12 months         | 137 (27.2%)  | 12 (60%)  |

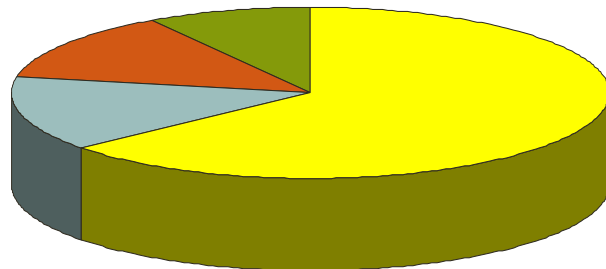
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# Mortality on dialysis (%) on the basis of the dialysis vintage : Hemodialysis versus Peritoneal Dialysis – focus at 3 years

## Hemodialysis

■ <3 ■ da 3 a 5 ■ da 5 a 10 ■ >10

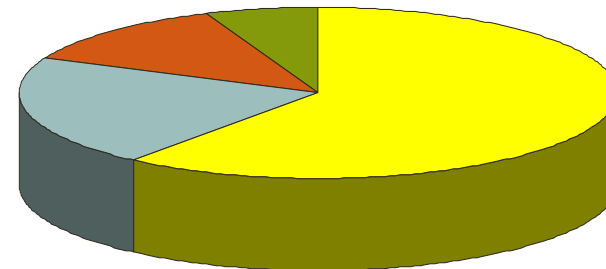


63.8  
%

≤ 3 years

## Peritoneal Dialysis

■ <3 ■ da 3 a 5 ■ da 5 a 10 ■ >10



60.6  
%

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## Causes of death in “Early Mortality” - (12 and 3 months)

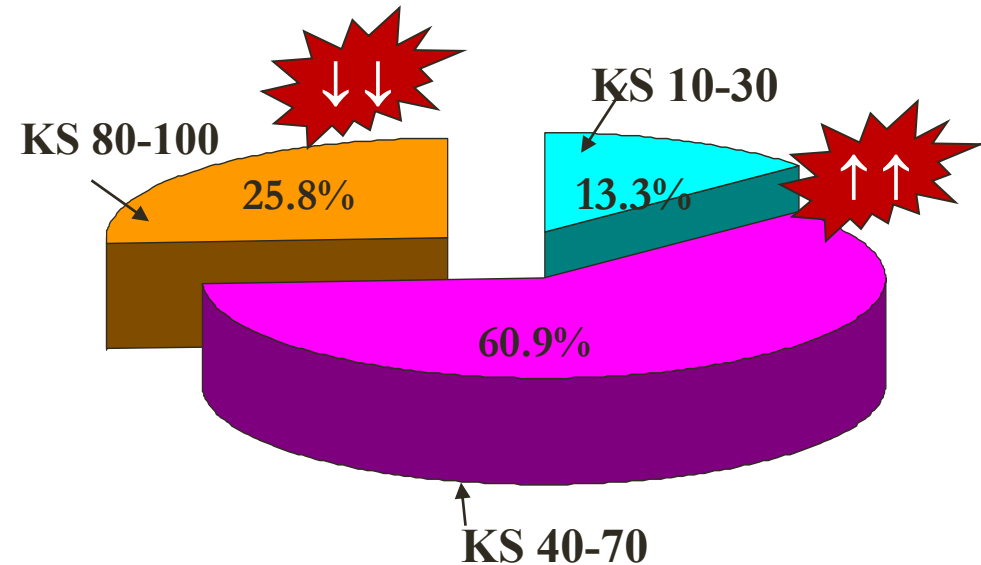
|                        | Death in the first year<br><i>(% of the group)</i> | Death in the first three<br>months<br><i>(% of the group)</i> |
|------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Absolute number</b> | <b>524</b>   | <b>270</b>  |
| <b>Cachexia</b>        | 11.1%  | 11.9%   |
| <b>Cardiovascular</b>  | <b>49.3%</b>                                       | <b>54.2%</b>  |
| <b>Infection</b>       | 15.3%  | 10.1%   |
| <b>Malignancy</b>      | 5.6%   | 3.4%  |
| <b>Unknown</b>         | 8.3%   | 8.5%  |
| <b>Other causes</b>    | 10.4%  | 11.8%   |

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## Karnofsky score at dialysis entry in patients dying before 12 months dialysis vintage

| KARNOFSKY SCORE |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Score           | Condition  |
| 100             | Normal, no evidence of disease   |
| 90              | Able to carry on normal activities, minor signs or symptoms of disease       |
| 80              | Normal activity with effort, some signs or symptoms of disease               |
| 70              | Cares for self, unable to carry on normal activity or to do active work      |
| 60              | Requires occasional assistance, but is able to care of most of his/her needs |
| 50              | Requires considerable assistance and frequent medical care                   |
| 40              | Disabled, requires special care and assistance                               |
| 30              | Severely disabled  |
| 20              | Hospitalisation necessary, very sick, active supportive treatment necessary  |
| 10              | Moribund, fatal process progressing rapidly                                  |



### Sub-analysis: Hemodynamic stability during HD

(350/504 HD patients):

hypotension-prone: 218 (62%)

clinically stable: 132

# Type of vascular access at dialysis entry in patients who died in the first year of dialysis treatment



**AV Fistula**

**19.1%**



**Tunnelled CVC**

**26.4%**

**A**  
**«permanent» access**  
**45.5%**

**Temporary CVC**

**54.5%**



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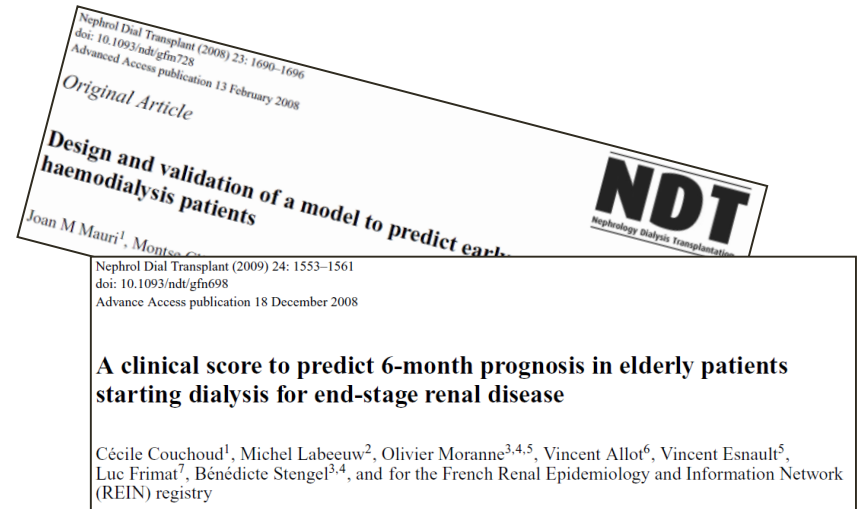


**Early mortality is a dramatic phenomenon that can be captured only by those Dialysis Registries recording all the patients incident to dialysis, independent of the survival period.**

**The possibility of an early death should be discussed with the families of the older and more comorbid patients before starting up a chronic dialysis program.**

# Issues to be considered

Predictive mortality scores: to be implemented in the clinical practice?



Palliative care: should be considered as an alternative valid option

Clinical judgement: remains a valid parameter in a multivariate model to predict 1-year mortality



“SurSurprise Question”

***Would I be surprised if this patient died within the next 6 months?***

Cohen LM, CJASN 2010

# **Documento condiviso SICP-SIN Le Cure Palliative nelle persone con malattia renale cronica avanzata**

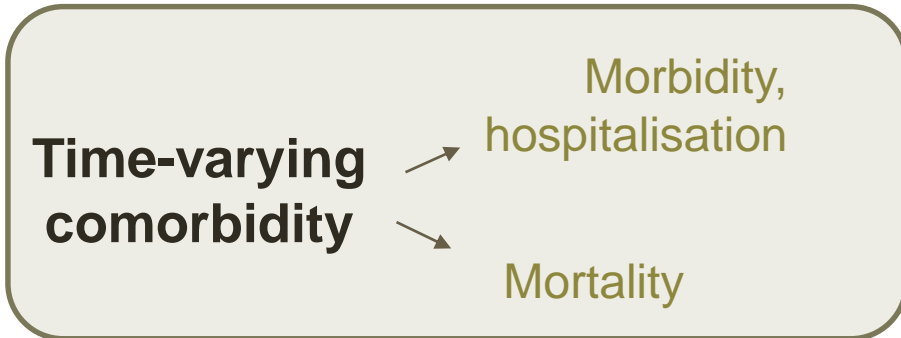
**Gruppo di Lavoro SIN-SICP**

Le cure palliative, nel paziente con elevato grado di comorbidità e ridotta aspettativa di vita possono portare a :

- **miglior qualità di vita**
- **risparmio di risorse**



# Health outcomes on dialysis



- Demographic factors
  - Socio-economical factors
  - Physiological parameters
  - Genetic factors
  - Compliance
  - **Treatment-related factors**
- .....
- .....

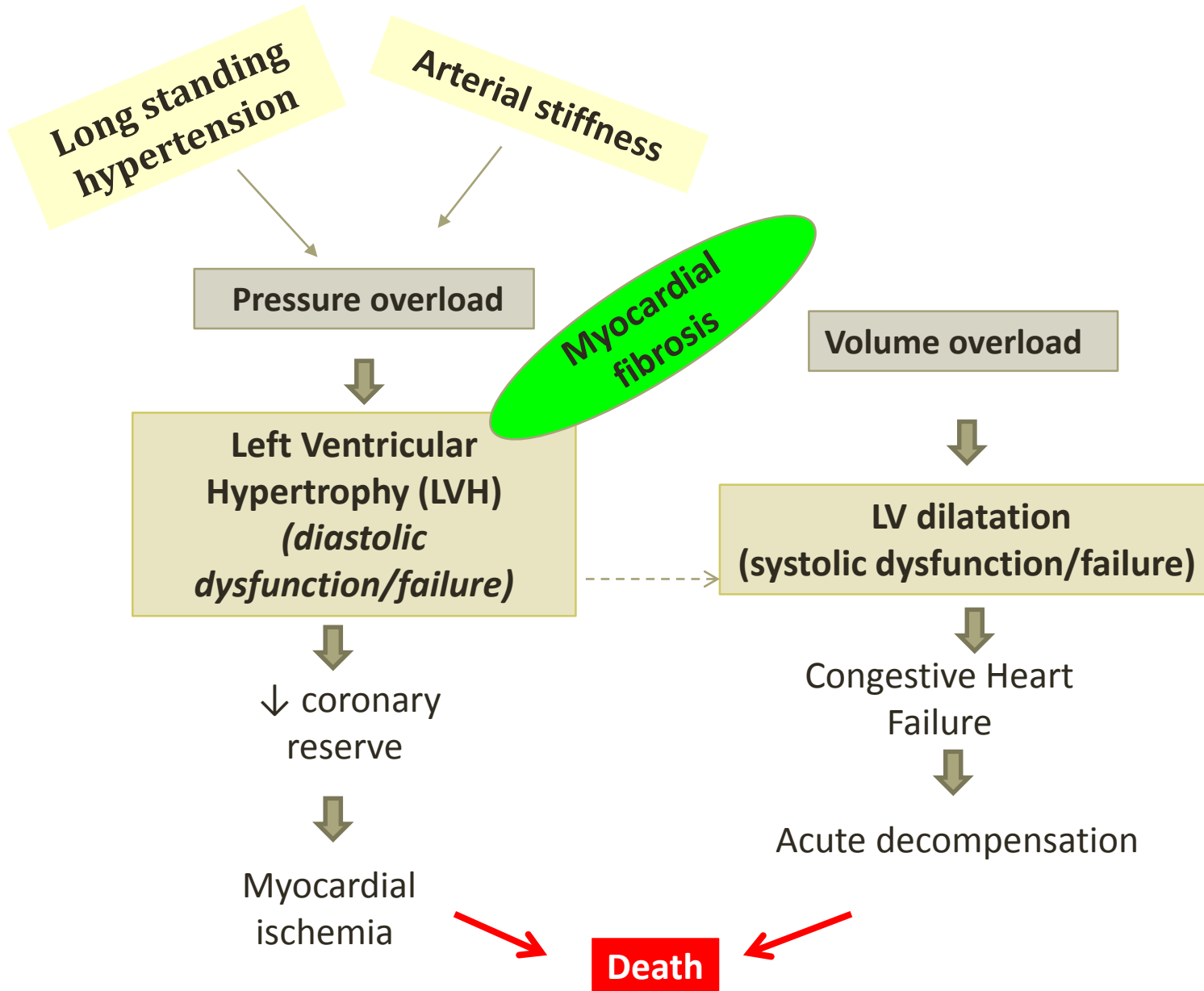
## HR for mortality of Time-varying comorbidity >>>

- HR basal comorbidity
- Age
- Albumin
- Diabetes
- Dialysis vintage

*Miskulin DC, AJKD 2003  
Plantinga LC, AJKD 2007  
Chang TI, Hemodial Int 2010*

## **Preventable (or Potentially Preventable) & Non Preventable comorbidity**

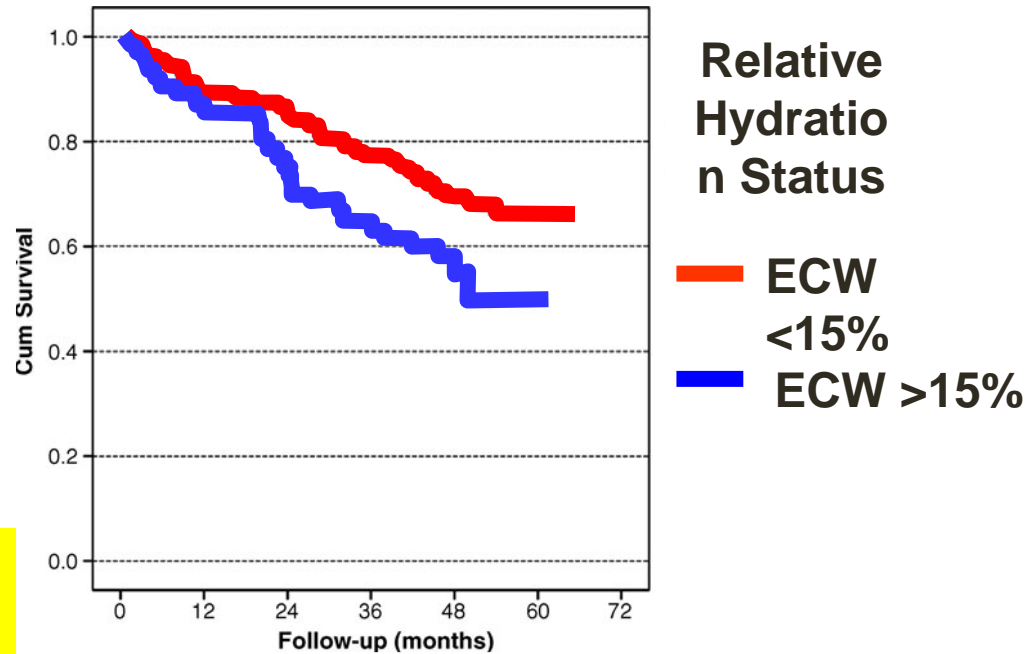
# The dramatic chain leading to death



# Hyperhydration, higher mortality

- 269 HD pts
- 3 European Centres
- Pre-HD BCM

| Cox adj HR          |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Age                 | 1.047 |
| BP <sub>sys</sub>   | 0.986 |
| Diabetes            | 2.766 |
| PVD                 | 1.683 |
| $\Delta$ HSpre >15% | 2.102 |



# Sudden death

## Incidence in dialysis pts:

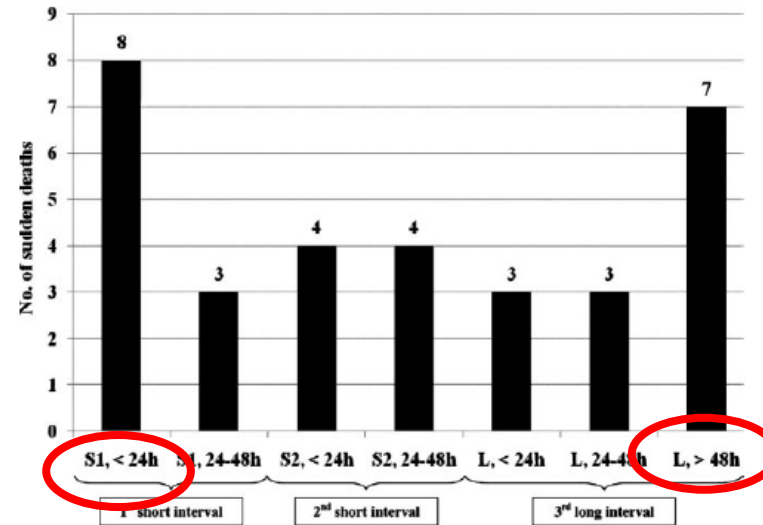
(20-30%) higher than myocardial infarction (USRDS)

Unexpected death within 1 hour of symptom onset, or unexpected death without obvious non-cardiac cause in patients known to be well within the past 24 h - EF < 35% main predictor in the general population

## Precipitating factors:

- Electrolyte (K+) / volume status acute changes
- Acute coronary ischemia
- Autonomic acute changes
- Sleep-apnoea hypoxemia

Major independent predictors in HD pts:  
**Left Ventr Hypertrophy.**  
**Diabetes , AF**

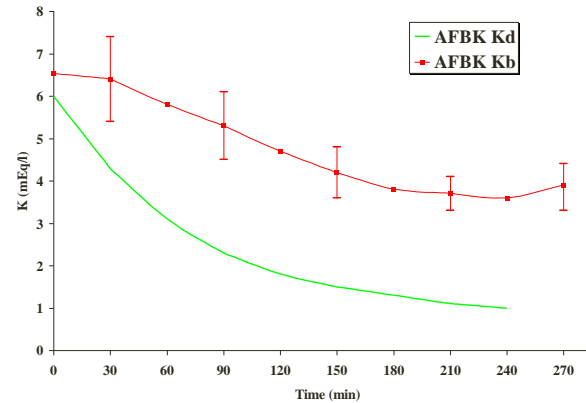


# Sudden death prevention : during HD / out of HD

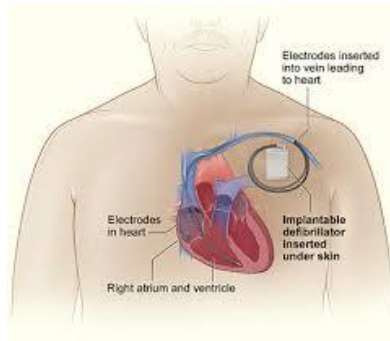
## Avoiding sudden K removal during HD

- Frequent dialysis
- Avoid low  $K_{dial}$
- Intradialysis K supplementation
- K profiling
- Pay attention also to  $Ca^{++}/Mg^{++}$

Santoro A, Mancini E,  
Blood Purif



## Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator



**General population:**  
In primary or secondary prevention if severe LV Systolic Dysfunction ( $EF < 35\%$ ; NYHA Class II/III)  
*Class I, level A; AHA, ACC*

## Dialysis patients, USRDS

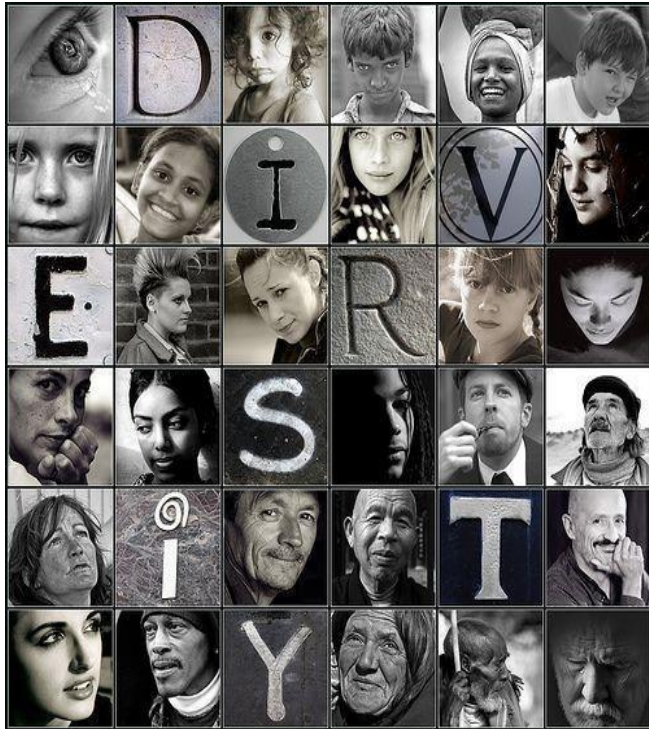
**Median survival after ICD :**

**Primary Prev:** Dialysis pts (18 mths) <<< non-Dialysis pts

**Secondary Prev:** Dialysis pts <<< non-Dialysis pts

**NO RCTS, No EBM**

# ...dal paziente giusto



## Comorbidità

Diabete mellito  
Ipertensione  
Malattie cardiache  
Malattie vascolari  
periferiche  
Malattie cerebrovascolari  
Malattie respiratorie  
Malattie epatiche  
Malattie neoplastiche  
Malnutrizione

## Profilo del paziente

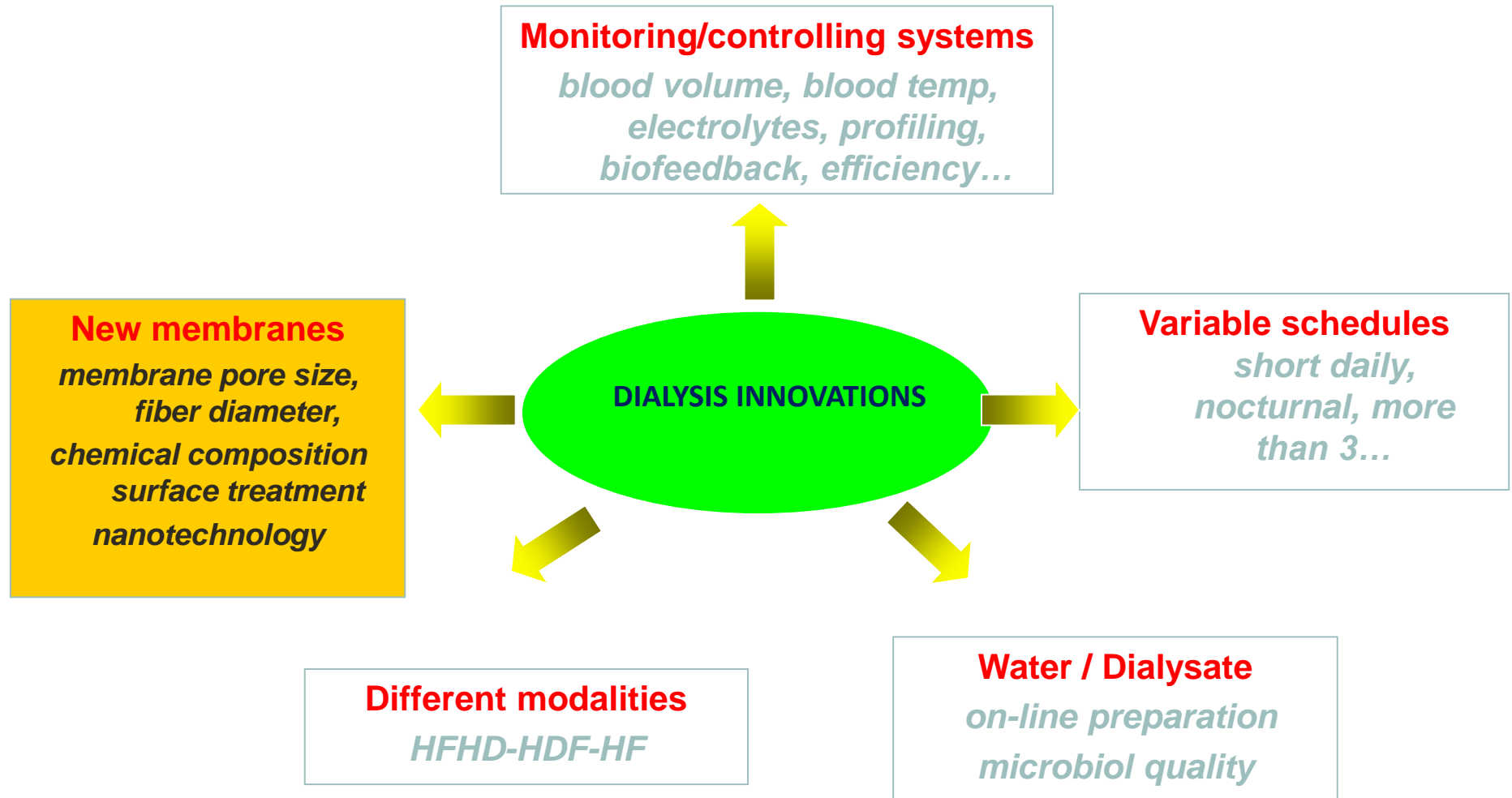
Funzione renale residua  
Bisogni metabolici  
Compliance dietetica  
Tolleranza generale  
Tolleranza cardiovascolare

## Dialisi personalizzata

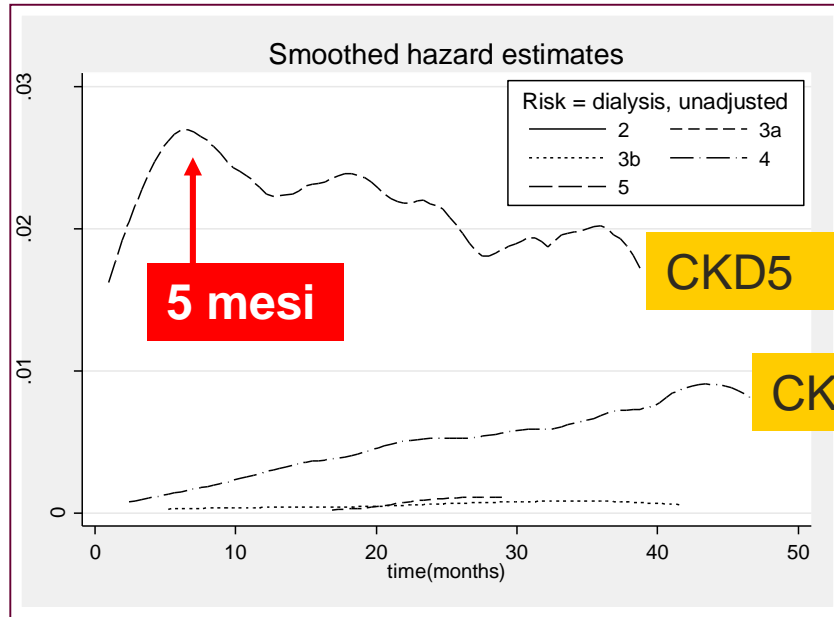
Modalità di trattamento  
Tipo di membrana  
Ultrafiltrazione oraria  
Farmaci prescritti

Flusso sangue  
Definizione del 'peso secco'  
Frequenza e durata

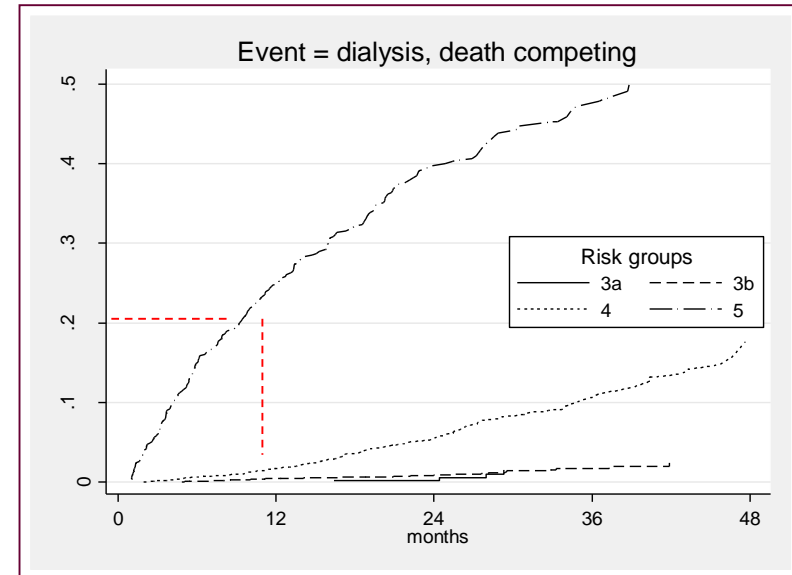
# Personalization of dialysis treatment



# Rischio = dialisi, morte come rischio concorrente



Probabilità di entrare in dialisi accumulata nel tempo





# Rischio = morte prima della dialisi, dialisi come rischio concorrente

