



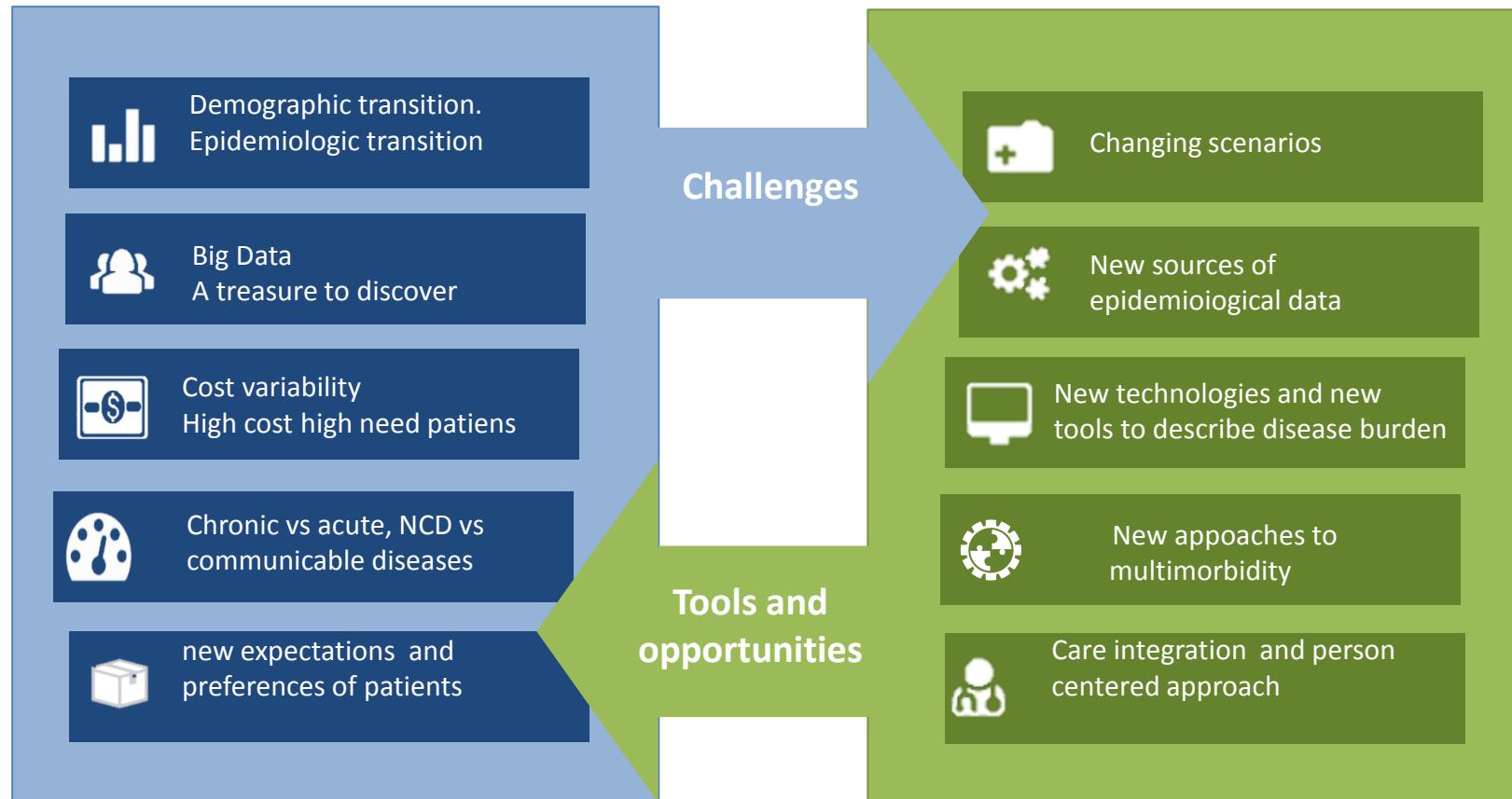
Is aging just an addition of chronic diseases?

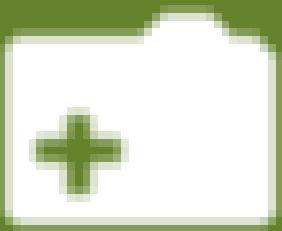
The impact of multimorbidity on health outcomes and health service use in the Veneto population

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Multimorbidity and public health: challenges and opportunities

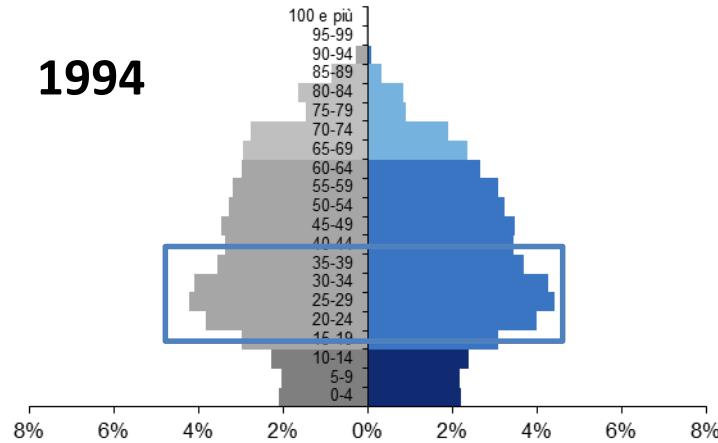
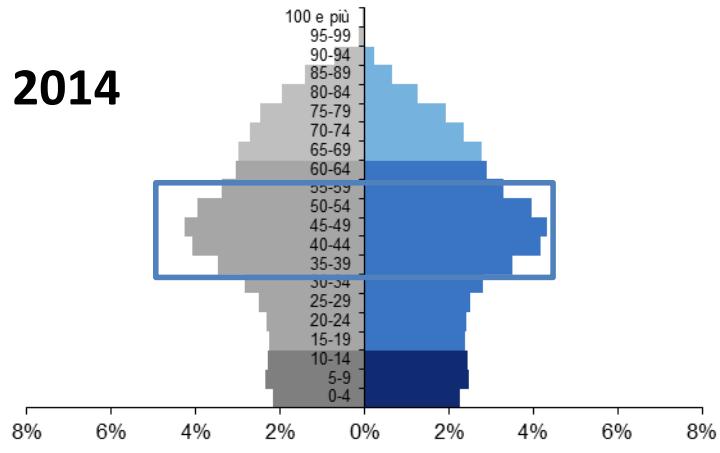
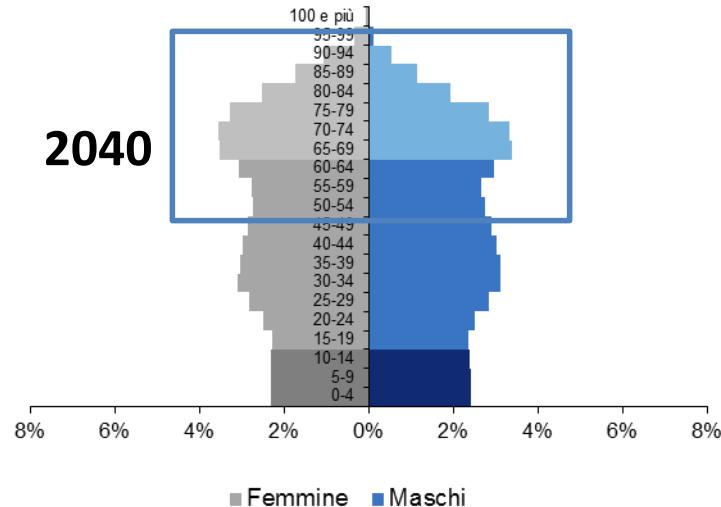
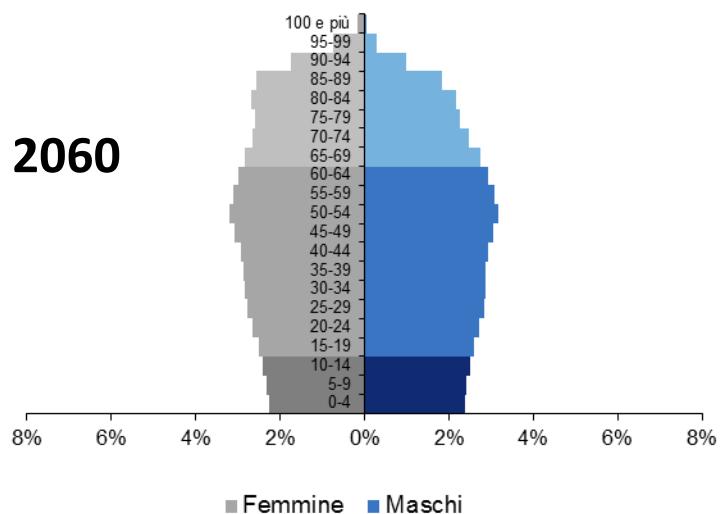




Changing scenarios



PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE AND GENDER: 1994, 2014 PROJECTIONS 2040 AND 2060

1994**2014****2040****2060****■ Femmine ■ Maschi****■ Femmine ■ Maschi**



Comorbidity is the concurrent existence of one or more unrelated conditions in an individual with any given condition. Multimorbidity is the co-occurrence of biologically unrelated illnesses.

Barbara Starfield 2006

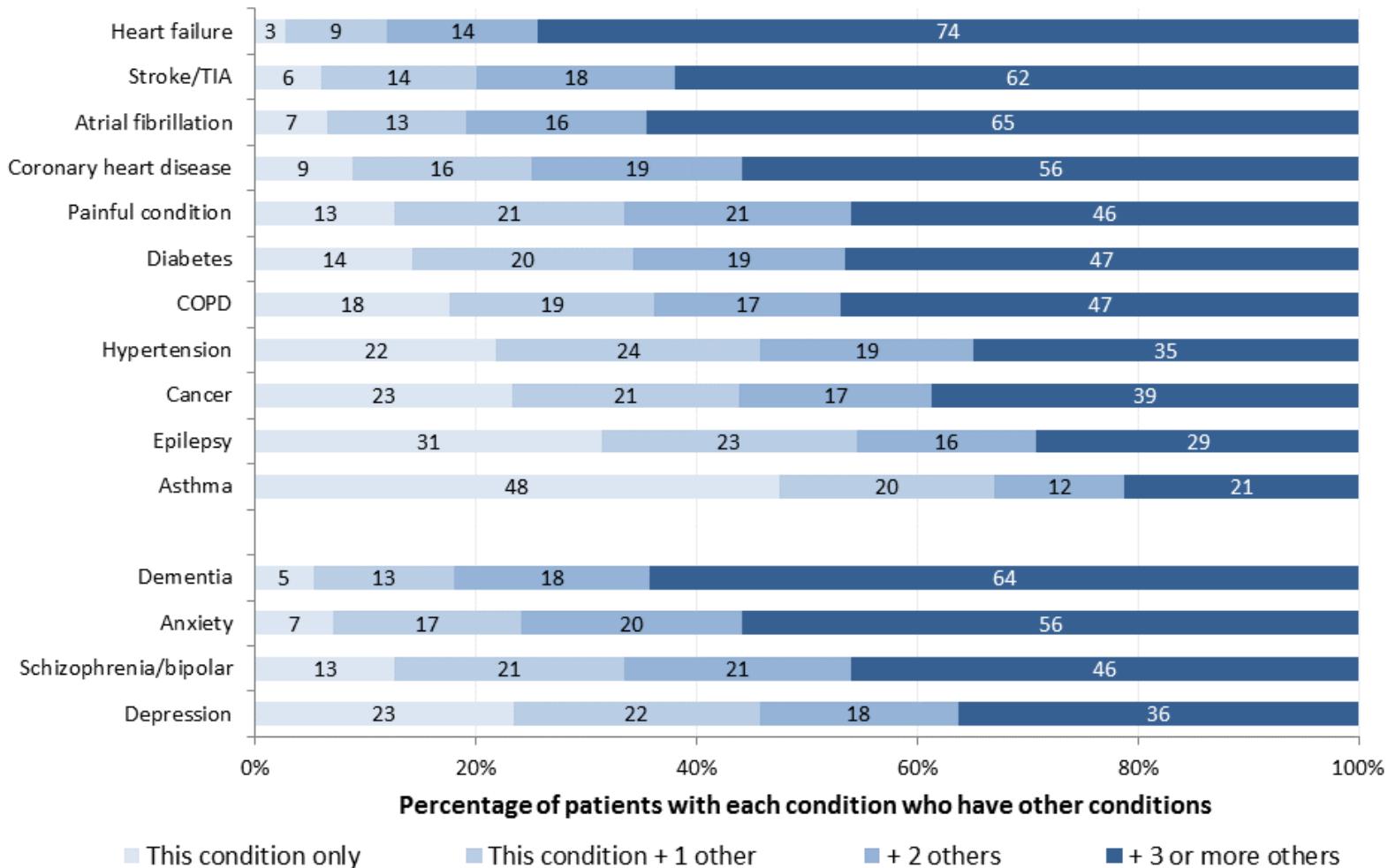


The high frequency of
Comorbidity
Multimorbidity
Morbidity burden
makes it inappropriate to focus
on single diseases

Barbara Starfield 2006



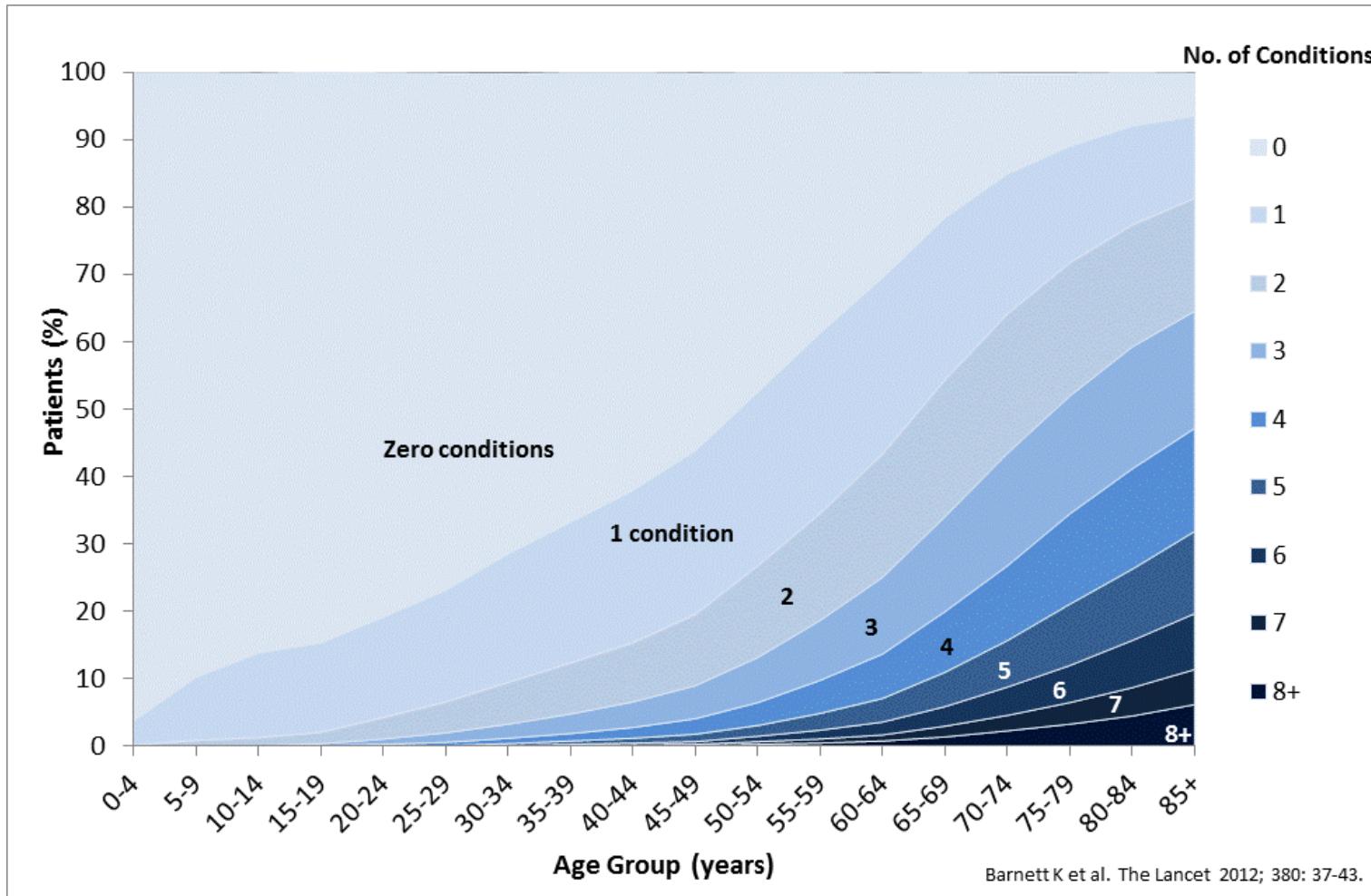
Most people with any long term condition have multiple conditions



Barnett K et al. The Lancet 2012; 380: 37-43.

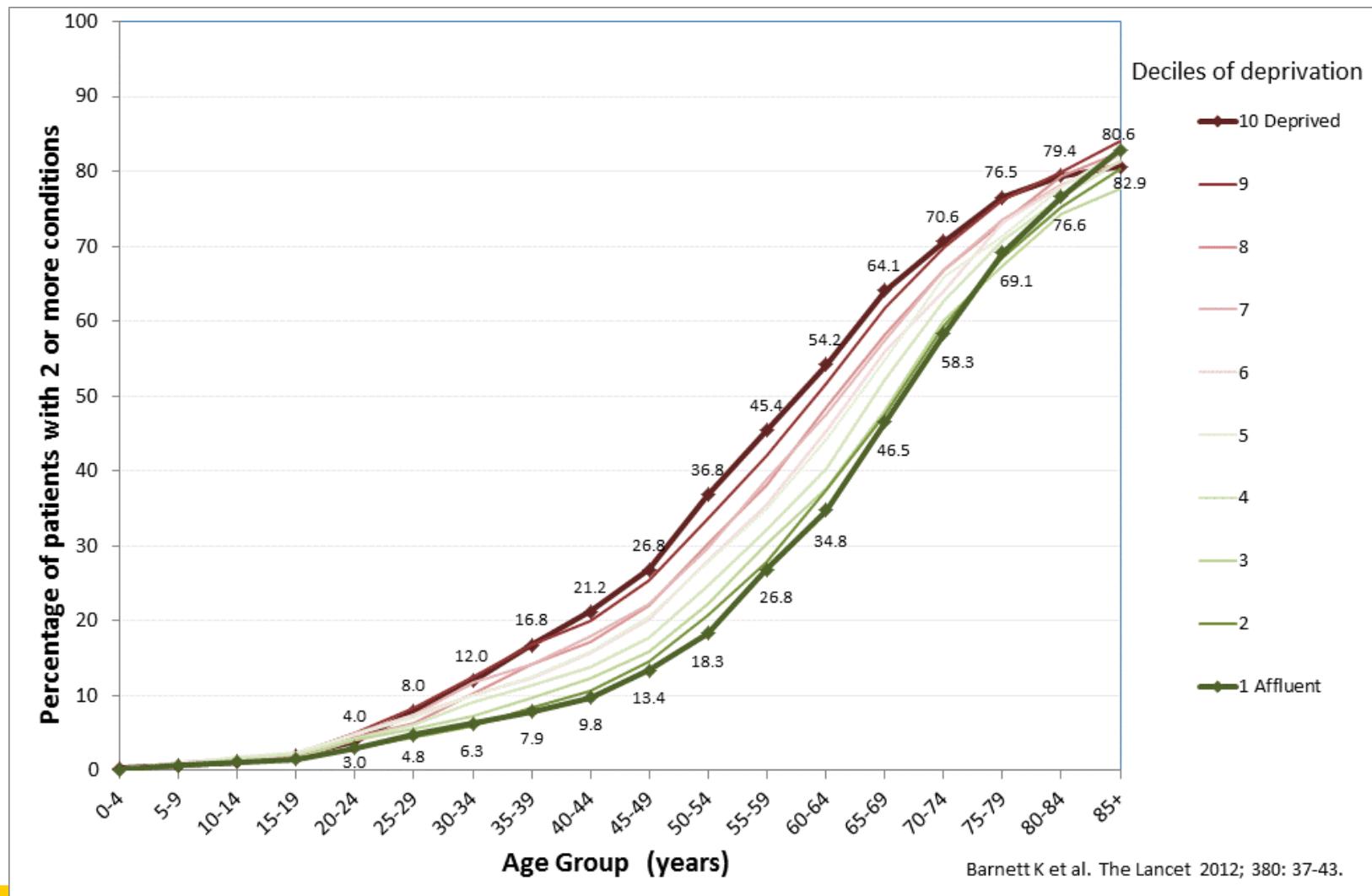


Multimorbidity is common



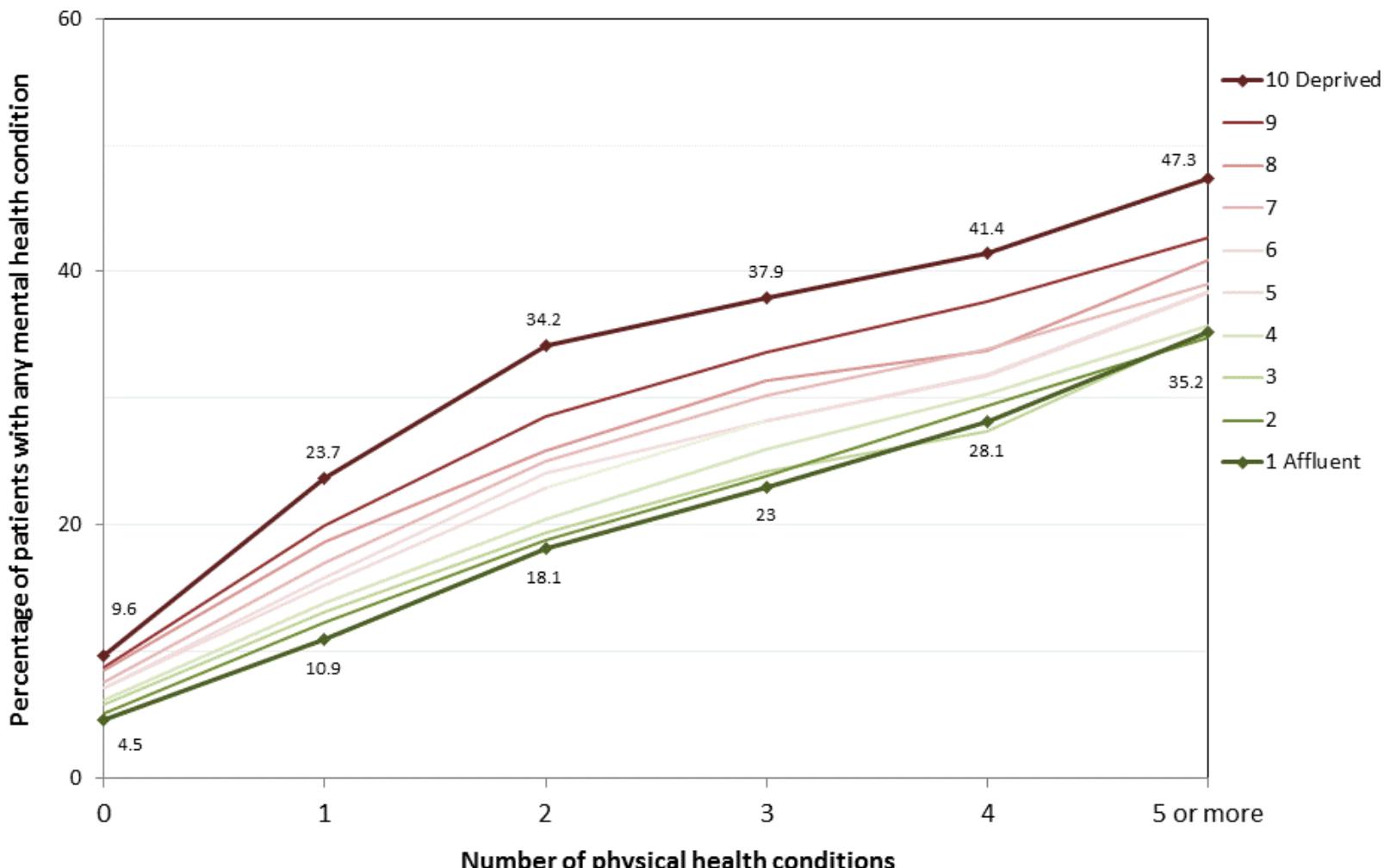


Multimorbidity is socially patterned





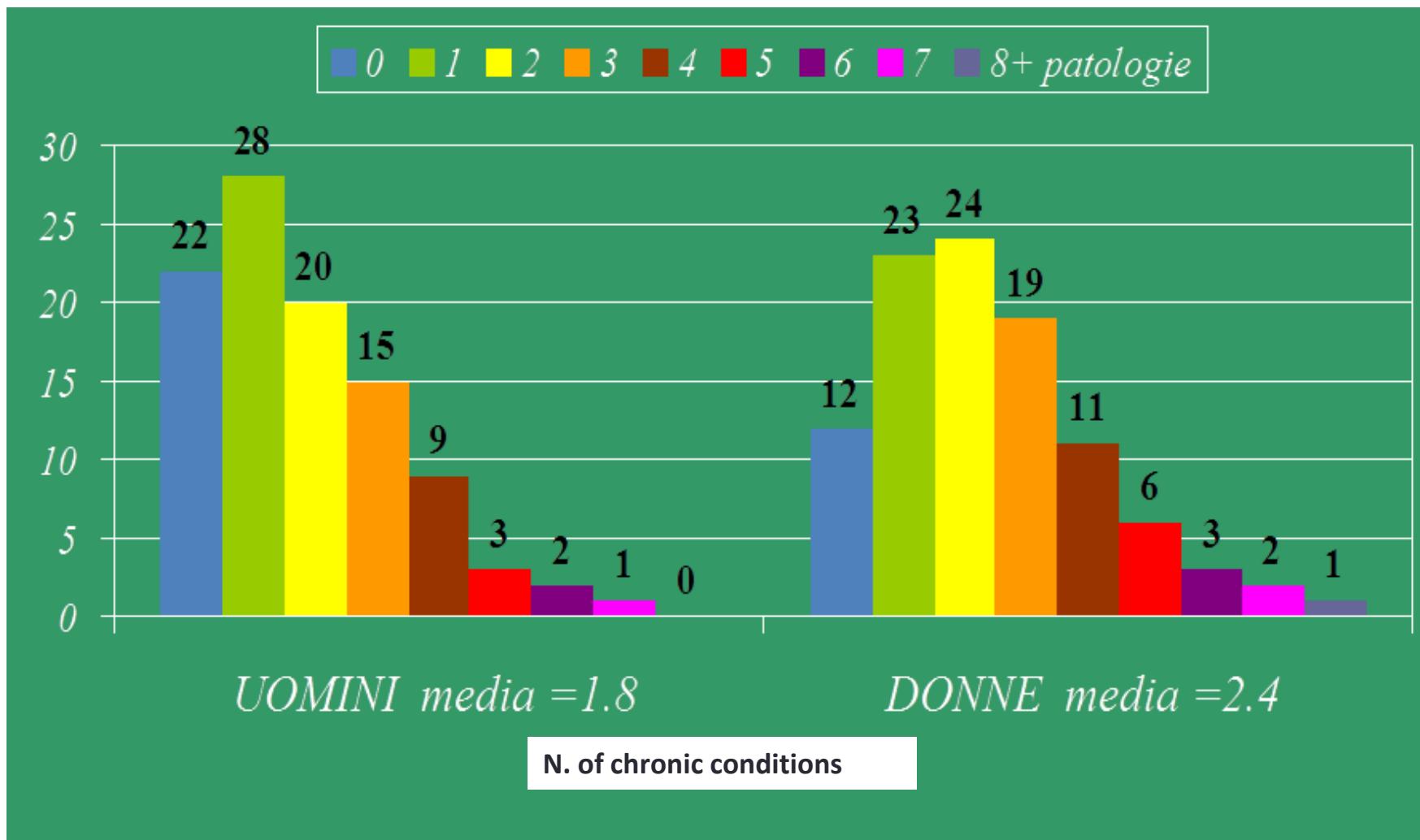
Mental health problems are strongly associated with the number of physical conditions



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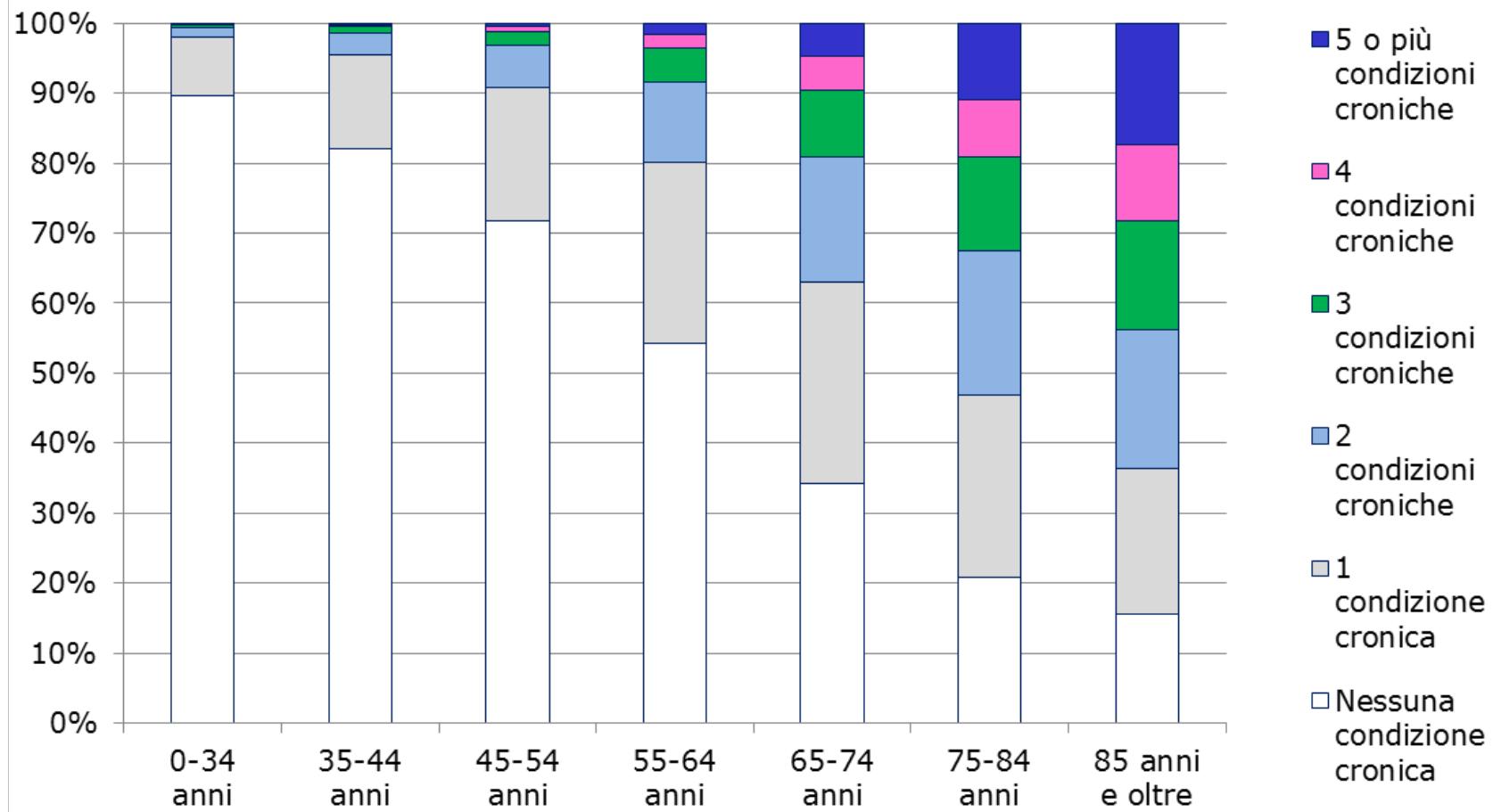
NCDs and multimorbidity are the norm in Regione Veneto



PROVA : Progetto Veneto Anziani (Corti, JAGS 2003)

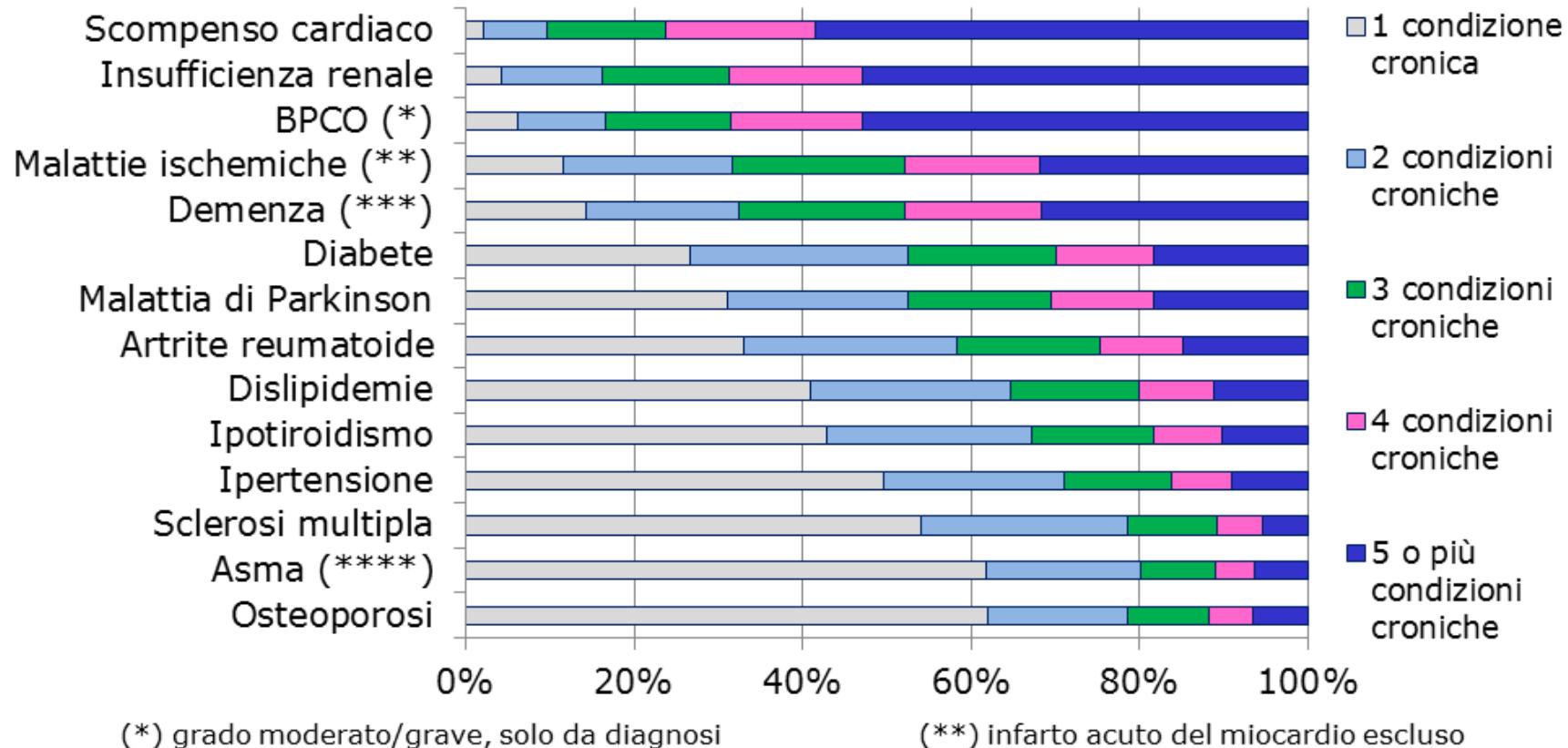


**Population by number of chronic conditons and age. Tutti gli assistiti.
ACG data . Year 2015. Regione Veneto**





Comorbidity in subjects with specific conditions ACG data . Year 2015. Regione Veneto





Signora Maria



79 year old widow

Retired, lives alone

Income: SS, pension

Daughter, lives 10 Km

away with three teenagers

Five chronic conditions

1 GP

Eight medications



In 2015 she experienced:

- 
- 20 prescriptions, 8 meds
 - 19 outpatient visits
 - 3 hospital admits
 - 6 weeks sub acute care
 - 5 months home care
 - 4 ER visits
 - 6 community referrals

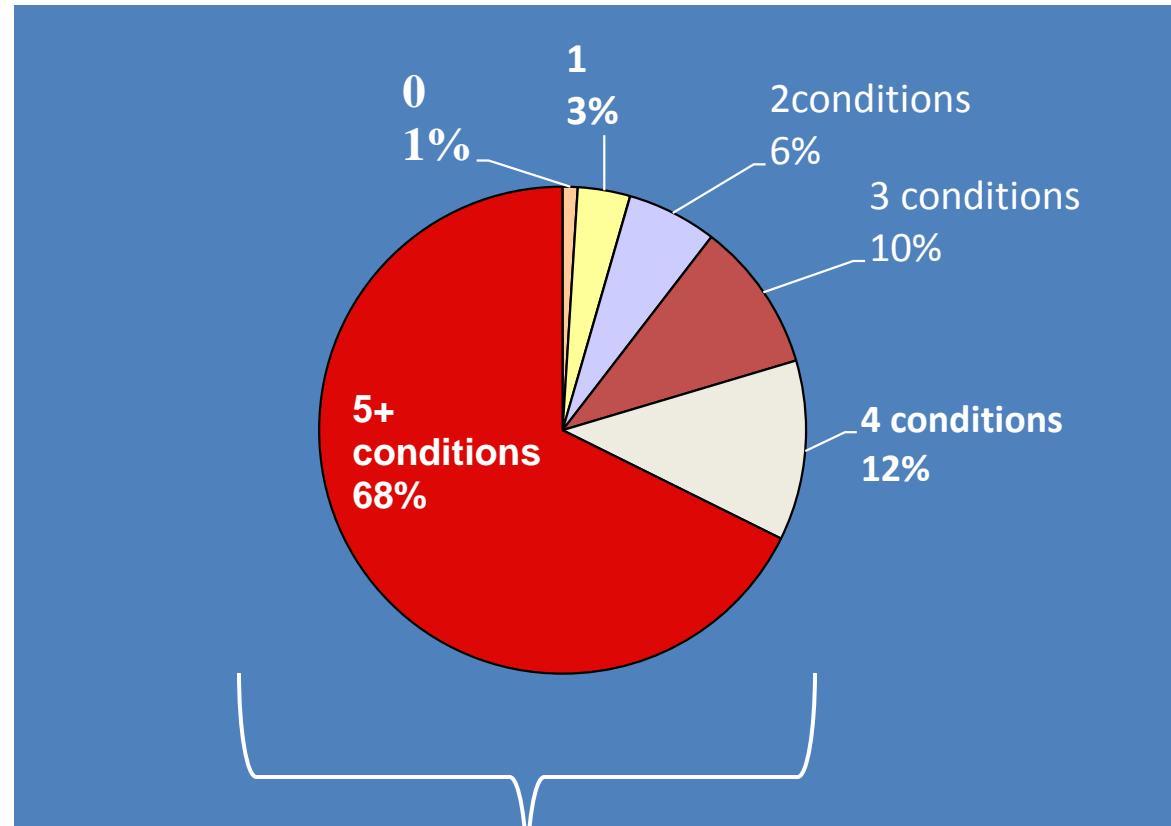
Administered by: 8 Physicians, 3 Social Workers, 5 Physical Therapists, 4 personal assistants, 37 Nurses

TOTAL COST OF HEALTH CARE = 24.000 Euros

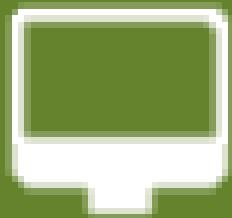


Today's Care for NCDs is:

- Fragmented
- Hard to access
- Inefficient
- Unsafe
- Expensive



One quarter of all seniors have 4+ chronic conditions and account for 80% of health care spending

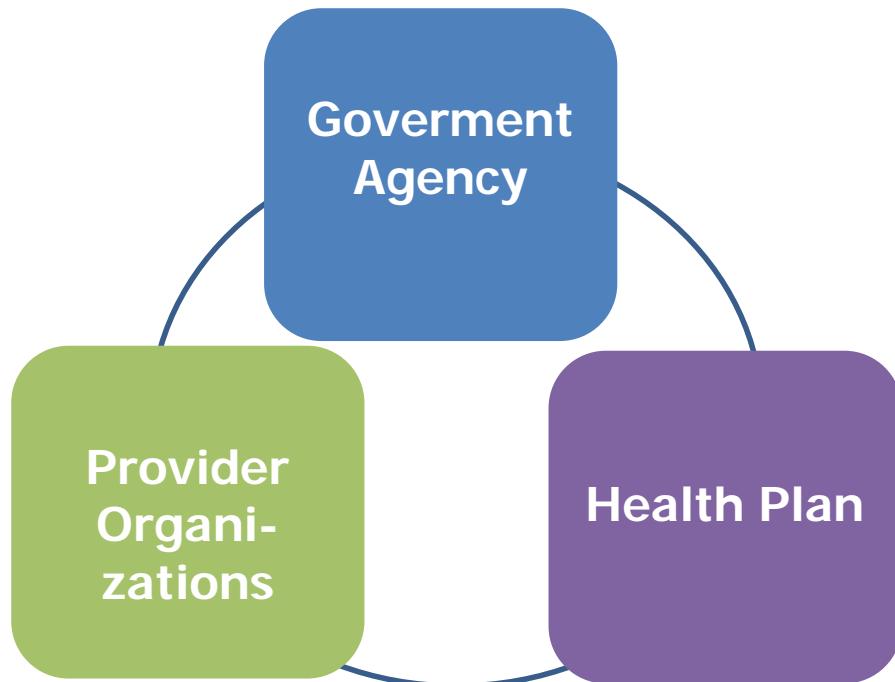


New technologies and
new tools to describe
disease burden



Use of ACG system

ACGs were designed as a way to measure the “medical need” of populations – recognizing that patients usually present with “**morbidity profiles**”, not a single specific disease



- Risk Adjusted Payments
- Population Stratification
- High Risk Case Identification
- Medical Homes and Primary Care support
- Comparative Effectiveness Research
- Performance measurement



Health-Care Datasets



Hospital Discharges (monthly)



ER Visits (monthly)



Ambulatory Visits (monthly)

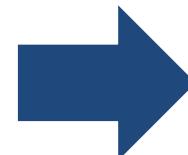
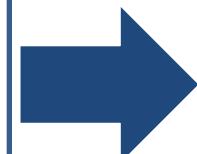


Home Care visits (quarterly)



Medications (monthly)

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Integration starts from data : innovative tool for risk adjustement: ACG

Input

Output

Population

Diagnoses

Drugs

-Costs
- Resource use
-Treatments

Person centered

ACG*
System
for case-mix
adjustment

Disease prevalence & distribution:

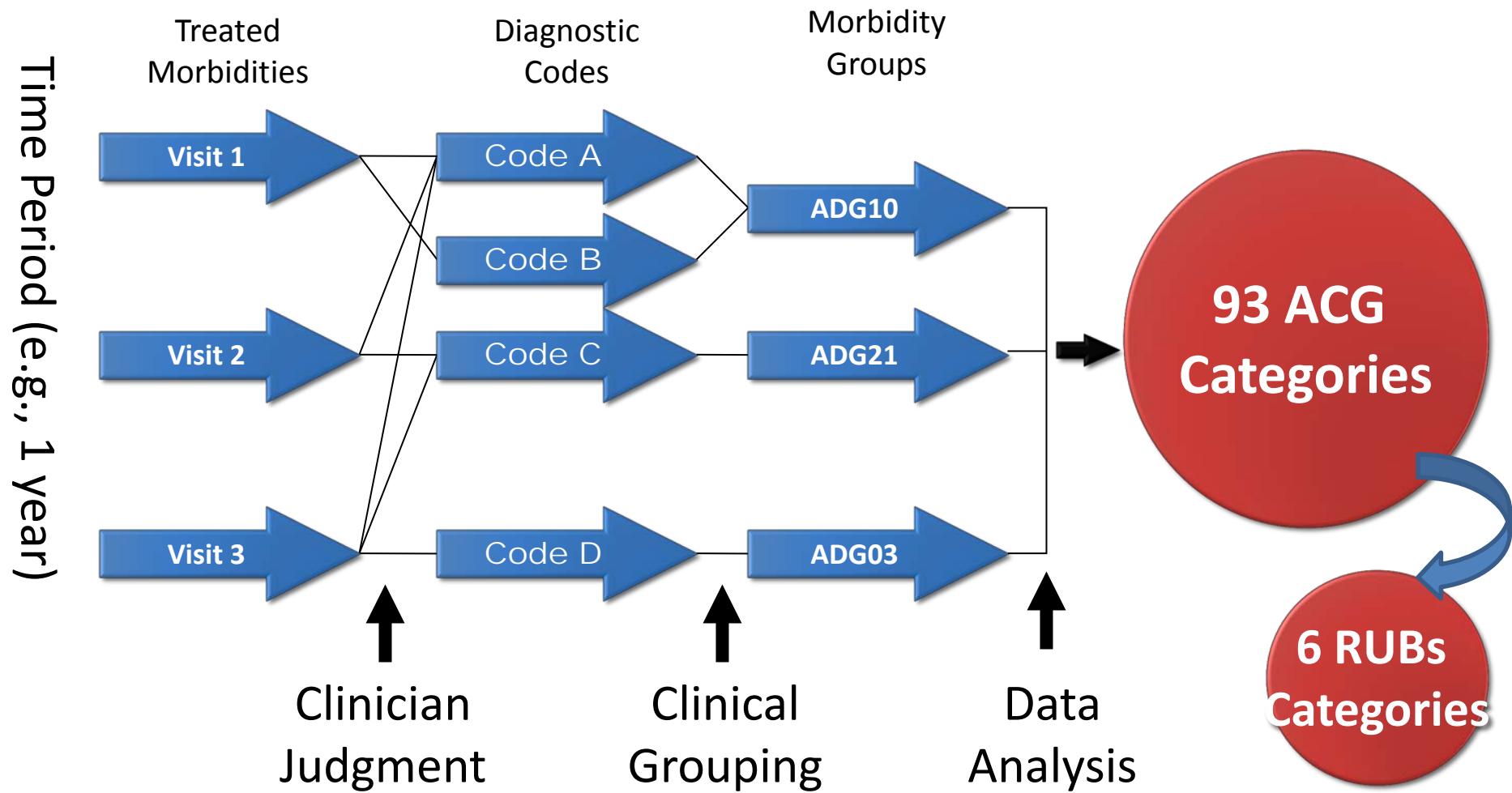
- Diagnoses (EDC, major EDC)
- Drugs (RxMG, major RxMG)

Disease burden

- ADG (Aggregated Diagnosis Groups)
- ACG (Adjusted Clinical Groups)
- RUB (Resource Utilization Bands)

Future use of resources

- Future cost prediction
- Probability of high cost
- Probability of hospital admission (unplanned)

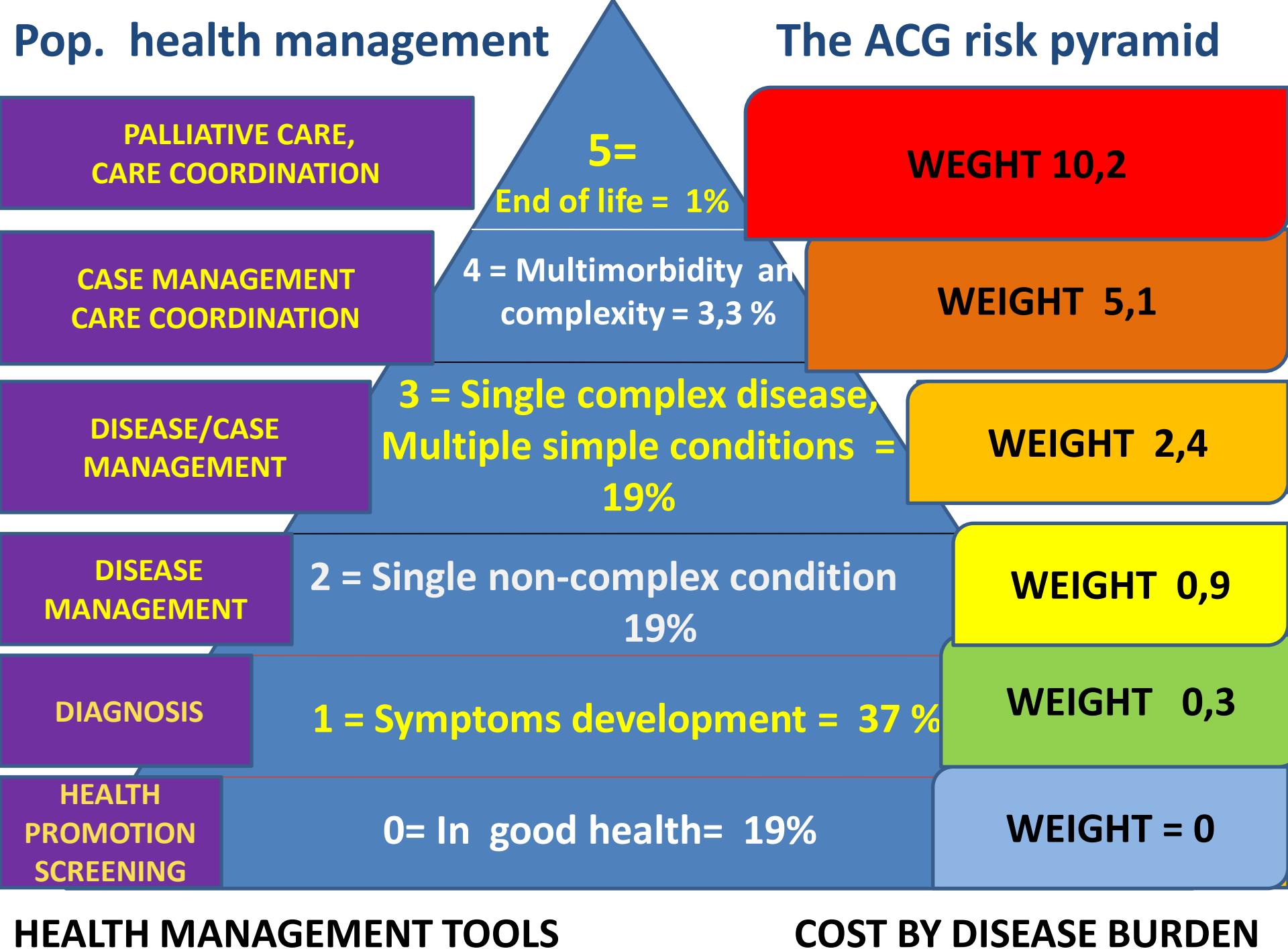


ACG 5110 Costs without diagnoses (healthy users)

ACG 5200 No costs , no diagnoses (non user)

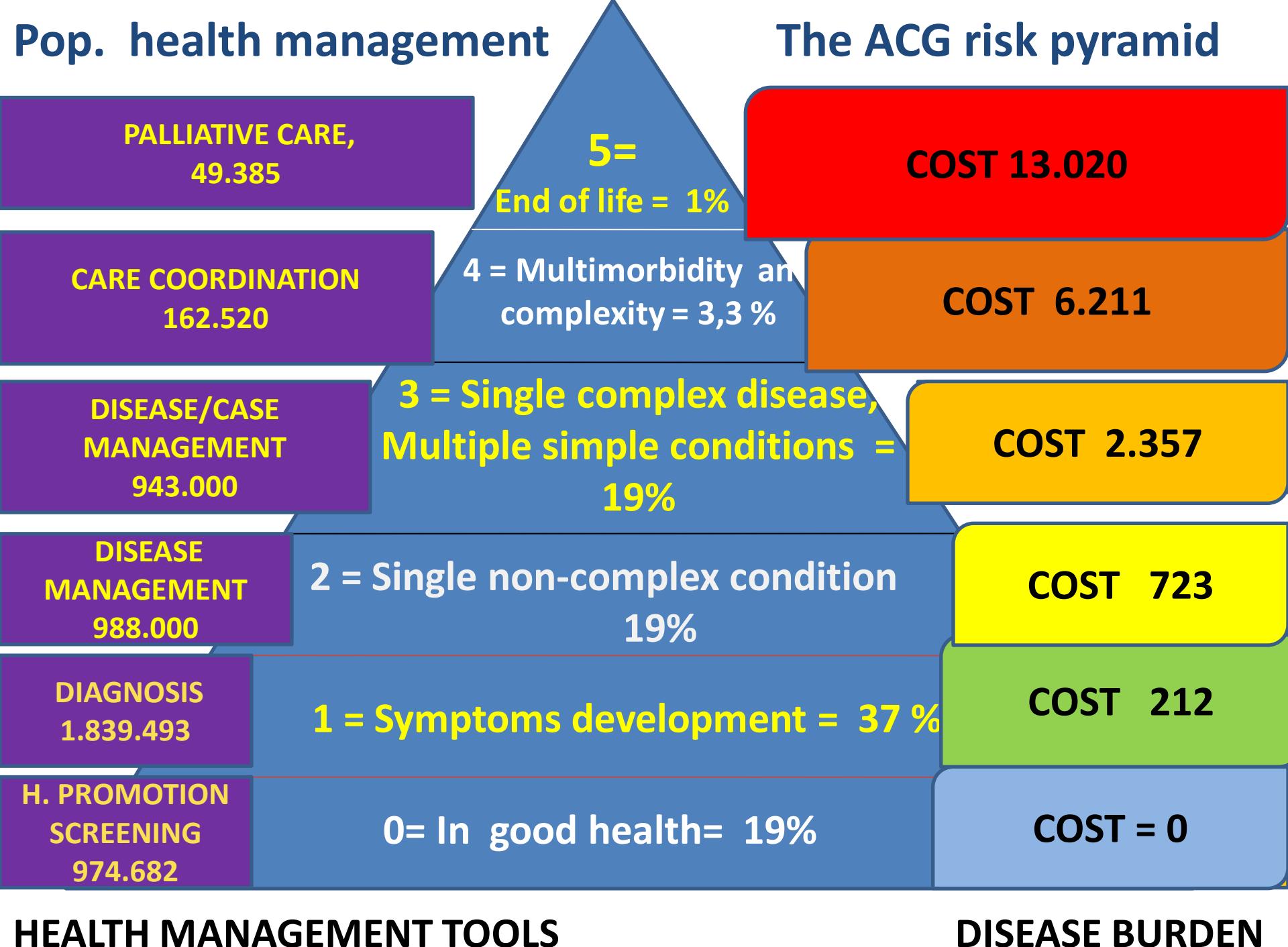
Pop. health management

The ACG risk pyramid



Pop. health management

The ACG risk pyramid





ADG – Aggregated Diagnosis Groups (Esempi)

Diagnostic categories accounting for prognostic dimensions for diseases or conditions

- 01-Time Limited: Minor
- 03-Time Limited: Major
- 06-Asthma
- 09-Likely to Recur: Progressive
- 10-Chronic Medical: Stable
- 11-Chronic Medical: Unstable
- 12-Chronic Specialty: Stable-Orthopedic
- 21-Injuries/Adverse Effects: Minor
- 22-Injuries/Adverse Effects: Major
- 23-Psychosocial: Time Limited, Minor
- 24-Psychosocial: Recurrent or Persistent, Stable
- 26-Signs/Symptoms: Minor
- 28-Signs/Symptoms: Major
- 31-Prevention/Administrative
- 32-Malignancy
- 33-Pregnancy

- Duration
- Severity
- diagnostic certainty
- Etiologia
- Needs for specialistic care



ACG aggregations based on disease burden

RUB

5-very high

4-high

3-moderate

2-low

1-healthy uses

0-Non user

ACG

5341-newborns; 6+ pat., 1+ major pat.,
low birth weight
4930-6/9 pat., age>34, 3 major pat.

4430-4/5 pat., age>34, 2+ patologie
maggiori
1730-Pregnancy, 2/3 pat., 1+ pat. maggiori

4100-2/3 pat., age>34
0800-Cronica, instabile

0900-Cronic, stable
0400-Acute, major

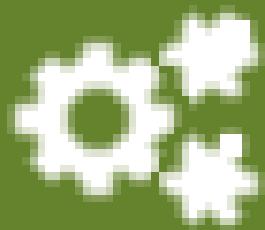
5110-Costs , no diagnoses,
0300-Acute, minor, age>5

5200-No costs no diagnoses



Criteria for assigning Diabetes diagnosis to ADG (Aggregated Diagnosis Groups)

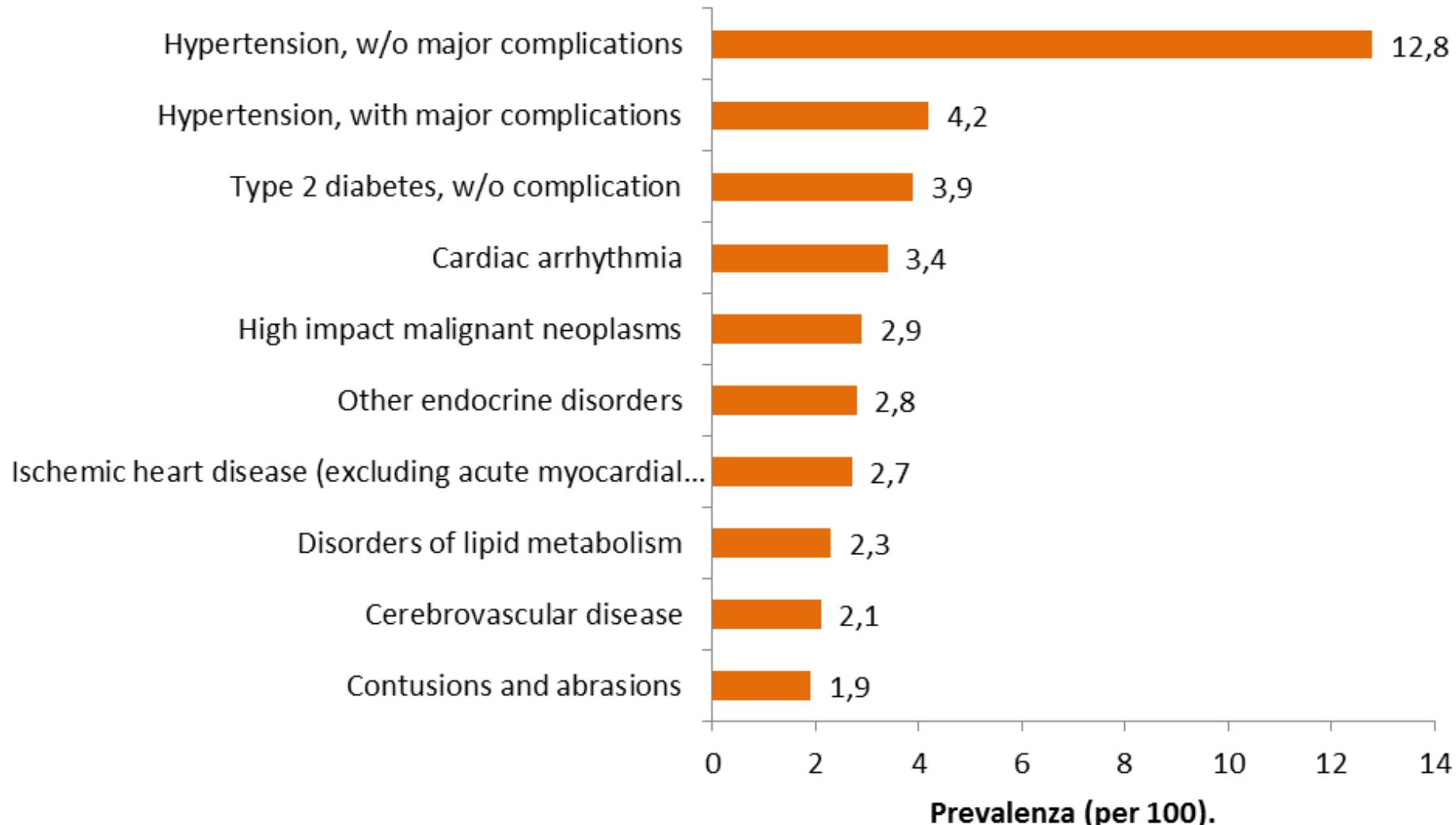
ICD-9 Code	Description	ADG (32)
250.0	Diabetes Mellitus Uncomplicated	10: Chronic Medical Stable
250.03	Diabetes Mellitus without complications	11: Chronic Medical Unstable
250.1	Diabetes with Ketoacidosis	09: Likely to Recur, Progressive
362.0	Diabetes Retinopathy	18: Chronic Specialty, Unstable-Eye



New sources of epidemiological data



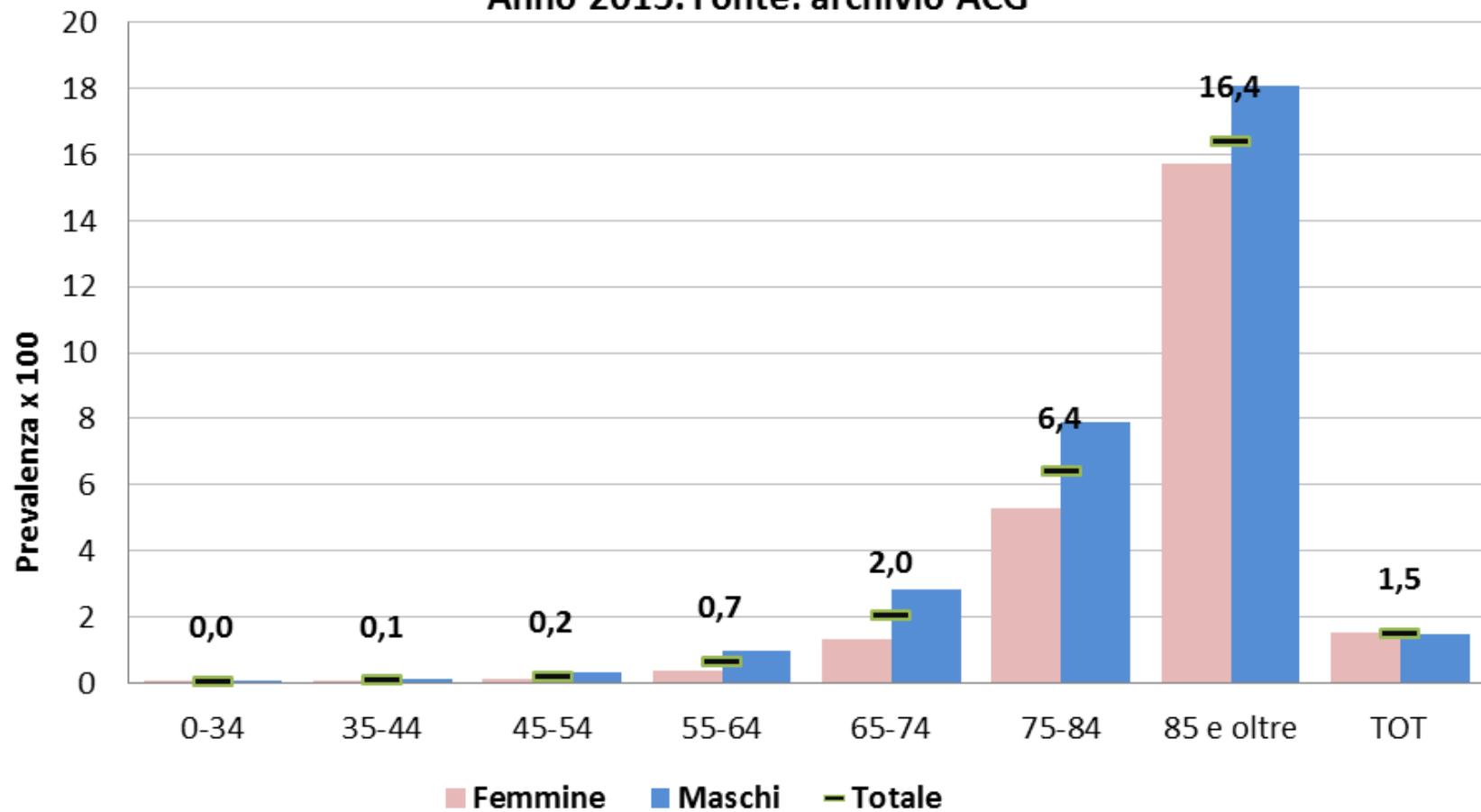
Expanded Diagnosis Clusters – EDCs





PREVALENCE OF CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

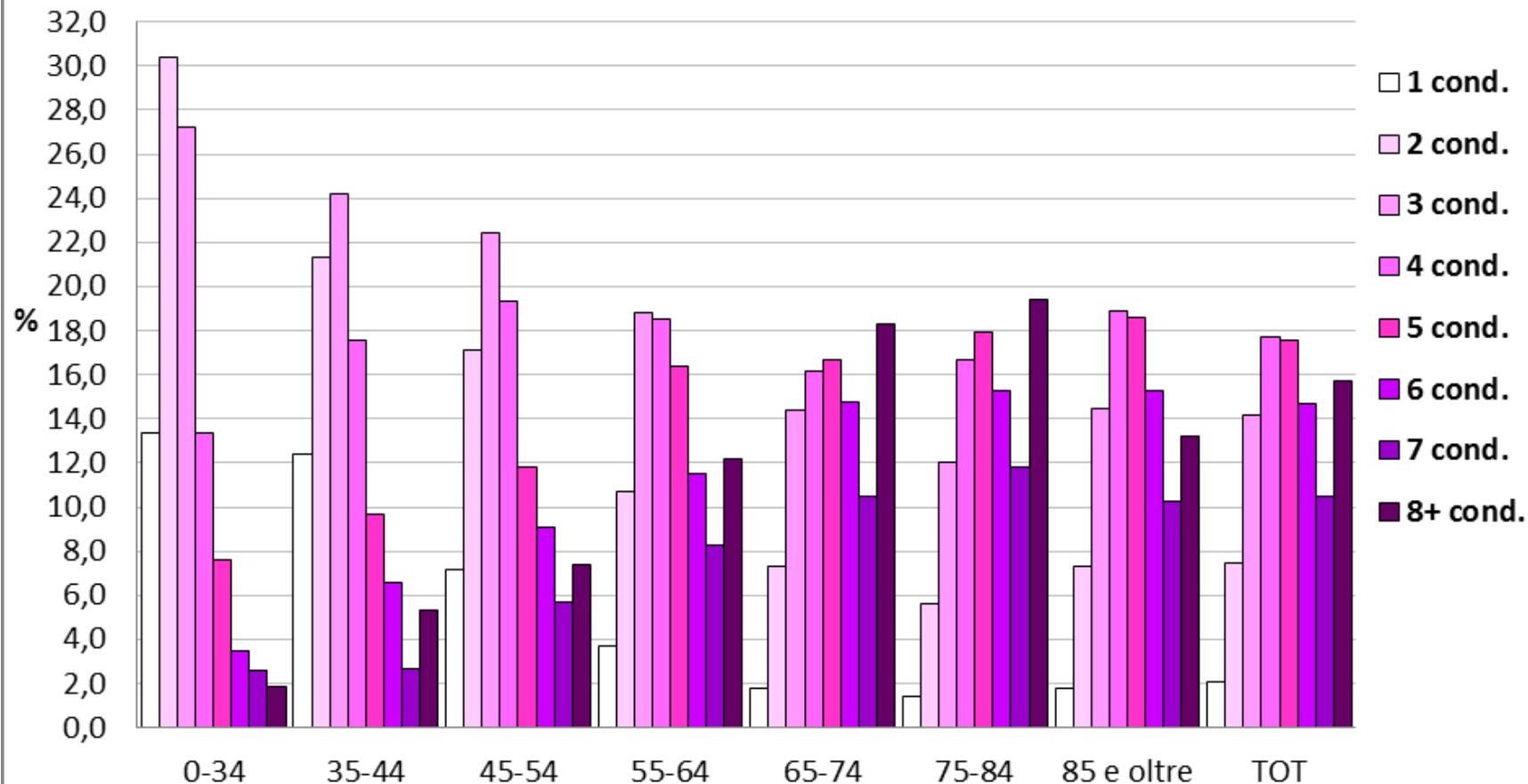
Scompenso cardiaco (diagnosi). Prevalenza per ETÀ e SESSO.
Anno 2015. Fonte: archivio ACG





COMORBIDITY OF PATIENTS WITH CHF

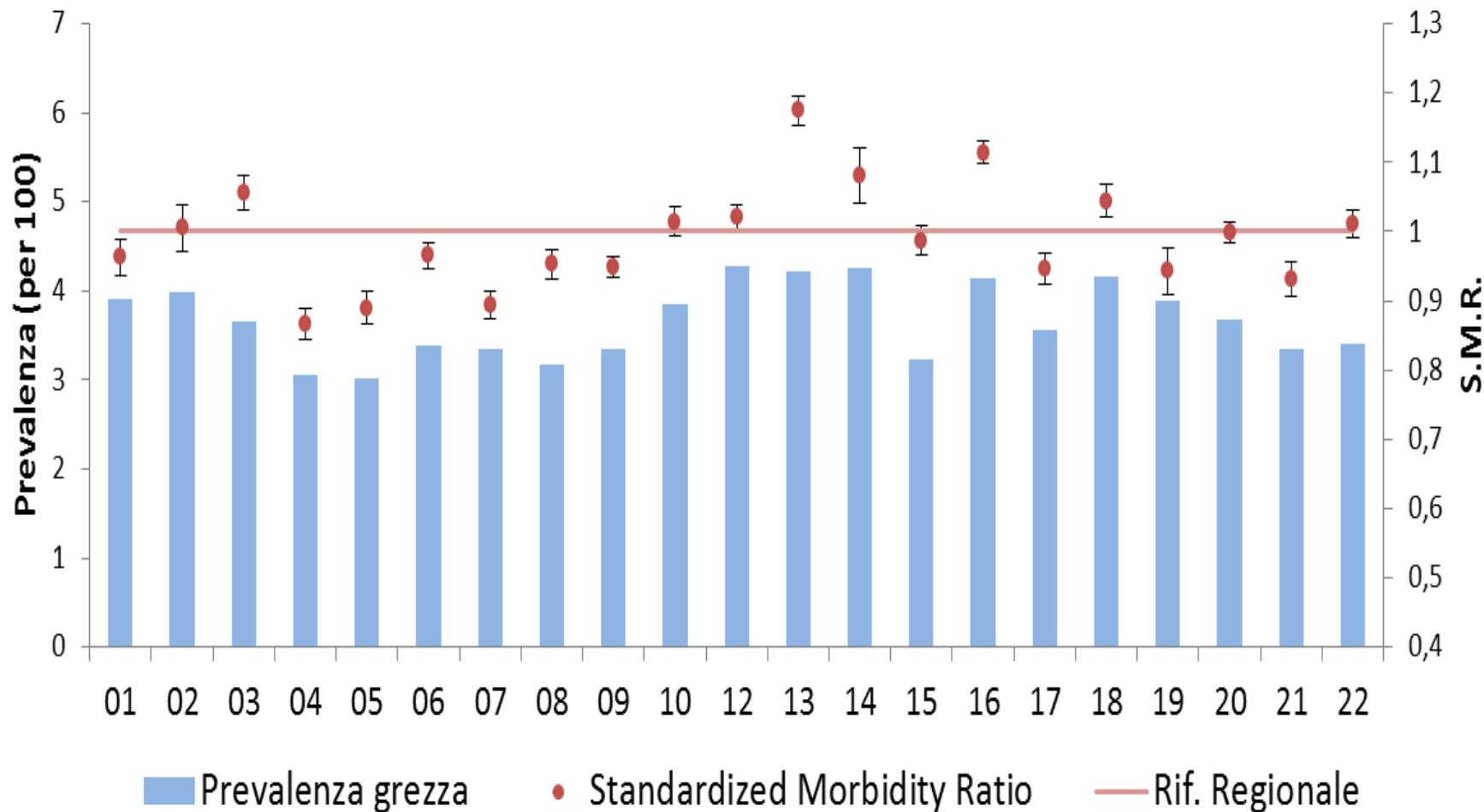
Scompenso cardiaco (diagnosi).
Numero di condizioni croniche per ETÀ.
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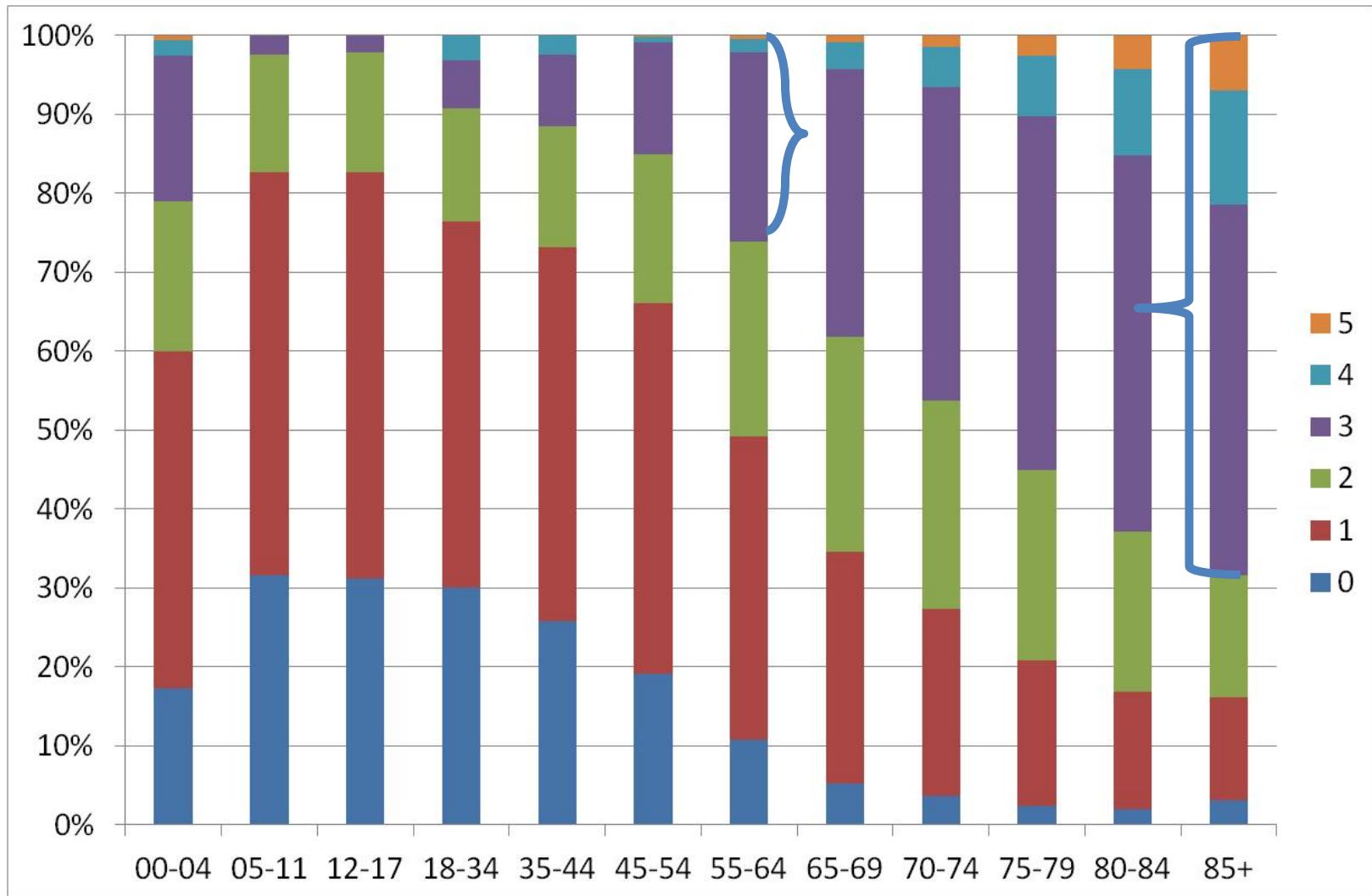
Population health: SMR

Major EDC =Malignancies. Prevalenza (per 100) e SMR





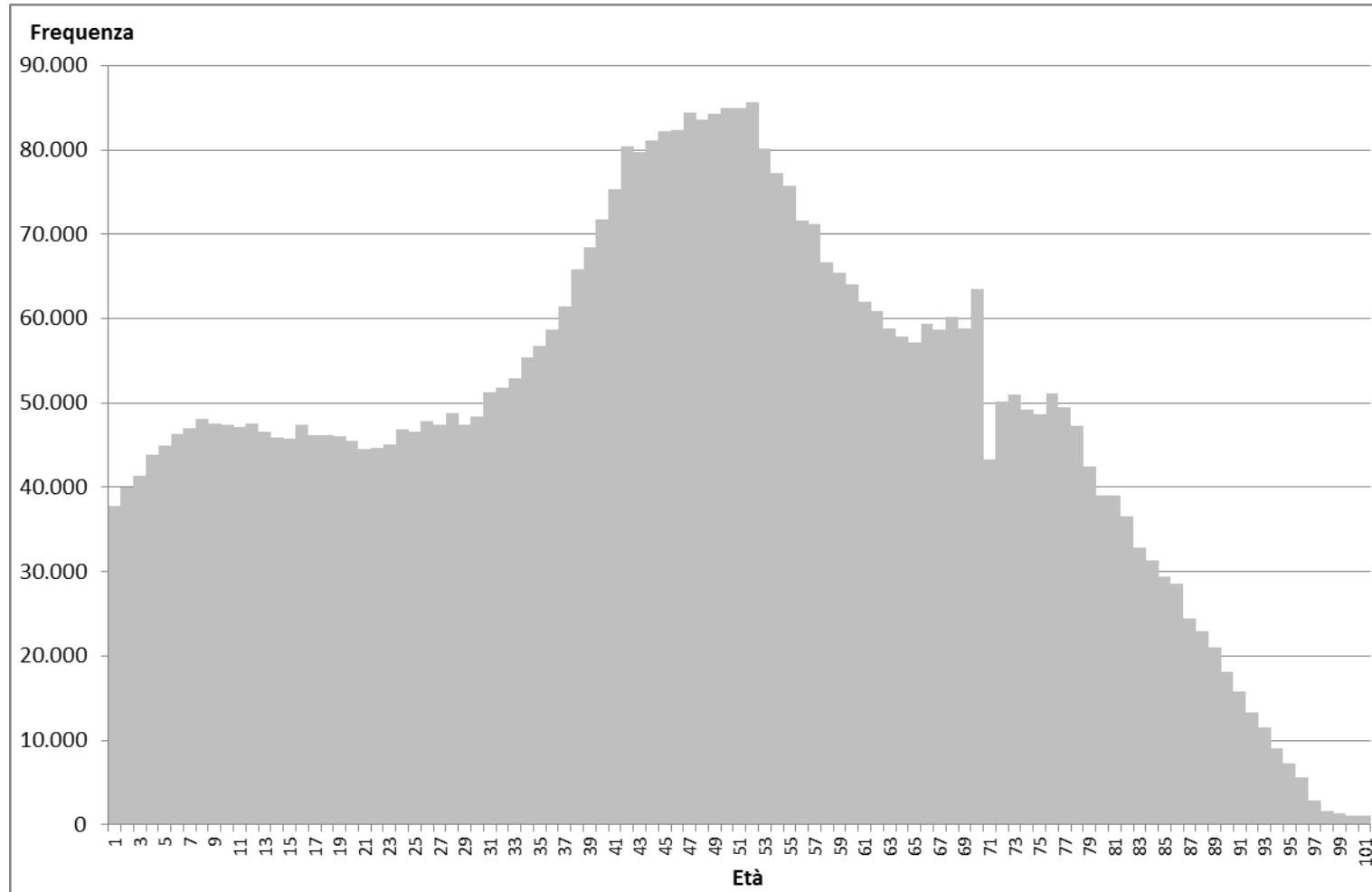
RUBs Distribution by age strata (RUBs measure of disease burden)





Distribution by age

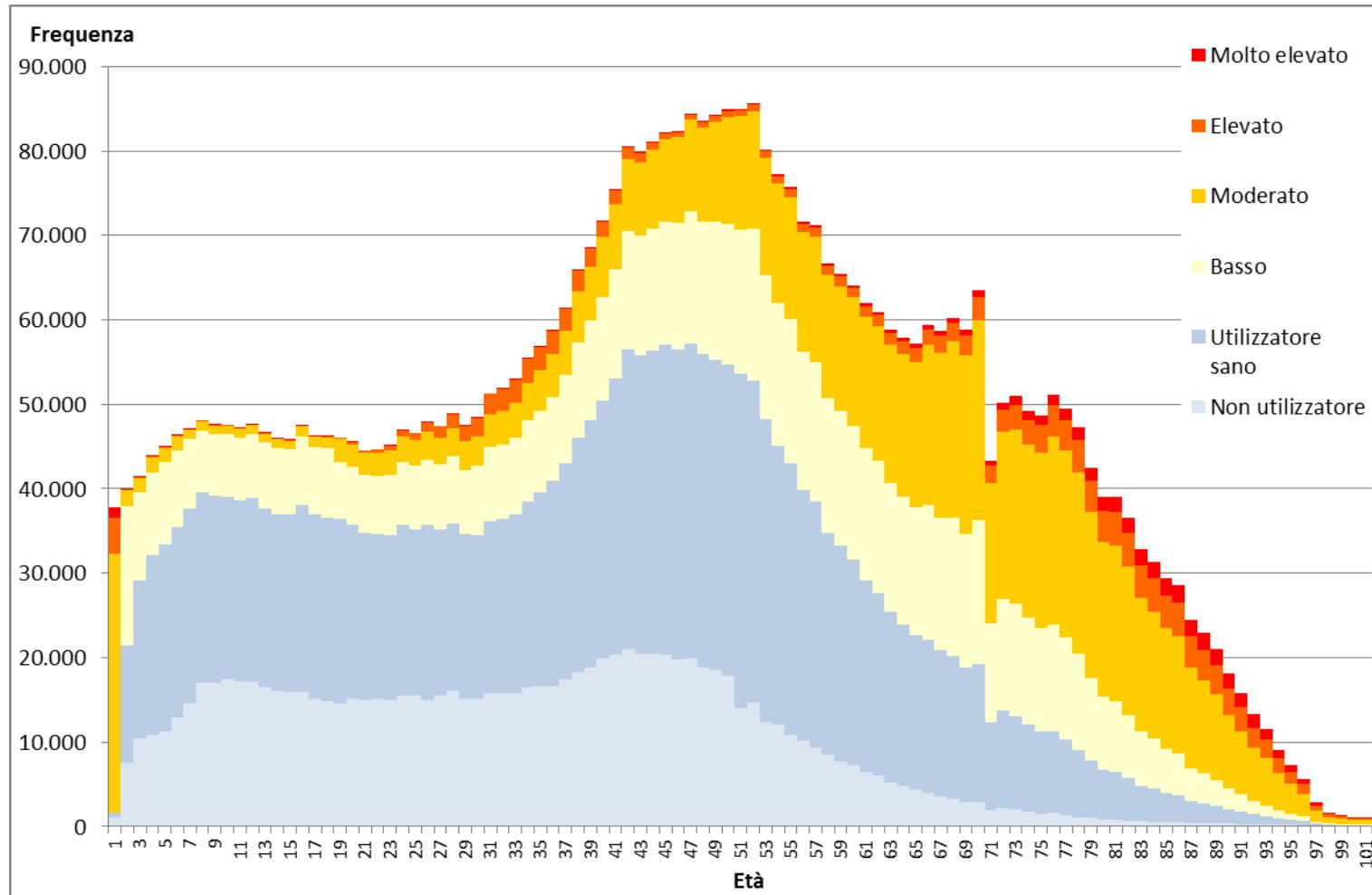
ACG data. Year 2015. Regione Veneto





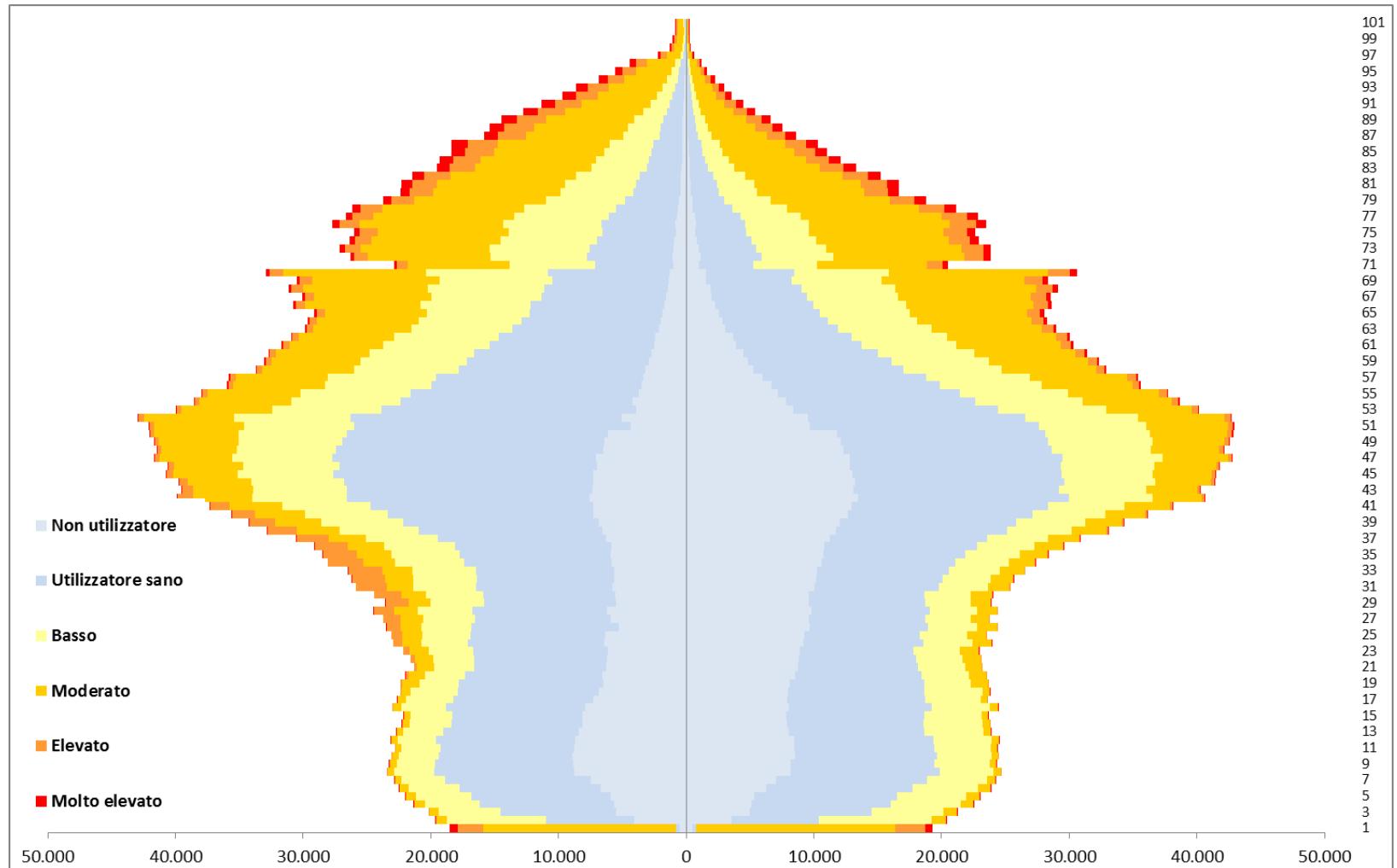
Distribution by age and disease burden (RUB)

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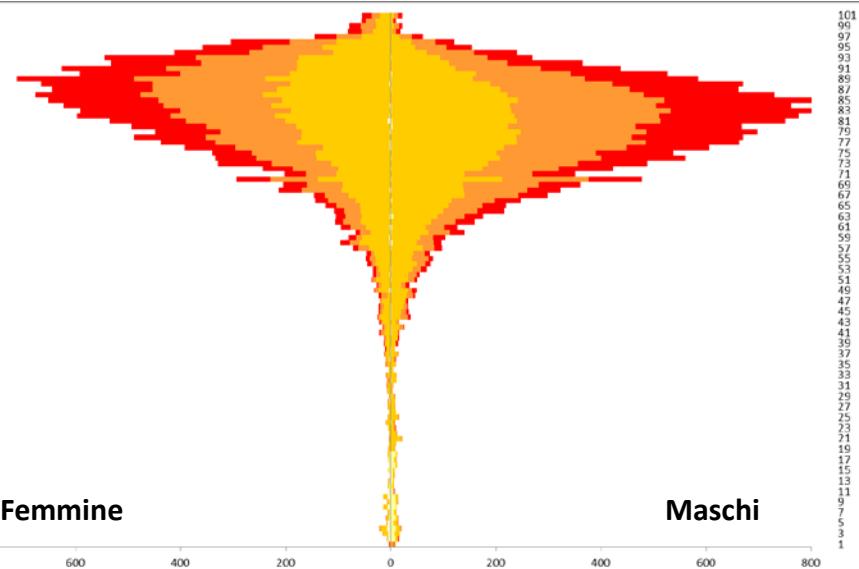


Population structure by age, gender and disease burden (RUB). ACG data. Year 2015. Regione Veneto

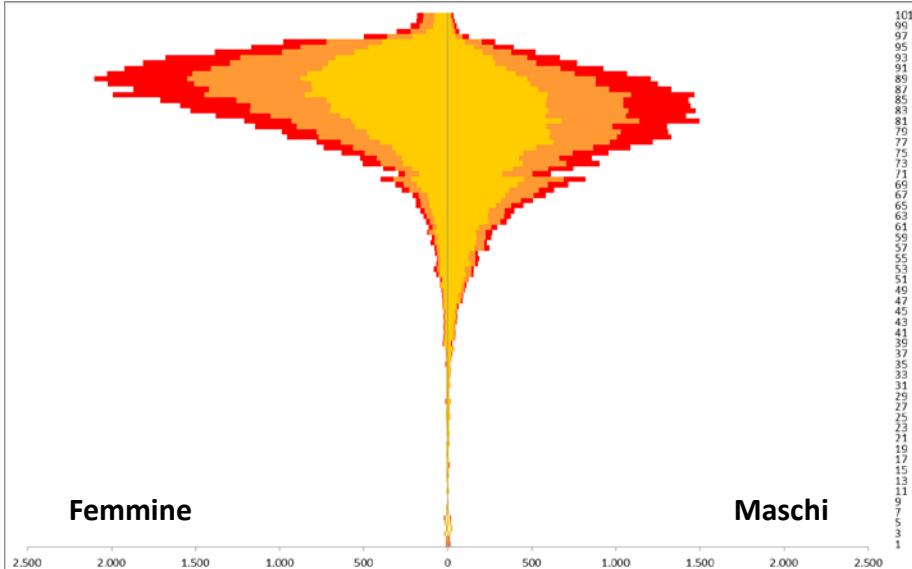




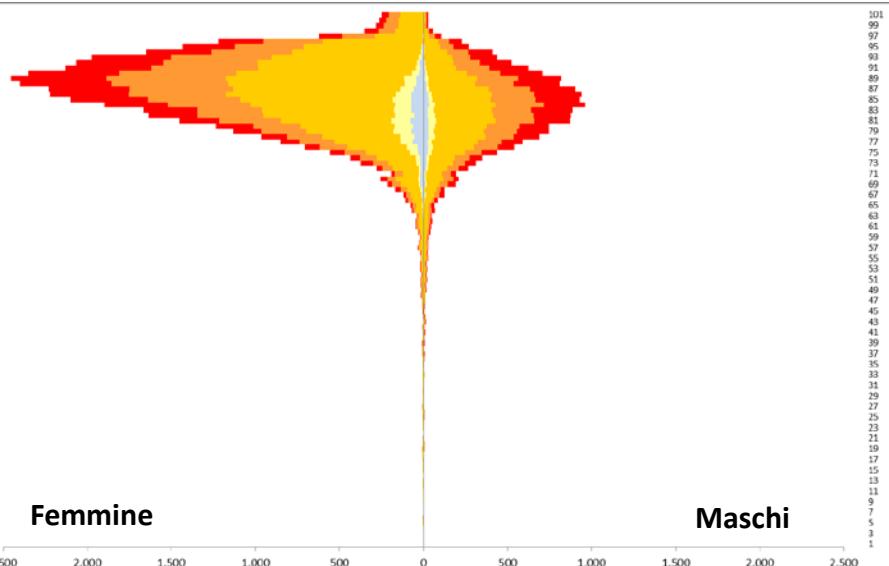
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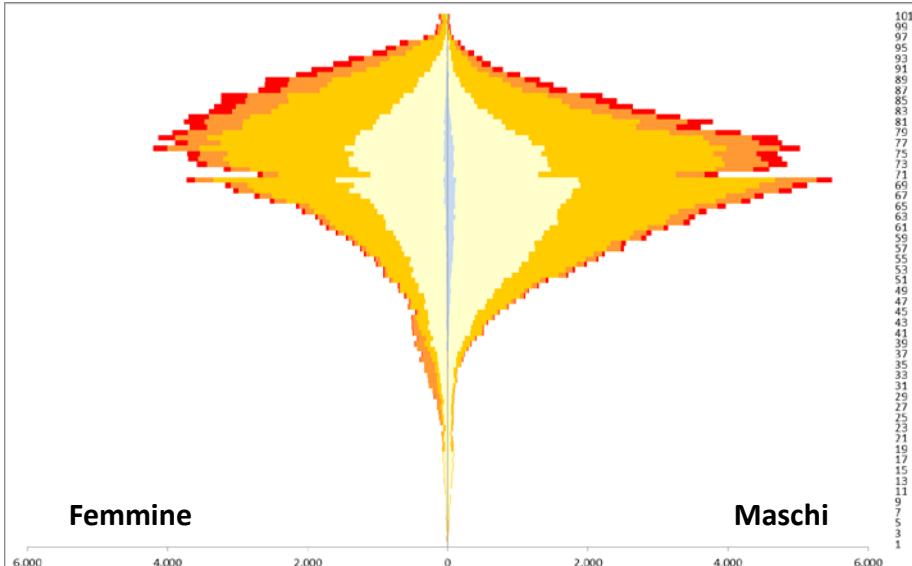
Congestive heart failure



Dementia



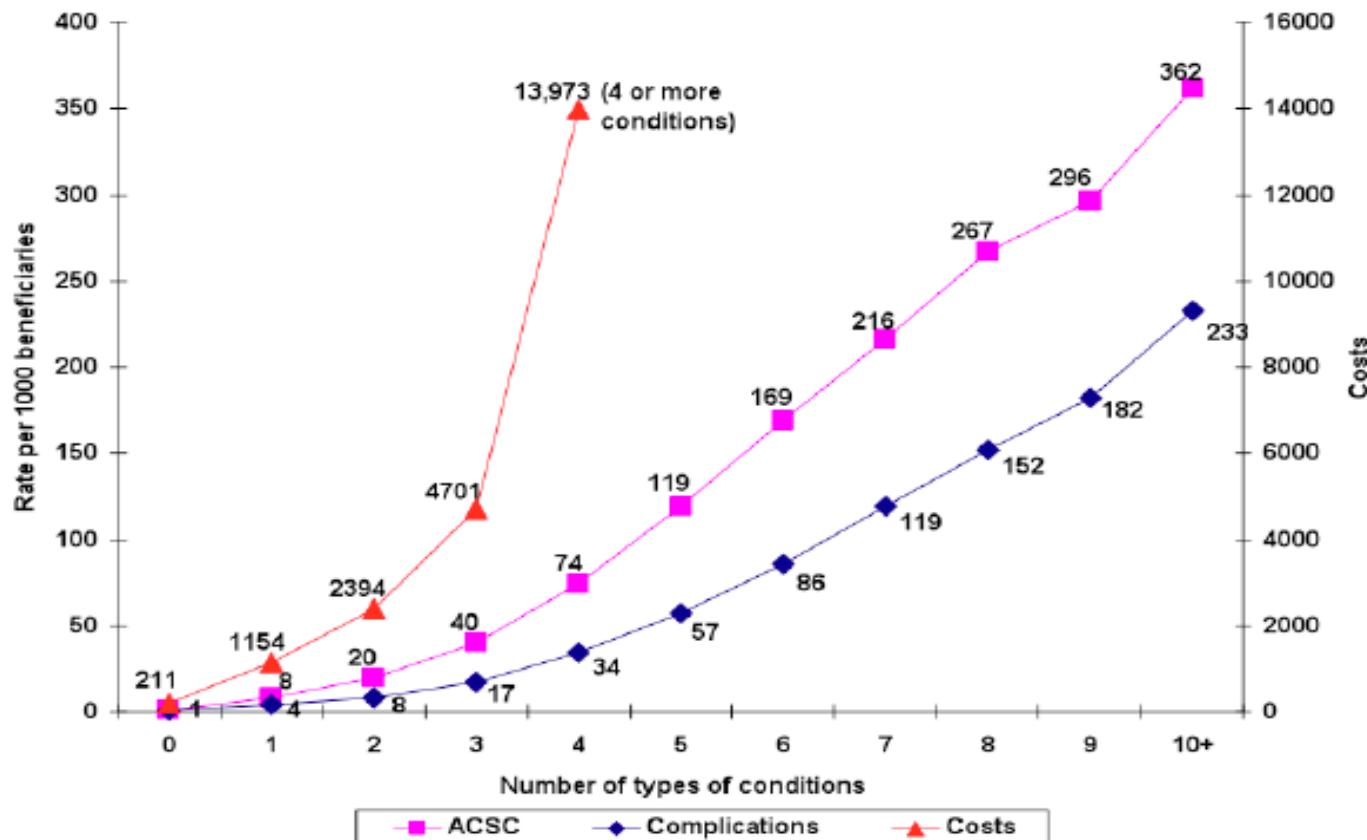
Diabetes





New approaches to
multimorbidity and
its impact on costs

Comorbidity, Inpatient Hospitalization, Avoidable Events, and Costs*

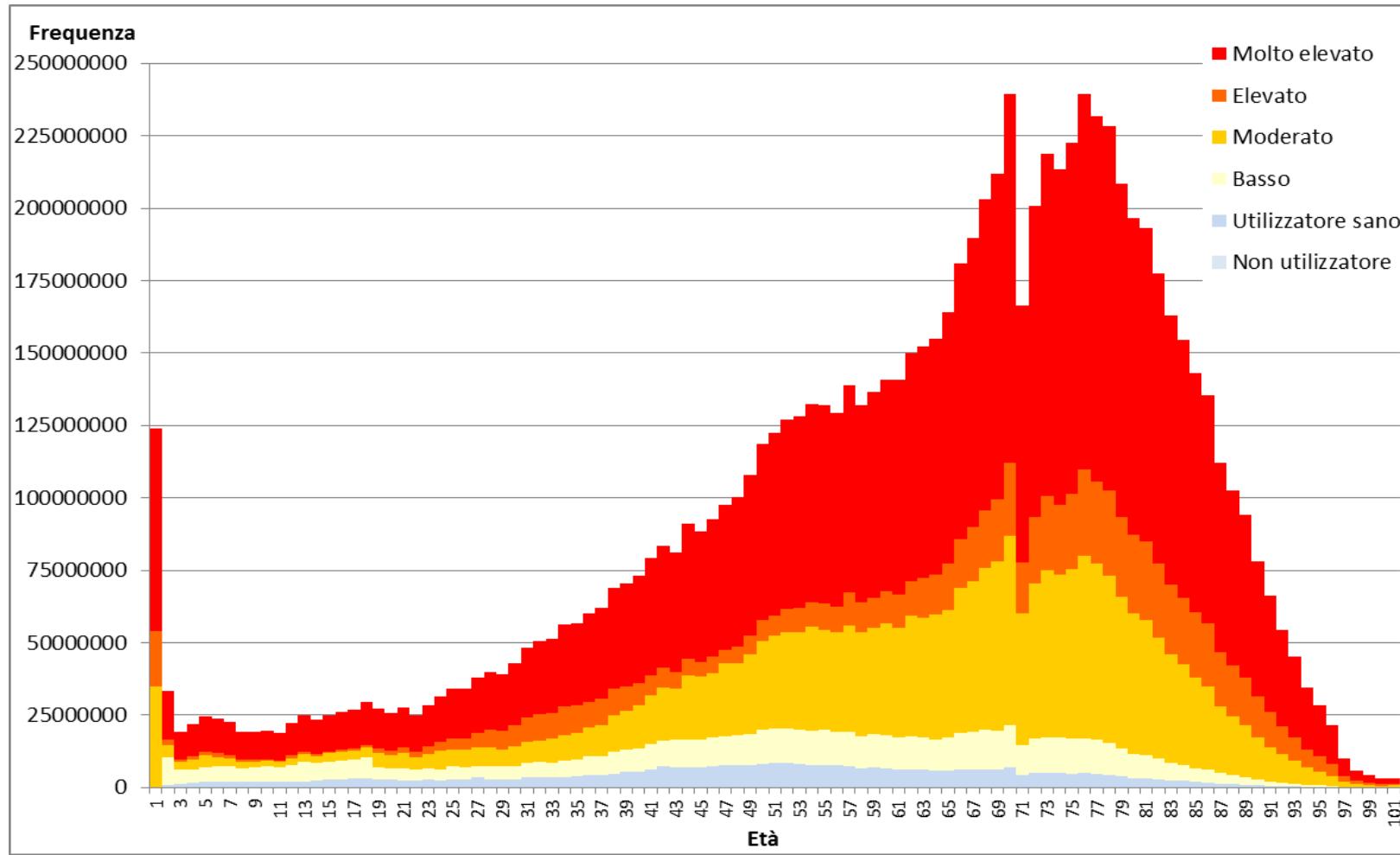


Source: Wolff et al, Arch Intern Med 2002; 162:2269-76.

*ages 65+, chronic conditions only

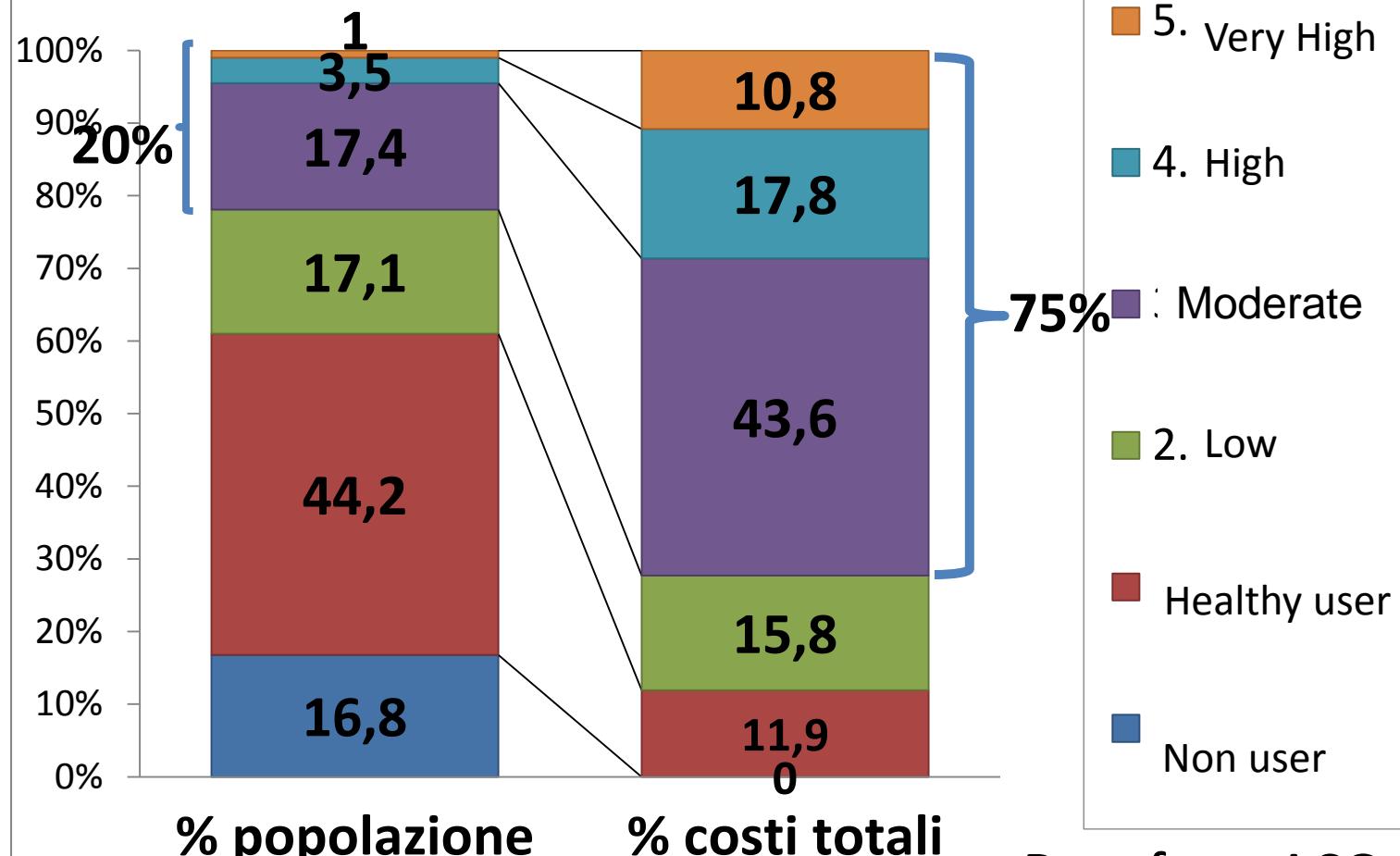


Total cost distribution by age and disease burden (RUB). ACG data. Year 2015. Regione Veneto





Population and costs by level of risk (RUBs)

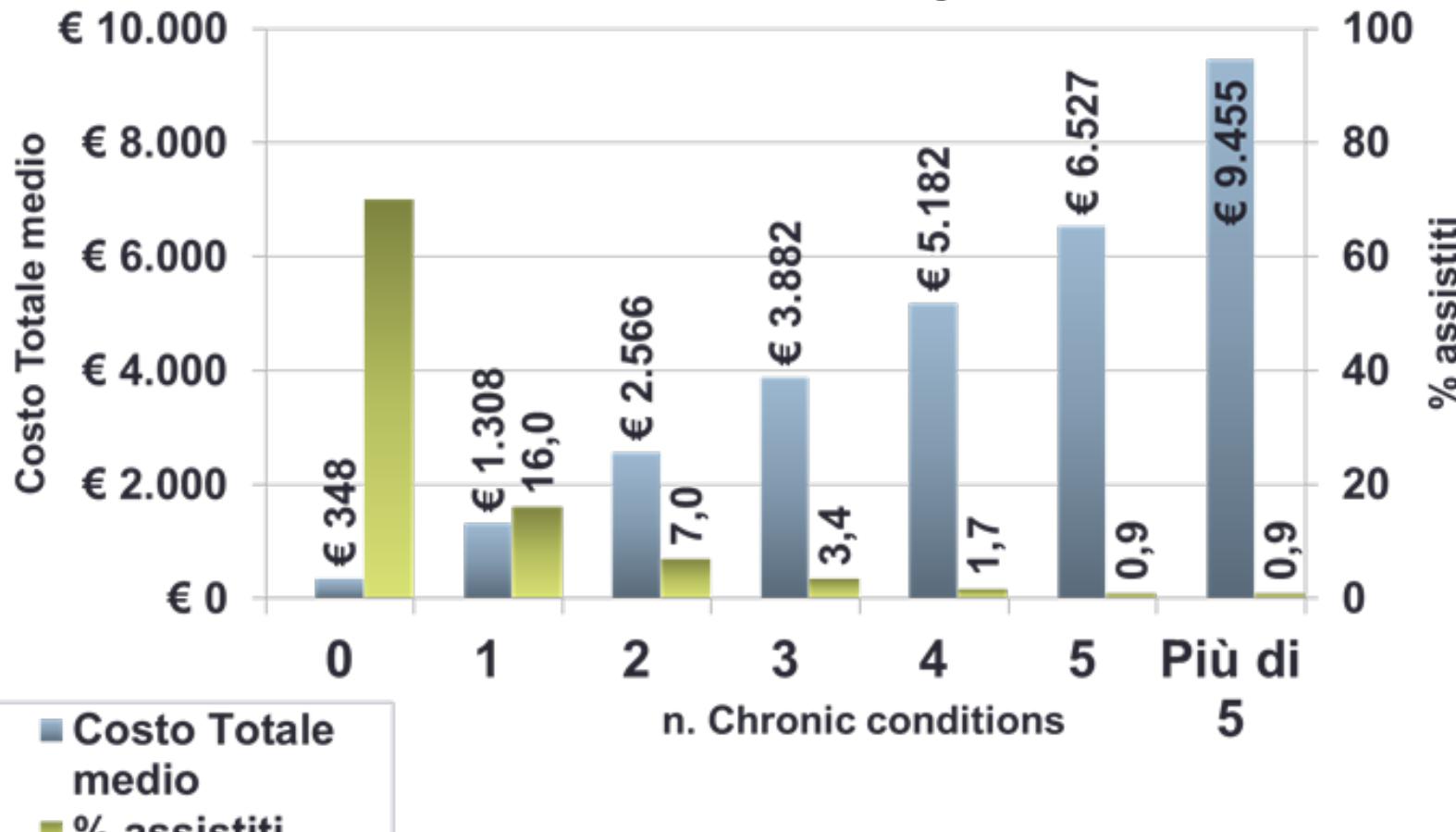


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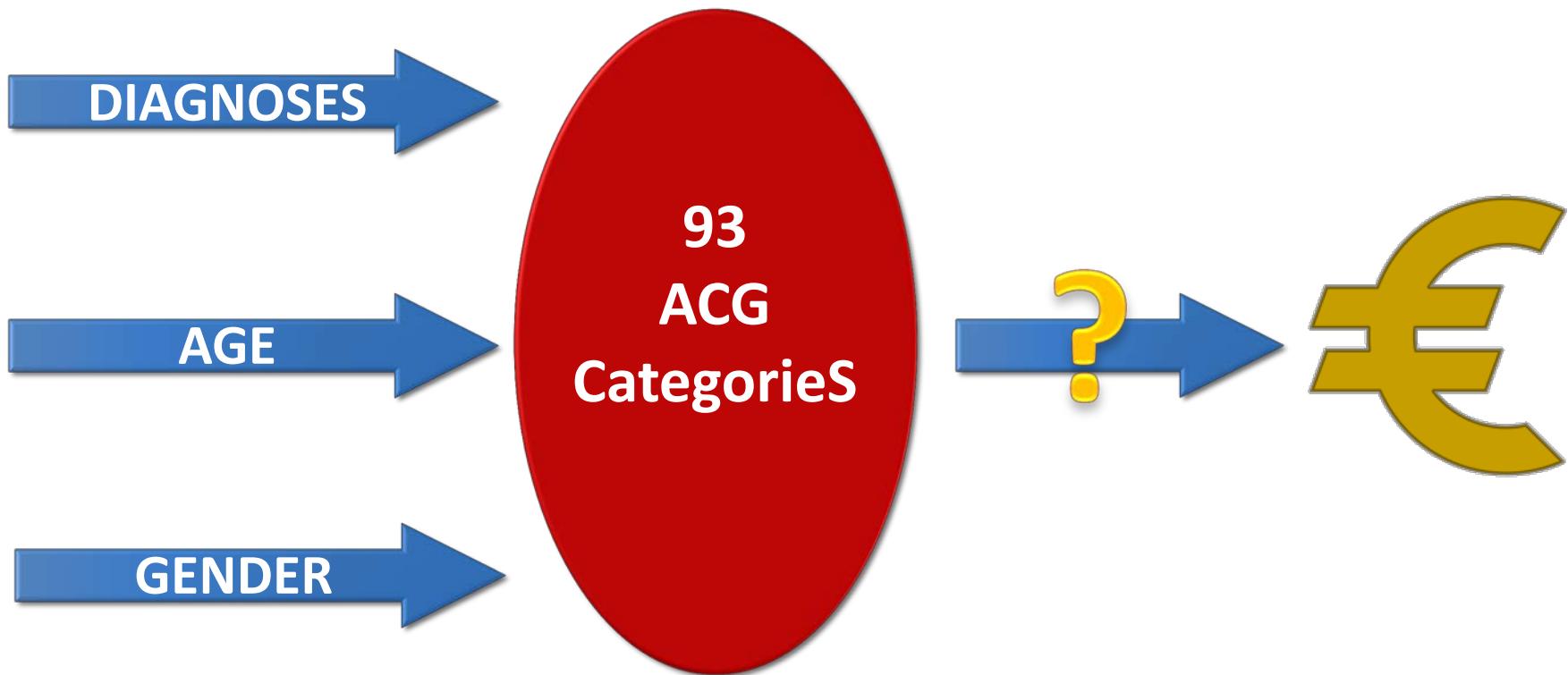
Total average cost by number of chronic conditions.

ACG data. Year 2015. Regione Veneto





Does multimorbidity explain cost variability?





How multimorbidity explains cost variability?

$$\text{costo} = a + b_1(\text{age}) + b_2(\text{sex}) + b_3(\text{ACG}) + b_4(\text{Rx-MG}) + e$$

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Demographic variables case-mix measures

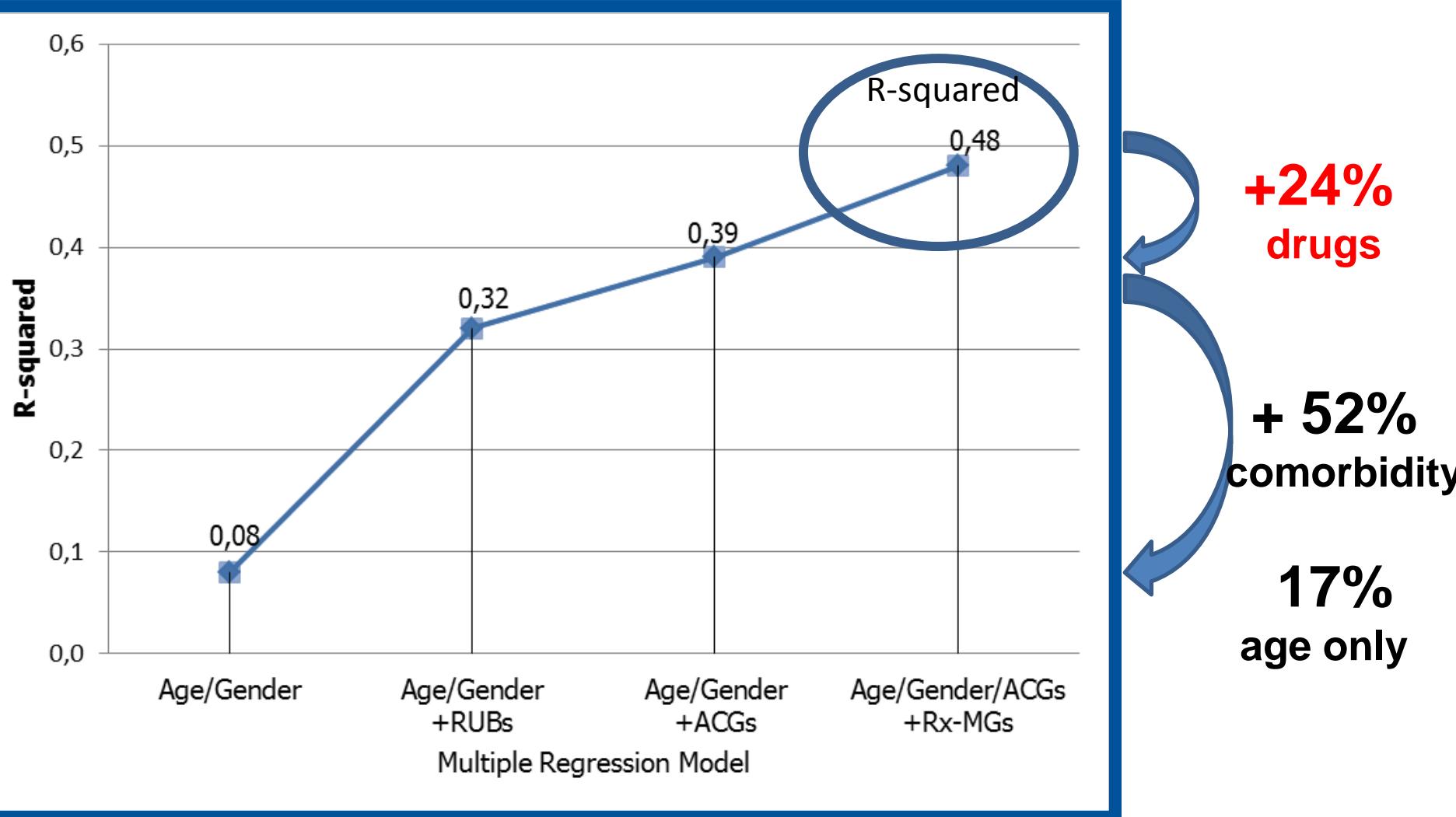
Dependent
Variable

performance measure of the regression model

% Variance explained (R squared)

Explaining cost variability using ACG

R 2 = cost variability in multiple linear regression model





New approaches to multimorbidity and its characterization



The greater the morbidity burden,
the greater the persistence of any
given diagnosis.

That is, with high comorbidity,
even acute diseases are more
likely to persist.

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CM 6598

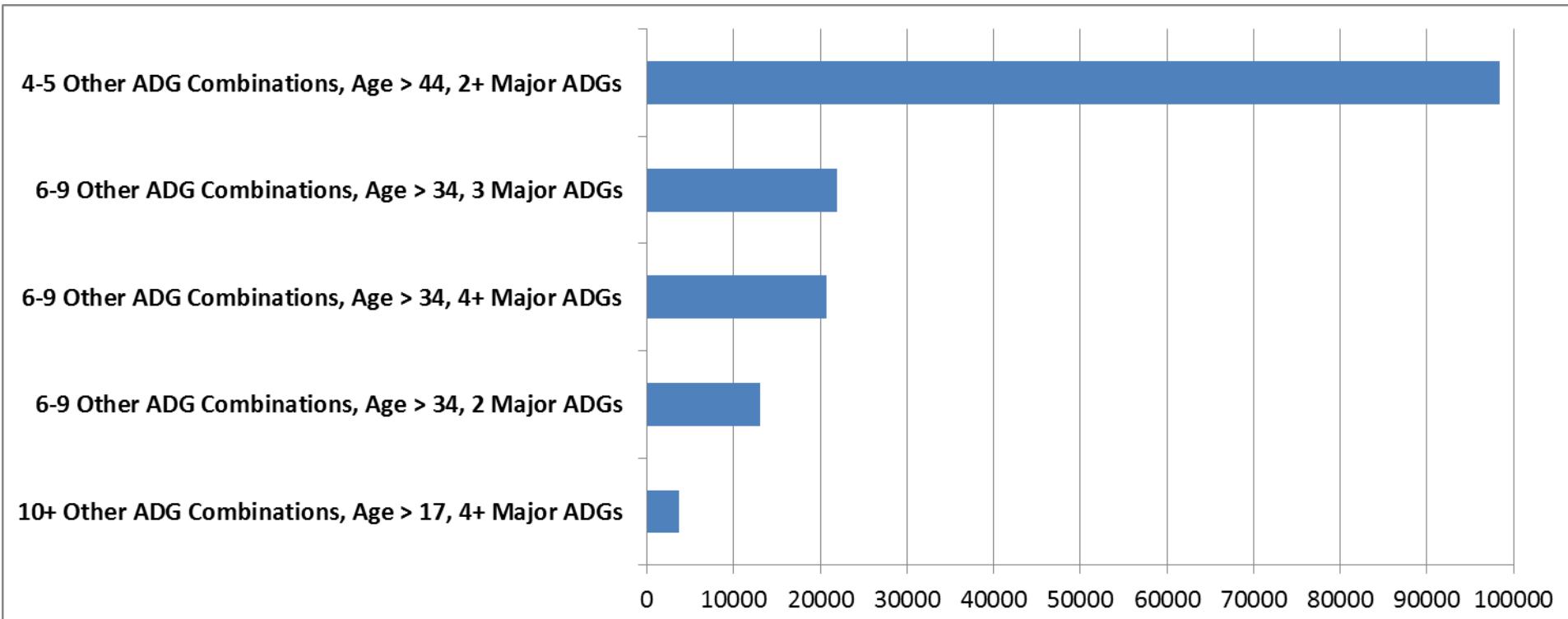


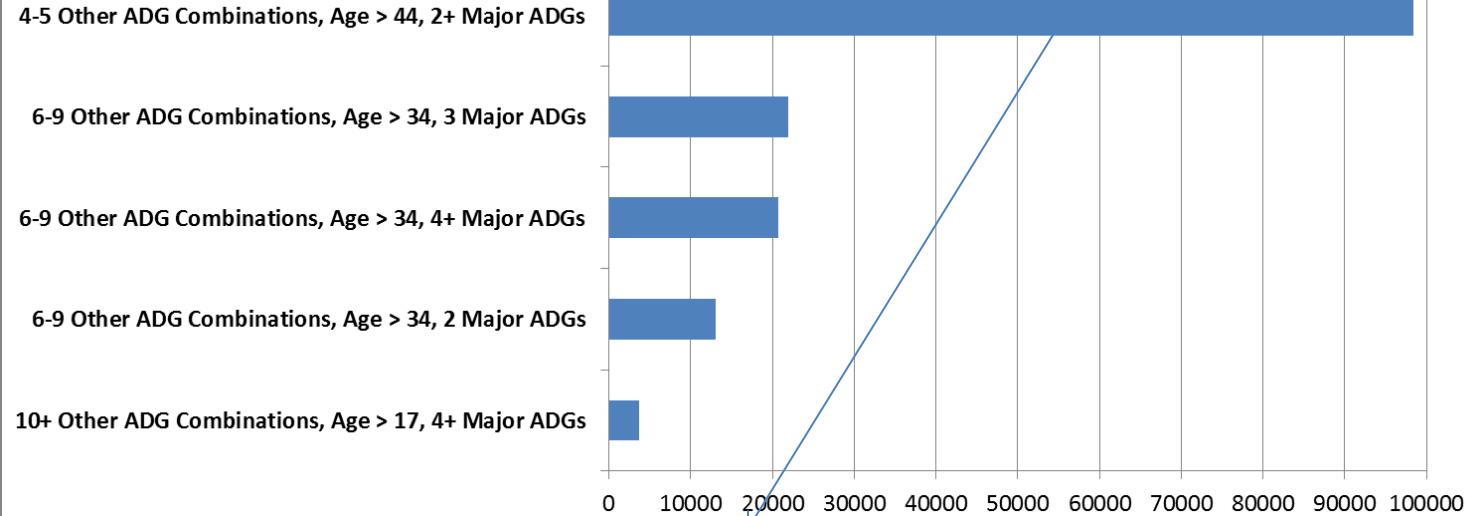
**Pateints with high and very high disease burden (RUB 4 and 5)
age >= 50 years by Local trusts either
community based or and in Nursing Homes.
ACG data . Year 2015. Regione Veneto**

Nuova Azienda ULSS	Non in struttura residenziale		In struttura residenziale	
	N	%	N	%
1-Dolomiti	6.192	4,6	1.689	7,1
2-Marca Trevigiana	22.696	16,8	4.662	19,7
3-Serenissima	18.765	13,9	2.962	12,5
4-Veneto Orientale	5.730	4,2	794	3,4
5-Polesana	9.134	6,8	1.359	5,7
6-Euganea	26.186	19,4	3.394	14,4
7-Pedemontana	7.746	5,7	2.010	8,5
8-Berica	11.211	8,3	2.990	12,7
9-Scaligera	27.187	20,2	3.775	16,0
Totale	134.847	100,0	23.635	100,0

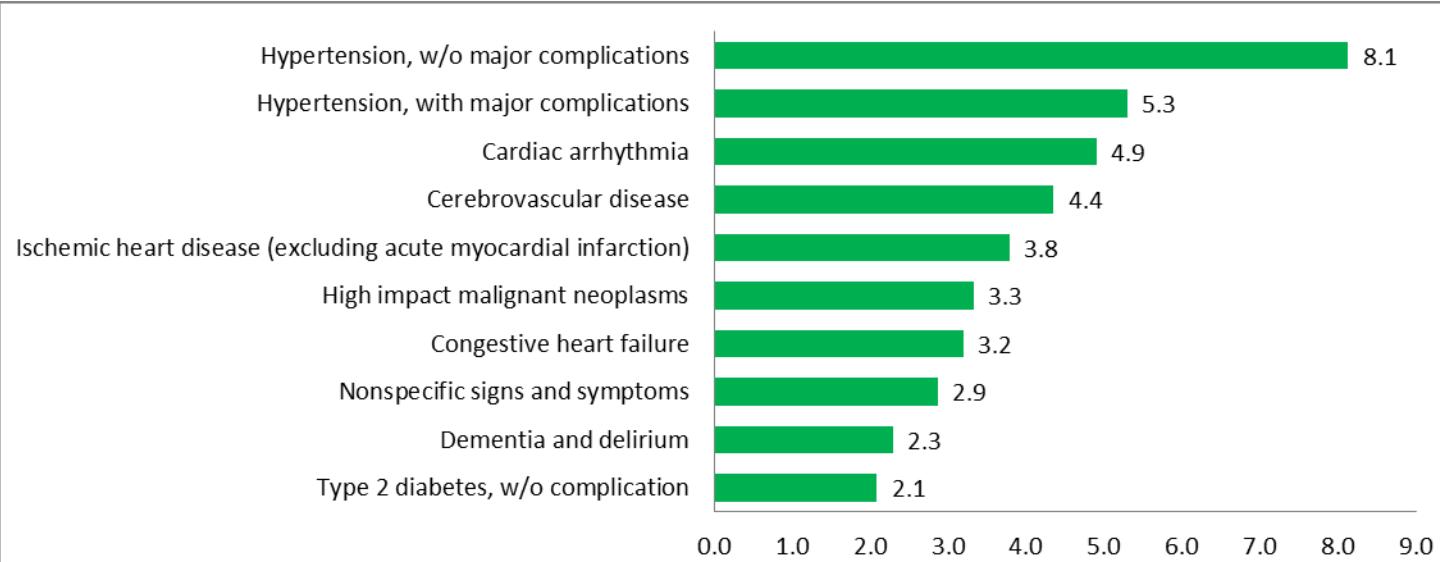


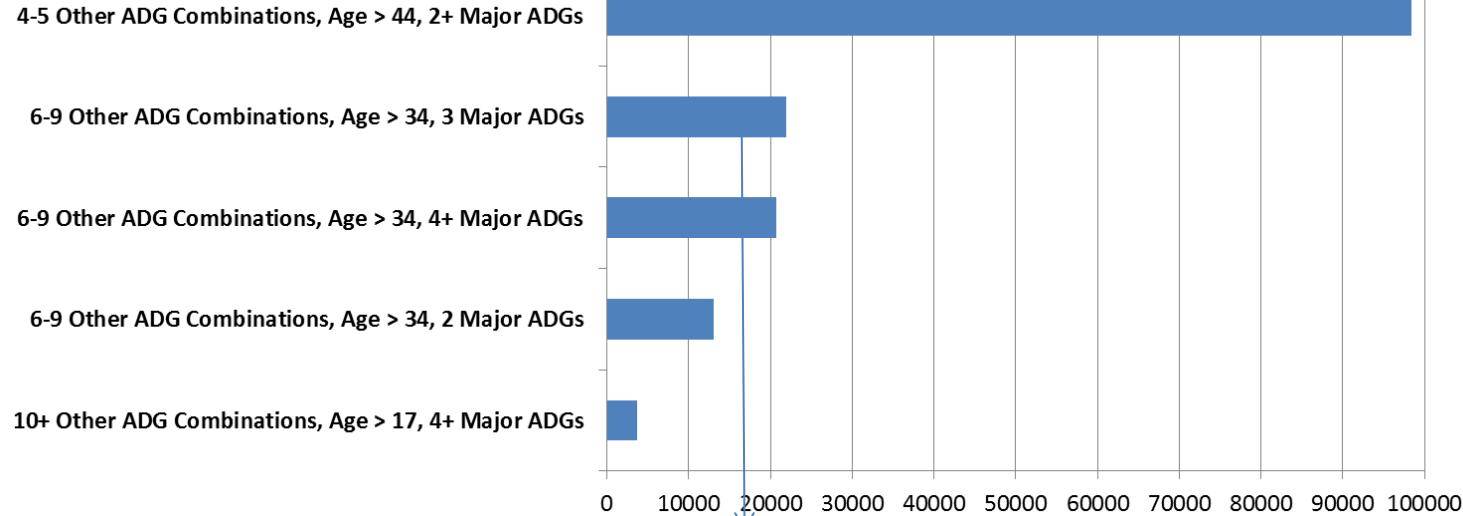
**99,5% of subjects in RUB 4 and 5 (high and very high)
age>=50 years
falls into one of the following ACG categories**





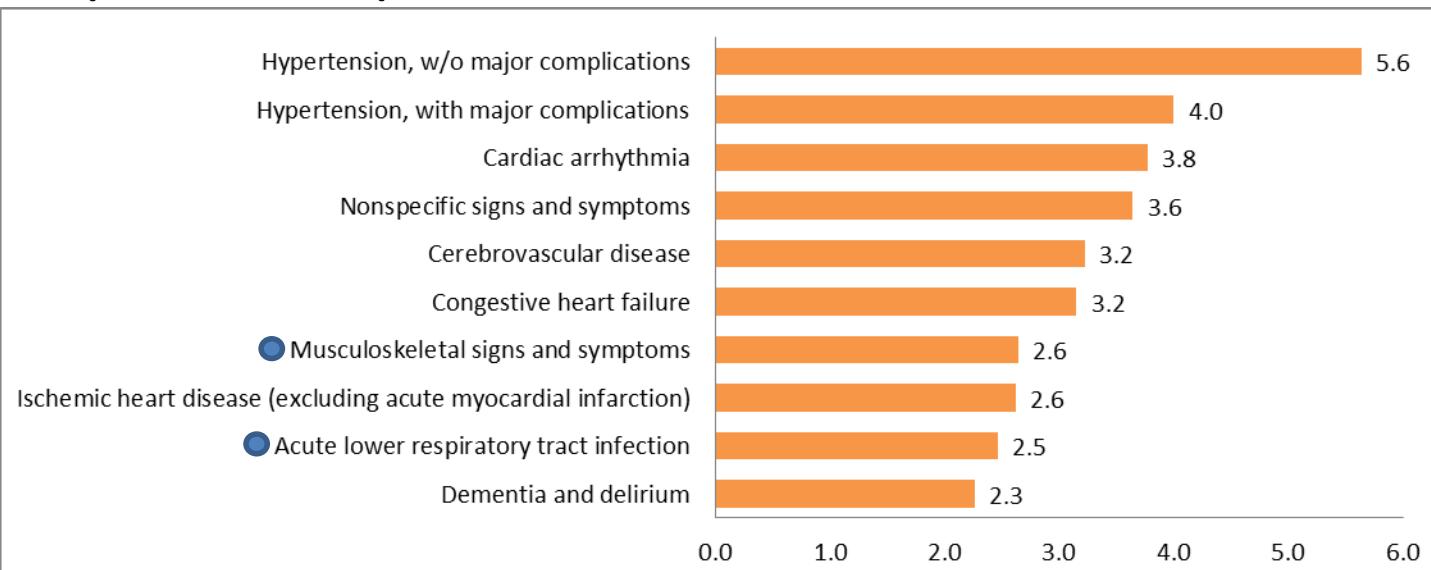
First 10 EDCs (% distribution) N=98.401 (62% of subjects in RUB 4 and 5 age>=50 years)

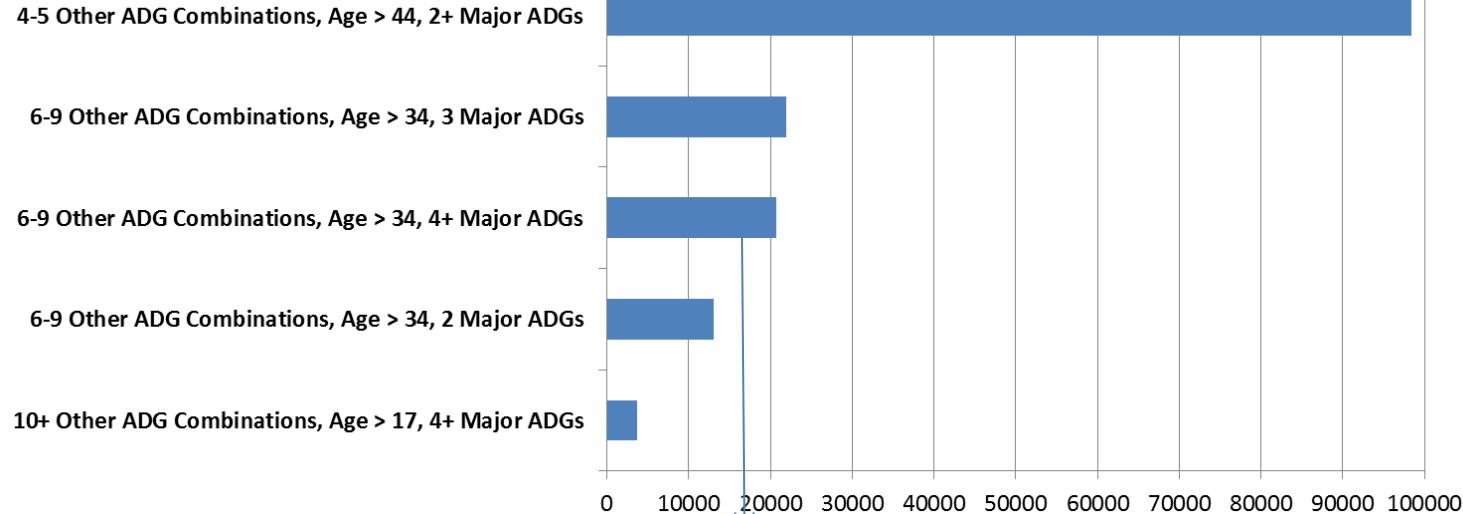




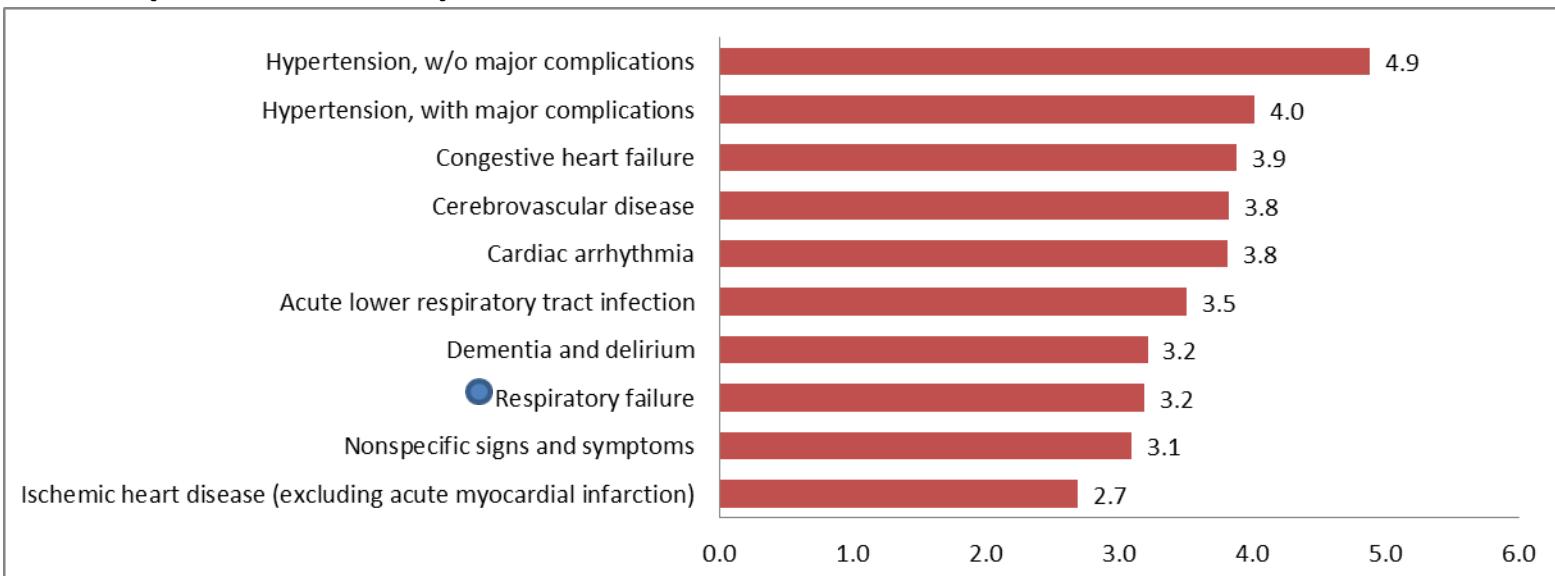
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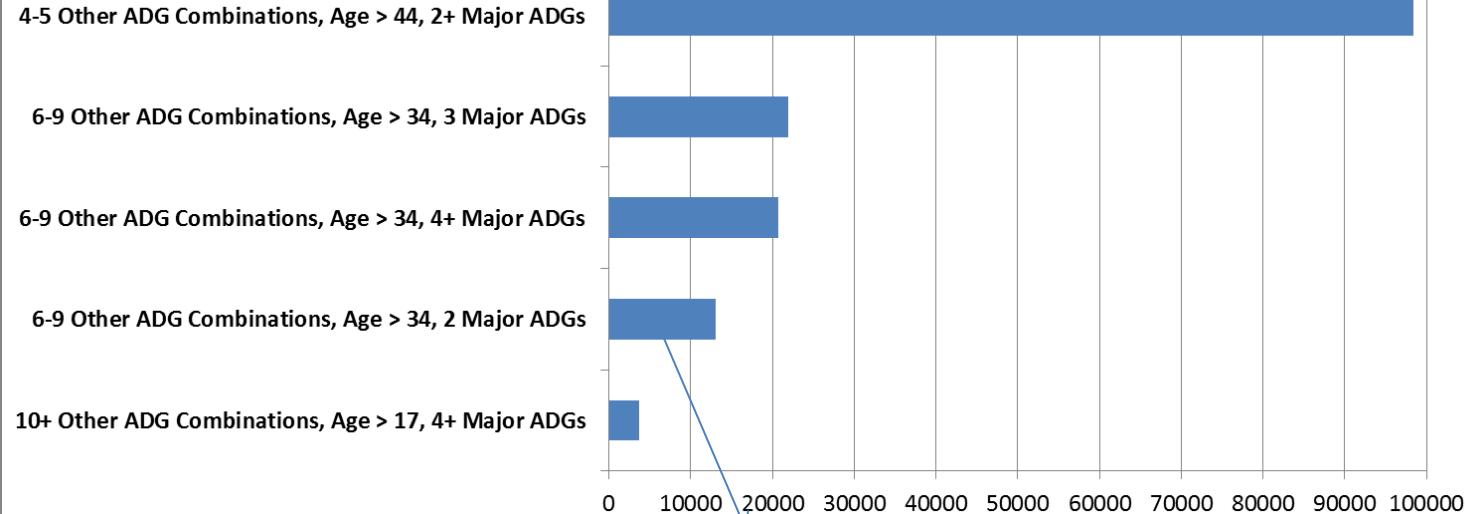
N=21.964 (14% of subjects in RUB 4 and 5 age>=50 years)



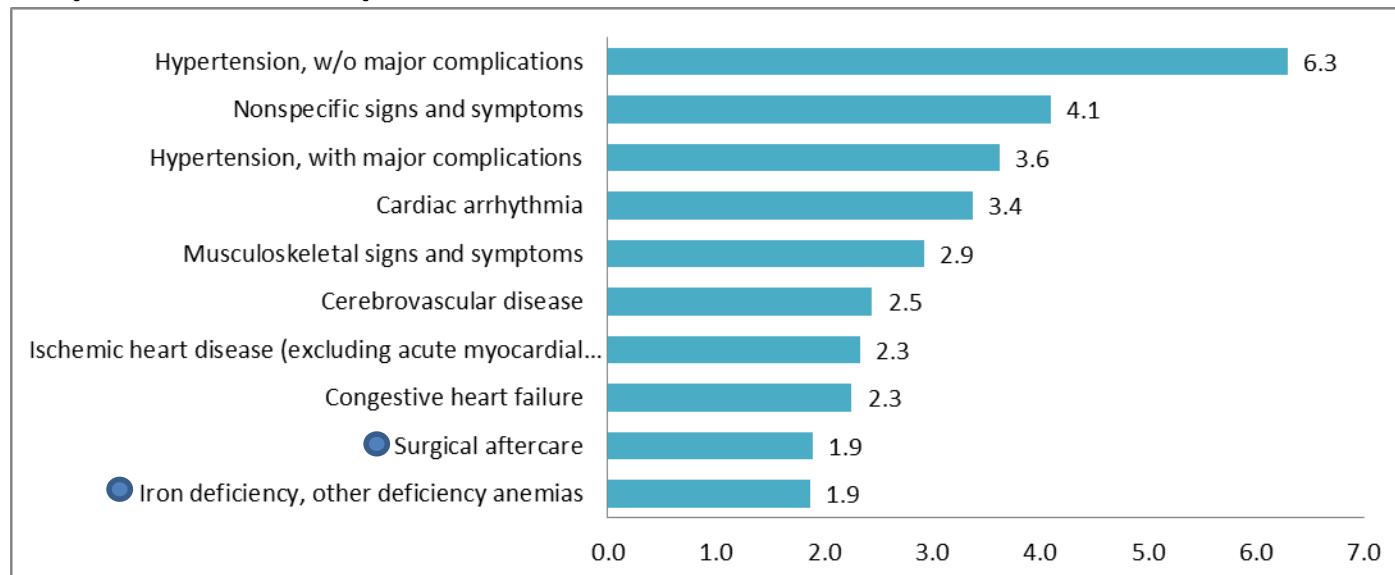


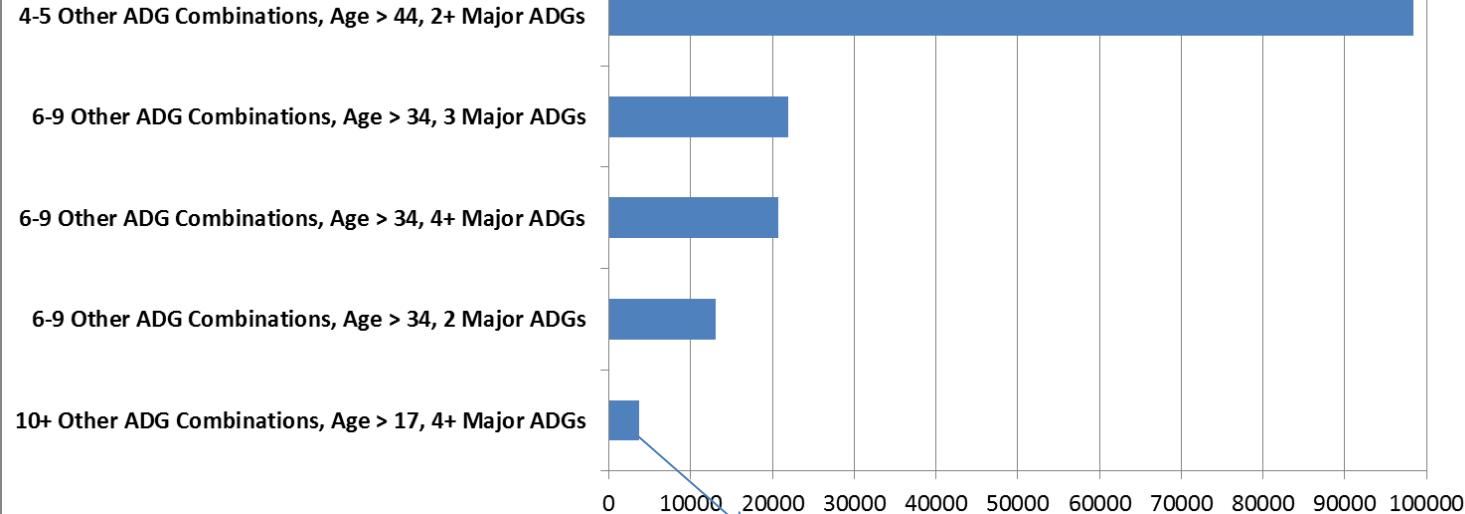
First 10 EDCs (% distribution) N=20.748 (13% of subjects in RUB 4 and 5 age>=50 years)





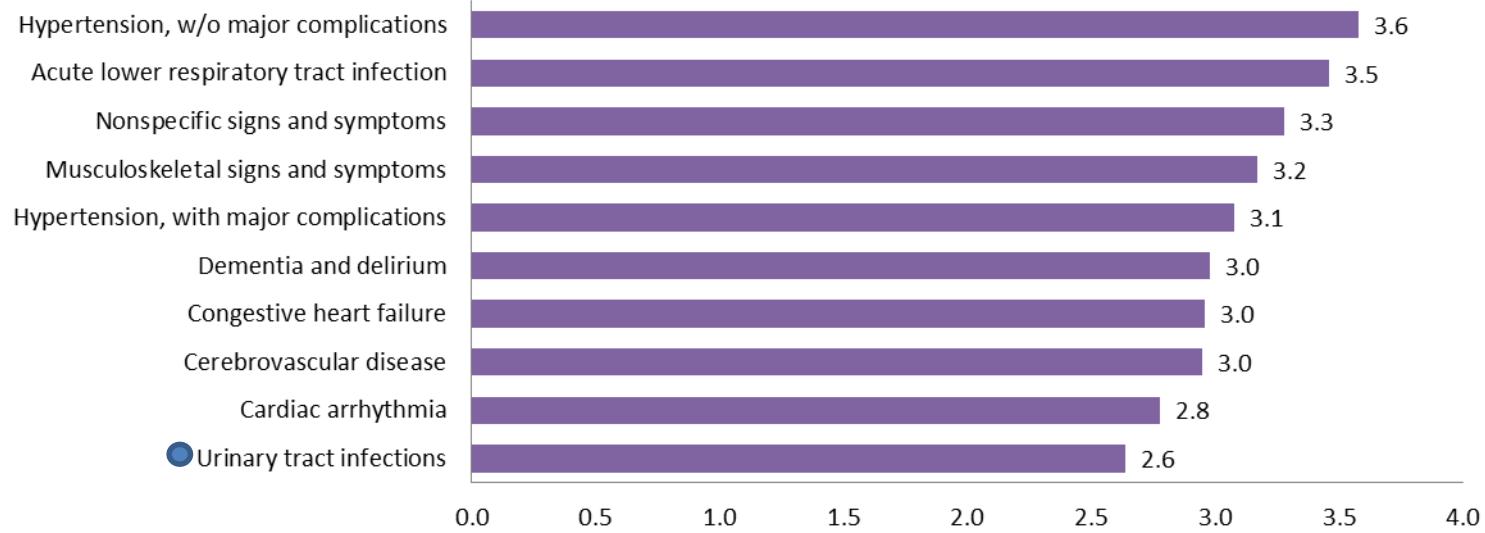
First 10 EDCs (% distribution) N=13.000 (8% of subjects in RUB 4 and 5 age>=50 years)





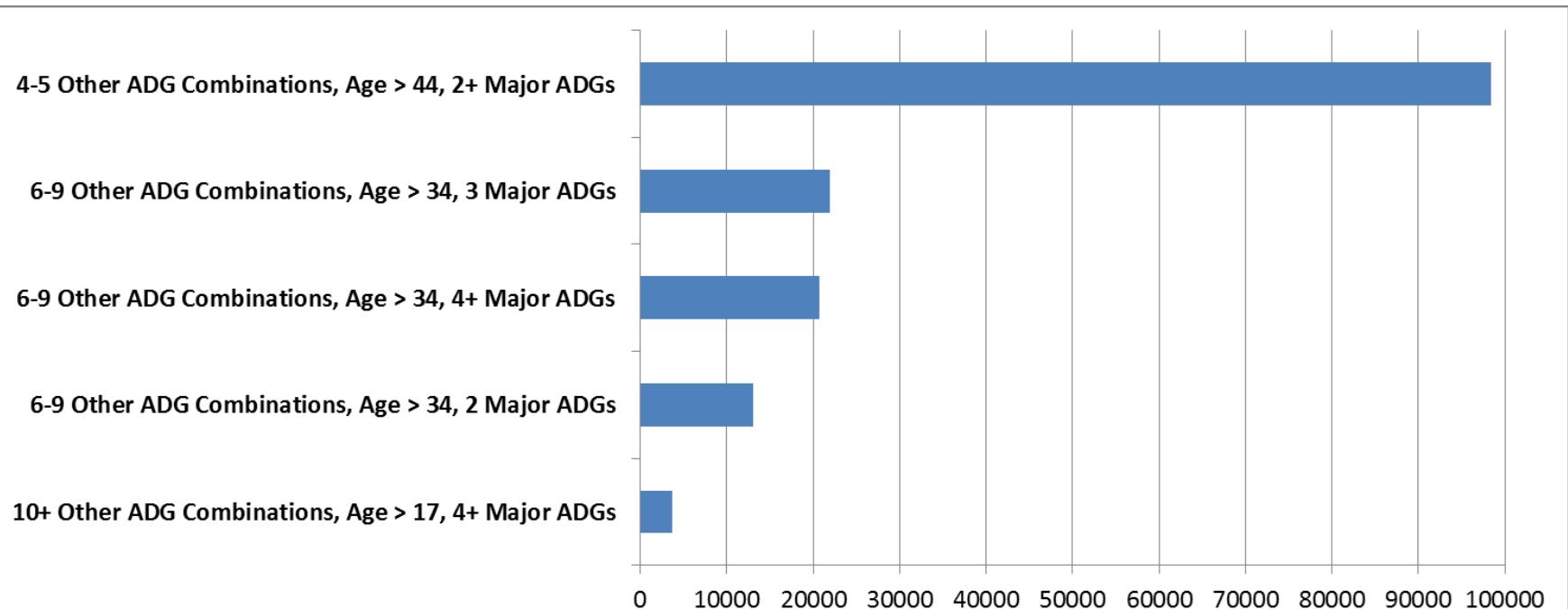
First 10 EDCs (% distribution)

N=3.656 (2% of subjects in RUB 4 and 5 age>=50 years)





99,5% of subjects in RUB 4 and 5 (high and very high) age>=50 years falls into one of the following ACG categories



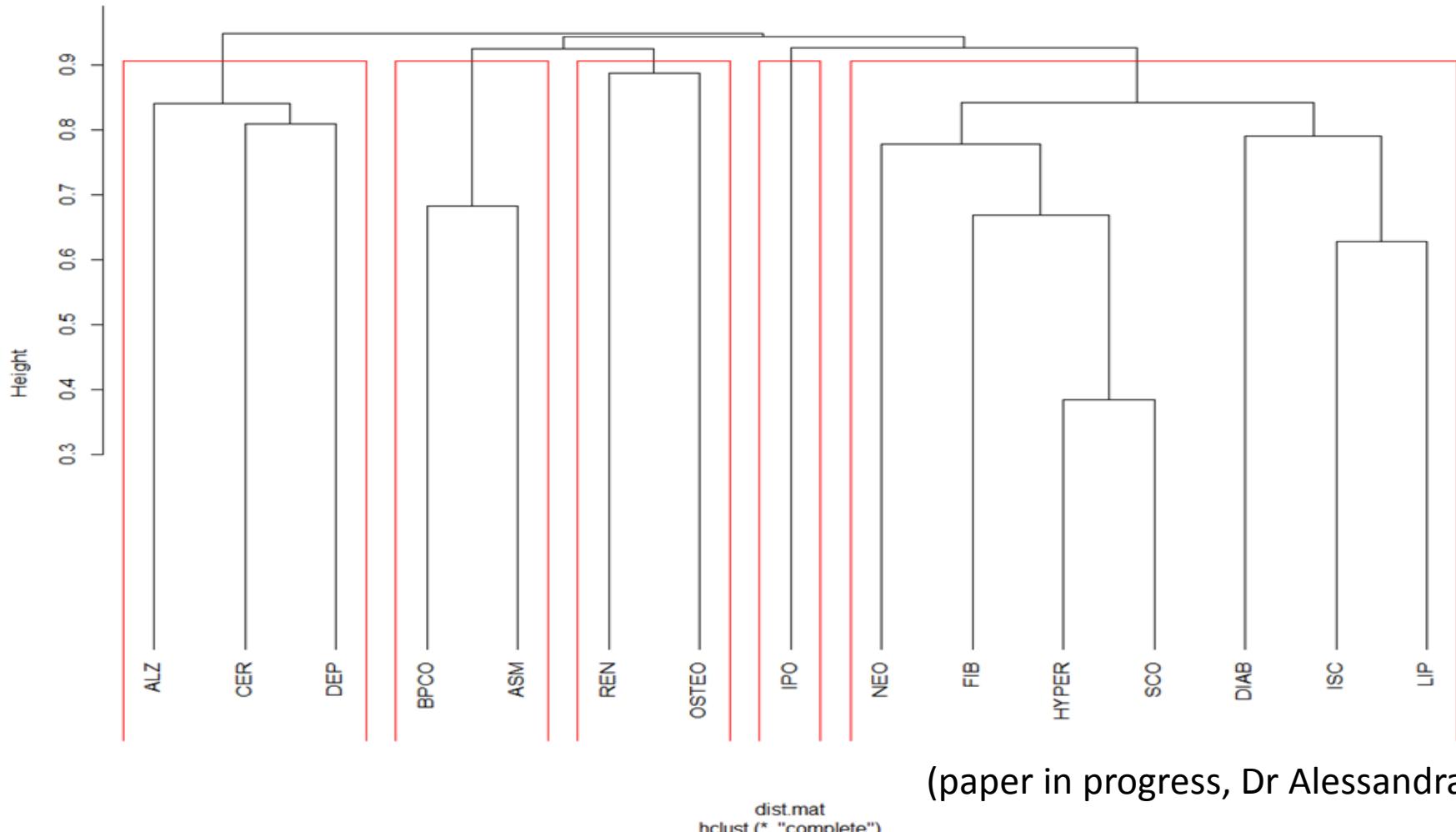
ACG	Average Cost in Euros population age >=50
4-5 diseases, two or more major conditions , age > 44	6.696
6-9, diseases, 2 major conditions , age >34	9.137
6-9 diseases, 3 major conditions , age >34	11.313
6-9 diseases, 4 major conditions age >34	13.261
10 or more diseases , 4 or more major conditions age >17	18.789



Dendrogramm for cluster analyses in hierarchical order of chronic diseases

Fonte ACG

Cluster Dendrogram



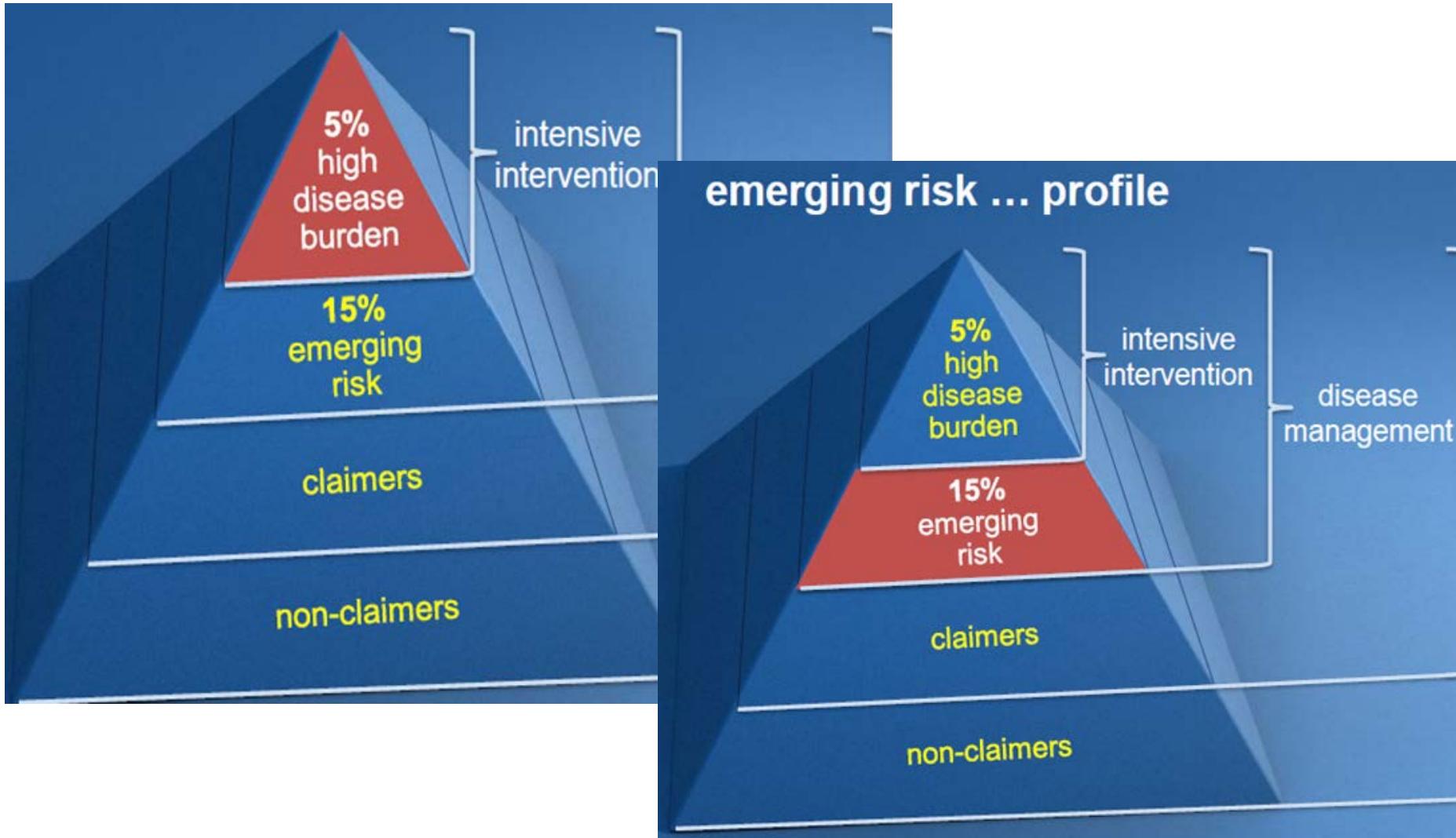
(paper in progress, Dr Alessandra Buja)



Care integration and person centered approach



Stratifying the population and targeting High risk and emerging risk populations





What is needed is
person-focused care
over time, NOT
disease-focused care

When people (not diseases)
are the focus of attention

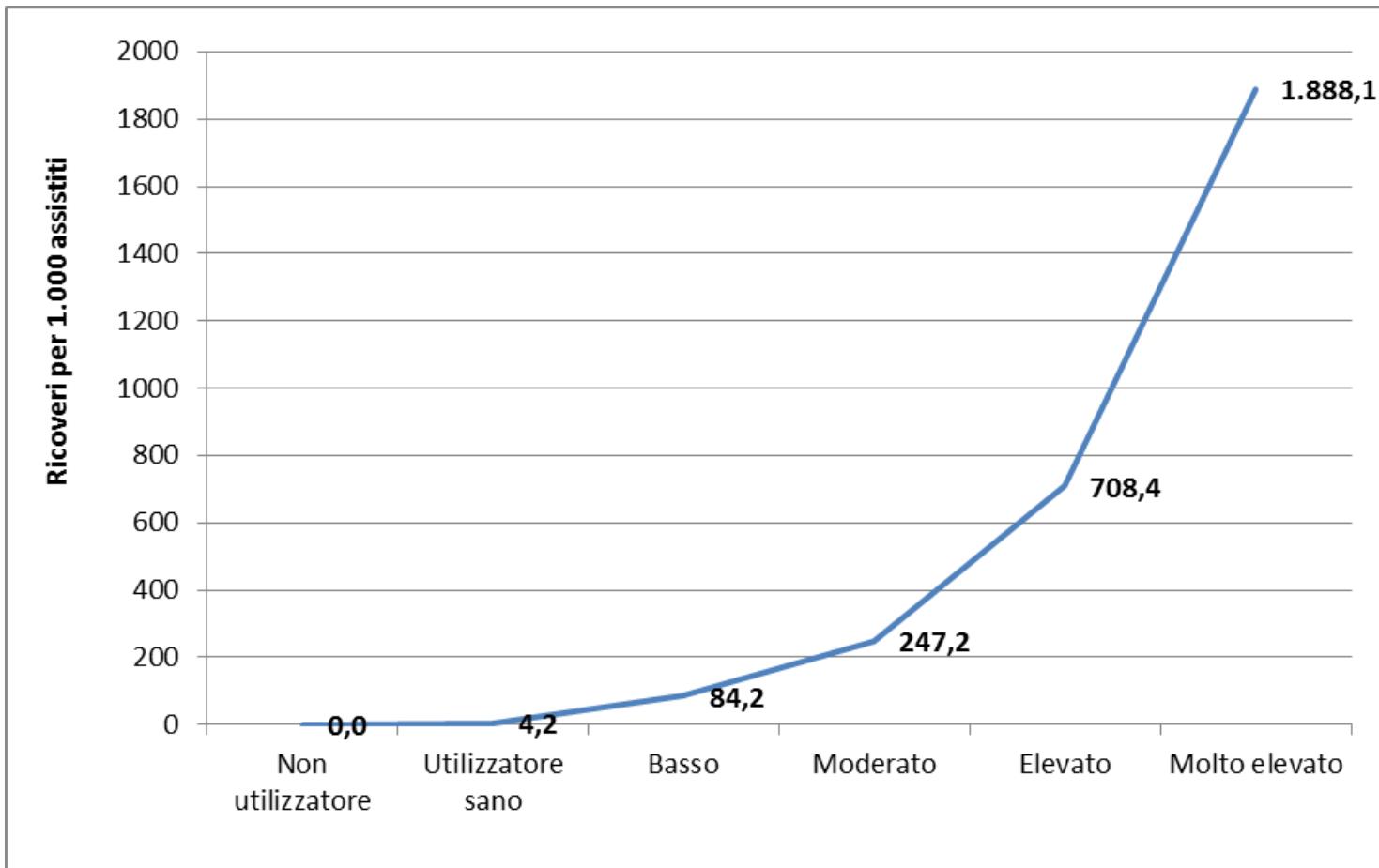
- Outcomes are better
- Side effects are fewer
- Costs are lower
- Population health is greater

Source: Starfield et al, Health Aff 2005; W5:97-107.

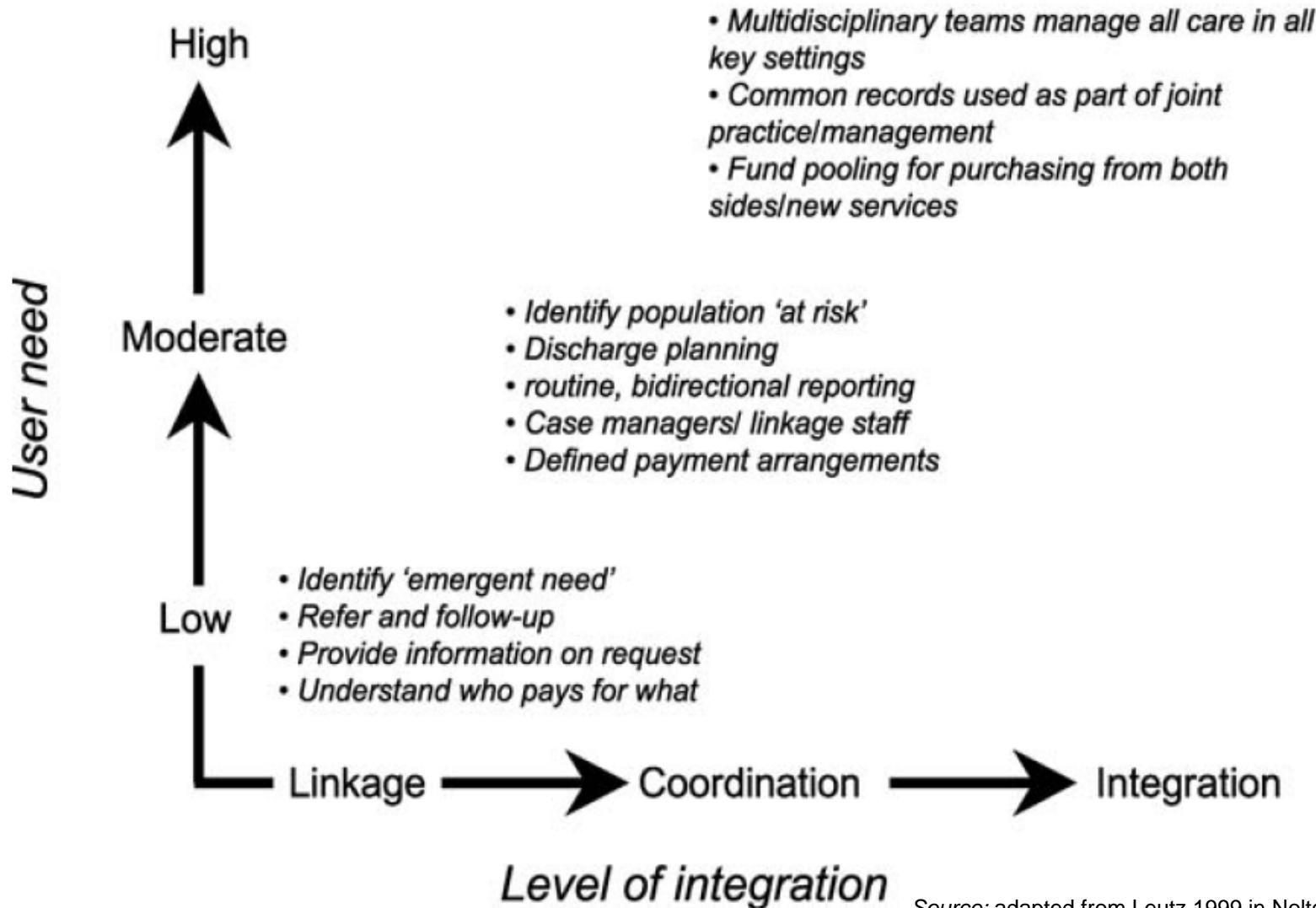
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Hospitalization rate per 1.000 persons ACG data. Year 2015. Regione Veneto



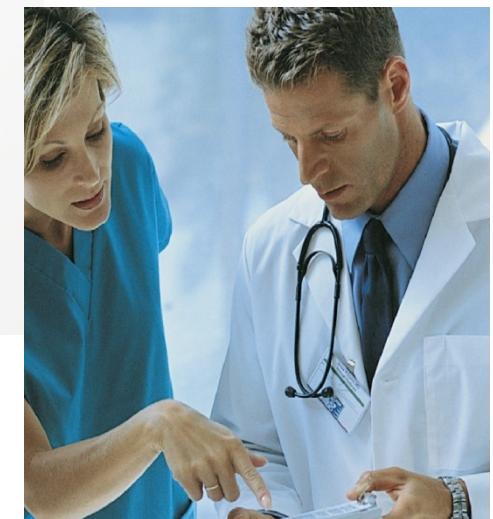
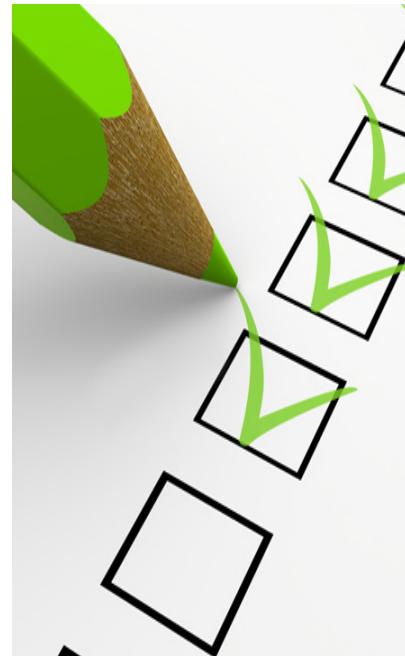
Care for multimorbidity demands higher integration





Ridesign models of care : innovative intervention

- Population focused but person centered
- Targeting high and emerging risk persons
- Evidence based
- Adapted from validated models
- Comprehensive
- Personalized
- Based on team work
- Granting continuity





Case finding of patients with multimorbidity with ACG care management lists

Patient Id	Age	RUB	Total Cost	Rescaled Total Cost Resource Index	Probability High Total Cost	Probability IP Hospitalization
1002050	46	4	53.454,74	22,85	0,95	0,49
1014372	76	5	38.975,03	18,97	0,95	0,60
1003706	63	4	14.089,49	20,87	0,95	0,25
1015610	87	3	19.267,75	23,35	0,95	0,60
1005655	81	4	18.749,54	24,50	0,95	0,63
1016156	58	5	53.476,02	21,61	0,95	0,34
1043878	70	4	10.215,42	19,32	0,95	0,48
1016580	84	4	12.638,04	18,64	0,95	0,47



Care Management Program



**Patient's enrollment
Informed consent
Comprehensive assessment**

Data from the initial assessment is compared with evidence based guidelines

Care Planning : Creation of the Care Plan

Translation into Action Plan for patients and caregivers

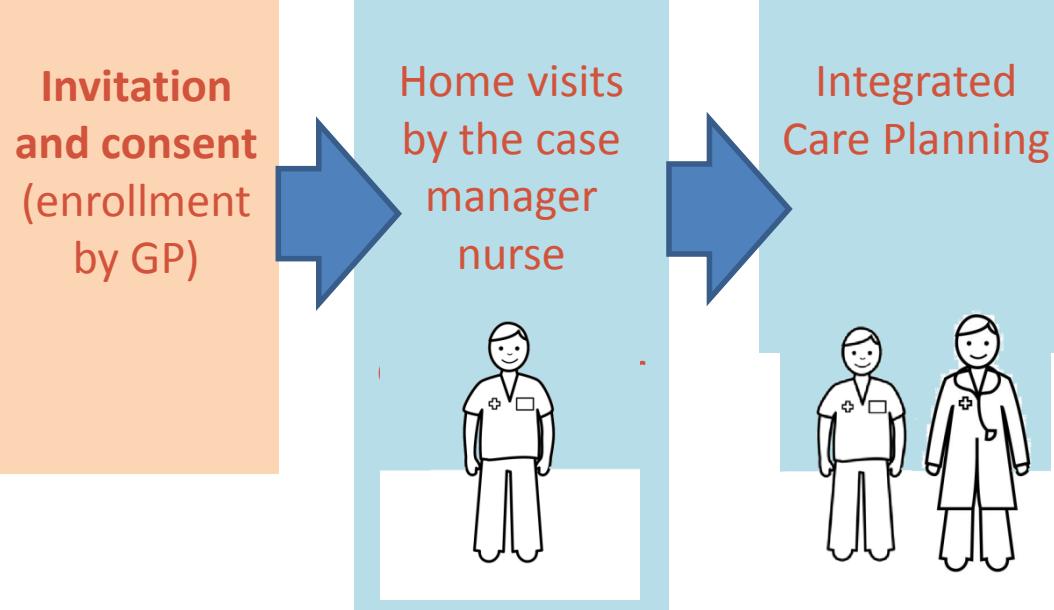
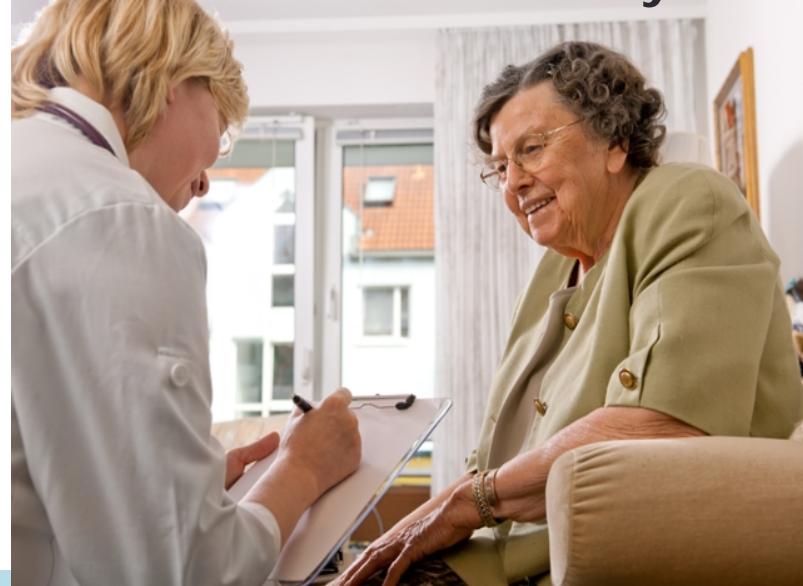
Follow up by phone calls, home visits and office visits

REVIEW

**Integration of 40 care –manager nurses, 32 GPs with their MH team
300 patients with multimorbidity followed up for two years**

care management based on team work.

- The nurse follows a limited number of patients
- 20-40 patients from care management lists
- Approx. 20 patients per nurse.

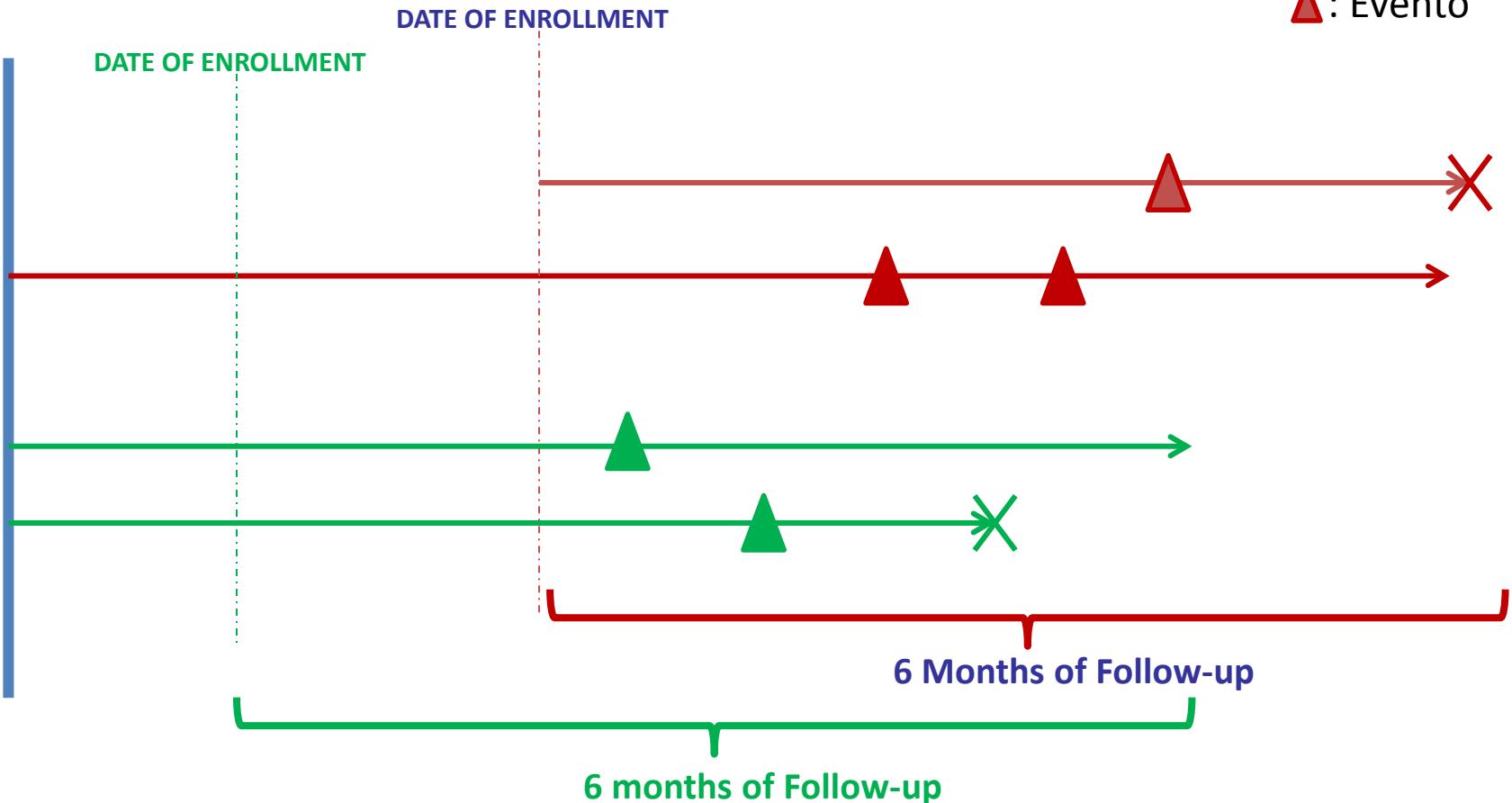


- Patient preferences
- Care plan shared by GP and Case-manager Nurse
- Action Plan for patient and care-giver .
- Active monitoring with calls, home visits and outpatient visits.
- Team meeting and follow-ups



CARE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

✗: Death
▲: Evento



Cases compared with controls matched from the general population using
the propensity score method



6 MONTHS F-UP RESULTS

Outcomes : time to ER access and time to first hospitalization



	RR ospedalizzazione	95% Confidence Limits	
Si PCM vs No PCM	0.91	0.6	1.5
	RR Pronto Soccorso	95% Confidence Limits	
Si PCM vs No PCM	1.0	0.7	1.4
	HR al primo ricovero	95% Confidence Limits	
Si PCM vs No PCM	0.81	0.6	1.2

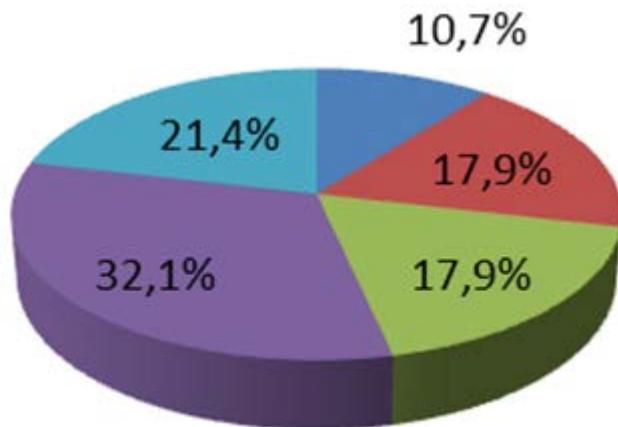


PRELIMINARY RESULTS FROM THE EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE:

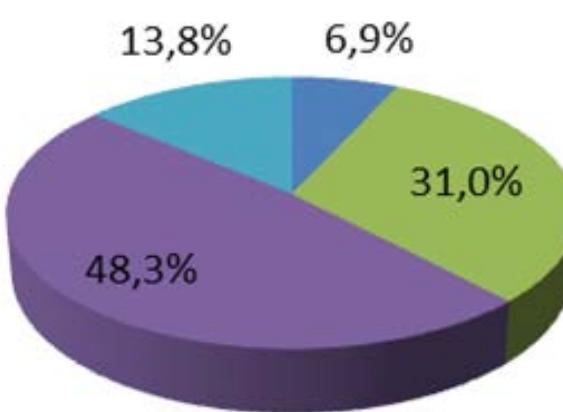
Recruited 300 patients

Satisfied or highly satisfied in participating in this program

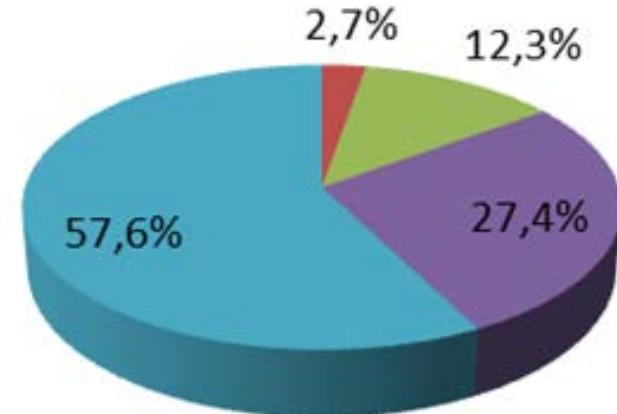
- 1 per nulla soddisfatto
- 2 abbastanza insoddisfatto
- 3 mediamente soddisfatto
- 4 soddisfatto
- 5 molto soddisfatto



GP (72%)



CM - Nurse (93%)



Patient (97%)

**S. Maria della Salute (Our Lady of Health)
built as a votive offering for the city's
deliverance from the plague in 1631**



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Piano nazionale cronicità

EROGAZIONE DI INTERVENTI PERSONALIZZATI PER LA GESTIONE DEL PAZIENTE ATTRAVERSO IL PIANO DI CURA

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MACRO ATTIVITÀ'

- Il piano di cura personalizzato e l'assistenza proattiva
- Il «patto di cura» e l'empowerment
- Educazione terapeutica strutturata



CASE-
MANAGER



CENTRO
SERVIZI



PAZIENTE

OBIETTIVI

- Garantire un'assistenza sanitaria e sociosanitaria centrata sui bisogni e le caratteristiche personali e socio-ambientali del paziente
- Promuovere l'empowerment della persona con cronicità e migliorare la capacità di gestione della malattia nel proprio contesto familiare e sociale attraverso lo strumento della terapia educazionale

LINEE DI INTERVENTO PROPOSTE

1. sviluppare programmi di assistenza centrati sul paziente che tengano conto non solo della condizione clinica ma anche dei bisogni psicosociali
2. definire programmi di assistenza concepita e strutturata in una logica pro-attiva ('Managed Care'), attraverso la definizione di un Piano di cura personalizzato, condiviso tra i vari attori e consolidato attraverso il 'Patto di Cura'
3. sperimentare modalità di intervento che favoriscono lo sviluppo dell'ability to cope e lo sviluppo delle abilità di auto-cura
4. sostenere le attività di formazione e informazione dei pazienti e delle loro famiglie
5. promuovere l'adozione di modelli e di percorsi di educazione terapeutica strutturata che coinvolgano il paziente e i suoi caregiver
6. promuovere l'utilizzo di metodi per l'empowerment del paziente per formare e informare le persone con cronicità e tutti gli operatori sanitari e non sanitari coinvolti (es. modello Stanford)
7. diffondere la capacità di praticare educazione terapeutica efficace
8. promuovere la creazione di un "knowledge network", tra le regioni, inteso come una rete di conoscenze sull'empowerment
9. favorire iniziative di ricerca e intervento, fondate su strategie validate, sulla valutazione dell'empowerment e sullo sviluppo di competenze degli operatori sanitari e delle comunità
10. individuare modelli di analisi e strumenti condivisi di rilevazione e monitoraggio dell'efficacia dell'empowerment del paziente

RISULTATI ATTESI

Miglioramento del livello di soddisfazione e della qualità della vita del paziente e del professionista e miglioramento dei risultati clinici.

Il framework del Population Health Management



*Identificazione
delle coorti*

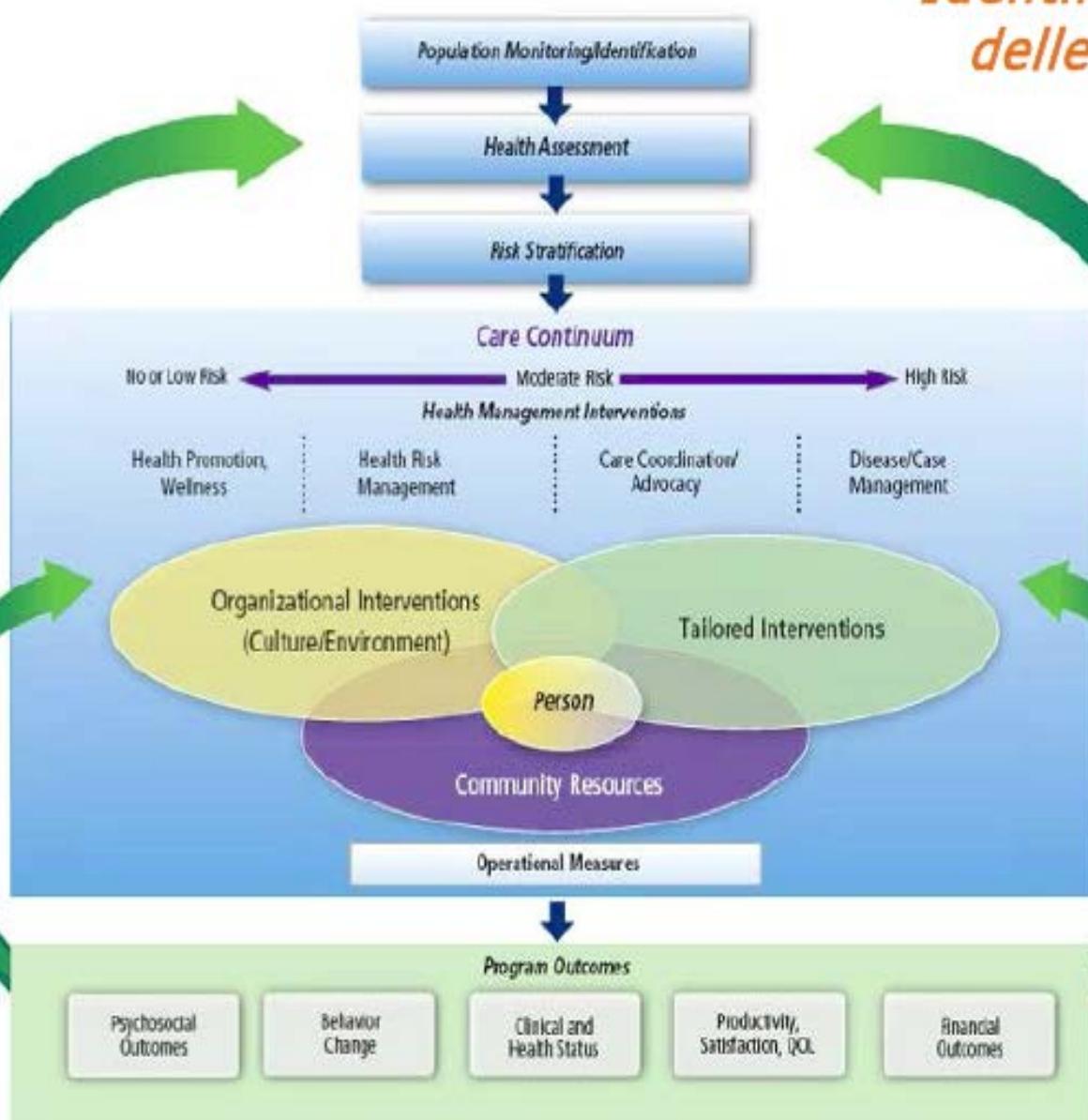
BIG DATA

*Segmentazione
della pop.*

*Modelli
deliberati di
servizio per la
presa in carico
Piano di cure
individuale*

*Valutazione degli
outcome*

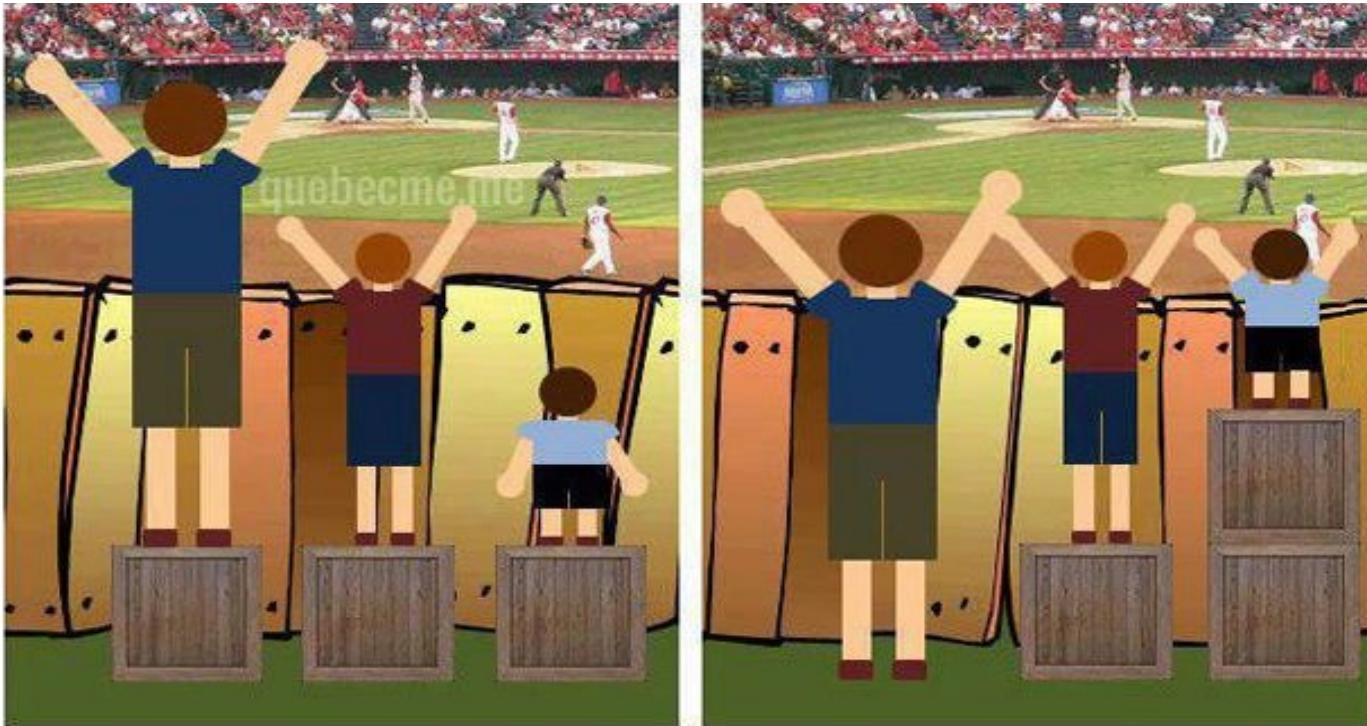
*Rivalutazione
continua*



(Fonte: Dutch Monitor, 2014)



Morbidity adjusted capitation?



Equality

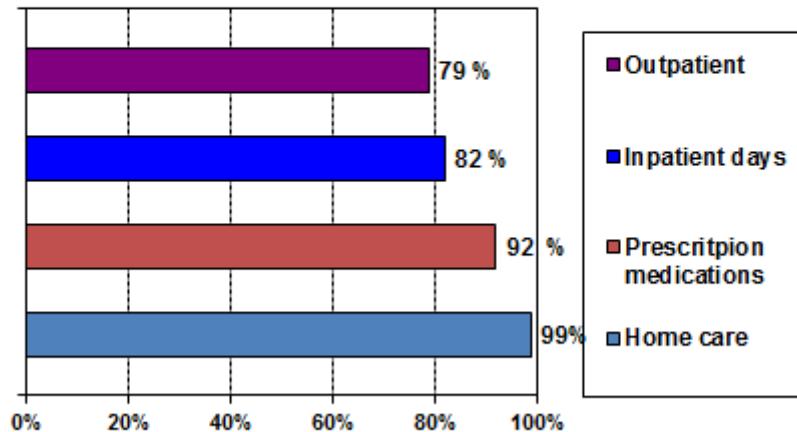
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Equity



Chronic patients and not acute patients are the main users of health care services

% health care services used by adults with chronic conditions



Source: Anderson, G. Chronic Conditions: Making the case for ongoing care. Johns Hopkins University, November 2007.

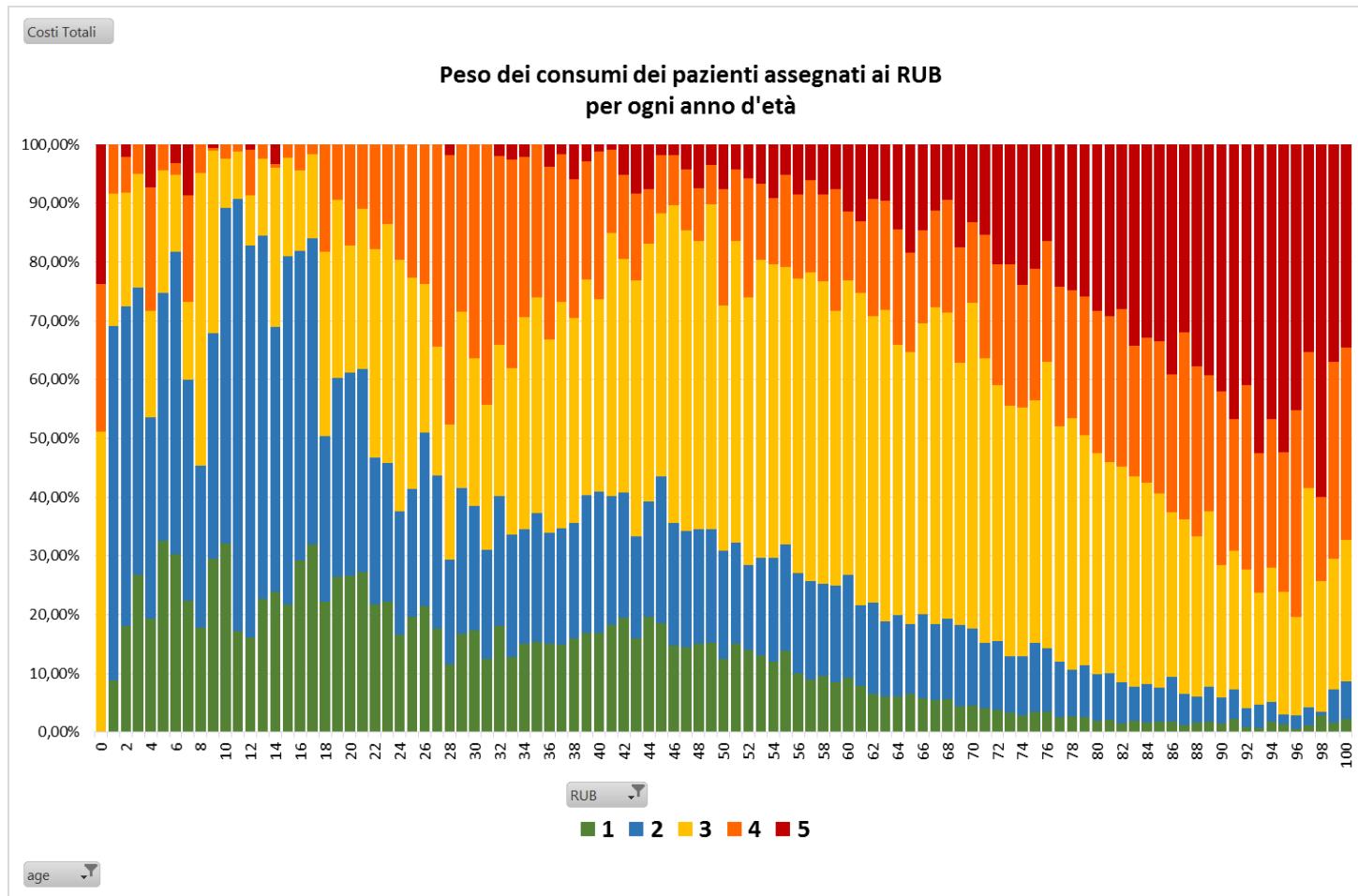
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Il peso dei consumi per RUB in ogni anno d'età





Deaths may be attributed to chronic diseases, but people still get sick from acute diseases and acute exacerbations.