



Trends after transfer from home dialysis: Can we do better?

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Scope

- Stating the problem
- Its not all about mortality – what about the experience of modality transfer?
- How are we going to continue to improve?
 - Understanding modality transition
 - Evidence that this is also centre-level issue (ANZDATA, PDOPPS)
 - What centre-level ‘levers’ do we have?
 - Making the case for understanding centre ‘culture’
 - Characterizing Centre Culture – lessons form Inter-CEPt



SONG-PD



1 CORE OUTCOMES

Critically important to all stakeholder groups
Report in all trials

2 MIDDLE TIER

Critically important to some stakeholder groups
Report in some trials

3 OUTER TIER

Important to some or all stakeholder groups
Consider for trials

**PD-INFECTION
CARDIOVASCULAR
DISEASE
MORTALITY
TECHNIQUE SURVIVAL
LIFE PARTICIPATION**

2 Anemia

Blood pressure

Bone disease

Catheter complications

Diabetes

Fatigue

Fluid

Gastrointestinal problems

Hospitalization

Impact on family/friends

Membrane function

Mobility

PD-pain

Peritoneal sclerosis

Potassium

Residual kidney function

Sleep

3 Ability to travel Appearance

Body temperature

Calcium

Cramping

Dizziness

Flexibility with time

Itch/skin

Lipids

Memory/cognition

Mood

Pain (non-PD)

Parathyroid hormone

Restless legs

Sexual function

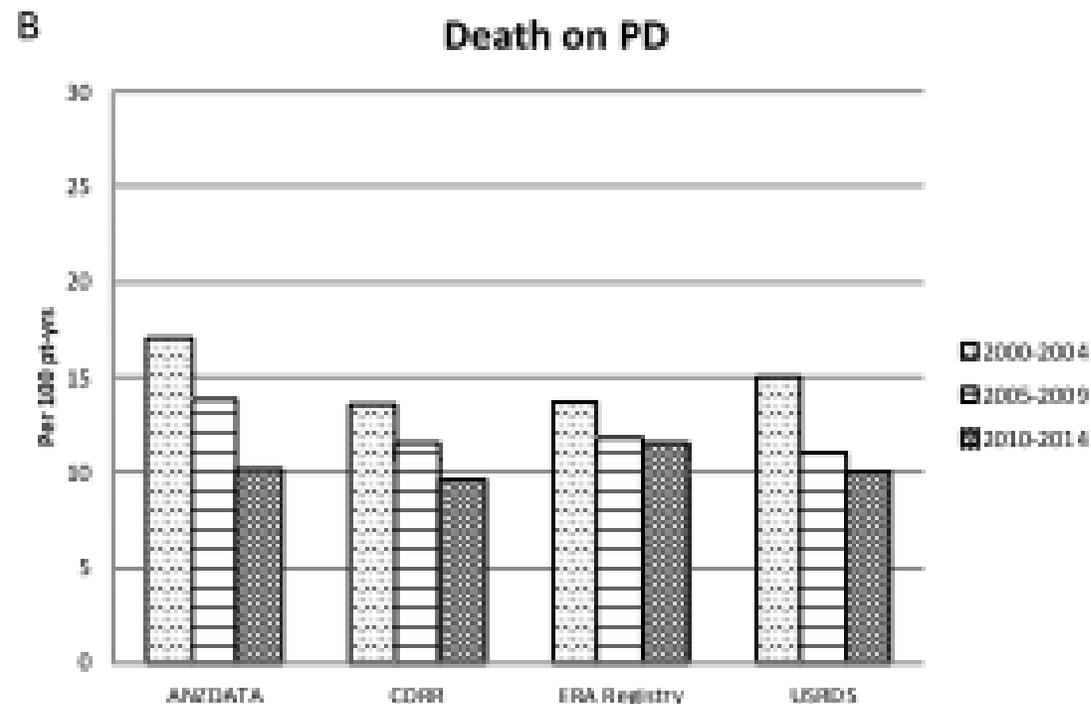
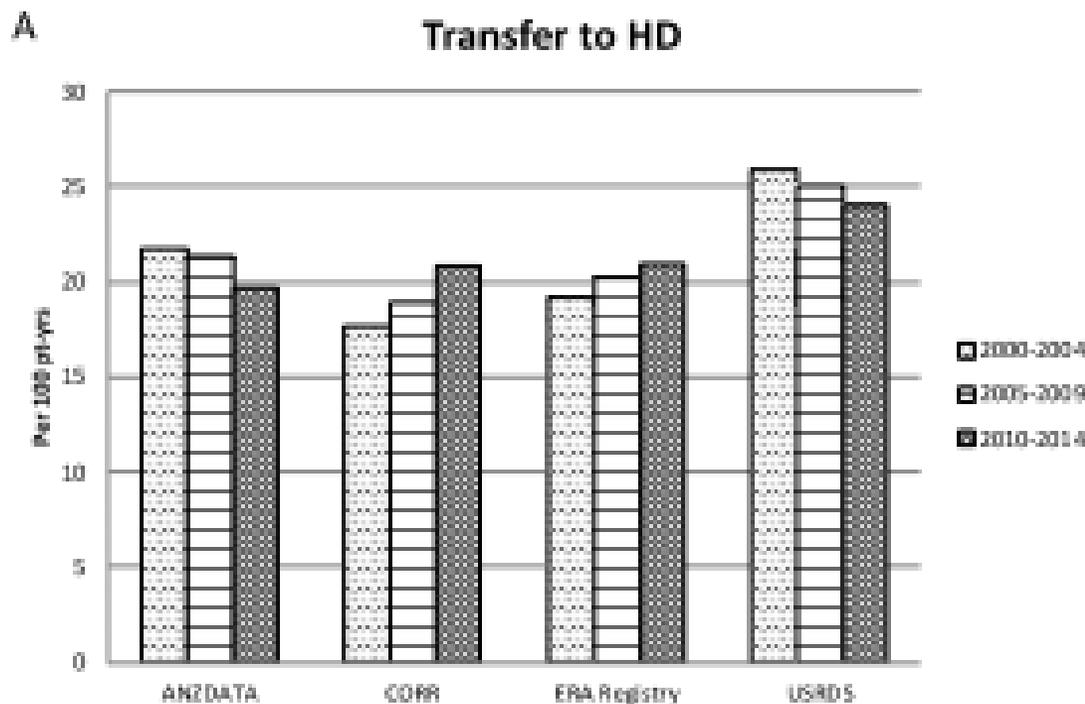
Weight change

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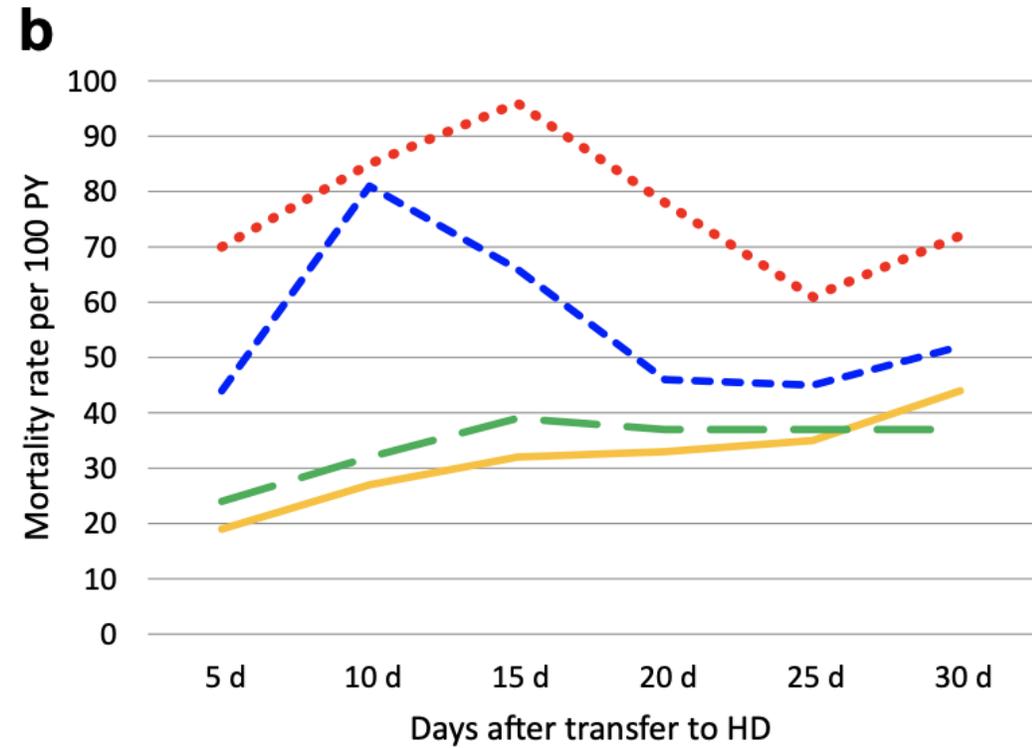
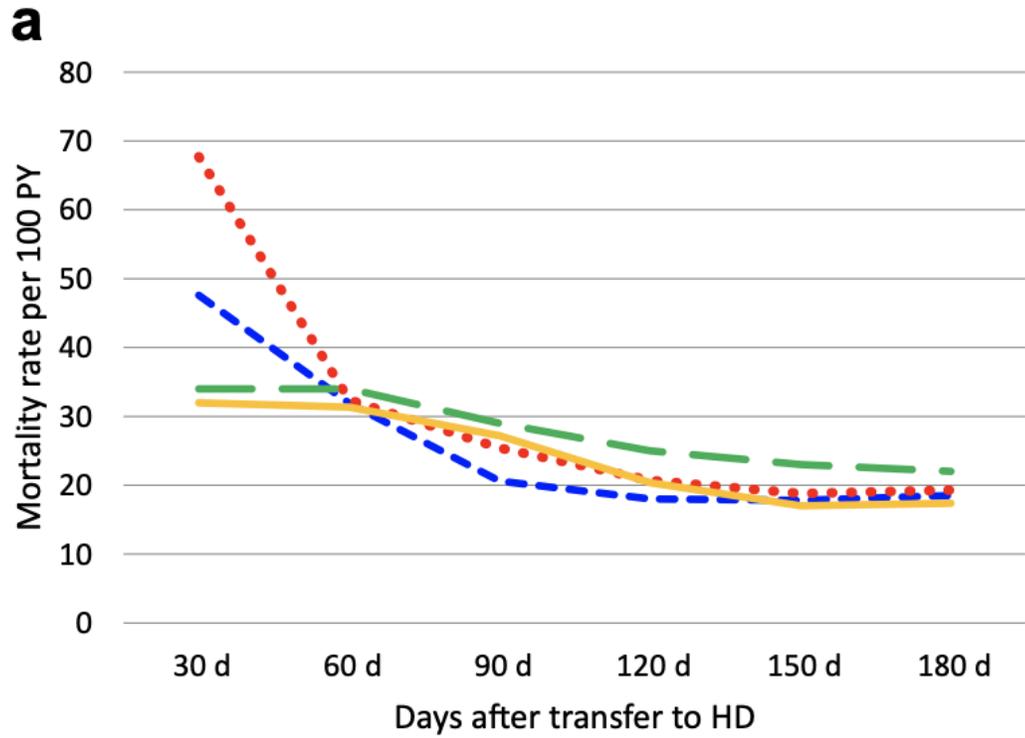
6683 (ANZDATA)
5847 (CORR)
21,574 (ERA Registry)
80,459 (USRDS).



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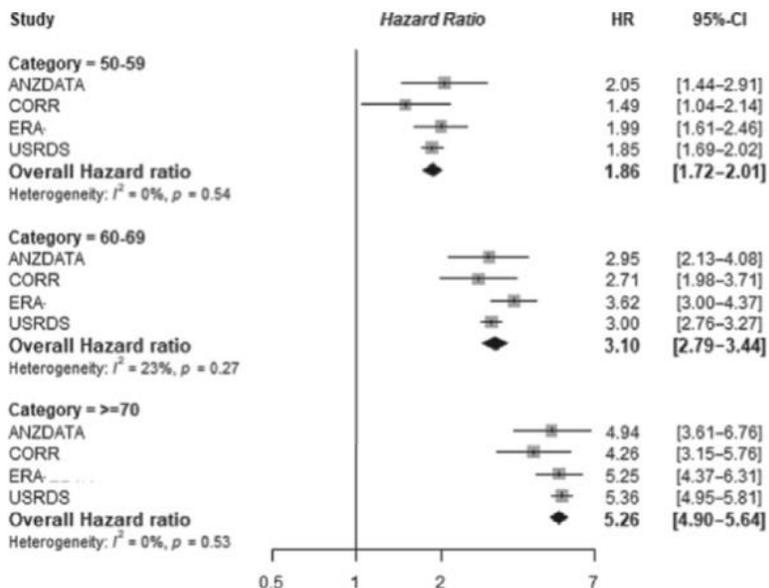


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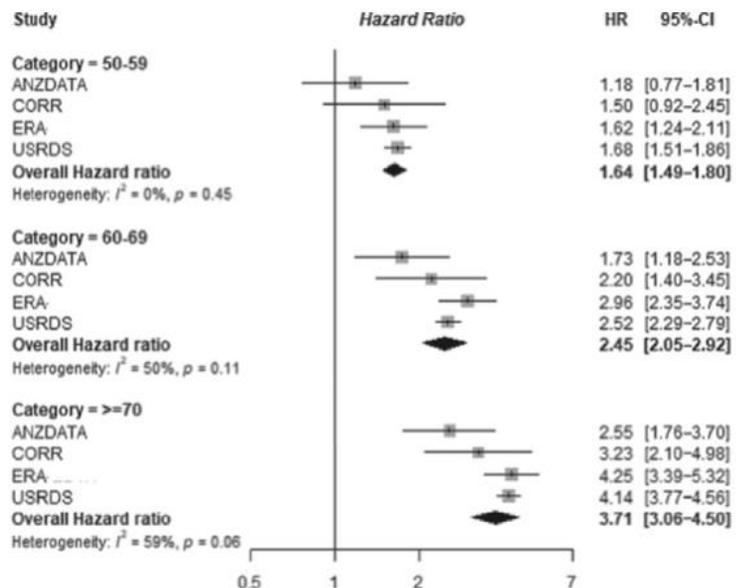
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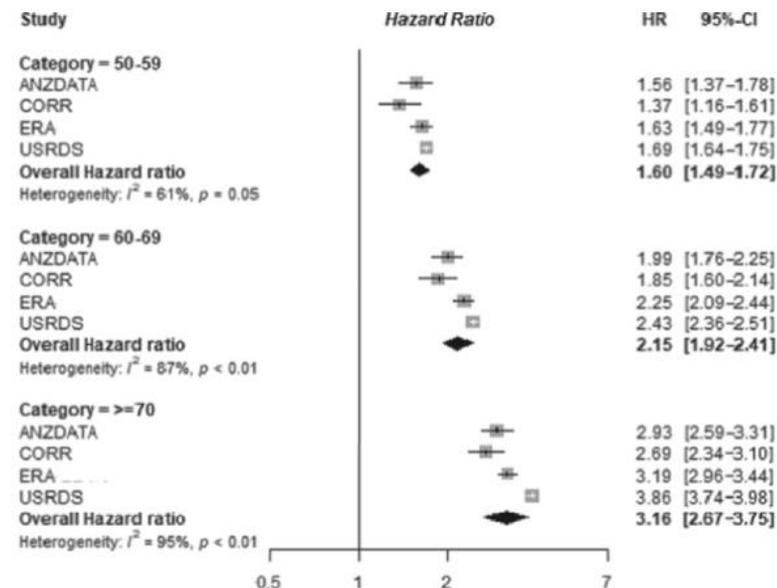
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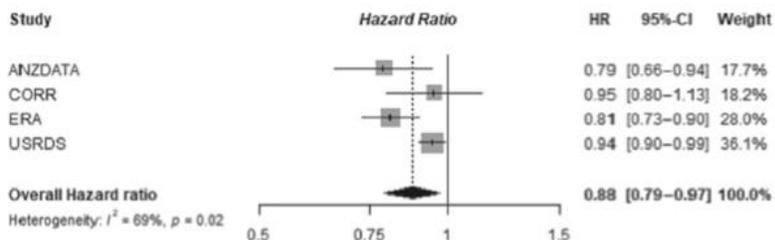
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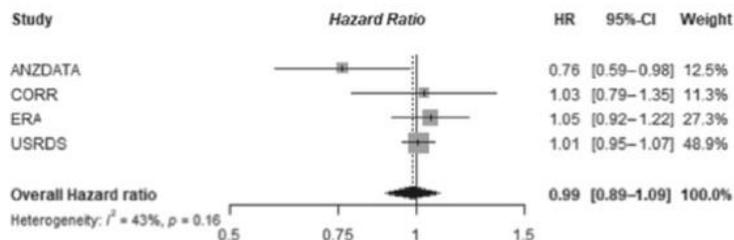
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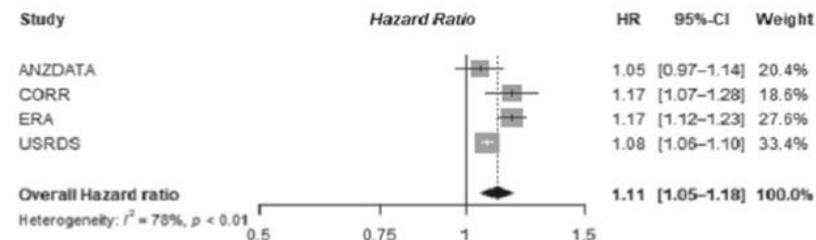
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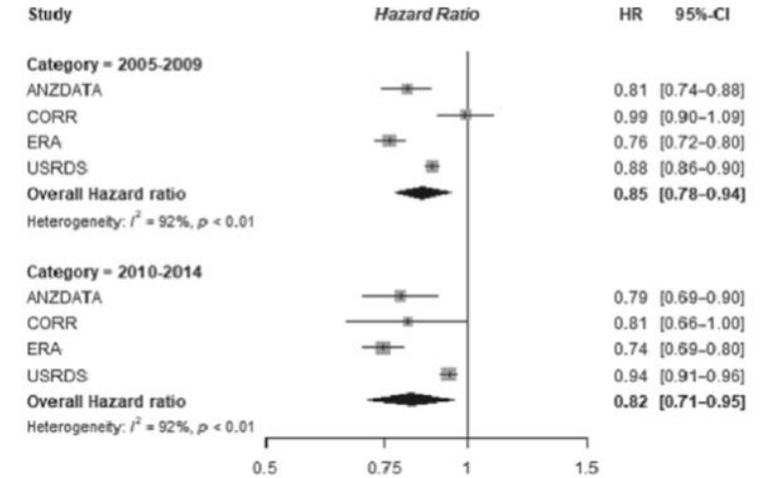
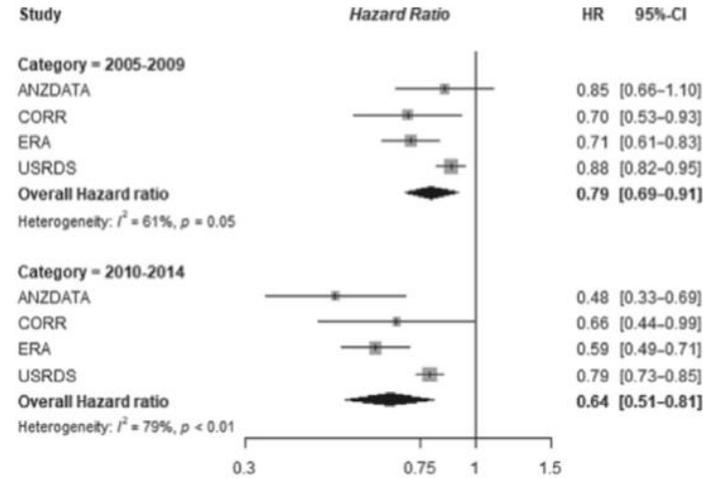
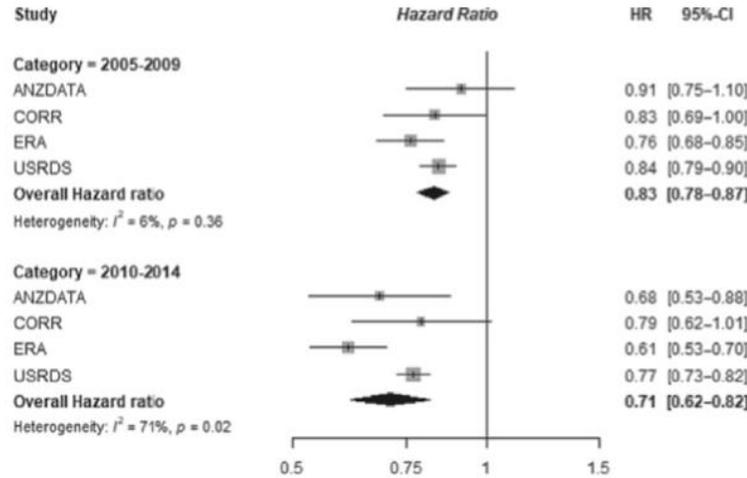


C Cohort years

<90 days after transfer

90-180 days after transfer

>180 days after transfer

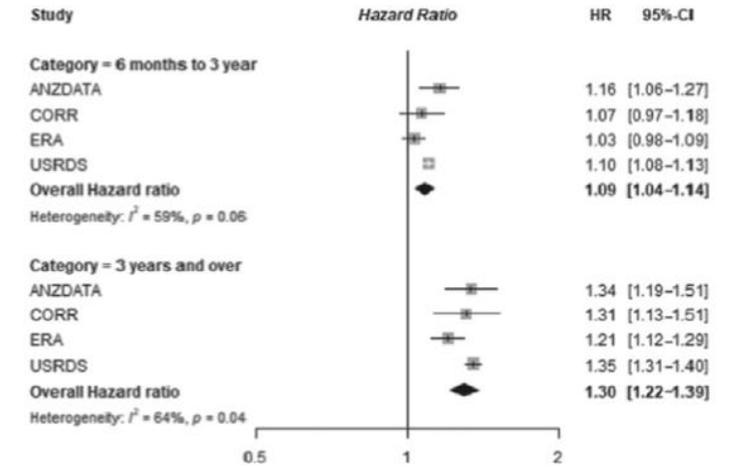
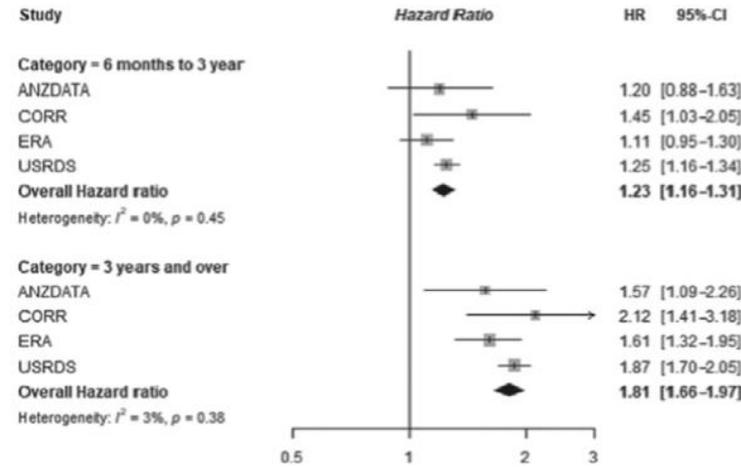
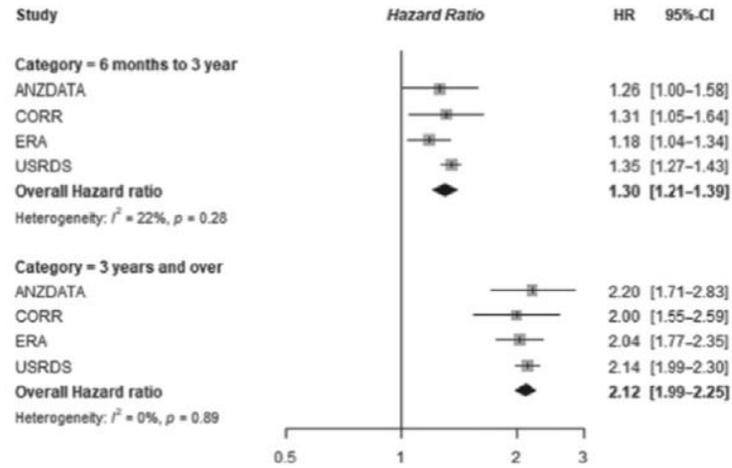


d PD duration

<90 days after transfer

90-180 days after transfer

>180 days after transfer



Mortality and modality switching

- Mortality on PD has decreased over time
- Modality switch rate is converging
- Mortality after switch is
 - Increased after transfer – maximal first 30 days and detectable up to 150 days
 - There are regional differences (not clear why)
 - Risk factors are
 - Age (being older)
 - Sex (<90 days female, 90-180 days =, >180 days male)
 - Cohort period: Morality risk after switch is falling
 - PD duration: increased risk > years is about double



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What did these studies tell us?

- Common themes for patients: *although every situation is unique*
 - **resistance to change and fear of HD**; (anticipation of loss, loss of control, but in retrospect there can be gains/re-gain of control; preconception about HD – not always correct in retrospect)
 - **transition experience shared with family**; (Can be a relief for the family)
 - **bodily adjustment and sense of self**. (incontinence, fistulas, higher care requirements, transport – but some improvements...no fluid in belly)
- What do staff see as good clinical practice around transition?
 - **Effective communication and planning** (patients understanding why)
 - **Avoid negative perceptions of alternative modality**
 - **Good continuity of care across transfer** (?same team/consultant)
 - **Access to psychological services**

If we are to improve mortality after modality switch we need to understand modality transitions better

- Classifying/Defining modality switch
 - Causes for switching change over time
- Switching needs to be understood on the context of competing risks
 - Transplantation opportunity – time on treatment
 - Death – the elderly may die before transition occurs, maybe some switching is futile?
- Which factors are associated with switching risk?
 - Patient level factors
 - Centre level factors
 - Are these centre level factors modifiable?

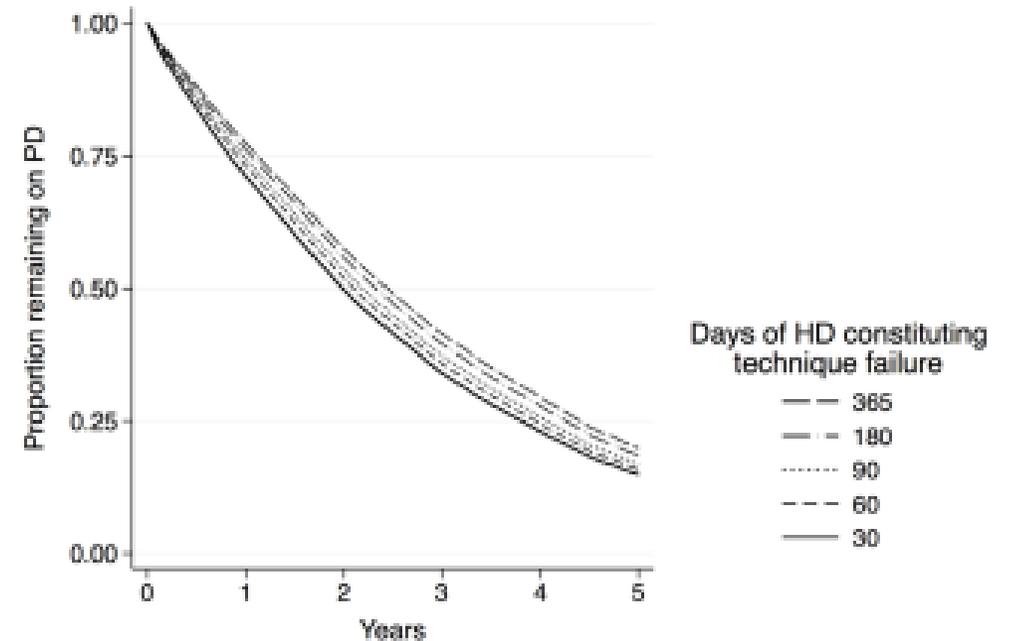
Outcome measures for technique survival reported in peritoneal dialysis: A systematic review

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- 17 different definitions over 25 trials
- Where defined, 5 included death, 5 did not
- Minimum time on HD (reported in 6 studies)
 - 30 days (2 trials)
 - “permanent transfer” (2 trials)
 - “any duration” (1 trial)
 - “on PD until end of follow up” (1 trial)

DURATION OF HEMODIALYSIS FOLLOWING PERITONEAL DIALYSIS CESSATION IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND: PROPOSAL FOR A STANDARDIZED DEFINITION OF TECHNIQUE FAILURE

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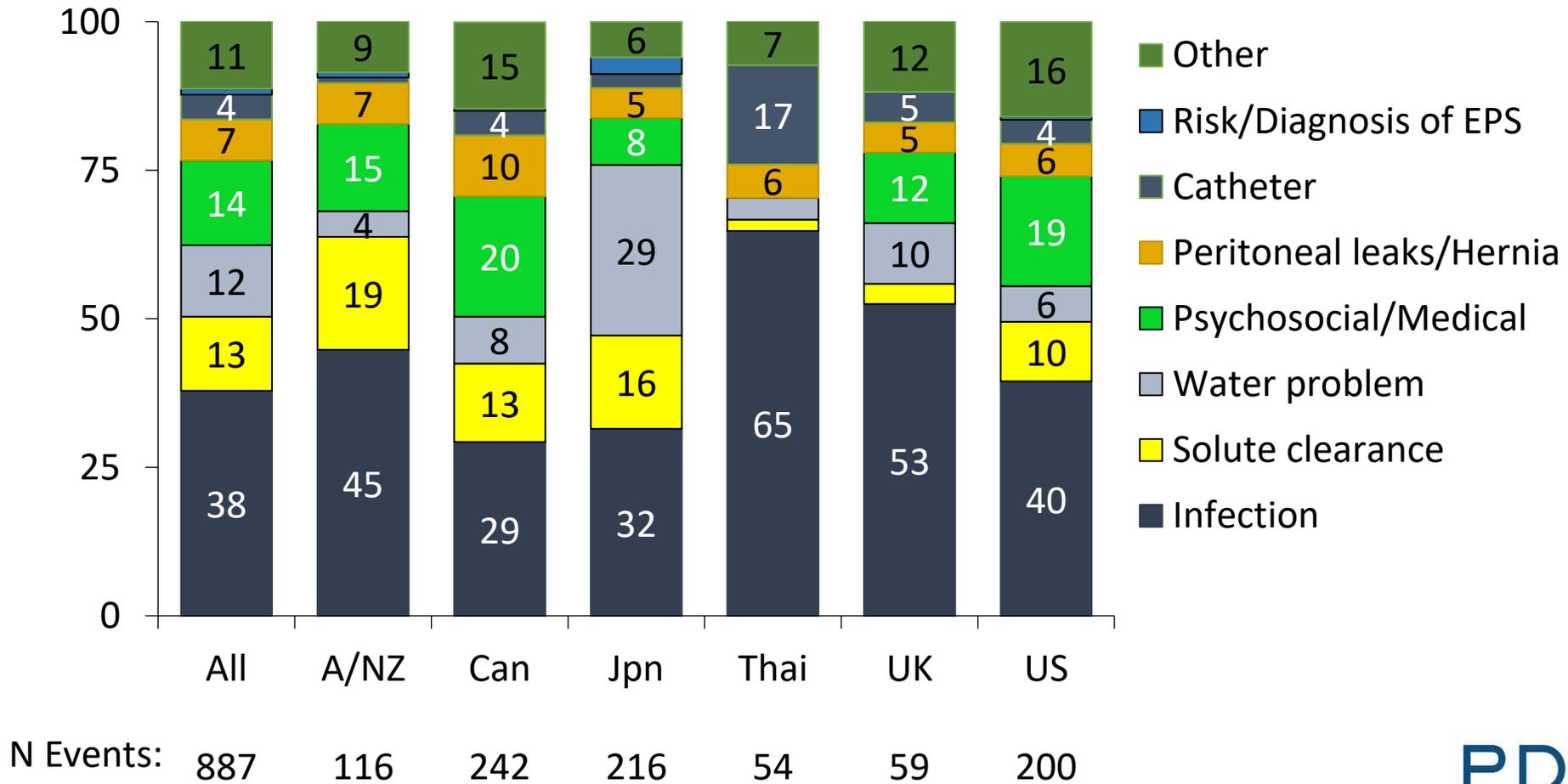
Reasons for Technique Failure by Definition

Reason for failure/cessation of PD	Definition				
	30 days (n=11,467)	60 days (n=11,217)	90 days (n=11,037)	180 days (n=10,695)	365 days (n=10,274)
Death	4,535 (40%)	4,670 (42%)	4,788 (43%)	4,922 (46%)	4,954 (48%)
Infection	3,166 (28%)	3,104 (28%)	2,938 (27%)	2,677 (25%)	2,502 (24%)
Inadequate dialysis	1,206 (11%)	1,216 (11%)	1,206 (11%)	1,173 (11%)	1,083 (11%)
Mechanical	1,380 (12%)	1,070 (10%)	976 (9%)	853 (8%)	756 (7%)
Encapsulating peritoneal sclerosis	19 (<0.2%)	19 (<0.2%)	19 (<0.2%)	20 (<0.2%)	16 (<0.2%)
Social	907 (8%)	903 (8%)	890 (8%)	865 (8%)	819 (8%)
Other	115 (1%)	105 (1%)	100 (1%)	87 (1%)	78 (1%)
Not reported	139 (1%)	130 (1%)	120 (1%)	98 (1%)	66 (1%)

Reason switched to HD by country

Figure 3A

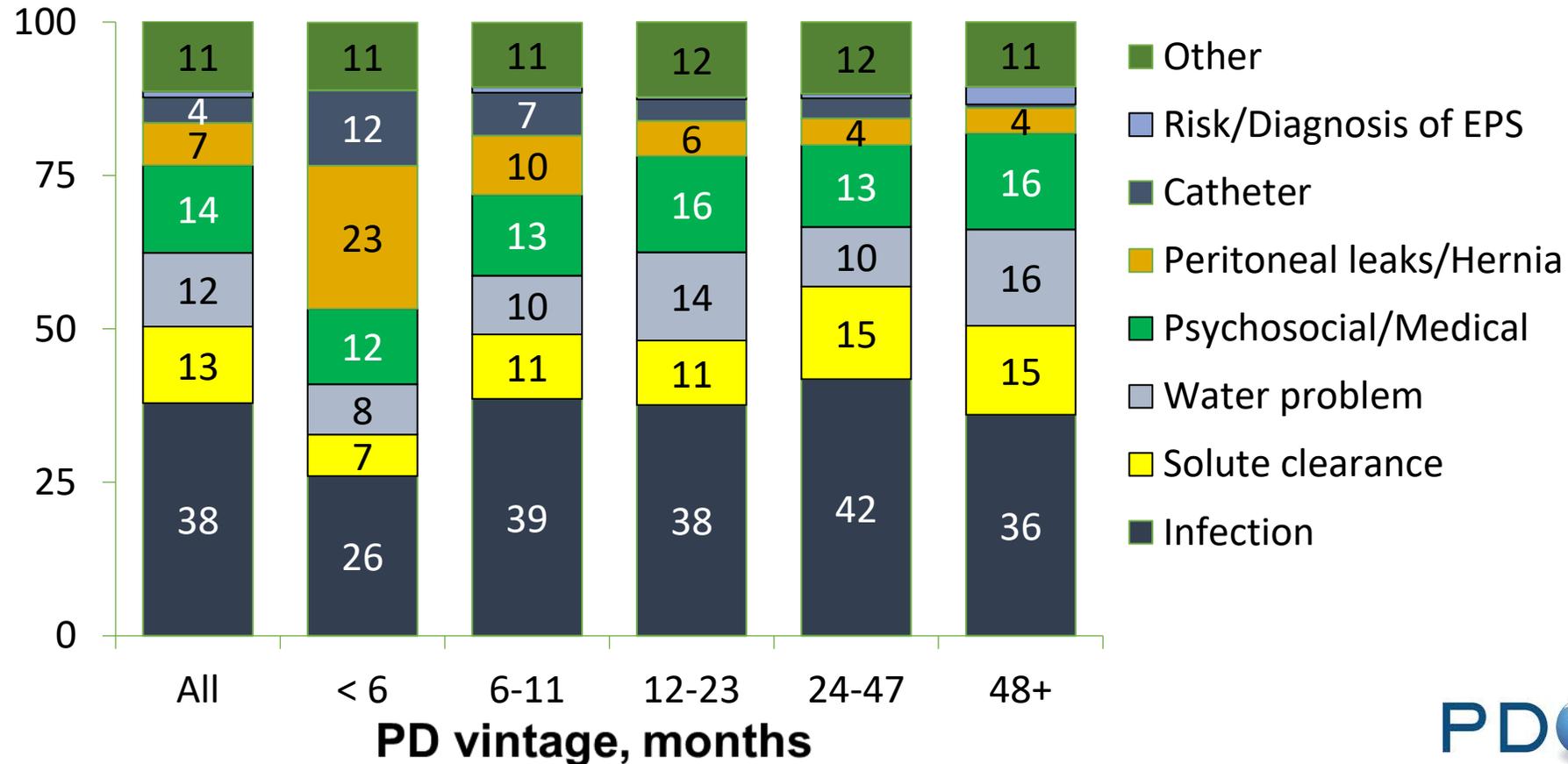
% of events by country



Reason by PD vintage at time of switch

Figure 3B

% of events by country

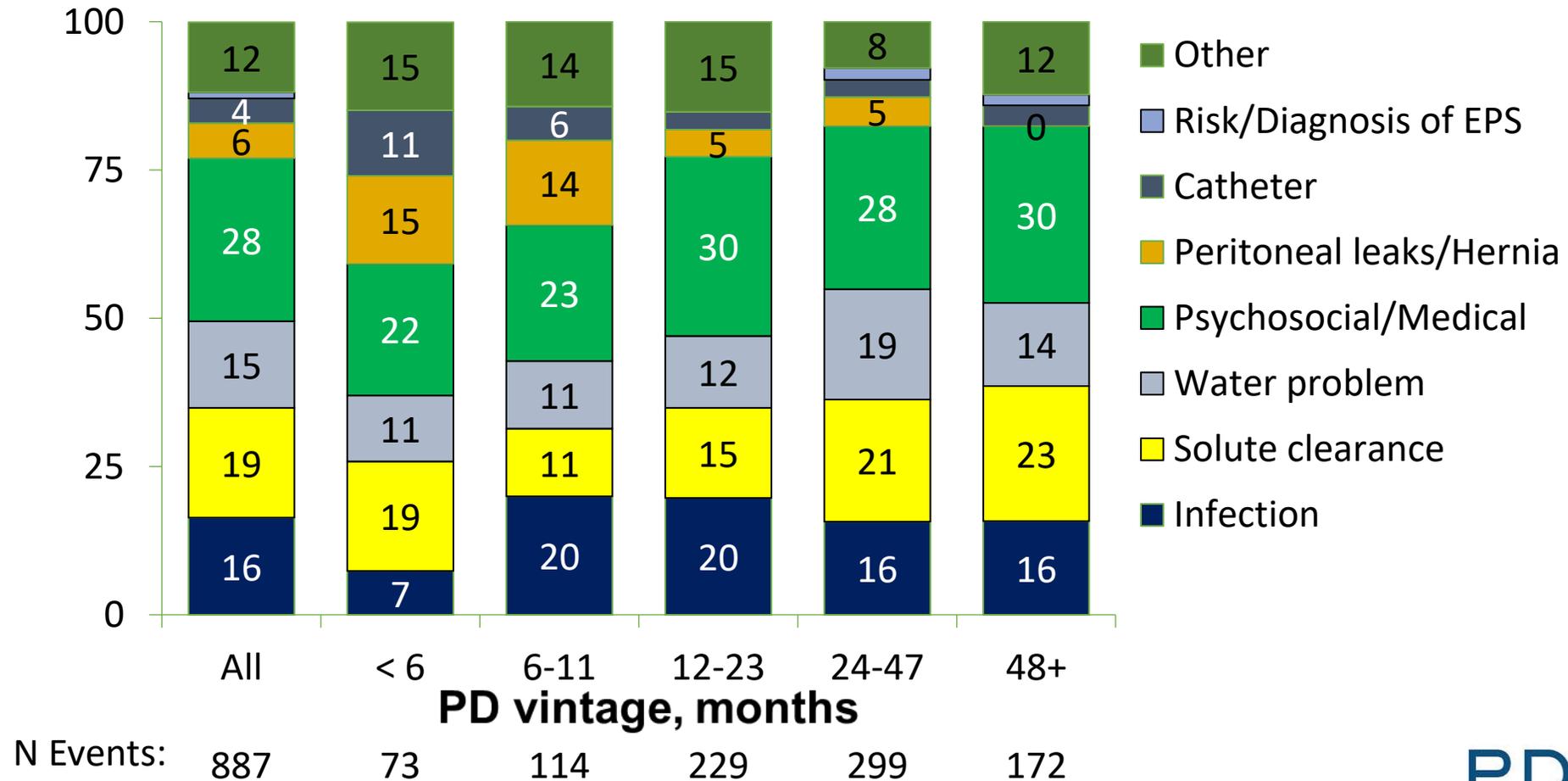


N Events: 887 73 114 229 299 172

Secondary reason by PD vintage at time of switch

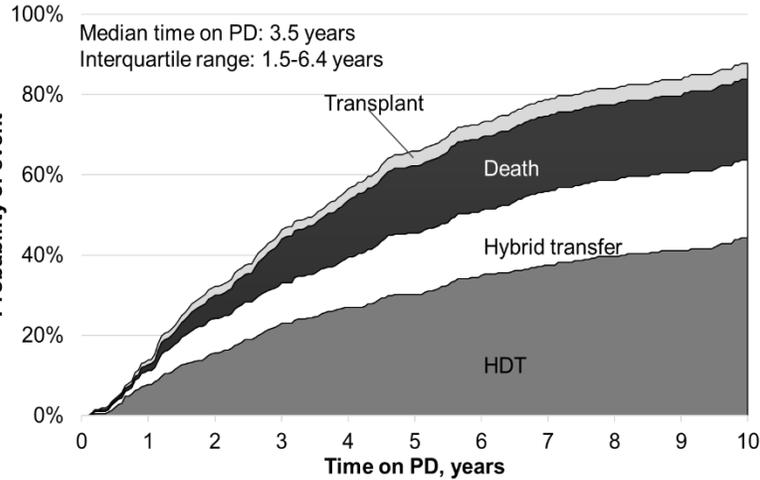
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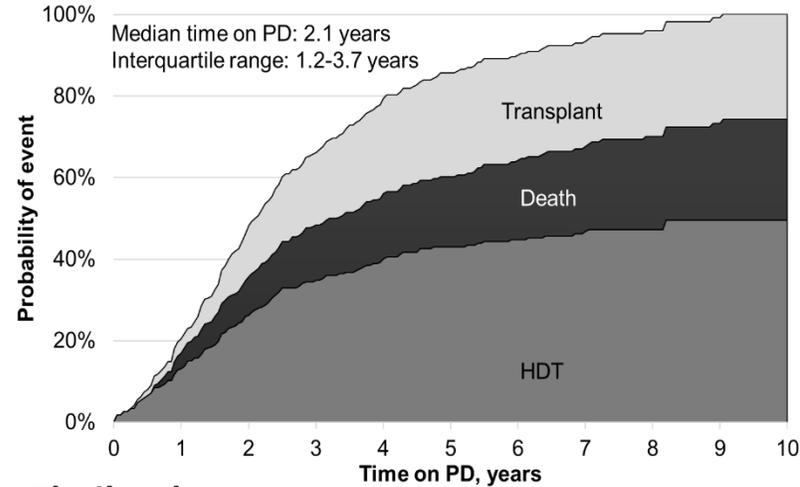


International Comparisons of Outcomes - PDOPPS

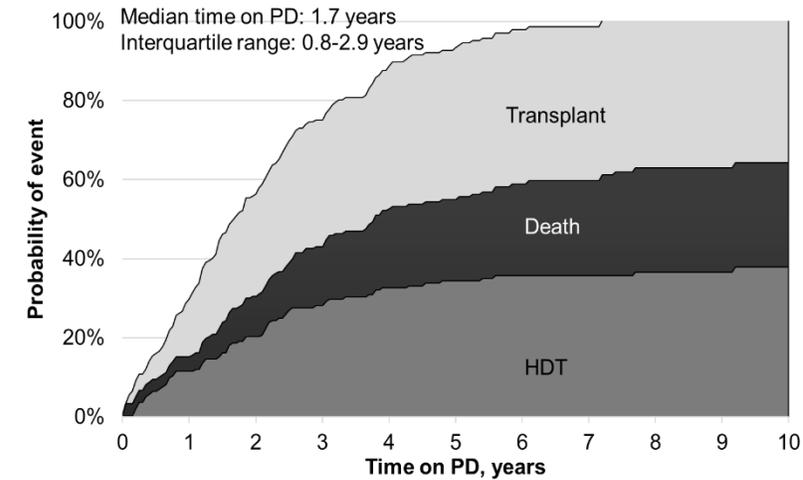
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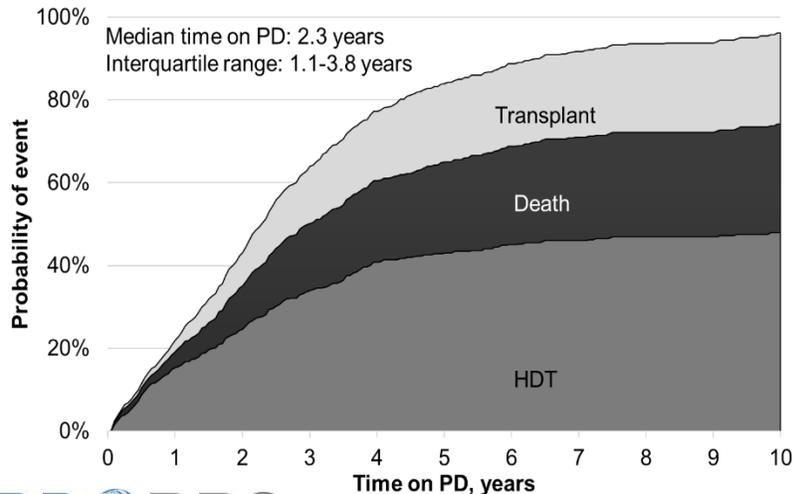
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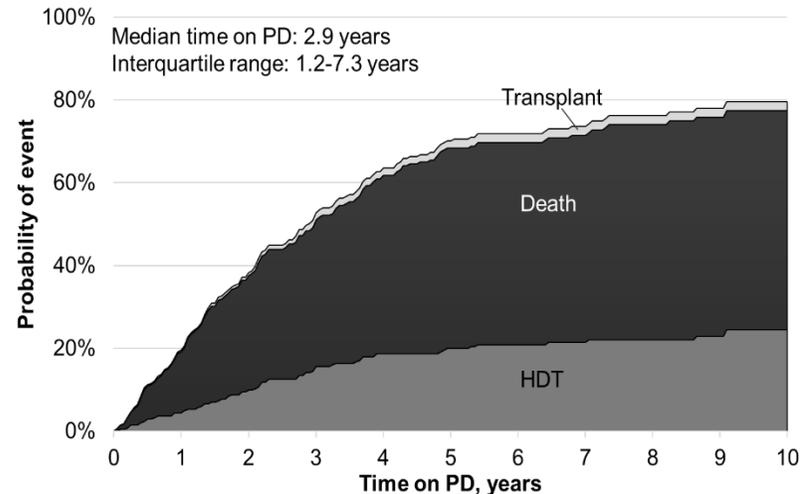
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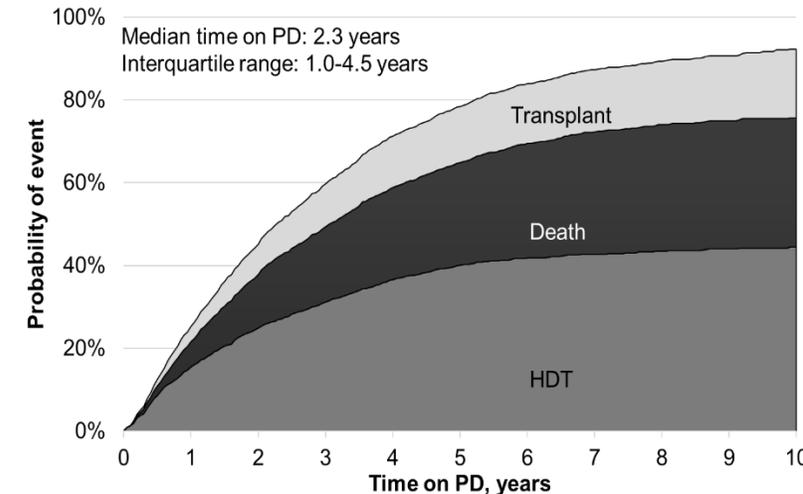
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Thailand



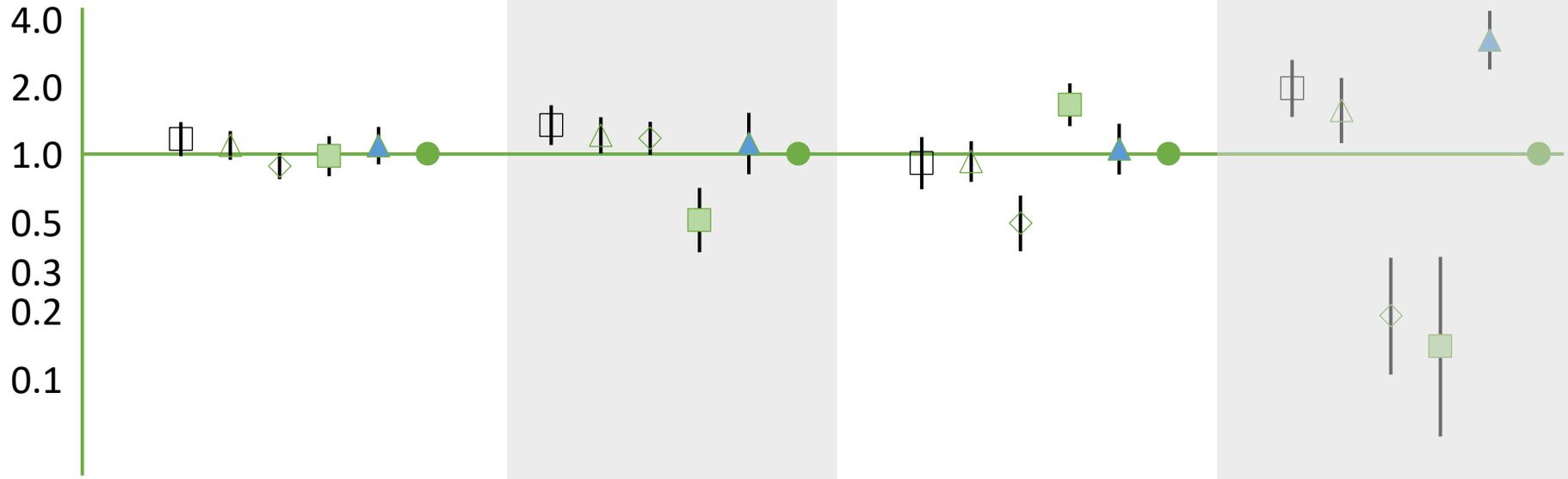
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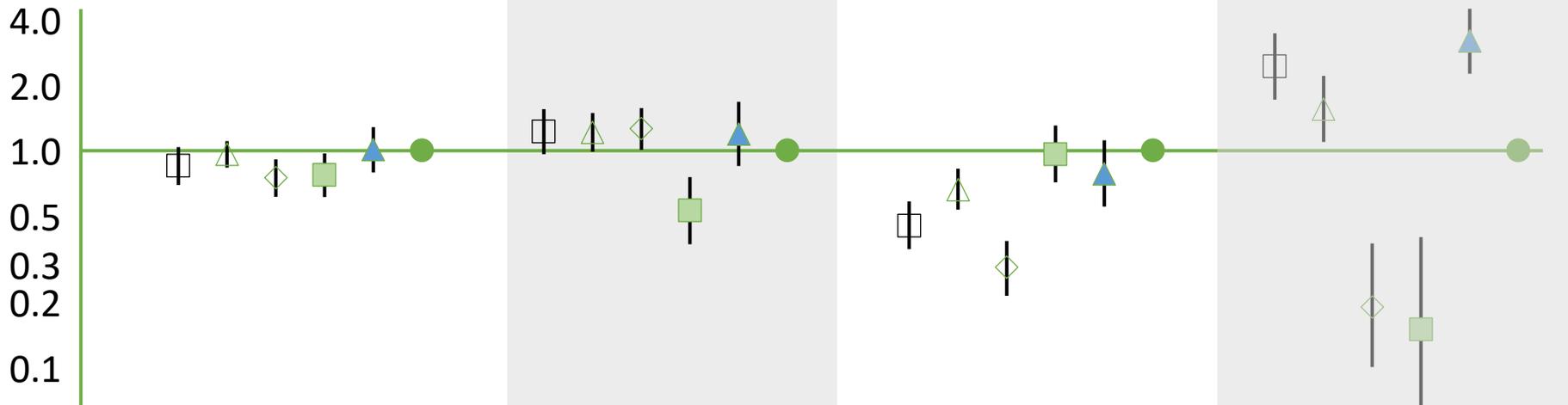
Hazard ratios of PD Discontinuation by Country

□ A/NZ
 △ Canada
 ◇ Japan
 ■ Thailand
 ▲ UK
 ● US (ref)

**Unadjusted
Hazard Ratio
(95% CI)**



**Adjusted
Hazard Ratio
(95% CI)**



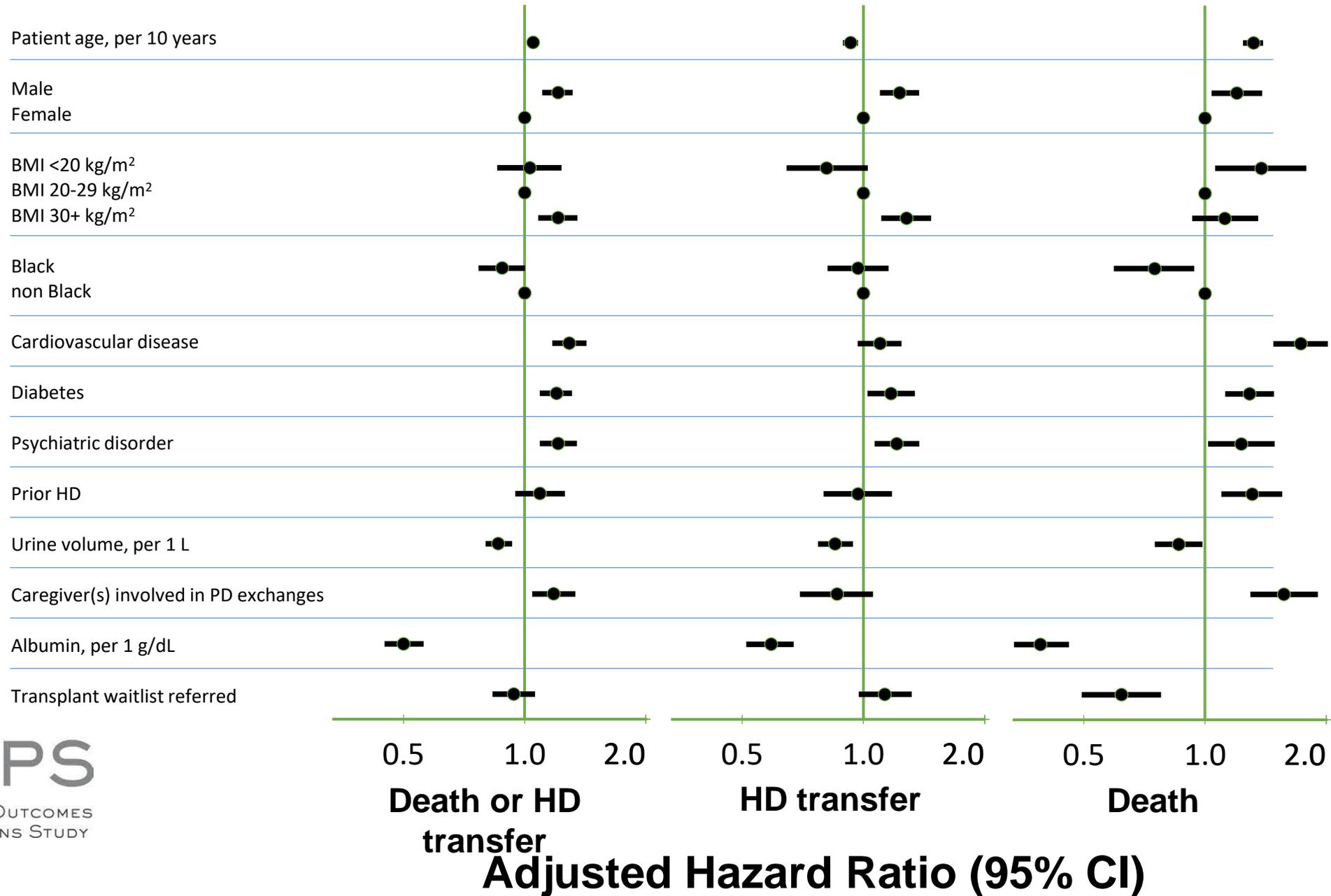
Death or HD transfer

HD transfer

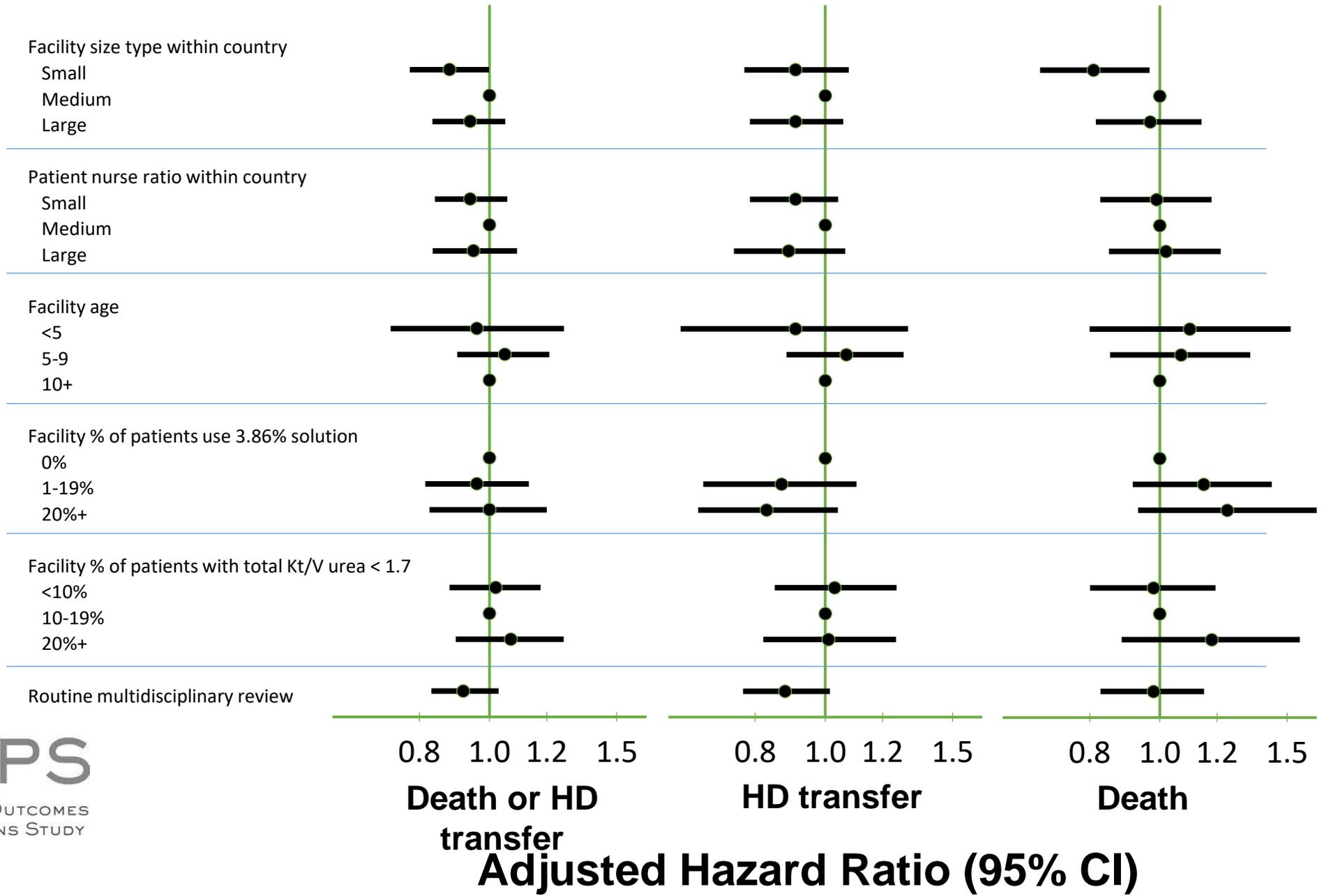
Death

Transplant

Patient factors



Facility factors



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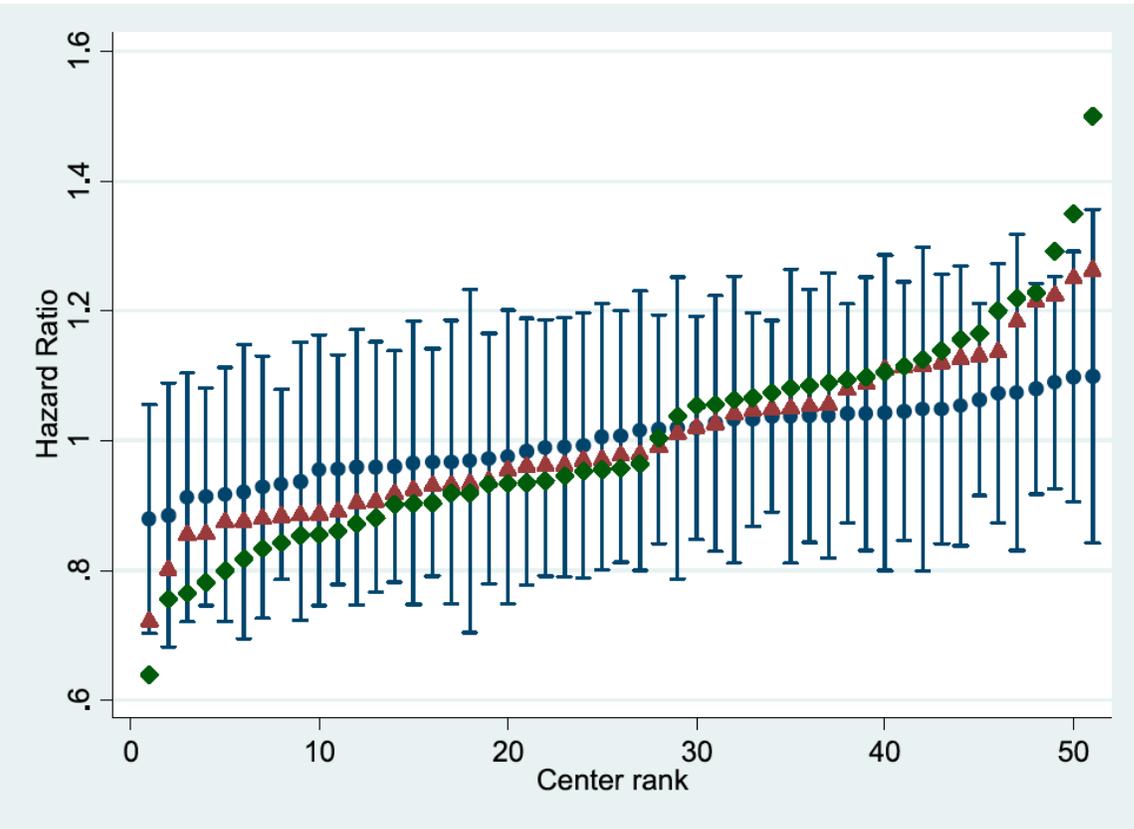
- Similar patient characteristics predict as for PDOPPS
 - Younger age
 - Male sex
 - Higher BMI
 - Comorbidity
 - Primary renal disease
 - RRT starting modality
 - Socioeconomic status
 - Ethnicity

Table 3. Multivariable Cox shared frailty models for death-censored technique failure defined as 30 and 180 days

Covariates	Technique Failure 30 d			Technique Failure 180 d		
	HR	95% CI	P Value	HR	95% CI	P Value
Era (2004–2009)	1.0	Reference		1.0	Reference	
Era (2010–2014)	0.93	0.86 to 0.99	0.04	0.82	0.75 to 0.89	<0.001
Patient-level characteristics						
Age (decade)	0.93	0.91 to 0.96	<0.001	0.93	0.90 to 0.96	<0.001
Men	1.07	0.98 to 1.14	0.06	1.12	1.04 to 1.22	<0.01
Race			<0.001			<0.001
White	1.00	Reference		1.00	Reference	
Asian	0.79	0.70 to 0.89	<0.001	0.80	0.70 to 0.92	0.002
ATSI	1.12	0.97 to 1.30	0.12	1.19	1.01 to 1.40	0.04
MP	0.85	0.69 to 1.03	0.10	0.86	0.68 to 1.08	0.19
Other	0.67	0.52 to 0.87	0.003	0.67	0.50 to 0.90	<0.01
BMI, kg/m ²			<0.001			<0.001
<18.5	1.06	0.88 to 1.30	0.53	1.0	0.79 to 1.25	0.99
18.5–24.9	1.00	Reference		1.00	Reference	
25–29.9	1.08	0.99 to 1.17	0.07	1.04	0.95 to 1.14	0.41
≥30	1.27	1.17 to 1.39	<0.001	1.32	1.20 to 1.46	<0.001
Smoking status			0.03			0.08
Nonsmoker	1.00	Reference		1.00	Reference	
Current smoker	1.09	0.98 to 1.21	0.10	1.08	0.96 to 1.22	0.19
Former smoker	1.10	1.02 to 1.19	0.01	1.10	1.00 to 1.20	0.03
Diabetes mellitus	0.98	0.87 to 1.10	0.73	1.01	0.89 to 1.16	0.87
Cardiovascular disease	1.12	1.04 to 1.21	0.003	1.08	0.99 to 1.18	0.07
Chronic lung disease	1.05	0.96 to 1.16	0.29	0.98	0.88 to 1.10	0.75
Primary renal disease			<0.001			0.004
GN	1.00	Reference		1.00	Reference	
Diabetes nephropathy	0.98	0.86 to 1.11	0.73	0.96	0.82 to 1.11	0.54
Hypertension	0.83	0.74 to 0.94	0.002	0.86	0.75 to 0.98	0.02
Polycystic kidney disease	1.20	1.04 to 1.38	0.01	1.11	0.94 to 1.31	0.22
Other/unknown	0.86	0.78 to 0.95	0.003	0.85	0.76 to 0.95	<0.01
Late referral	1.06	0.98 to 1.16	0.15	1.02	0.92 to 1.23	0.71
Initial modality of RRT (PD) ^a						
Overall	0.69	0.63 to 0.76	<0.001	0.70	0.62 to 0.79	<0.001
At 6 mo	0.73	0.67 to 0.79	<0.001	0.73	0.66 to 0.80	<0.001
At 1 yr	0.76	0.70 to 0.82	<0.001	0.76	0.70 to 0.83	<0.001
At 2 yr	0.84	0.78 to 0.91	<0.001	0.82	0.75 to 0.90	<0.001
Initial PD modality (CAPD)	0.98	0.90 to 1.07	0.70	0.86	0.80 to 0.93	<0.001
IRSAD scores ^b			0.91			0.71
<934	1.00	Reference		1.00	Reference	
934–983	1.02	0.93 to 1.12	0.66	1.03	0.93 to 1.15	0.52
>983–1032	1.02	0.93 to 1.13	0.64	1.05	0.94 to 1.17	0.39
>1032	0.99	0.90 to 1.09	0.90	0.99	0.88 to 1.11	0.91

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Variation between Centres:

Reduce by **15%** when adjusted for patient factors

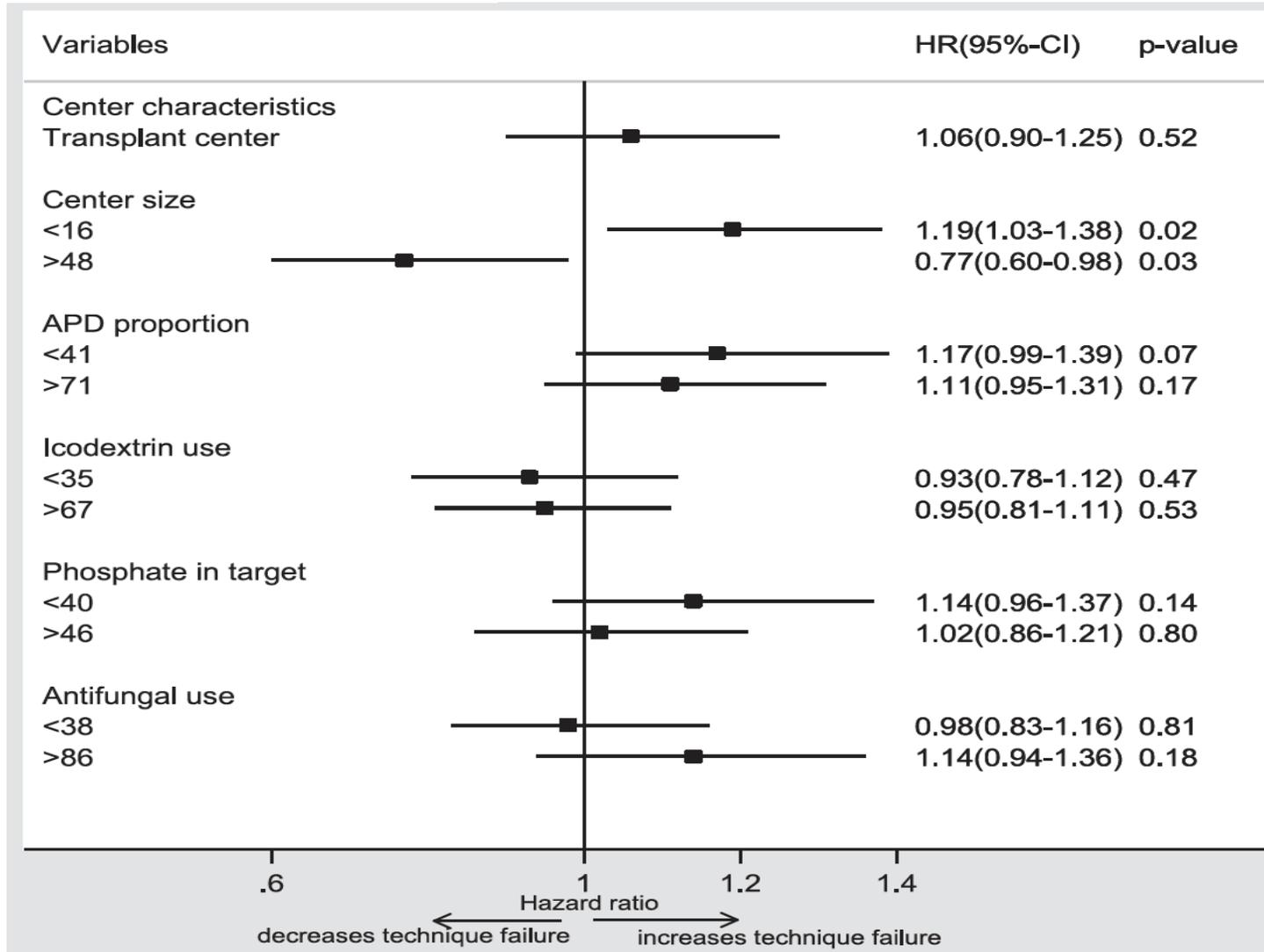
Reduced by a further **37%** when adjusting for centre level characteristics

Some variation remains

Figure 2. | Variation in hazard of technique failure across 51 Australian peritoneal dialysis centers during the period of 2004–2014 in unadjusted (green diamonds), patient-level adjusted (red triangles), and patient- and center-level adjusted (blue circles) models with SEMs. Dialysis centers are ranked by hazard of technique failure.

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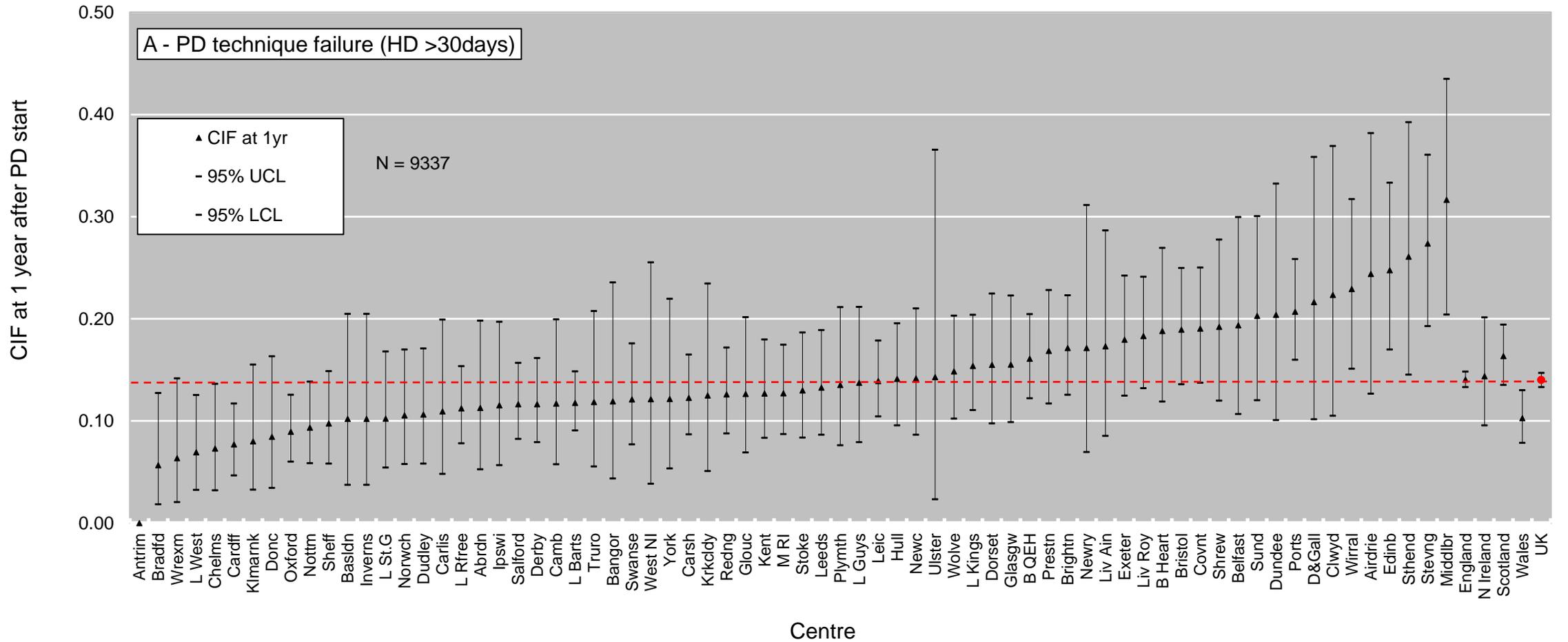


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Center-level characteristics						
Transplant center	1.06	0.90 to 1.25	0.52	1.05	0.89 to 1.25	0.54
Center size (incident patients per 1 yr)			0.004			<0.001
<16	1.19	1.03 to 1.38	0.02	1.23	1.07 to 1.43	<0.01
16–48	1.00	Reference		1.00	Reference	
>48	0.77	0.60 to 0.98	0.03	0.79	0.63 to 0.99	0.04
APD exposure, ^c %			0.15			0.04
<41	1.17	0.99 to 1.39	0.07	1.14	0.97 to 1.35	0.11
41–71	1.00	Reference		1.00	Reference	
>71	1.11	0.95 to 1.31	0.17	1.22	1.04 to 1.42	0.01
Icodextrin use, ^c %			0.69			0.68
<35	0.93	0.78 to 1.12	0.47	0.94	0.79 to 1.22	0.50
35–67	1.00	Reference		1.00	Reference	
>67	0.95	0.81 to 1.11	0.53	0.94	0.81 to 1.10	0.46
Phosphate in target, ^c %			0.32			0.66
<40	1.14	0.96 to 1.37	0.14	1.08	0.91 to 1.29	0.37
40–46	1.00	Reference		1.00	Reference	
>46	1.02	0.86 to 1.21	0.80	1.05	0.89 to 1.24	0.60
Antifungal use, ^d %			0.32			0.47
<38	0.98	0.83 to 1.16	0.81	0.95	0.80 to 1.11	0.50
38–86	1.00	Reference		1.00	Reference	
>86	1.14	0.94 to 1.36	0.18	1.07	0.90 to 1.29	0.44



What does our current understanding of switching tell us?

- Classifying modality switch
 - Causes for switching change over time – **peritonitis remains the main problem**
- Switching needs to be understood on the context of competing risks
 - Transplantation – time on treatment – **does not equate to technique failure – but it does cause attrition of healthier patients from the PD pool, at least partly explaining why time on PD is a risk factor for post-switch mortality**
 - Is some switching futile or inappropriate? - **this is suggested, but more research needed**
- Which factors are associated with switching risk?
 - Patient level factors – **these are the mostly same as for the post-switch mortality risk (these are hard to change)**
 - Centre level factors – **these matter; size/experience/team working seems important – but there must be something else....**
 - Are these centre level factors modifiable? - **Probably**

The Inter-CEPt study

Intervening to eliminate the centre effect variation in home dialysis use.

- In depth, ethnographic study of centres that achieve good home dialysis outcomes, with inclusion of BAME and socioeconomically deprived groups
- National survey of practices linked to actual outcomes linked to the UKRR, accounting for competing risks
- In depth health economic analysis and modelling
Intervention bundle



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BMJ Open Intervening to eliminate the centre-effect variation in home dialysis use: protocol for Inter-CEPt – a sequential mixed-methods study designing an intervention bundle

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Ethnography: Summary of What we found

- Patients liken choosing their dialysis modality to an act of faith – so it is all about **trust**
- Sites have different ways of organizing their services, there is **no ideal model**.
- What all sites shared were aspects of their **culture, attitudes and behaviour** that led to good uptake of home therapies.
- Sites acknowledge that there were inequalities and welcome greater investment in people's **social, psychological and cultural needs**



The survey: Methods

SURVEY DESIGN

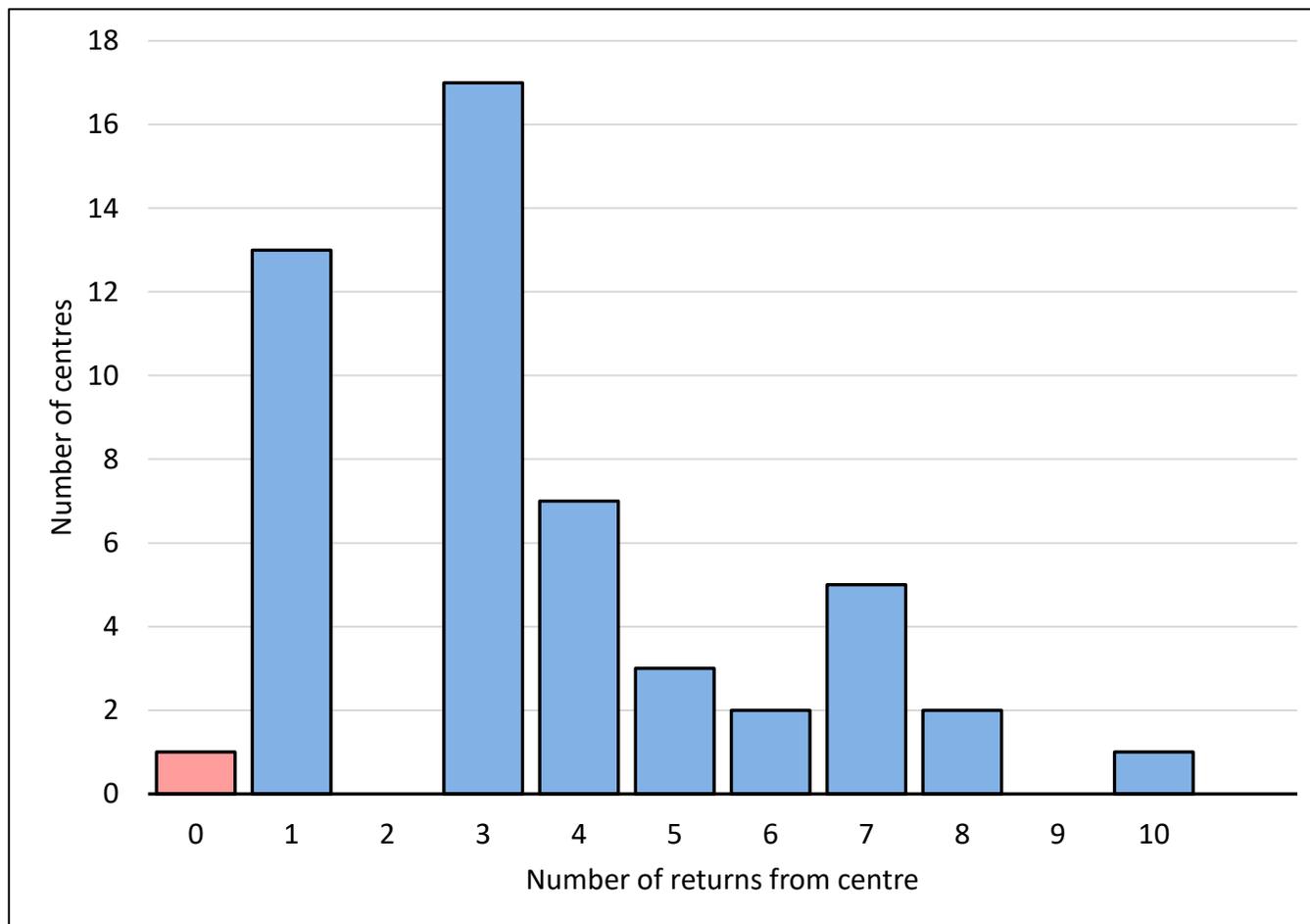
- Developed by drawing on ethnography findings, literature, clinical input, NASSS framework
- Sent electronically to all 51 renal units in England (June – September 2022)
- Aimed for responses from varied roles (centre managers, clinical leads, home therapies consultants and nurses, Advanced Kidney Care clinic staff)
- Categorical and Likert scale responses

SURVEY ANALYSIS

- Individual-level responses combined into a single centre-level response following pre-determined aggregation rules
- Descriptive analysis explored centre practice through pairwise correlations between aspects of practice and home dialysis uptake rates (UKRR 2019 incidence data)

Services offered by the renal unit	Information to support modality choice	Vascular and catheter access	Finances and commissioning
Pre-dialysis education	Home dialysis training	Clinical leadership and home dialysis attitudes	Engagement with wider regional networks
Challenges to offering home therapies to different groups	Unit support for patients choosing home dialysis	Organisation of PD and HHD services (staffing, machines)	COVID-19

Survey responses



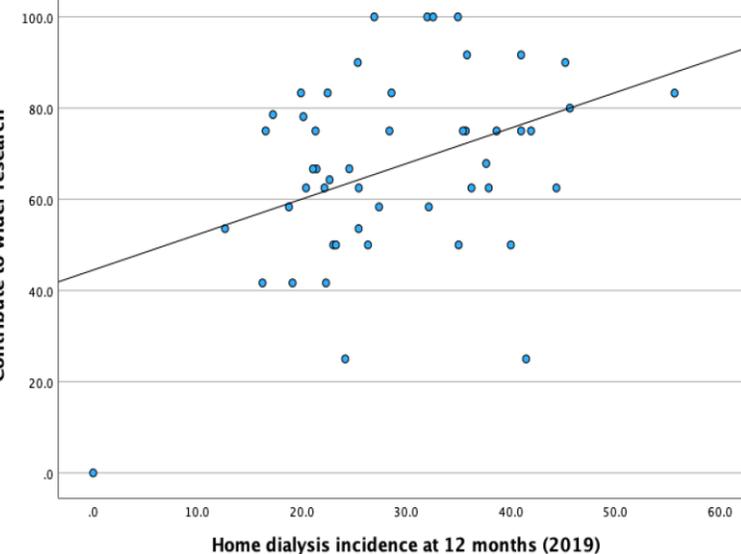
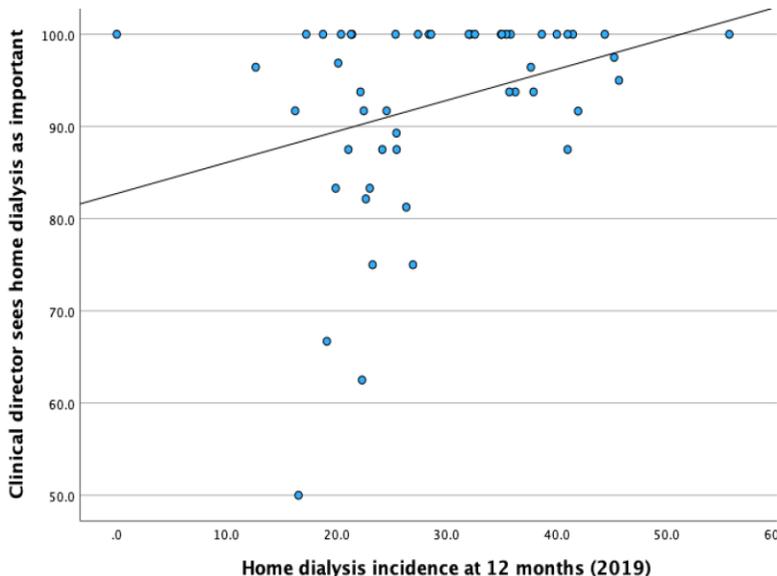
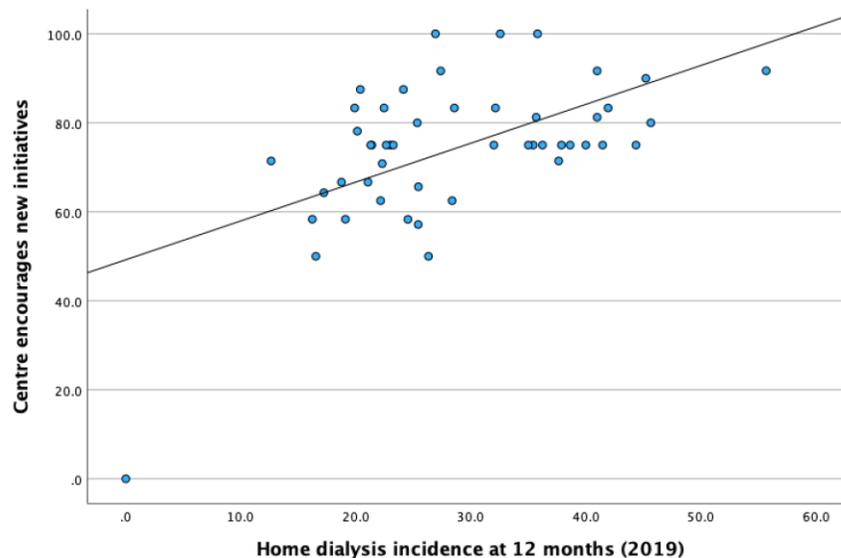
- 180 responses returned
- 50/51 centres represented (98.0%)
- Range per unit 1-10
- Mean per unit 3.5

- Mean roles represented per unit 3.2 (range 1-7)

Nurses (n=58; 32%)
AKC staff (n=41; 23%)
Clinical leads (n=37; 21%)
Physicians (n=35; 19%)
Managers (n=9; 5%)

Non-responder analysis showed no systematic difference in rates of home dialysis uptake between responding and non-responding units for each question

Results: clinical leadership and organisational culture



Centre has an organisational culture that values trying new initiatives

Correlation coefficient
0.57 (95% CI: 0.34 to 0.73)

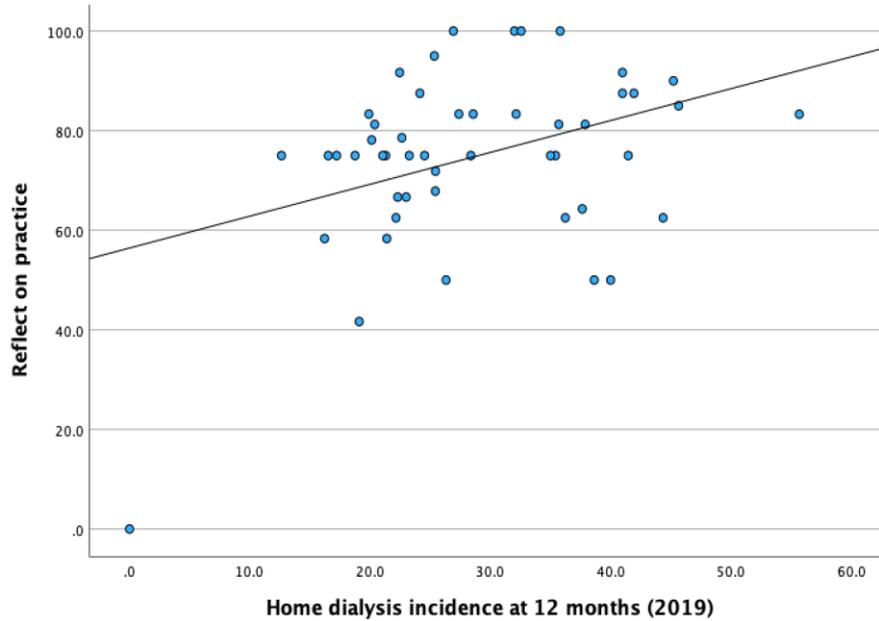
Staff perceive that clinical lead/director sees home dialysis as important

Correlation coefficient
0.32 (95% CI: 0.05 to 0.55)

Staff are given opportunities to contribute to research

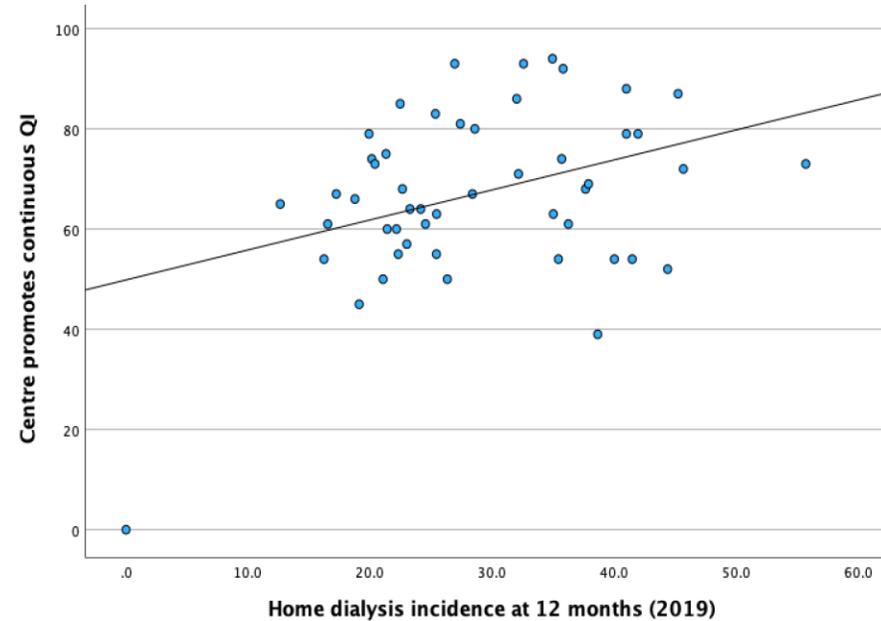
Correlation coefficient
0.39 (95% CI: 0.13 to 0.61)

Results: clinical leadership and organisational culture



Staff have opportunities to learn from others and reflect on practice

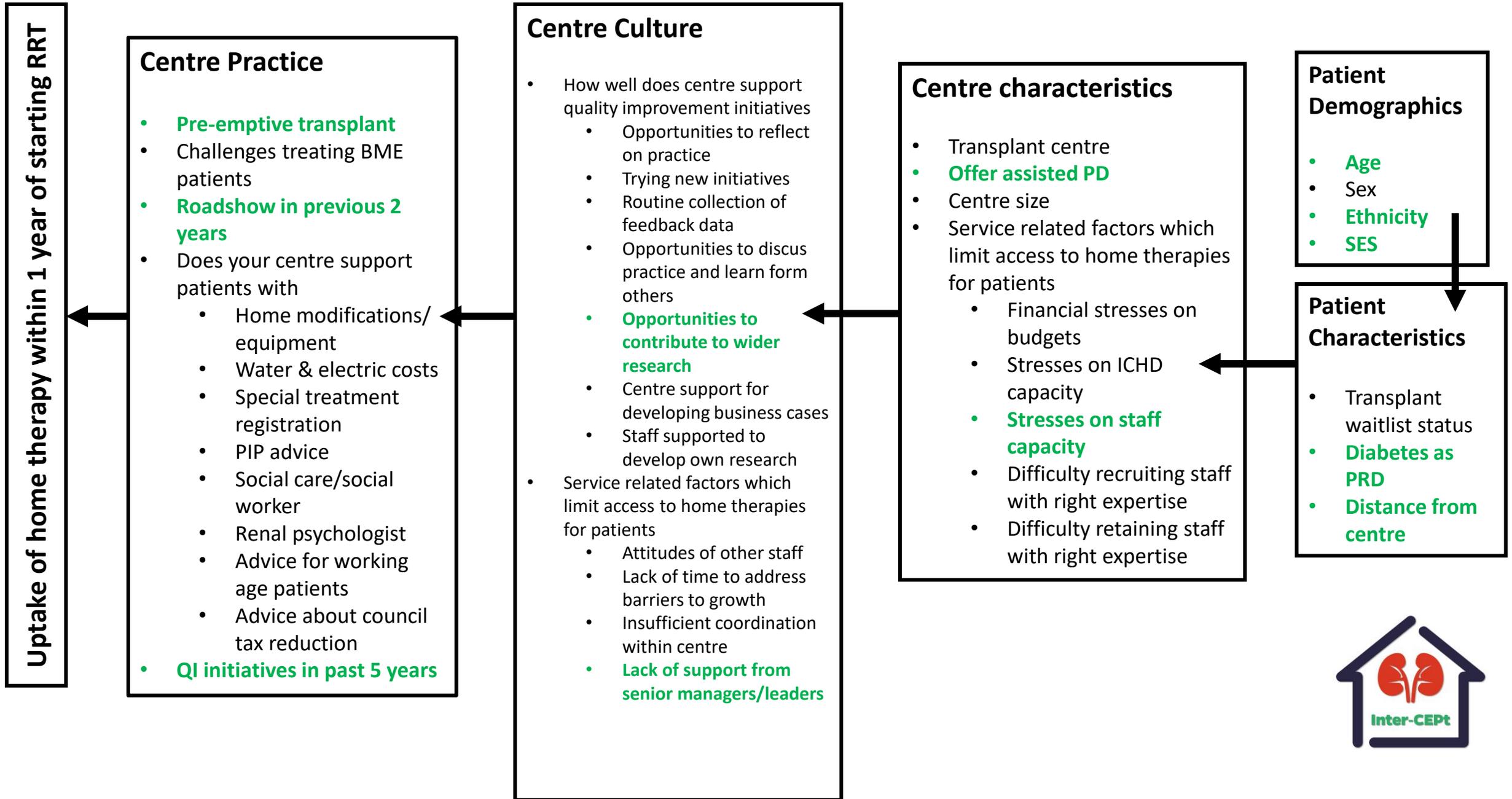
Correlation coefficient
0.38 (95% CI: 0.11 to 0.60)



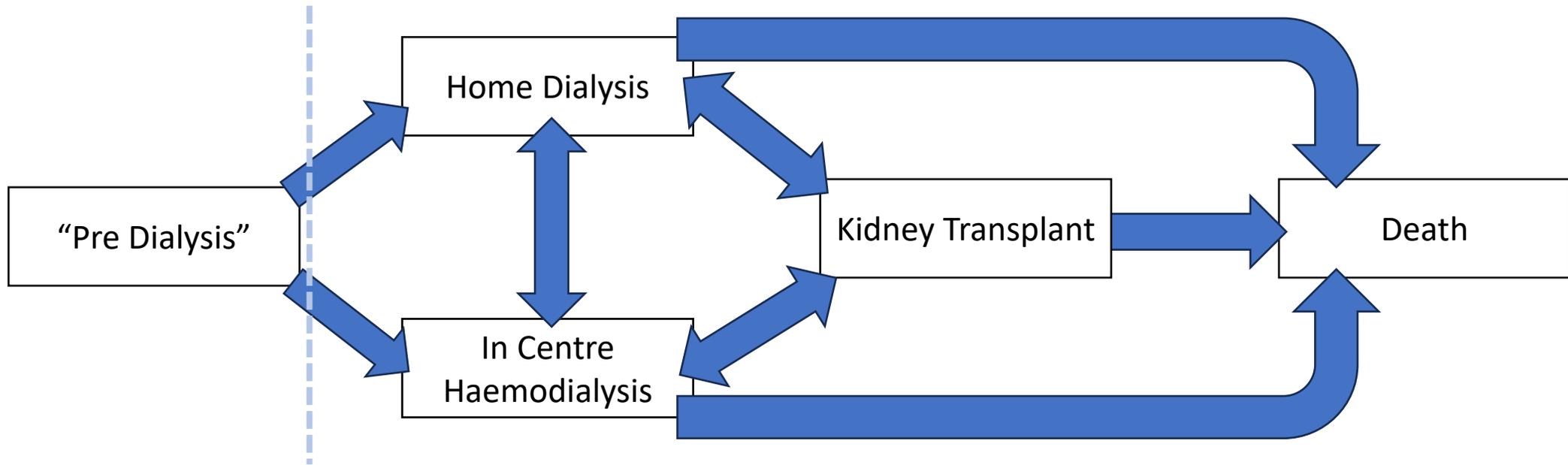
Centre has strong commitment promoting continuous quality improvement

Correlation coefficient
0.29 (95% CI: 0.01 to 0.53)

Hypothesized ordering of factors - proposed causal pathway



Modality Transitions – multistate model



Hazard ratios for transitions in modality

	In centre HD to PD	In-centre HD to home HD
Ethnicity		
Asian	0.67 (0.62,0.73)	0.29 (0.26,0.34)
Black	0.63 (0.58,0.70)	0.47 (0.41,0.53)
White	REF	REF
Deprivation group		
1	REF	REF
2	0.90 (0.83,0.98)	0.94 (0.85,1.05)
3	0.80 (0.74,0.87)	0.70 (0.63,0.78)
4	0.71 (0.65,0.76)	0.60 (0.54,0.67)
5	0.62 (0.58,0.67)	0.49 (0.44,0.54)
Sex		
Male	0.96 (0.91,1.01)	0.90 (0.84,0.96)

	PD to In-centre HD	Home HD to In-centre HD
Ethnicity		
Asian	0.87 (0.83,0.93)	0.82 (0.67,1.01)
Black	1.17 (1.09,1.25)	0.82 (0.67,1.01)
White	REF	REF
Deprivation group		
1	REF	REF
2	1.03 (0.98,1.10)	1.02 (0.8,1.17)
3	0.99 (0.93,1.05)	0.81 (0.70,0.94)
4	1.04 (0.98,1.11)	0.87 (0.75,1.01)
5	1.06 (0.99,1.12)	0.84 (0.73,0.98)
Sex		
Male	0.86 (0.82,0.89)	1.05 (0.95,1.15)

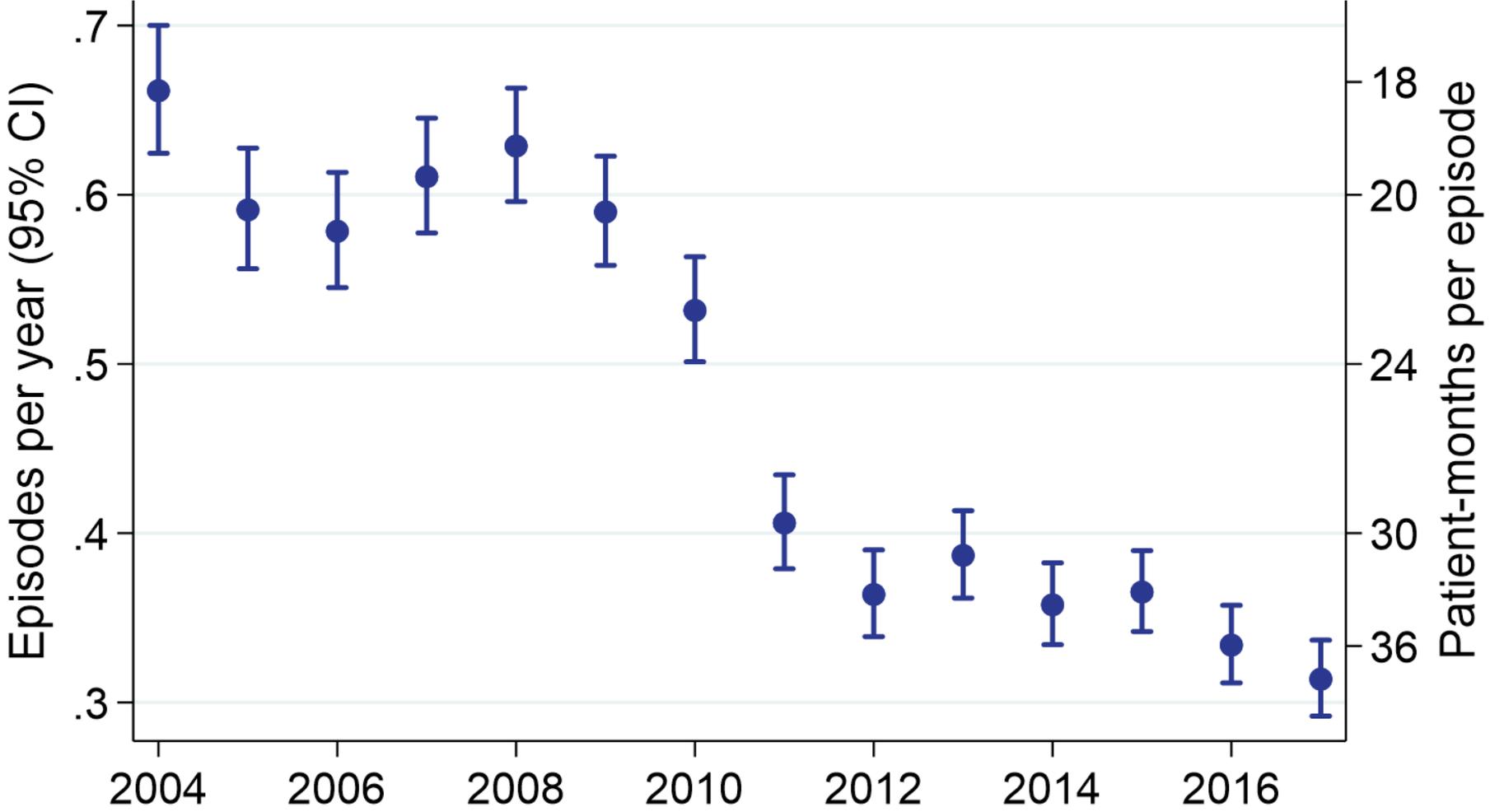
Inter-CEPt National Survey: Descriptive Analysis

- 50/51 units in England responded
- Confirmed the findings of the ethnography
- How services were organized did not associate with home therapy use
- Availability of assisted dialysis increased use
- Measures of culture and leadership were important
- Quality improvement was especially important
- Self-rated perception of how well a centre met patients needs correlated strongly with home therapy use

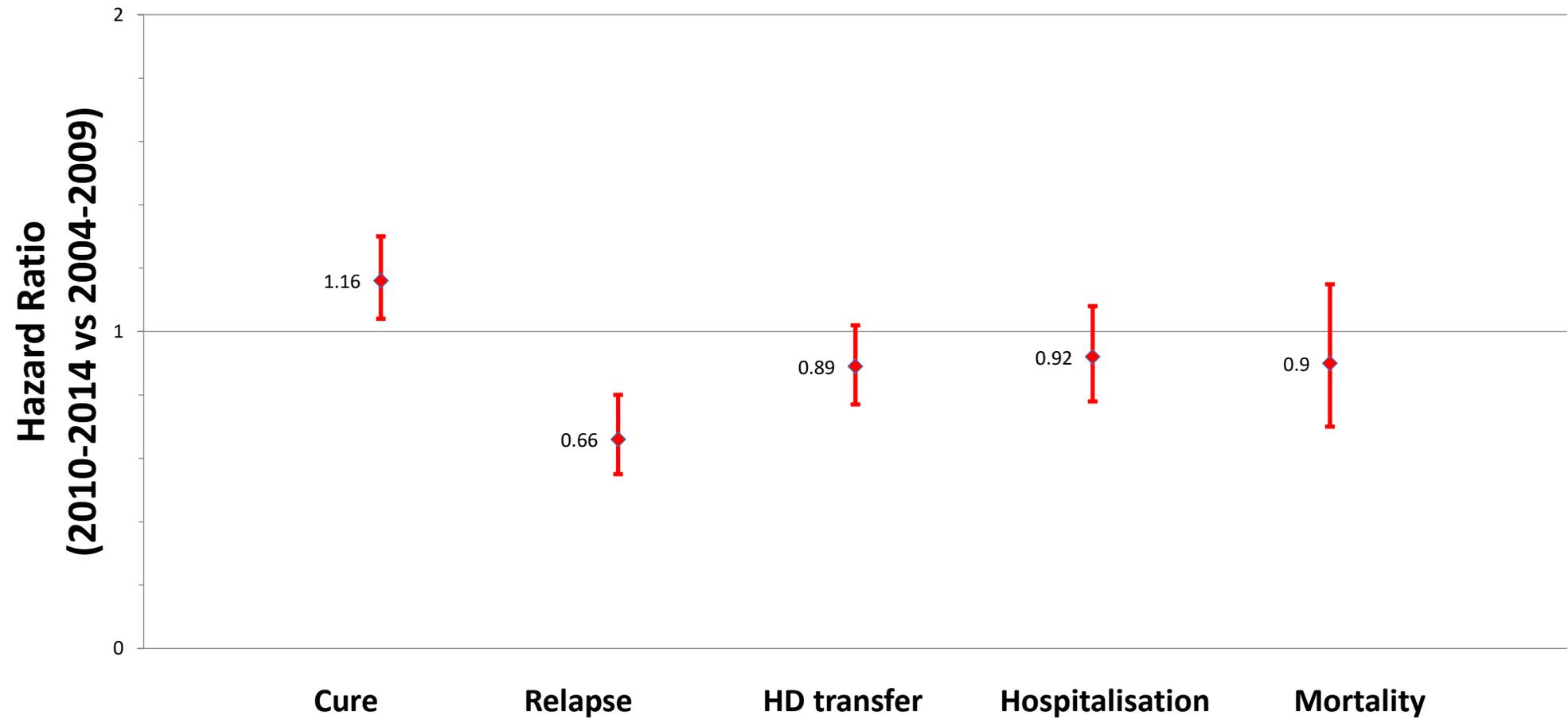
Quality improvement

- Best examples of this in PD relate to infection management
 - Australian experience
 - SCOPE Dialysis Collaborative

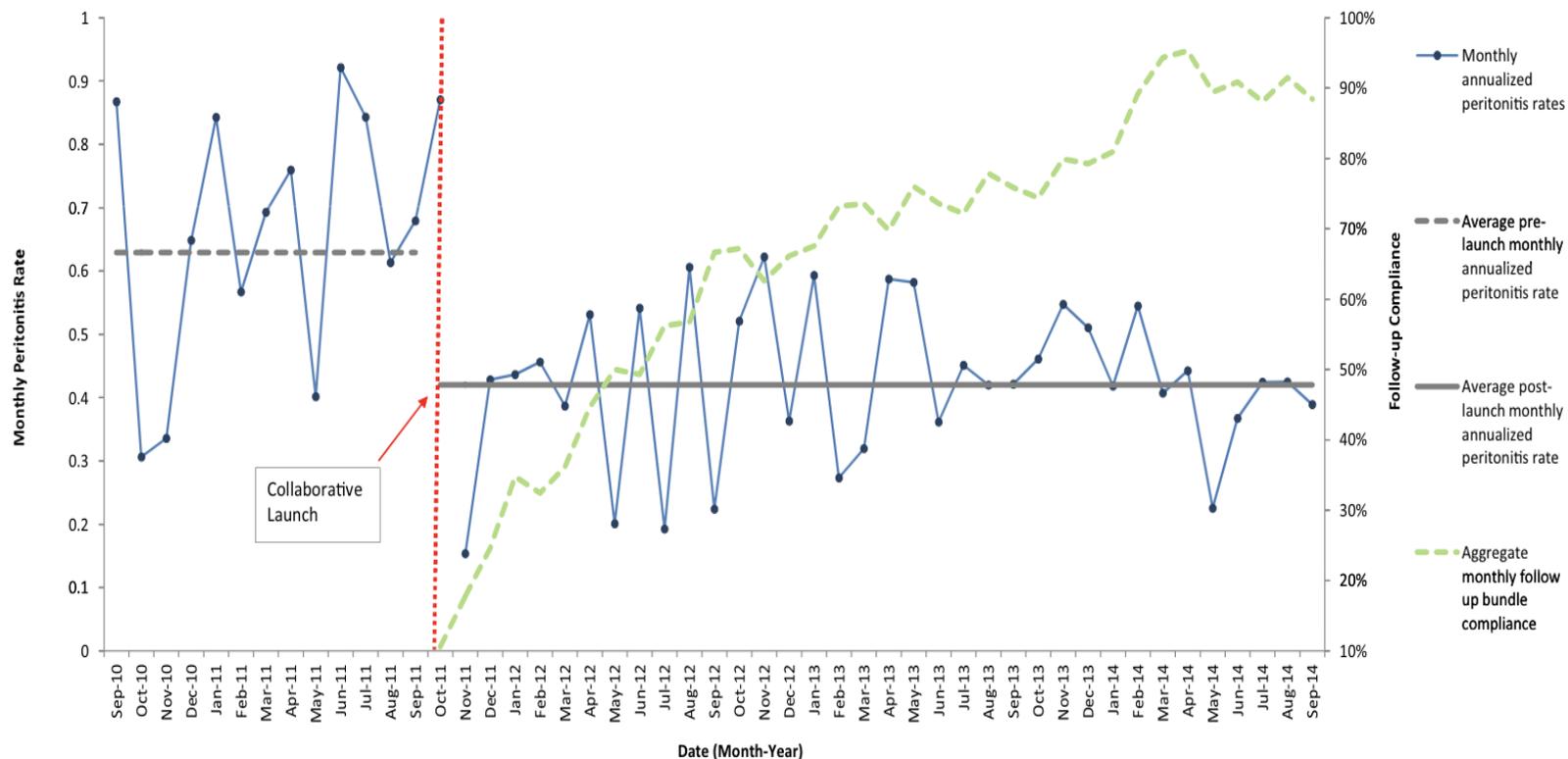
PD Peritonitis Rate Australia 2004-2017



Peritonitis Outcomes (Australia)



SCOPE Dialysis Collaborative: Impact of Standardized Infection Control PD Procedures and Reporting on Peritonitis Rates in Pediatric Peritoneal Dialysis Patients



Peritonitis rate dropped **37%**;
58% reduction in hemodialysis
 BSI rate for original 16 HD
 centers

Summary

- PD to HD transition-related mortality is improving but remains a concern
- There are opportunities to reduce this mortality – and perhaps more importantly the experience of modality switch by
 - Preventing unnecessary switch (futile, infection related)
 - Managing the switch better (infection, timing, managing expectations, supporting patients better)
- A key tool is quality improvement (needs a committed team and time to execute)
- Centre culture is at the heart of good practice – a coherent MDT, strong leadership, continuity of care, supportive patient/carer environment

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