

# Contemporary trends in myocardial infarction: incidence and outcomes

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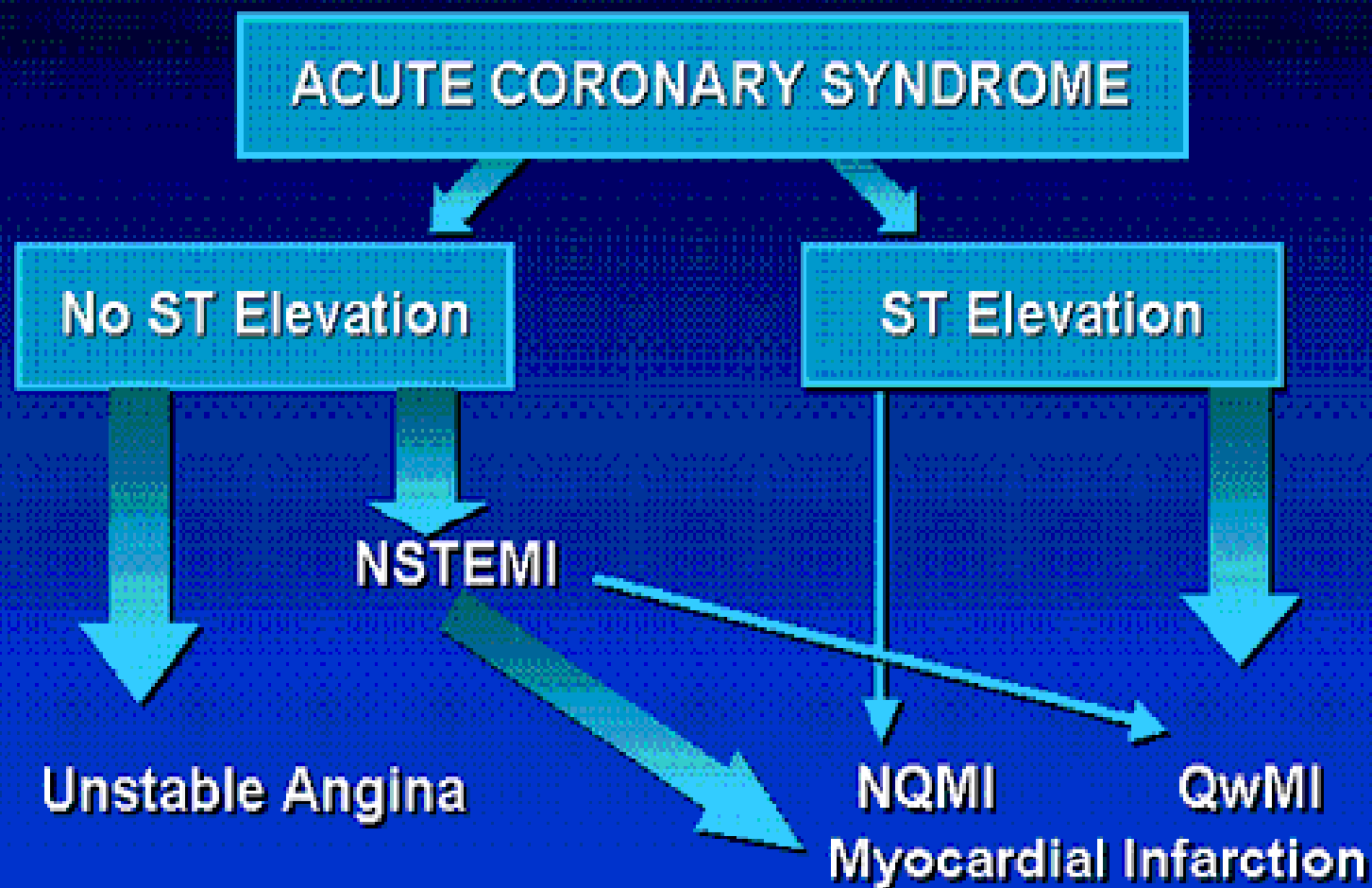
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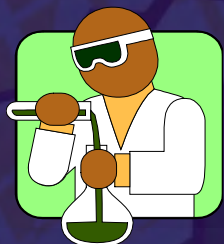
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- Why and how to measure MI trends?
- MI trends: then and now
- What does this mean?

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# Why measure MI trends?



**Science:** measurement of trends and determinants generates mechanistic hypotheses



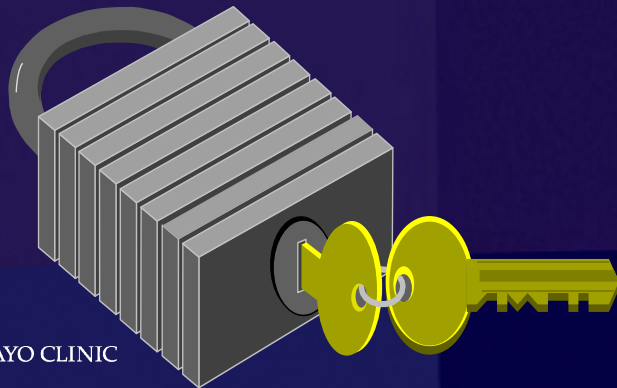
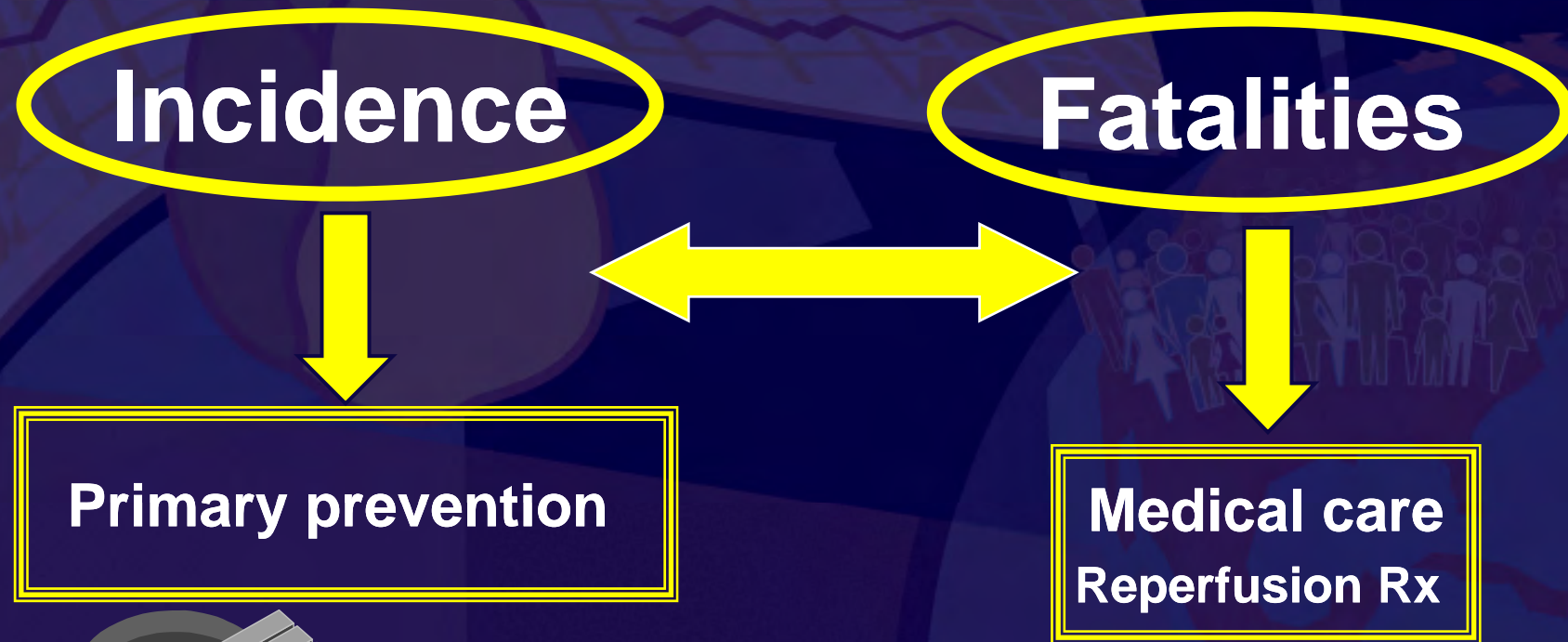
**Clinical practice:** Effectiveness and quality of care, detecting disparities



**Public health:** design interventions, plan for resources, delineate policies

# Trends in MI and ACS

## Concepts



**Better prevention**  
**Better care**

# How to measure MI trends

- National statistics and surveys
- Administrative databases
- Community surveillance



# National Statistics and Surveys

- Mortality and morbidity reports
- Hospital discharge data
- Procedural registries (surgery)
- EuroAspire
- National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

Not validated, captures episodes not persons  
Useful to ask questions



# Disease surveillance

Systematic approach to measure **validated** MI mortality, MI incidence, and post-MI survival to provide insight into the determinants of the trends

- **Defined** population
- **Rigorous** event definition
- **Constant** criteria across time, place, person

# CVD surveillance

**“A strategic goal of the AHA is to reduce heart disease, stroke, and the risk for both by 25%,... However, the current health tracking systems (surveillance) in the United States cannot track progress toward these goals in a **comprehensive and systematic** manner”**

## AHA Scientific Statement

### **Essential Features of a Surveillance System to Support the Prevention and Management of Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke**

**A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association Councils on Epidemiology and Prevention, Stroke and Cardiovascular Nursing and the Interdisciplinary Working Group on Quality of Care and Outcomes Research and Atherosclerosis and Peripheral Vascular Disease**

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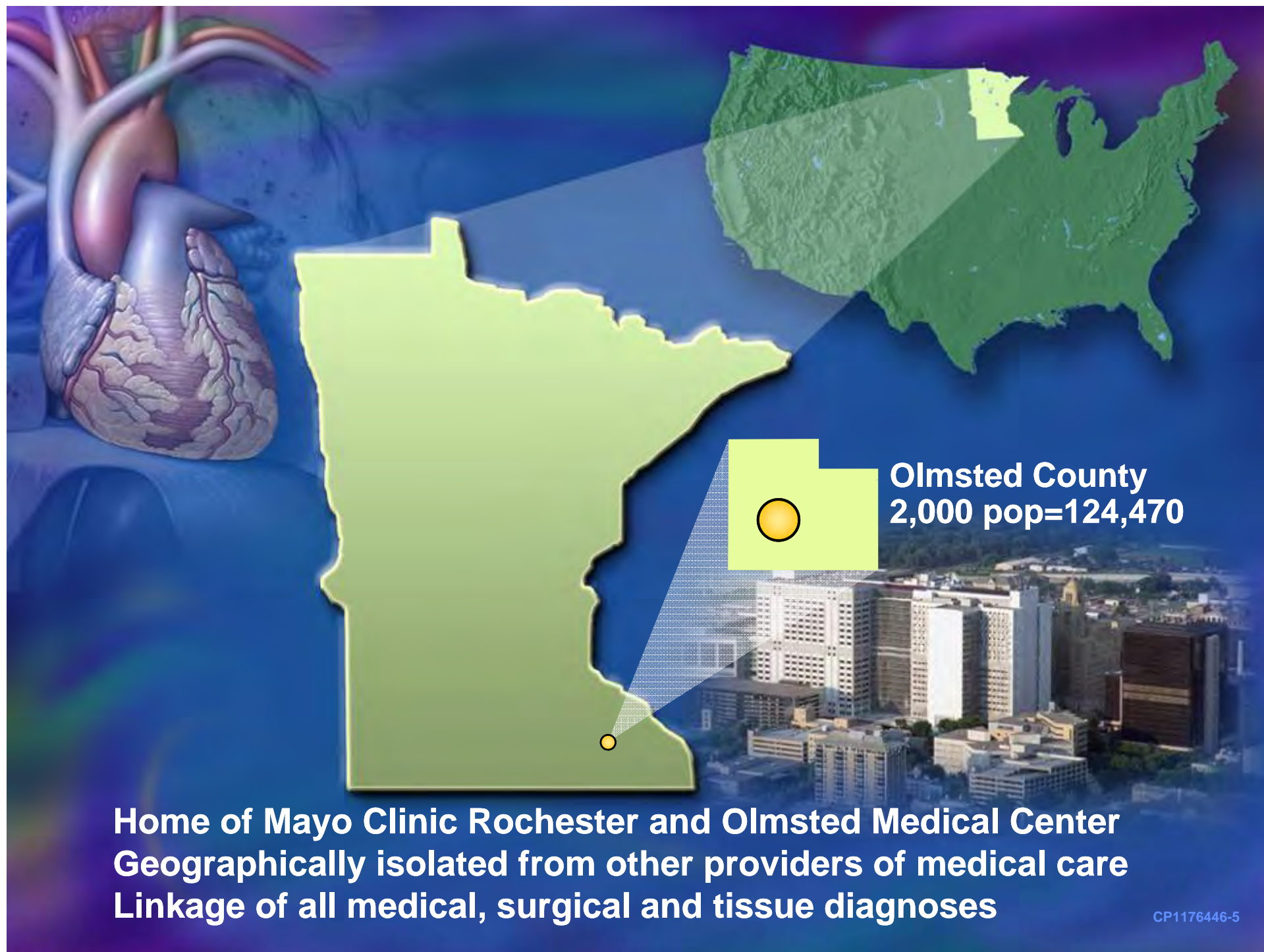
# Community surveillance

In defined populations

- **Rigorous** event definition
- **Constant** criteria across time, place, person

ARIC, Minnesota Heart Survey, Olmsted County Study  
Worcester Heart Attack Study, some insurance plans  
MONICA





**Olmsted County**  
**2,000 pop=124,470**

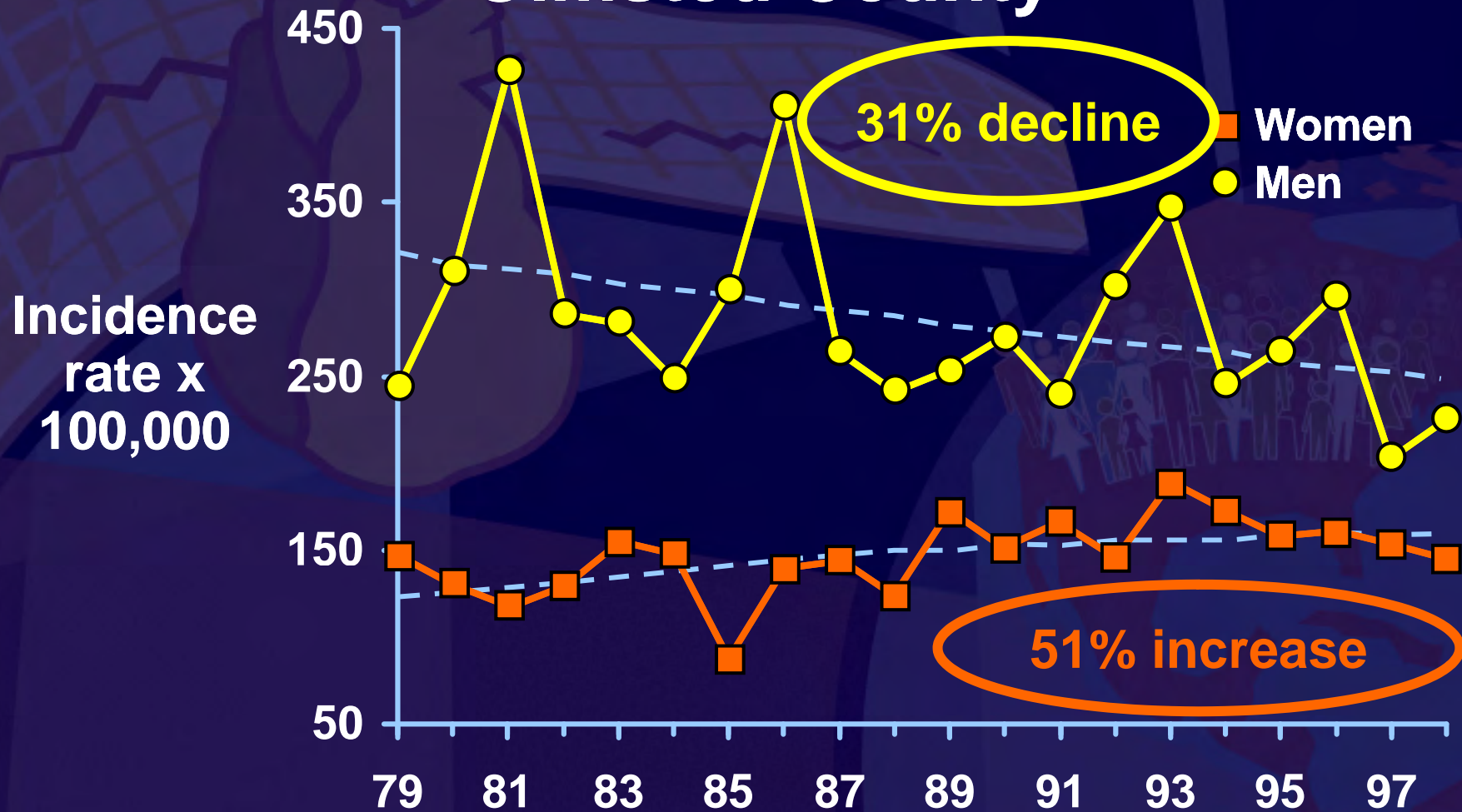
**Home of Mayo Clinic Rochester and Olmsted Medical Center**  
**Geographically isolated from other providers of medical care**  
**Linkage of all medical, surgical and tissue diagnoses**



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# MI Incidence Olmsted County



Annals of Int Med, 2002

# MI incidence

## Olmsted County-1998 vs 79

31% decline

Men

Women

40 years old

0.69 (0.48-0.97)\*

0.92 (0.68-1.54)

60 years old

0.83 (0.67-1.02)

1.24 (0.96-1.60)

80 years old

1.00 (0.78-1.28)

1.49 (1.16-1.92)\*

Annals of Int Med, 2002

51% increase



**Gain  
M**

The stereotypical heart attack patient is no longer a man in his 50's who suddenly falls dead.

DEATHS

500

300

100

**Heart  
Disease**

**Stroke**

'50 '60 '70 '80 '90 '00

Source: National Institutes of Health

The New York Times

down for decades, but only lately have doctors begun to appreciate how profoundly things have changed for heart attacks and strokes.


They remain the leading cause of death in the United States, but their toll is nothing like what it used to be. They kill proportionately fewer people and — in another major change — they strike far later in life. Despite the obesity epidemic, the trends are continuing with no end in sight.

The stereotypical heart attack patient is no longer a man in his 50's who suddenly falls dead.

“That death rate is so low now that we’re no longer able to track it,” said Dr. Teri Manolio, director of the epidemiology and biometry programs

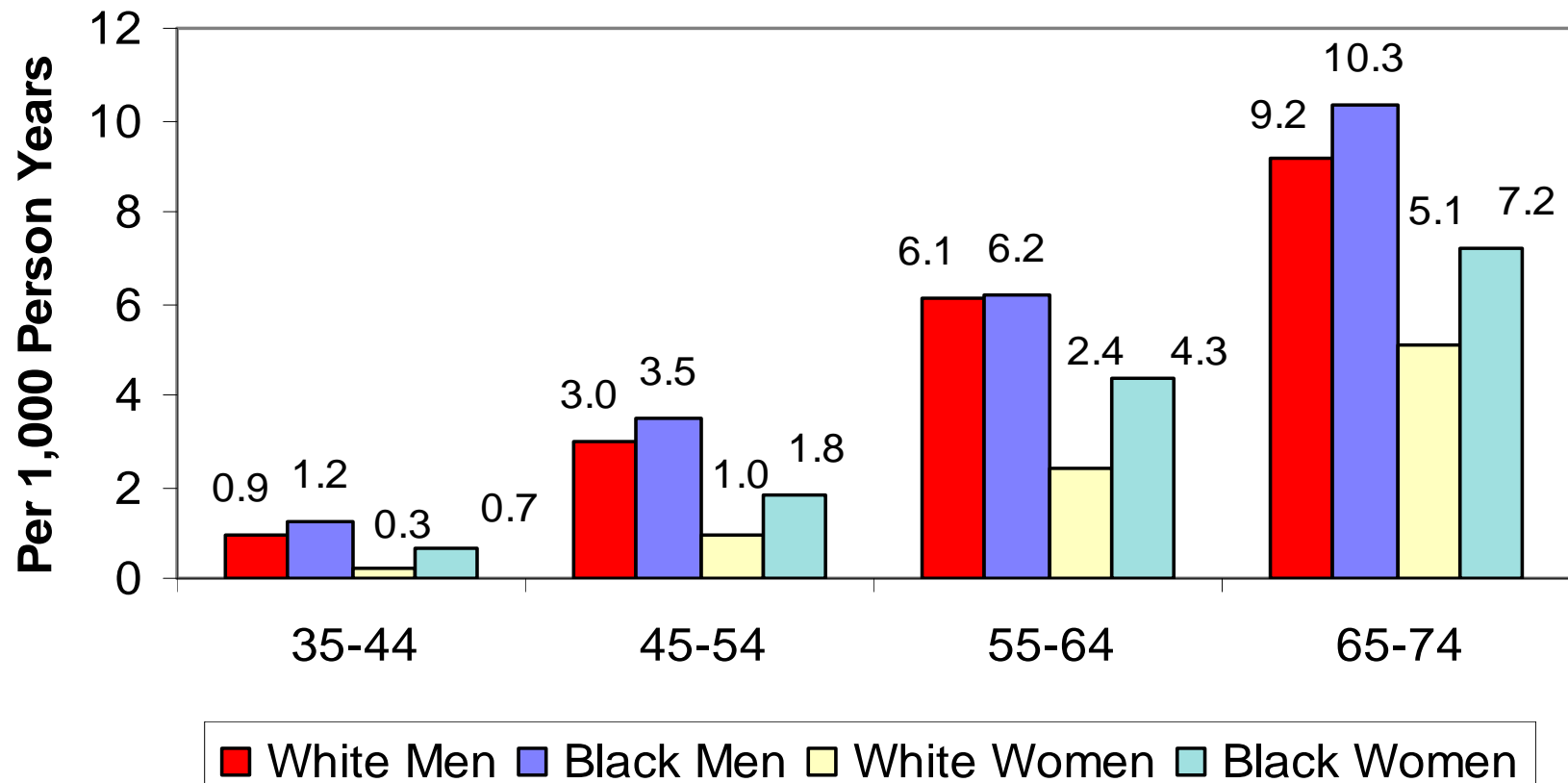
**The New York  
Times  
May 2003**



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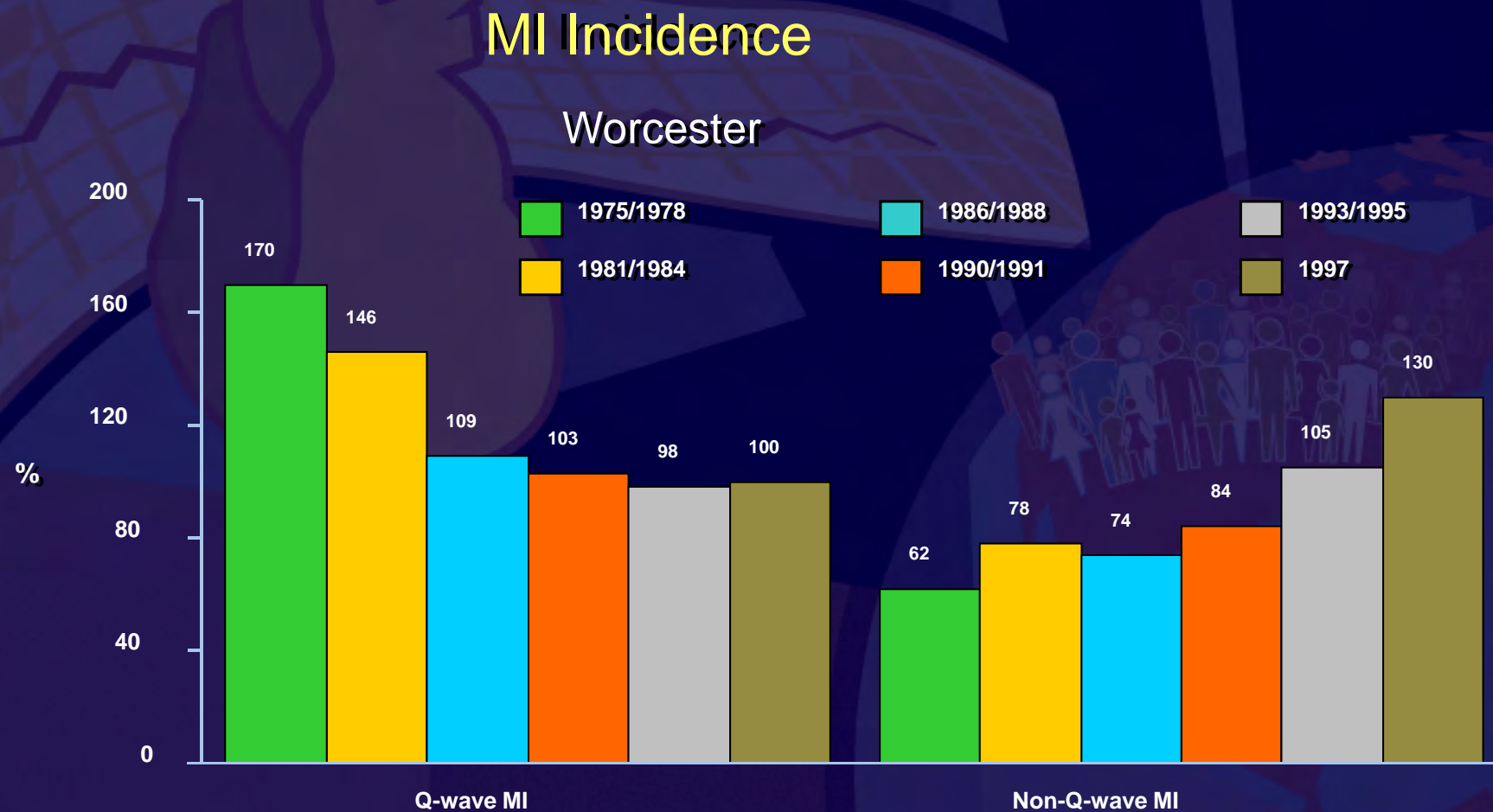
...or rather “the  
stereotypical heart  
attack patient is no  
longer a white  
man...”

# Incidence of Myocardial Infarction



**ARIC Surveillance: 1987-2004**

# Q wave and non-Q wave MI



Furman et al: JACC, 2001



**In the 1980's and 90's shift of  
the burden of MI towards...**

- **Elderly**
- **Women**
- **Non Caucasians**
- **“Non Q wave” MIs**

**What about now?**



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# Myocardial Infarction Redefined—A Consensus Document of The Joint European Society of Cardiology/American College of Cardiology Committee for the Redefinition of Myocardial Infarction

The Joint European Society of Cardiology/  
American College of Cardiology Committee\*\*

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**Elliott Antman, Jean-Pierre Bassand, Werner Klein, Magnus Ohman,  
Jose Luis Lopez Sendon, Lars Rydén, Maarten Simoons and Michal Tendera**

# ESC/ACC consensus document

All elevated (trop)values are associated with a worsened PROGNOSIS. It should be emphasized that there is a continuous relation between minimal myocardial damage, characterized by elevation of troponin without elevation of other bio-markers (e.g., CK-MB) and large infarcts.”



**“Thus, any amount of myocardial necrosis caused by ischemia should be labeled as MI.”**

# Definitions of acute MI

## WHO

- At least 2 of the following
  - Rise and fall of serum markers
  - ischemic symptoms
  - Serial changes on ECG

## ACC/ESC 2000

- 1. Typical rise and fall of bio-marker with at least one :
  - ischemic symptoms
  - development of pathologic Q waves on the ECG
  - ECG changes indicative of ischemia (ST segment elevation or depression)
  - coronary artery intervention (e.g., angioplasty)
- 2. Pathologic findings of acute MI

Preferred biomarker  
troponin, more sensitive and  
less specific

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## **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

### **Redefinition of Myocardial Infarction by a Consensus Dissenter**

**H Tunstall-Pedoe, 2001**



## Editorial

# **Troponisms, Necrosettes, Enzyme Leaks, Creatinine Phosphokinase Bumps, and Infarctlets**

**What's Behind This New Lexicon and What Does It Add?**

David R. Holmes, Jr, MD; Peter B. Berger, MD

“Small degrees of biomarker elevations undoubtedly reflect myocardial necrosis but whether it has any impact on survival after otherwise uncomplicated procedures” ..... remains to be demonstrated.  
Circulation 2001

# Challenges of the new definition

- Interventional cardiology outcomes
- Rehabilitation
- Employment
- Insurance
- Health care costs
- Labeling and public misunderstanding

# Elevations of Troponin - False Positives, the Real Truth

## Jaffe, AS, Cardiovascular Toxicology 2001

- Trauma (contusion, ablation, pacing, ICD firings, DCCV, endomyocardial bx, cardiac surgery)
- Heart failure
- Hypertension or Hypotension, often with arrhythmias
- Postoperative noncardiac surgery patients who seem to do well
- Renal failure
- Sepsis, critically ill patients, esp. with diabetes
- Drug toxicity, eg adriamycin, 5 FU, herceptin
- Hypothyroidism and inflammatory diseases eg. myocarditis. Infiltrative diseases including amyloidosis, hemachromatosis, sarcoidosis and scleroderma
- Post PCI patients who appear to be uncomplicated
- Pulmonary embolism
- Burns, esp. if TBSA > 30%
- Acute neurological disease, including CVA
- Rhabdomyolysis with cardiac injury
- Transplant vasculopathy
- Vital Exhaustion

# New definition of MI ESC/ACC consensus document

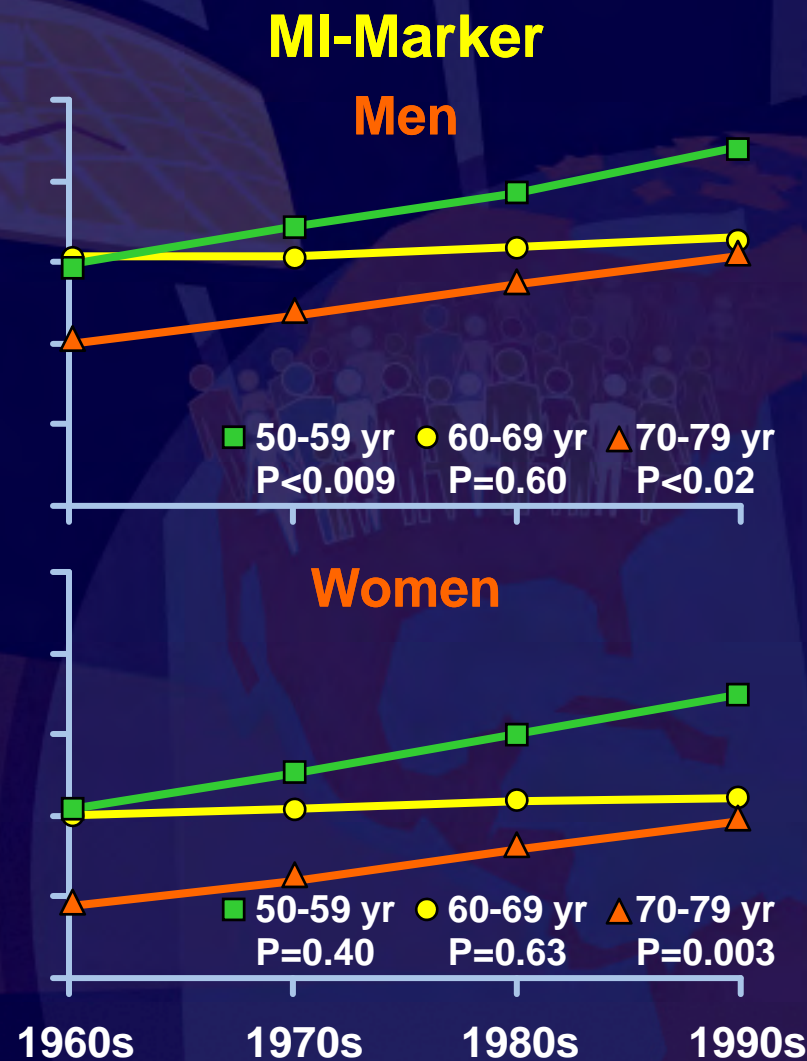
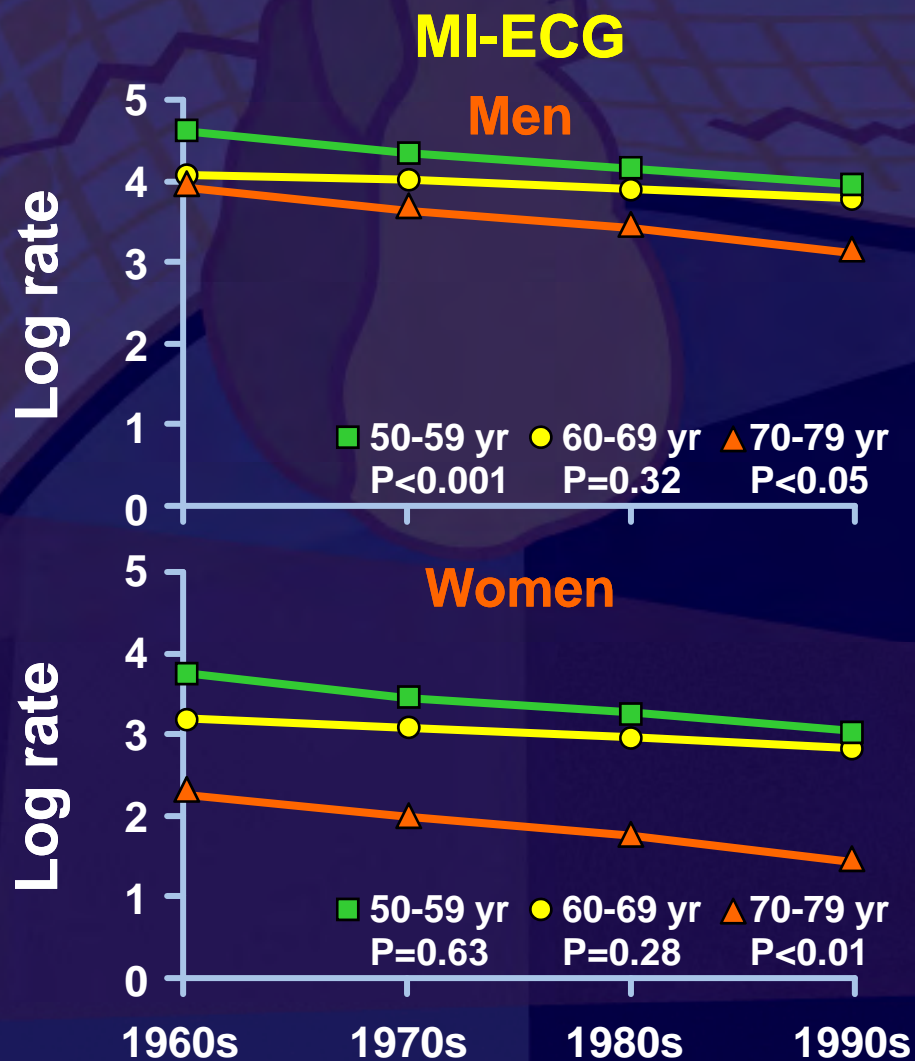
- The change in MI criteria “will confuse efforts to follow trends in disease rates and outcomes.”

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# MI Incidence- The role of biomarkers

## Framingham



# February 2010

# Epidemiology and Prevention

## Trends in Incidence, Severity, and Outcome of Hospitalized Myocardial Infarction

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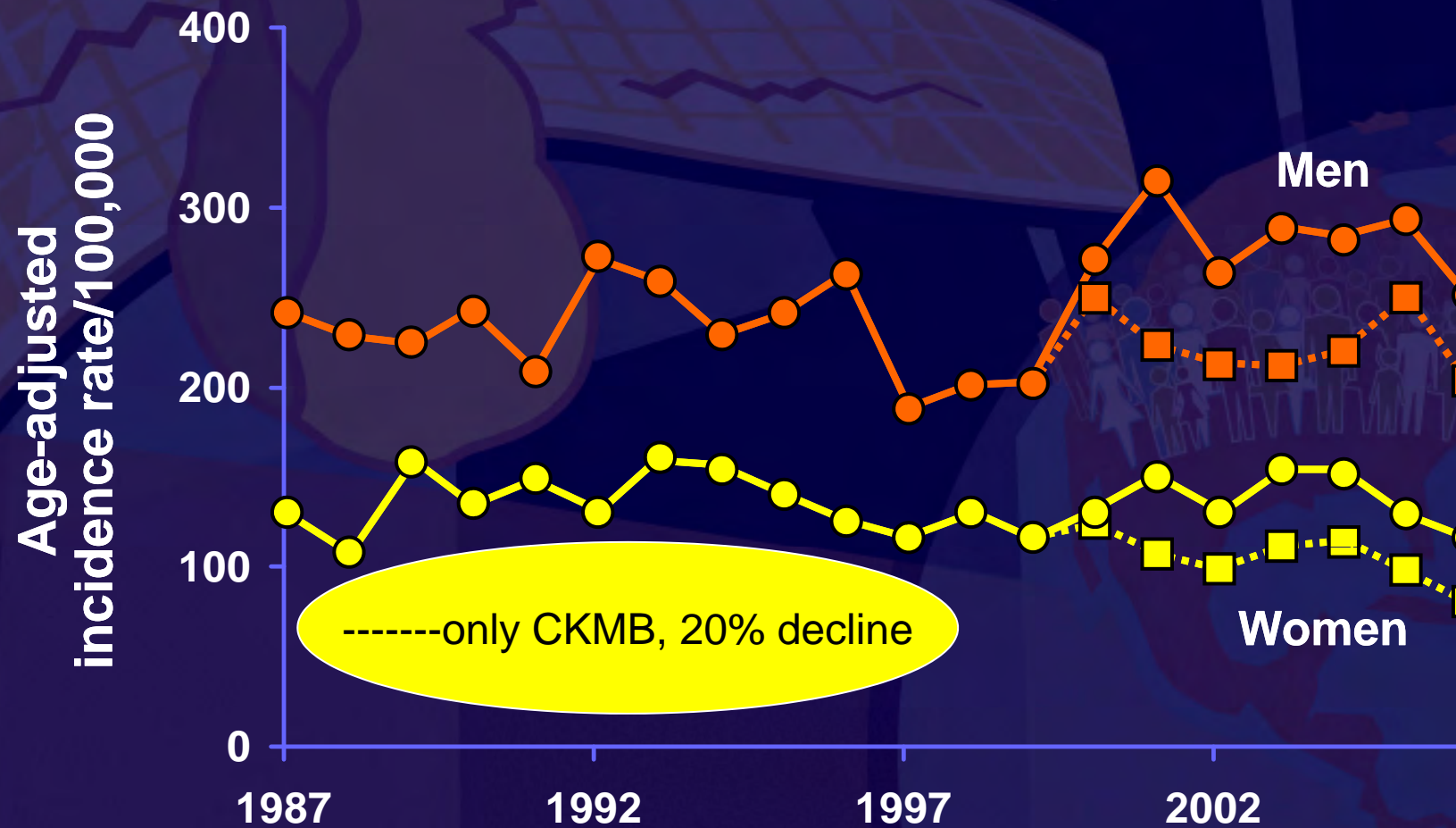
# What if troponin had never existed?

Olmsted County, Minnesota, with prospective measurements of troponin and CK-MB from August 2000 forward. Outcomes were MI incidence, severity, and survival. After troponin was introduced, 278 (25%) of 1127 incident MIs met only troponin-based criteria. When cases meeting only troponin criteria were included, incidence did not change between 1987 and 2006. When restricted to cases defined by CK/CK-MB, the incidence of MI declined by 20%. The incidence of non-ST-segment elevation MI increased markedly by relying on troponin, whereas that of ST-segment elevation MI

**Conclusions—**C

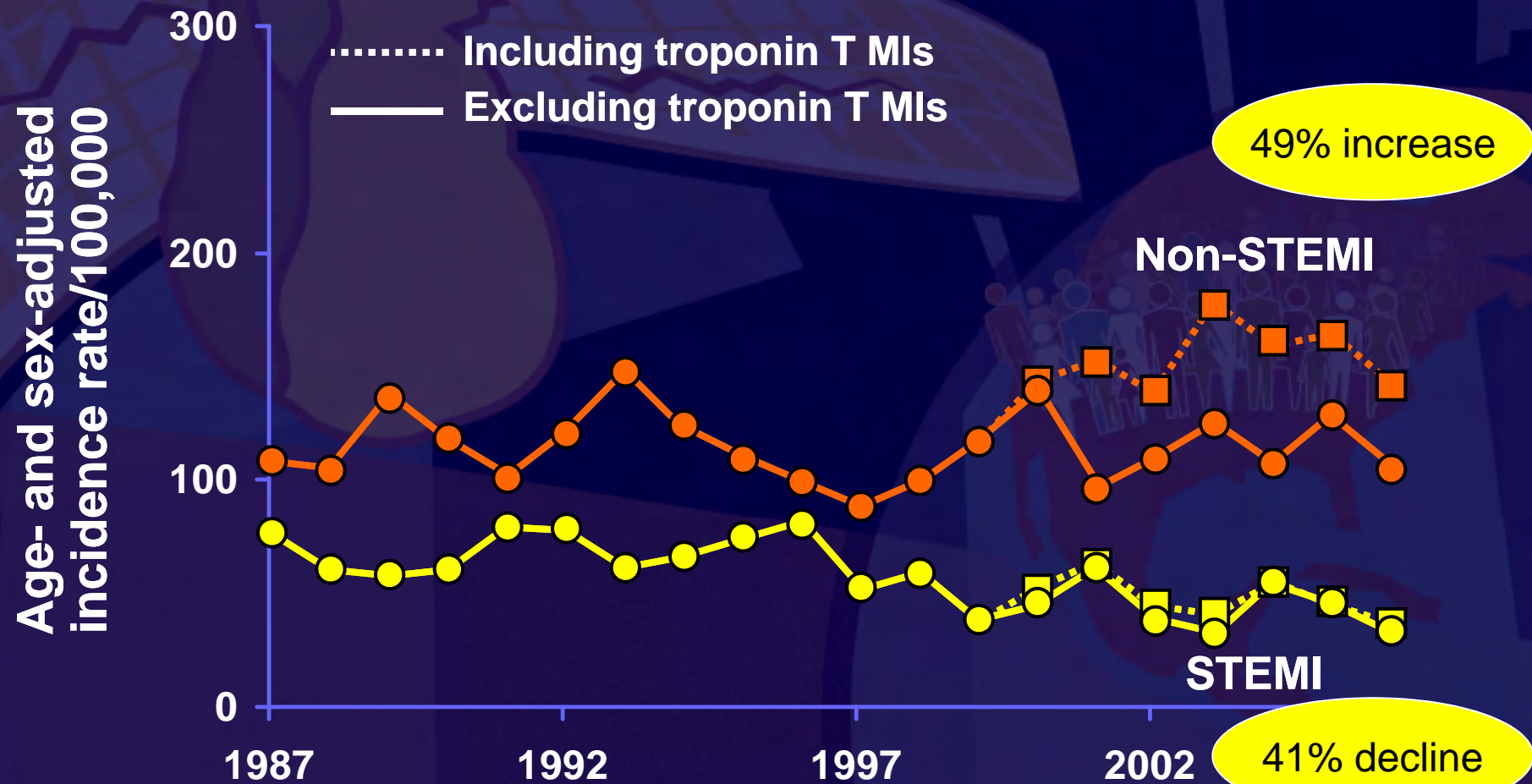
mediated by the introduction of troponin. Non-ST-segment elevation MIs now constitute the majority of MIs. Although the 30-day case fatality improved markedly, long-term survival did not change, and the cause of death shifted from cardiovascular to noncardiovascular. (*Circulation*. 2010;121:863-869.)

# Incidence of MI Olmsted County



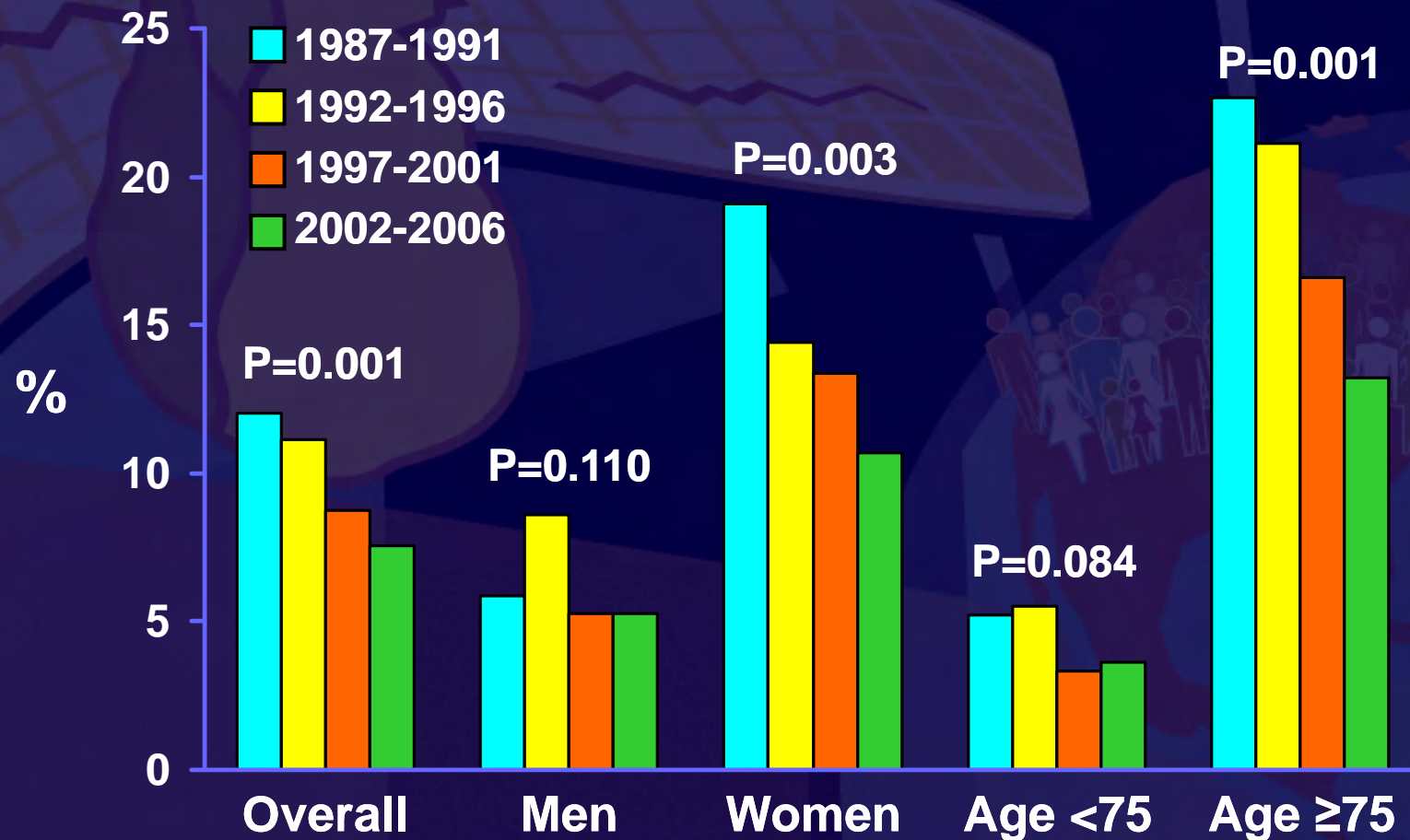


# Incidence of MI Olmsted County





# Death at 30 days post MI Olmsted County



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### Population Trends in the Incidence and Outcomes of Acute Myocardial Infarction

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#### ABSTRACT

#### BACKGROUND

Few studies have characterized recent population trends in the incidence and outcomes of myocardial infarction.

#### METHODS

We identified patients 30 years of age or older in a large, diverse, community-based population who were hospitalized for incident myocardial infarction between 1999 and 2008. Age- and sex-adjusted incidence rates were calculated for myocardial infarction overall and separately for ST-segment elevation and non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction. Patient characteristics, outpatient medications, and cardiac biomarker levels during hospitalization were identified from health plan databases, and 30-day mortality was ascertained from administrative databases, state death data, and Social Security Administration files.

#### RESULTS

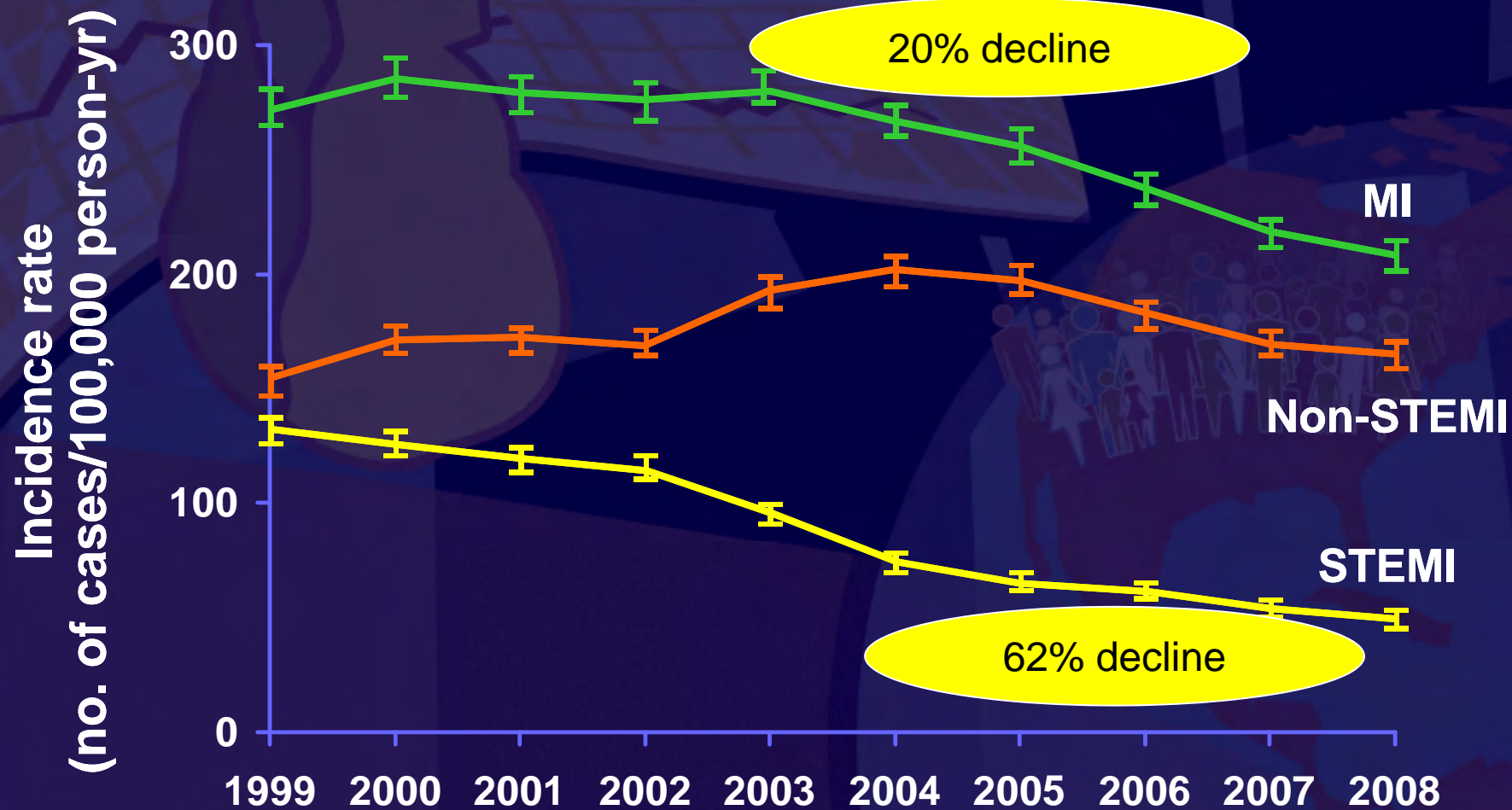
We identified 46,086 hospitalizations for myocardial infarctions during 18,691,131 person-years of follow-up from 1999 to 2008. The age- and sex-adjusted incidence of myocardial infarction increased from 274 cases per 100,000 person-years in 1999 to 287 cases per 100,000 person-years in 2000, and it decreased each year thereafter, to 208 cases per 100,000 person-years in 2008, representing a 24% relative decrease over the study period. The age- and sex-adjusted incidence of ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction decreased throughout the study period (from 122 cases per

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# Incidence of MI Kaiser Permanente





# Death at 30 days post MI

## Kaiser Permanente

- 1999: 10.5%
- 2008: 7.8%
- Adjusted for age and sex, driven by improvement in survival among NSTEMI, no change in STEMI



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# Summary

**Enormous changes** in epidemiology of MI

- Incidence declining, partially masked by introduction of troponin
- Decline in STEMI, amplified but not only related to troponin
- Shift in case mix towards NSTEMI
- Short term outcomes are much better

**Causes:** improved primary prevention,  
population penetration of various drugs...

# Implications

## Enormous changes = enormous implications

- We are still processing the data
- STEMI are declining: quality of care efforts should target NSTEMI
- Care of MI beyond the acute phase

A stylized, dark blue background illustration. On the left, a hand is shown holding a heart. In the center, a large, curved structure resembling a bridge or a large arch is visible. On the right, there is a silhouette of a city skyline with several tall buildings. Below the city, a crowd of small figures is depicted, suggesting a large gathering or event. The overall style is graphic and modern.

# Grazie mille!