

# The life of a cardiologist

## Episode 1

- 90 y/o retired dentist admitted for unstable angina
- Heparin, Beta Blockers, ASA, NTG
- Continuing angina at rest
- Discussion.....

# The life of a cardiologist

## Episode 2

- Coronary angio: is there a culprit lesion?
- Angio: 80% Left main, 60 to 80% in all 3 branches.....Discussion...
- Surgical consultation: Offered CABG ~ 5 to 10% mortality.....More discussion...

# The life of a cardiologist

## Episode 3

- 4 Vessel CABG, discharged day 7 post-op
- I got postcard from patient's honeymoon in California 1 year later
- Died 3 years later after 4 episodes of HF, all but 1 as outpatient



# Heart Disease in Minnesota: Lessons from the past and who/what will we be treating in the next 2 decades

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# Objectives

- Measuring CVD trends
- Coronary disease
- From CHD to HF
- Integration and interpretation

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# Concretely---Integrated Approach to CVD

## Goal

Reduce risk behaviors in a population

Reduce burden of risk factor in individuals

Treat overt CVD

## Type of intervention

Socioeconomic political

Prevention

Clinical

## Examples

- Taxing tobacco
- Subsidizing healthy foods
- Health Education
- Promote physical activity

- Identify and treat high cholesterol or hypertension
- Smoking cessation
- Exercise program

- Lipid-lowering drugs
- Antiplatelet agents
- Beta blockers
- ACE-inhibitors
- Revascularization

# Measuring CVD trends

## National Statistics and Surveys

- Mortality and morbidity reports
- Administrative data: CMS, hospital discharge surveys
- Voluntary registries (procedures, NRMI, CRUSADE)
- Surveys: EuroAspire, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

Not validated, at episode not person level, voluntary for some  
Useful for hypothesis generating and policy making

# 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

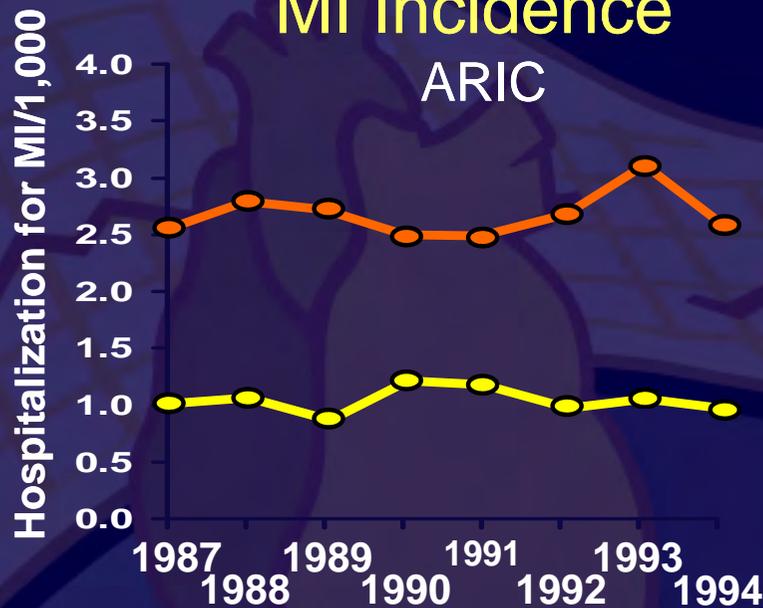
Systematic approach to measure **validated** CVD mortality, Dx incidence, and post-Dx survival to provide insight into the determinants of the trends

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

ARIC, Minnesota Heart Survey, Olmsted County Study  
Worcester Heart Attack Study, MONICA, others...

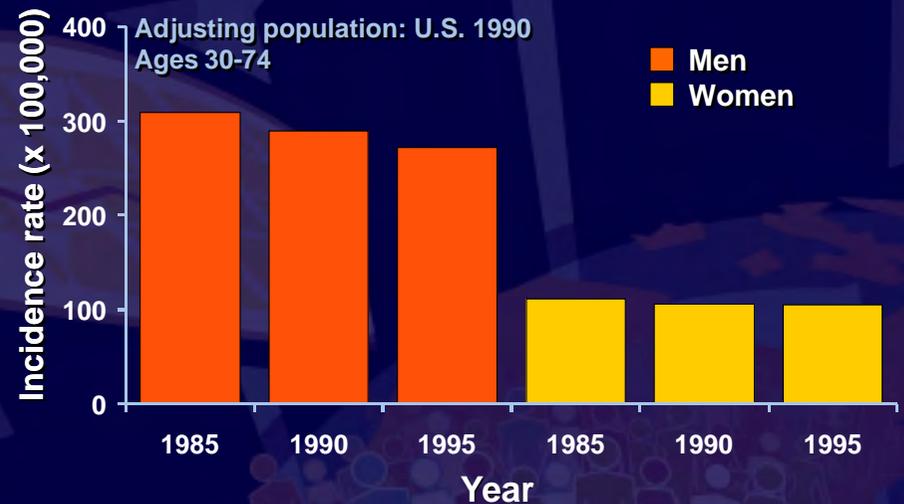
# MI Incidence

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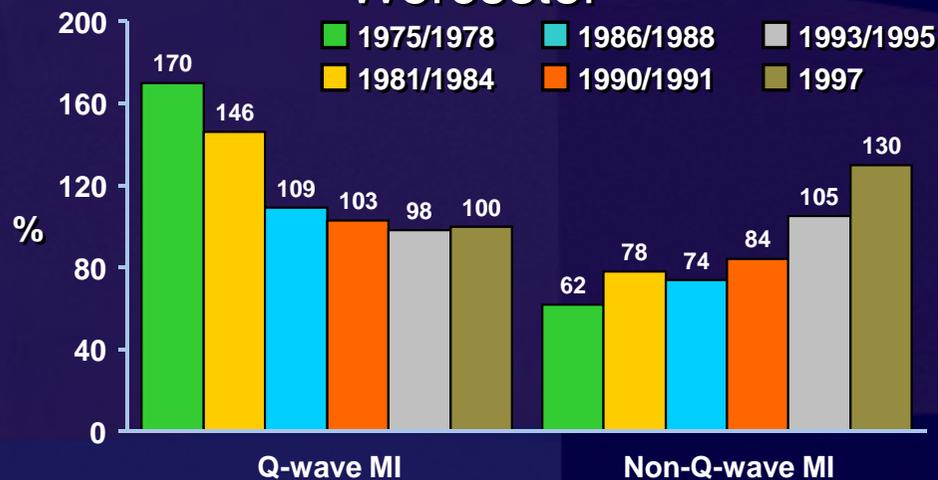
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# Acute CHD MN Heart Survey



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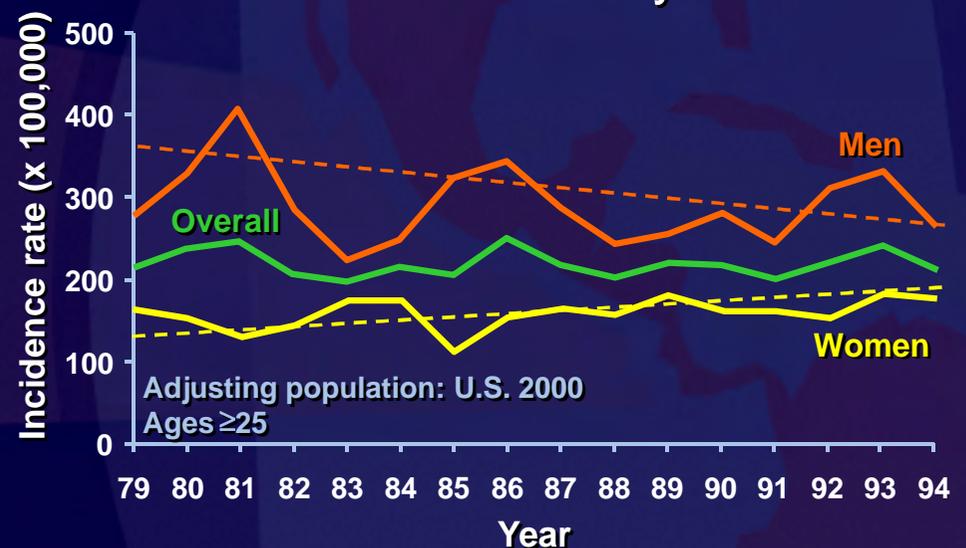
# MI Incidence Worcester



Furman et al: JACC, 2001



# MI Incidence Olmsted County



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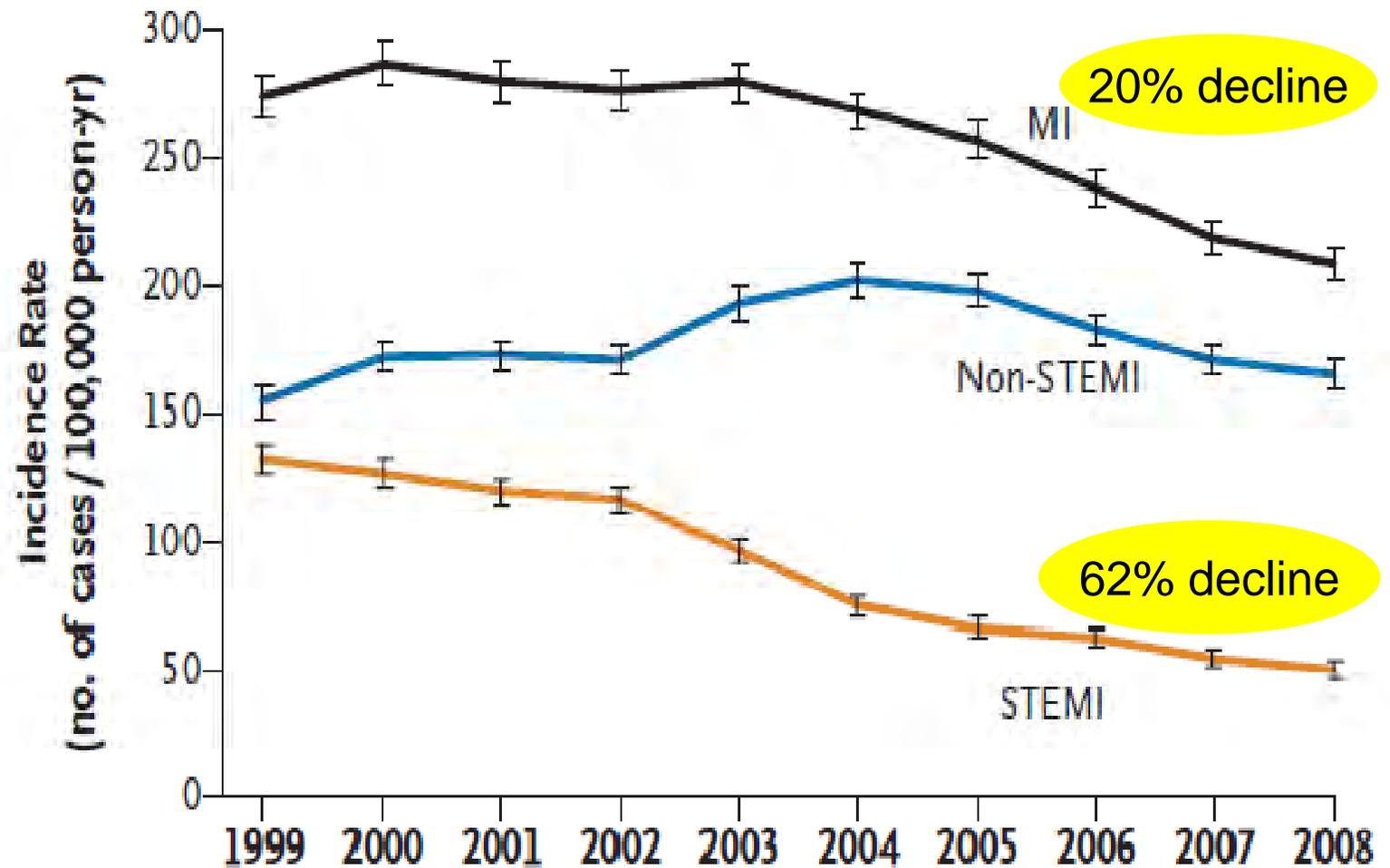
# The incidence of MI among British men

- **British Regional Heart Study**
- **7735 men ages 40-59**
- **Recruited 1978-1980; follow-up until 2004**
- **MI incidence declined 3.8%/year i.e. 62% over 25 years**

**Hardoon et al, Circ 2008**

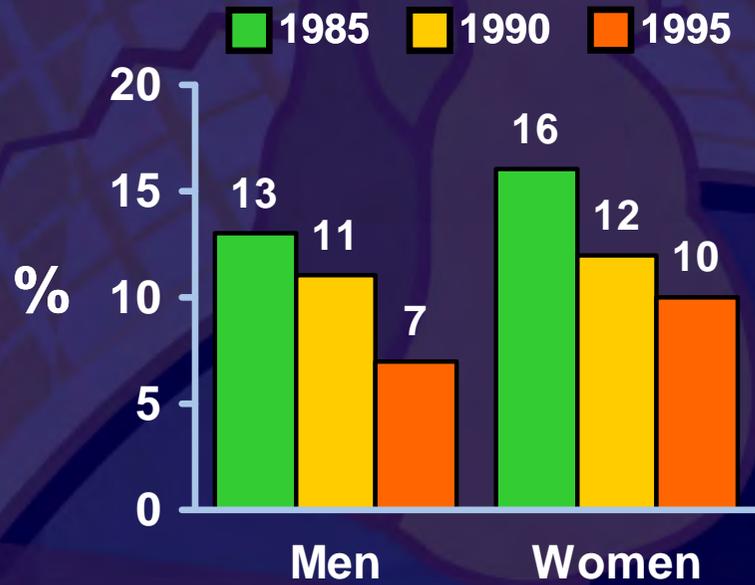
### Population Trends in the Incidence and Outcomes of Acute Myocardial Infarction

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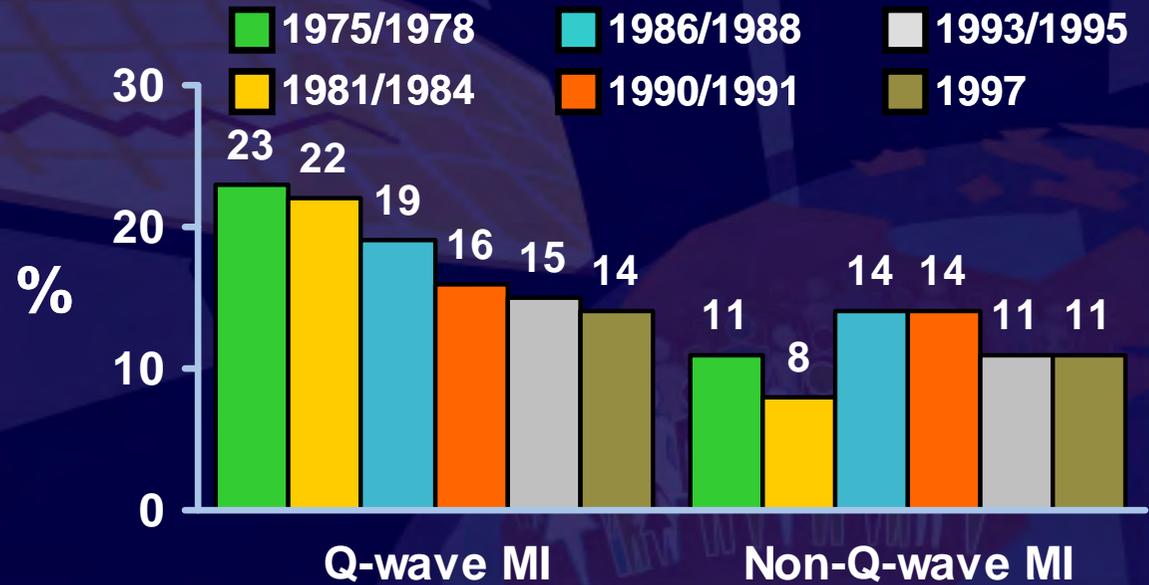


# Case Fatality Rates

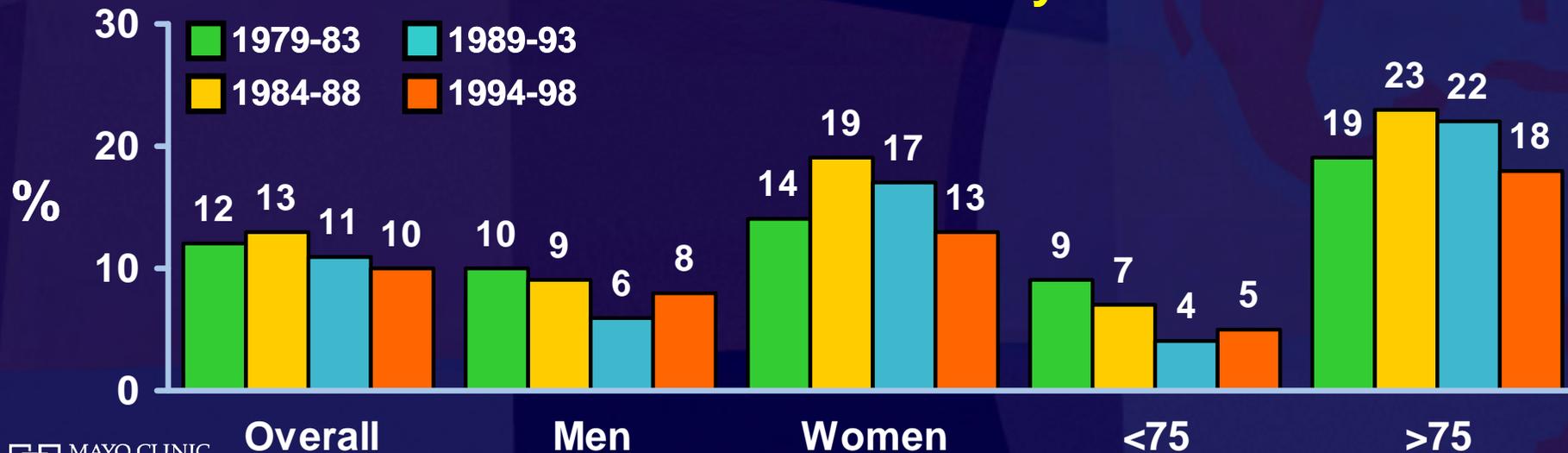
## MN Heart Survey



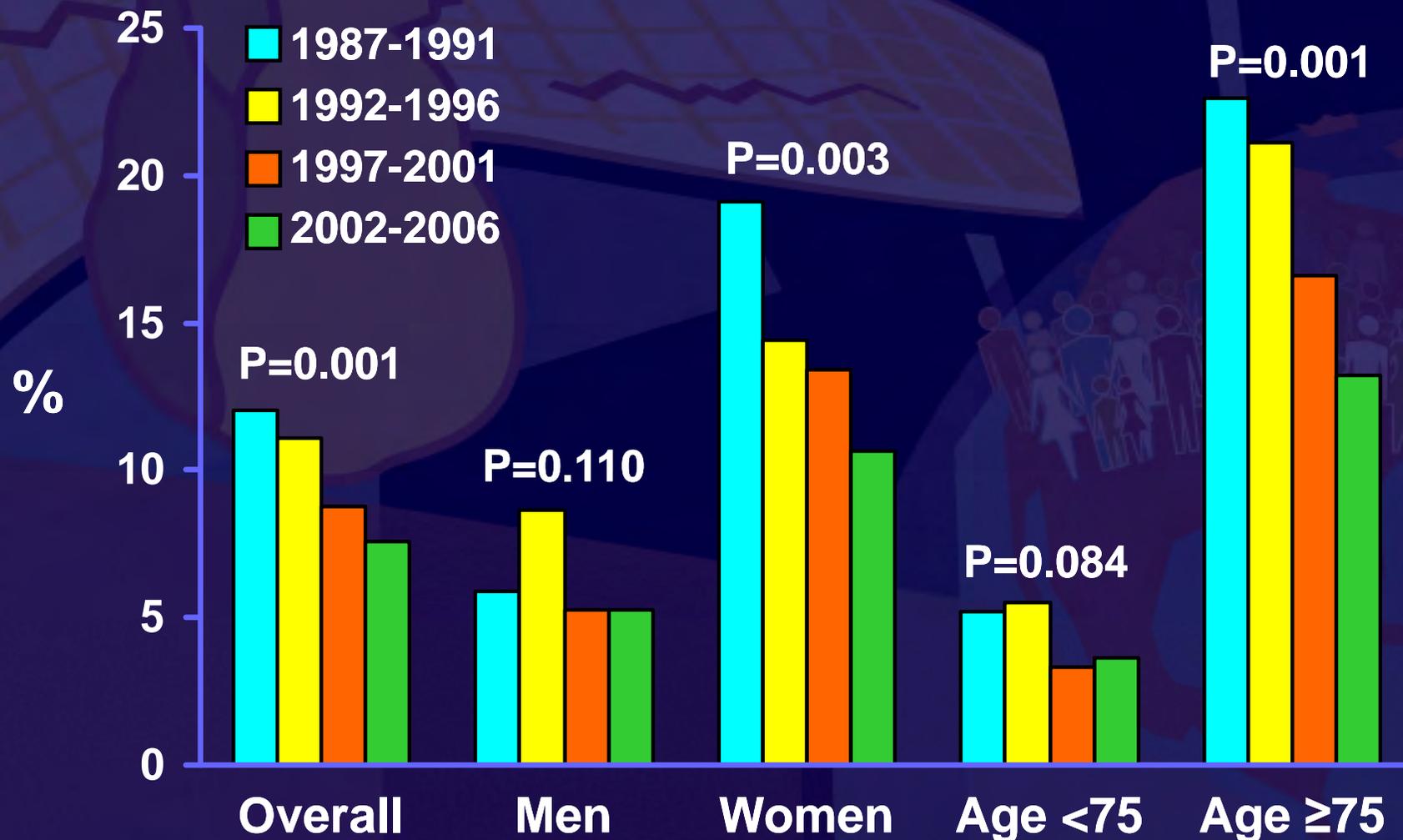
## Worcester



## Olmsted County



# Death at 30 days post MI Olmsted County



# Question from Dr Marra

- **What about all CHD?**
- **Is the incidence of all CHD declining?**

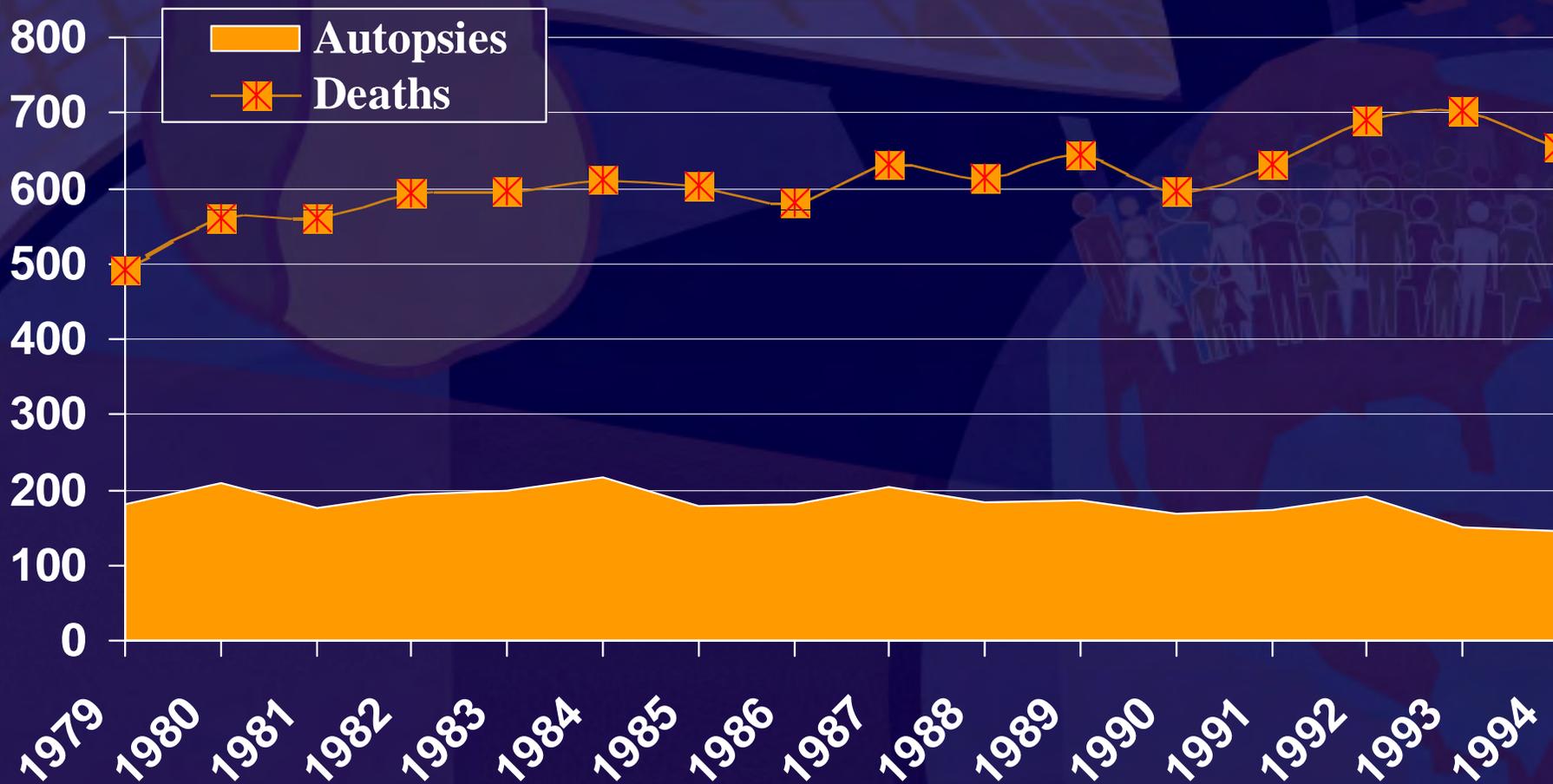
# All coronary disease is more complicated...

## Manifestations of coronary disease

- Myocardial infarction
- Sudden death
- Angina pectoris
- Anatomic coronary disease (angio or autopsy)

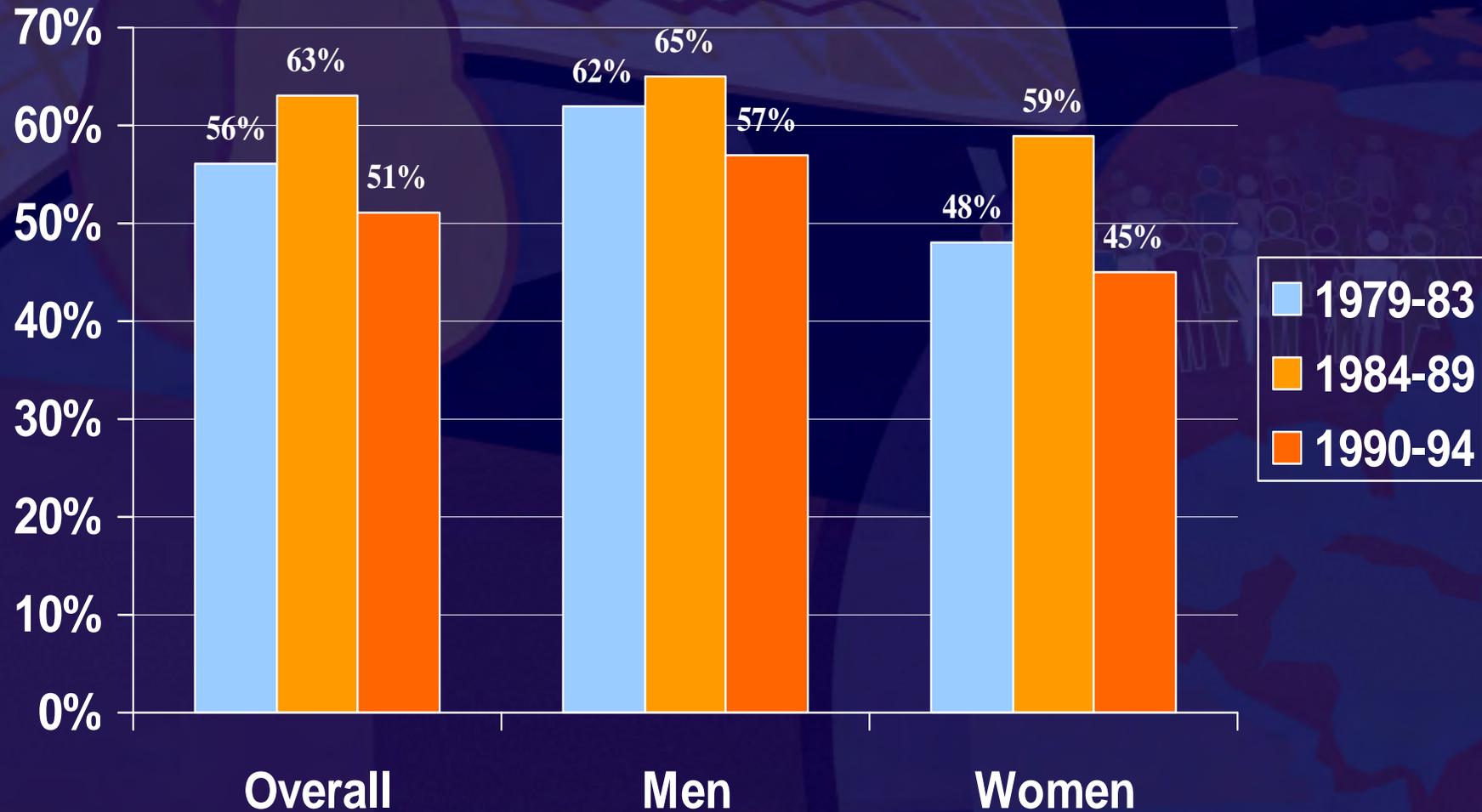
# Autopsy trends

## Olmsted County



**Average autopsy rate: 30%**

# Prevalence of CAD at autopsy

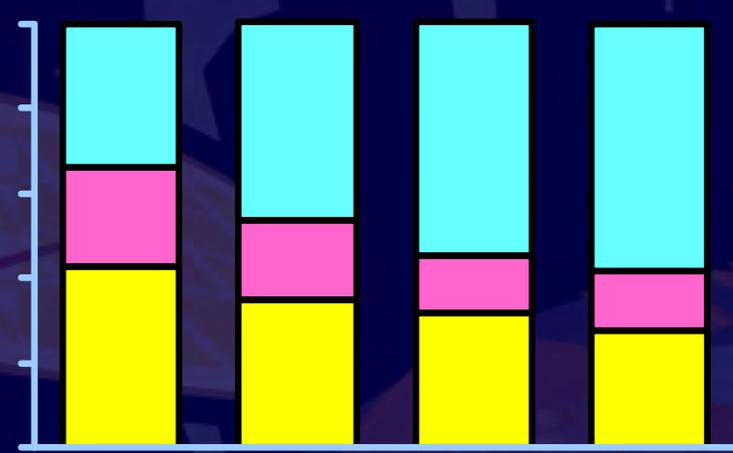


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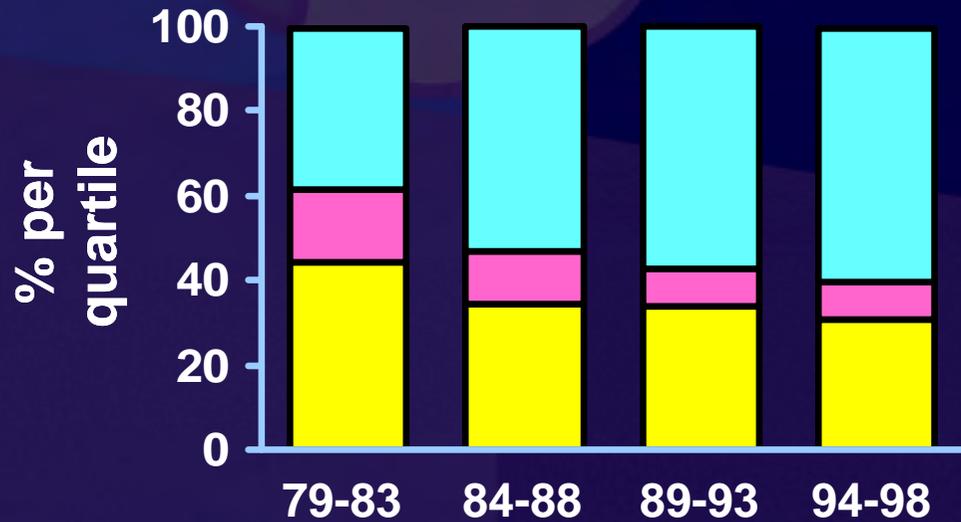
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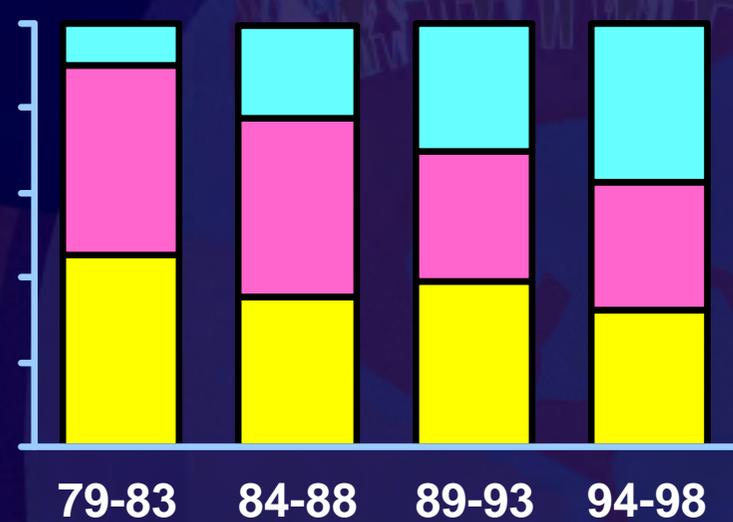
### Men



### Age < 75



### Age ≥ 75



MI

SCD

Angiographic coronary disease

# Age- and Sex-Specific Relative Risks for Incident CHD

1998 vs 1988

## MI

40 years

60 years

80 years

## MI/SCD

40 years

60 years

80 years

## Any CHD

40 years

60 years

80 years



—●— Women

—■— Men

# Coronary disease trends

**Incidence** ↓

**Fatalities** ↓

**Primary prevention**

**Medical care**



**The decline in CHD deaths  
is multi-factorial**

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SPECIAL ARTICLE

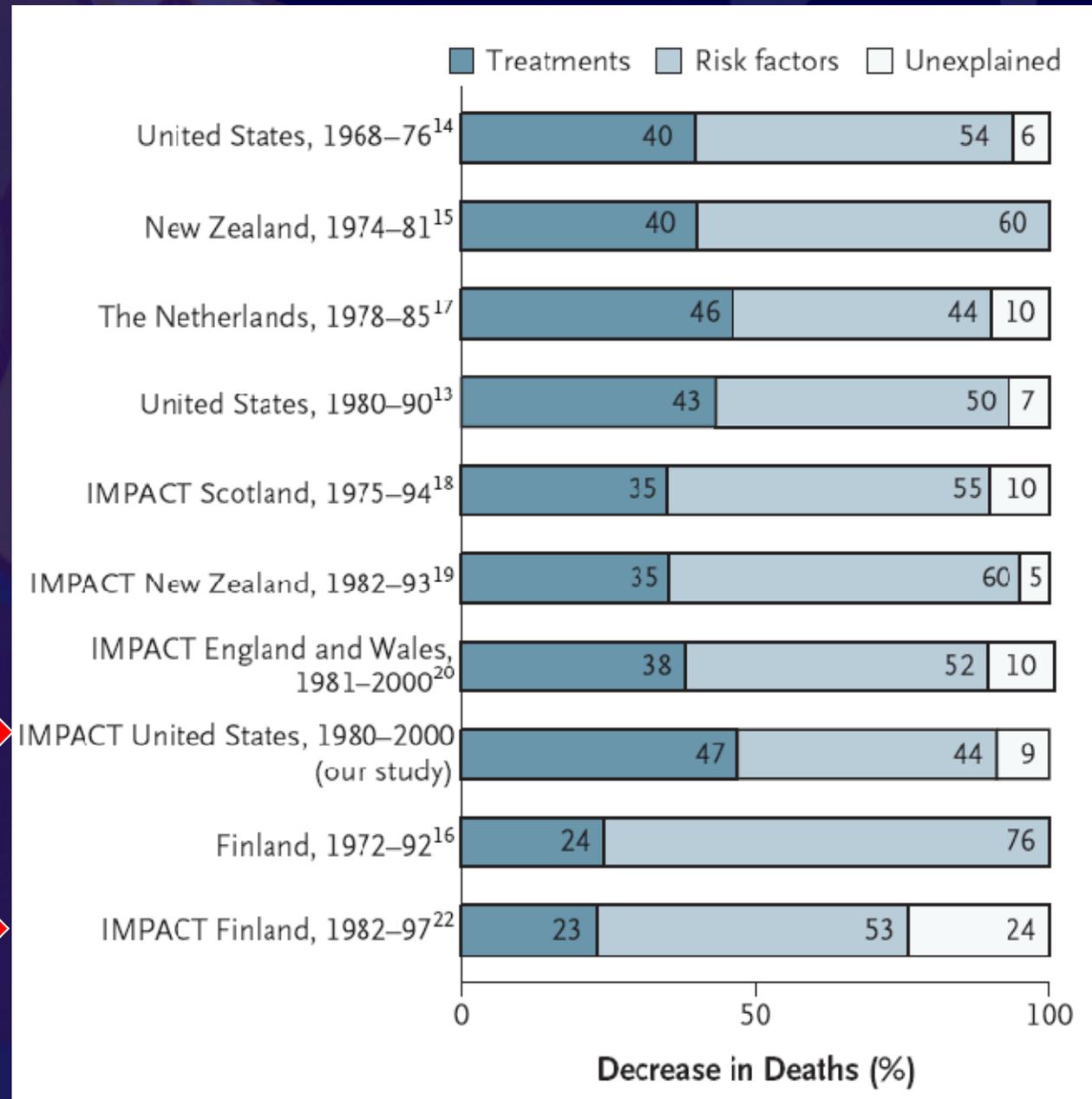
## Explaining the Decrease in U.S. Deaths from Coronary Disease, 1980–2000

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### CONCLUSIONS

Approximately half the decline in U.S. deaths from coronary heart disease from 1980 through 2000 may be attributable to reductions in major risk factors and approximately half to evidence-based medical therapies.

# Determinants of CHD mortality decline



The background is a dark blue gradient with several semi-transparent illustrations. On the left, there is a stylized heart with a grid pattern. In the upper right, there is a silhouette of a city skyline with several tall buildings. In the lower right, there is a silhouette of a group of people of various ages and heights. The text 'From CHD to HF' is centered in a bright yellow, bold, sans-serif font.

# From CHD to HF

Special Article

SHATTUCK LECTURE — CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICINE AT THE TURN OF THE MILLENNIUM: TRIUMPHS, CONCERNS, AND OPPORTUNITIES

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At the end of every century it is customary to reflect on the events of the past hundred years and to look toward the future, and in this lecture I should like to do this for cardiovascular disease. This is also an especially opportune time to comment on progress in cardiovascular disease, because both the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and the American Heart Association are celebrating their golden anniversaries within the next 18 months. These two organizations have had the most profound influence on the development of research on cardiovascular disease during the 20th century.

A bewildering amount of information and statistics regarding cardiovascular disease is available in the medical literature and the public media. As a result, information about cardiovascular disease has become quite familiar both to health care professionals and to the public. It is timely to bring some perspective to this information, to identify the major trends that have occurred and to discern future directions. To this end, it may be useful to consider knowledge about cardiovascular disease in the 20th century as having developed in four phases. Although these four phases overlap temporally, they are distinct conceptually.

PHASE 1: THE PANDEMIC OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE EMERGES

As the 20th century began, heart disease was the fourth most common cause of death in the United States, after pneumonia, tuberculosis, and diphtheria, but it was already much more common than cancer (Fig. 1).<sup>1</sup> By 1910 heart disease had achieved first place, and except for a brief period after the great influenza epidemic, it has remained the most common cause of death in the United States. During the first half of this century, the percentage of

deaths due to cardiovascular disease increased substantially in all age groups, races. Indeed, by mid-century heart disease accounted for more than half of all deaths in the United States (Fig. 2).<sup>2</sup> The order of the industrialized world between streptococcal heart disease was clear, as with *Treponema pallidum* development of luetic heart disease — sudden death and acute myocardial infarction — were still mysterious. Often these appeared unexpectedly like bolts out of the blue, striking persons in their most productive years who had previously been well.

PHASE 2: THE BATTLE IS JOINED

After World War II the industrialized nations turned their attention to domestic problems, including health, and recognized the enormous toll taken by cardiovascular disease. Therefore, the second phase of cardiovascular medicine in the 20th century be-

“Two new epidemics of cardiovascular disease are emerging: Heart failure and atrial fibrillation.”

“The prime candidates for the development of HF are patients with hypertension and survivors of acute MI who have been spared death from arrhythmia.”

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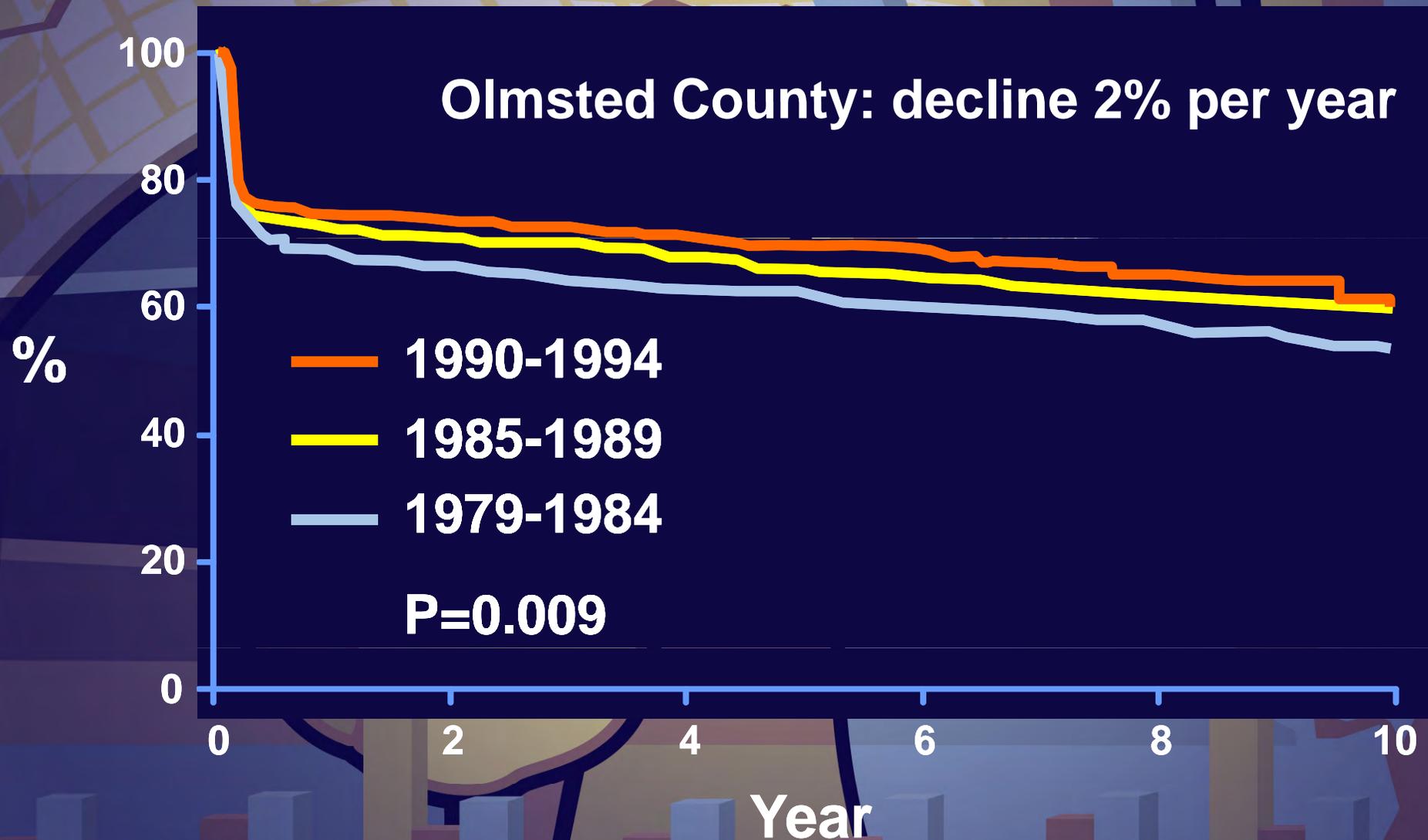
# The burden of heart failure

Are MI survivors the  
main contributors?

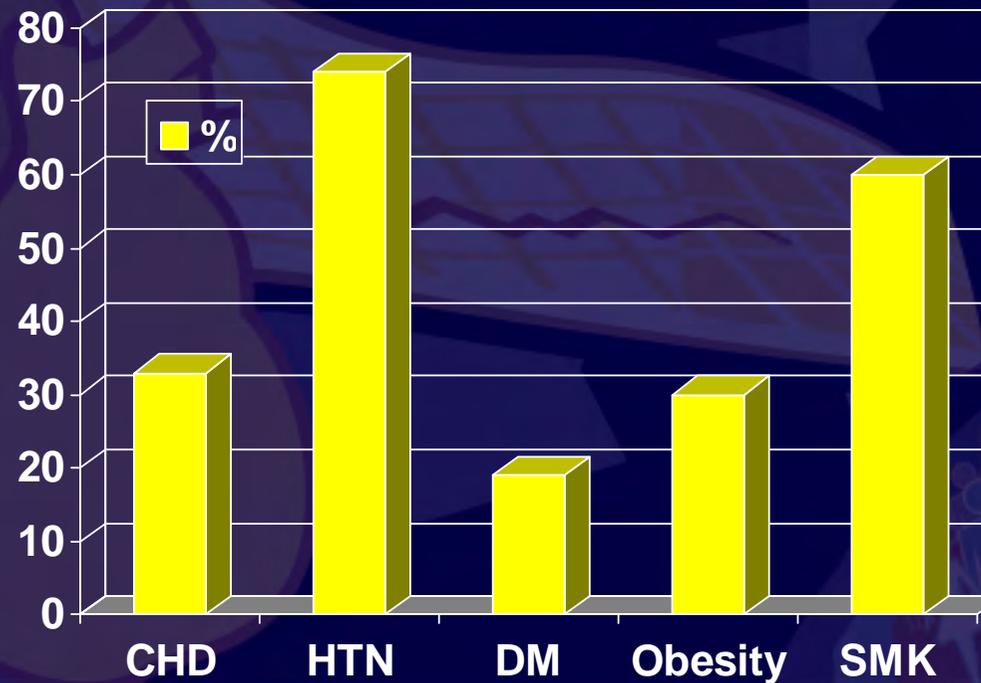
# Heart Failure After MI

Framingham: Decline in late post MI HF

Worcester: Decline in in-hospital HF



# Risk factors for Heart Failure



Attributable risk

Risk Factor	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P Value	Overall
Coronary heart disease	3.05 (2.36-3.95)	<.001	0.20 (0.16-0.24)
Hypertension	1.44 (1.18-1.76)	<.001	0.20 (0.10-0.30)
Diabetes	2.65 (1.98-3.54)	<.001	0.12 (0.09-0.15)
Obesity	2.00 (1.57-2.55)	<.001	0.12 (0.08-0.16)
Ever smoker	1.37 (1.13-1.68)	.002	0.14 (0.06-0.22)

# Summary

## Temporal trends in CVD

- **CVD mortality decline related to both prevention and medical care**
- **Disproportionate burden among elderly, women and non-whites**
- **Heart failure is an epidemic of hospitalizations, due to increased prevalence**
- **Coronary disease and hypertension are 2 big contributors to HF**

# On Diet & Dying

- The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
- The French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
- The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
- The Italians drink large amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
- **CONCLUSION:**
  - Eat and drink what you like.
  - Speaking English is apparently what kills you.



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## Incidence of Heart Failure after Myocardial Infarction: Is It Changing over Time?

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Improved survival after myocardial infarction (MI) could result in MI survivors' contributing to the US heart failure epidemic. Conversely, since the severity of MI is declining over time, a decline in post-MI heart failure might also be anticipated. This study tested the hypothesis that the incidence of post-MI heart failure was declining over time in a geographically defined MI incidence cohort. Between 1979 and 1994, 1,557 patients with incident MI and no prior history of heart failure were hospitalized in Olmsted County, Minnesota. Framingham Heart Study criteria were used to ascertain the incidence of inpatient and outpatient heart failure over a mean follow-up period of 7.6 years (standard deviation 5.5). Overall, 36% of patients experienced heart failure. After adjustment for factors related to post-MI heart failure (age, hypertension, smoking, and biomarkers), the incidence of heart failure declined by 2% per year (relative risk = 0.98, 95% confidence interval: 0.96, 0.99;  $p = 0.01$ ). The relative risk of developing heart failure among persons with MIs occurring in 1994 versus 1979 was 0.72 (95% confidence interval: 0.55, 0.93), indicating a 28% reduction in the incidence of heart failure. Administration of reperfusion therapy within 24 hours after MI was associated with lower risk of post-MI heart failure and accounted for most of the temporal decline in heart failure. This suggests that improved survival after MI is unlikely to be a major contributor to the heart failure epidemic.

heart failure, congestive, myocardial infarction

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; MI, myocardial infarction; RR, relative risk.

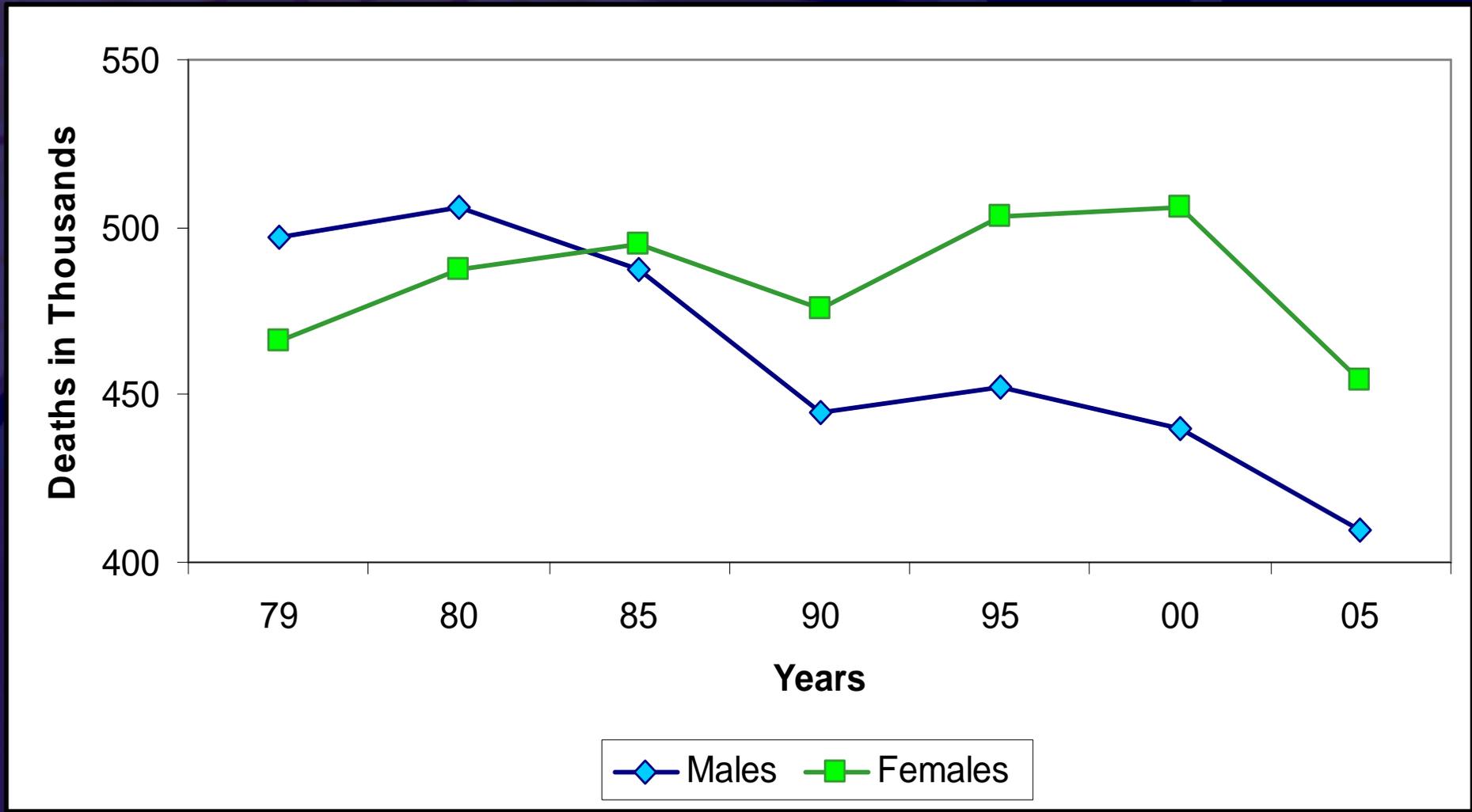
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# Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results

- The Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) Program of the NCI collects information on incidence, survival, and prevalence from specific geographic areas representing 26 percent of the US population and compiles reports on all of these plus cancer mortality for the entire US.

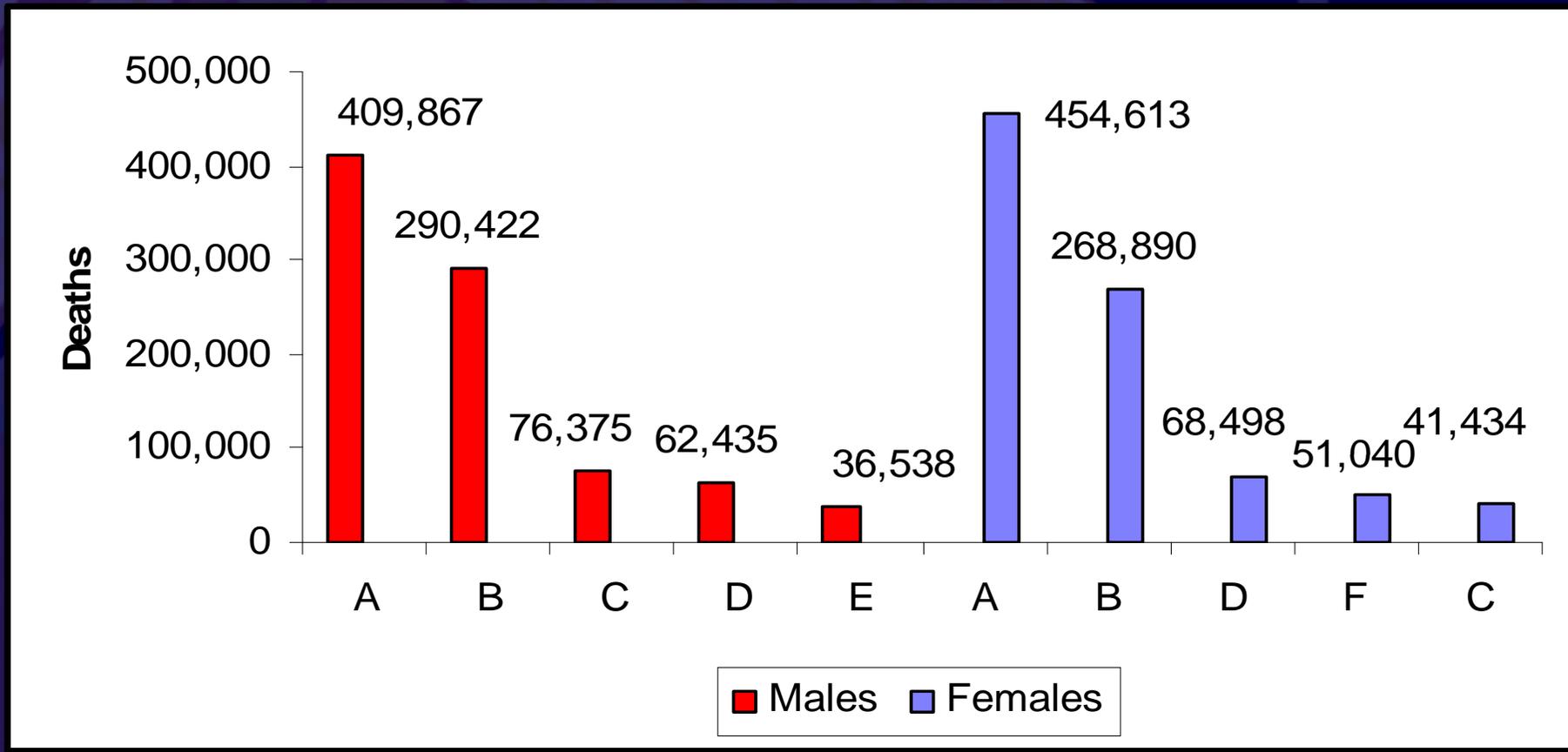
# Cardiovascular Deaths



United States: 1979-2005-Source: NCHS and NHLBI

# CVD and other major causes of death

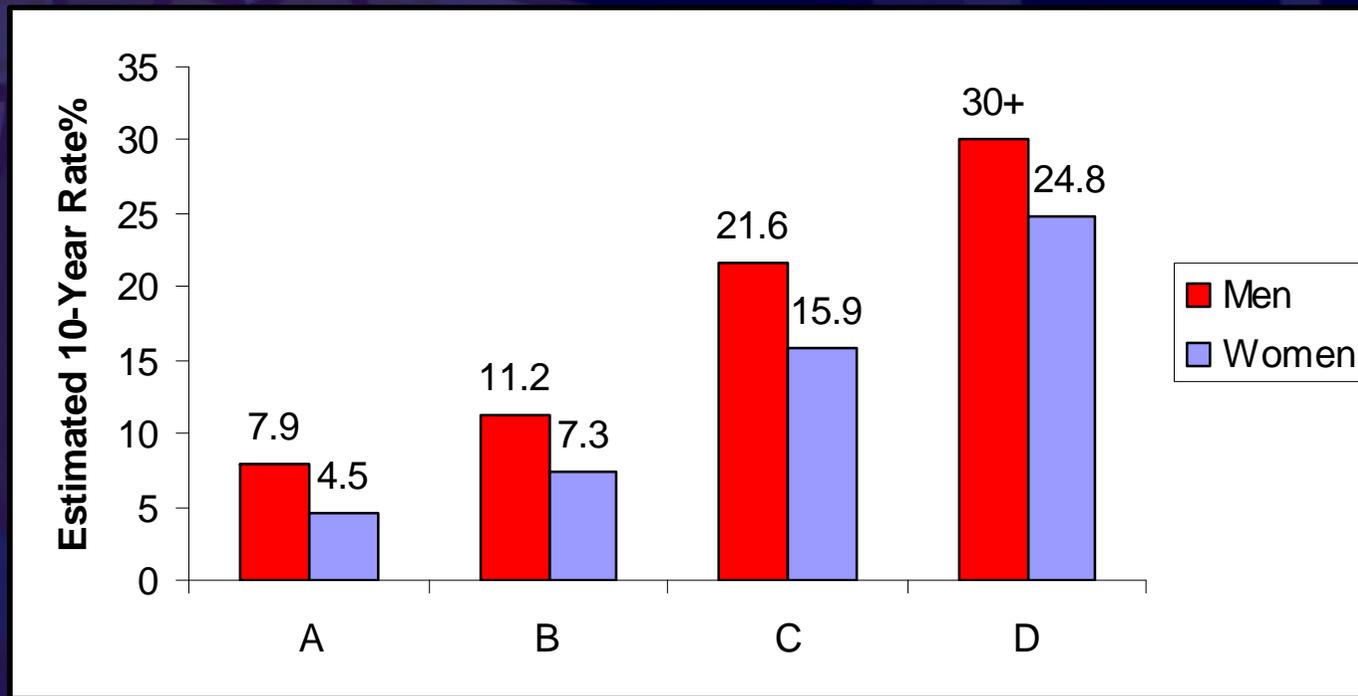
United States: 2005--NCHS



**A** Total CVD, **B** Cancer, **C** Accidents, **D** Chronic Lower Respiratory Dx, **E** Diabetes Mellitus, **F** Alzheimer's Dx

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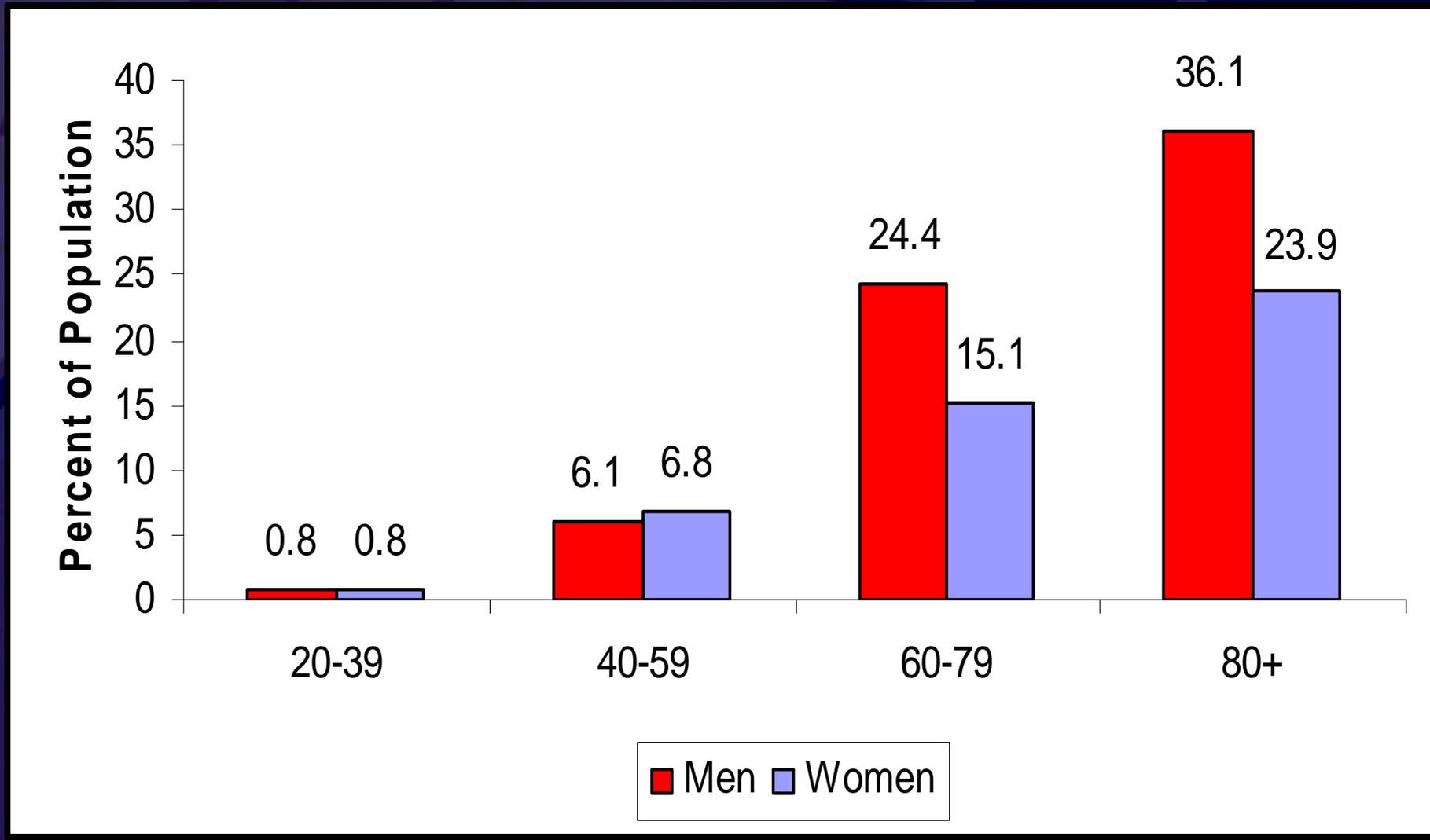
# 10-Year CVD risk in 50-54-year-old adults Framingham Heart Study



	A	B	C	D
Age	50-54	50-54	50-54	50-54
HDL Cholesterol, mg/dL	45-49	45-49	35-34	35-34
Total Cholesterol (mg/dL)	160-199	200-239	200-239	200-239
Systolic BP mm/Hg, no treat.	120-29	130-139	130-139	130-139
Smoker	No	No	No	Yes
Diabetes	No	No	Yes	Yes

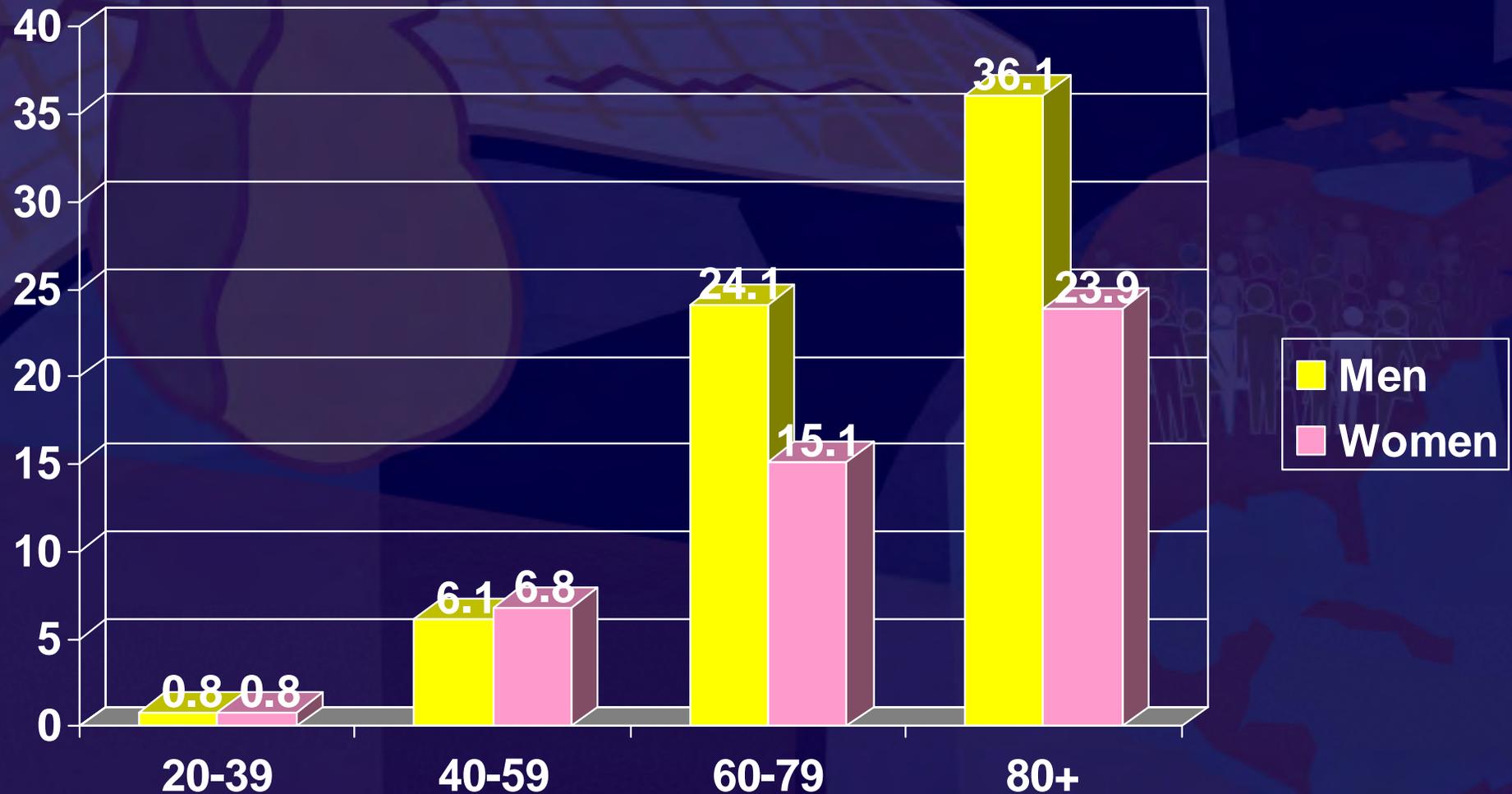
D'Agostino et al., *Circulation*. 2008;117:743-753

# Prevalence of CAD



NHANES:2005-2006---Source: NCHS and NHLBI

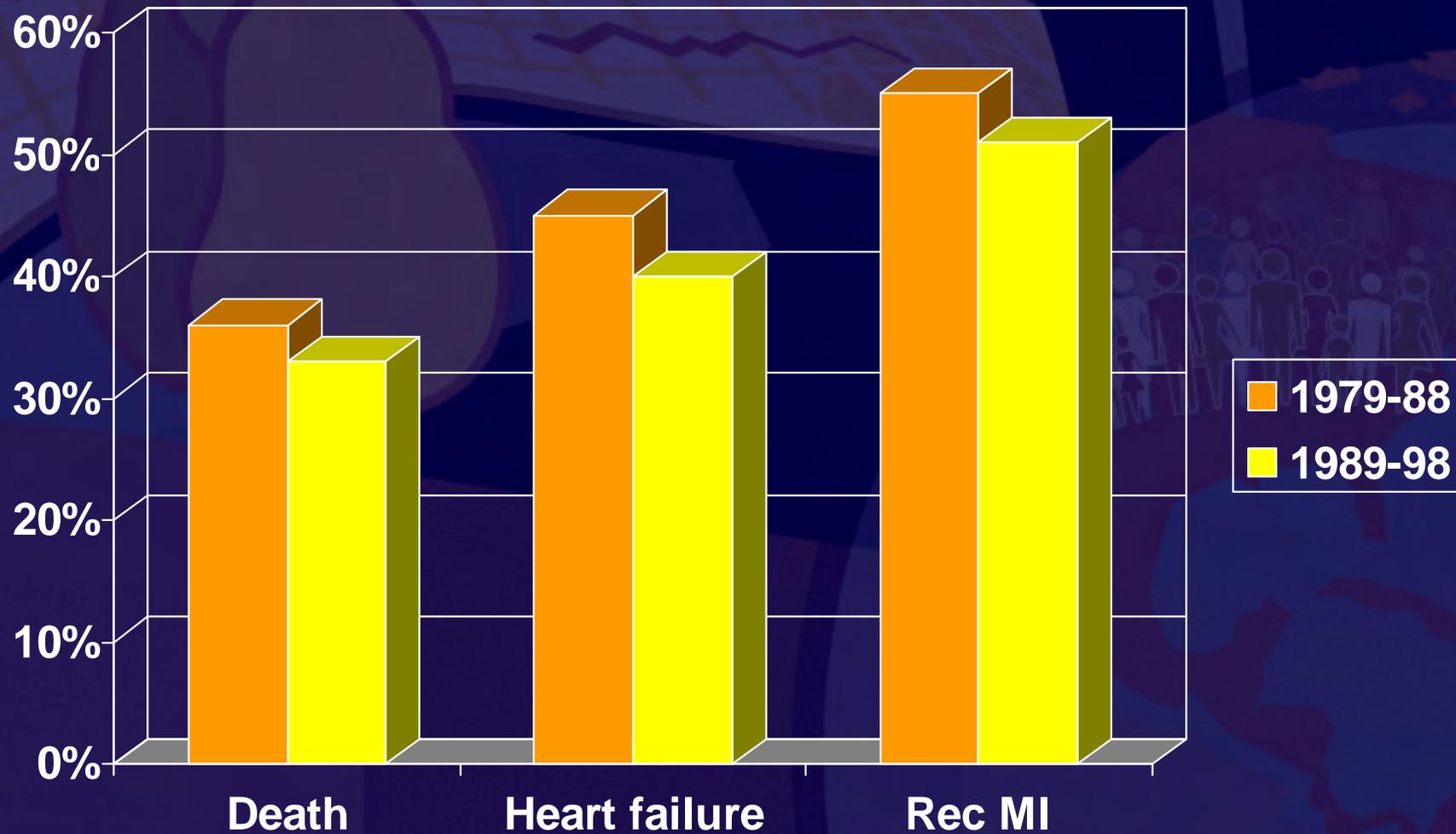
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# Events rates at 5 years 2171 incident MIs- Olmsted Co



*Roger, Annals 2002---Hellermann, Am J Epi 2003---Jokhadar Am J Epi 2004*

# External Validity of Clinical Trials in Acute Myocardial Infarction

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**Background:** Patients enrolled in randomized clinical trials (RCTs) may not reflect those seen in real-life practice. Our goal was to compare patients eligible for enrollment but not enrolled in contemporary RCTs of reperfusion therapy with patients who would have been ineligible and also with patients with acute myocardial infarction (AMI) participating in RCTs.

**Methods:** Consecutive patients with AMI (n=8469) enrolled in the GRACE registry (Global Registry of Acute Coronary Events) were divided into 3 groups: RCT participants (11%; n=953), eligible nonenrolled patients (55%; n=4669), and ineligible patients (34%; n=2847). Our main outcome measures were hospital mortality rates.

**Results:** Based on baseline characteristics or GRACE risk-score distribution, RCT participants had the lowest a priori risk of death; eligible patients had a higher risk; and ineligible patients had the highest risk. Actual hospital mor-

tality showed a similar gradient (3% respectively) ( $P<.001$ ). Multivariable analysis adjusting for baseline risk, use and type of reperfusion therapy, and delay from symptom onset consistently showed a higher mortality in eligible nonenrolled patients than for RCT participants (odds ratio, 1.06; 95% confidence interval, 1.06-2.44) and ineligible patients (odds ratio, 1.24; 95% confidence interval, 1.24-3.11).

**Conclusions:** Patients with AMI who are eligible for enrollment in RCTs have a lower baseline risk and experience lower mortality than nonenrolled patients, even when they are not enrolled in RCTs. This difference is not entirely explained by differences in baseline risk, use and type of reperfusion therapy, and/or delays in presentation to the hospital. Caution is necessary when extending the findings obtained in RCTs to the general population with AMI.

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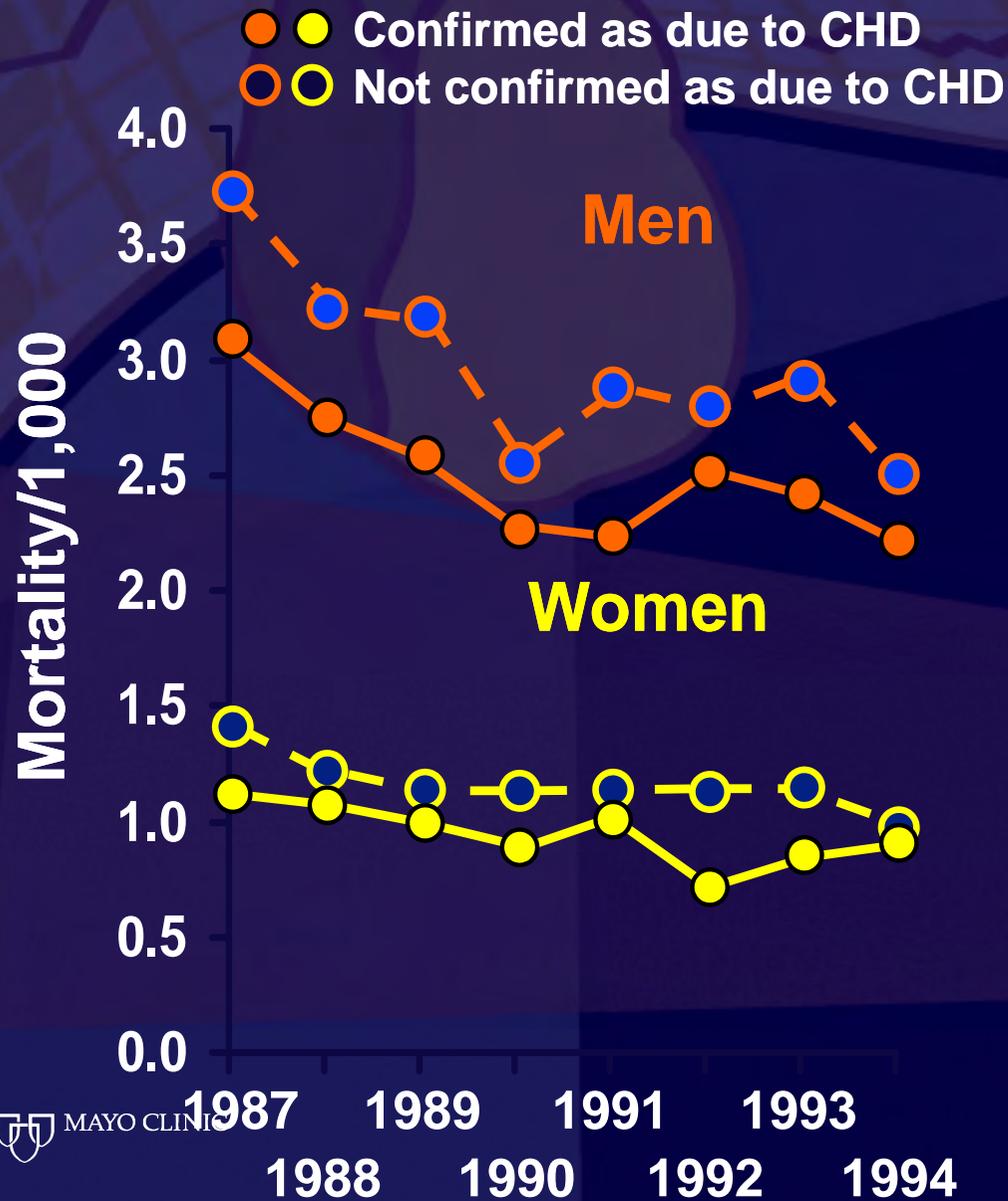
# Effectiveness versus efficacy

- **Randomized trials: External validity challenge**
- Physicians not representative
- Participants not representative
- Treatment received is not representative of standard care

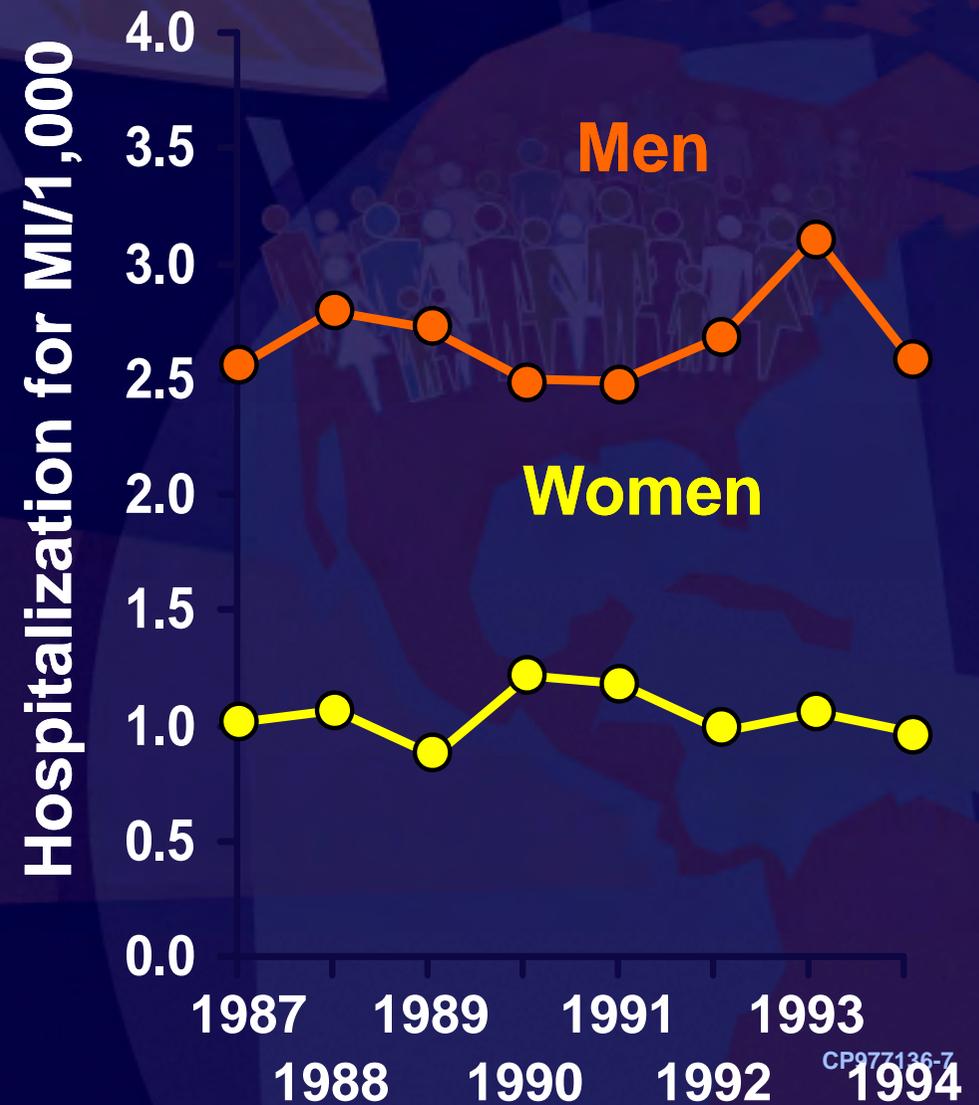
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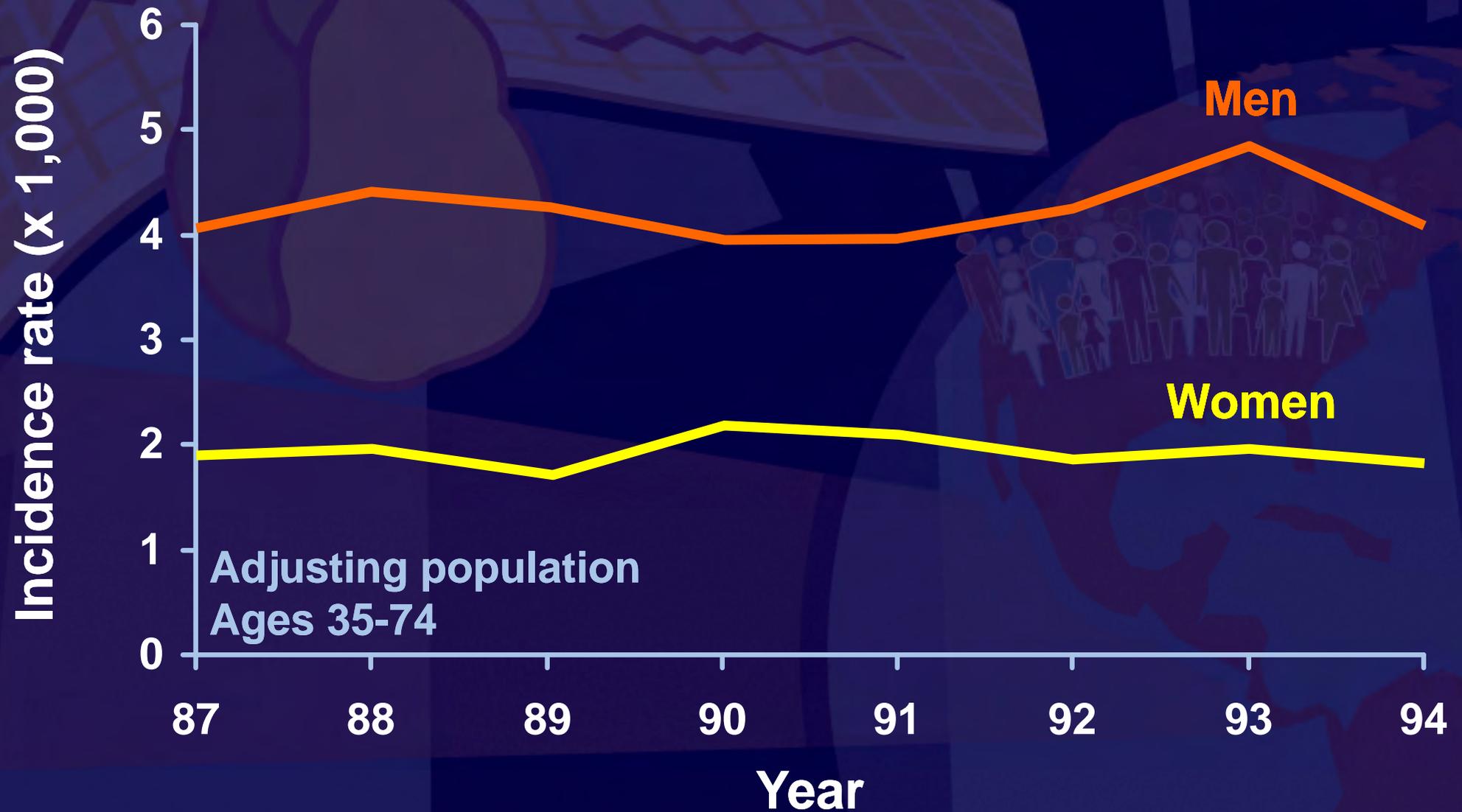
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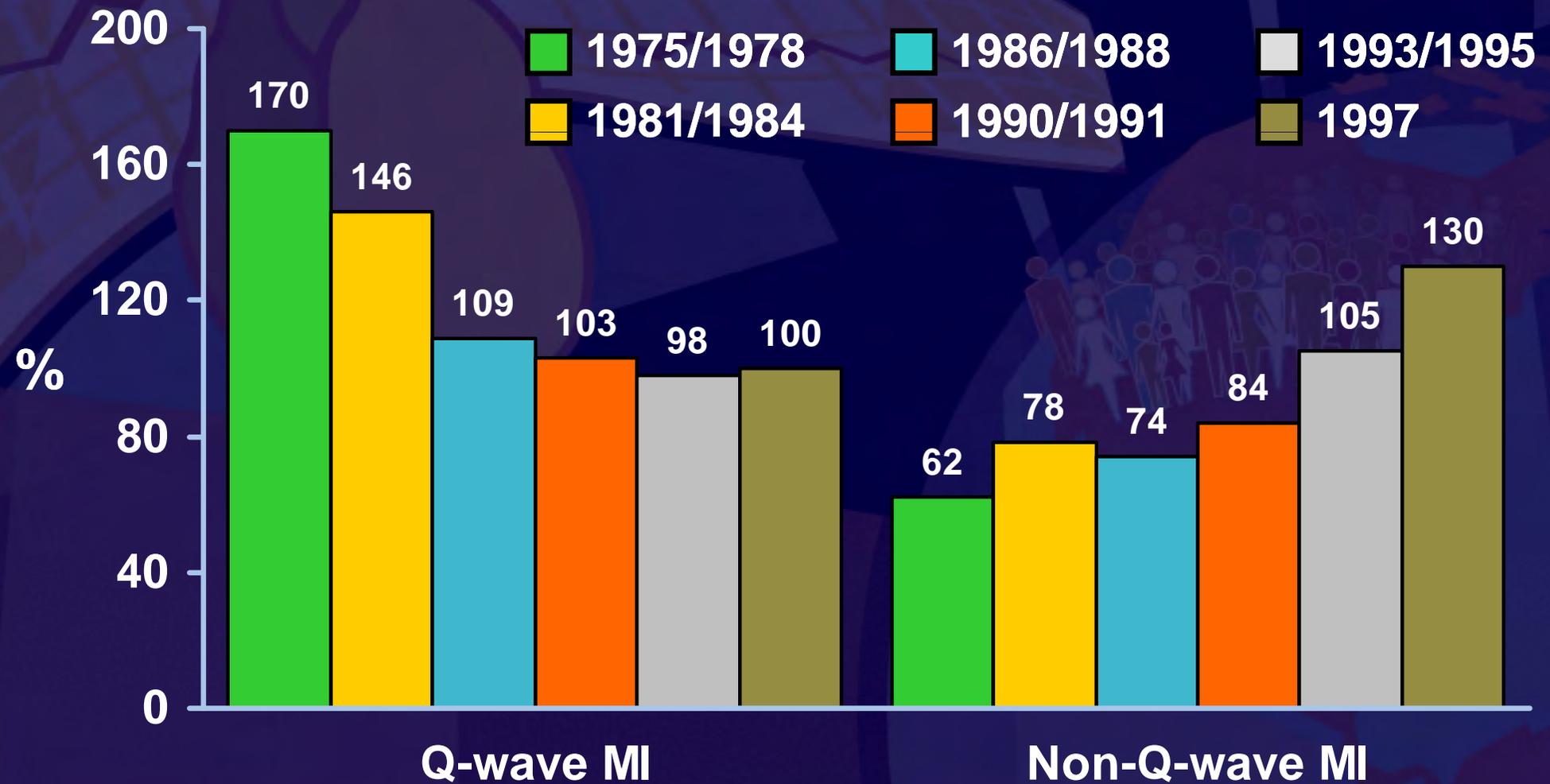
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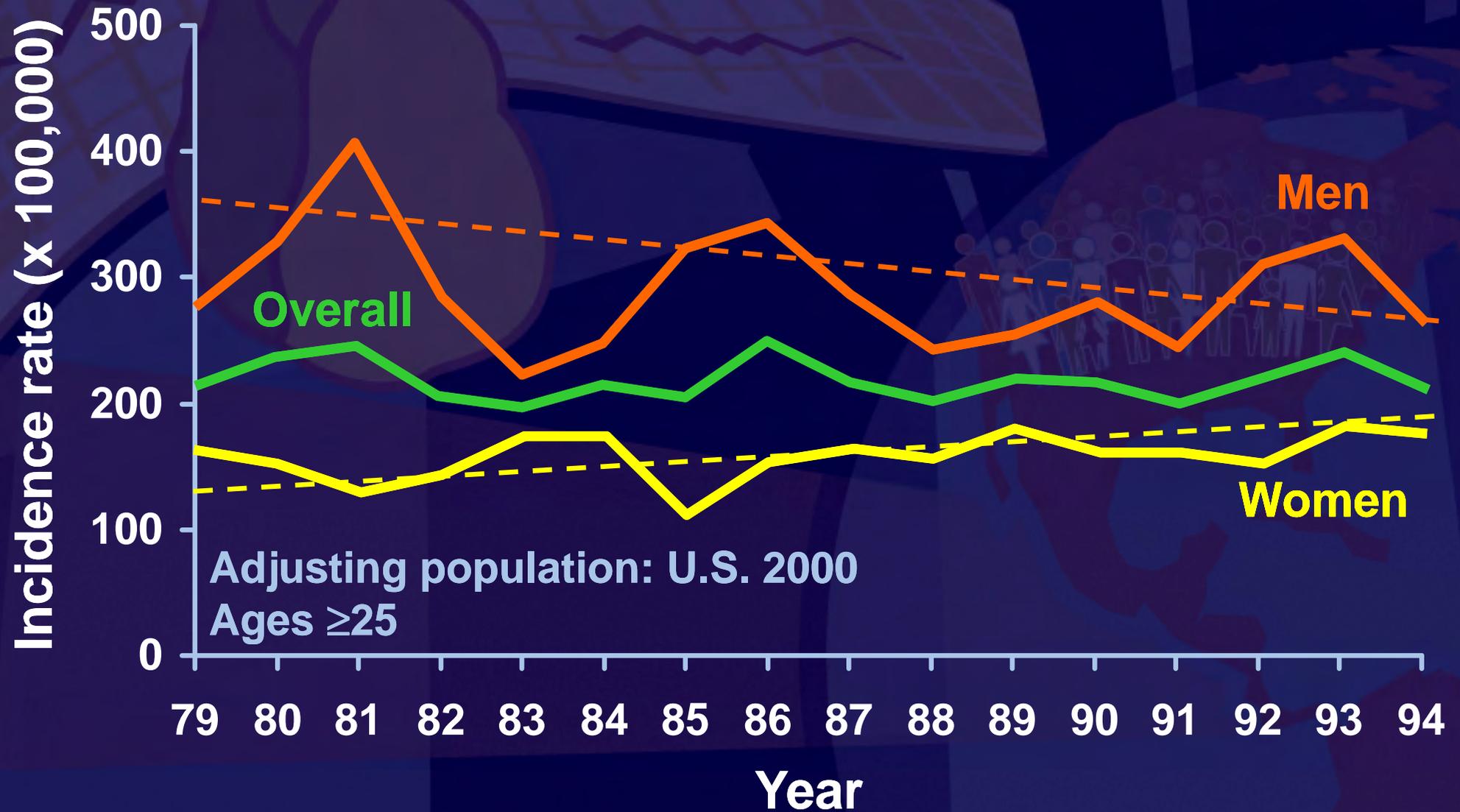


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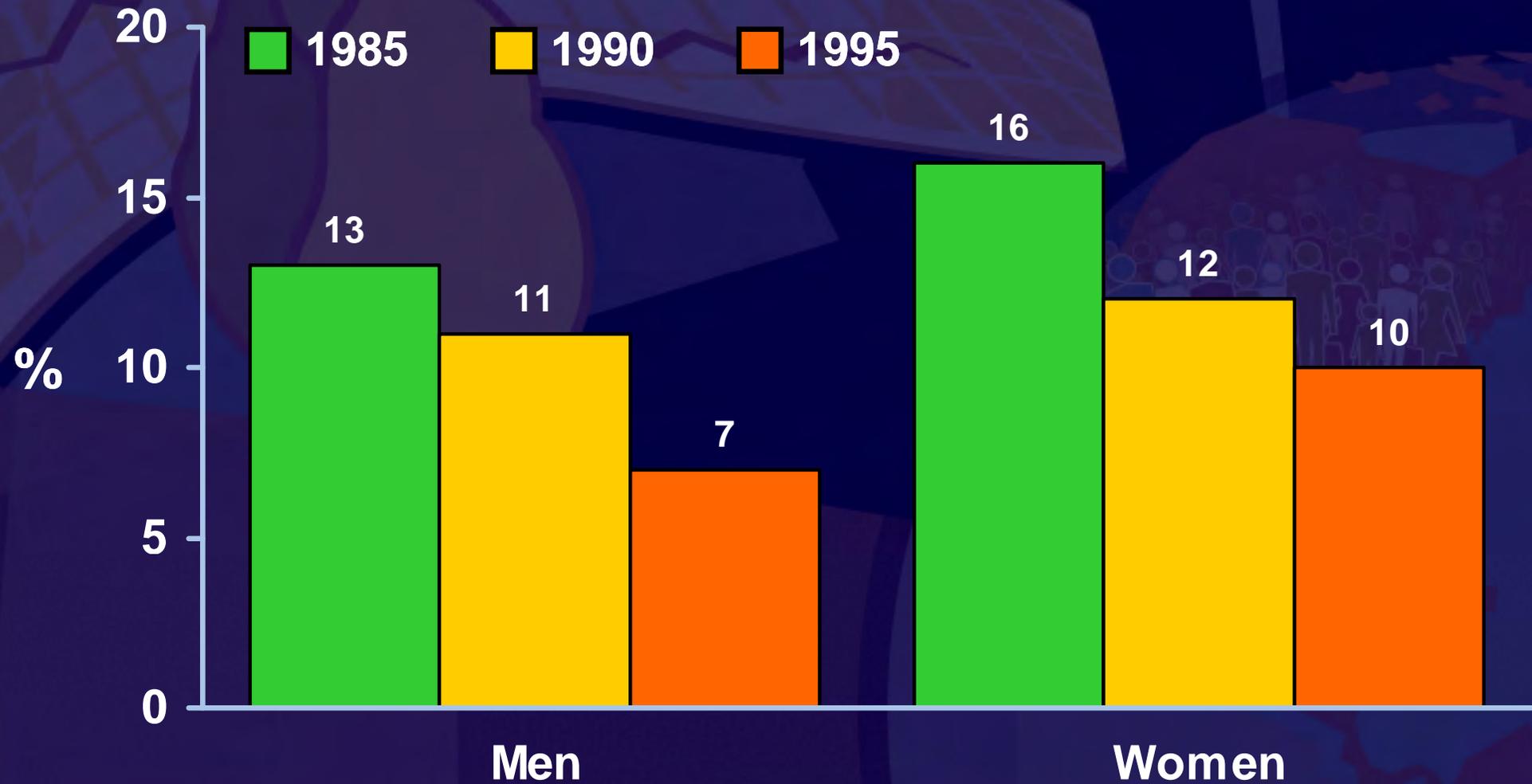


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# MI Incidence Olmsted County



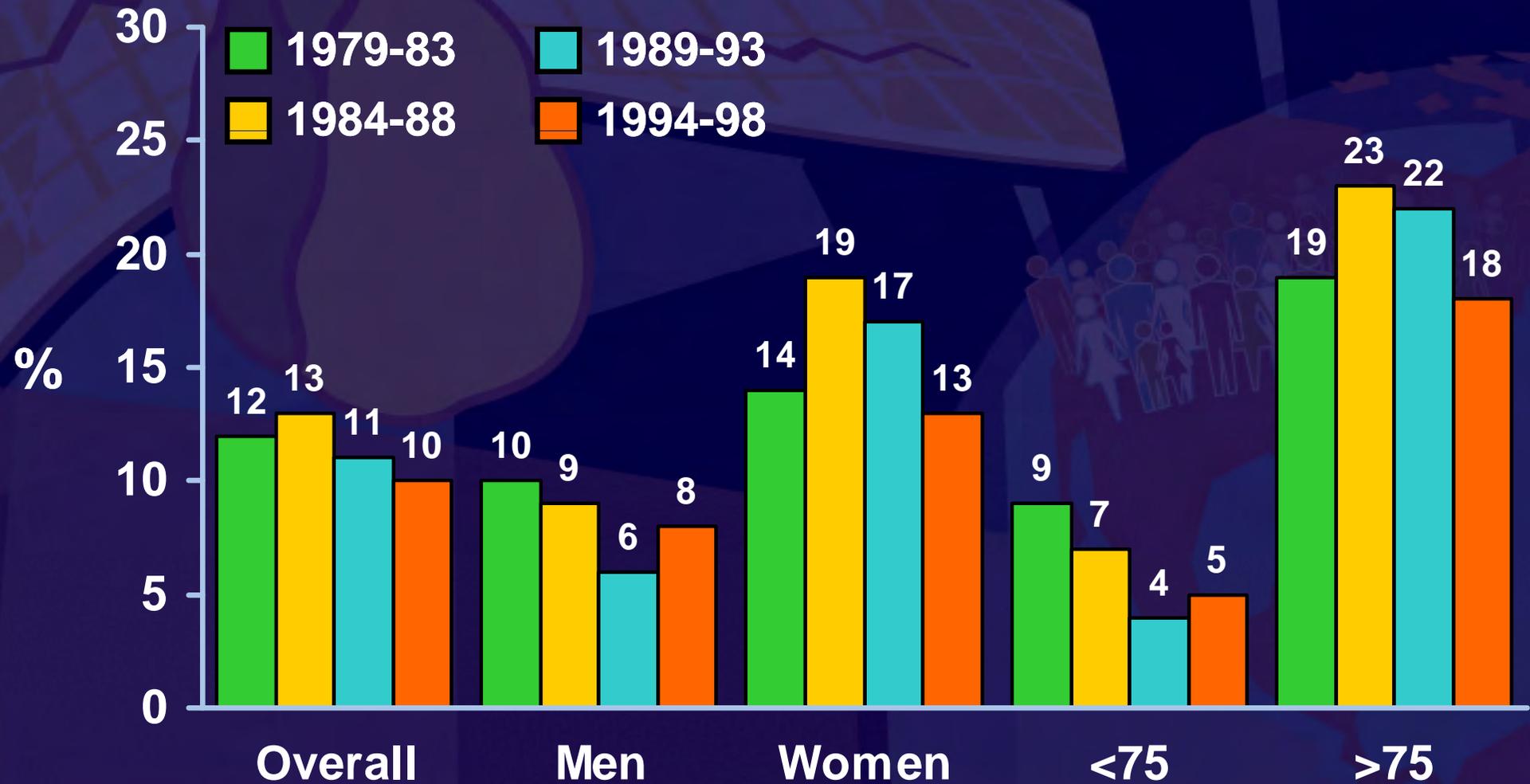
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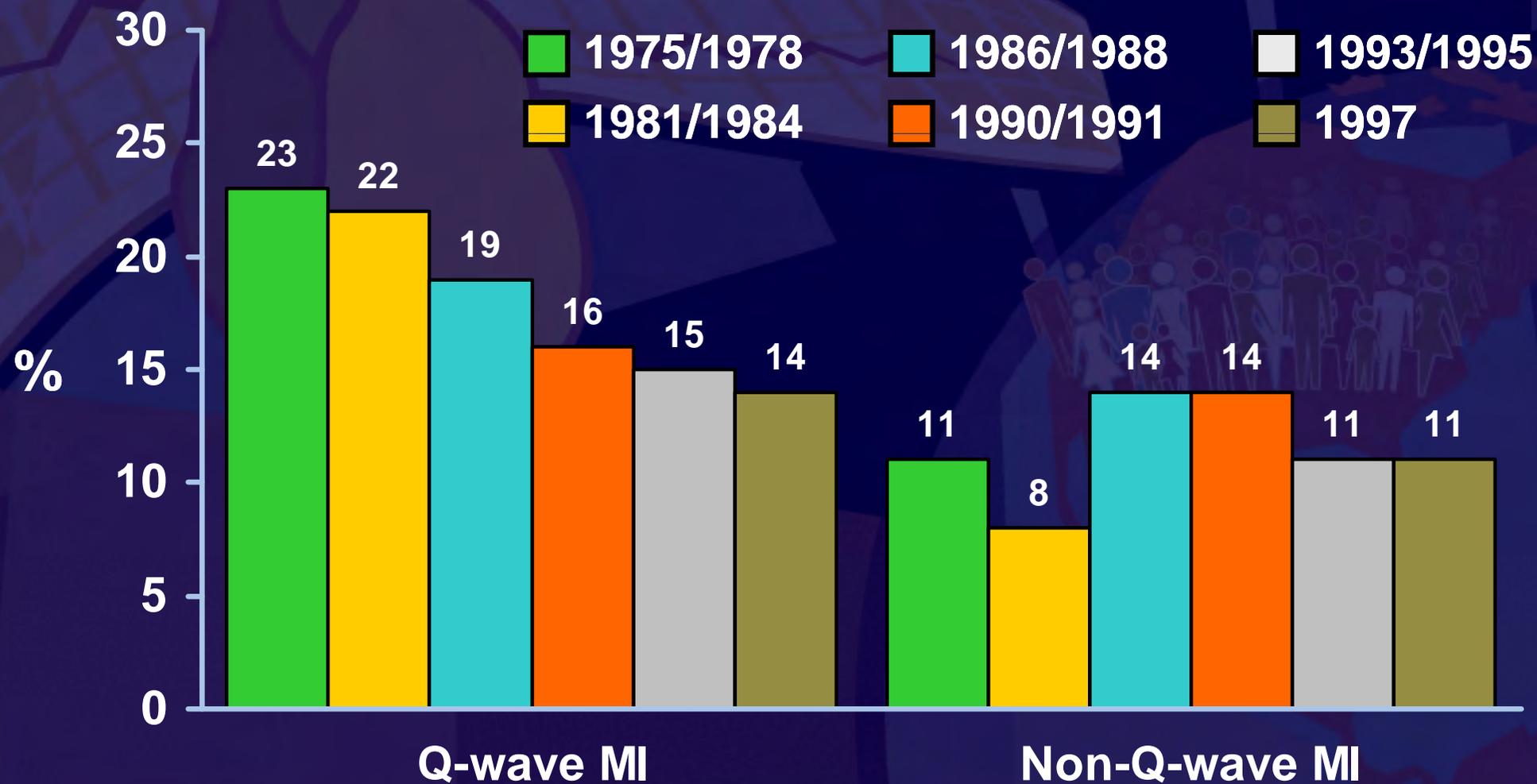
# Death Within First Month Post-MI

## Olmsted County



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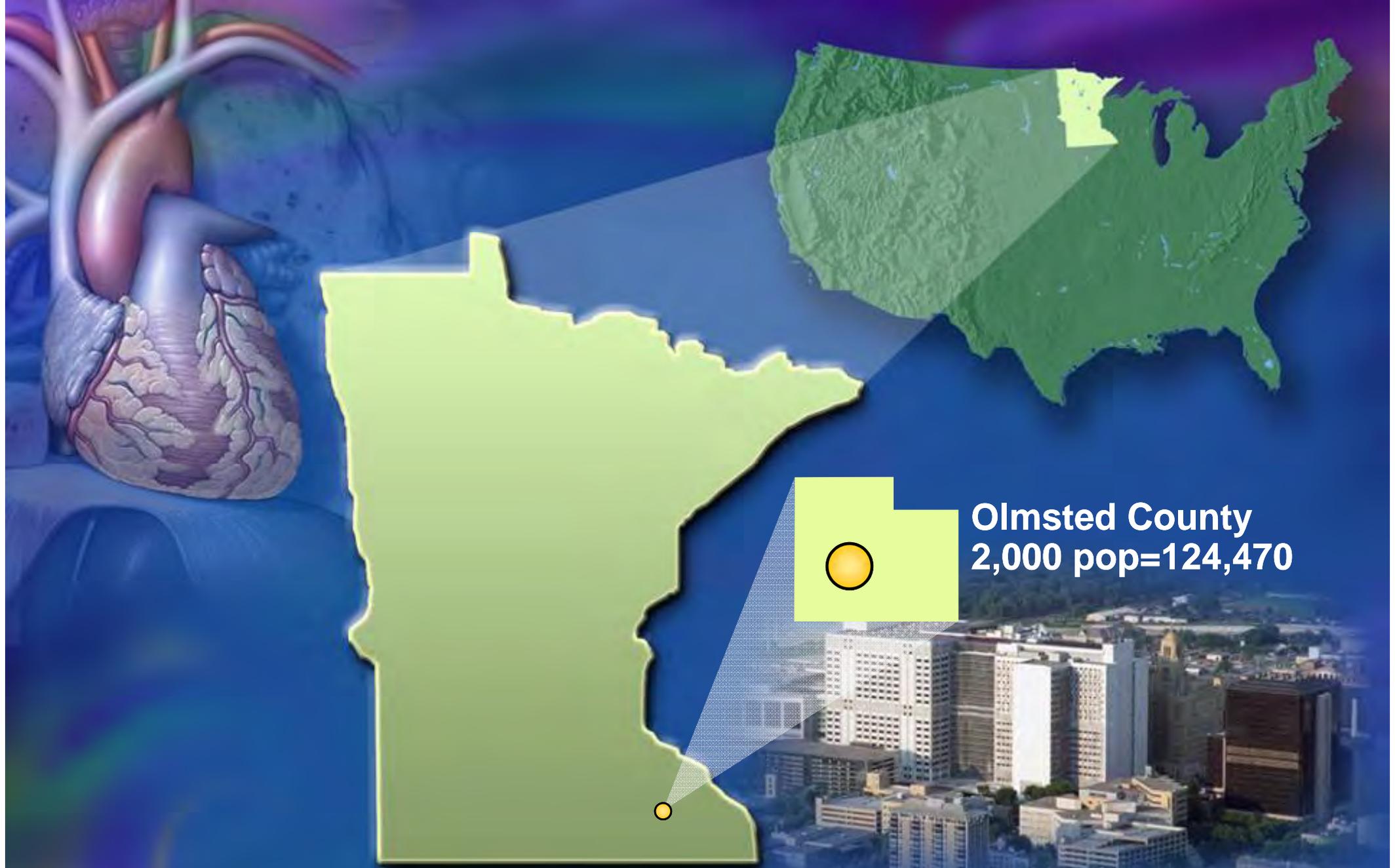
# In-Hospital Deaths Worcester



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# Stages of Epidemiologic Transition as It Pertains to Cardiovascular Diseases

Stages of development	Deaths from CVD (% of total deaths)	Predominant CVDs and risk factors	Regional examples
Age of Pestilence and famine	5-10	Rheumatic heart disease, infections, and nutritional cardiomyopathies	Sub-Saharan Africa, rural India, South America
Receding pandemics	10-35	As above + hypertensive heart disease and hemorrhagic strokes	China
Degenerative and man-made diseases	35-65	All forms of strokes, ischemic heart disease at young ages, increasing obesity, and diabetes	Urban India, former socialist economies, aboriginal communities
Delayed degenerative diseases	<50	Stroke and ischemic heart disease at old age	Western Europe, North America, Australia, New Zealand
Health regression and social upheaval	35-55	Re-emergence of deaths from rheumatic heart disease, infections, increased alcoholism and violence; increase in ischemic and hypertensive diseases in the young	Russia



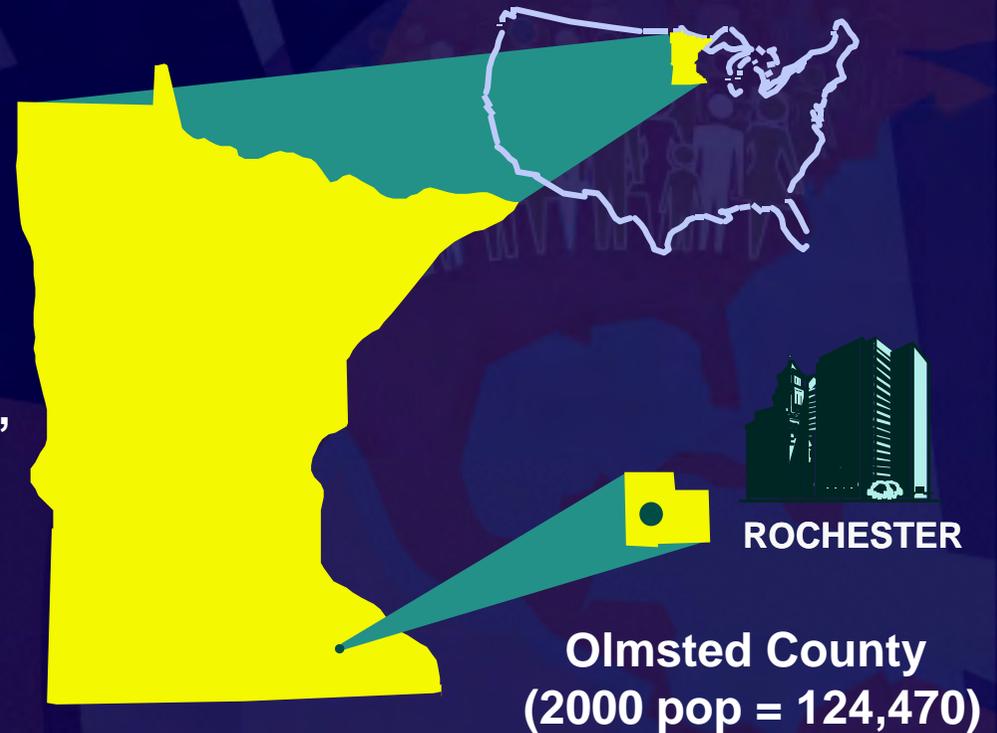
**Olmsted County  
2,000 pop=124,470**

**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**

# Rochester Epidemiology Project

## Olmsted County MN

- Home of Mayo Clinic Rochester and Olmsted Medical Center
- Geographically isolated from other providers of medical care
- Extensive indices of medical diagnoses, surgical procedures, tissue diagnoses
- Median duration of medical history available = **43 years**

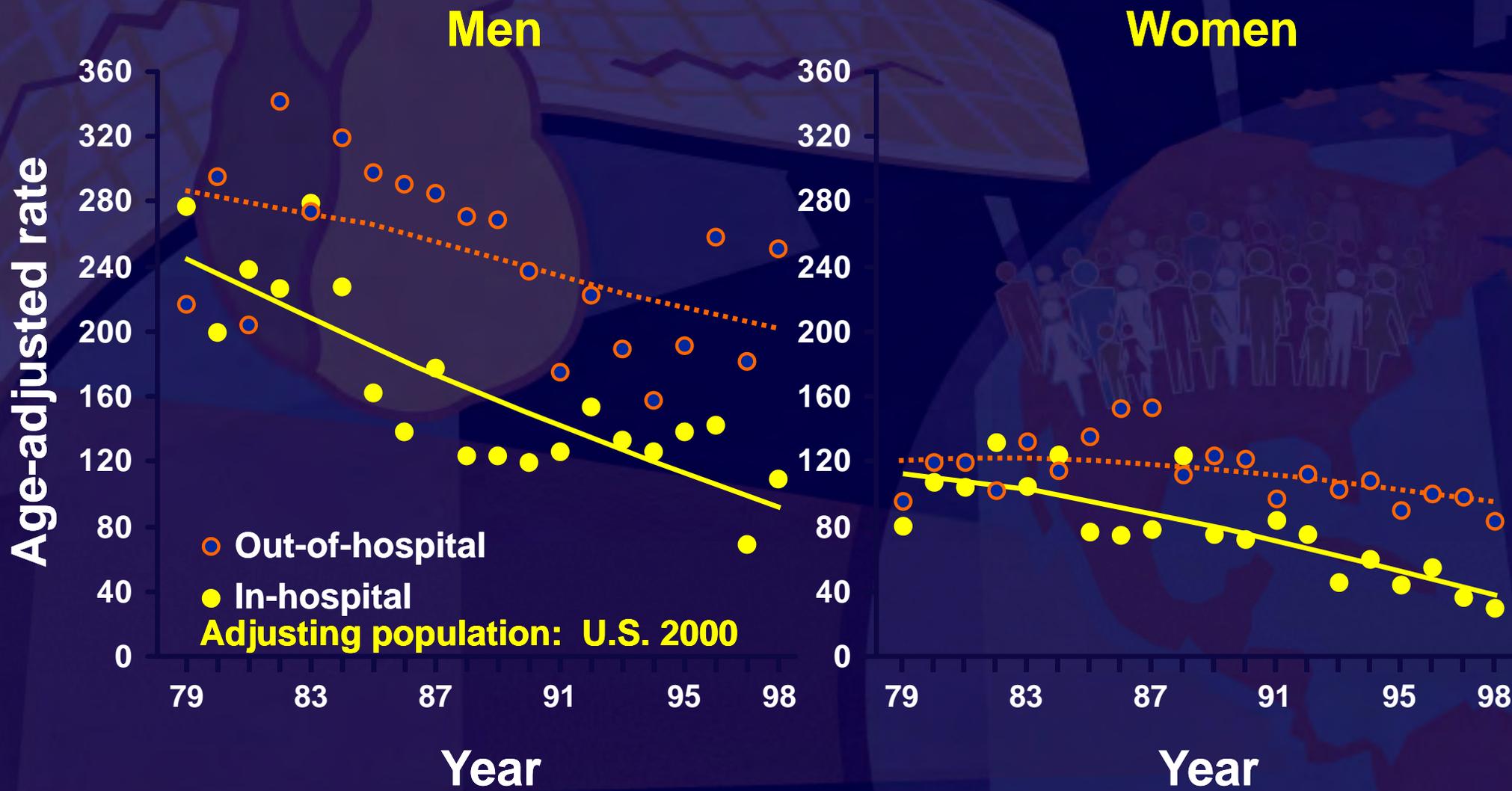


# Incidence of Heart Failure in Olmsted County

## JAMA 2004

	Men		Women	
	Incidence/ 100,000 (95% CI)	RR (95% CI)	Incidence/ 100,000 (95% CI)	RR (95% CI)
1979-1984	360 (323-396)	1	284 (260-307)	1
1985-1990	390 (354-425)	1.07 (0.94-1.22)	292 (270-315)	1.04 (0.93-1.16)
1991-1995	375 (340-409)	1.01 (0.88-1.15)	260 (238-282)	0.93 (0.83-1.05)
1996-2000	383 (351-415)	1.04 (0.92-1.18)	315 (292-338)	1.11 (1.00-1.24)

# CHD Deaths – Olmsted County



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Other researchers echoed that warning. Charles H. Hennekens of Harvard Medical School's Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston noted that "adolescents are smoking more, are heavier and are exercising less than their parents."

Dr. Breslow said that for several years public-health officials and groups like the heart association have pointed proudly to a

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Age-adjusted Heart Disease Mortality U.S., 1900-1994



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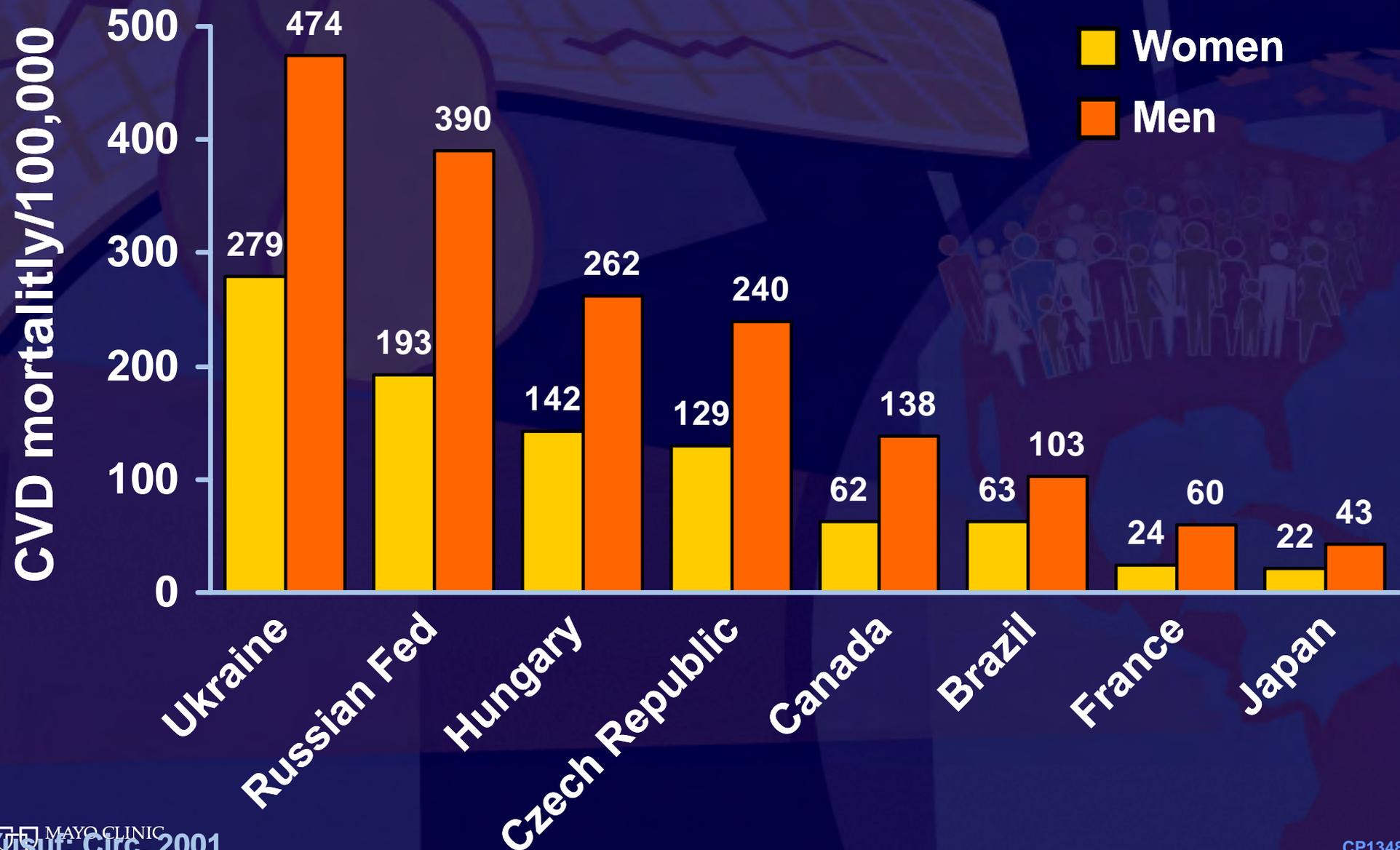
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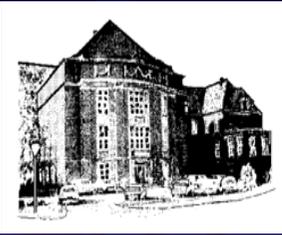
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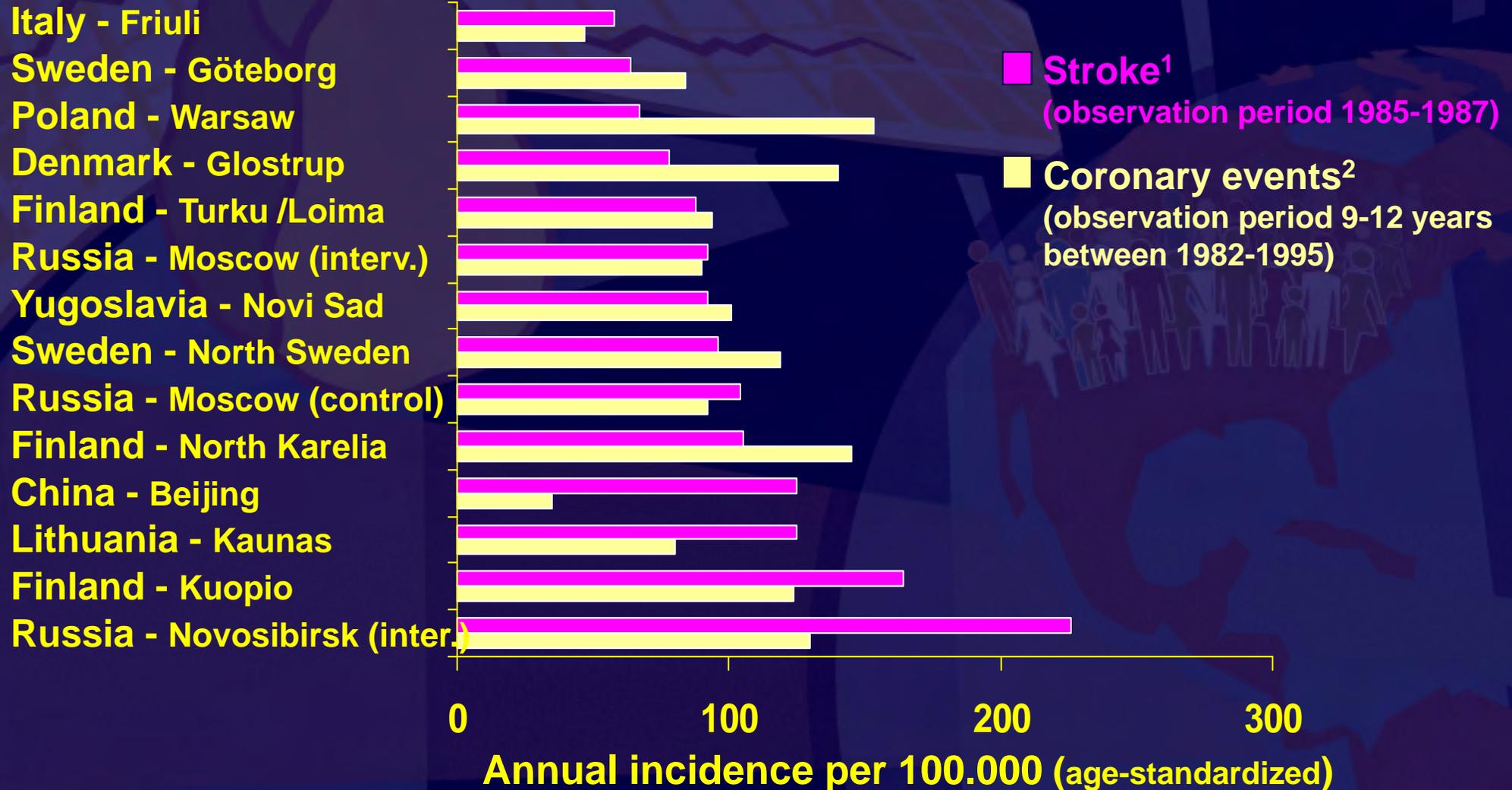
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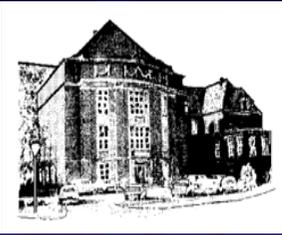
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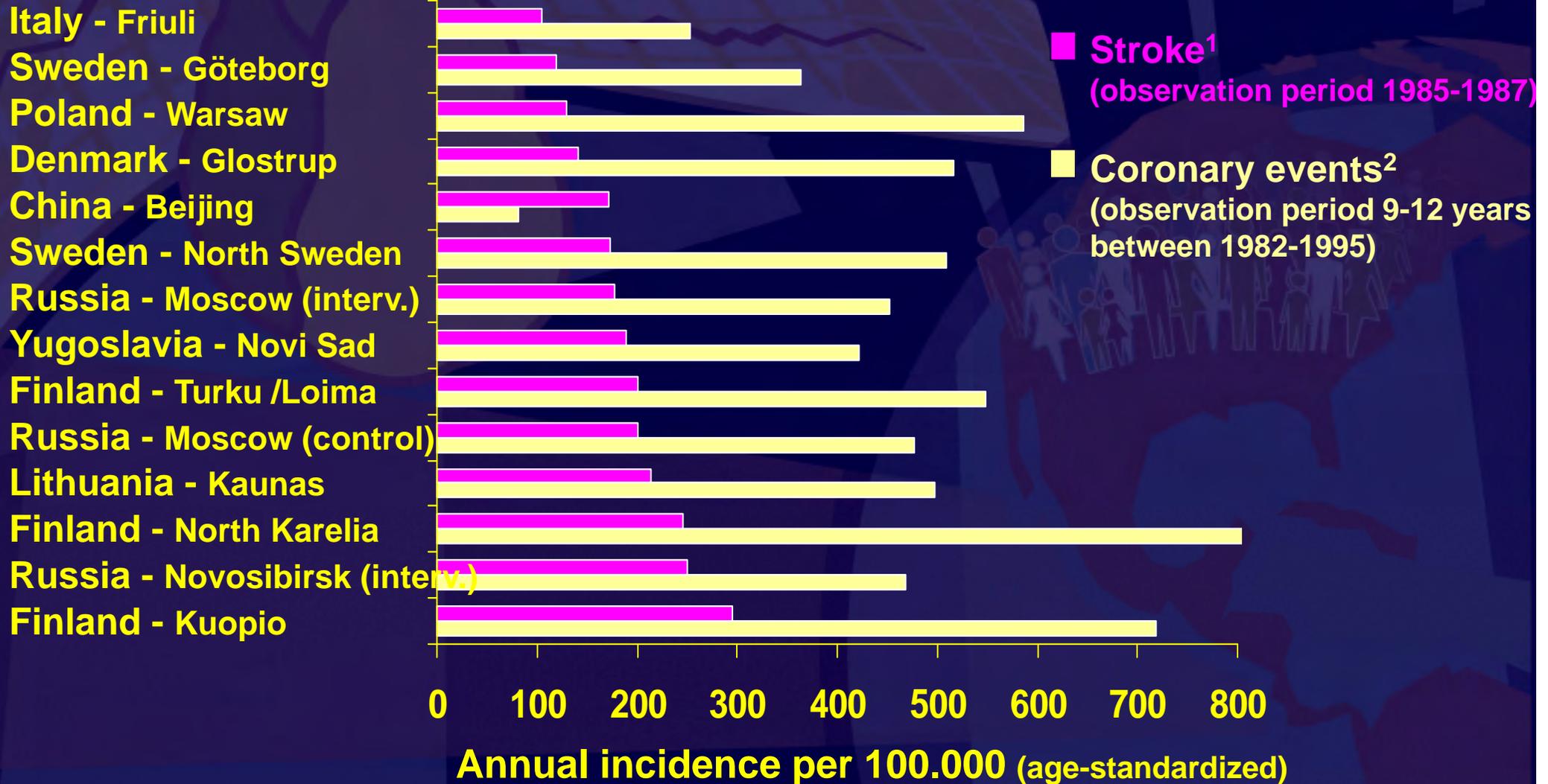


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**CHD deaths declined in middle-aged men  
Women and the elderly experienced  
less of a decline in CHD deaths**

**Incidence**



**MI Incidence, SCD  
Primary prevention**



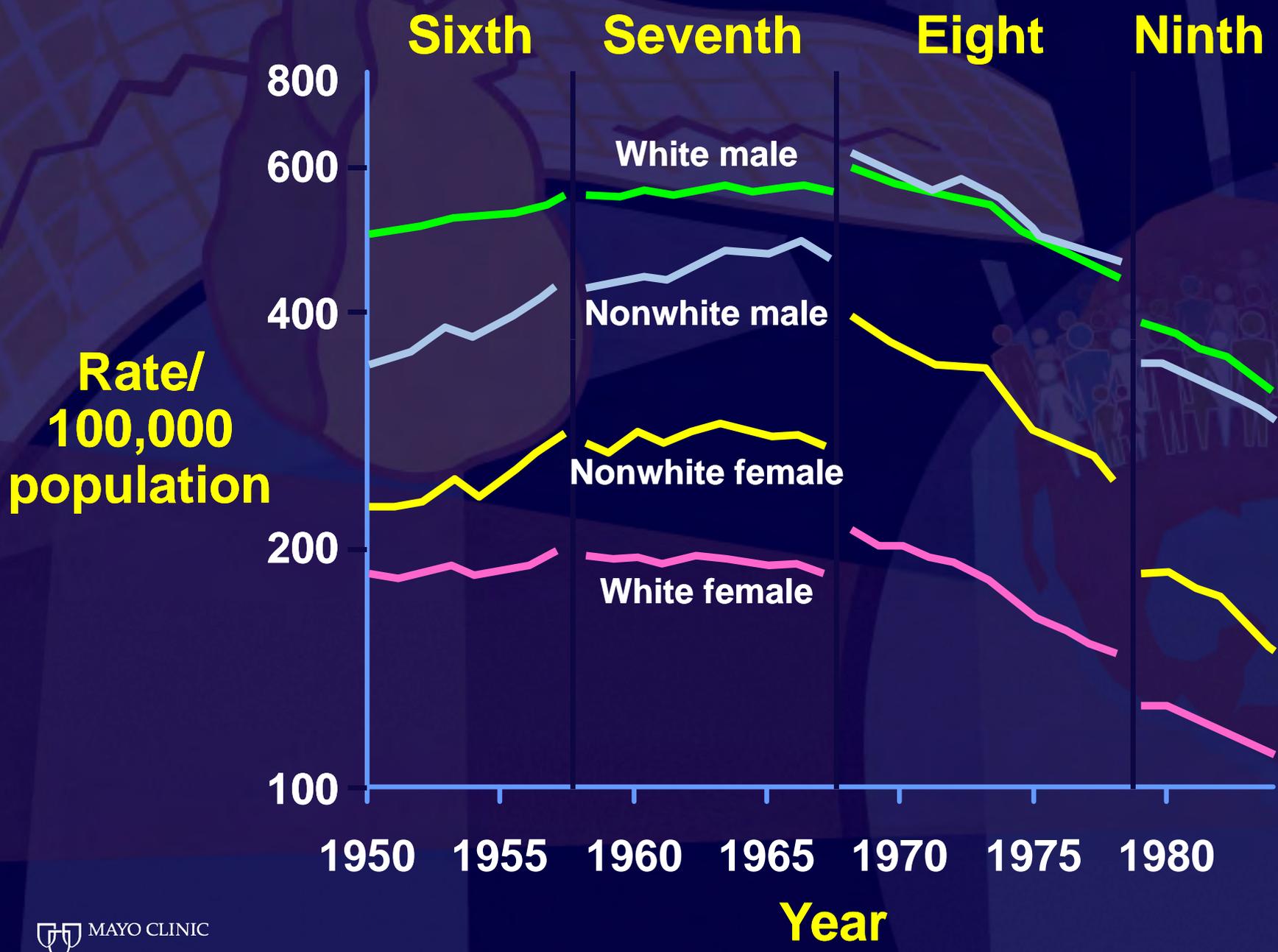
**Fatalities**



**Case fatality  
Medical care**

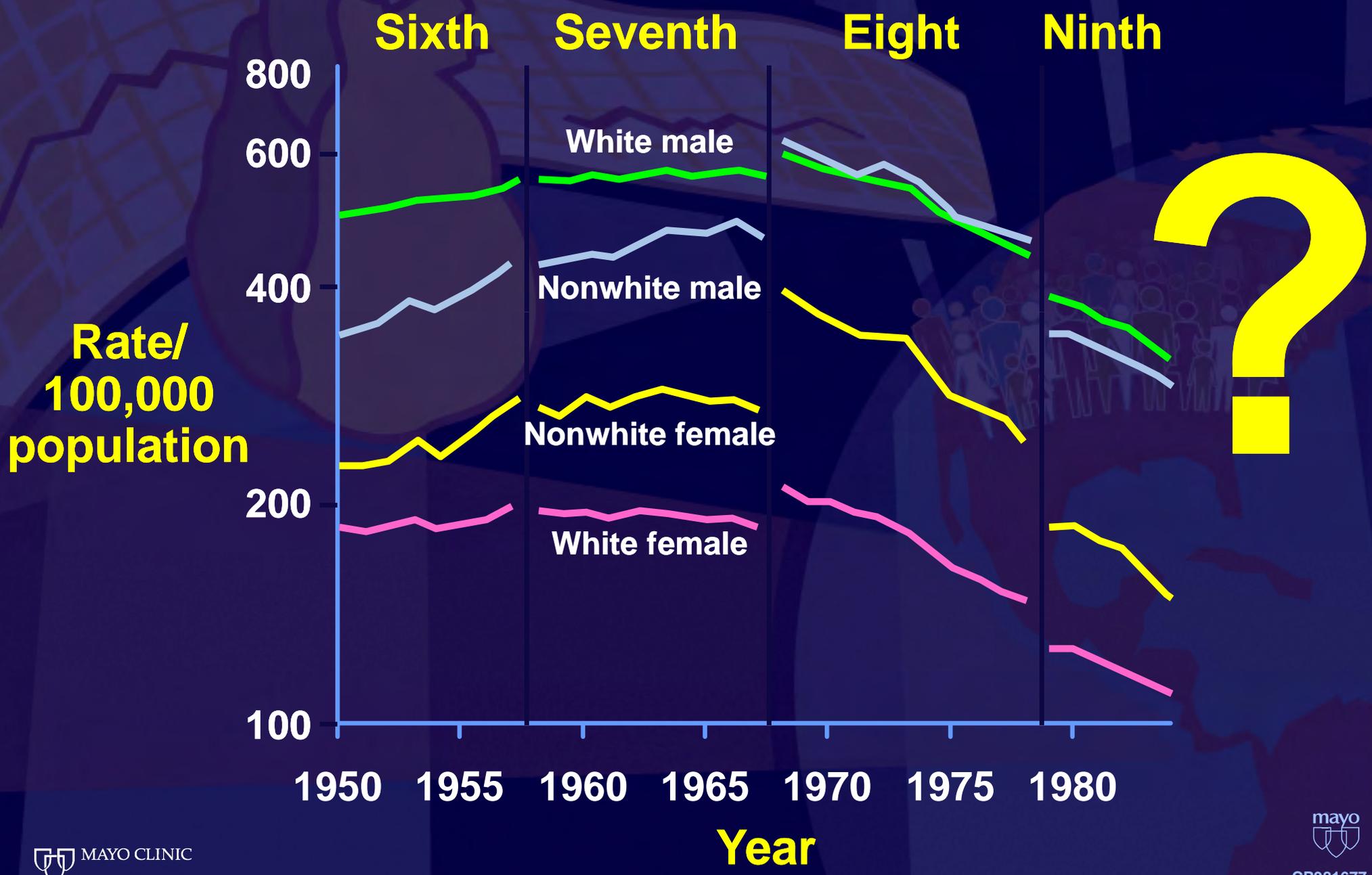
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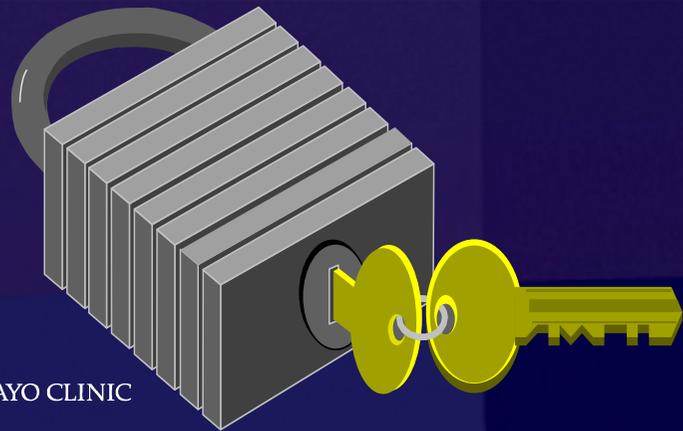
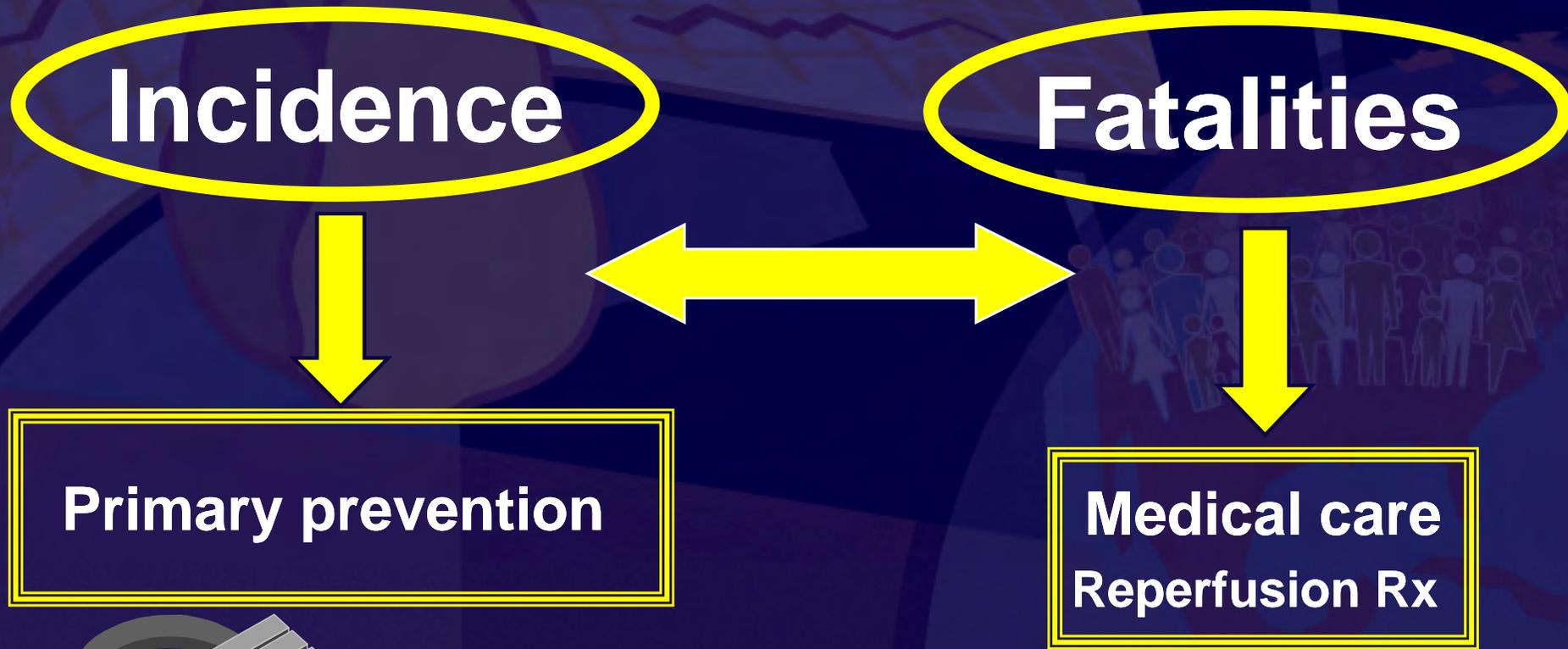
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# Decline in CHD deaths

## Determinants



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

# Experimental approach

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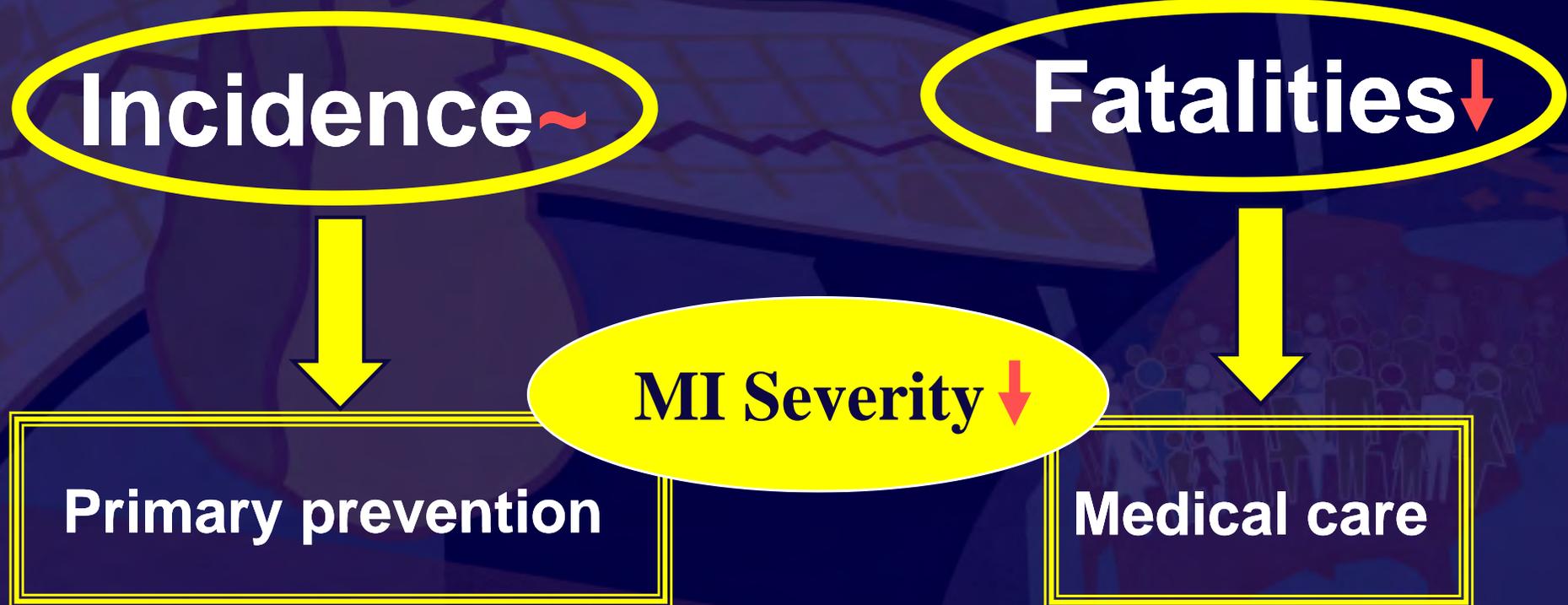
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**Severity of disease**

**Atherosclerosis  
MI Incidence  
Unexpected SCD**

**MI CFR  
Long term survival**

# Decline in CHD deaths



**Shift of the burden of CHD  
towards women and the elderly**  
**Post MI morbidity improving but remains high**

# Community surveillance

- **Defined** population
- **Rigorous** event definition
- **Constant** criteria over time

**ARIC**

**Minnesota Heart Survey (MHS)**

**Worcester Heart Attack Study**

**Olmsted County Study**

# CHD incidence

**Atherosclerosis and MI incidence declined among younger persons.**

**Burden of incident CHD displaced towards elderly and women.**

# Why???

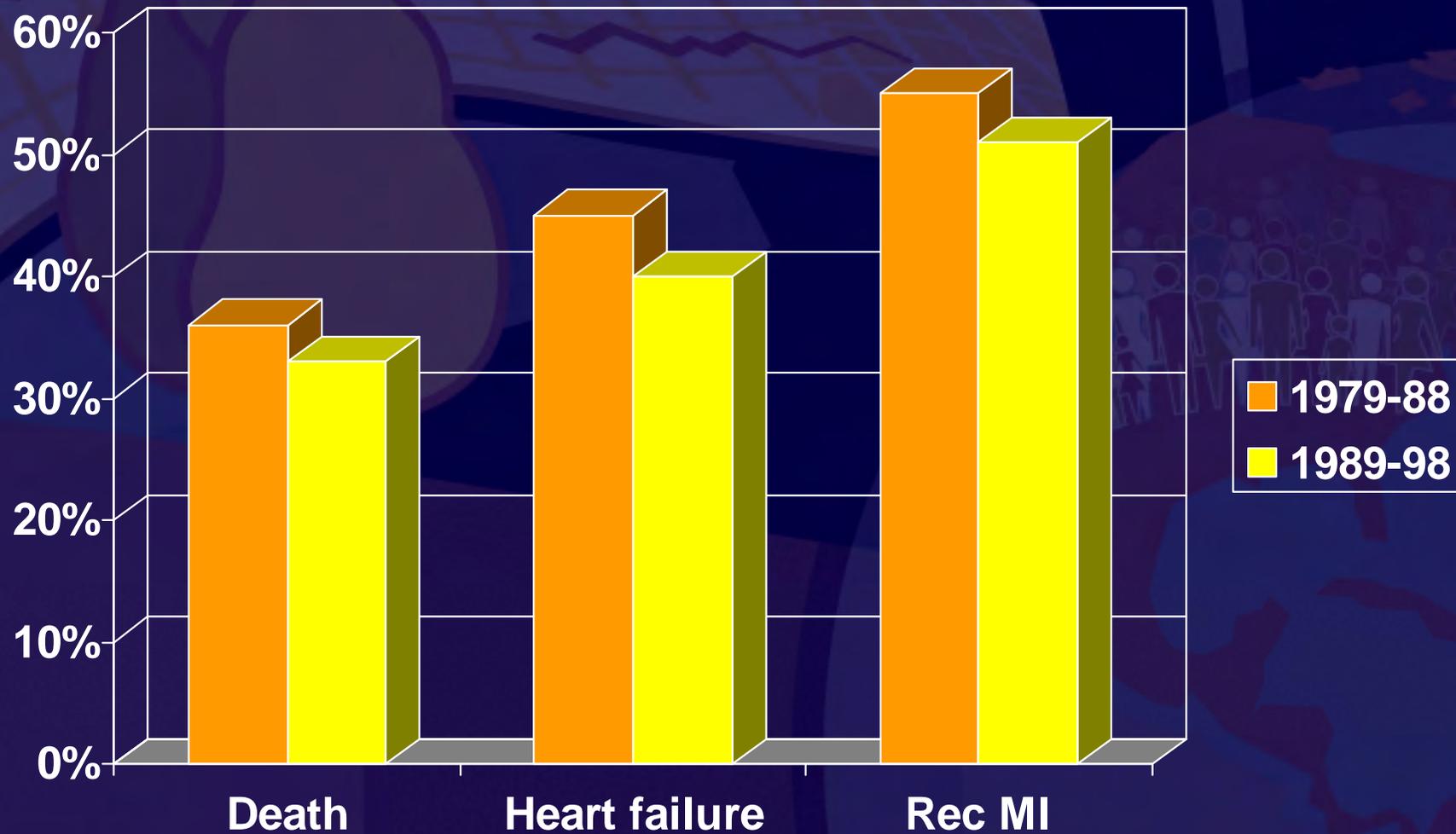
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1994 vs 1979

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Age 40	0.45	0.22-0.90
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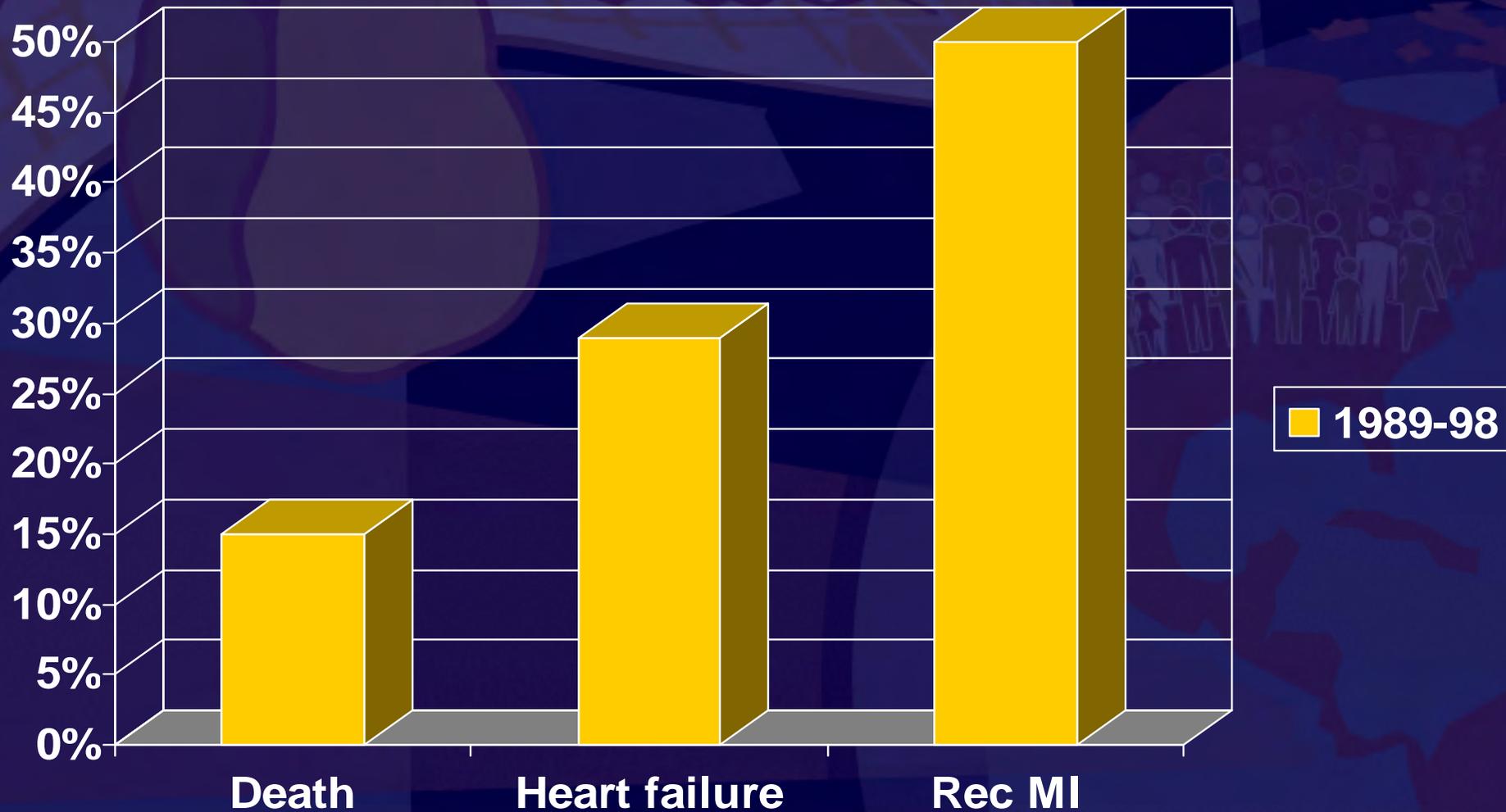
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# Events rates at 5 years 2171 incident MIs- Olmsted Co



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# Events rates at 5 years MIs with evidence-based therapy\*



*\*Revascularization, Beta-blockers, Aspirin*

# Coronary Disease Trends

## Implications for heart failure

While CHD mortality declined,

- MI incidence and atherosclerosis prevalence **have failed to change**
- **BUT** survival after MI is improving concurrently to the use of reperfusion therapy and the severity of MI is declining
- **How are MI survivors contributing to the epidemic heart failure?**

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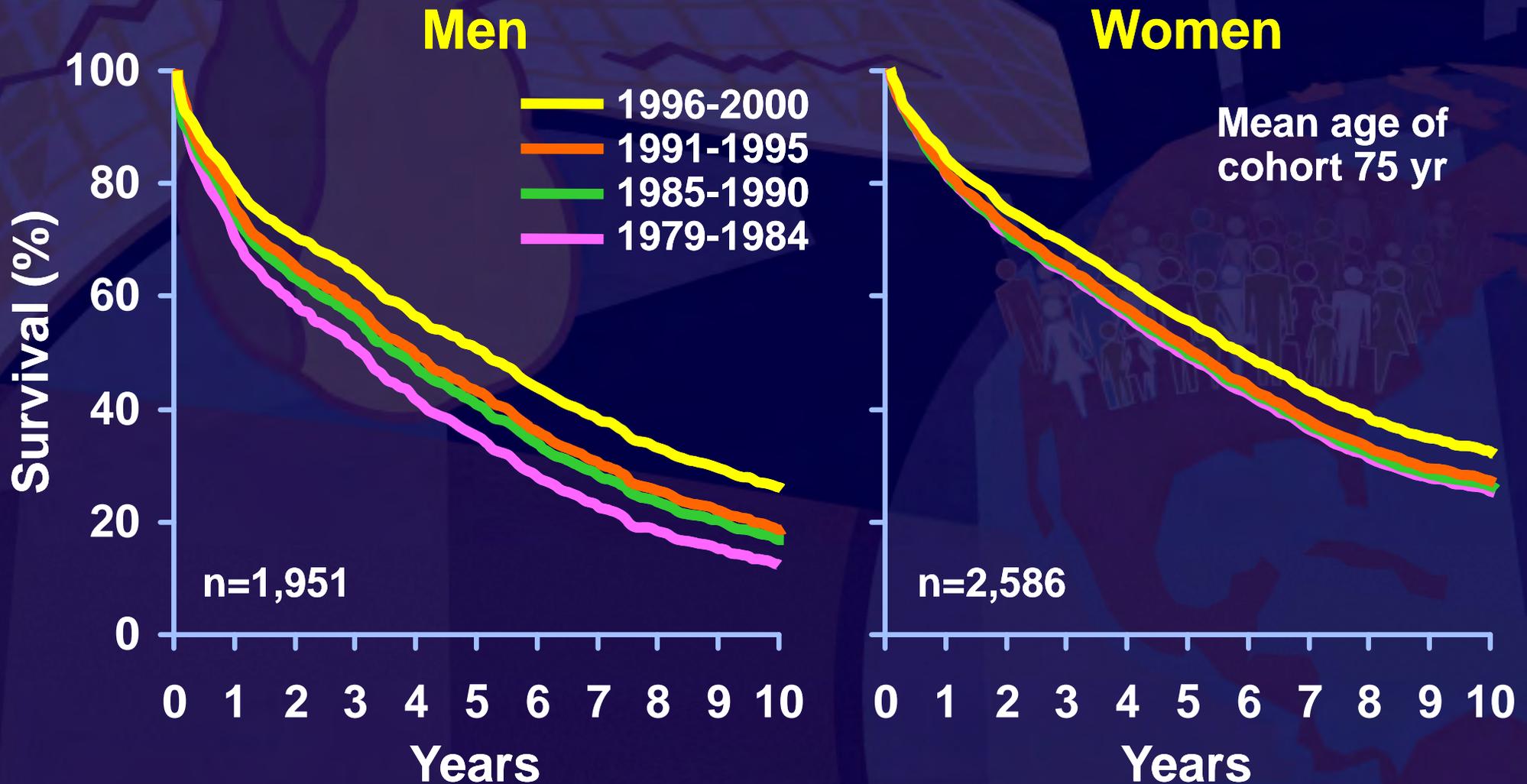
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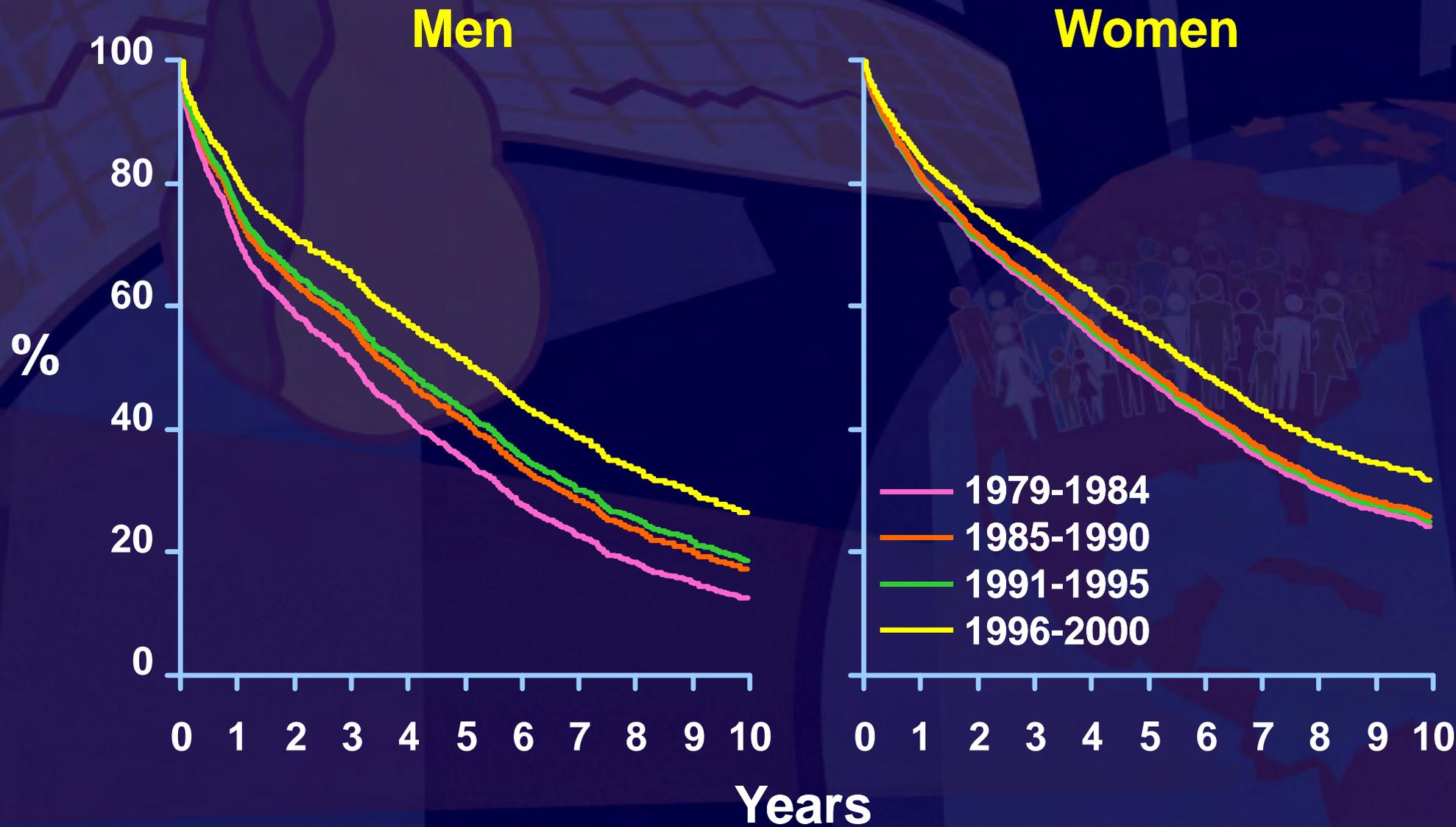
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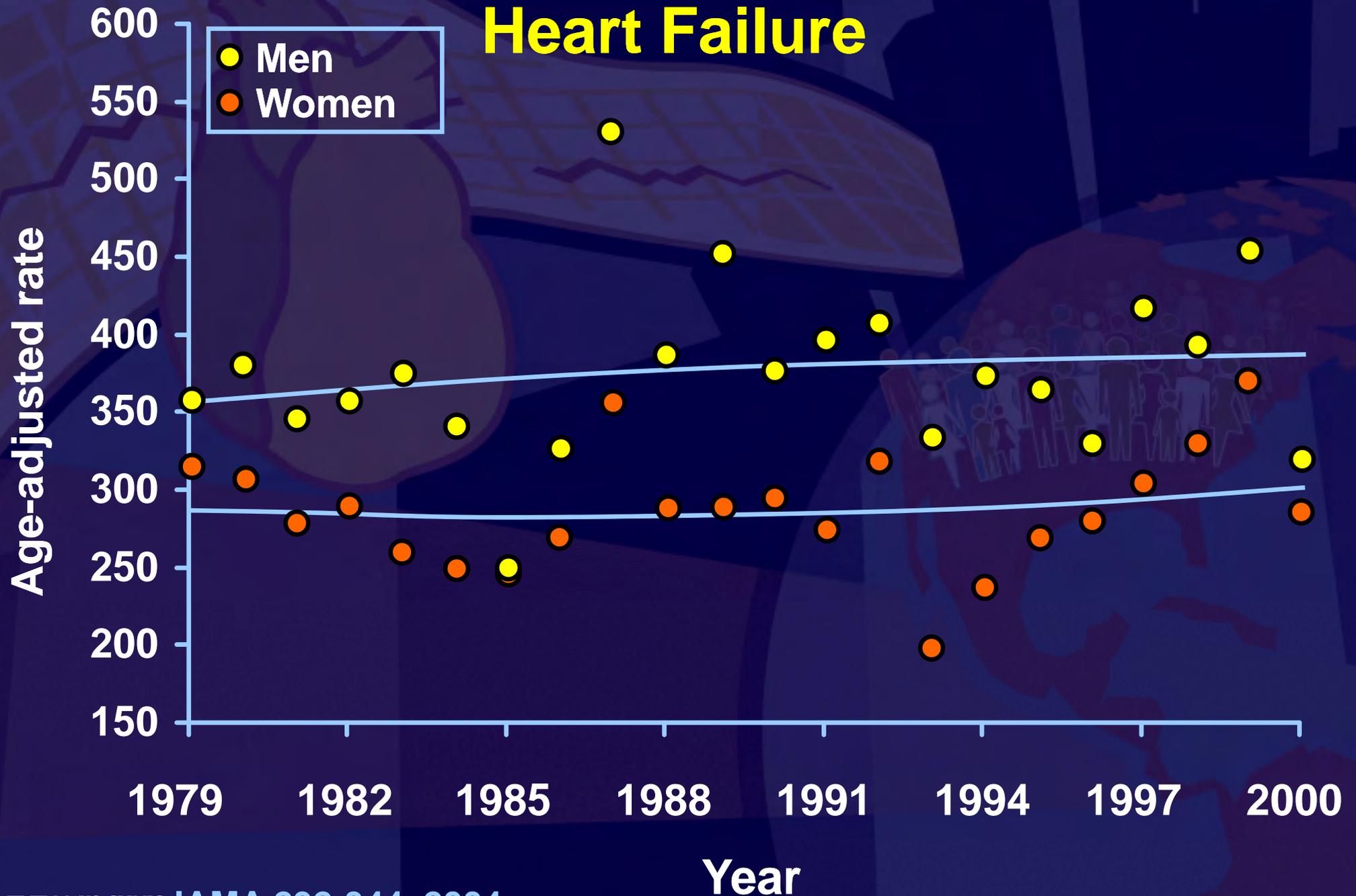
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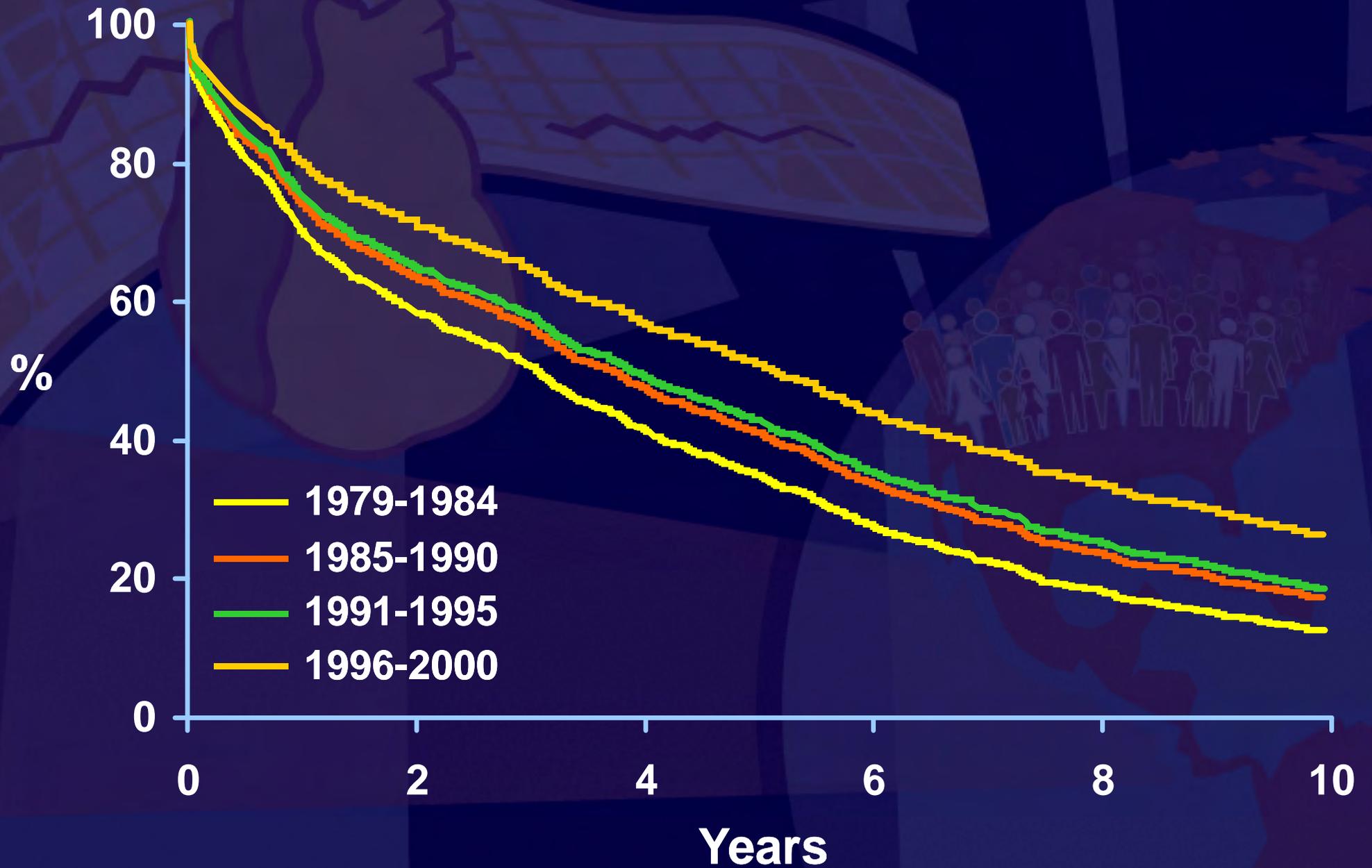


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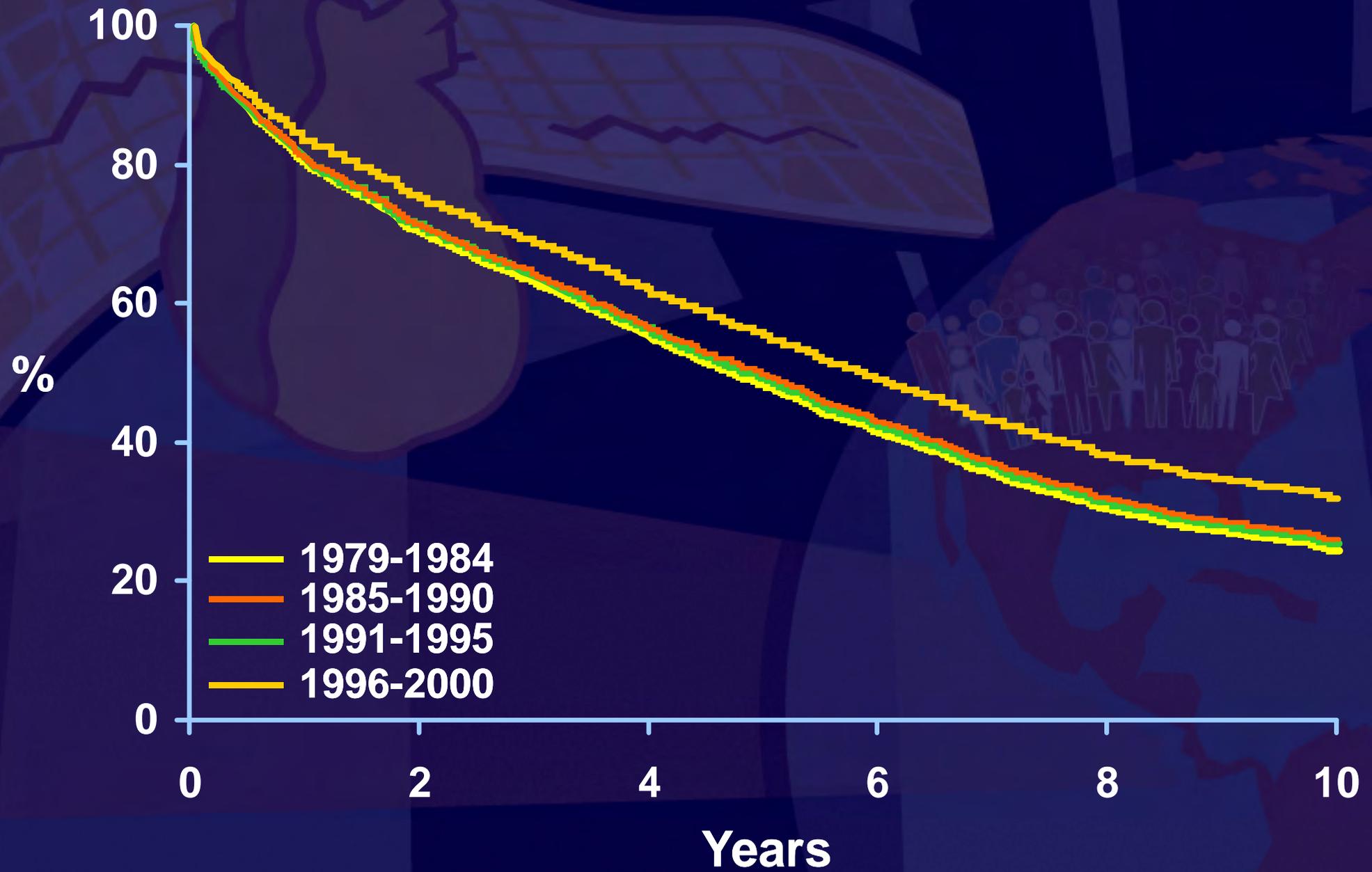
# Temporal Trends in Age-Adjusted Incidence of Heart Failure



# Men



# Women



# Conclusions

Over the past 2 decades, in the community

- **MI trends:** incidence stable and outcomes improving (although not enough)
- **HF trends:** incidence stable and survival improving, leading to more hospital admissions
  - The mortality of heart failure remains quite high, improved less among women and the elderly
- The HF epidemic is fueled largely by hospital admissions
- Coronary disease trends do not fully explain HF trends, work needed to understand determinants of HF in the population
- Adverse trends in obesity, diabetes and hypertension likely play a role and delineate preventive opportunities
- Urgent need for the study of diverse populations

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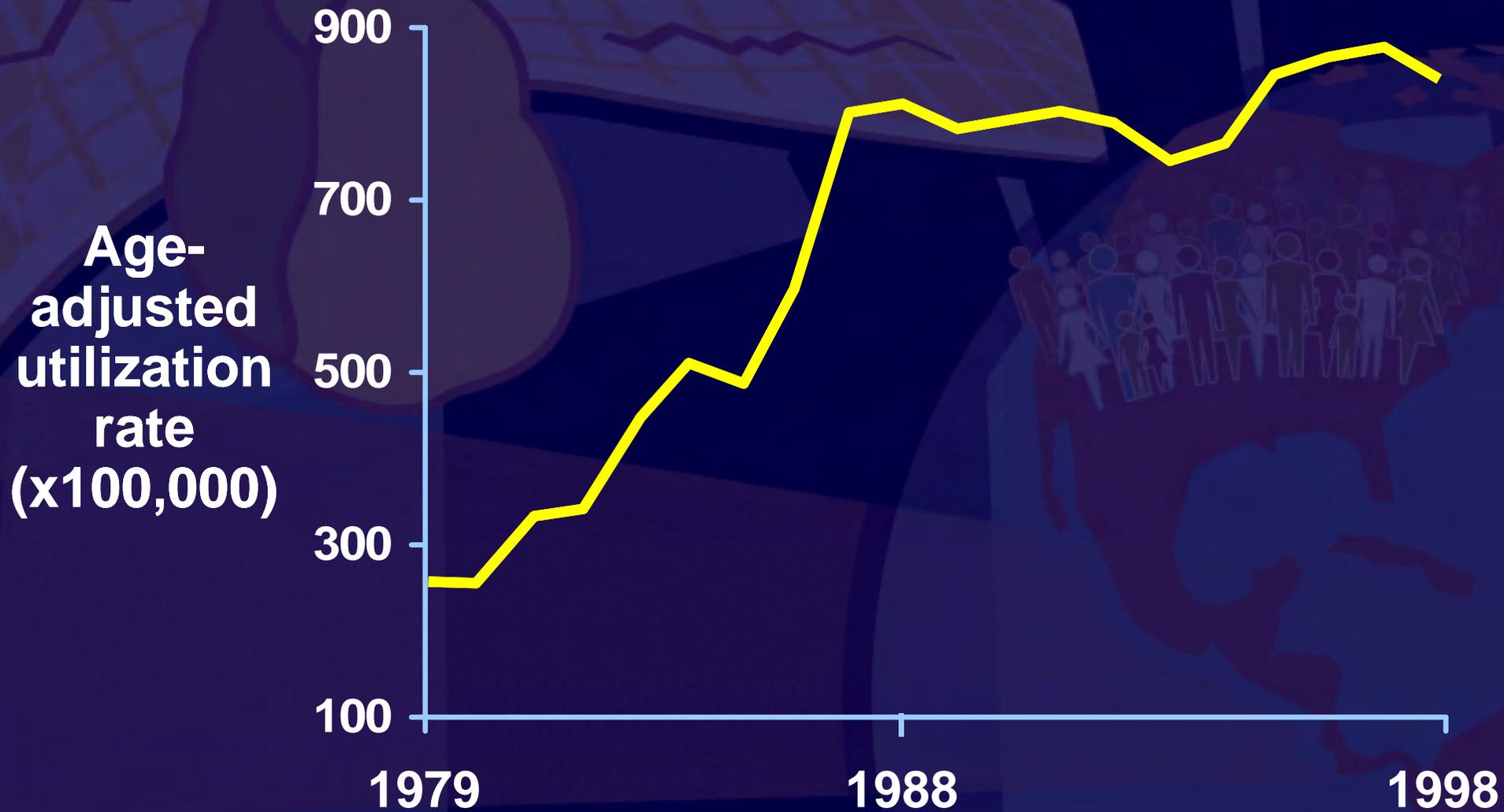
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"The actual overall number of cardiovascular deaths is 60% higher than it was 30 years ago, despite a 60% decline in the age-adjusted death rate," added Australian cardiologist David Kelly of the University of Sydney. Today, "80% of coronary deaths are in the over-65 group," Dr. Kelly said.

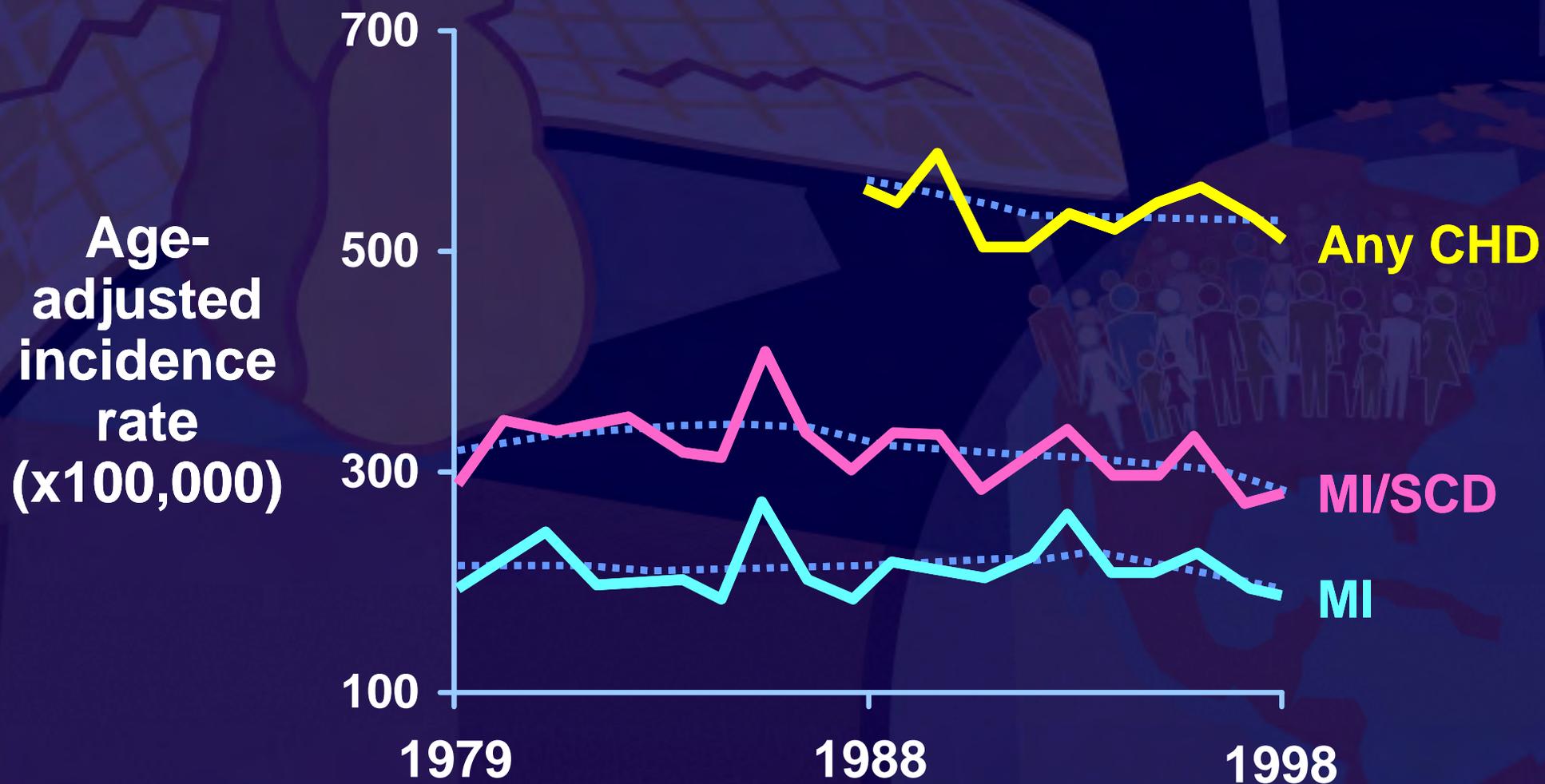
Dr. Kelly said that when the "baby-boom" population begins to move into the over-65 age group, in about 2010, "they'll have a high incidence of coronary heart disease and there's going to be a huge increase in the need for medical care."

Dr. Breslow said the strategy of pointing to successes against heart disease to coax more money for research, "although plausible as a strategy, . . . has backfired." The proportion of funds from the National Institutes of Health going to heart and vascular disease has dropped by 5% to \$669 million since 1985.

# Age-Adjusted Angiography Utilization Rates



# Age-Adjusted Incidence Rates



# Age- and Sex-Specific Relative Risks for Incident CHD

## MI

- 40 years
- 60 years
- 80 years

## MI/SCD

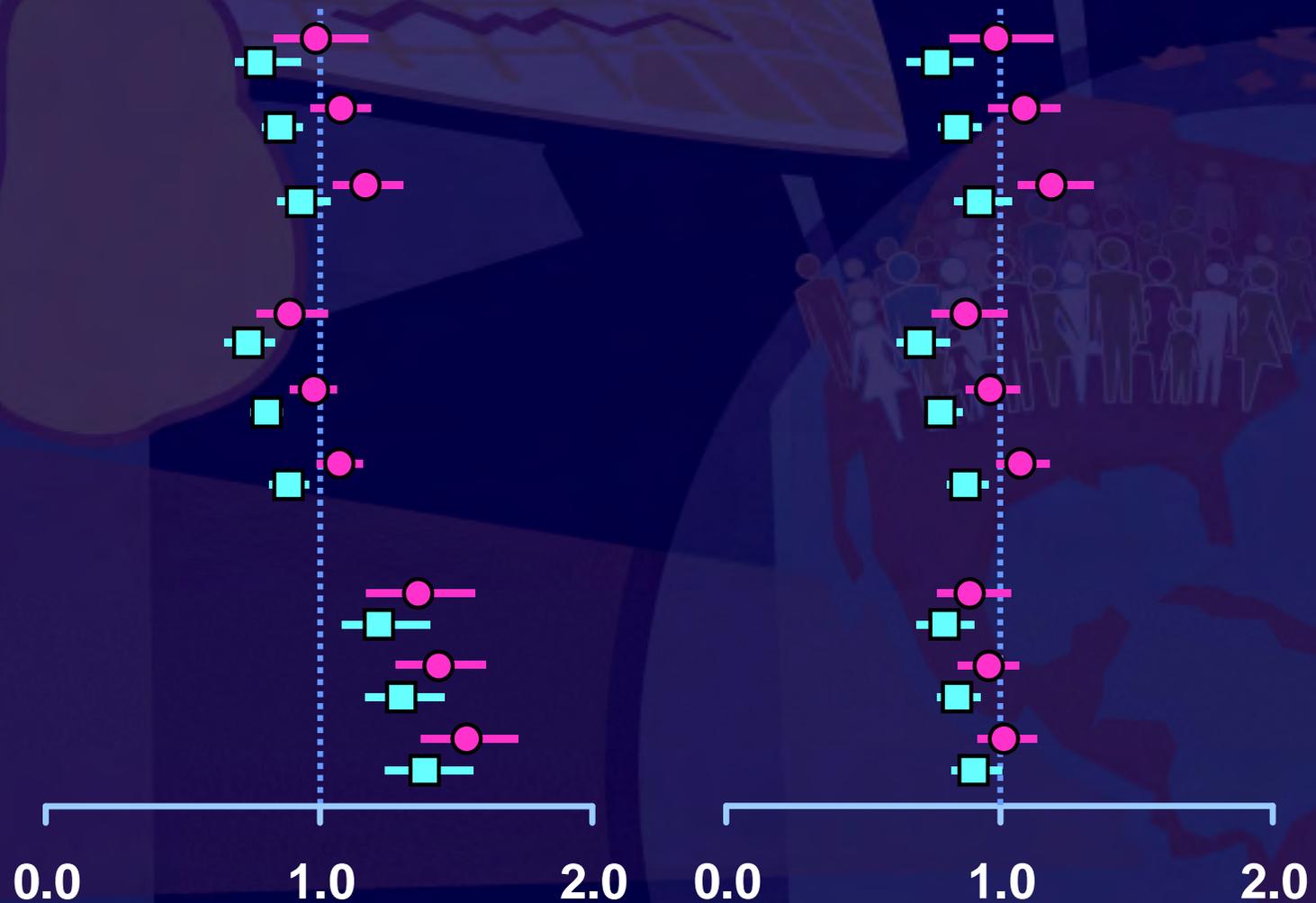
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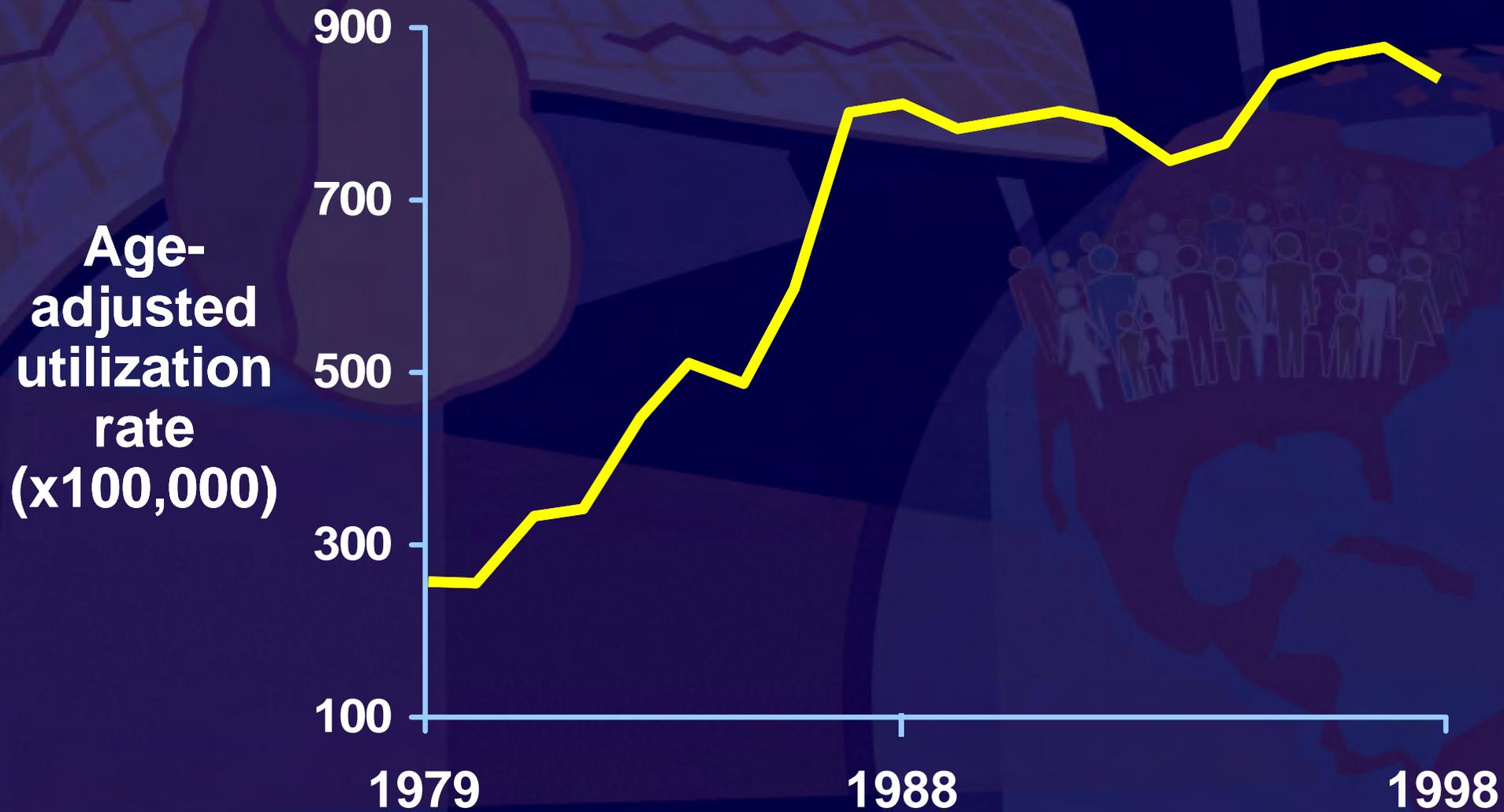
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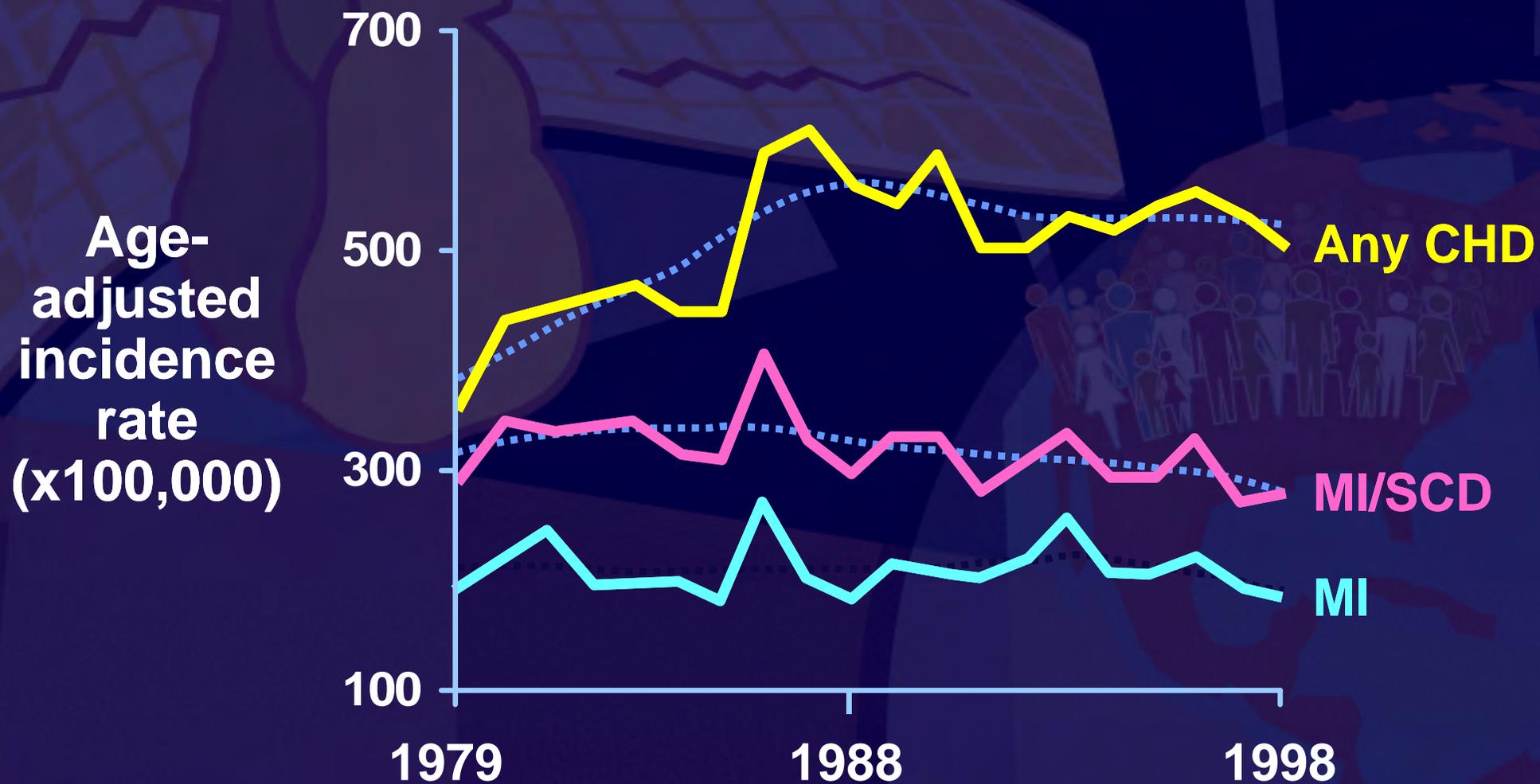
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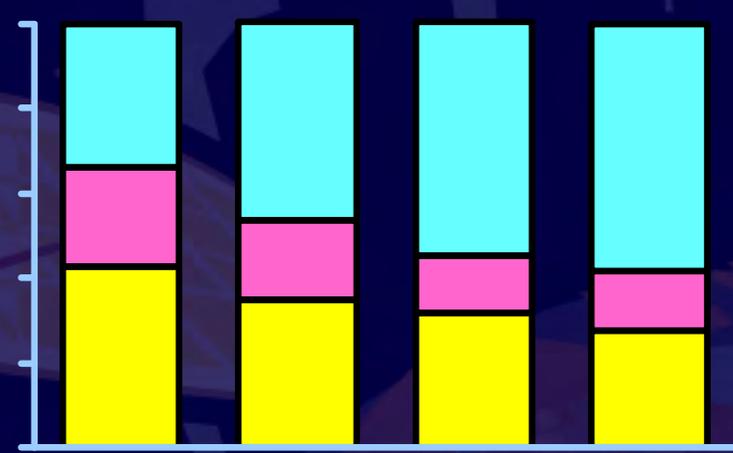
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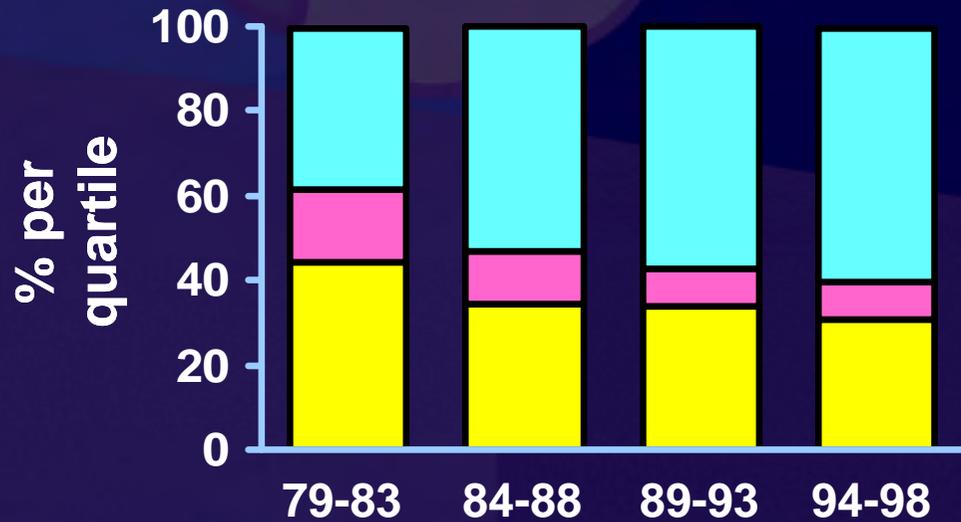
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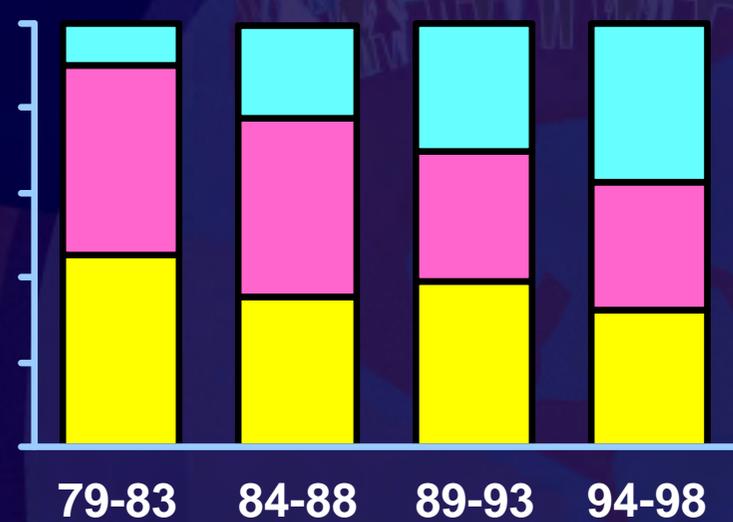
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### Age ≥ 75



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Angiographic coronary disease

# Trends in CV Disease

**Epidemiology:** Occurrence of Dx according to time, place, person

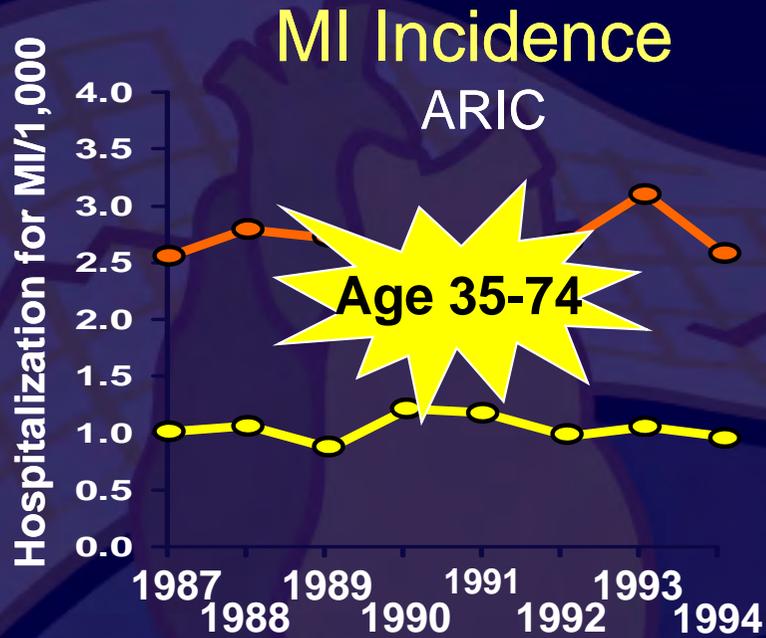
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What components of trends can we measure?

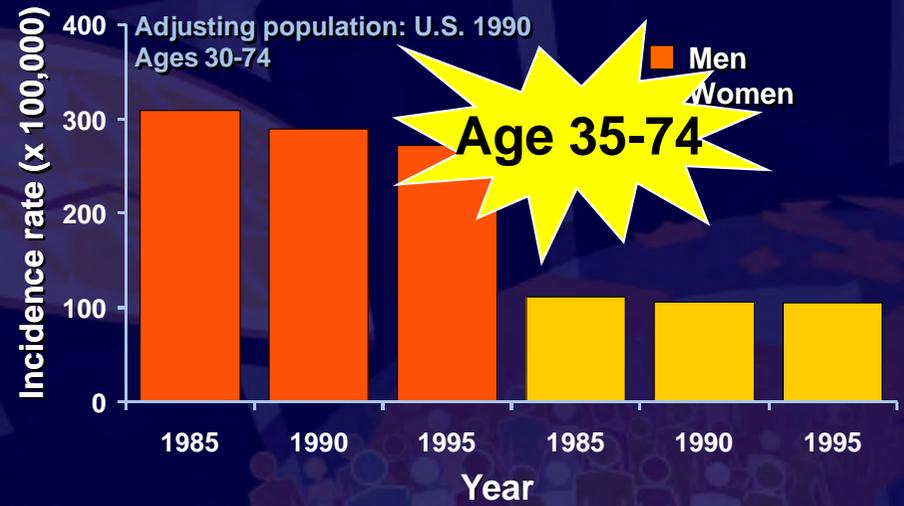
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What period, population or location is of interest and why?



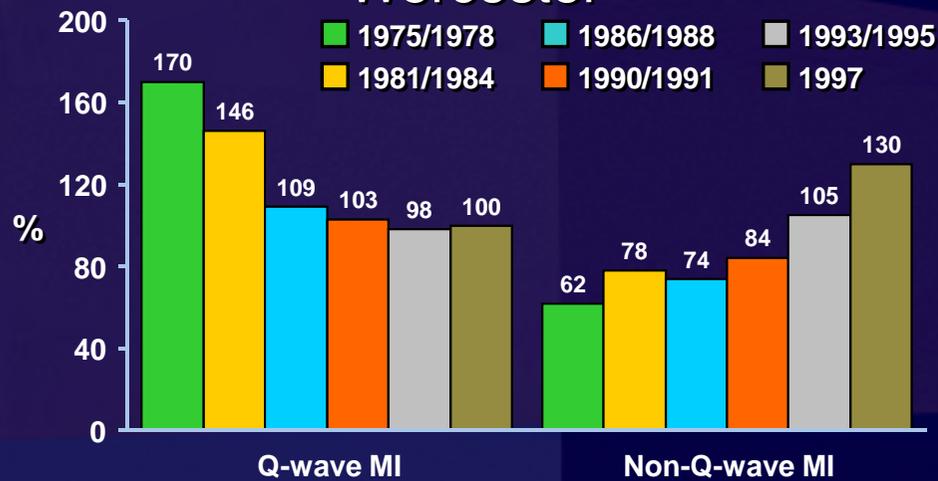
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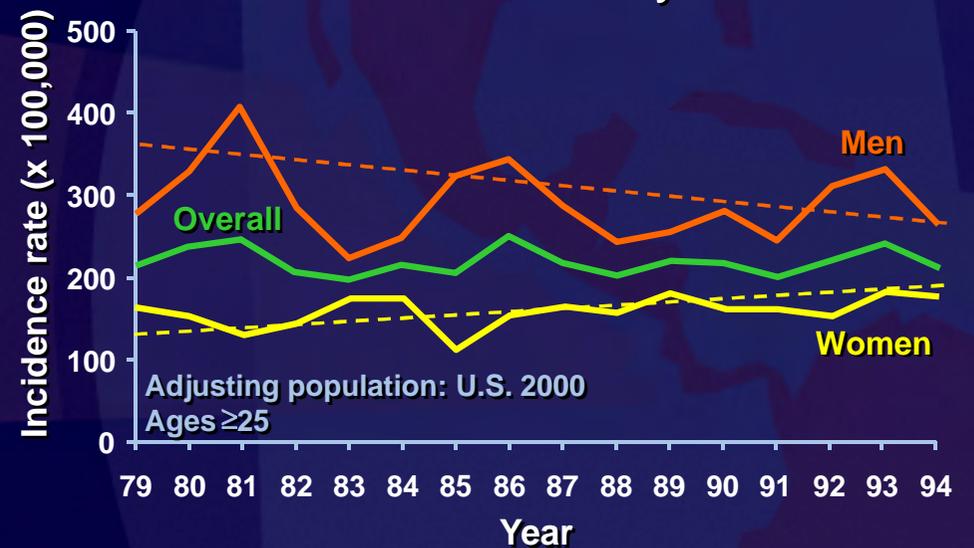
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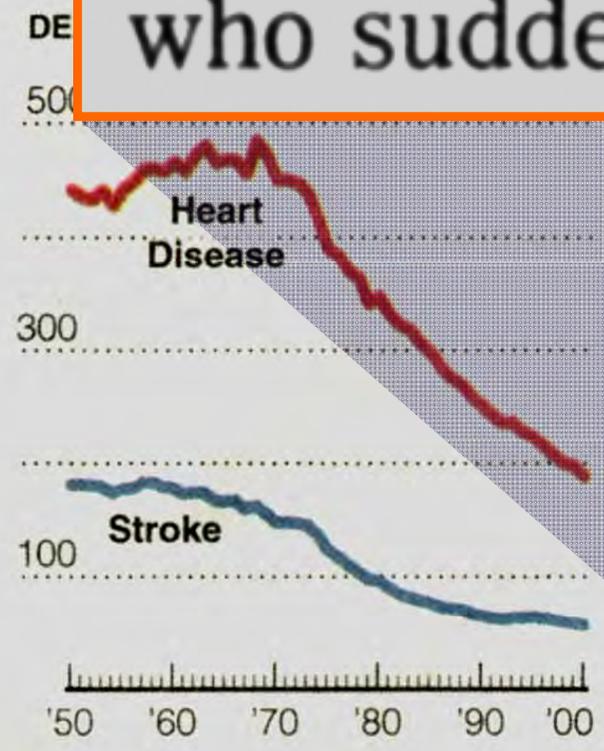
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# Go... Heart Disease...

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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.

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“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

May 2003

# Shift of the burden of MI towards

# MI towards

- Elderly
- Women
- Non Caucasians

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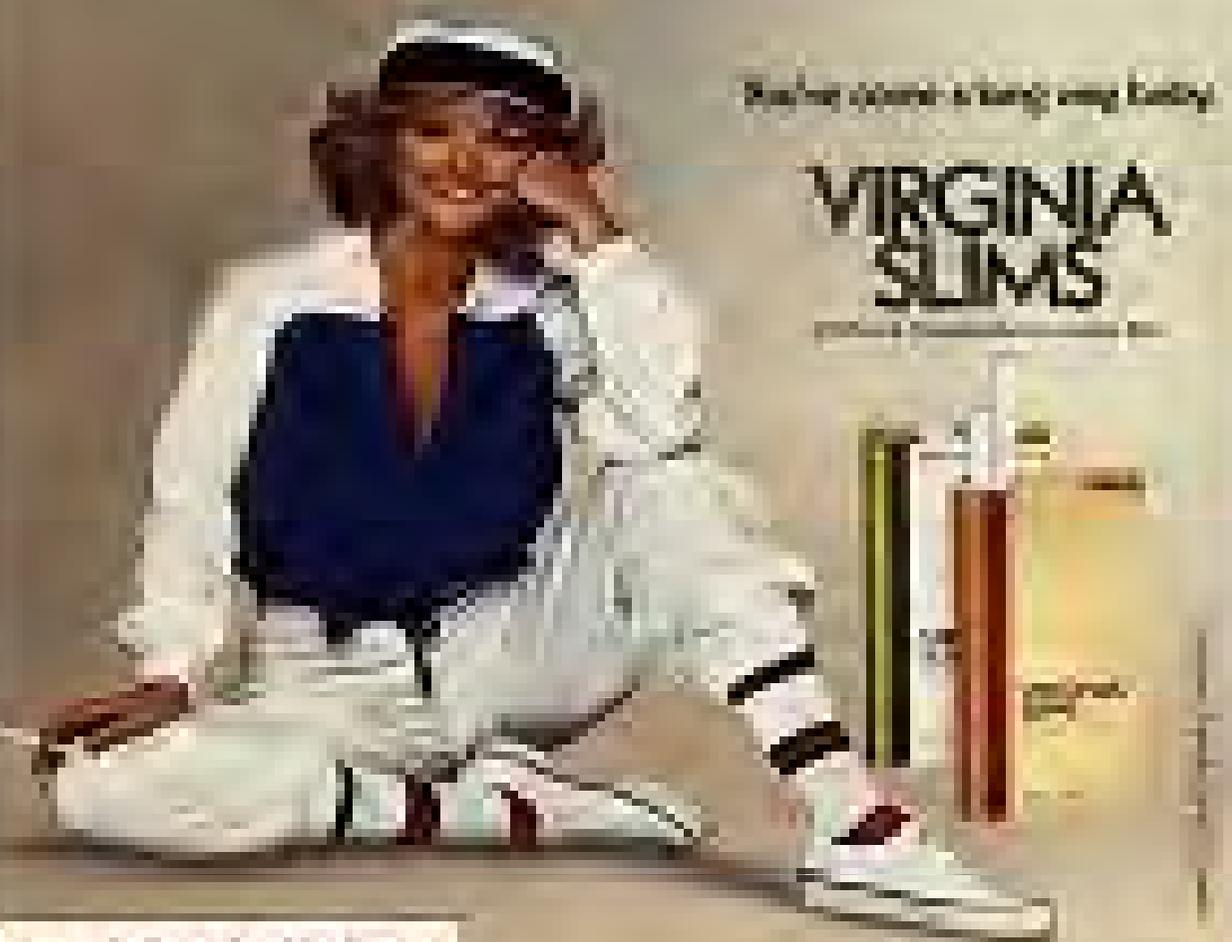


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*Christmas*



Nothing counts as long as you're happy

**VIRGINIA  
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# Gender differences in cardiac care

## The Yentl Syndrome



# OUTRAGEOUS PRACTICE

The Alarming Truth about  
How Medicine Mistreats Women

Leslie Laurence and Beth Wein

Heart disease is the #1 killer  
of women.

No one knows what it's like to be you  
Except us

## WomenHeart

the National Coalition for Women  
with Heart Disease

Heart attacks strike  
nearly 500,000 women  
each year. Almost half  
die from them.

WomenHeart is the only  
national organization founded  
by women with heart disease  
dedicated to reducing death  
and disability among the  
8,000,000 American women  
living with heart disease.

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Fighting Heart Disease and Stroke

# Silent Epidemic



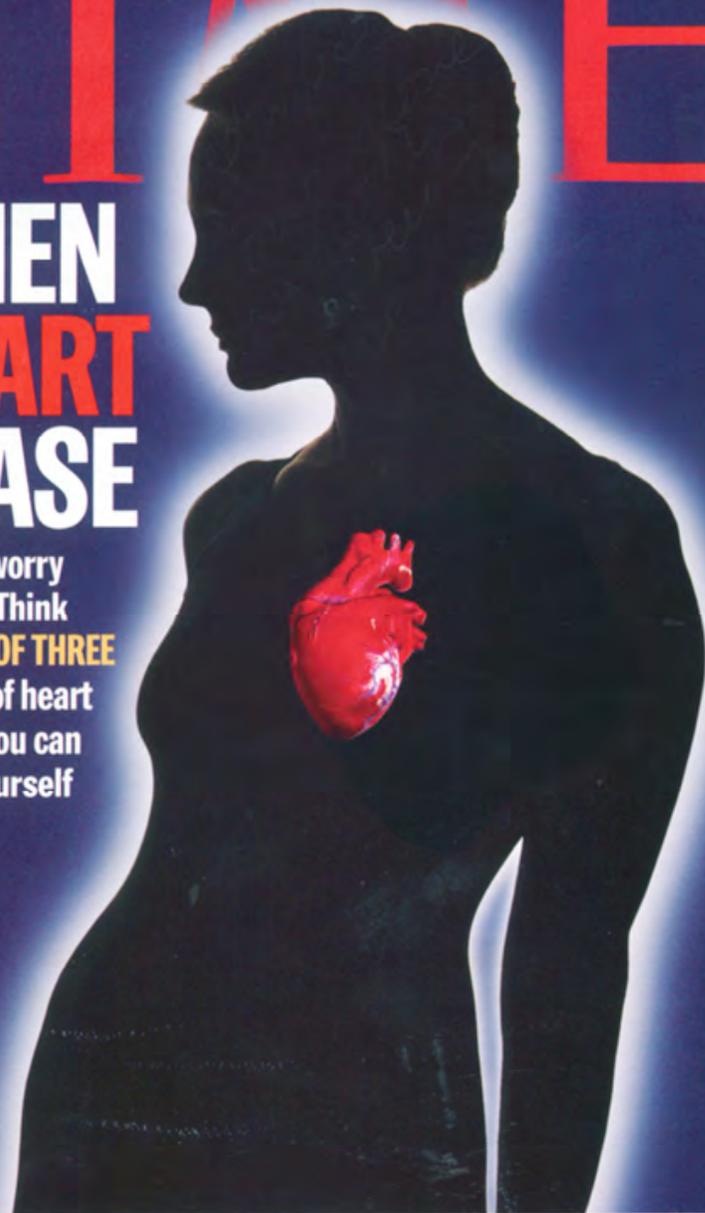
Our guide to fighting heart  
disease and stroke for  
women ages 25 to 44

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# TIME

## WOMEN & HEART DISEASE

Is your biggest worry breast cancer? Think again. **ONE OUT OF THREE** women will die of heart disease. What you can do to protect yourself



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*"If a woman doesn't think she can have heart disease, notes Dr. George Sopko of the NHLBI, she's not going to interpret her symptoms as heart disease – even if her symptoms are the same as a man's."*



# Prevalence of CAD

Regression analysis-1994 vs 79

	OR	95% CI
Age 40	0.43	0.24-0.80
Age 60	0.62	0.45-0.87
Age 80	0.89	0.89-1.23

Am J Med 2001

# Heart failure after MI

- After adjusting for age, hypertension, smoking, peak CK and comorbidity, post-MI HF declined by 2% per year.
- RR of developing HF for MIs occurring in 1994 vs 1979 0.71 (95% CI, 0.54-93), indicates a 29% reduction in post-MI HF.
- Consistent with the decline in MI severity and indicates that the contribution of MI to HF is declining