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National Screening Programme in the Czech Republic:

History:

- **2000: GP prevention: gFOBT in 2y interval from 50 years of age**
- **2006: Registry of preventive colonoscopies (on-line database)**
- **2010: screening colonoscopy from 55 years of age, gynecologists involved**
- **2014: active addressed invitations (population programme), gFOBT → FIT**
- **2020: screening colonoscopy from 50 years of age, COVID-19 pandemic**
- **2022: quality indicators (ADR, total colonoscopies, bowel preparation)**

National Screening Programme in the Czech Republic:

ASYMPTOMATIC PERSON
≥50 YEARS OF AGE

FIT

POSITIVE

COLONOSCOPY

POSITIVE

THER./SURVEIL.

NEGATIVE

NEGATIVE

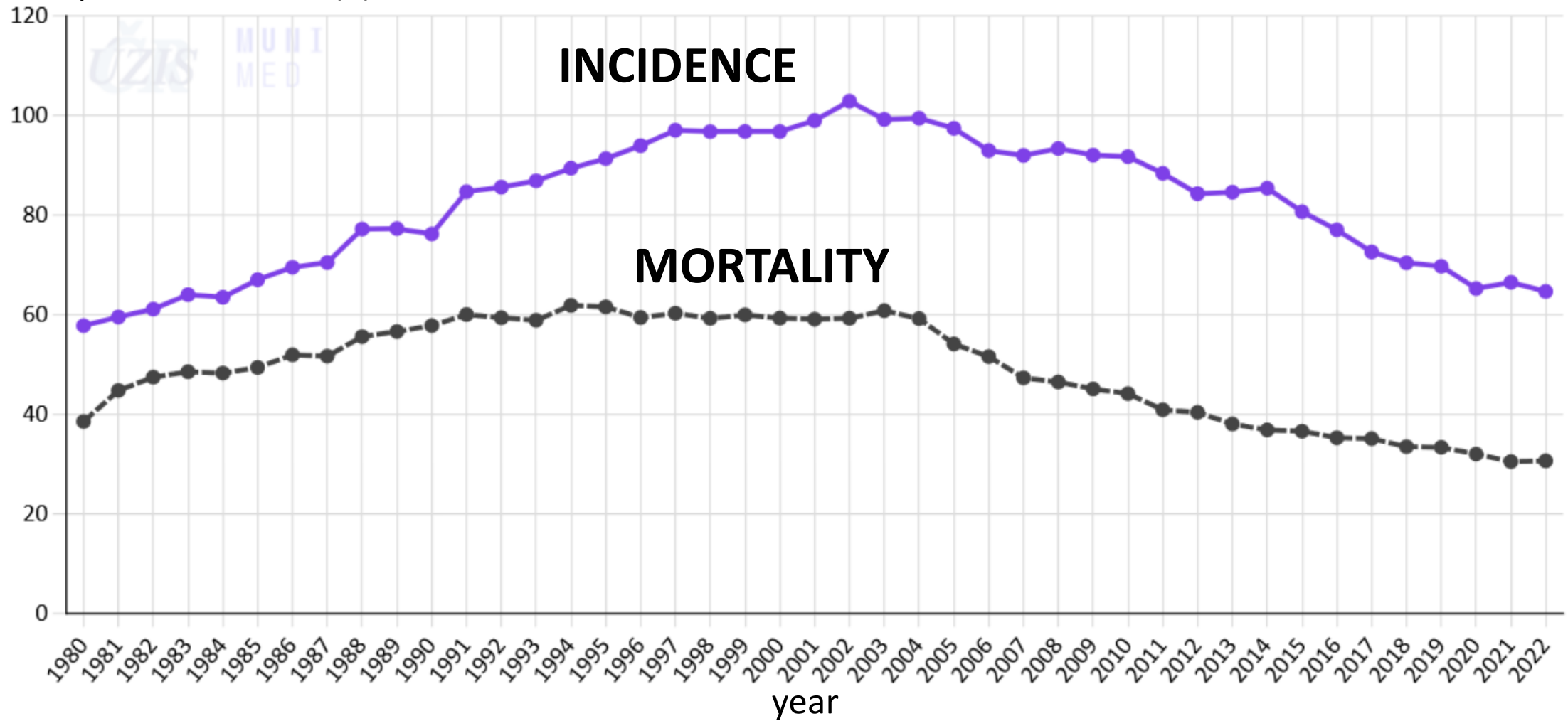
1-2 y

BACK TO SCREENING

10 y

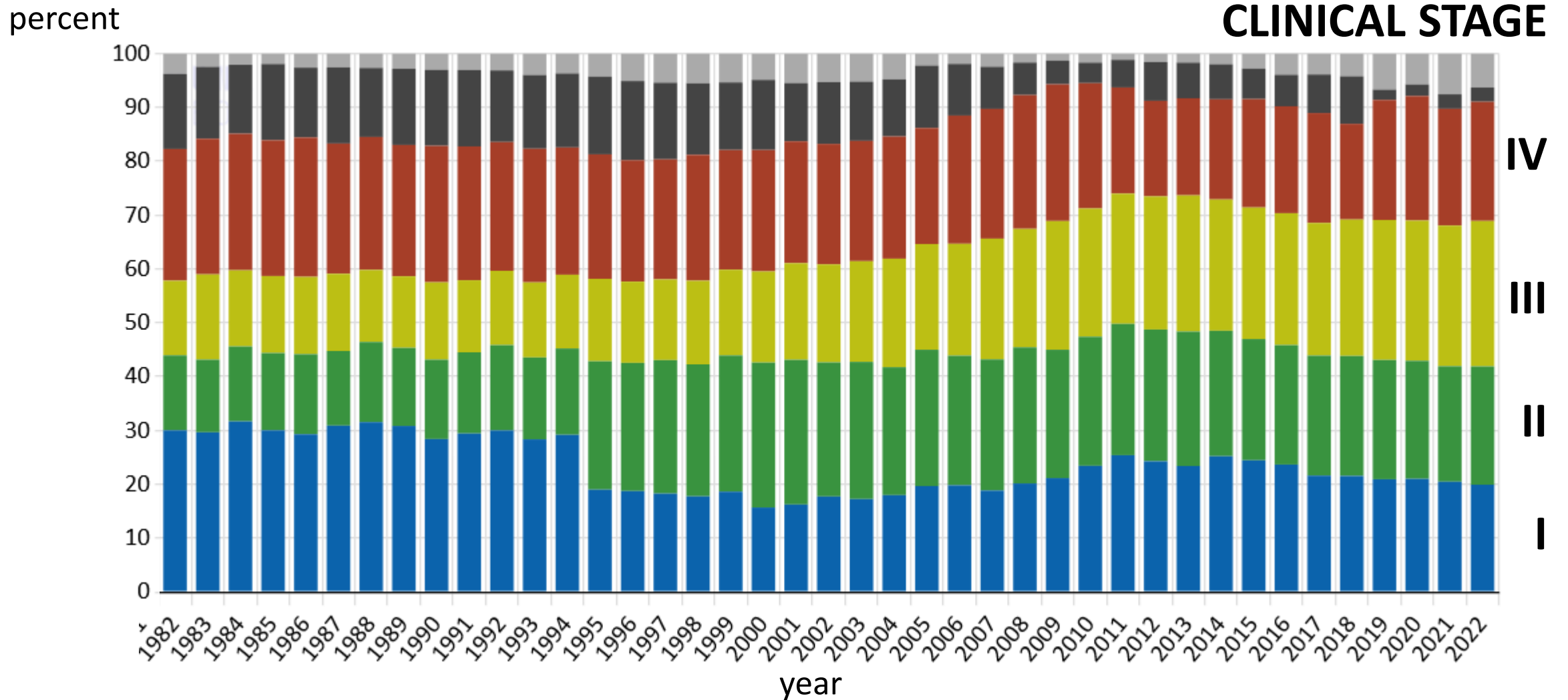
Incidence and mortality for colorectal cancer in the Czech Republic

persons per 100.000 ASR(E) 2013



Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic.

Clinical stages of colorectal cancer in the Czech Republic



Screening as a Holy Grail?

JAMA Internal Medicine | Original Investigation

Estimated Lifetime Gained With Cancer Screening Tests A Meta-Analysis of Randomized Clinical Trials

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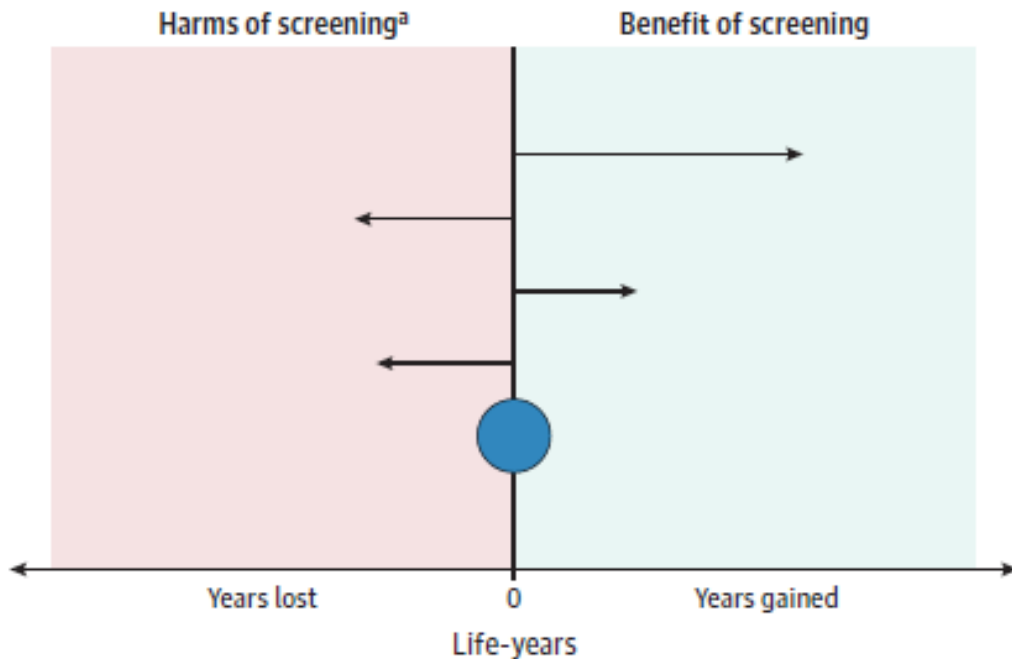
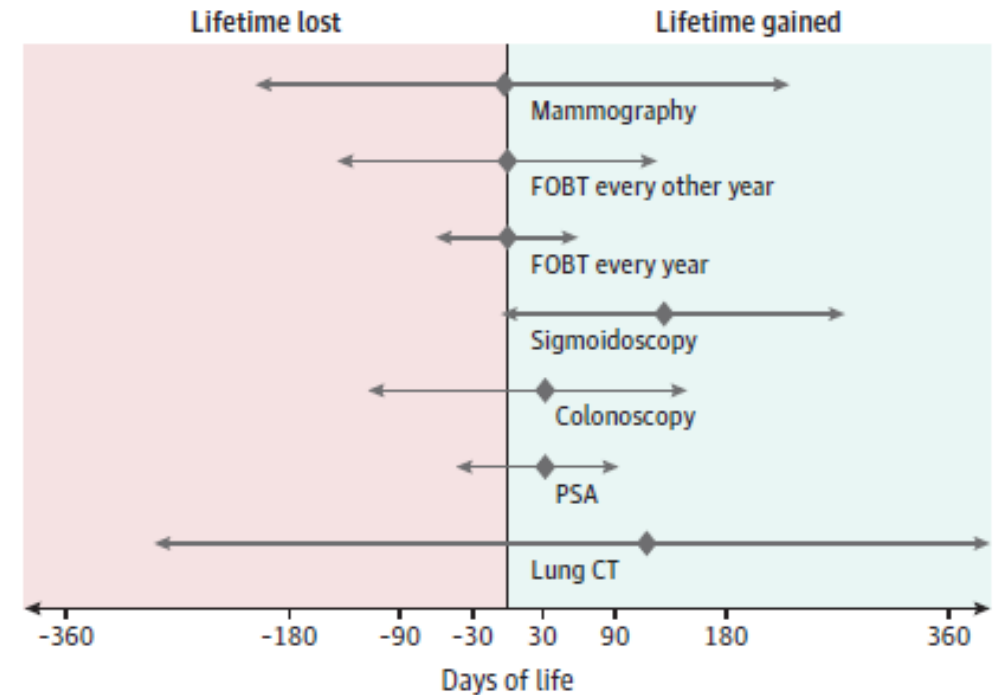


Figure 2. Lifetime Gained With Commonly Used Cancer Screening Tests

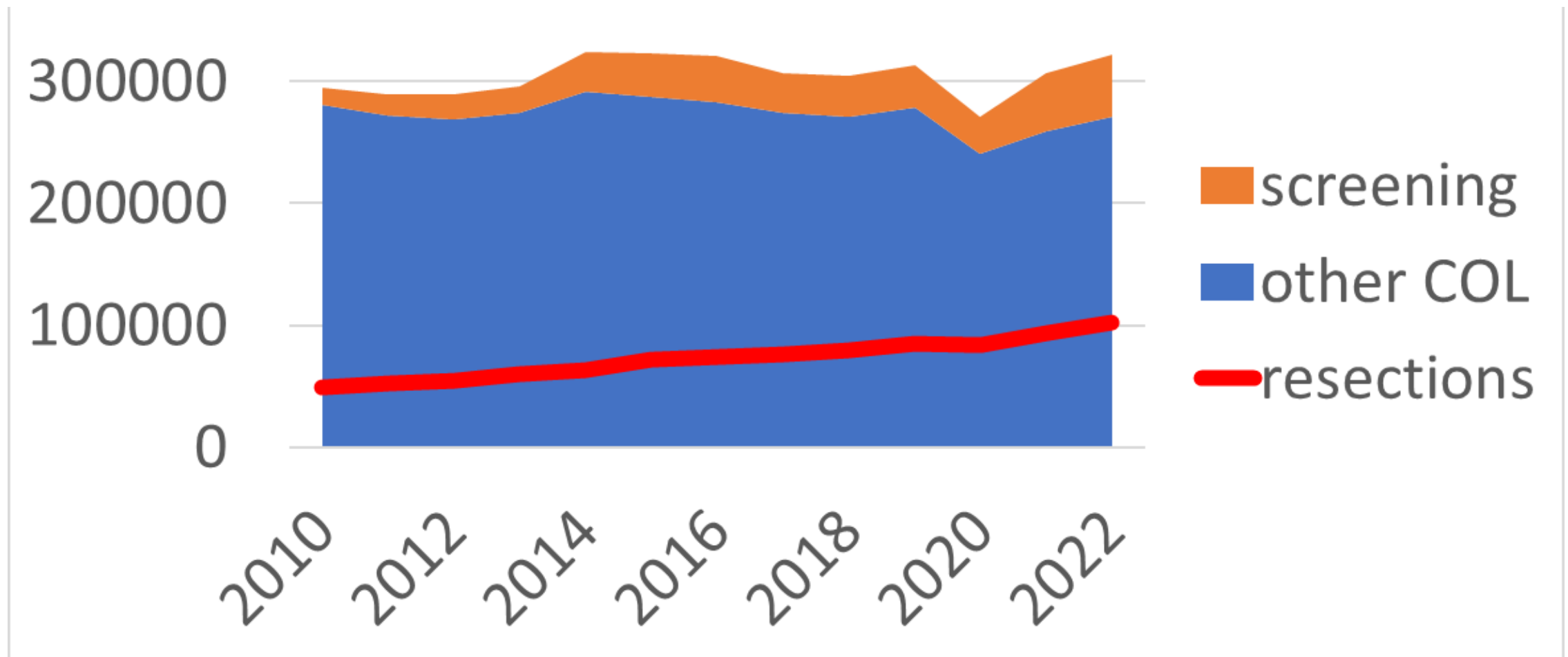


The diamonds indicate point estimates of life days gained or lost for each screening test. Left and right arrows indicate 95% CIs. CT indicates computed tomography; FOBT, fecal occult blood testing; and PSA, prostate-specific antigen.

Michael Bretthauer et al. JAMA Intern Med 2023;183:1196-1203.

Capacity „ceiling“ for screening

Lower endoscopies in the Czech Republic:



Correct indication:

Appropriate indications for diagnostic colonoscopy

Evaluation of **unexplained GI bleeding** (hematochezia, melena, **FOBT**)

Unexplained iron deficiency **anaemia**

Screening for colorectal neoplasia at recommended intervals

Surveillance for CR neoplasia at recommended intervals

Assessment of **IBD activity**

Clinically significant unexplained **diarrhea**

Evaluation of **abnormal colorectal imaging**

Colonoscopy follow-up

Colorectal adenoma:

NEEDS FOLLOW-UP	adenoma
size	≥ 10 mm
number	≥ 5
dysplasia	high grade

3 YEARS

5 YEARS

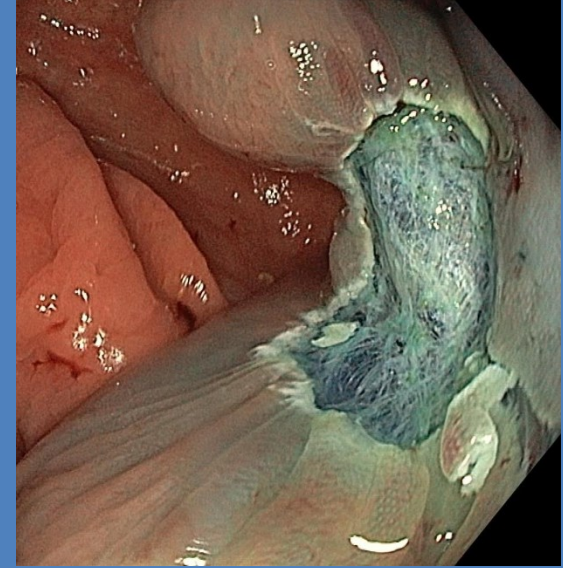
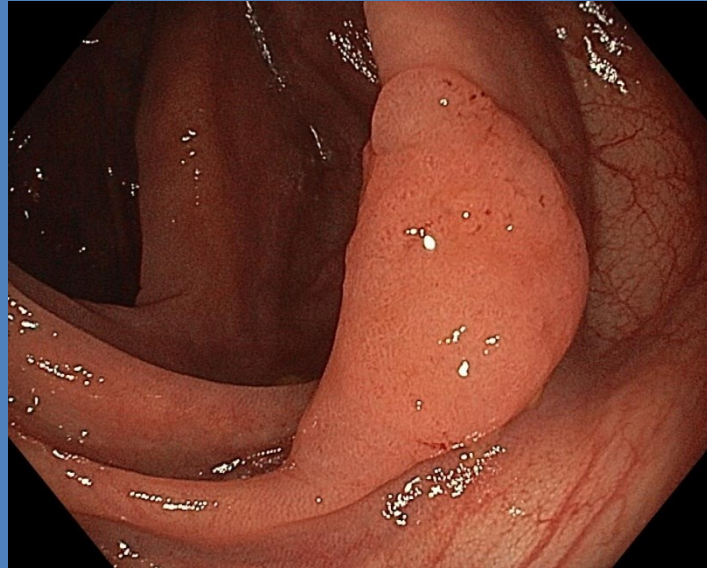
10 YEARS

NO!
iFOBT

...while the benefit lasts: < 75-80 years of age, > 10 years of life expectancy

„Favouritism“ to persons already „stuck in the system“:

60 years of age

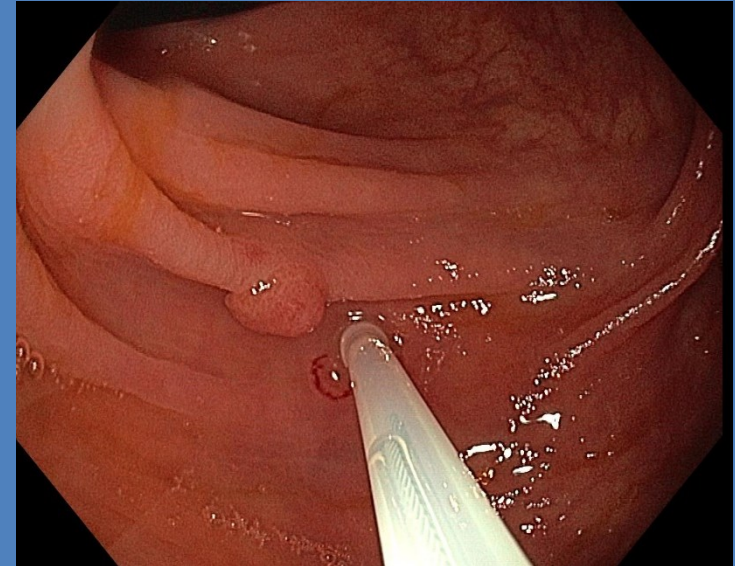


„Favouritism“ to persons already „stuck in the system“:

60 years of age

→ 3 years F-U

→ 5 years F-U



„Favouritism“ to persons already „stuck in the system“:

F-UP IN 68 + 10 = **78 years?**

COMORBIDITIES? LIFE EXPECTANCY?

RISKS?

HAS THE SCREENING PROGRAMME FULFILLED ITS ROLE?

RESTRICTED
ACCESS

FIRST SCREENING COLONOSCOPY

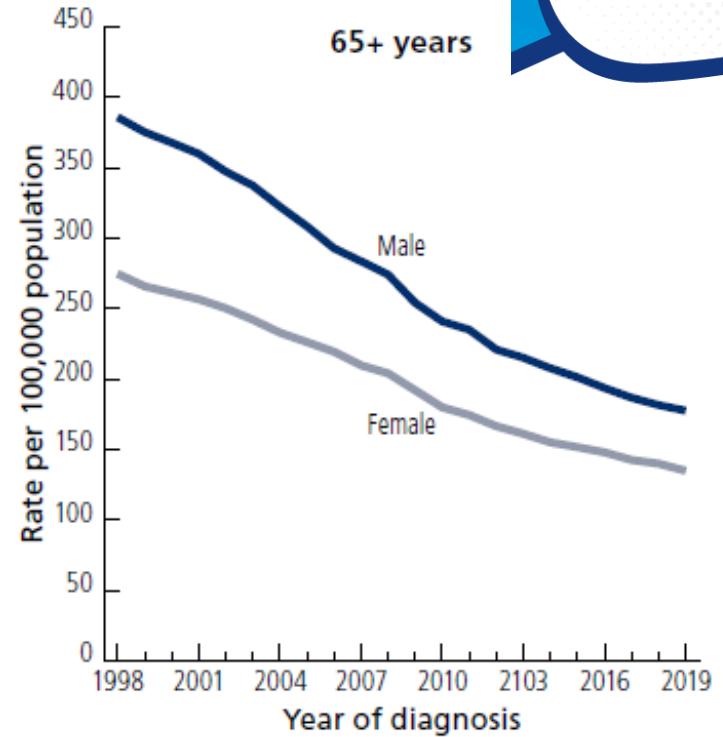
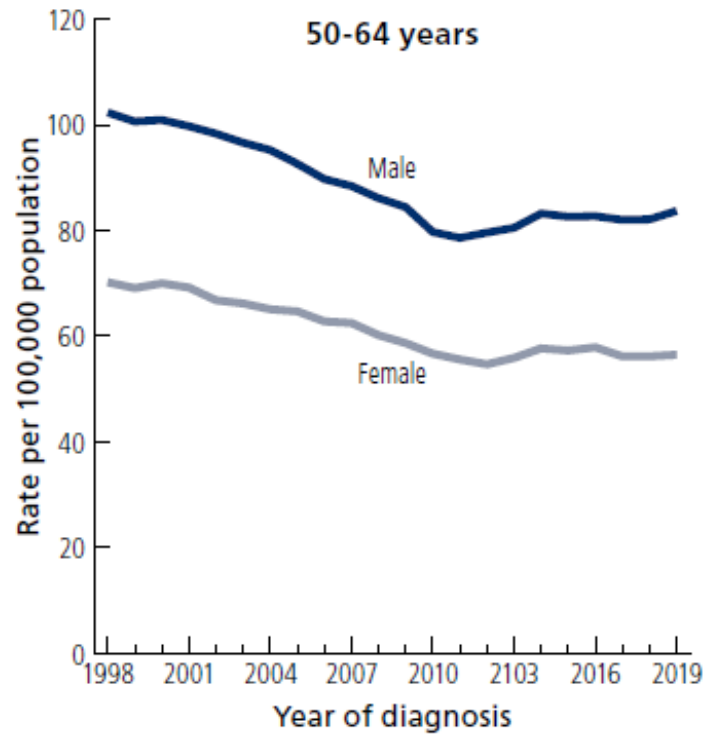
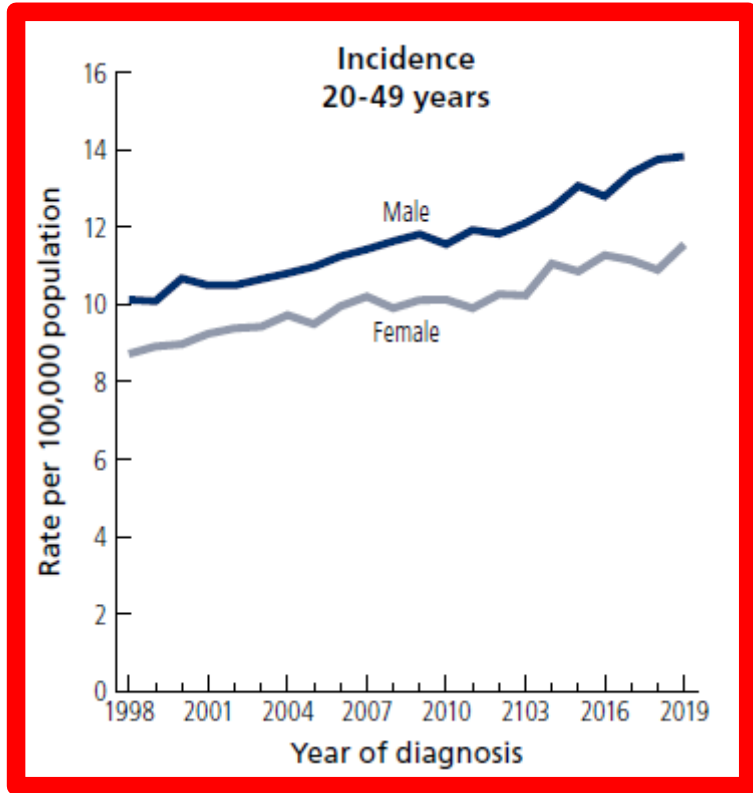
ASYMPTOMATIC PERSON OF 50 (45?) YEARS OF AGE

OPEN
ACCESS

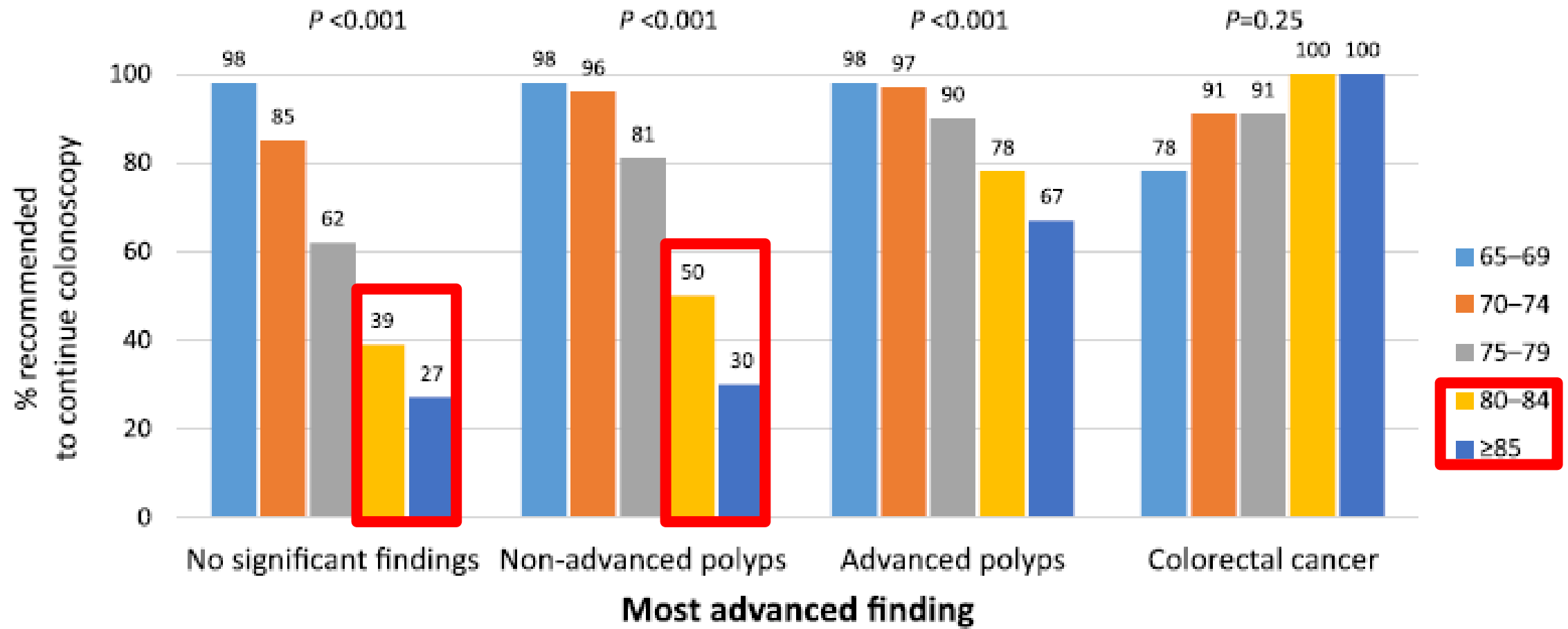
„45 is the new 50 for colonoscopies“



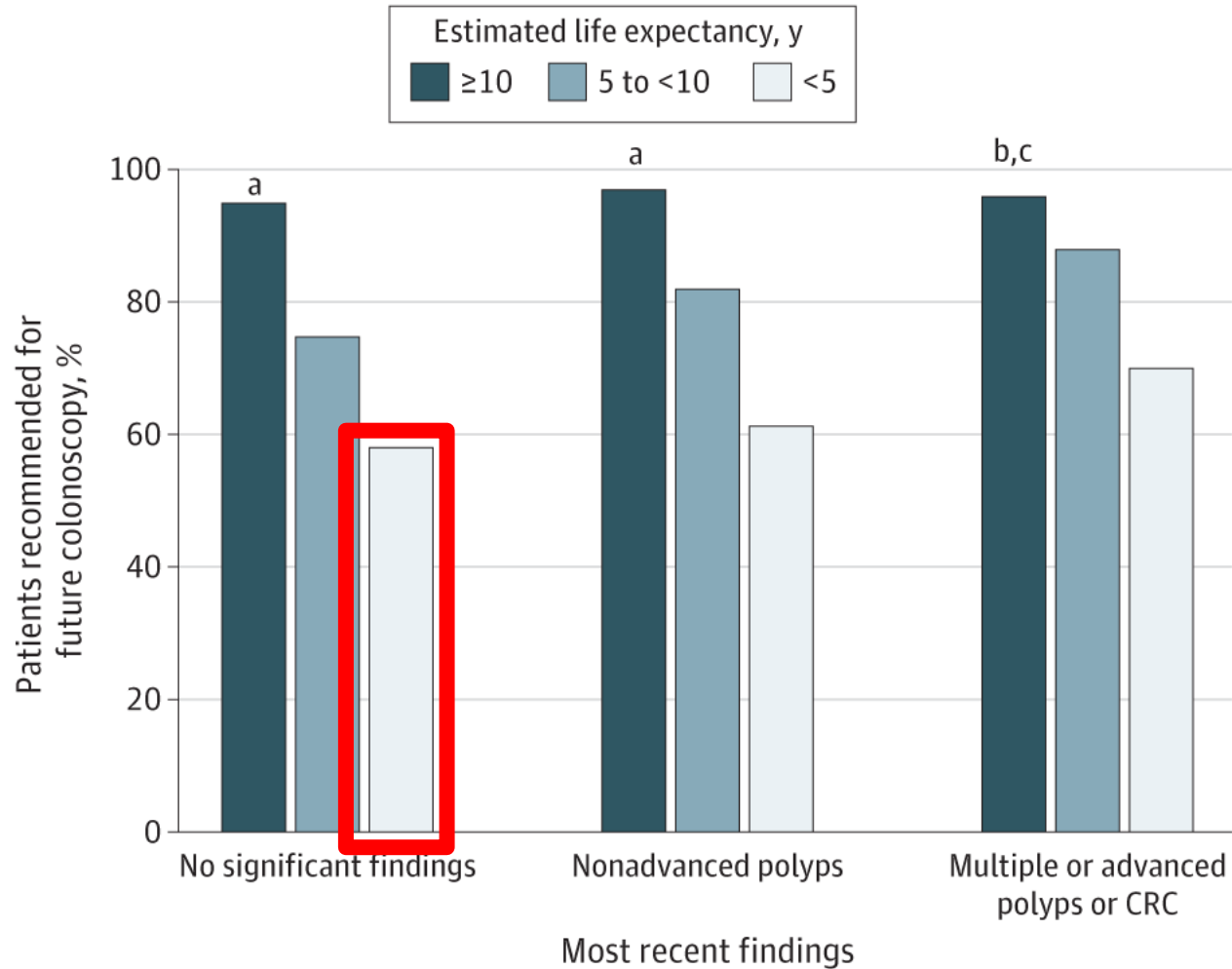
Trends in colorectal cancer incidence in US:



Colonoscopy and age



Colonoscopy and life expectancy



Conclusions 1/2:

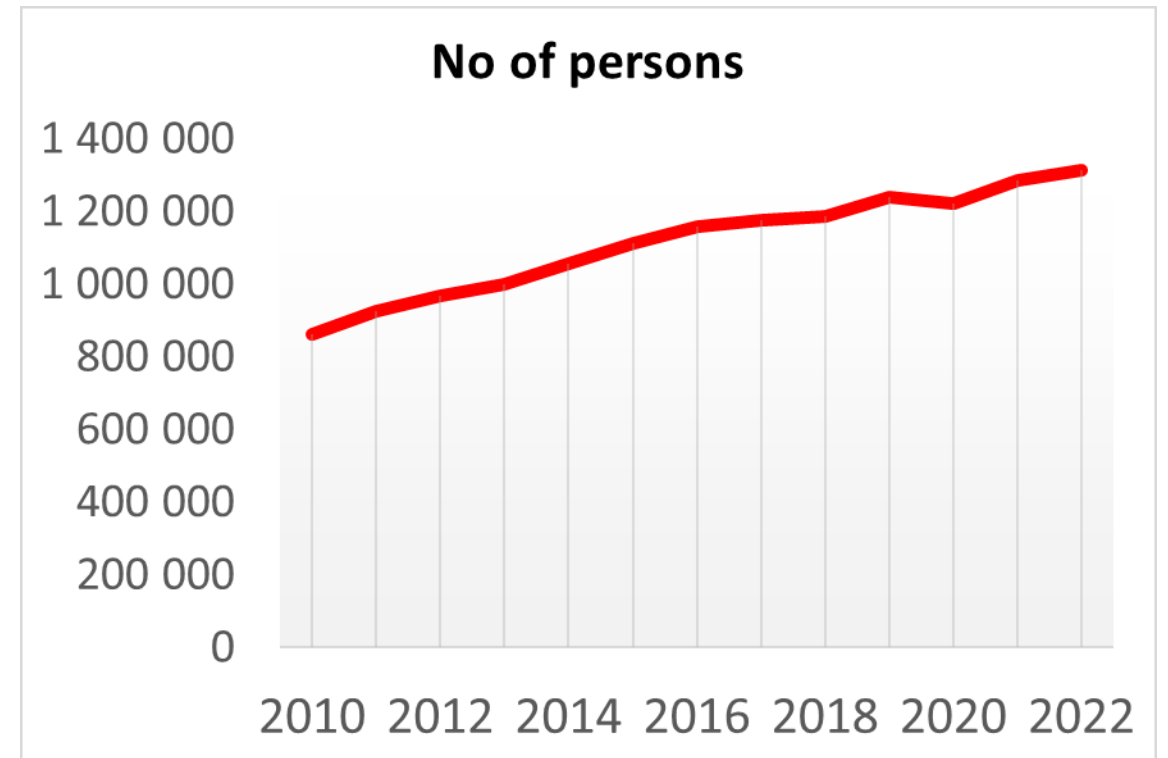
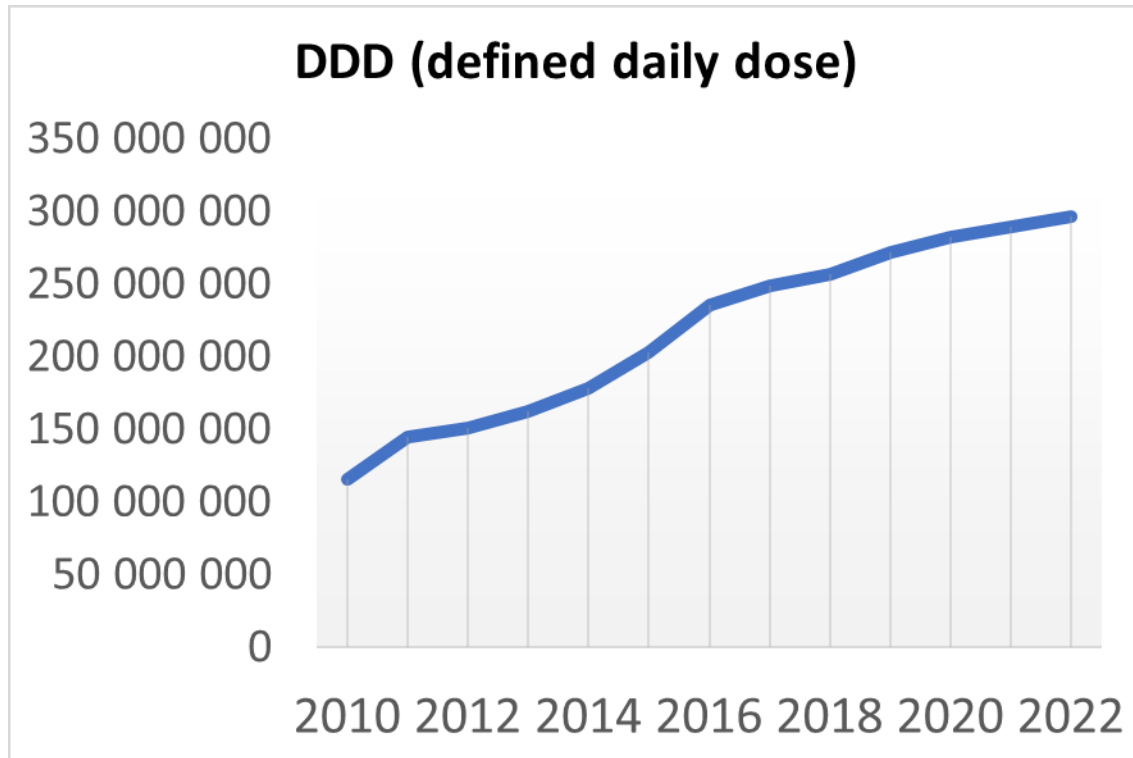
- **reduction of the morbidity and mortality of colorectal cancer** is the only goal of the screening programme
- **the capacity** of colonoscopy screening **is limited**
- **the proper indication** for colonoscopy is key
- ...including **proper screening intervals**
- colonoscopy screening **can be harmful**
- **quality** is more than quantity

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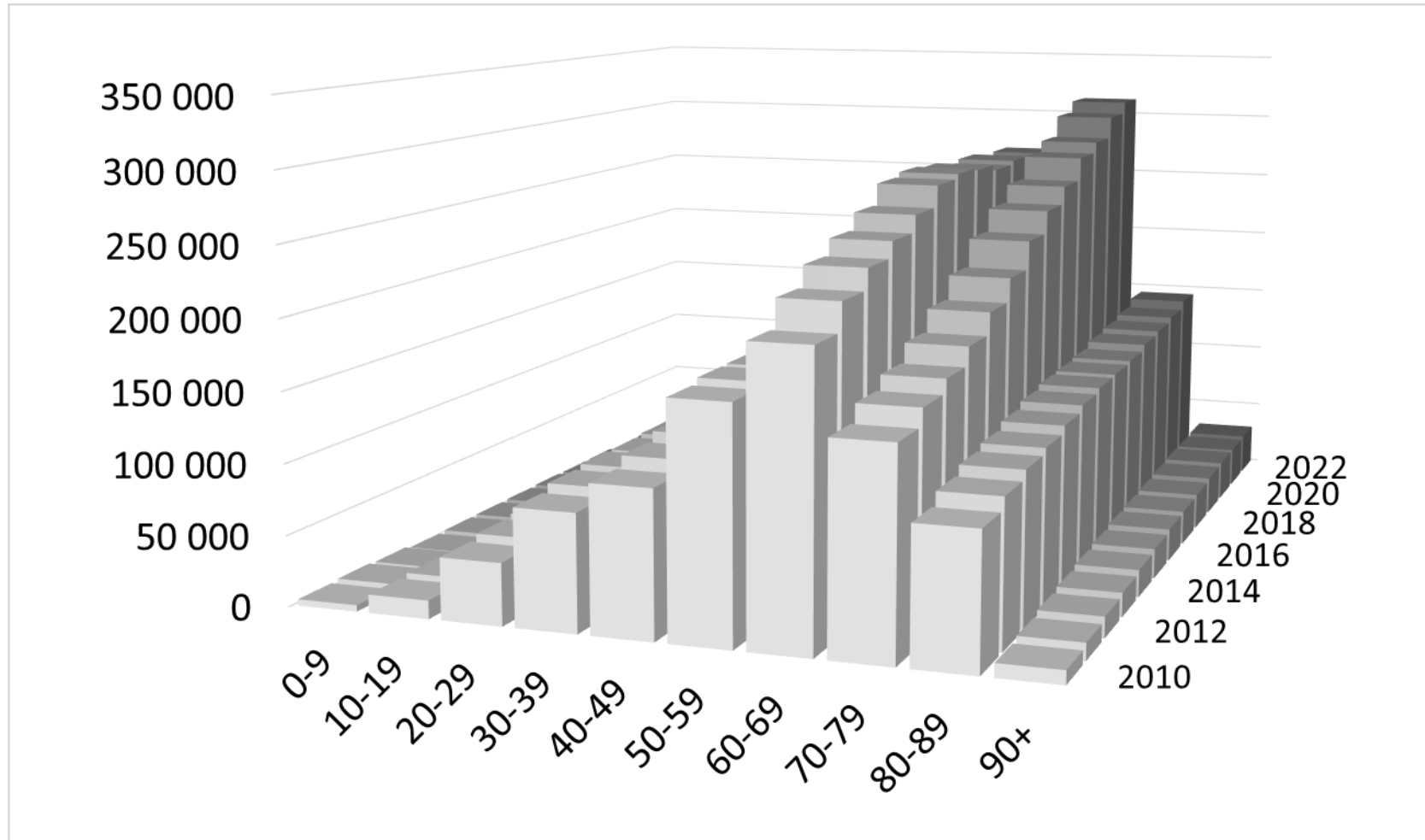
1. Colorectal cancer screening programme – limits?
2. **Proton pump inhibitors overprescription and deprescribing**

Proton pump inhibitors prescription in the Czech Republic

- **> 300 million DDD of antisecretory drugs yearly (99% PPIs)**
- **12% of the overall population treated by PPIs**



Proton pump inhibitors and seniors in the Czech Republic



PPIs were prescribed to **29% of senior population** (≥ 65 years of age; 2022).

PPI deprescribing at glance:

WHY IS PATIENT TAKING A PPI LONG TERM?

DEFINITELY INDICATED:

- *GERD COMPLICATIONS*
- *EoESOPHAGITIS*
- *BLEEDING PROPHYLAXIS*

CONTINUE

RELATIVELY INDICATED:

- *UNCOMPLICATED GERD*
- *PPI RESPONSIVE Sx*

REDUCE

**TEMPORARILY,
IF INDICATED**

STOP

PPI deprescribing at glance:

WHY IS PATIENT TAKING A PPI LONG TERM?

DEFINITELY INDICATED:

- *GERD COMPLICATIONS:* *Barrett's esophagus, stenosis, ulcer*
- *EoESOPHAGITIS:* *when PPIs induce histological remission*
- *BLEEDING PROPHYLAXIS* *GASTROPROTECTION*

CONTINUE

PPI deprescribing at glance:

WHY IS PATIENT

TUNA²

at least 2 factors

M?

DEFINITELY INDICATED:

- GERD COMPLICATIONS
- EoESOPHAGITIS
- BLEEDING PROPHYLAXIS

CONTINUE

T

thienopyridines

U

ulcer history

N

NSAID

A

aspirin

A

anticoagulation

**H.p.
test &
treat**

+ consider: age & comorbidities

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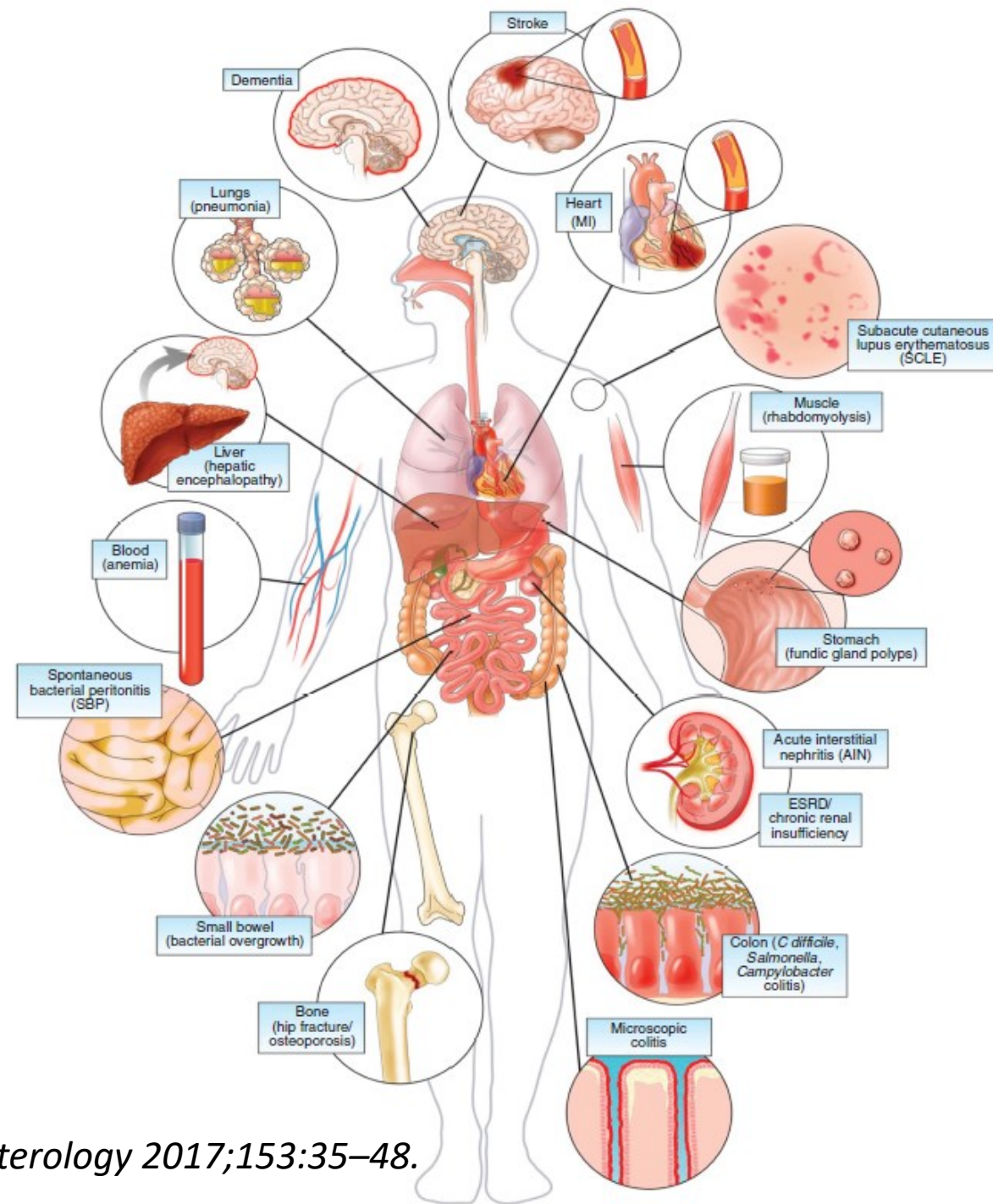
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PPI complications?

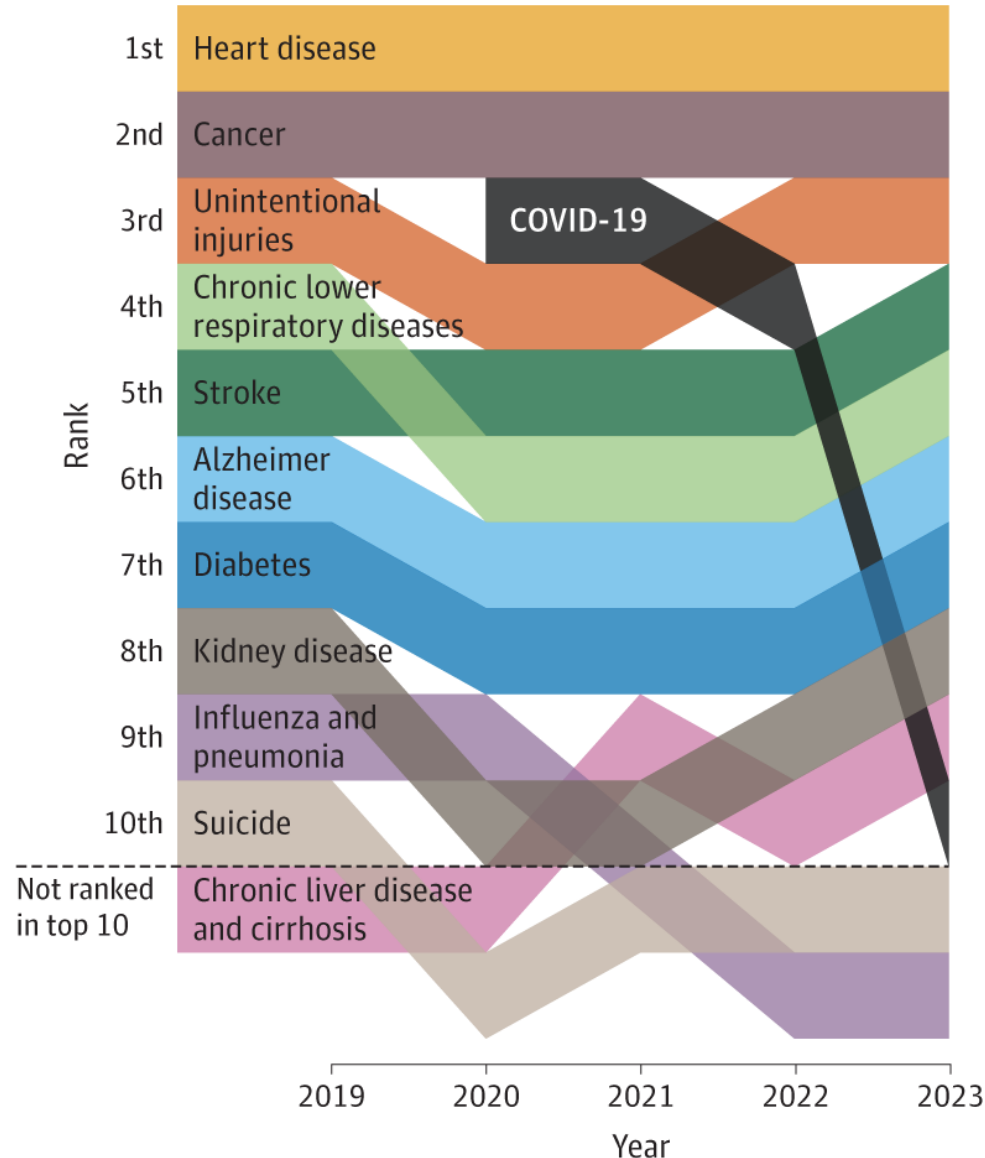
Adverse event	Effect size (95% CI)
Enteral infection	OR 2.55 (1.53–4.26)
Community-acquired pneumonia	OR 1.49 (1.16–1.92)
Clostridium difficile-associated diarrhea	OR 1.26 (1.12–1.29)
Hip fracture	OR 1.26 (1.16–1.36)
Dementia	HR 1.44 (1.36–1.52)
Vitamin B12 deficiency	HR 1.83 (1.36–2.46)
Chronic renal failure	RR 1.36 (1.07–1.72)
Myocardial infarction	OR 1.16 (1.09–1.24)



Targovnik L. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2018;113:519–528.

Vaezi M. *Complications of proton pump inhibitor therapy. Gastroenterology* 2017;153:35–48.

Liver cirrhosis ranks among the top 10 causes of death:



BAVENO VII:

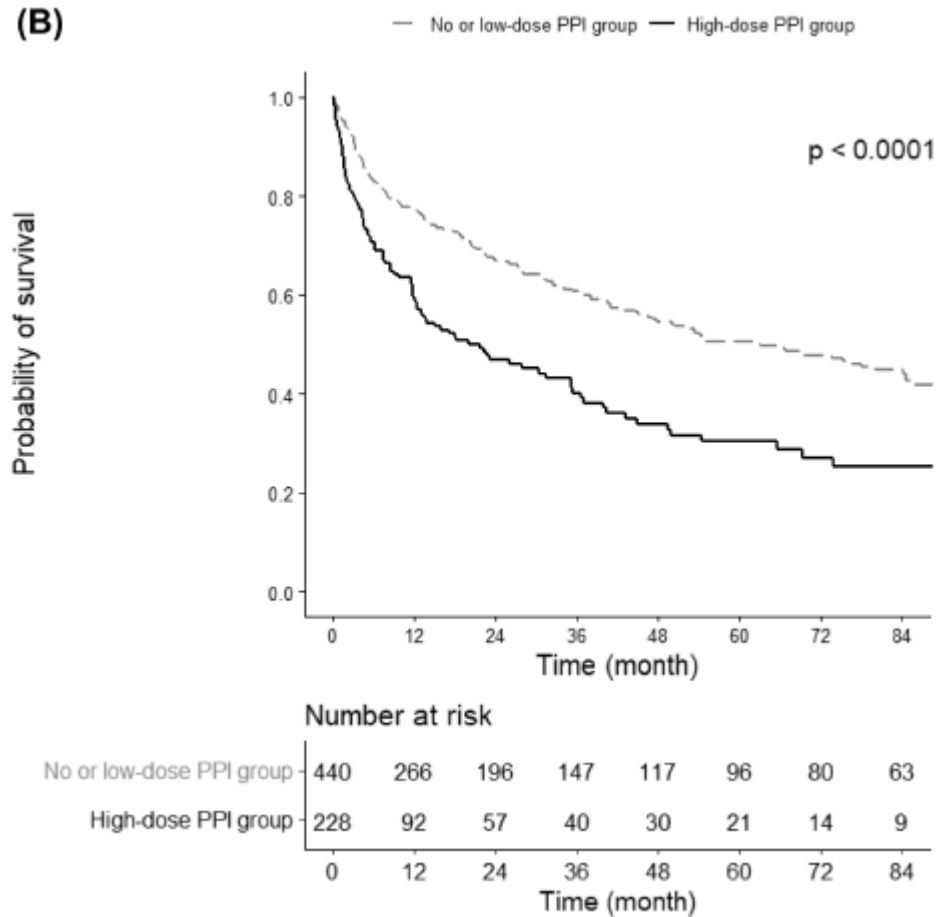
6. Acute variceal bleeding

6.12 Proton pump inhibitors, when started before endoscopy, should be stopped immediately after the procedure unless there is a strict indication to continue them. (D.2)

Ahmad FB. JAMA 2024;332:957-958.

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PPIs and hepatic cirrhosis:

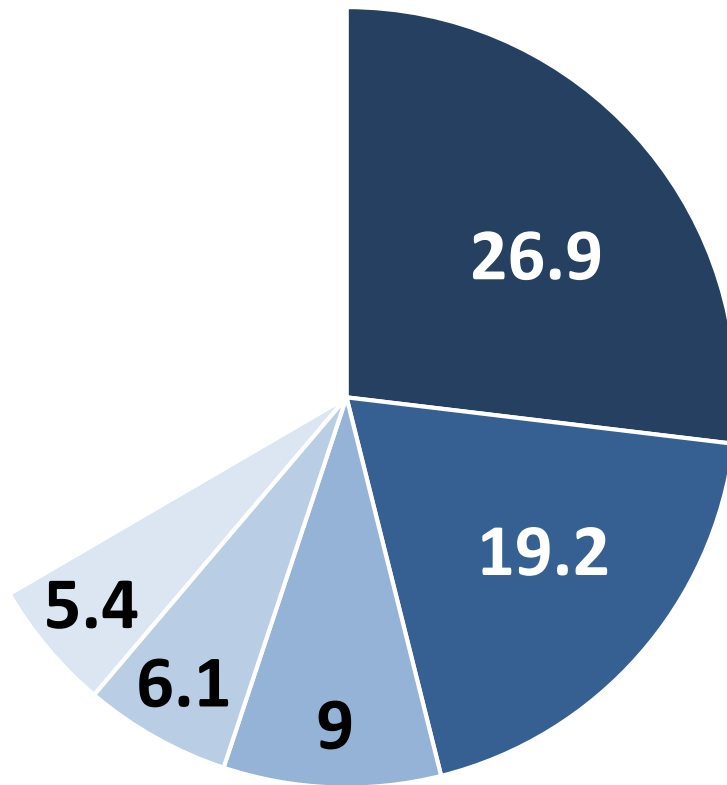


- retrospective cohort study
- patients with hepatic encephalopathy
- **high-dose PPI (≥ 0.5 mDDD)**

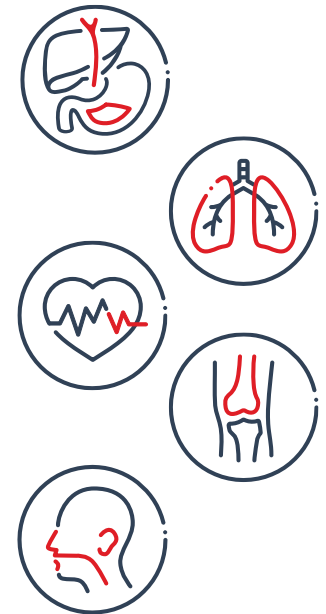
adjusted hazard ratio:

- **death** **1,71** (1.38–2,11), $p < 0.001$
- **rec. HE** **2,04** (1.66–2.51), $p < 0.001$
- **SBP** **1,87** (1.43–2.43), $p < 0.001$
- **HRS** **1,48** (1.02–2.15), $p = 0.04$
- **GIB** **1,46** (1.12–1.90), $p = 0.006$

Prescription of PPIs by specialists

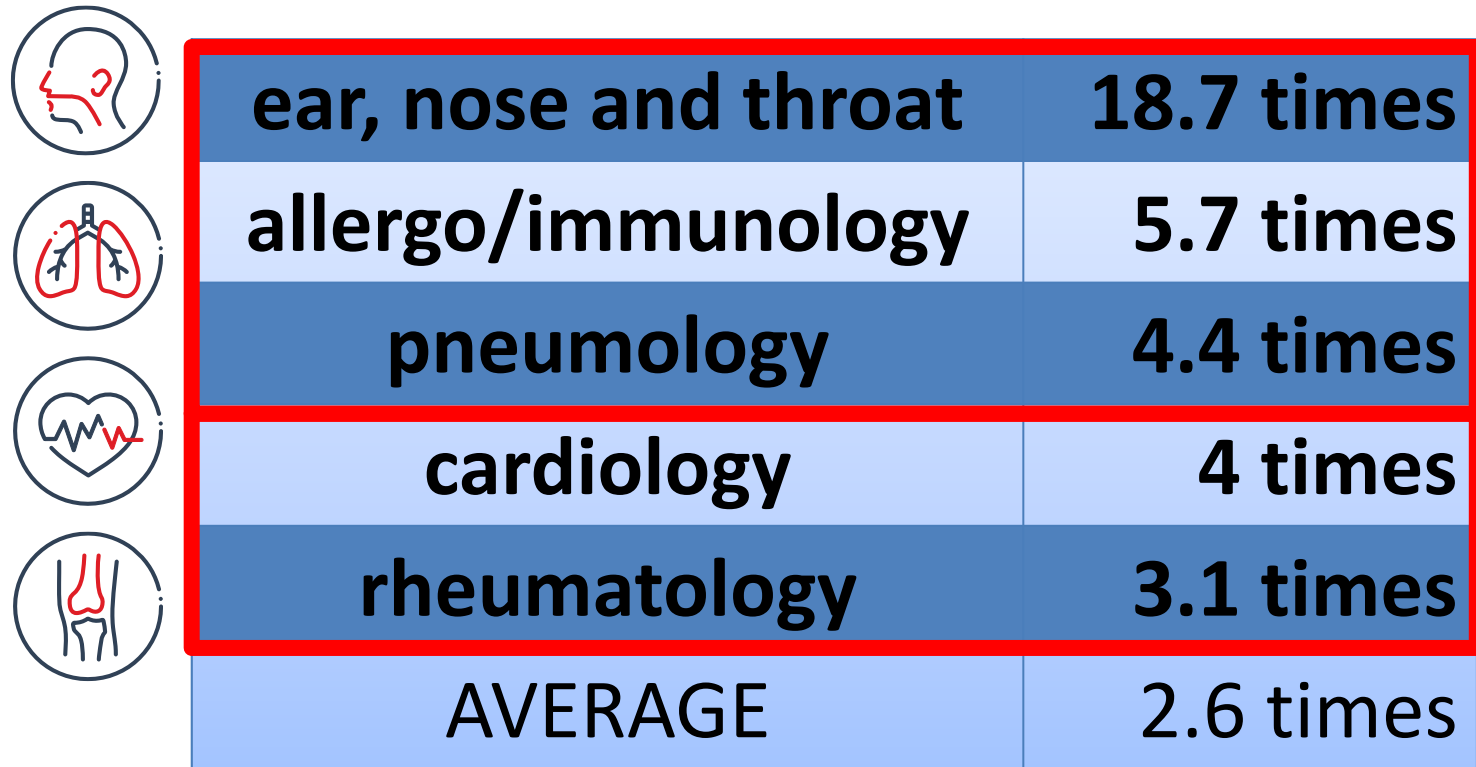



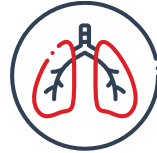

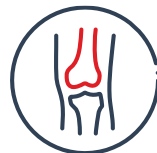
- gastroenterology
- internal medicine
- cardiology
- rheumatology
- ear, nose and throat
- other non-GP



Percentage proportion of **non-GP** (general practitioner) **specialist** prescription of proton pump inhibitors in 2022 in the Czech Republic.

„JUMPERS OF THE DECADE“

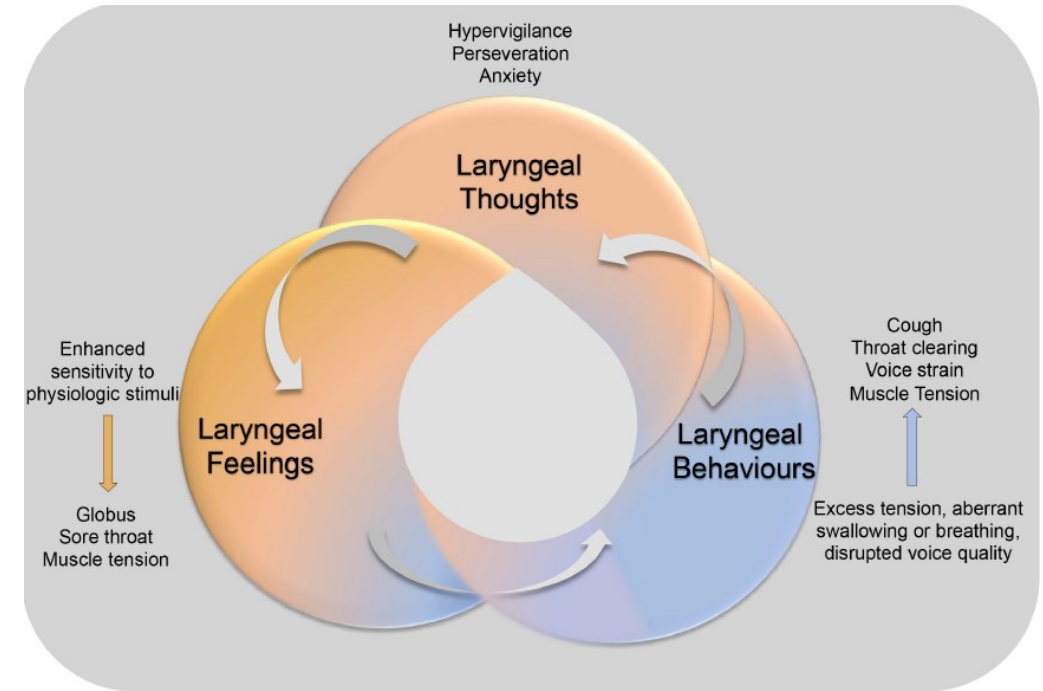


	ear, nose and throat	18.7 times
	allergo/immunology	5.7 times
	pneumology	4.4 times
	cardiology	4 times
	rheumatology	3.1 times
	AVERAGE	2.6 times

Increase in prescription of proton pump inhibitors in DDD (defined daily doses) by prescribing specialist in the period of 2010 - 2022.

„Laryngo-pharyngeal reflux“

- the retrograde flow of gastric contents proximal to the upper sphincter leading to laryngeal symptoms
- the lack of a diagnostic gold-standard
- disorders of larynx-brain interaction



PPIs and pulmonary fibrosis

AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY DOCUMENTS

Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (an Update) and Progressive Pulmonary Fibrosis in Adults

An Official ATS/ERS/JRS/ALAT Clinical Practice Guideline

Evidence-based Recommendations for Treatment of IPF

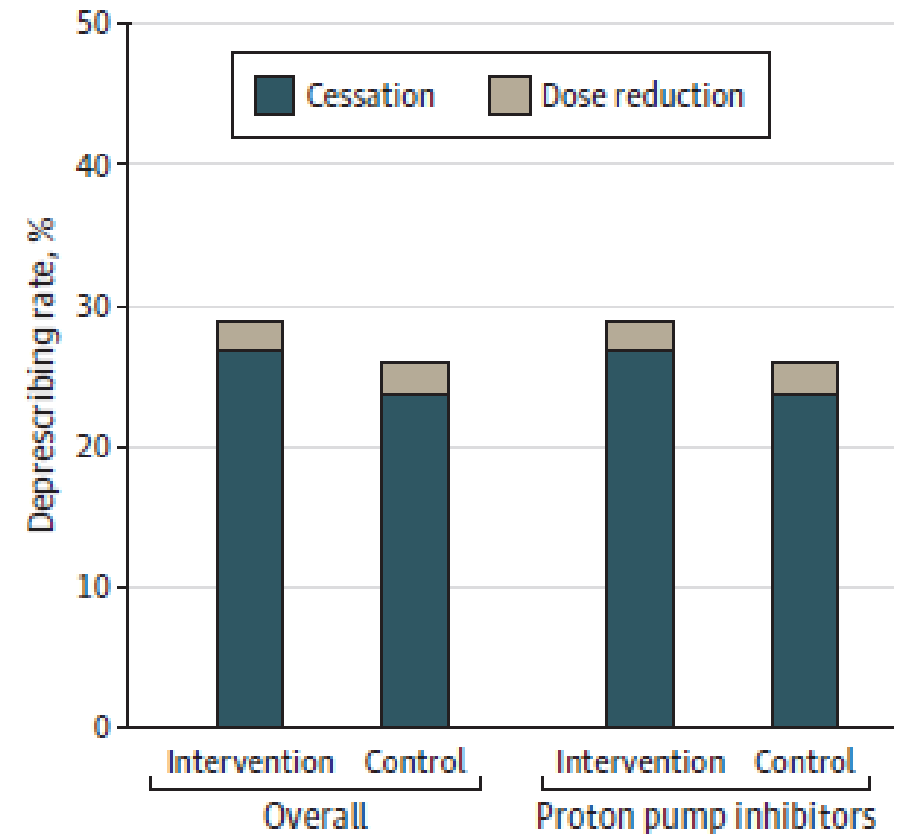
(conditional recommendation, very low quality evidence). Remarks: Antacid medication and other interventions may be appropriate for patients with both IPF and symptoms of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) for the purpose of improving gastroesophageal reflux (GER)-related outcomes in accordance with GER-specific guidelines.

Decision made together with educated patient:

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Patient-Directed Education to Promote Deprescribing A Nonrandomized Clinical Trial

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Do I stop my medication?
You are taking a proton pump inhibitor.

- Dexamprazole
- Esomeprazole
- Omeprazole



QUIZ

Proton pump inhibitors

1. PPIs are sometimes prescribed for heartburn and acid reflux.
2. More than half of all people taking PPIs probably do not need the medication.
3. There are no risks involved in taking PPIs for a long time.
4. PPIs are the best option for treating occasional heartburn.

1. TRUE

Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) are used to treat heartburn and acid reflux. PPIs reduce the amount of acid the stomach produces to help break down food. Too much acid can reflux back up the throat and cause heartburn.

2. TRUE

To treat occasional heartburn, it is recommended to take antacids such as Tums® or Rolaids®, as needed. If you take a PPI, your physician should prescribe the shortest amount of time possible. Treatment should be continued or stopped as directed.

3. FALSE

Taking a PPI for longer than 4 to 12 weeks can increase the risk of:

- A higher risk of hip fractures
- Pneumonia
- An infection with the bacteria *Clostridium difficile*, which causes severe diarrhea, fever, and in rare cases, colitis
- A higher risk of kidney problems
- Rare instances of vitamin B12 deficiency

4. FALSE

PPIs are powerful drugs. If you have occasional heartburn, you probably do not need a PPI. Over-the-counter antacids can ease heartburn without drugs.



2 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

1. How does staying on my medication help me reach my personal health goals? _____
2. How does stopping my medication help me reach my personal health goals? _____



5 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

1. Do I need to continue my medication?
2. How do I reduce my dose?
3. Is there an alternative treatment?
4. What symptoms should I look for when I stop my medication?
5. With whom do I follow up and when?

Questions I want to ask my health care provider about my medication

Use this space to write down questions you may want to ask:

Conclusions 2/2:

- **PPIs are overprescribed especially in seniors**
- **definite indications for long-term PPI treatment are limited**
- **PPIs deprescribing is feasible**
- **PPIs are not a causal therapy for GERD either**
- **LPR has no diagnostic gold standard so far**
- **PPIs can be harmful**
- **a properly educated patient is the best buddy**

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