



Critical Illness Update: Deriving Starting Rates, Allowing for Future Trends and Indian Insights

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Deriving Starting Rates

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Developing base rates

Data sources:

- a) Local insured population experience
- b) Adjusted local general population statistics
- c) Adjusted foreign statistics



Issues with emerging population experience:

- + Reports are age-banded
- + Lack of credible results by age, disease, gender, smoking status, etc...
- + Need to adjust for reporting lags
- + Participating companies change over time
- + Participating companies code events differently



Issues with local general population data:

- Population incident rates must be adjusted:
 - to match insurance definitions
 - to account for overlaps between coverages
 - to account for first event
 - to reflect product features
- Trend population data from date published to current date
- Covert general population rates to insured population rates
- Incorporate selection, smoker differentials, etc



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Issues using foreign statistics:

- Need to reflect:
 - Genetic difference,
 - Environmental differences,
 - Ability to underwrite and manage claims,
 - Health care system,
 - Legal system,
 - Impact of screening programs,
 - Sophistication of policyholders, agents and brokers
 - Etc...



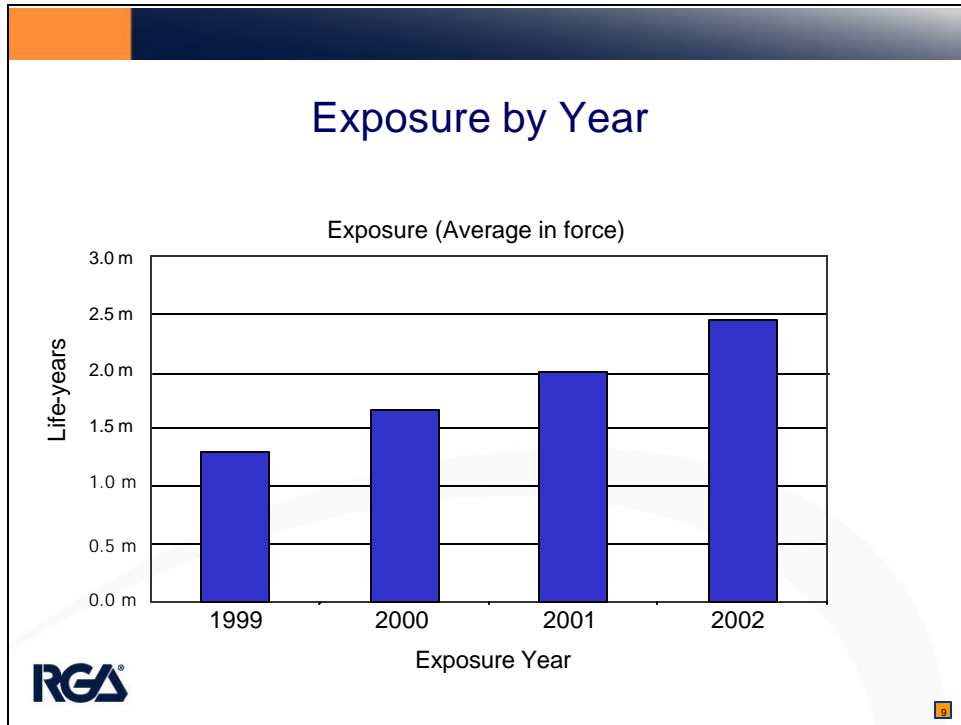
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Reality is we generally are
required to use a blend of the
three methods discussed above.



**UK Emerging Insured Population
Experience**

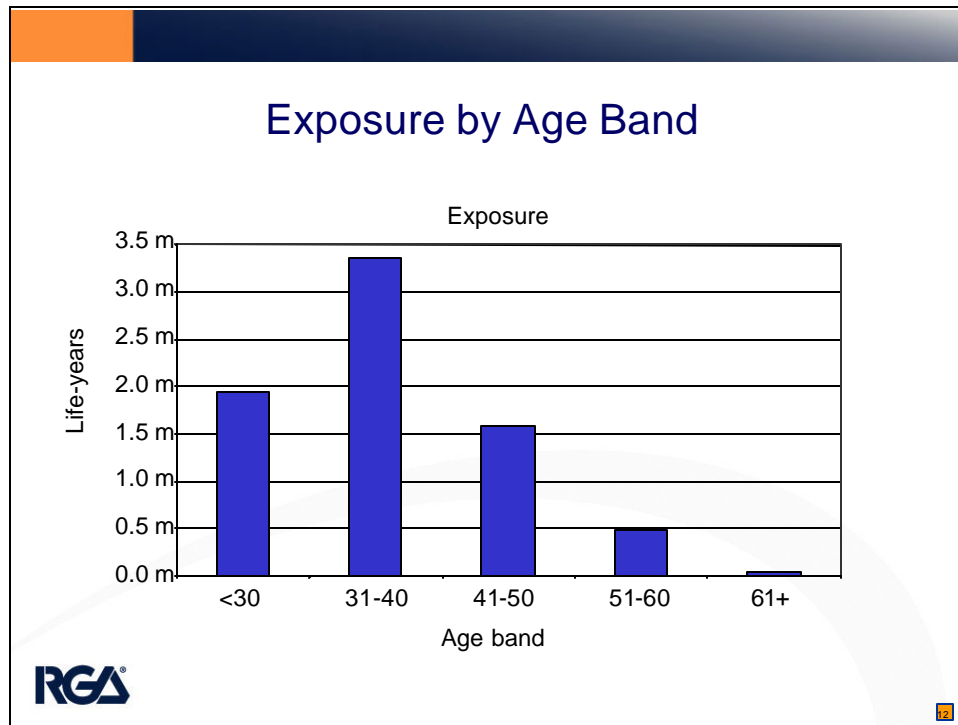
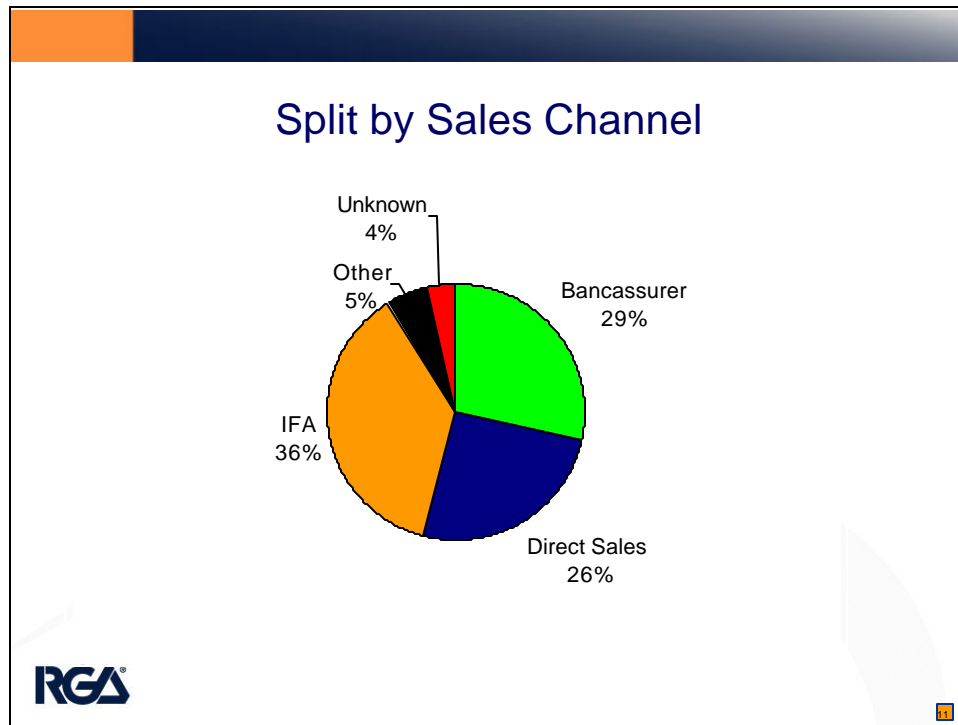


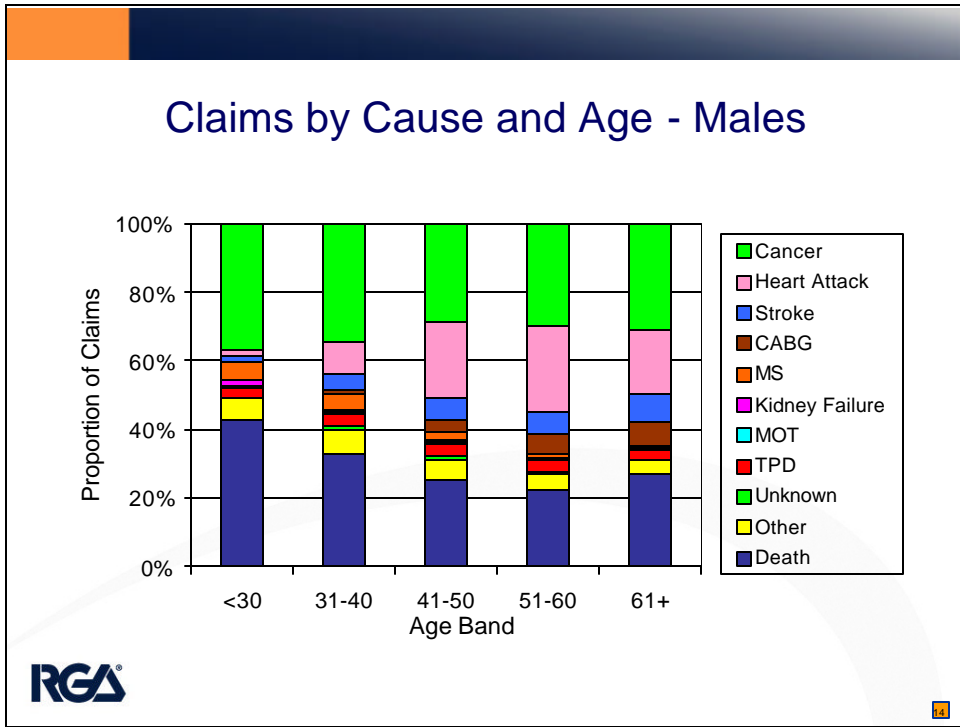
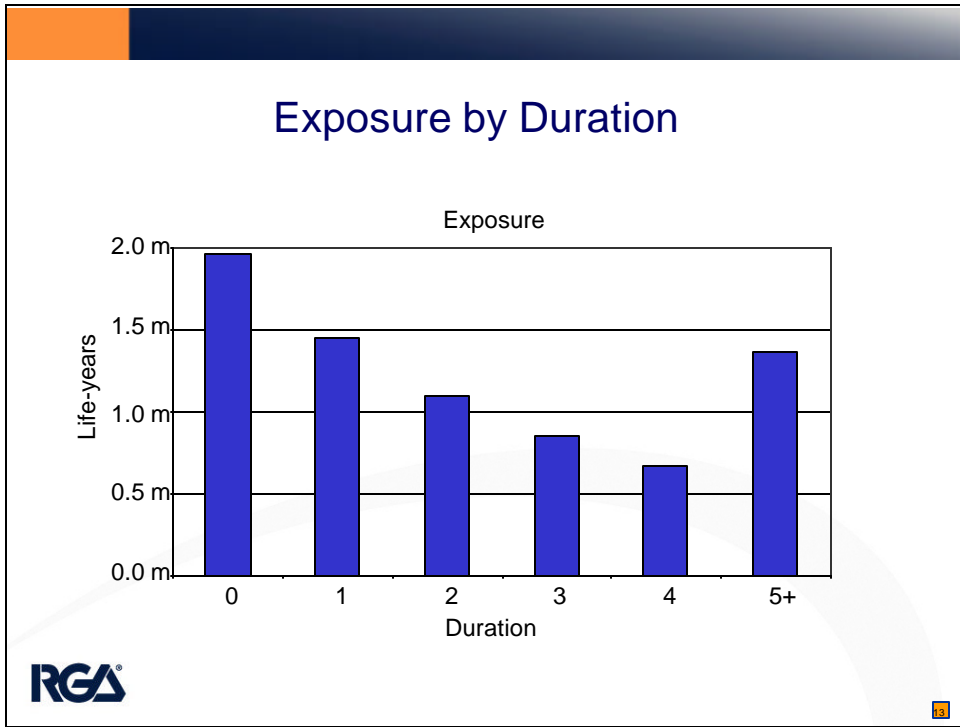


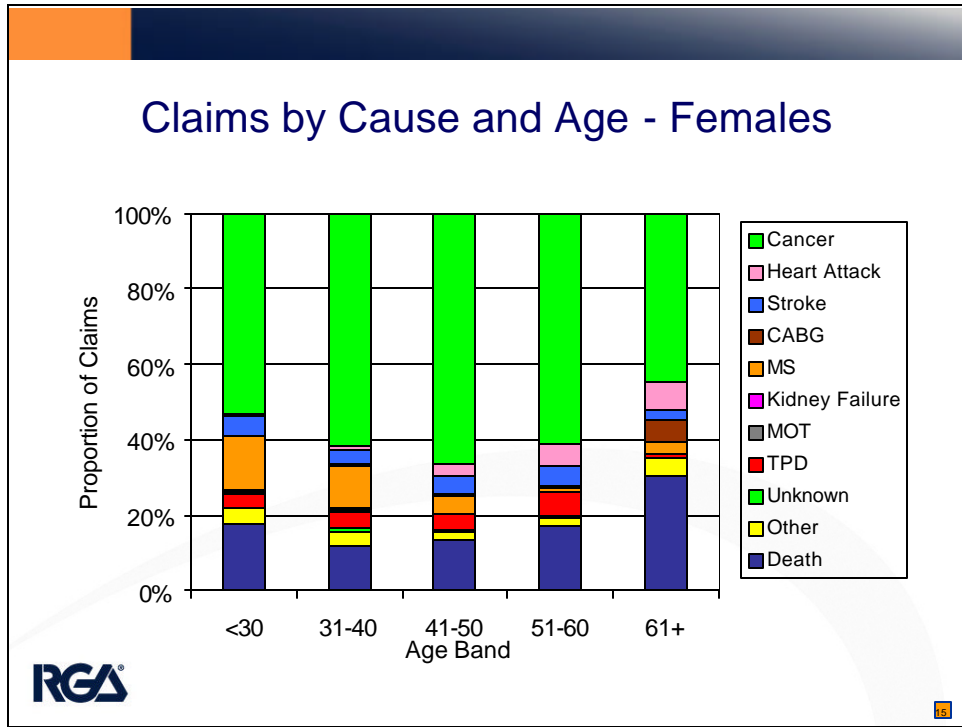
Portfolio Turnover

Number of Portfolios			
Year	Joining	Leaving	Included
1999	13	0	13
2000	5	1	17
2001	0	0	17
2002	1	0	18

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Credibility

Number of Claims Accelerated vs. Stand-alone

Number of Claims		Number	% Split
Accelerated	CI Claims	7,978	67%
	Deaths	2,332	20%
		10,310	87%
Stand-Alone	CI Claims	1,493	13%
Total Claims		11,803	100%



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Claims by Category and Duration

Number of Claims by Category and Duration				
	MNS	MS	FNS	FS
Duration				
0	760	441	659	176
1	725	355	593	177
2	658	300	507	136
3	426	262	405	101
4	394	164	329	81
5+	1,198	370	764	208
Total	4,261	1,892	3,257	879

Poisson Confidence Table		
Prob.	5.00%	7.50%
90%	1082	481
95%	1537	683
99%	2656	1180



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Claims by Cause

Accelerated Business

Number of Claims by Cause		
Cause	No	% Split
Cancer	4,526	43.9%
Heart Attack	1,157	11.2%
Stroke	526	5.1%
CABG	229	2.2%
MS	465	4.5%
Kidney Failure	59	0.6%
MOT	25	0.2%
TPD	404	3.9%
Death	2,332	22.6%
Other	495	4.8%
Unknown	92	0.9%
	10,310	100.0%

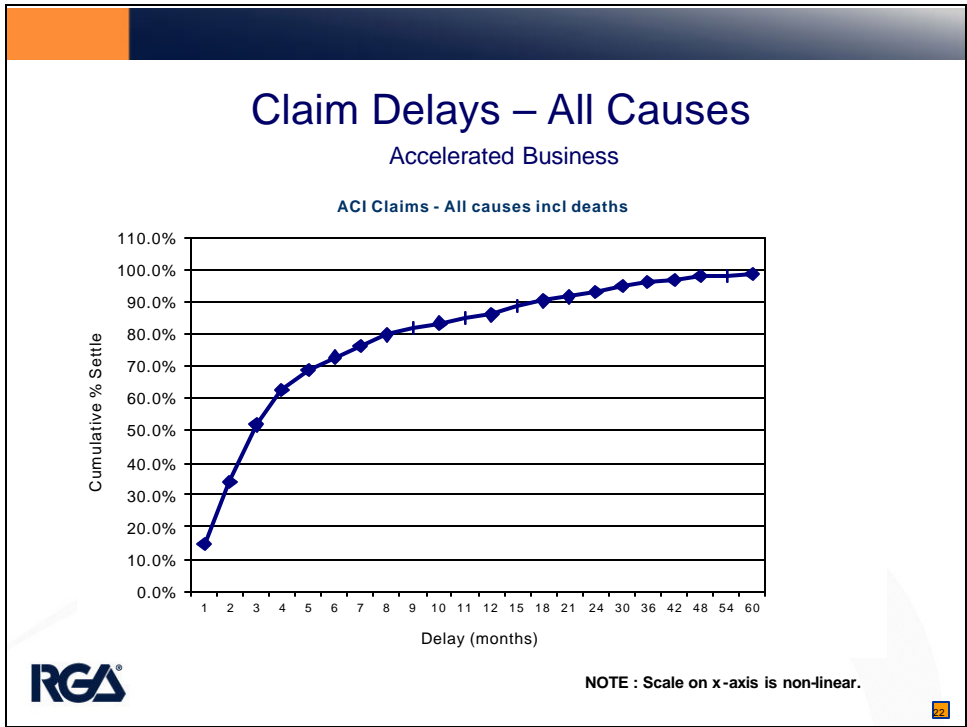
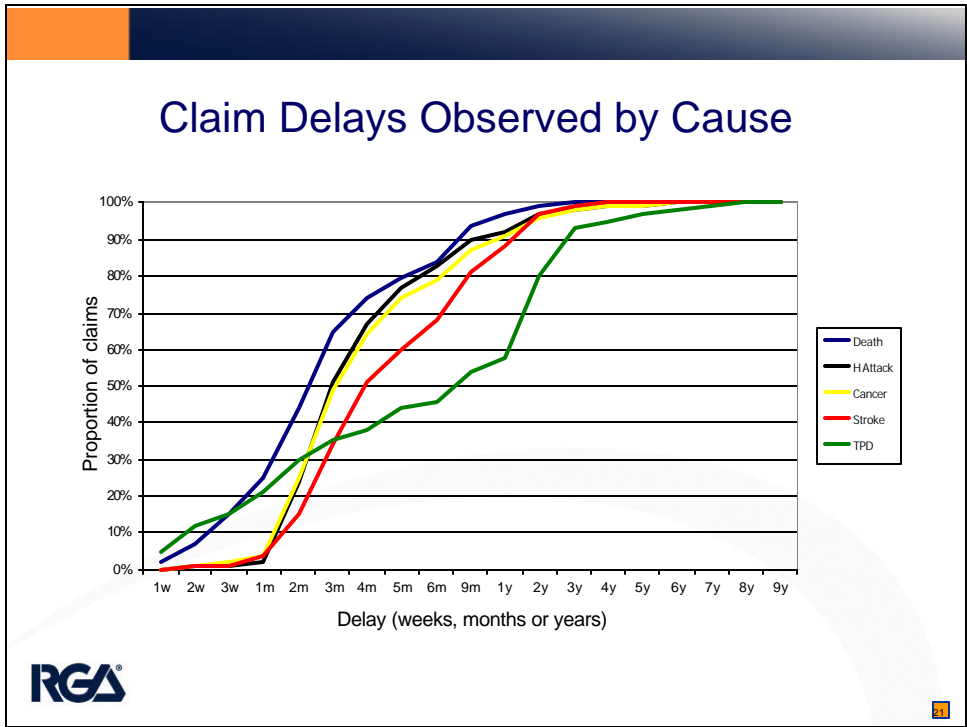


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Adjusting for IBNS



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IBNS Gross-up Factors

Accelerated Business

Gross-Up Factor, for each year, by Duration				
Duration (yrs)	1999	2000	2001	2002
0	1.09	1.08	1.09	1.13
1	1.11	1.09	1.08	1.09
2	1.19	1.11	1.09	1.08
3	1.24	1.19	1.11	1.09
4	1.2	1.24	1.19	1.11
5	1.3	1.26	1.25	1.23
Total	1.17	1.15	1.14	1.14



Overall Average 1.15

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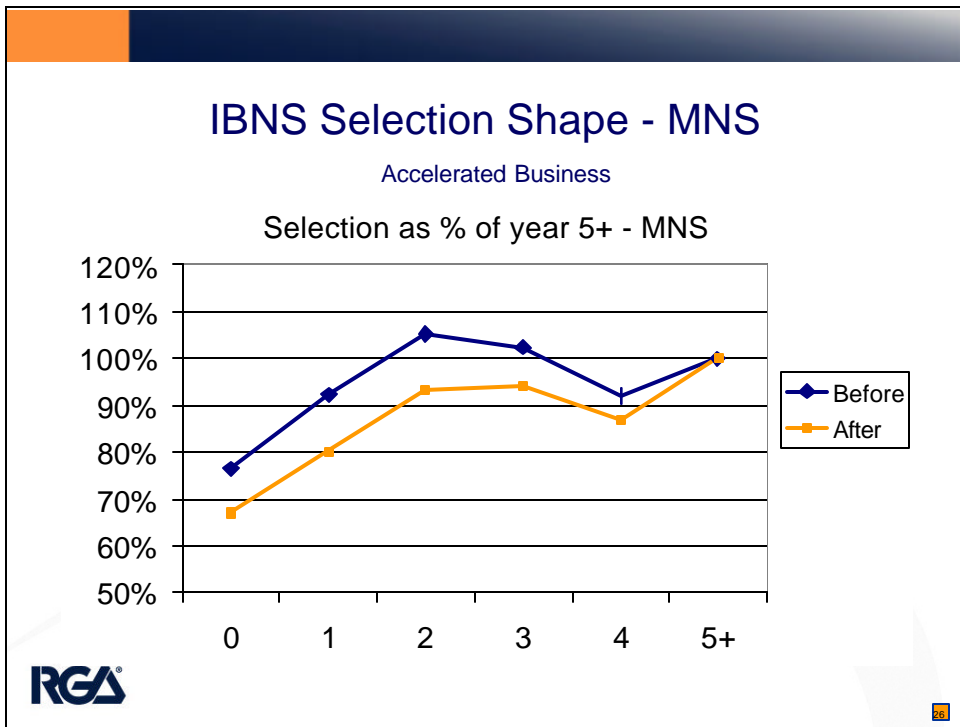
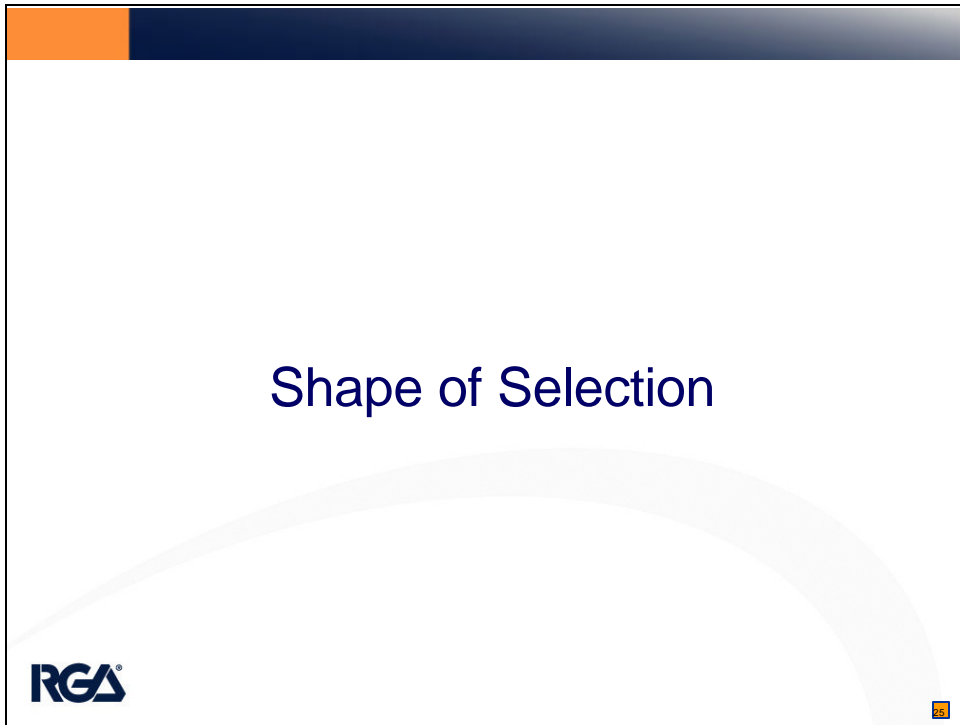
Gross-up Factors for IBNS

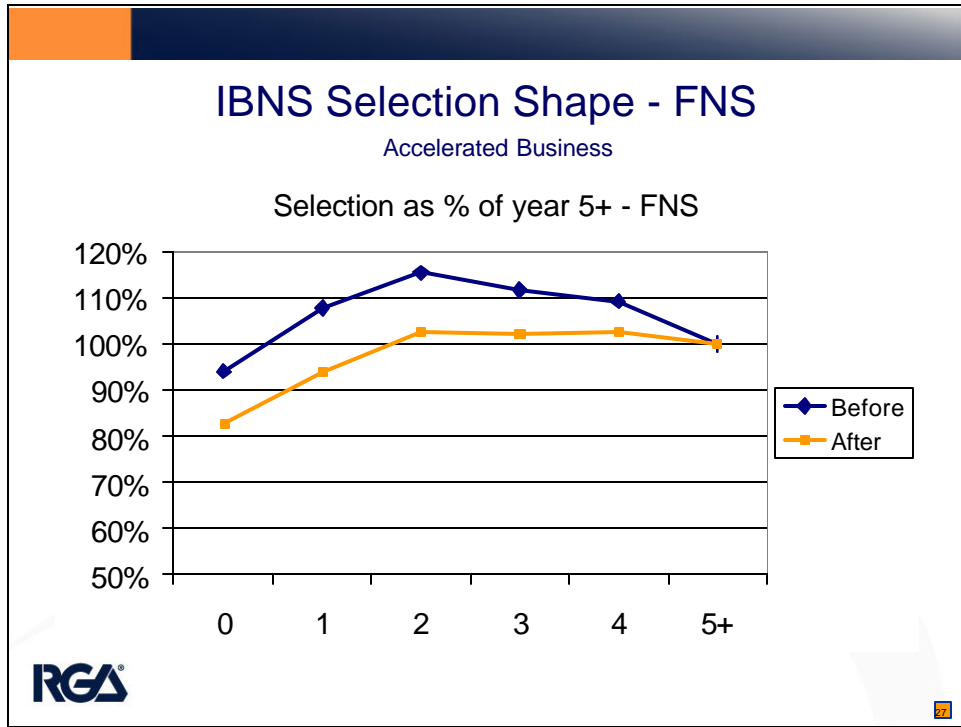
A Deeper Level

- ✚ Different for different Investigation Years
- ✚ Different for different Durations
- ✚ Different for different Diseases
- ✚ Different for different Levels of Sum-assured



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Results and Comparisons

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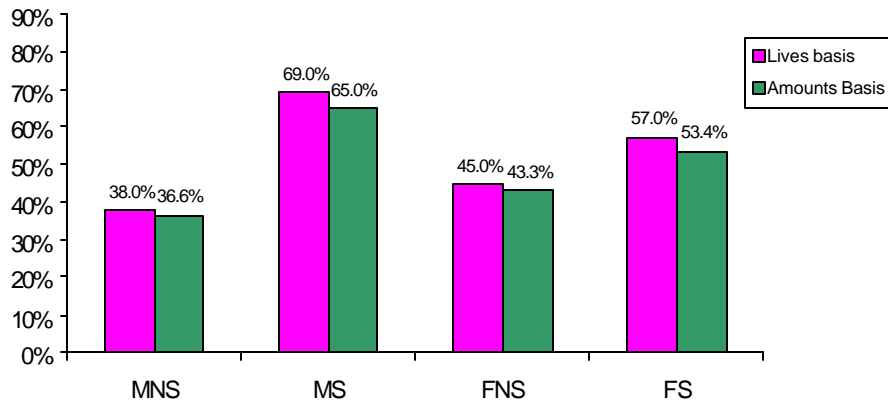
Comparison with Previous

Comparison of Overall A/E 1999-2002 with 1998-2000 and 1991 to 1997				
A/E Ratios (Acceleration Business, Amounts Basis, incl. IBNS, all durations, all causes)				
	MNS	MS	FNS	FS
1999-2002	42.32%	74.32%	49.84%	61.22%
1998-2000	38.36%	75.15%	49.83%	61.17%
1991-1997	41.00%	62.00%	40.00%	49.90%
Differences				
1999/1998	10.33%	-1.11%	0.03%	0.09%
1999/1991	3.23%	19.87%	24.61%	22.69%



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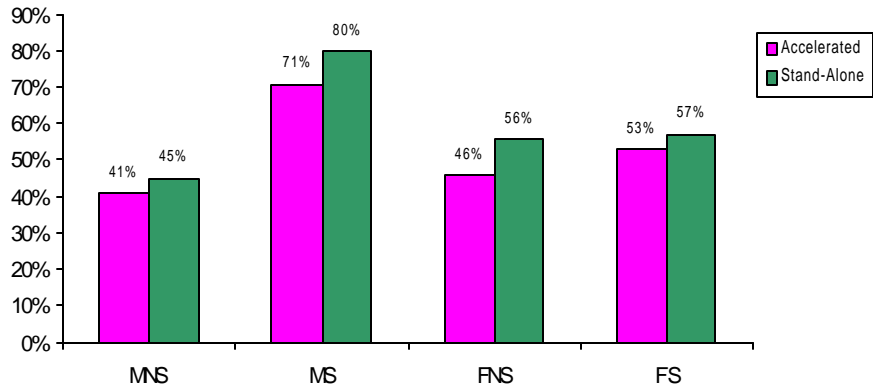
Lives Experience vs. Sum-Assured (Amounts) Experience 1999-2002



* A / E Ratios, before adjustment for IBNS
Acceleration Business 1999-2002
All durations, All causes

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Accelerated vs. Stand-Alone 1999-2002



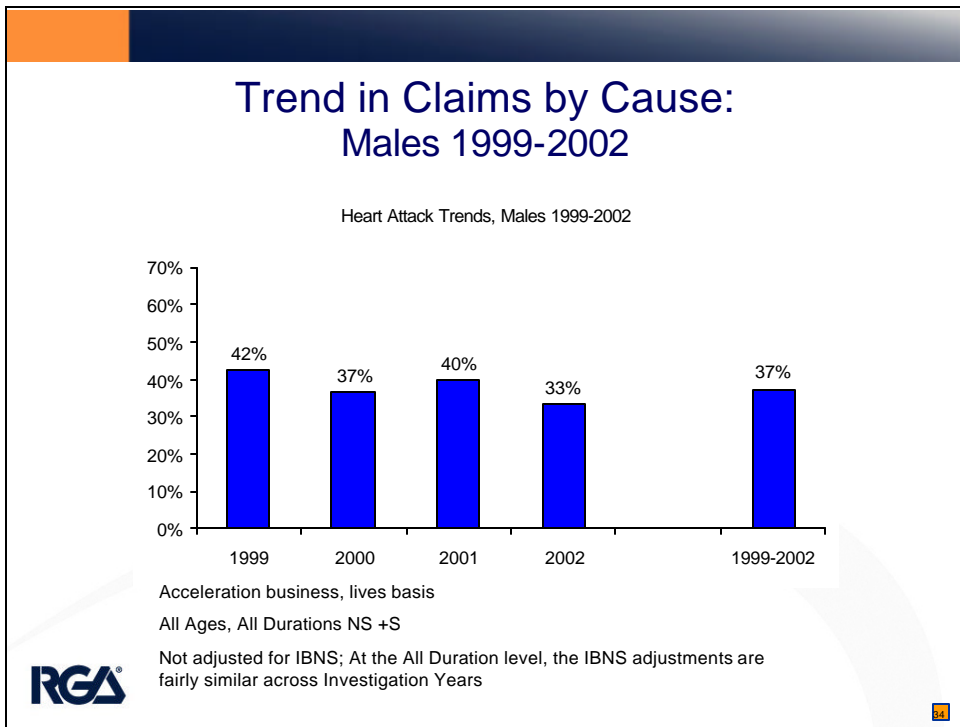
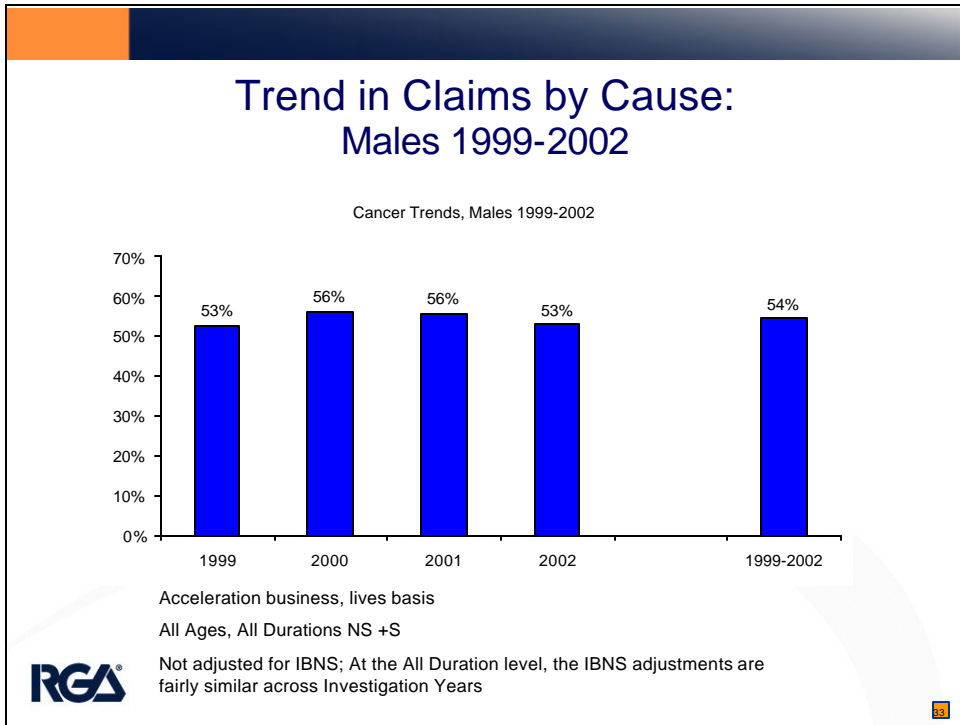
* A / E Ratios, before adjustment for IBNS
Amounts Basis 1999-2002
All durations, All causes excluding death

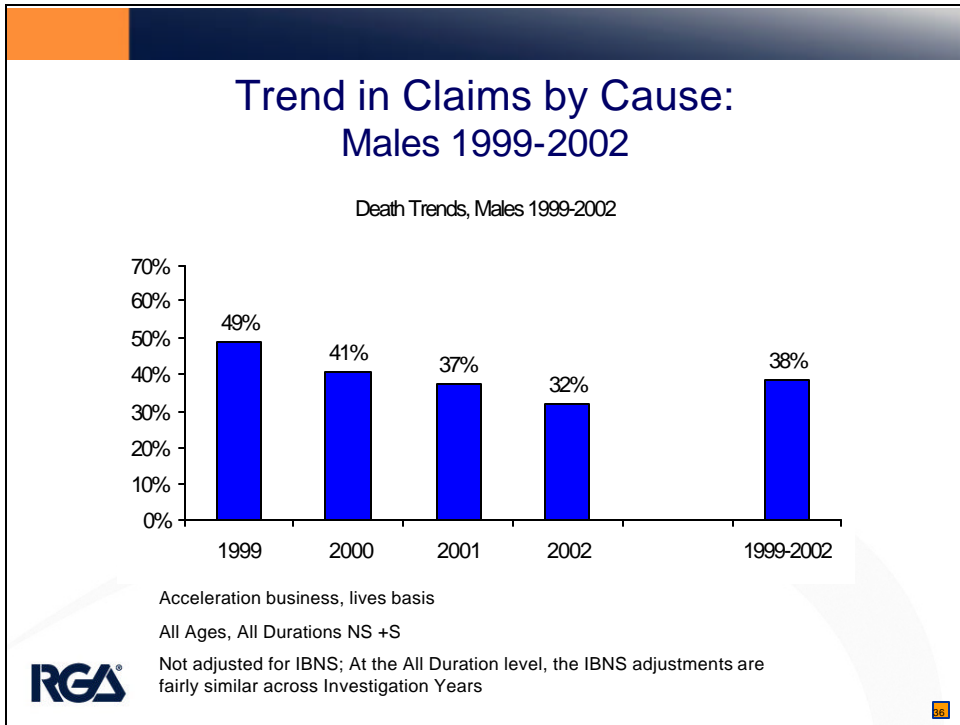
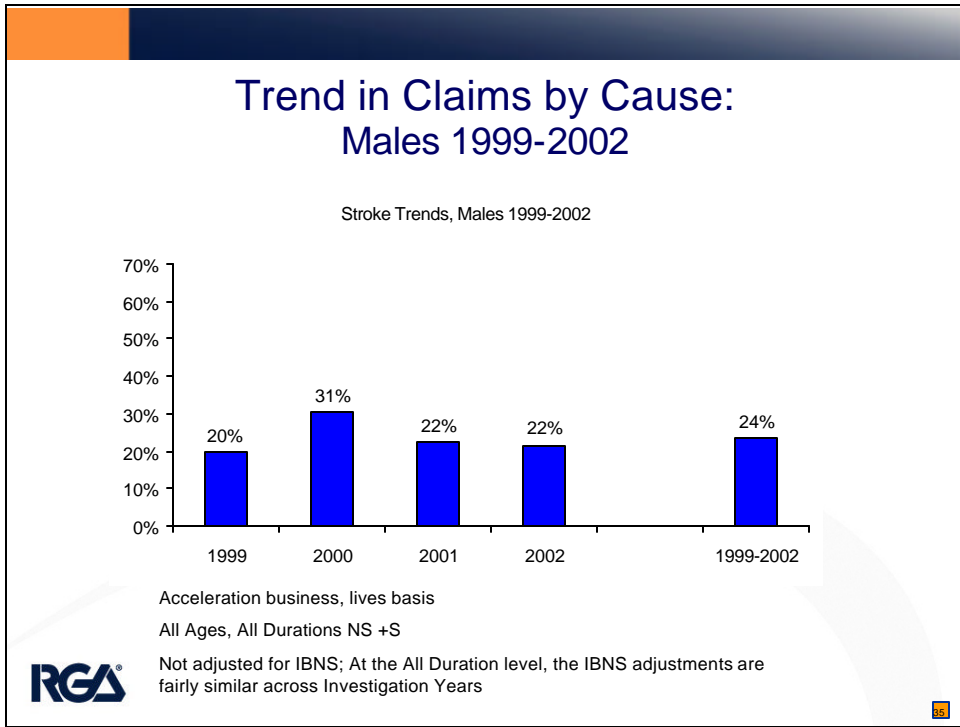
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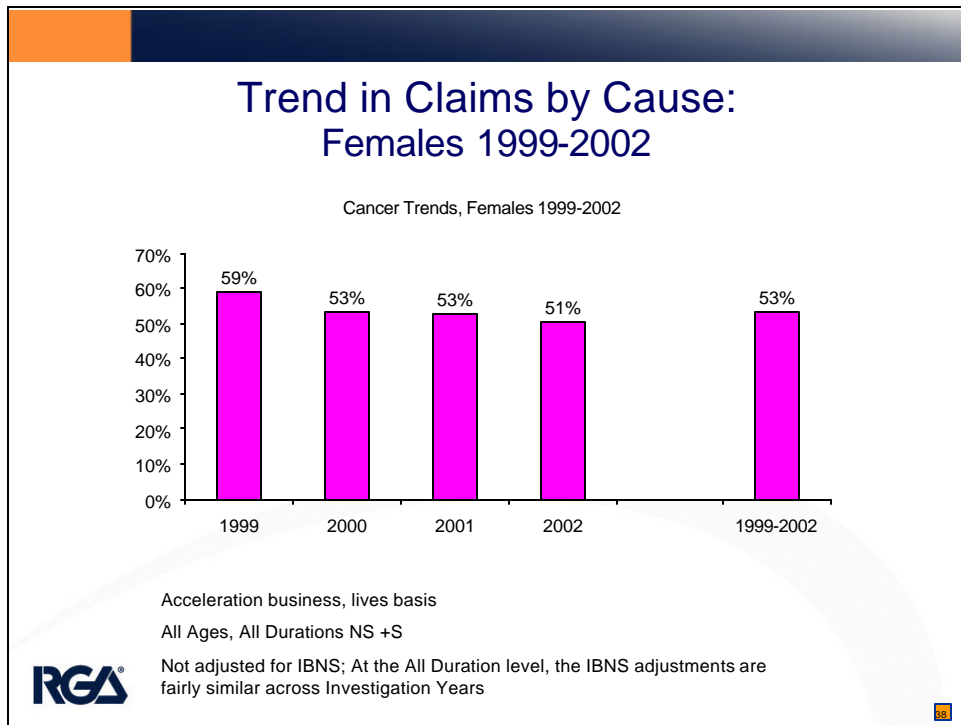
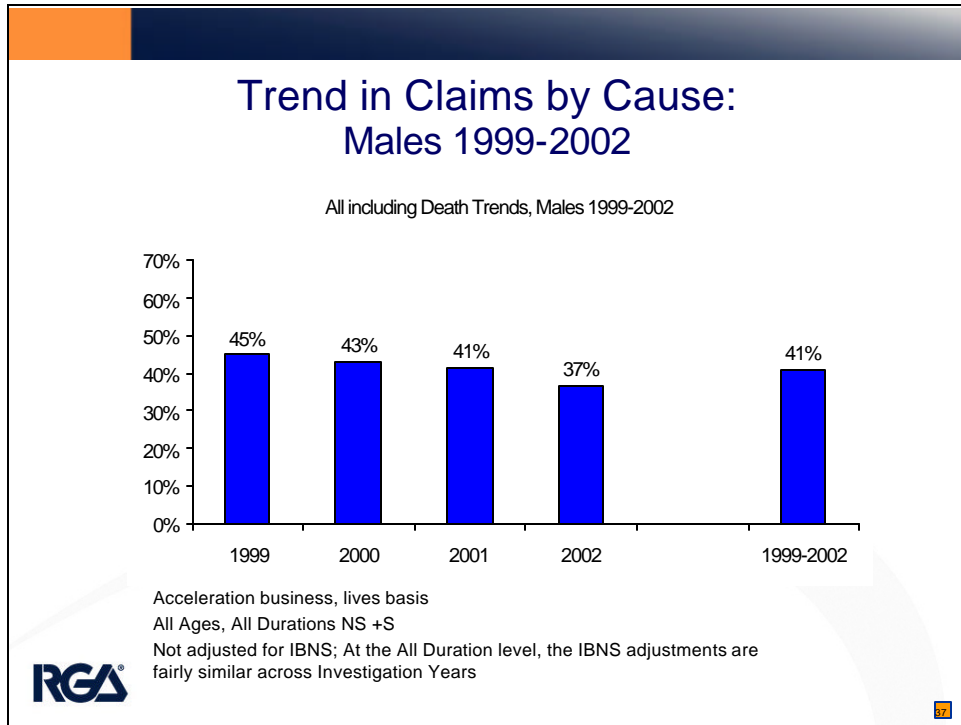
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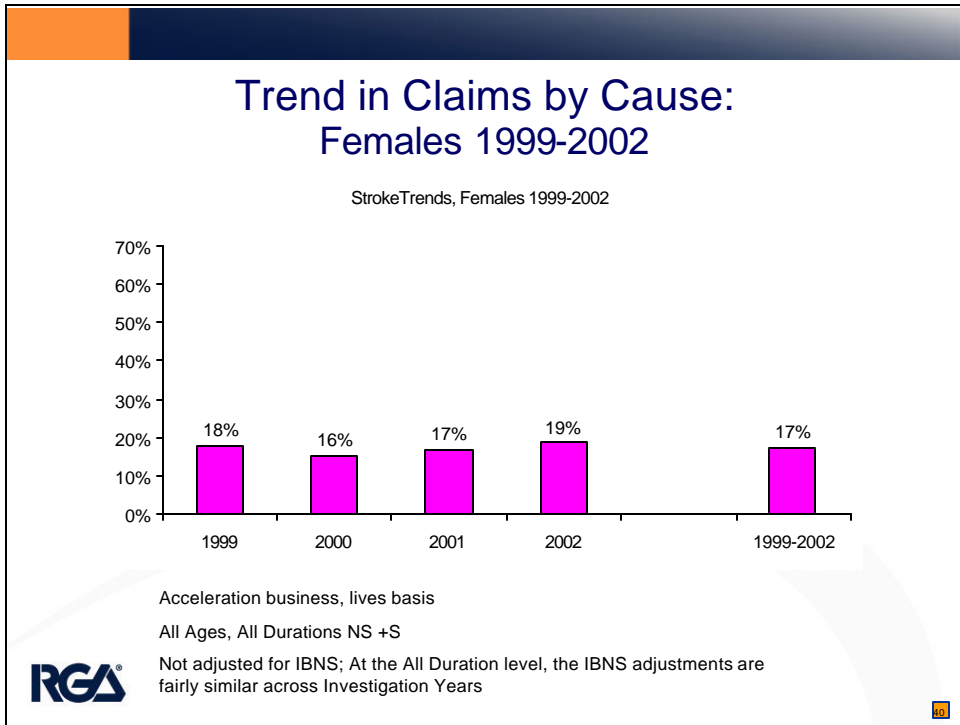
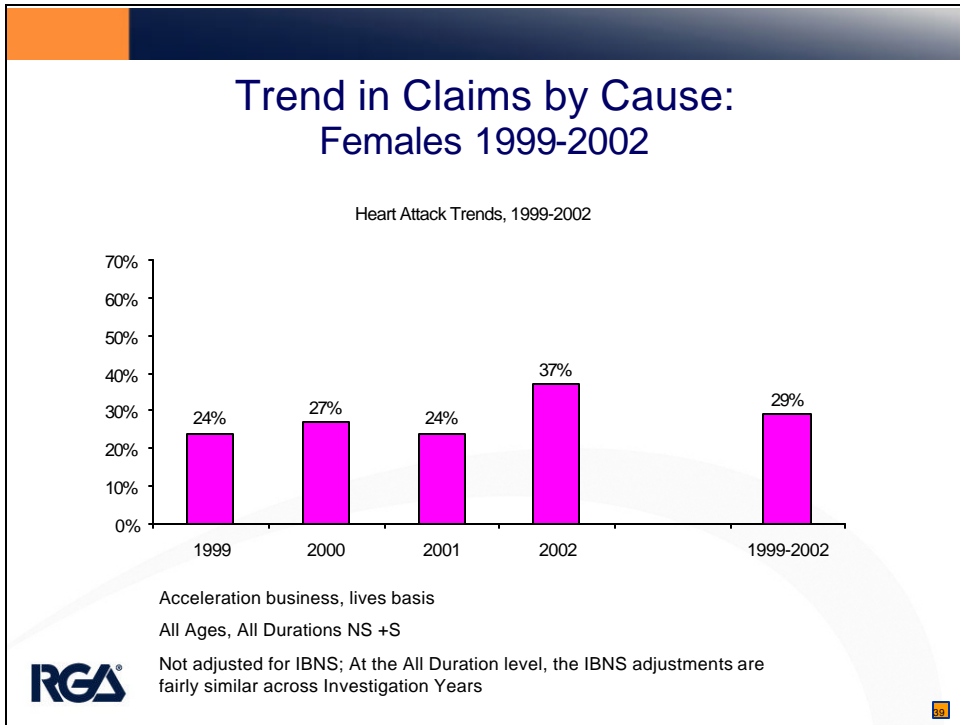


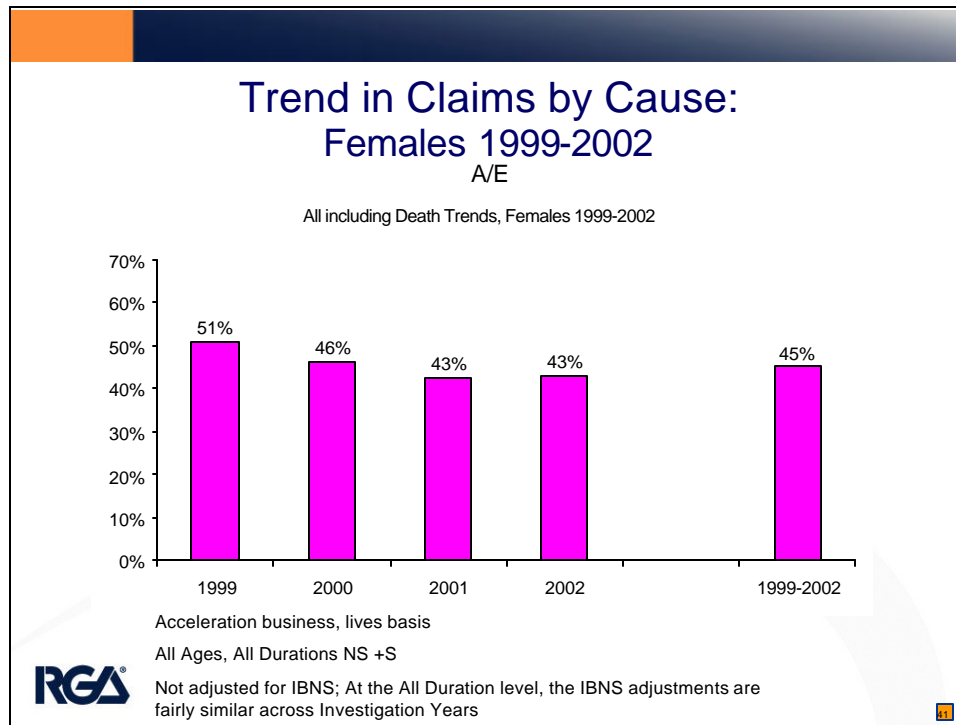
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- ### Summary – UK experience
- ✚ CMI exposure grew rapidly, portfolios in flux.
 - ✚ Exposure biased to shorter durations.
 - ✚ Data significant for most categories and durations at 'all causes' level.
 - ✚ Data less significant down to specific disease and age level.
 - ✚ Claim delay pattern established – helpful for IBNS
 - ✚ CMI raw results need grossing-up adjustments for IBNS.
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Summary – UK experience

- ✦ Males experience is more select than females.
- ✦ 99-02 results slightly worse than 98-00, much worse than 91-97.
- ✦ IFA experience clearly better than the rest.
- ✦ Amounts experience better than lives experience.
- ✦ Acceleration experience better than stand-alone.
- ✦ No clear trends in quadrennium, but deaths look 'fishy'.



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Medical Advances Affecting Critical Illness

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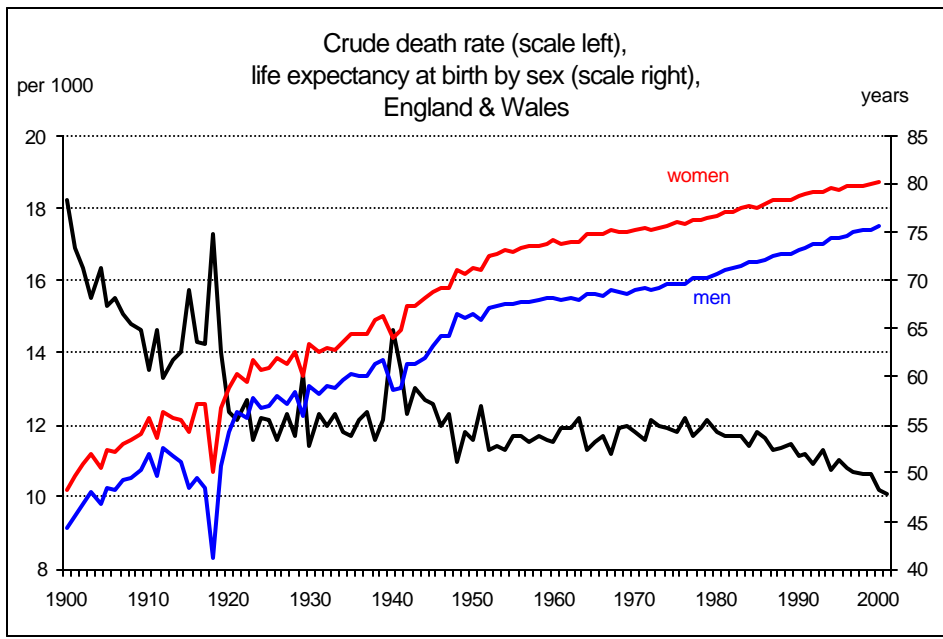
Age-Standardized Death Rates by Cause, Males

	Malignant neoplasms	Diabetes mellitus	Circulatory	Bronchitis, emphysema and asthma	Accidents and adverse events	All causes
Males						
Australia (2002)	133	17	136	20	27	433
Australia (1999)	141	10	158	23	33	474
Canada (1998)	149	13	168	5	30	511
Czech Republic (2000)	214	8	332	15	49	735
Denmark (1995)	169	13	202	35	32	616
Finland (2000)	126	8	231	19	52	505
France (1999)	163	8	136	8	43	508
Germany (1999)	158	11	229	21	24	577
Greece (1999)	146	4	220	1	47	538
Hungary (2000)	264	12	418	30	55	909
Ireland (1999)	161	10	252	7	32	651
Italy (1999)	164	12	178	16	31	515
Japan (1999)	101	6	122	10	29	405
Korea, Republic of (2000)	163	27	144	24	60	664
Netherlands (1999)	172	10	183	30	19	553
New Zealand (1999)	156	15	204	12	33	547
Norway (1999)	143	8	200	21	31	540
Poland (2000)	204	9	339	21	54	828
Portugal (2000)	154	14	198	5	31	603
Slovakia (2000)	219	10	389	17	54	874
Spain (1998)	171	9	163	6	39	596
Sweden (1999)	122	9	201	13	21	483
Switzerland (1999)	137	10	159	20	n.a.	484
United Kingdom (1999)	152	6	213	6	19	567
United States (1999)	147	16	206	28	42	557

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2004

ABS Cat. No. 3201.0; AIHW National Population Database

Death Rates and Life Expectancy



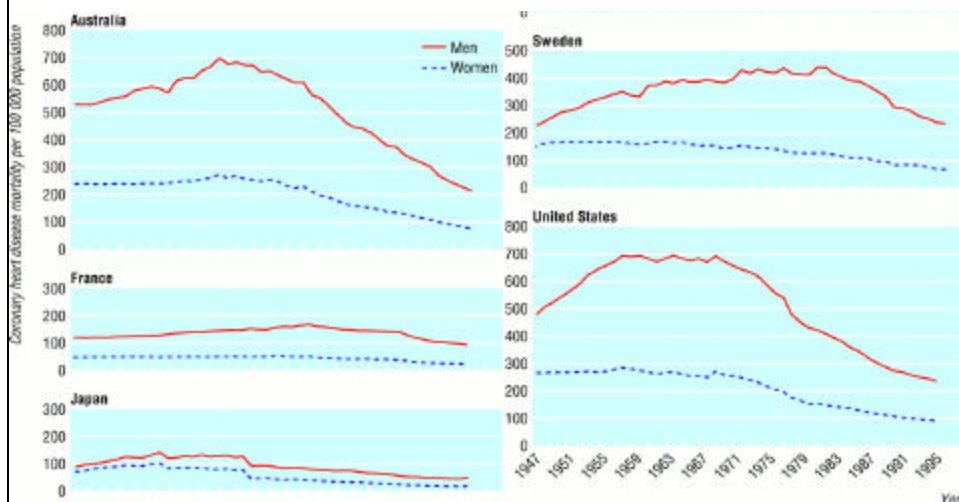
What are we concerned about?

- ✚ Population Trends
 - You can only stop smoking once
 - Obesity
 - Infection / Pandemics
- ✚ Changes
 - Screening / Early Detection
 - Awareness
 - Disease Definitions
- ✚ New cures
- ✚ Legal Challenges

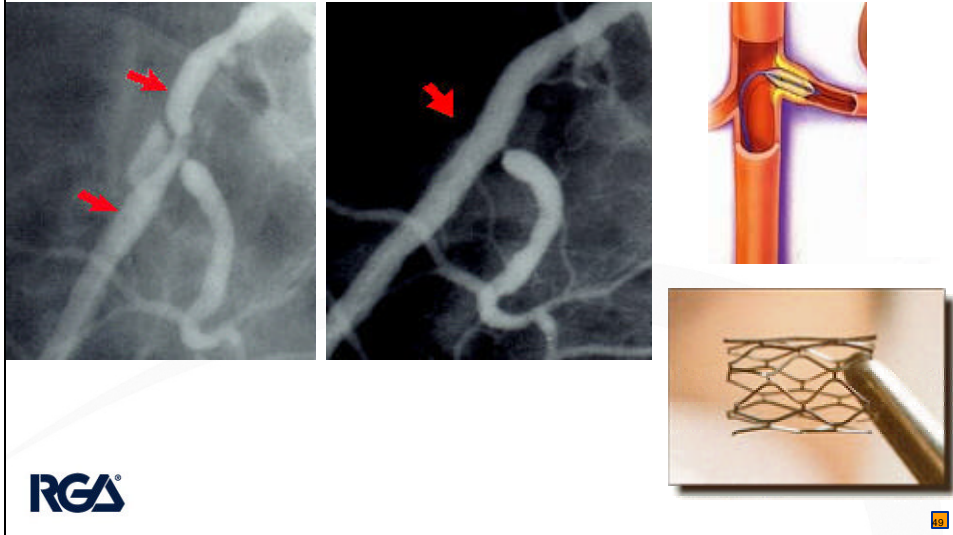


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Trends in Coronary Heart Disease Mortality

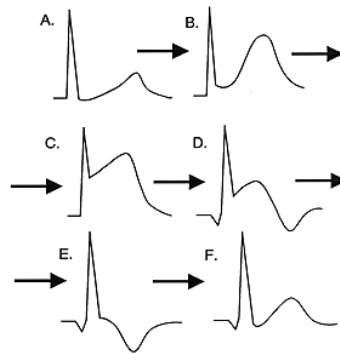


New Cardiovascular Disease Treatments



Old Heart Attack Definition

- ✚ Chest pain
- ✚ ECG changes
- ✚ Cardiac enzymes leak into blood stream



Evolution of Acute MI

New Heart Attack Definition: American ACC/European ESC 2000

- ✚ Clinical context compatible with ischemic myocardial damage
- ✚ Elevated Cardiac Troponin



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Impact of New MI Definition

- ✚ Pell et al showed that “The new criteria increased admissions for myocardial infarction by 58%”



Pell JP, BMJ. 2003 January 18; 326 (7381): 134–135

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UK ABI Critical Illness Definition for Stroke

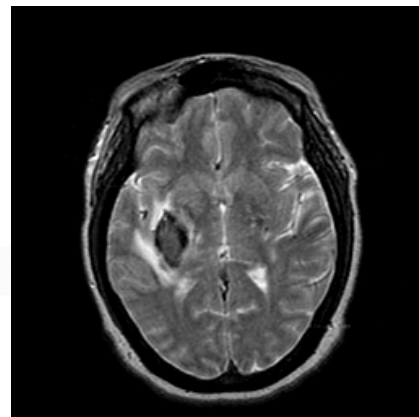
- ✚ A cerebrovascular incident resulting in permanent neurological damage. Transient ischaemic attacks are specifically excluded.



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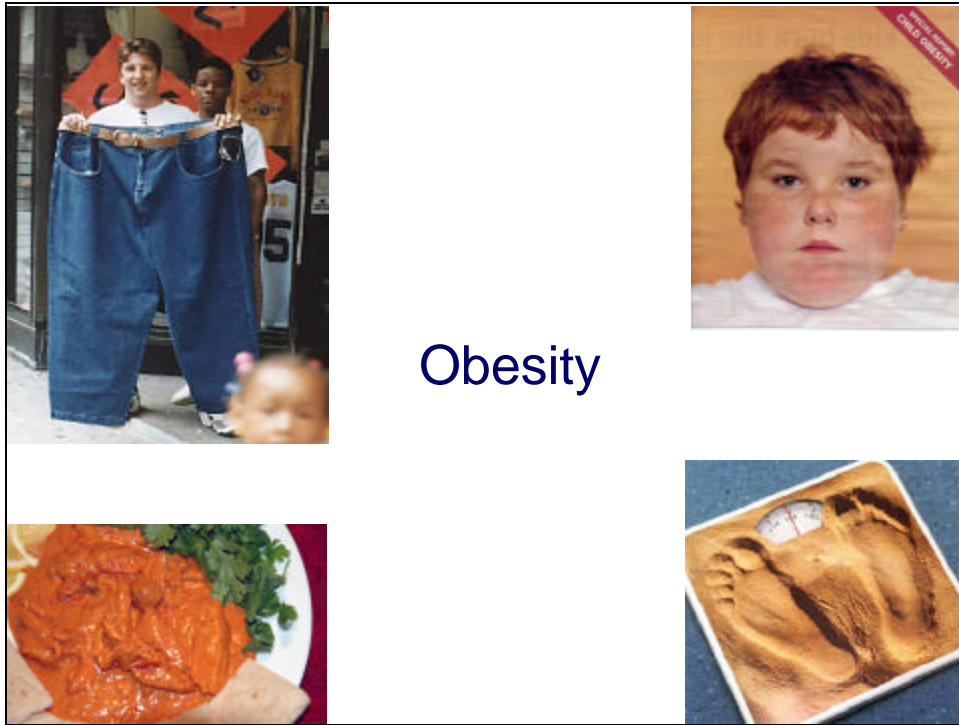
What is “Damage” or “Deficit”?

- ✚ Psychiatric?
- ✚ Seizures?
- ✚ Silent Strokes
 - Cardiovascular Health Study
 - 3,324 participants without a history of stroke
 - 28% had evidence of silent infarcts (n = 923)



Bernick C et al, Neurology 2001 Oct 9;57(7):1222-9

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Observed and Projected Life Expectancy at Age 65 for U.S. Females (1900 to 2000)

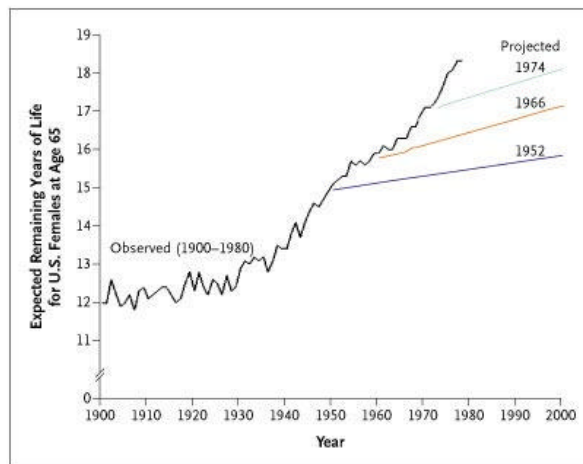


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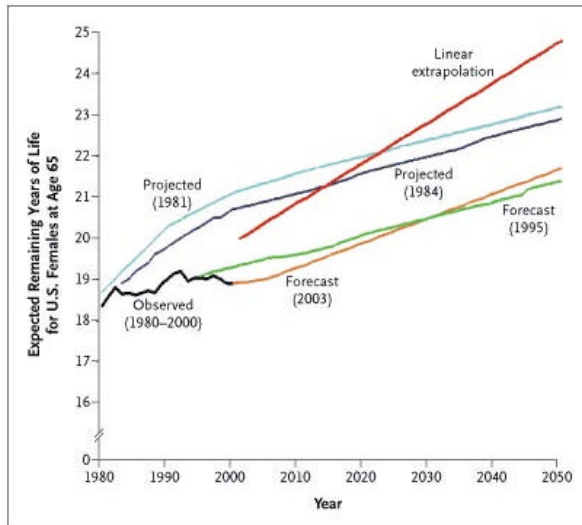
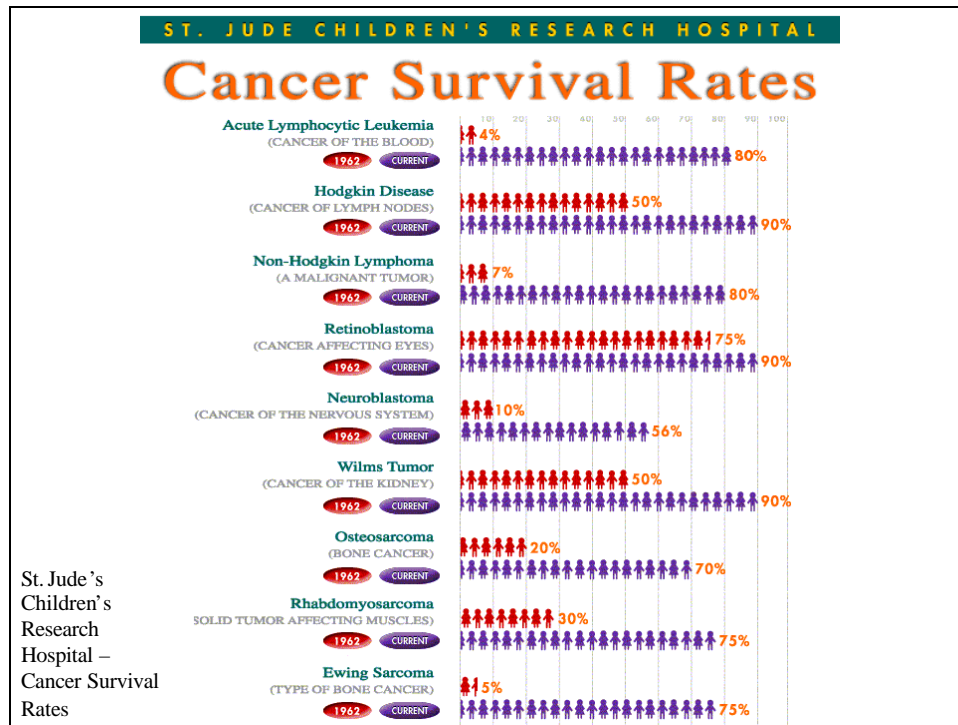


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Cancer Advances

- ✚ Better screening and earlier diagnosis
- ✚ New treatments and cures

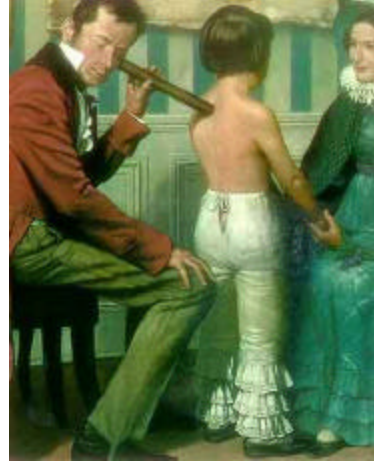


Magic Bullet Therapy

- ✚ Gleevec (imatinib meslate)
 - BCR-ABL tyrosine kinase inhibitor
 - Only Leukemia cancer cells die
 - FDA approval May 10, 2001
 - US \$2,400 per month



Doctors of the Past....

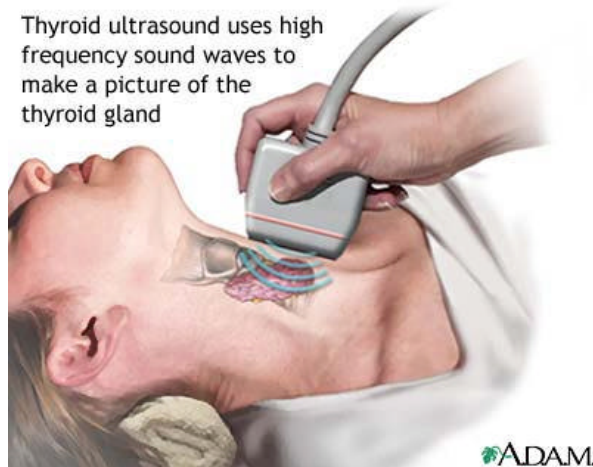


Doctor of the Future.....



Thyroid ultrasound

Thyroid ultrasound uses high frequency sound waves to make a picture of the thyroid gland



<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/imagepages/18056.htm>

Thyroid Cancer Screening

- ✚ 697 women who presented for breast U/S with no thyroid history
 - ▢ 246 (35.3%) were found to have thyroid nodules
 - ▢ 21 (3.0%) found to have thyroid cancer



Lee HK et al, Yonsei Med J. 2003 Dec 30;44(6):1040-4



Trends in Breast Carcinoma In-Situ Australia

Table 1: Cancer registry new cases of DCIS, 1993 to 1998

Age at diagnosis	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
0-19 years	0	0	0	0	1	0
20-29 years	4	2	5	2	10	5
30-39 years	41	46	52	37	48	46
40-49 years	151	174	182	207	237	240
50-59 years	190	227	283	287	328	367
60-69 years	159	193	214	234	256	308
70+ years	90	113	189	175	167	219
Total	635	755	925	942	1,047	1,185

Source: State and Territory Cancer Registries

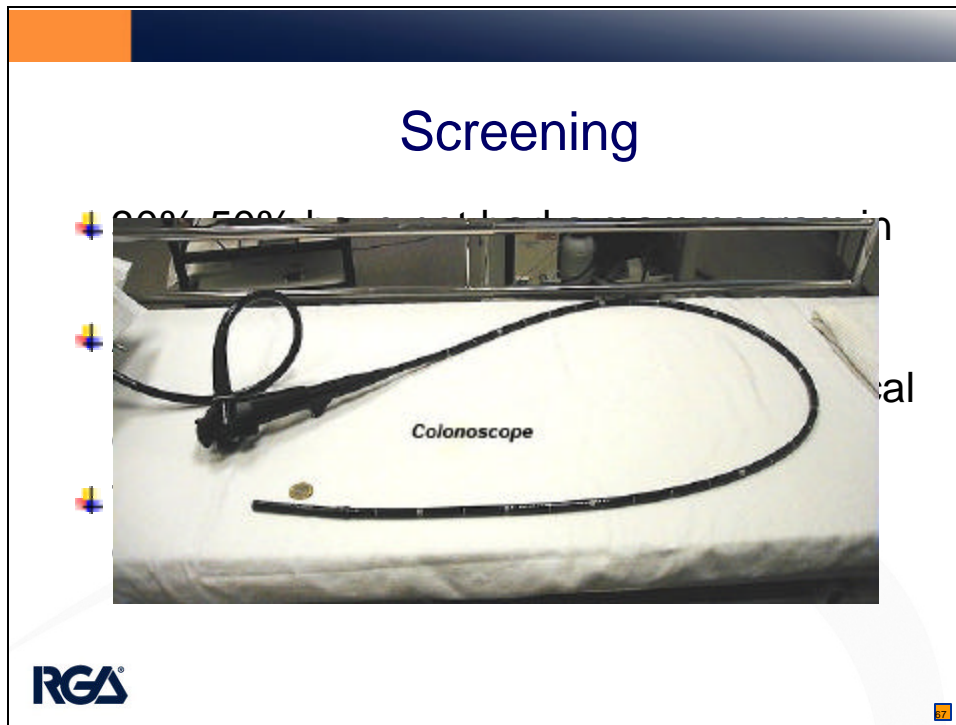
~ 17% of all new breast cancers are CIS

Claim for Breast Cancer

- + 38 year old female
- + Mother had breast cancer at 52 years old
- + Sister had breast cancer at 39 years old
- + Critical Illness issued at +100


- + 6 months post issue:
 - Genetic Test BRCA 1 positive
 - Treated with bilateral mastectomy and oophorectomy





Gene screen spots colon cancer early - Microsoft Internet Explorer

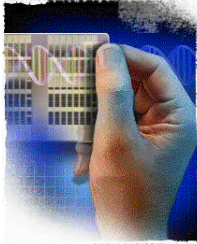
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COLON CANCER



Gene screen spots colon cancer early

Experimental test finds cancer in its curable stage: study

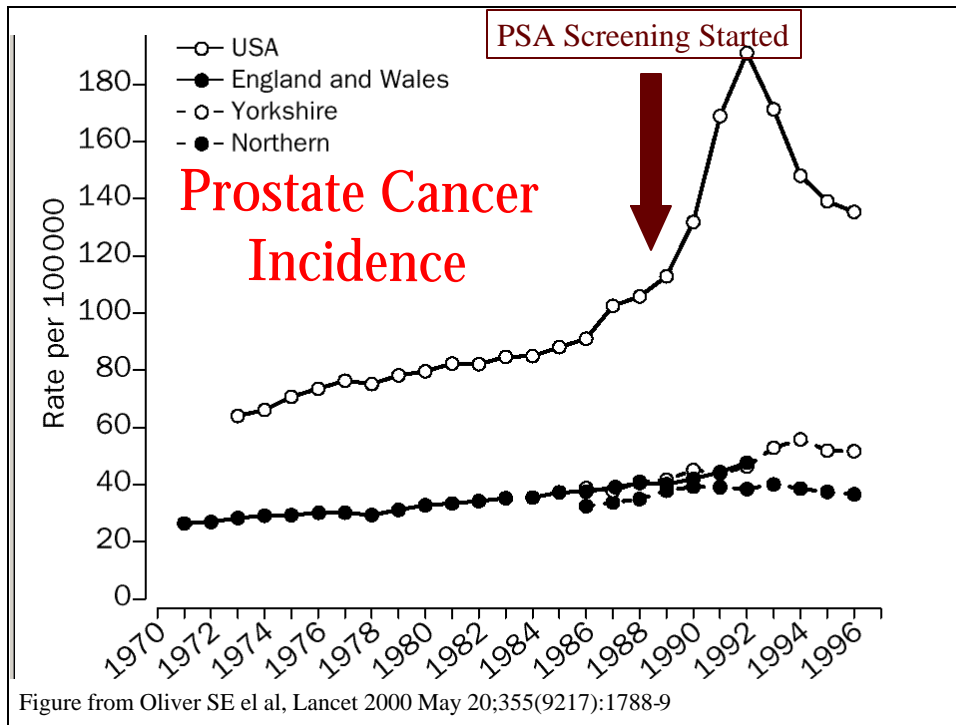
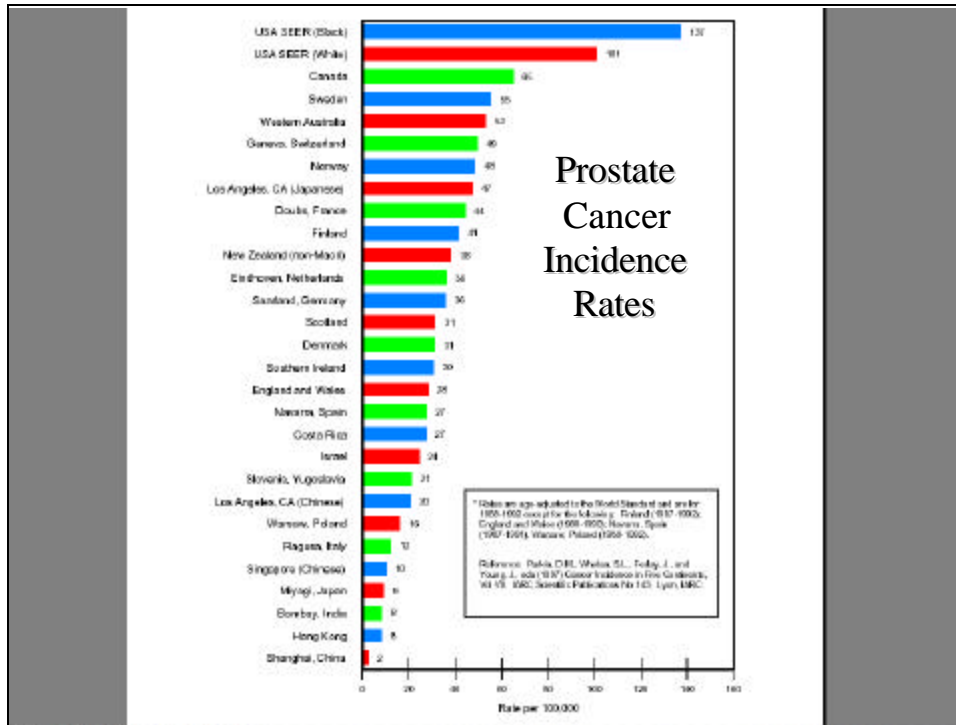
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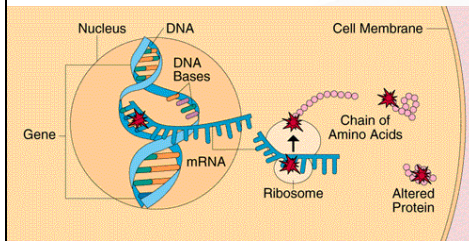
Jan. 30 — A new screening test can find colon cancer in its early, curable stage by detecting extremely small traces of cancer genes in patients' stool. The experimental test, still several years away from routine use, offers an

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Proteomic Screening

- ✚ PSA misses about 1/3 of prostate cancers
- ✚ NMP48
 - Increased specificity and sensitivity compared to PSA with a 91% predictive value
 - detected 92% of the PSA missed cancers



UK Critical Illness Cancer Definition

- ✚ Any malignant tumour characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of malignant cells and invasion of tissue. The term cancer includes leukaemia and Hodgkin's disease but the following are excluded:

UK Cancer Exclusions

- ✦ All tumours which are histologically described as pre-malignant, as non-invasive or as cancer in situ
- ✦ All tumours of the prostate unless histologically classified as having a Gleason score greater than 6 or having progressed to at least TNM classification T2N0M0
- ✦ All forms of lymphoma in the presence of any Human Immunodeficiency Virus
- ✦ Kaposi's sarcoma in the presence of any Human Immunodeficiency Virus
- ✦ Any skin cancer other than invasive malignant melanoma

Extra Singapore Cancer Exclusions

- ✦ Melanomas of less than 1.5mm Breslow thickness, or less than Clark Level 3
- ✦ Prostate Cancers histologically described as TNM Classification T1a or T1b or Prostate cancers of another equivalent or lesser classification
- ✦ T1N0M0 papillary micro-carcinoma of the Thyroid less than 1 cm in diameter
- ✦ Papillary micro-carcinoma of the Bladder
- ✦ Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia less than RAI Stage 3
- ✦ All tumors in presence of HIV



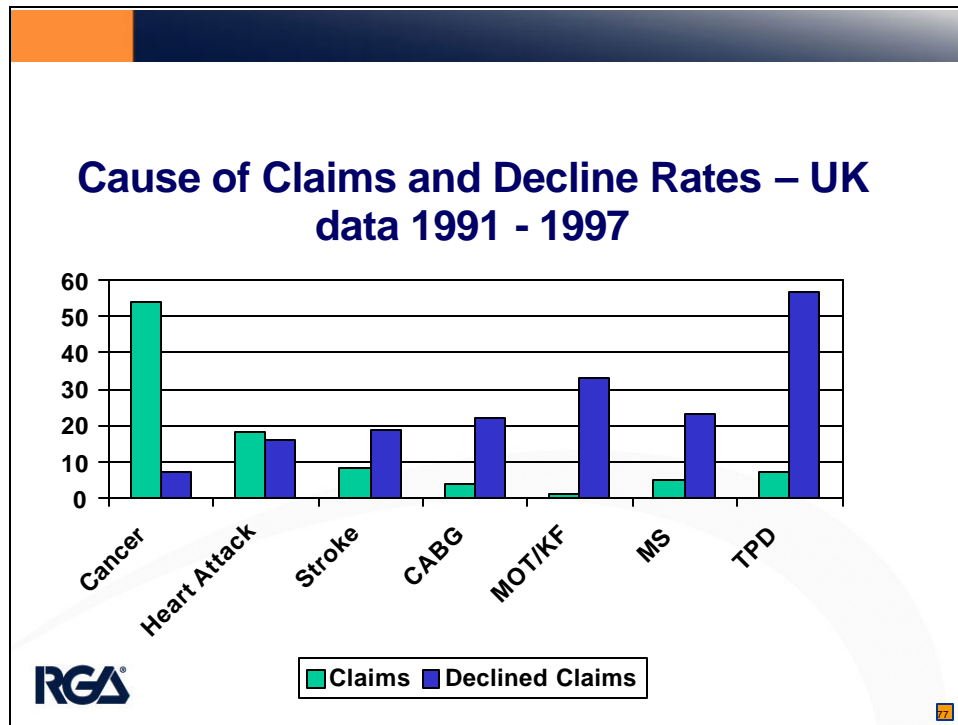
What is the definition????

- ✚ Insurer's view
- ✚ Doctor's view
- ✚ Policyholder's view
- ✚ Ombudsman's and Lawyer's view

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- ### Summary
- ✚ Past trends do not necessarily reflect future incidence rates
 - ✚ More screening and prevention
 - ✚ New therapies and cures
 - ✚ Medical definitions are evolving
 - ✚ Need to be clear to public what is covered and what is not
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