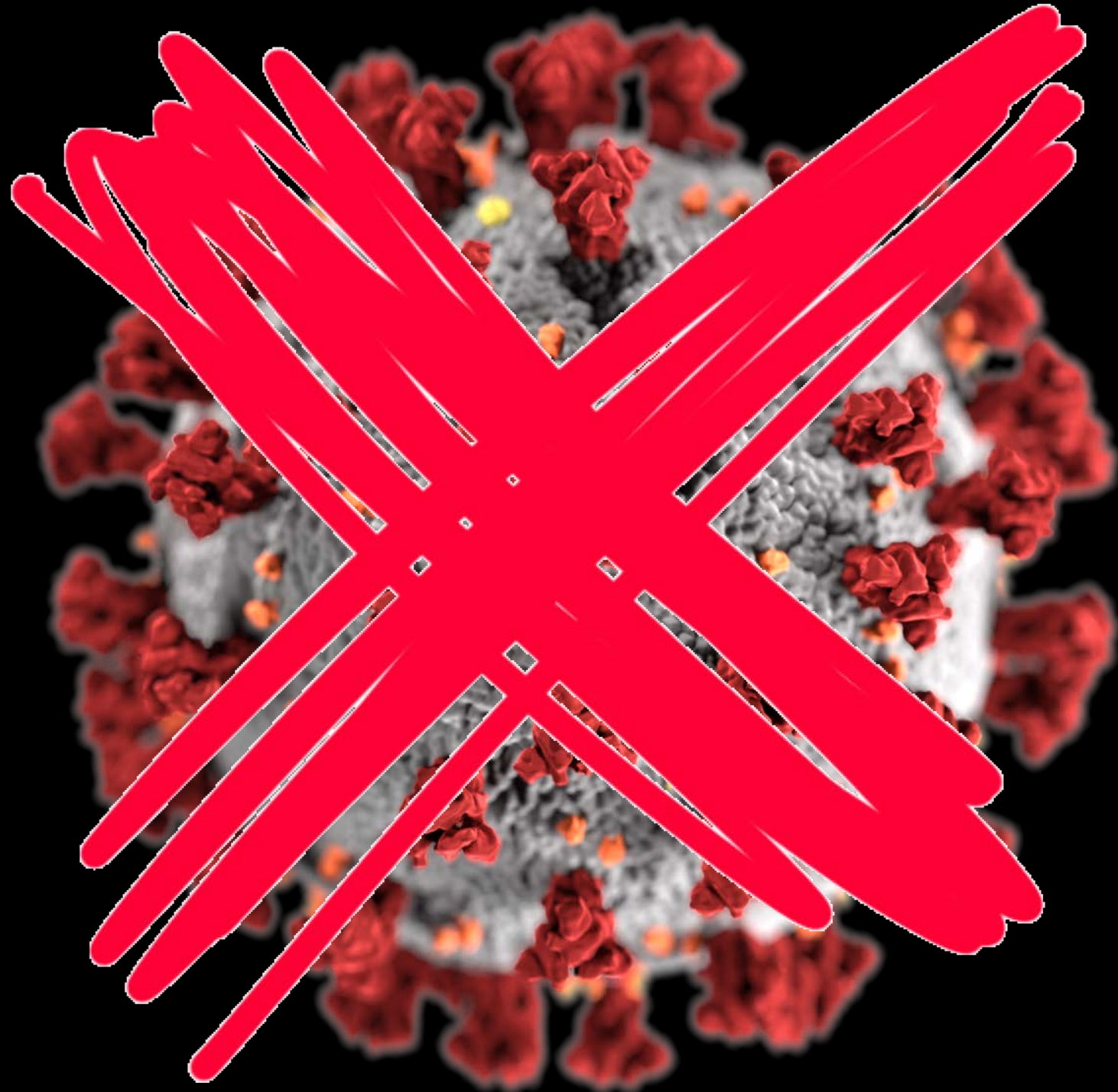




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# Who shall live?

The sustainability of health systems in  
the digital era





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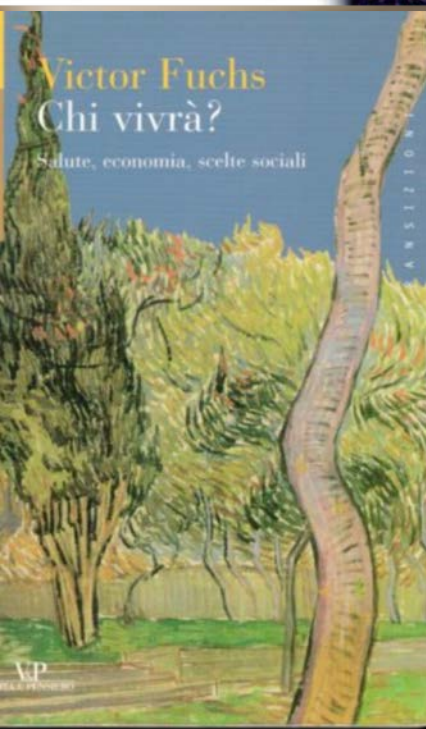
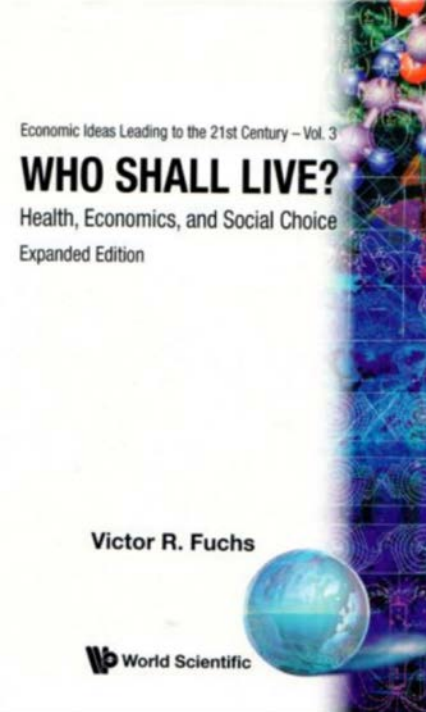
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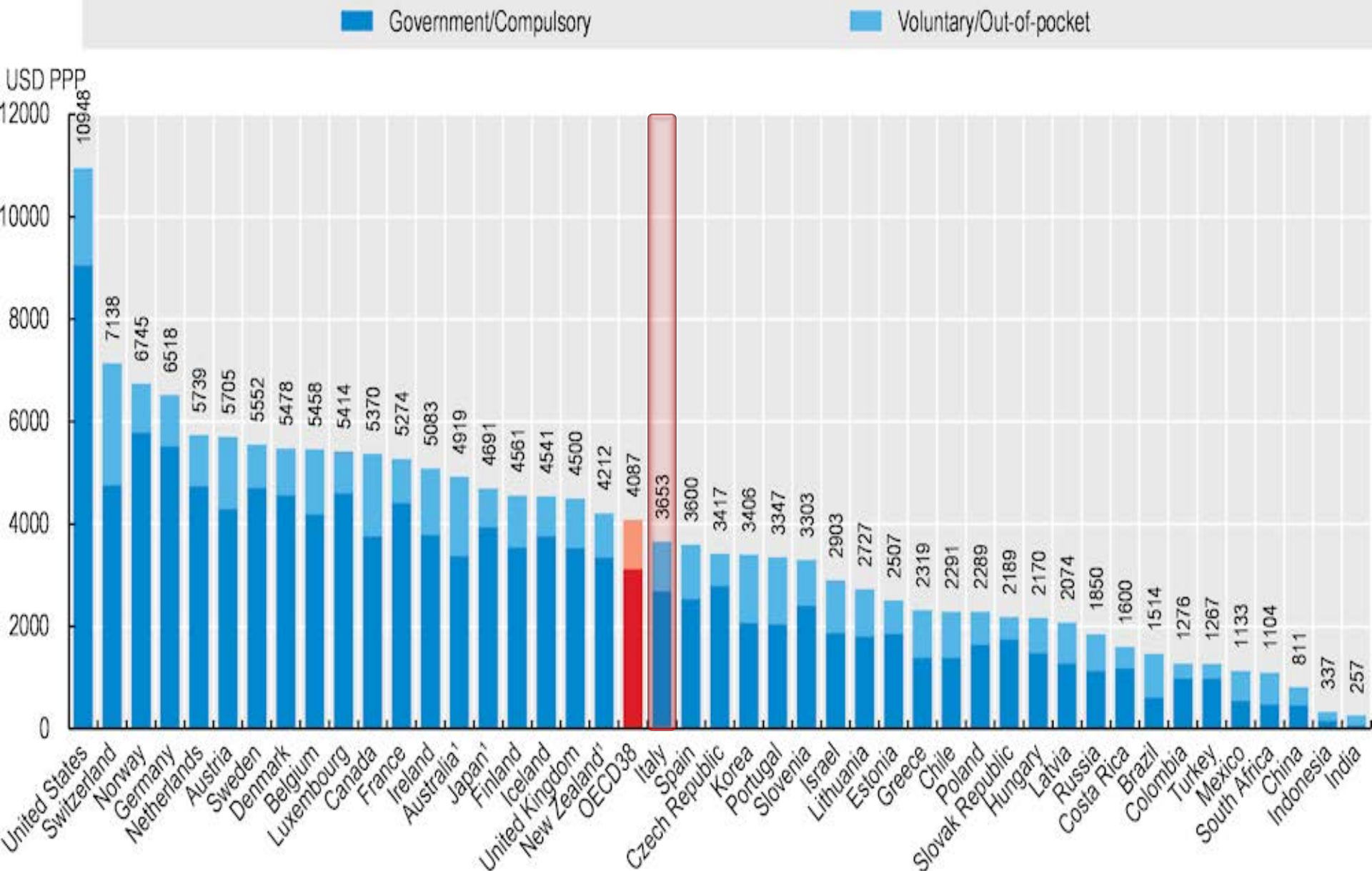
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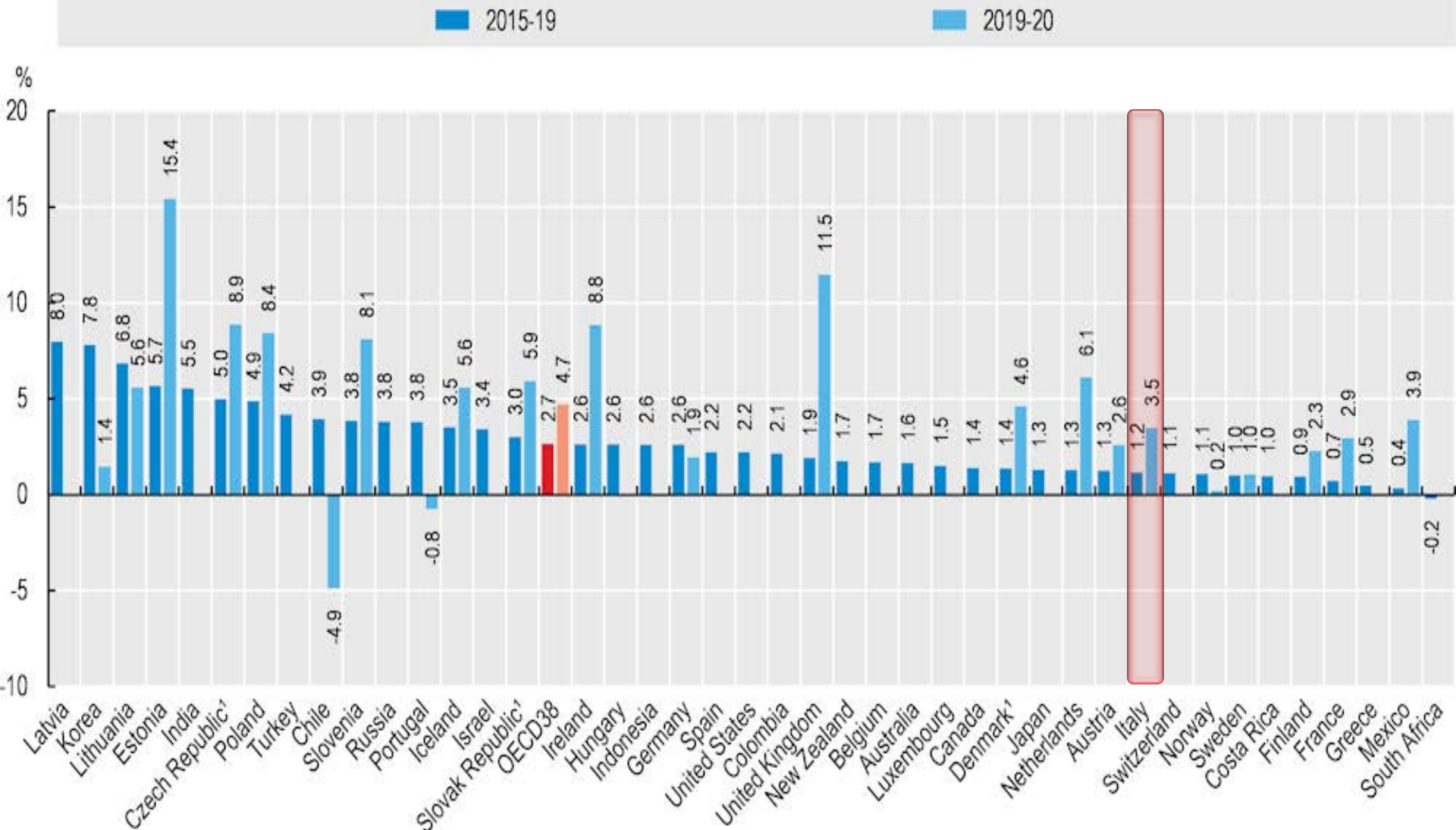


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>> Health expenditure per capita, 2019 (or nearest year)



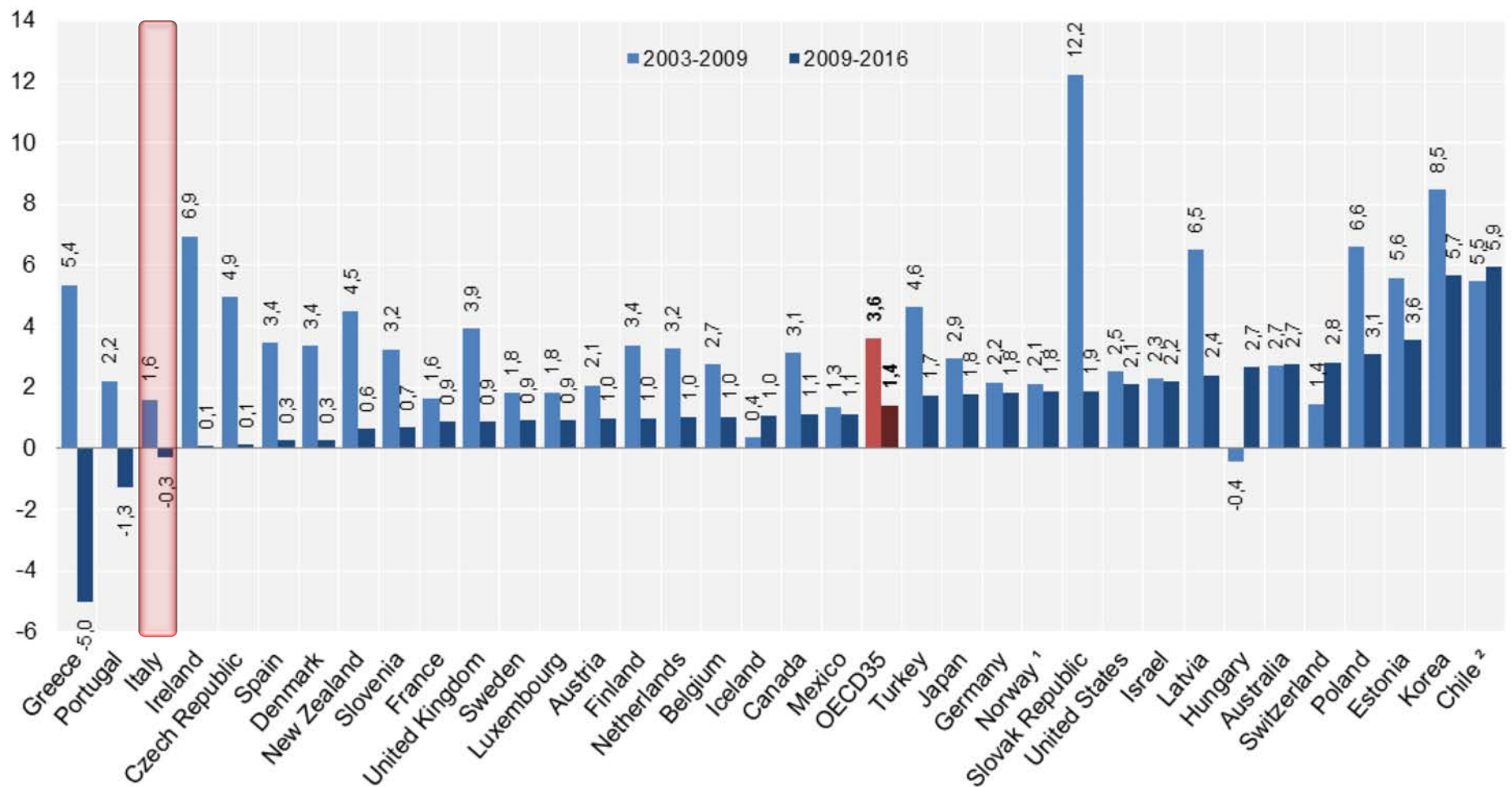
>> Annual growth in per capita health expenditure, real terms, 2015-19 (or nearest year) and 2019-20

Note: OECD average growth rate for 2019-20 is based on the preliminary estimates for 22 countries.

1. OECD estimates for 2020.

Source: OECD Health Statistics 2021.



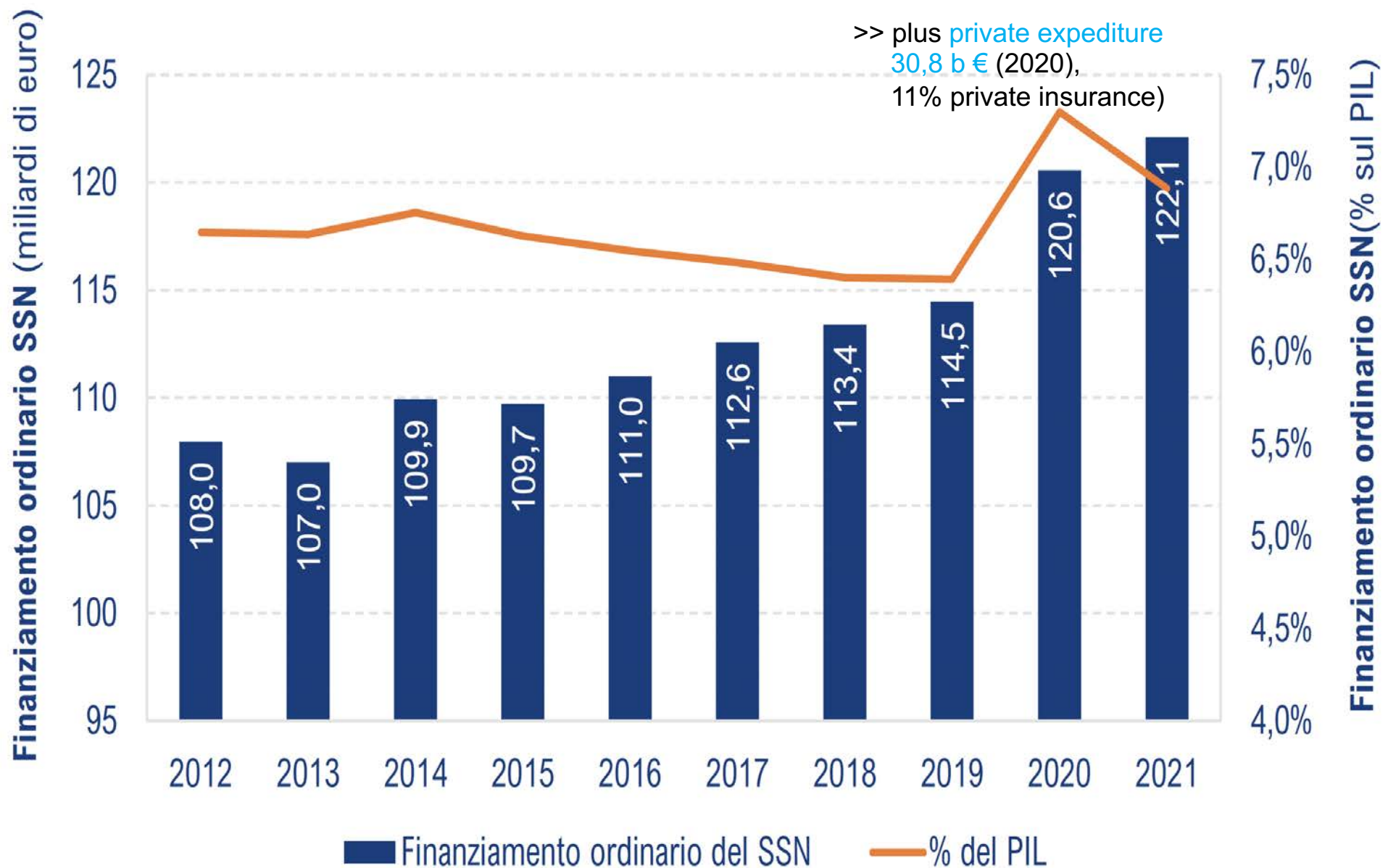


>> Annual average **growth rate** in per capita health expenditure, real terms, 2003-2016 (or nearest year)

1. Mainland Norway GDP (gross domestic product) price index used as deflator.

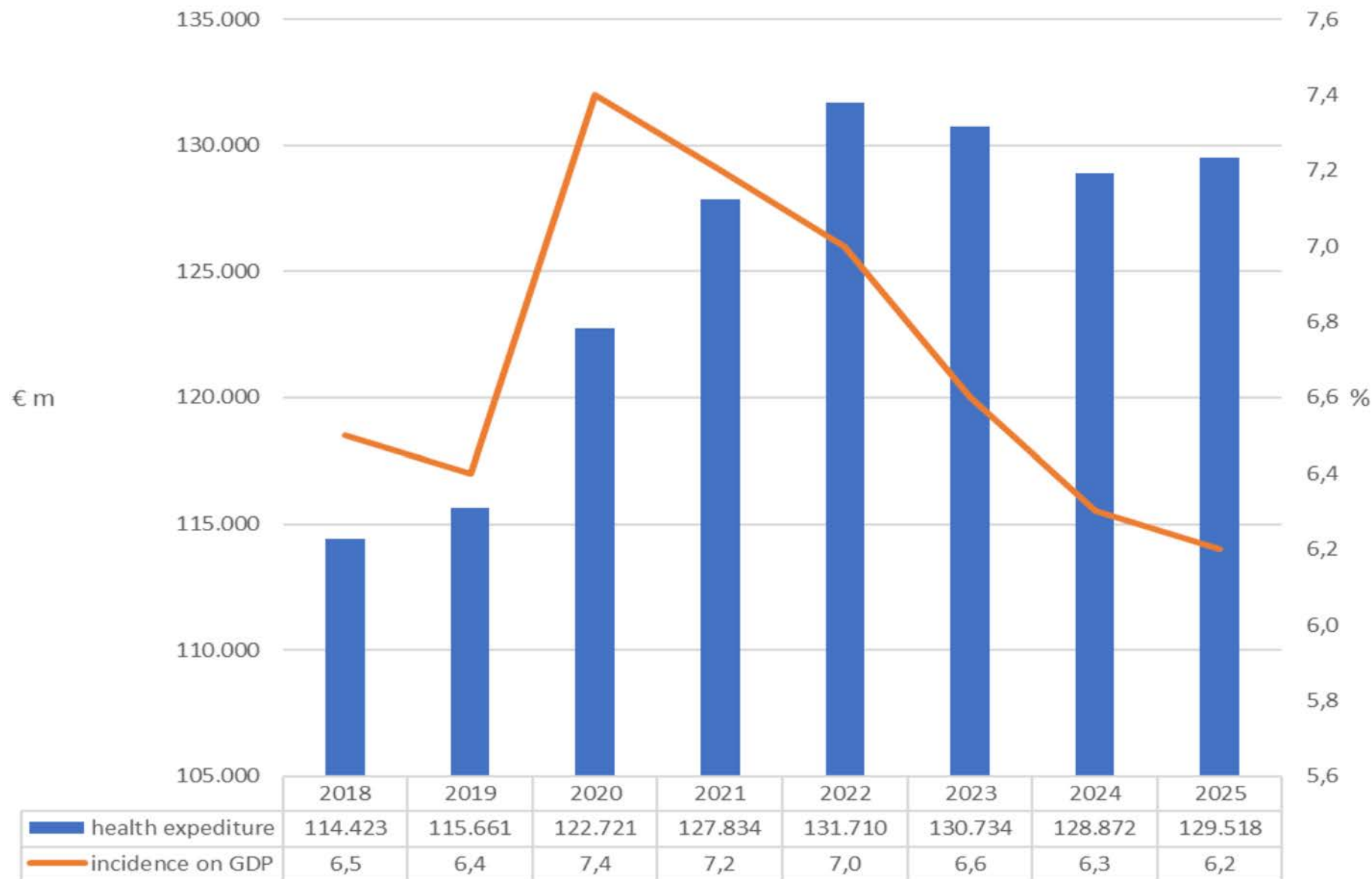
2. CPI (consumer price index) used as deflator.

Source: OECD Health Statistics 2017.

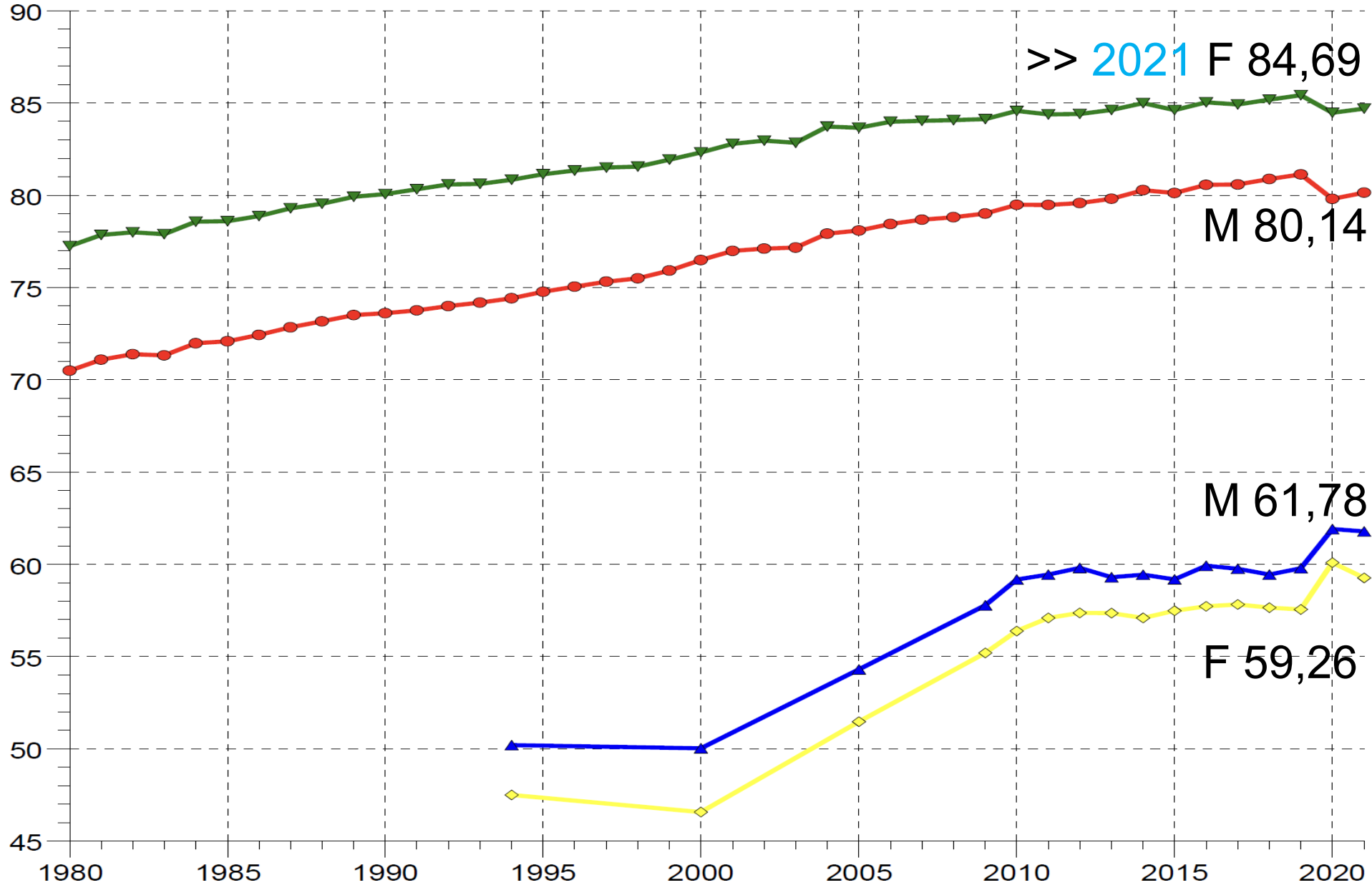


>> Italy– funding of the **national health service**, 2012-2021 (b €)  
and **incidence on GDP**



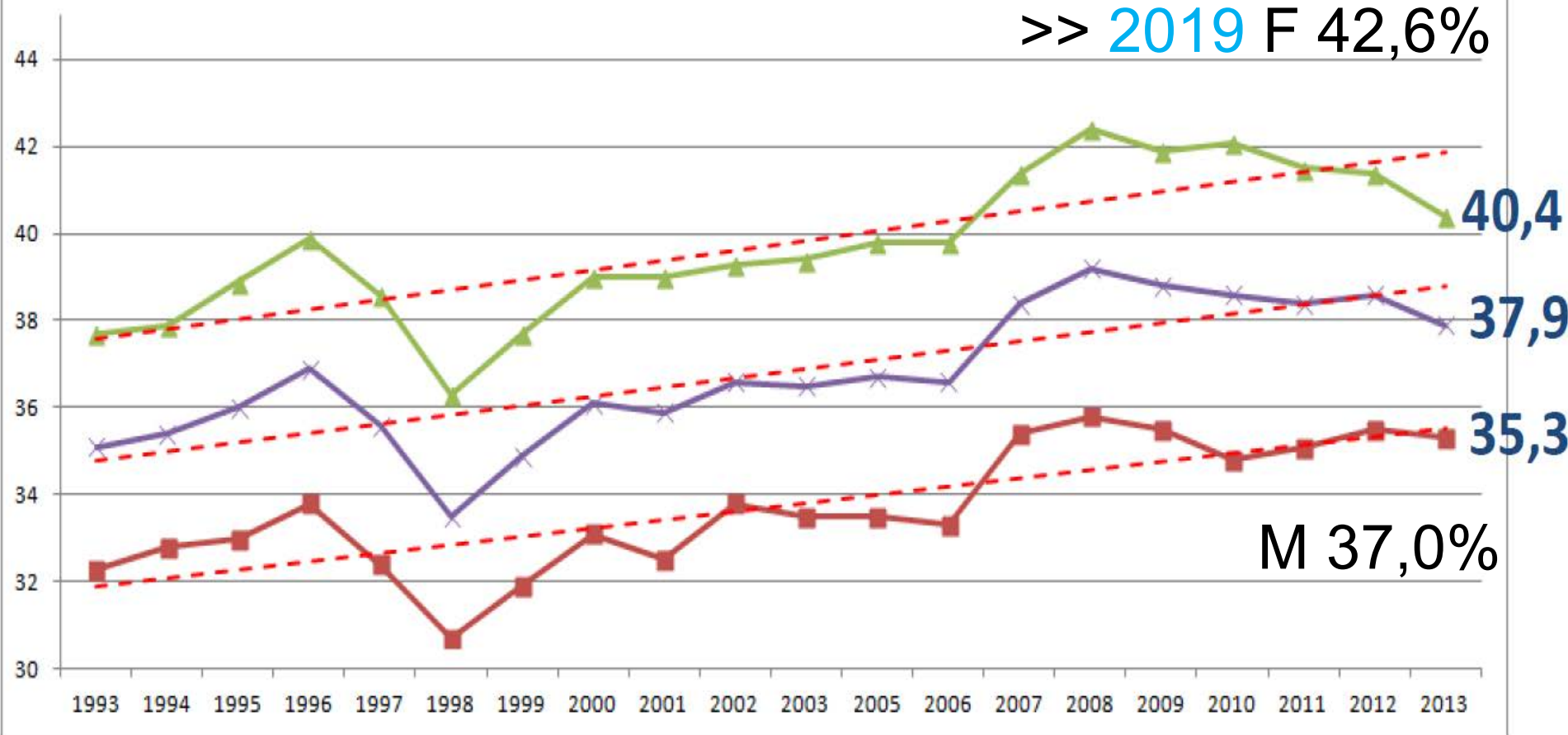


>> Italy – trend of the **ratio** between health expenditure and GDP (in %), 2018-2025



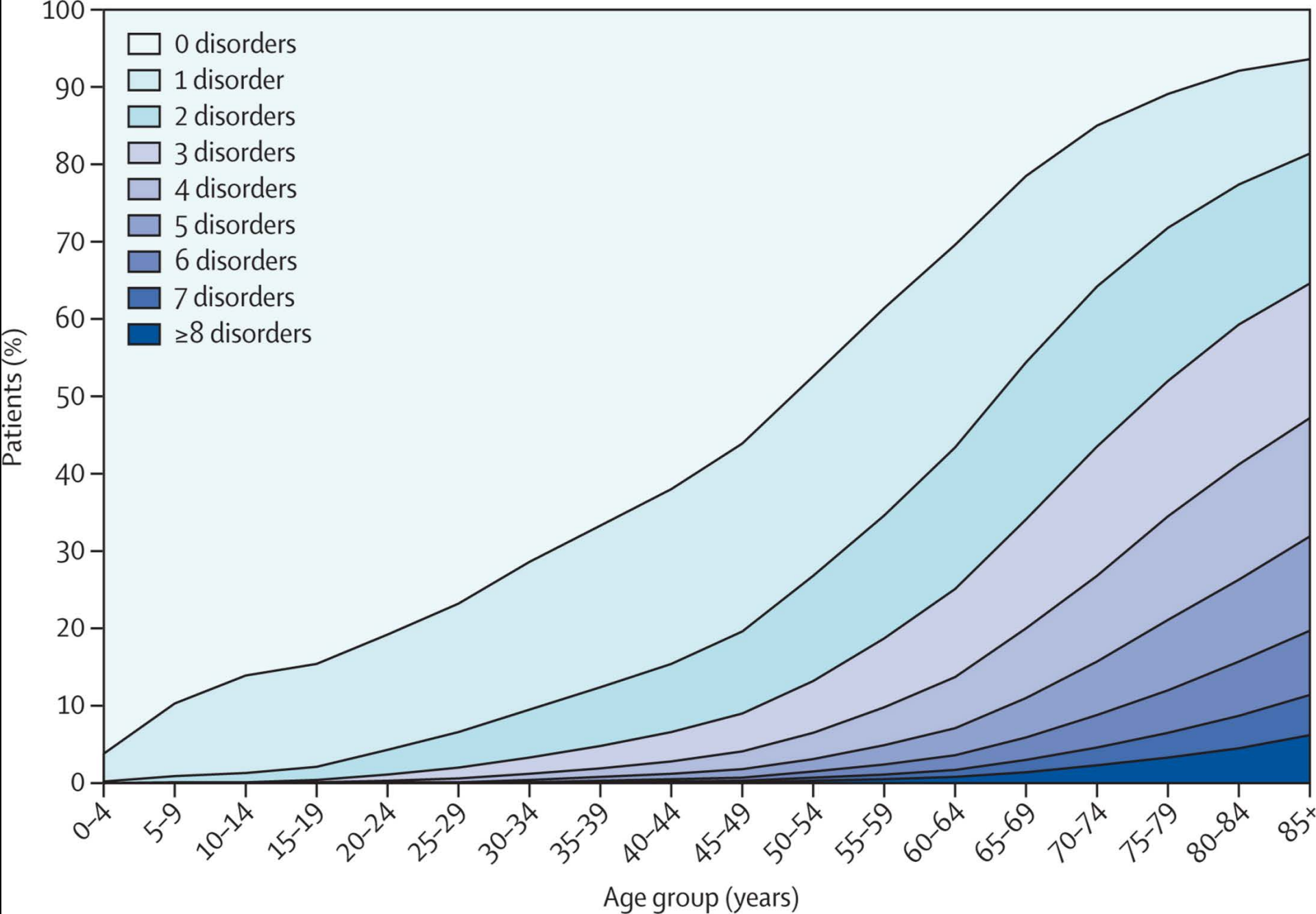
>> Italy – life and life in good health expectancy at birth,  
difference by gender ( M / F, M / F )

>> 2019 F 42,6%



Fonte: Istat (dati 1993-2013)

>> Italy – persons with at least one chronic condition



>> Number of chronic conditions by age segment

Source: Epidemiology of multimorbidity and implications for health care, research, and medical education: a cross-sectional study Karen Barnett, PhD et al., The Lancet



## Italy

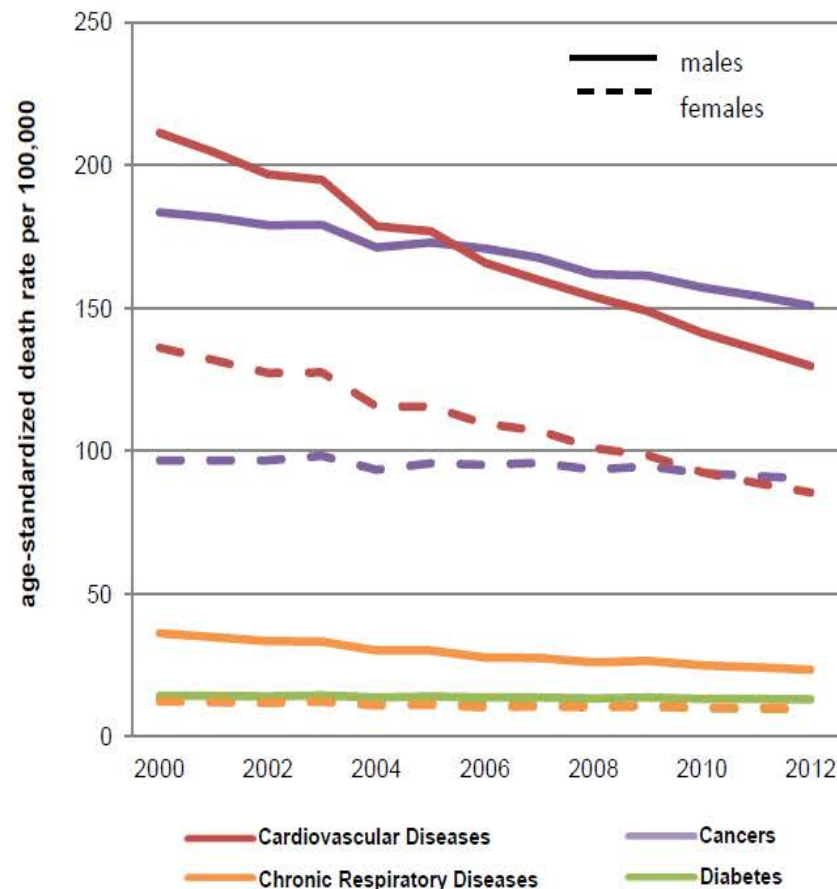
Total population: 60 885 000

Income Group: High

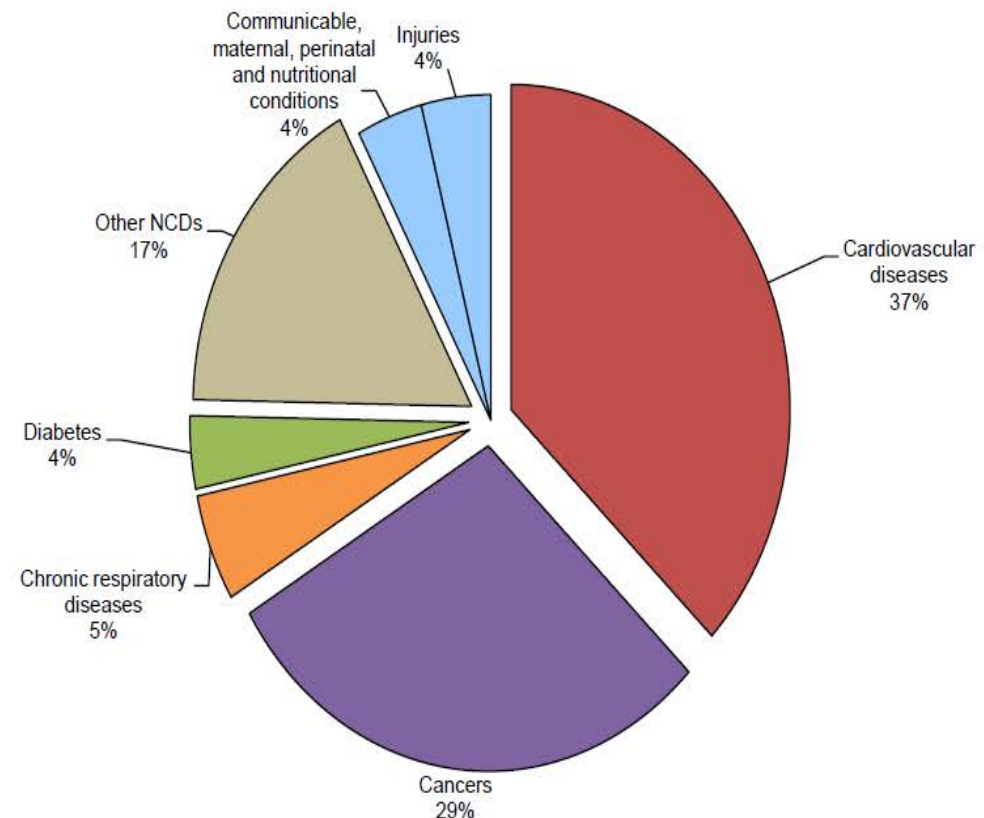
Percentage of population living in urban areas: 68.4%

Population proportion between ages 30 and 70 years: 55.0%

### Age-standardized death rates



### Proportional mortality (% of total deaths, all ages, both sexes)

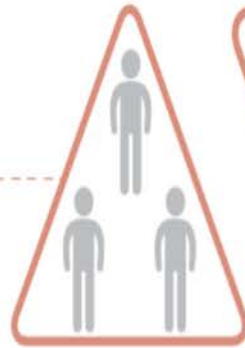


Total deaths: 573,000  
NCDs are estimated to account for 92% of total deaths.

## COST BREAKDOWN

5%

Polychronic

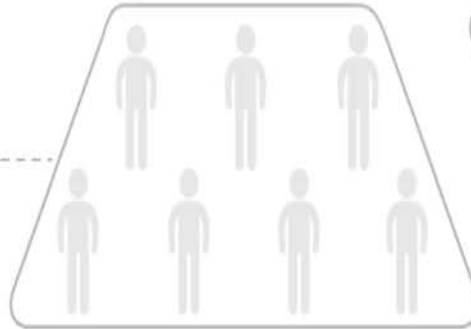


45%

ER visits, overutilization,  
high care variation,  
noncompliance

20%

At-risk for major procedures  
(e.g. cardiology, oncology)



35%

Infections, complications,  
rehospitalizations

75%

Healthy,  
minor health issues



20%

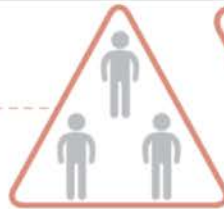
The Volume-to-Value Revolution – Rebuilding the DNA of Health from the Patient In – Oliver Wyman

PATIENT POPULATIONS

>> The upside-down pyramid (today):  
cost per clinical stratum

5%

Polychronic



45%

ER visits, overutilization,  
high care variation,  
noncompliance

20%



x2

>> Expenditure growth:  
«no initiative» scenario



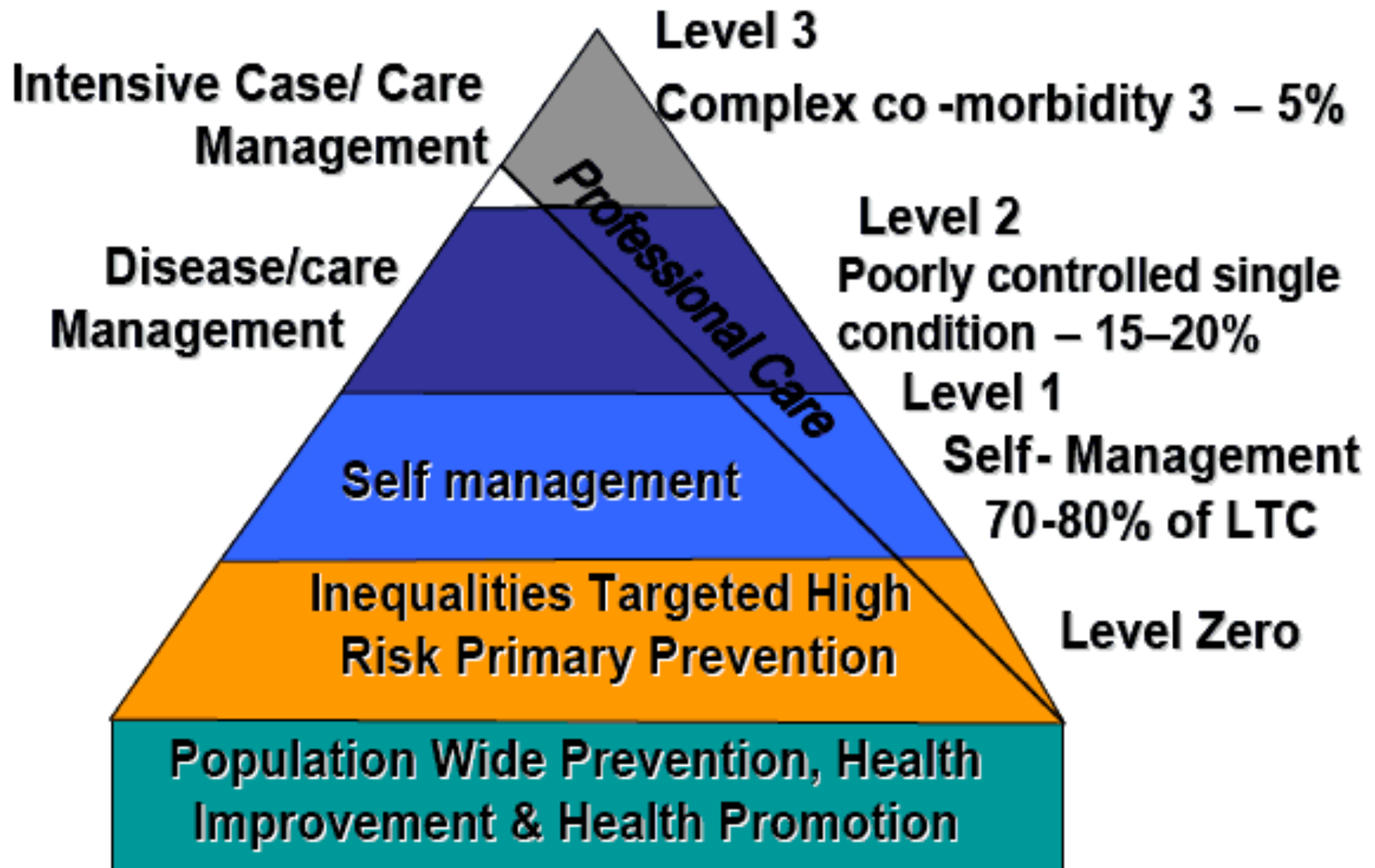
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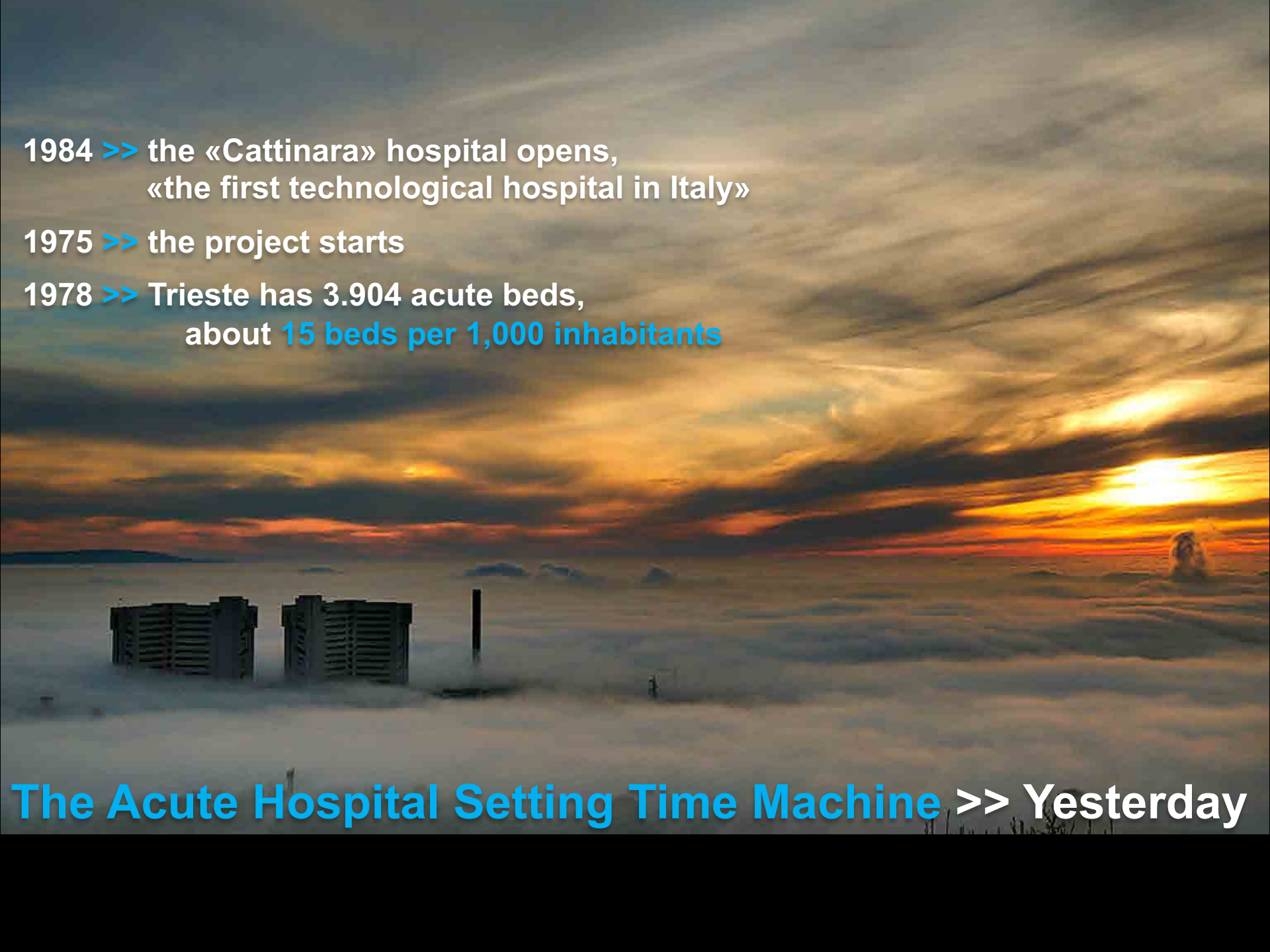
>> Let's crush the pyramid!





>> Let's **section** the pyramid!





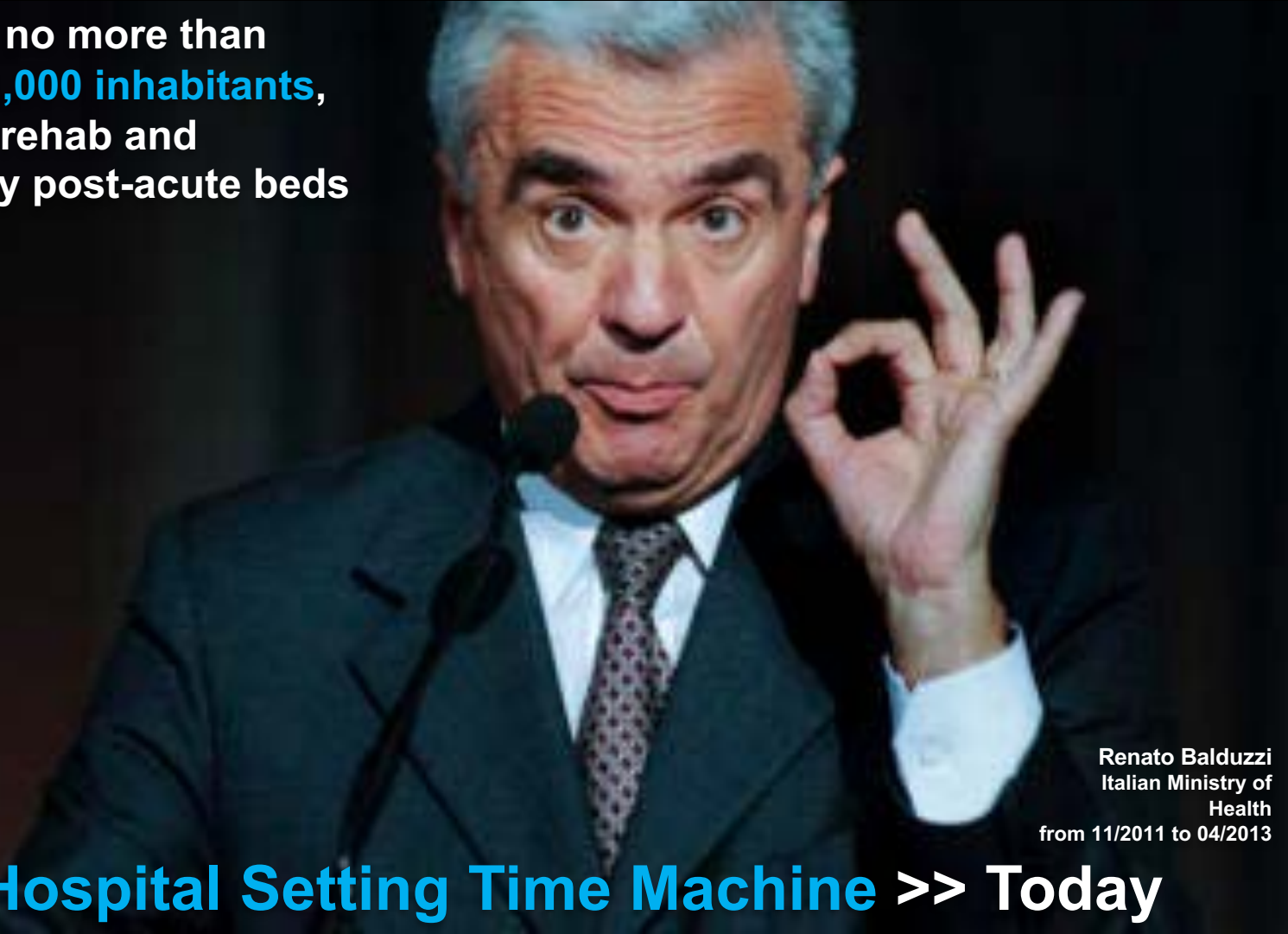
1984 >> the «Cattinara» hospital opens,  
«the first technological hospital in Italy»

1975 >> the project starts

1978 >> Trieste has 3.904 acute beds,  
about 15 beds per 1,000 inhabitants

**The Acute Hospital Setting Time Machine >> Yesterday**

>> 135/2012 act: no more than  
3.7 beds for 1,000 inhabitants,  
including 0,7 rehab and  
long-term stay post-acute beds



Renato Balduzzi  
Italian Ministry of  
Health  
from 11/2011 to 04/2013

**The Acute Hospital Setting Time Machine >> Today**

>> July 2014, the «**Health Pact**»  
is signed by the  
State-Regions  
Conference

>> **THE PATIENT AT THE CENTRE**  
the humanization of care at  
the hearth of the pact

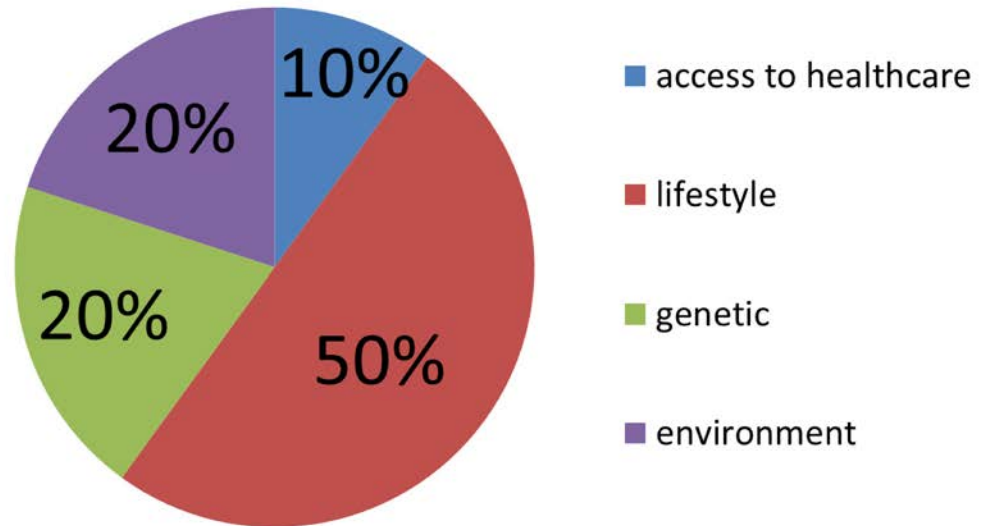
>> **RESHAPING CARE**  
reorganize hospitals and boost  
community care through a more  
productive and pervasive  
healthcare network

Beatrice Lorenzin  
Ministry of Health  
from 04/2013 to  
06/2018

**The Hospital and the Community** >> **Tomorrow**



## >> Social determinants of health



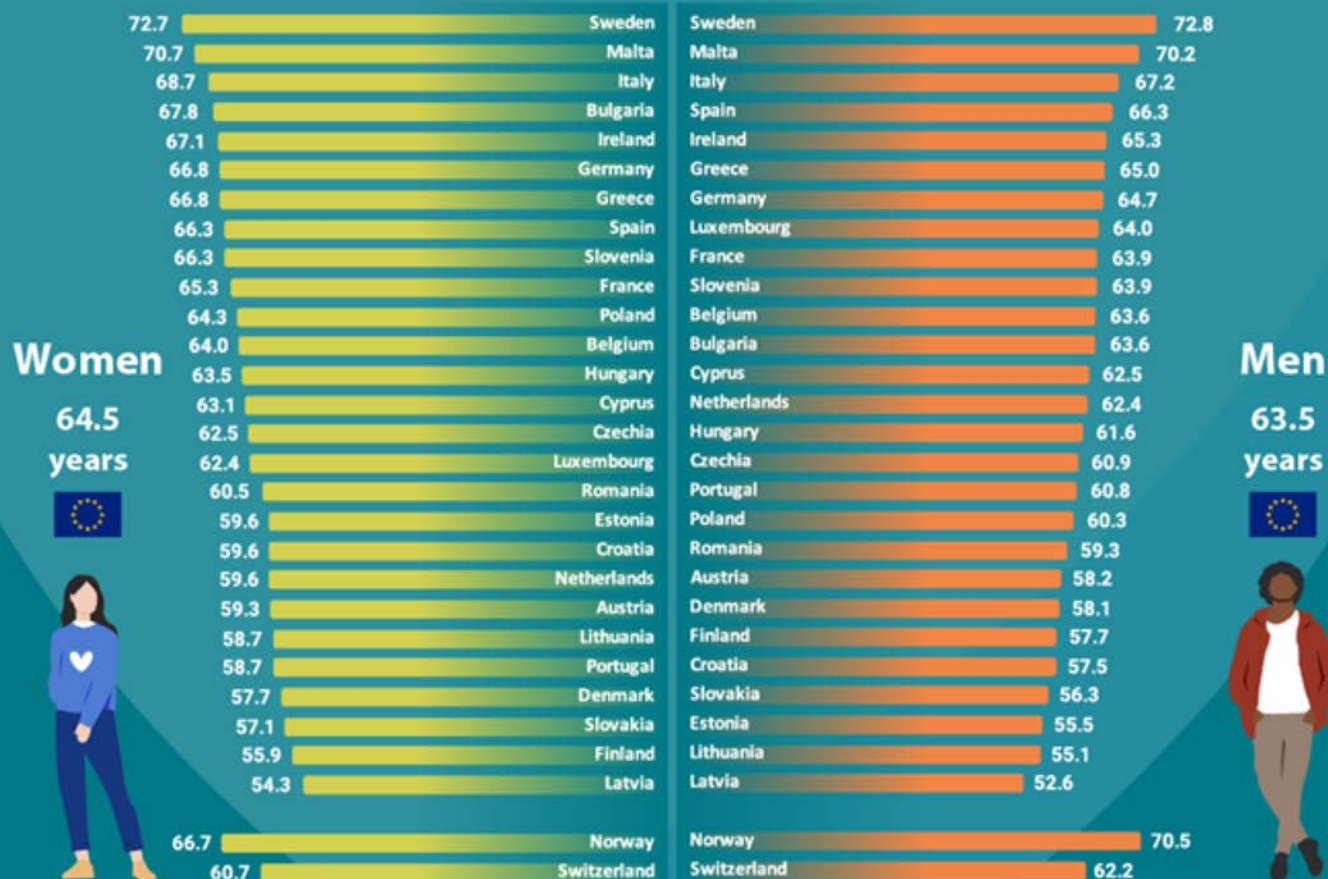
# >> Healthy life expectancy at birth

## Healthy life years at birth (2020 data)

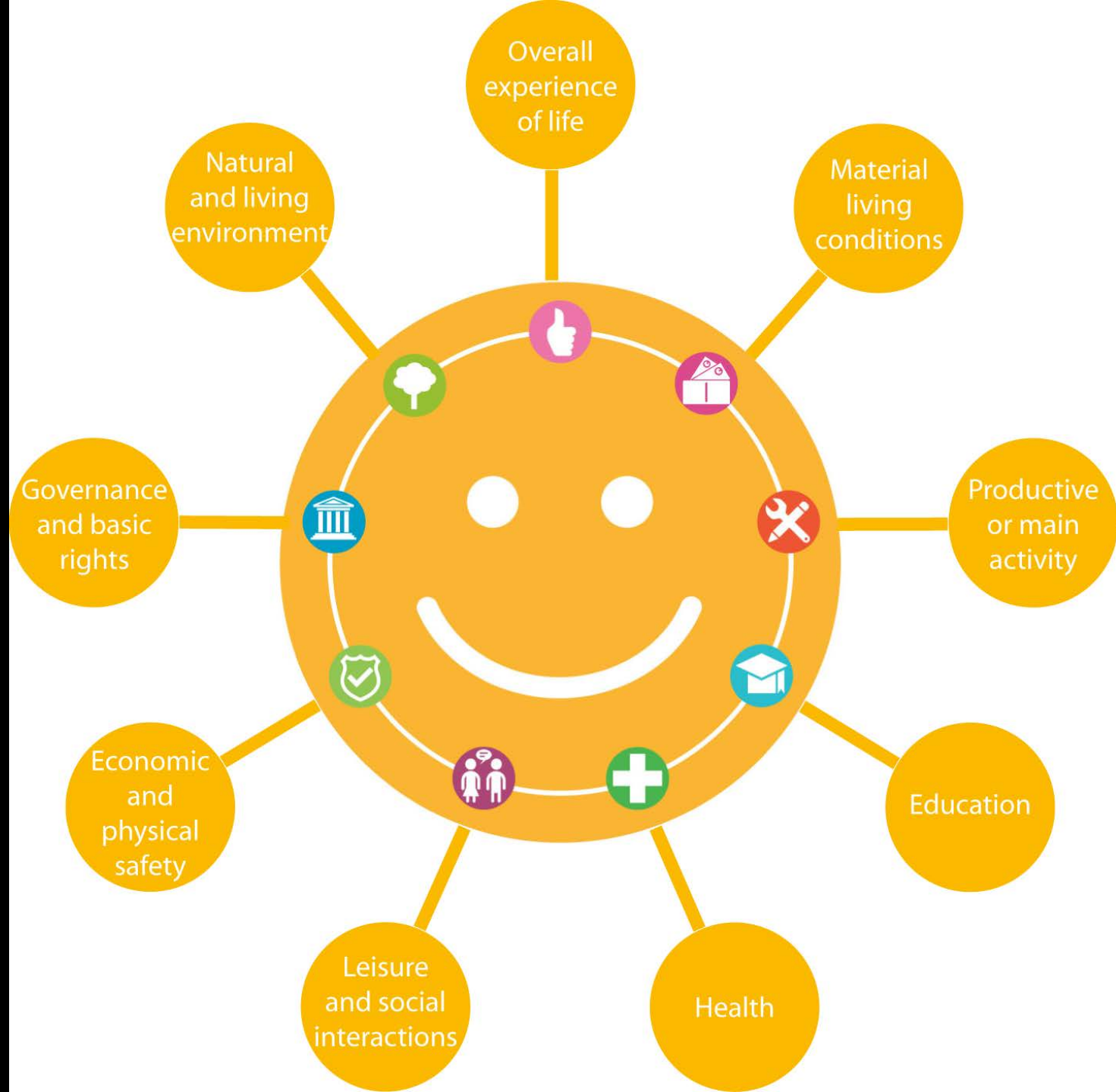


### Healthy Life Years:

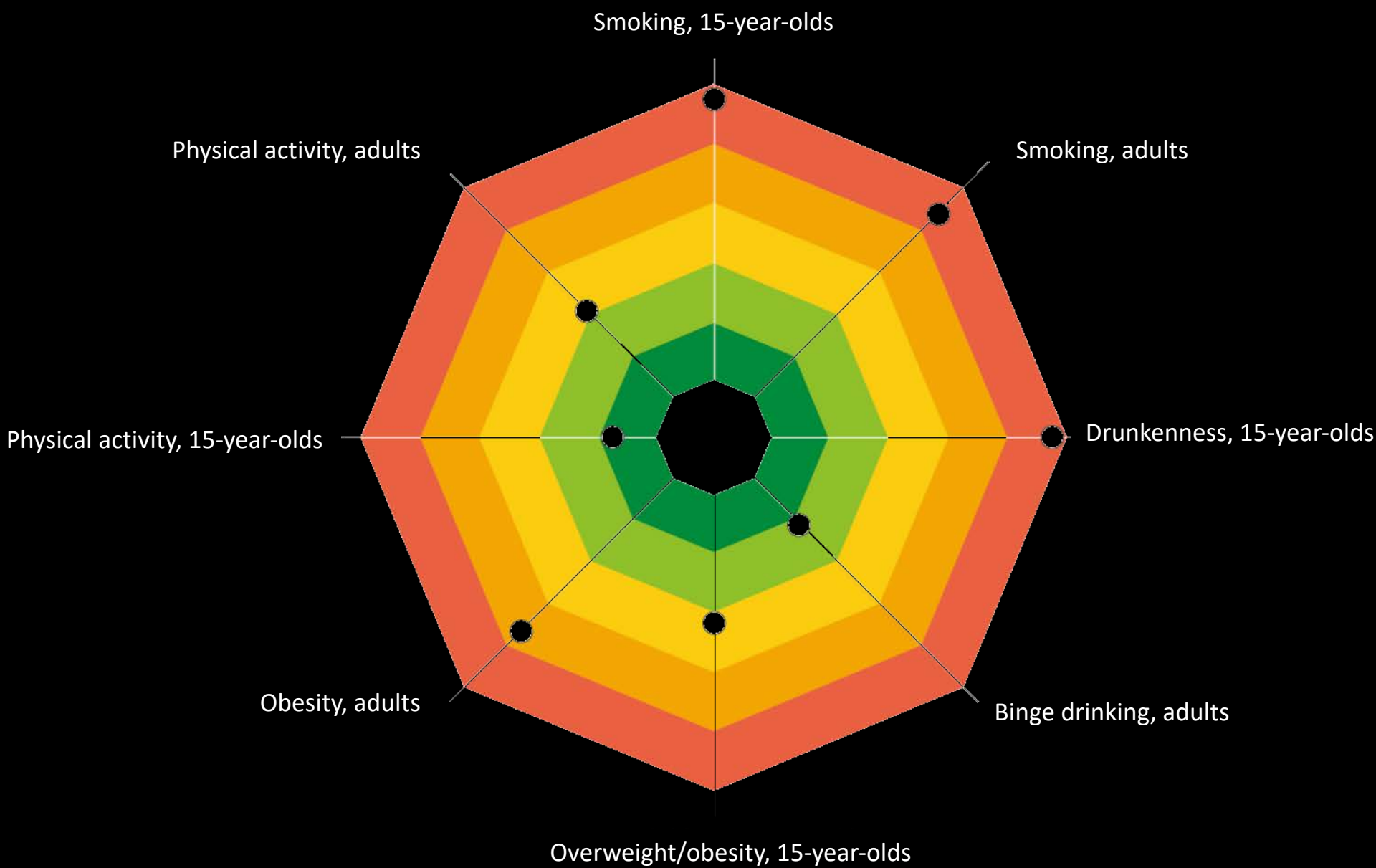
the number of years that a person is expected to live without an activity limitation (disability).



# >> the Quality of Life



Smoking, alcohol drinking and obesity are major public health issues in Croatia



Source: European Commission, Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, State of Health in the EU – Croatia – Country Health Profile 2017.



## >> Case study - *Kaiser Permanente*



The largest healthcare nonprofit organization in the US, founded in 1945 by Henry J. Kaiser e Sidney Garfield, based in Oakland (CA), manages, as an **integrated managed care** consortium, health plans for 10,2m members with 182k employees , over 17k phisicians and 48k nurses, 37 hospitals, with a budget of over US\$ 60 billion.

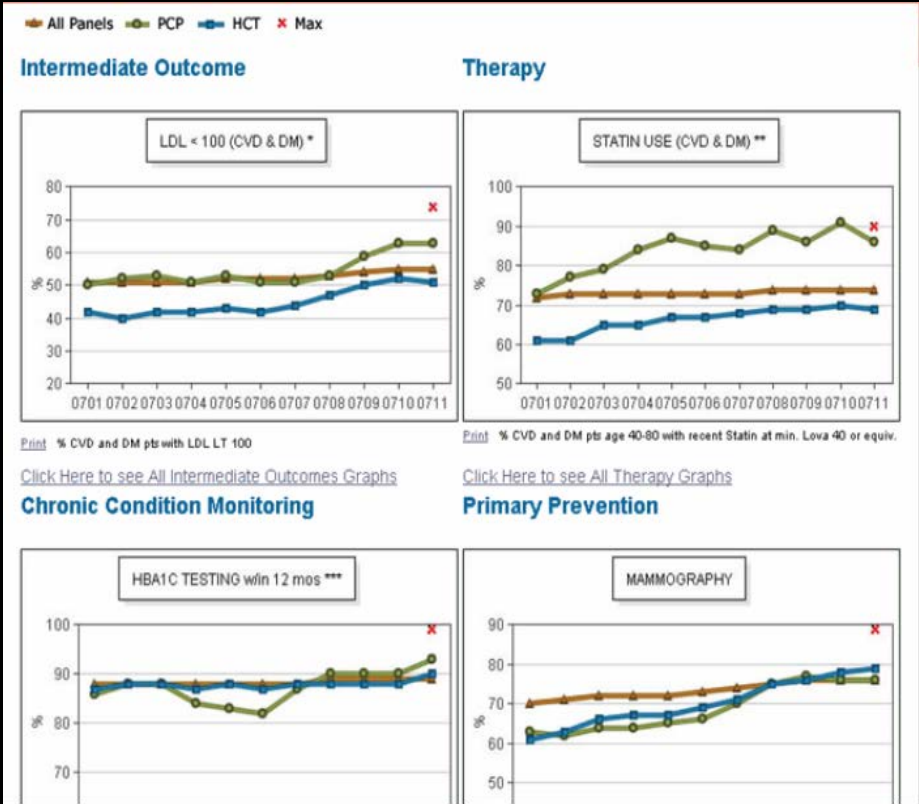


# >> How to **crush** and **section** the pyramid?



George Halvorson managed Kaiser Permanente from 2002 to 2013. He was the leading force behind a stunning **clinical and care processes computerization plan: HealthConnect**. The investments reached US\$ 2.5b/y, about 5% of the turnover.

Main goal: **know own members** to **better assist them**. The overall investment for the HealthConnect project was US\$ 4b, about US\$ 400 per member.

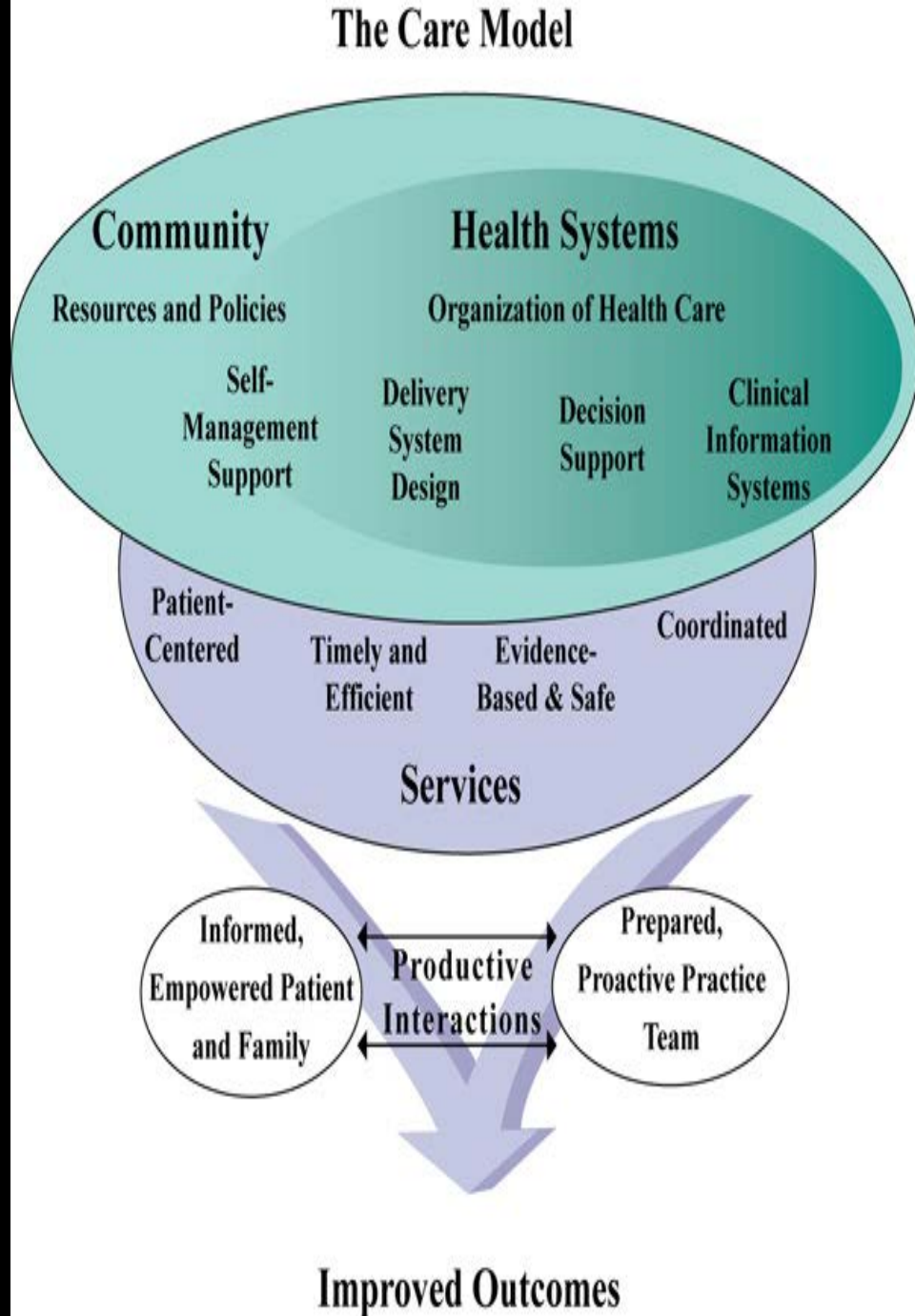


# >> Health-IT enabled **outcome** improvement

- **HIT-Enabled Diabetes Care**<sup>1</sup>
  - 44% lower failure rate of metformin treatment for type 2 diabetes
- **HIT-Enabled Cholesterol Management**<sup>2</sup>
  - 40% more very high risk patients achieve national cholesterol guidelines
- **HIT-Enabled Screening**<sup>3</sup>
  - Best breast cancer screening rates in US
  - Best HIV/AIDS screening rates in US
- **HIT-Enabled Cardiac Care**<sup>4</sup>
  - 24% lower probability of death from heart attack
  - 62% lower probability of serious heart attacks doing permanent damage
  - 90% lower mortality from second heart attacks
  - 89% lower all-cause cardiac mortality
- **HIT-Enabled Patient Satisfaction**<sup>5</sup>
  - Higher patient involvement in care
  - Over 800% more scheduled e-visits
  - Almost 600% more secure messaging with doctors
  - 24% fewer office visits

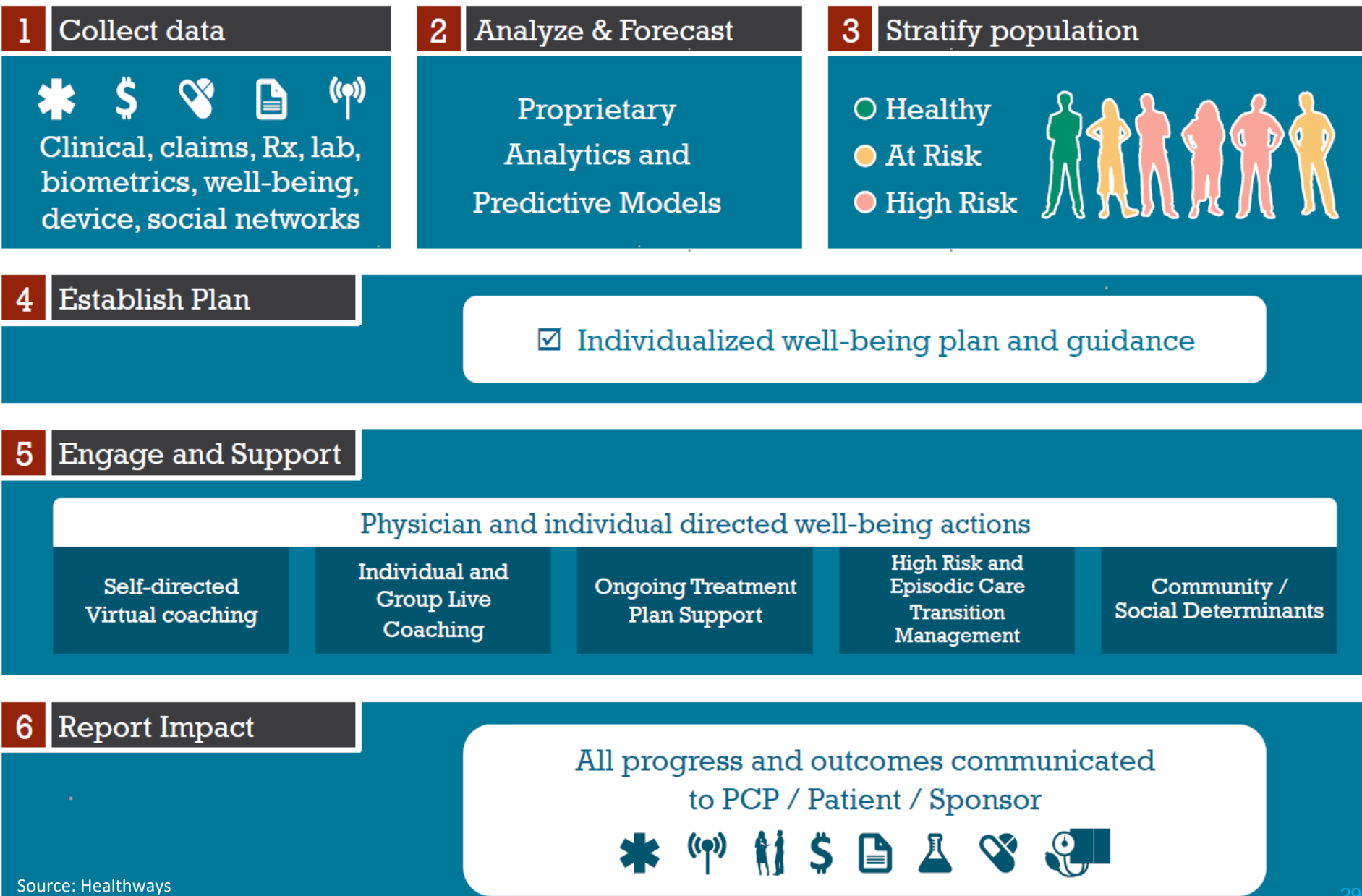
# >> The role of digitalization in health management

The **enabling factor** to move from the «reactive medicine» model, structured to address the expressed needs of the patients, toward the «**proactive medicine**» model, aiming to answering to the **not yet expressed needs of healthy people** and to reach an **optimal management of chronic conditions** according to the chronic care model.





# >> How to impact **well-being** to manage population health



Peer-Reviewed Articles and Reports

Healthways Well-Being Literature

Well-Being, Health, and Productivity Improvement After an Empl  
in Large Retail Distribution Centers

Regional Economic Activity and Absenteeism: A New Approach  
Costs of Employee Productivity Loss

Comparing the Contributions of Well-Being and Disease Status t

The Well-Being 5: Development and Validation of a Diagnostic Ir  
Population Well-being

Overall Well-being as a Predictor of Healthcare, Productivity, and  
Large Employer

Well-Being and Employee Health—How Employees’ Well-Being  
Demographic Factors to Influence Risk of Hospitalization or an E

The Association between Modifiable Well-being Risks and Produ  
in Pooled Employer Sample

Self-Rated Job Performance and Absenteeism According to Empl  
Behaviors, and Physical Health

Classification of Individual Well-Being Scores for the Determinati  
Productivity Outcomes in Employee Population

Assessing Correlation Between Macro and Regional Economic Ir  
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Enhancing Multiple Domains of Well-Being by Decreasing Multi  
A Randomized Clinical Trial

Evaluation of the Relationship Between Individual Well-Being an  
Utilization and Cost

Development of an Individual Well-Being Scores Assessment

The Well-Being Assessment for Productivity: A Well-Being Appro

Evaluation of a Best-Practice Worksite Wellness Program in a Sm  
Selected Well-Being Indices

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Estimating the Impact of Caregiving and Employment on Well-B

Effect of Comprehensive Lifestyle Changes on Telomerase Activity and Telomere Length in Men  
With Biopsy-Proven Low-Risk Prostate Cancer: 5-Year Follow-up of a Descriptive Pilot Study

Intensive Lifestyle Changes for Reversal of Coronary Heart Disease

Chronic Care Management Program Outcomes

Impact of a Chronic Disease Management Program on Hospital Admissions and Readmissions in an  
Australian Population with Heart Disease or Diabetes

Exploring Robust Methods for Evaluating Treatment and Comparison Groups in Chronic Care  
Management Programs

The Impact of Post-Discharge Telephonic Follow-Up on Hospital Readmissions

The Impact of a Proactive Chronic Care Management Program on Hospital Admission Rates in a  
German Health Insurance Society

Association between Frequency of Telephonic Contact and Clinical Testing for a Large,  
Geographically Diverse Diabetes Disease Management Population

Impact of Telephonic Interventions on Glycosylated Hemoglobin and Low-Density Lipoprotein  
Cholesterol Testing

Weight Loss Solutions

Initial Evaluation of a Scalable Lifestyle Program for Sustained Weight Loss

Comparative Effectiveness of Weight-Loss Interventions in Clinical Practice

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Commercial Population

Predicting Future Hospital Admissions: Can We Focus Intensive Readmission Avoidance Efforts  
More Effectively?

Maximizing Care Management Savings Through Advanced Total Population Targeting

Impact of Predictive Model-Directed End-of-Life Counseling for Medicare Beneficiaries

Research and Outcomes Methodology

Methods for Inferring Health-Related Social Networks among Coworkers from Online  
Communication Patterns

# >> Challenges from an Insurer's Perspective

## Conventional approach

- Claims management
- Network management
- Limitation of reimbursement and benefits

➤ **Dissatisfied members and providers**

## Well-Being Improvement

- Population Health Management
- Sustainable behavior change
- Therapy and medication adherence
- Top of license practice

$$\text{Loss ratio} = \frac{\text{Claims Cost}}{\text{Premium}} = \frac{\text{Unit Costs} \times \text{Utilization}}{\text{Premium}}$$

- Premium increase
- **Dissatisfied members**
- **Anti-selection**

- Improved population health, well-being
- Improved predictability of medical costs
- Lower short, long term medical cost *achieved by bending the demand curve*
- Higher member satisfaction

Plus, in addition

1. Differentiated market position
2. Innovative products
3. Higher retention
4. Higher sales
5. Higher profitability



# >> Proven ability to reduce utilisation, costs

Hamar et al. BMC Health Services Research (2015) 15:174  
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## RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Open Access

### Long-term impact of a chronic disease management program on hospital utilization and cost in an Australian population with heart disease or diabetes

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#### Abstract

**Background:** To evaluate the longitudinal value of a chronic disease management program, My Health Guardian (MHG), in reducing hospital utilization and costs over 4 years.

**Methods:** The MHG program provides individualized support via telephonic nurse outreach and online tools for self-management, behavior change and well-being. In follow up to an initial 18-month analysis of MHG, the current study evaluated program impact over 4 years. A matched-cohort analysis retrospectively compared MHG participants with heart disease or diabetes (treatment, N=4948) to non-participants (comparison, N=28,520) on utilization rates (hospital admission, readmission, total bed days) and hospital claims cost savings. Outcomes were evaluated using regression analyses, controlling for remaining demographic, disease, and pre-program admissions or cost differences between the study groups.

**Results:** Over the 4 year period, program participation resulted in significant reductions in hospital admissions (-11.4%, P < 0.0001), readmissions (-36.7%, P < 0.0001), and bed days (-17.2%, P < 0.0001). The effect size increased over time for admissions and bed days. The relative odds of any admission and readmission over the 4 years were 27% and 45% lower, respectively, in the treatment group. Cumulative program savings from reduced hospital claims was \$3,549 over 4-years; savings values for each program year were significant and increased with time (P = 0.003 to P < 0.0001). Savings calculations did not adjust for pooled costs (and savings) in Australia's risk equalization system for private insurers.

**Conclusions:** Results confirm and extend prior program outcomes and support the longitudinal value of the MHG program in reducing hospital utilization and costs for individuals with heart disease or diabetes and demonstrate the increasing program effect with continued participation over time.

**Keywords:** Disease management, Health outcomes research, Hospital utilization, Financial savings, Risk equalization, Australian health policy

#### Background

Chronic disease and the afflictions that it brings continue to grow around the globe. Australia is no exception; with an ageing population and increasingly common sedentary lifestyles chronic disease continues to grow and account for the majority of morbidity and burden of health. Cardiovascular (CVD) disease and diabetes are two of the most prevalent chronic diseases affecting Australians today. There were

approximately one million Australians living with diagnosed diabetes in 2012 [1] and diabetes is the fastest growing chronic condition in Australia, with more than 100,000 Australians newly diagnosed with this disease each year [2,3]. By 2033, if left unchecked, 3.6 million Australians will be afflicted with type 2 diabetes [4]. Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in Australia, claiming 45,600 lives in 2011 (31% of all deaths) [5].

Projected healthcare expenditures for Australia from 2003 to 2033 estimate a 436% increase in healthcare costs related to diabetes, from \$1.6 billion (1.9% of total expenditures) to

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## Conclusions

- Results confirm the longitudinal value of the MHG program in **reducing costs and hospital utilization for those with heart disease or diabetes**
- Demonstrate the increasing program effect with continued participation over time

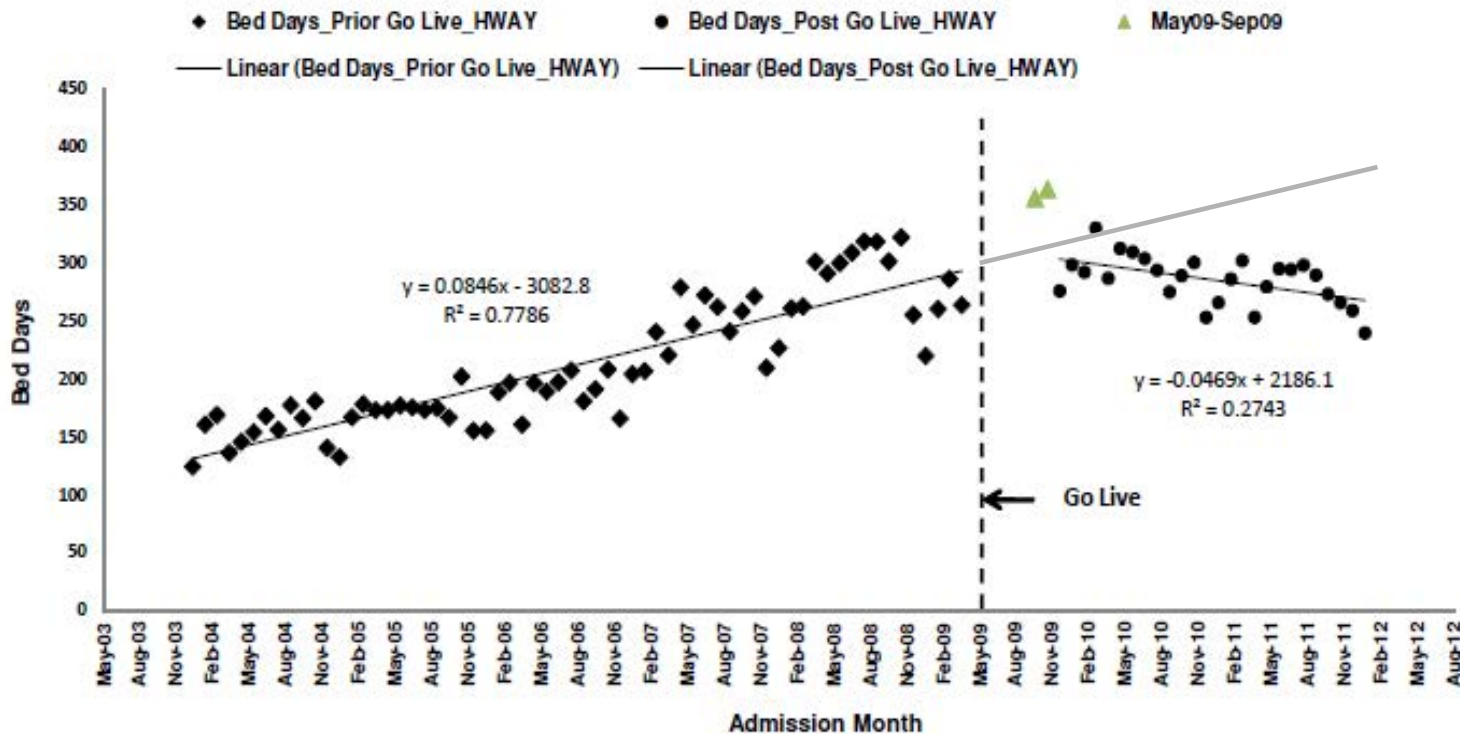


# >> Near-term impact through reducing admissions 18-month outcomes

## HCF My Health Guardian (MHG) Bed Days Per 1,000 Lives

In May 2012, there are 21,971 members enrolled in MHG disease management program.

These members had a 8.5% p.a. growth in bed days per 1,000 lives before program launch, and -4.7% p.a. decrease after program launch date.



MHG active members up to May 12 with active HCF hospital cover verified monthly until Feb 12.

# >> health improvement goes viral!

Blue dots: Employees  
Red dots: Others

**Significant clustering among employees and between employees and others**

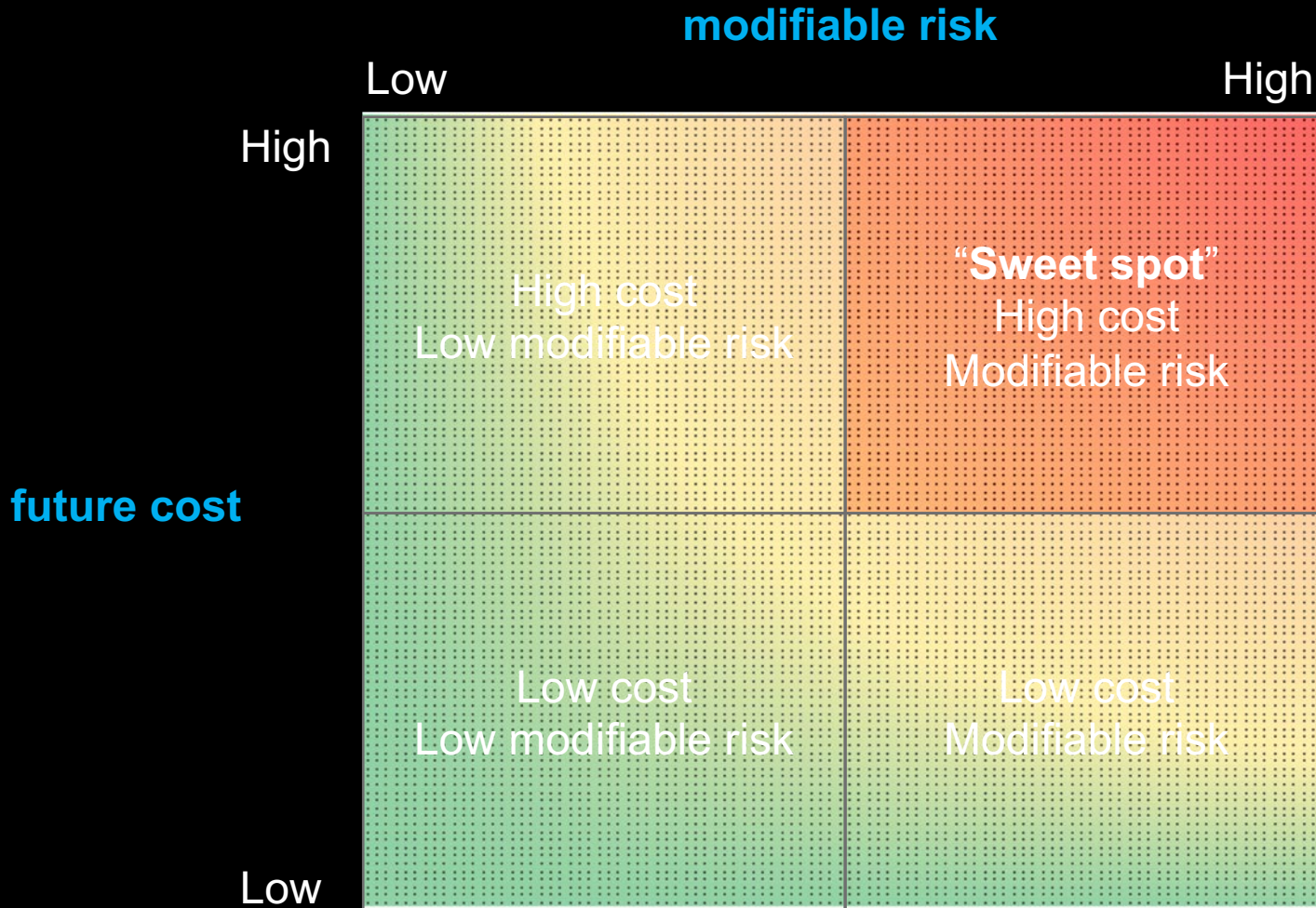


**Boost engagement by employing social networks**



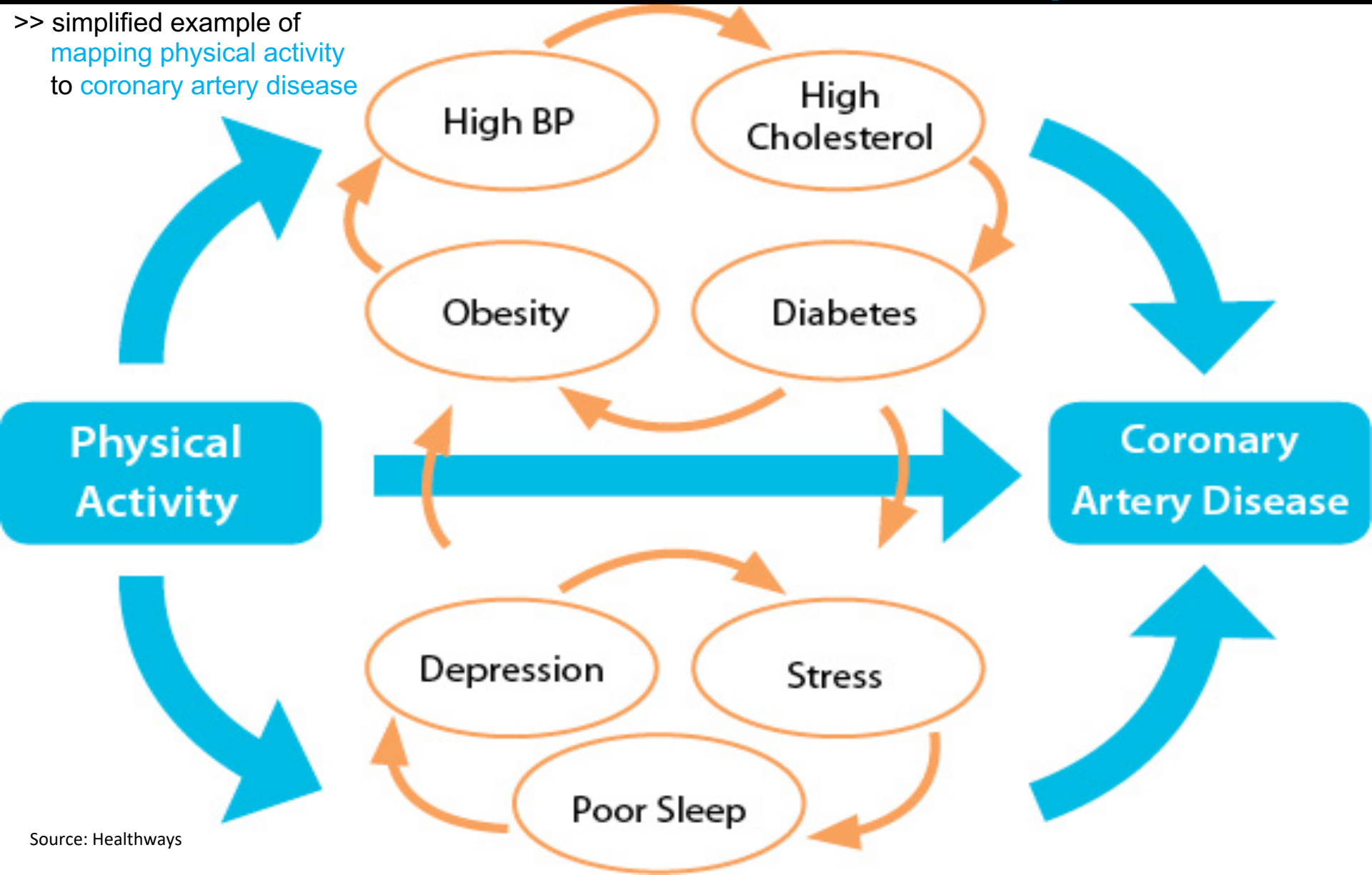
# >> prioritising interventions based on two dimensions

cost risk + evidence based impact



# > > founded on the science of behavior-condition relationships

>> simplified example of  
mapping physical activity  
to coronary artery disease





>> first order impacts between behaviors & conditions

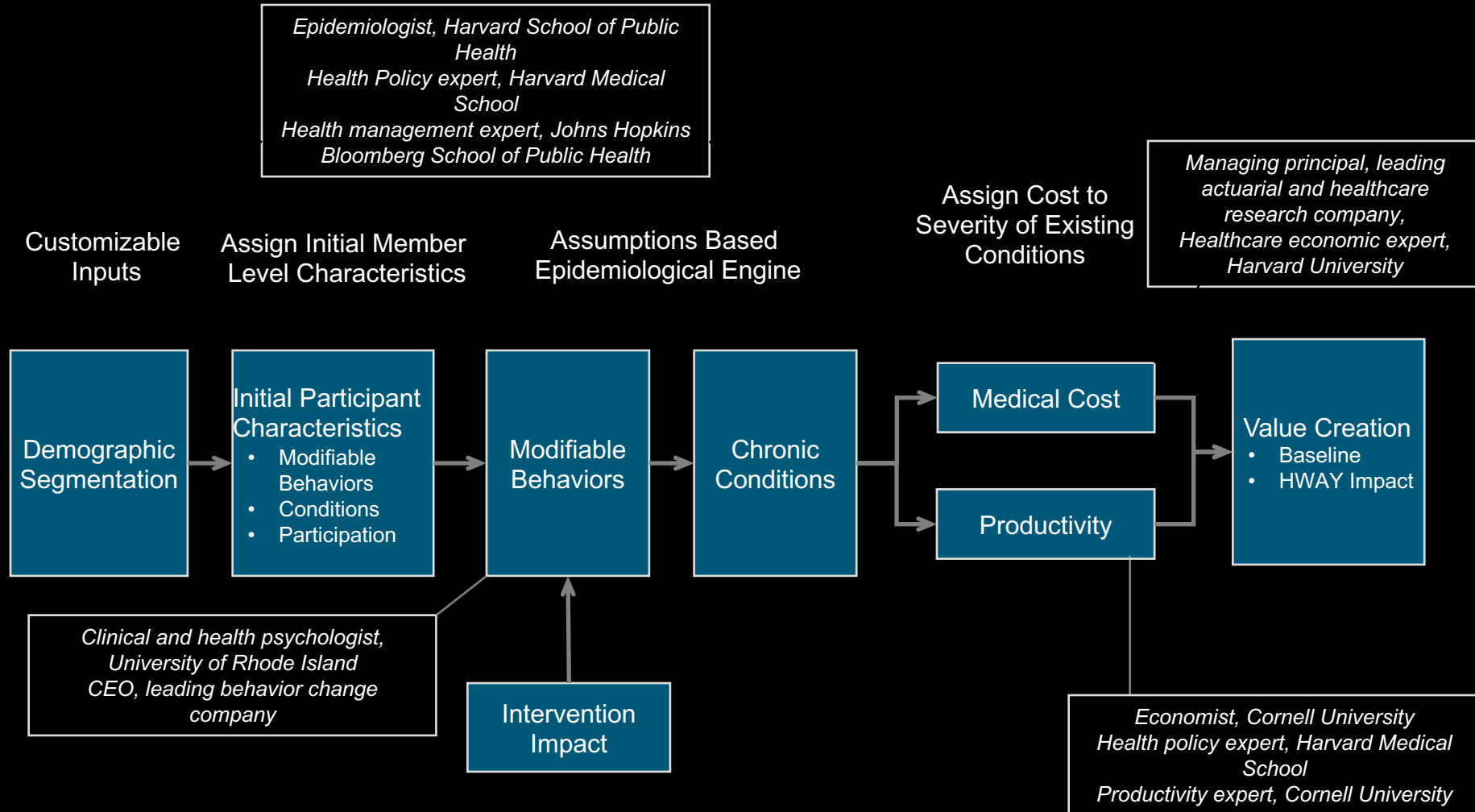
>> are converted into model inputs

Modifiable behaviors and Conditions...

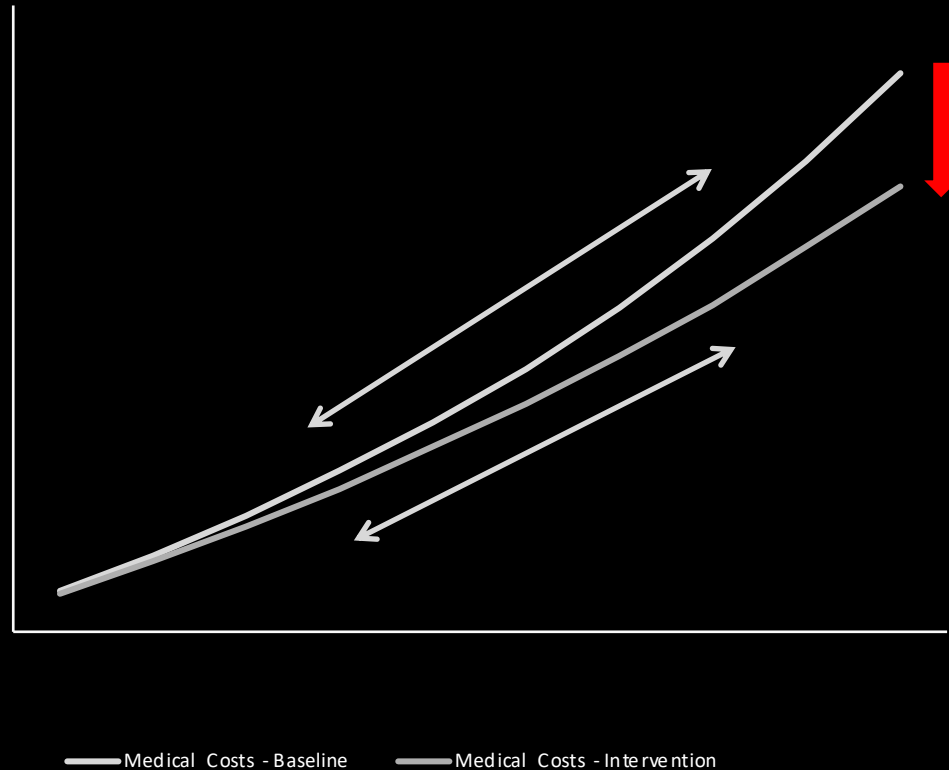
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# >> building the epidemiology engine

>> external experts had significant input on model development

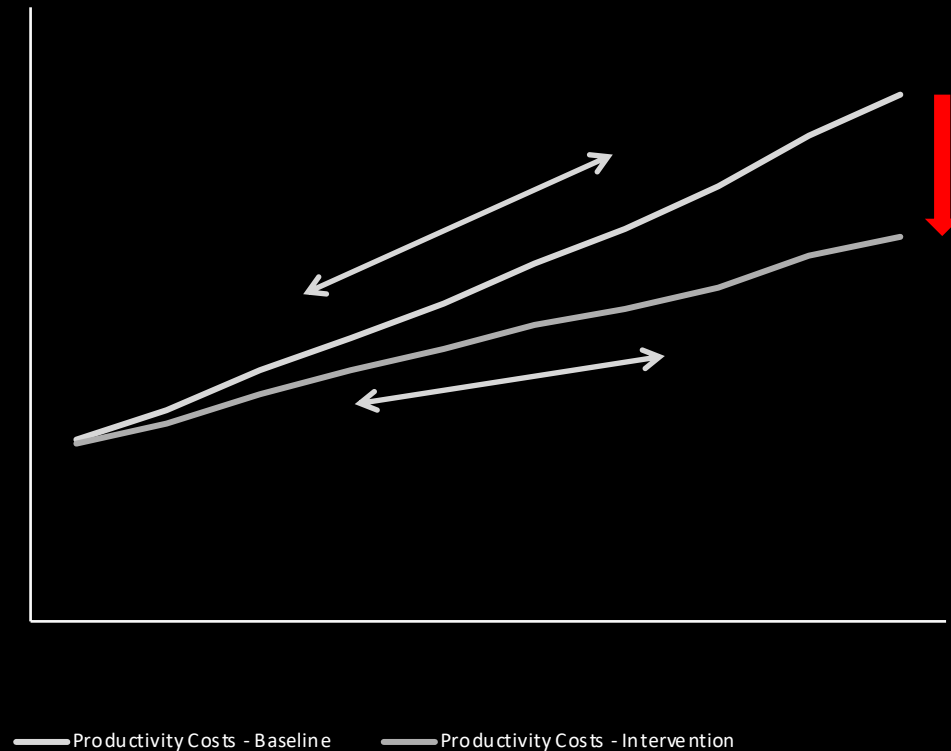


## >> interventions impact the medical cost trend



- >> interventions decrease the prevalence of risky behaviors and diseases that lead to higher medical costs
- >> without intervention, chronic conditions can be expected to progress more aggressively than with intervention

>> interventions impact the productivity cost trend



- >> interventions decrease the prevalence of risky behaviors and diseases that lead to higher productivity costs
- >> the same conditions that require medical expenditures also contribute to lower productivity while an individual is at work



# >> new professions



# >> new makets



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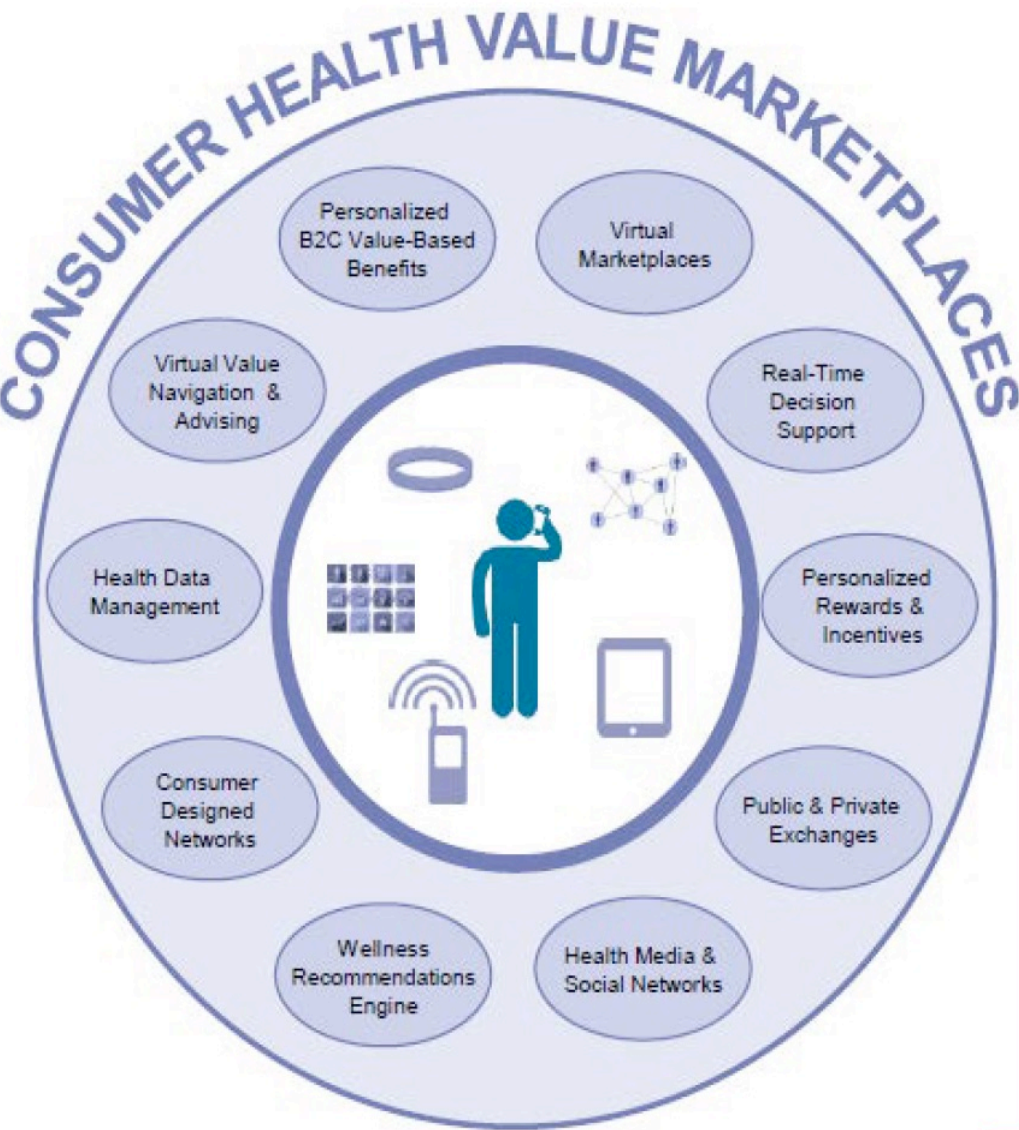


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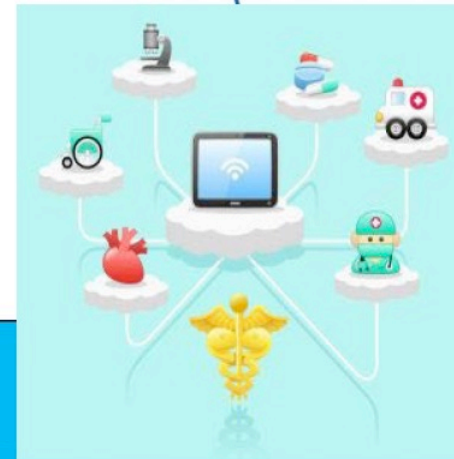




# >> new channels



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