

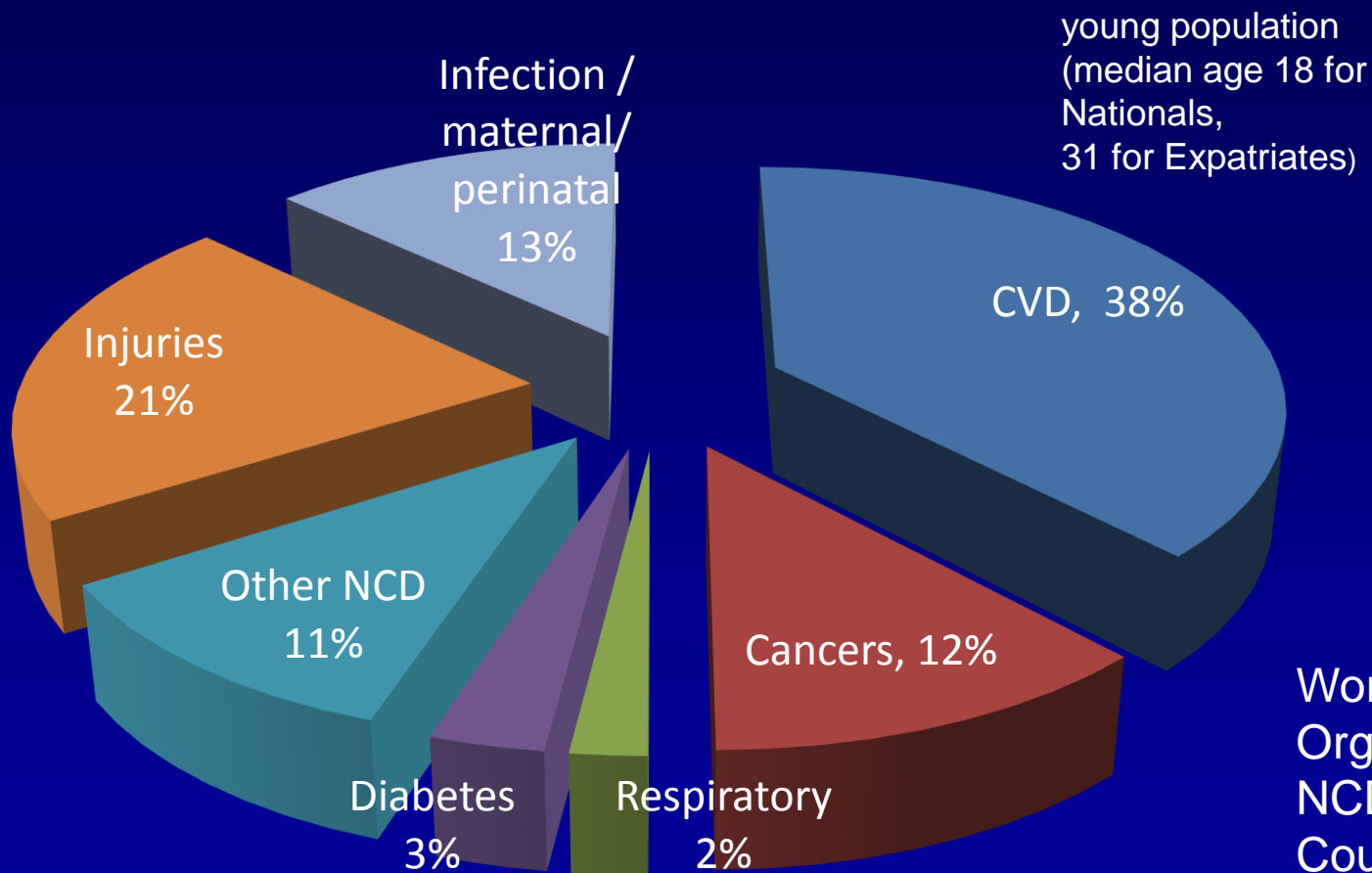
Cardiovascular Disease in the Middle East

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Agenda

- CVD & CVD Risk factors
- Primary prevention: Hypertension
- Secondary prevention.
- Challenges in prevention

NCDs are estimated to account for 67% of all deaths in UAE.



young population
(median age 18 for
Nationals,
31 for Expatriates)

World Health
Organization
NCD
Country
Profiles ,
2014.

NCD deaths <60 years = in men 59.7%

Age- Adjusted DALYs Rate per 100,000 population UAE-2004 WHOSIS Data

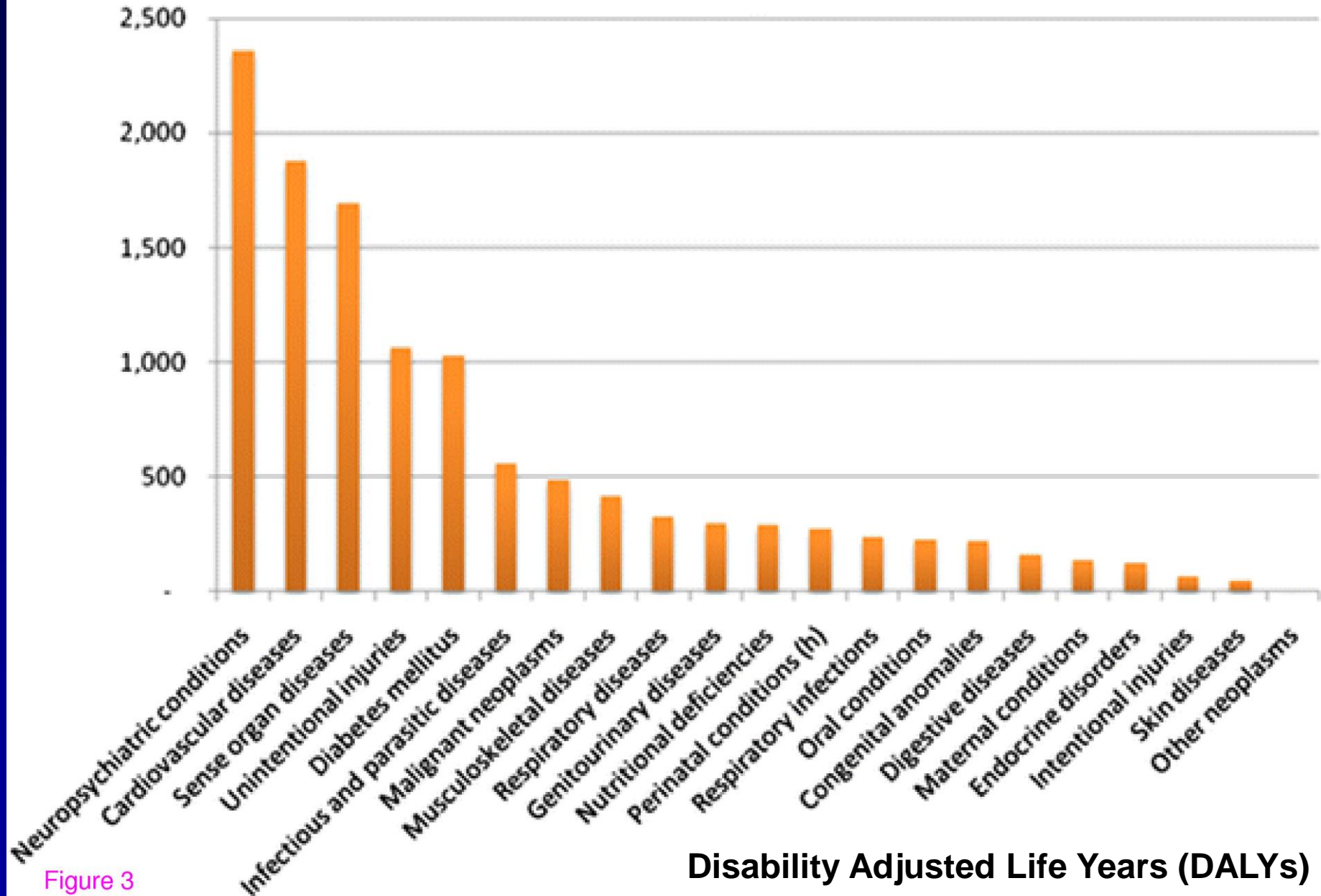


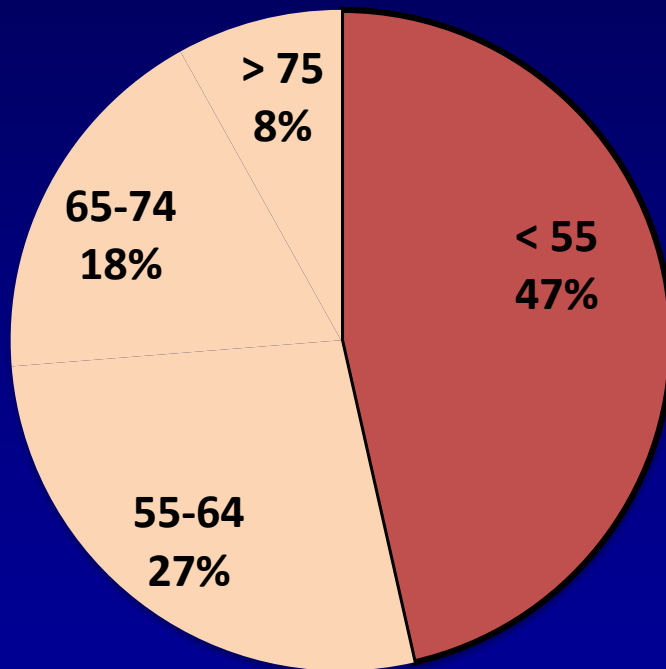
Figure 3

Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALYs)

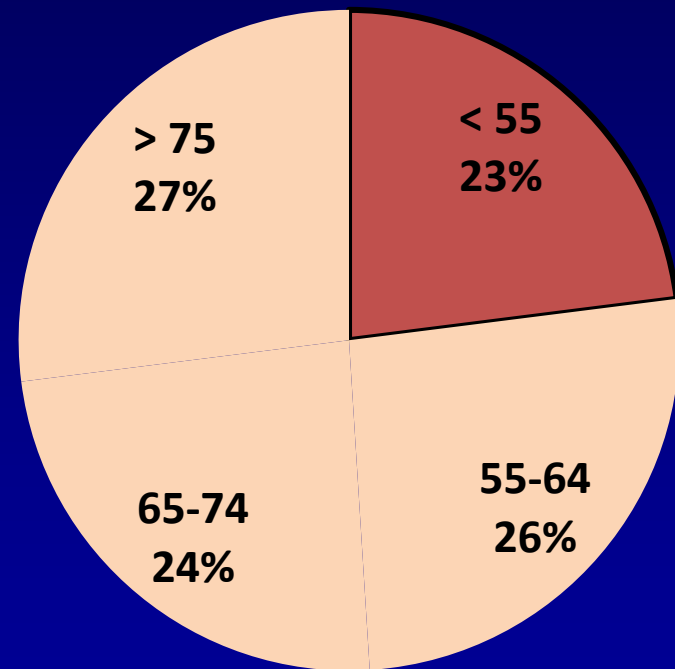
A Heart Attack Strikes Early

Typical ACS patient in the Gulf is ~ 10 years younger than her Western counterpart

Gulf RACE

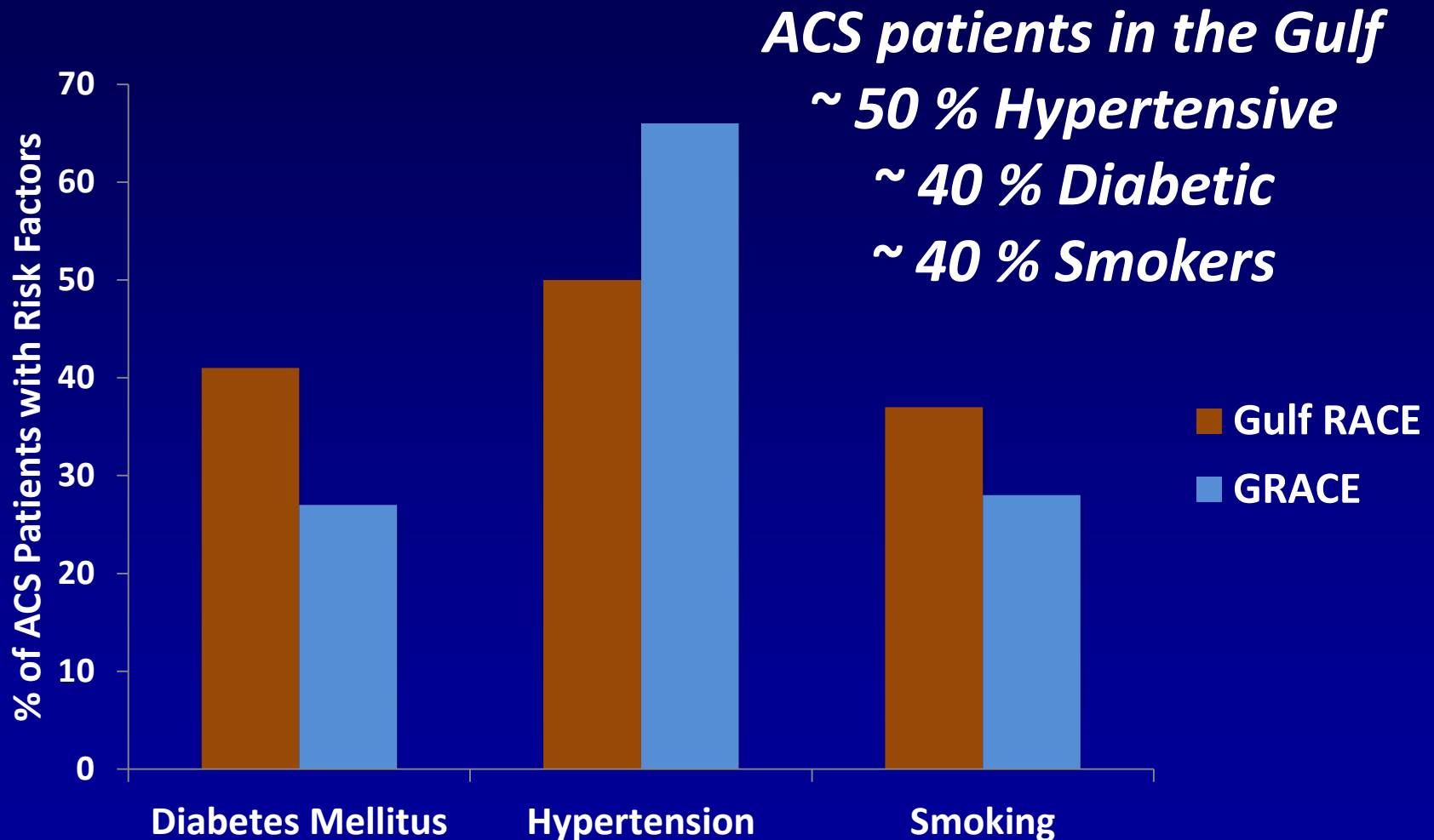


GRACE



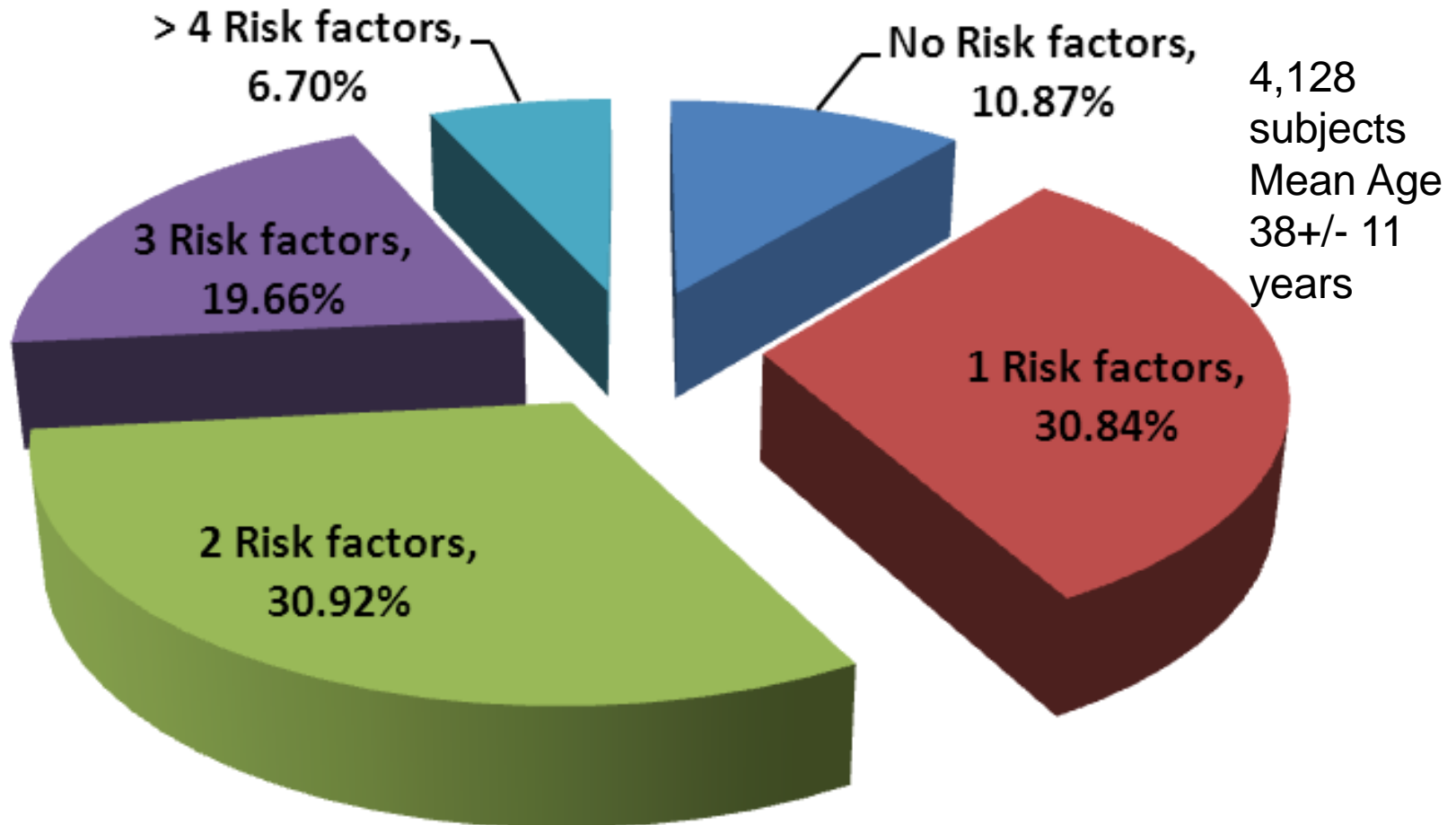
~ half of ACS patients in the Gulf are < 55 years old compared to ~ one quarter of ACS patients in the West

A Large Burden of Risk



Opportunistic screening for CVD RF

CVD RF: Smoking, Dyslipidemia, Hypertension, Diabetes, Obesity(by BMI or Abd.).



Weqaya

A Population-Wide Cardiovascular Screening Program in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

mean age was 36.82 years (SD=14.3)

50,138 above 18 years of age

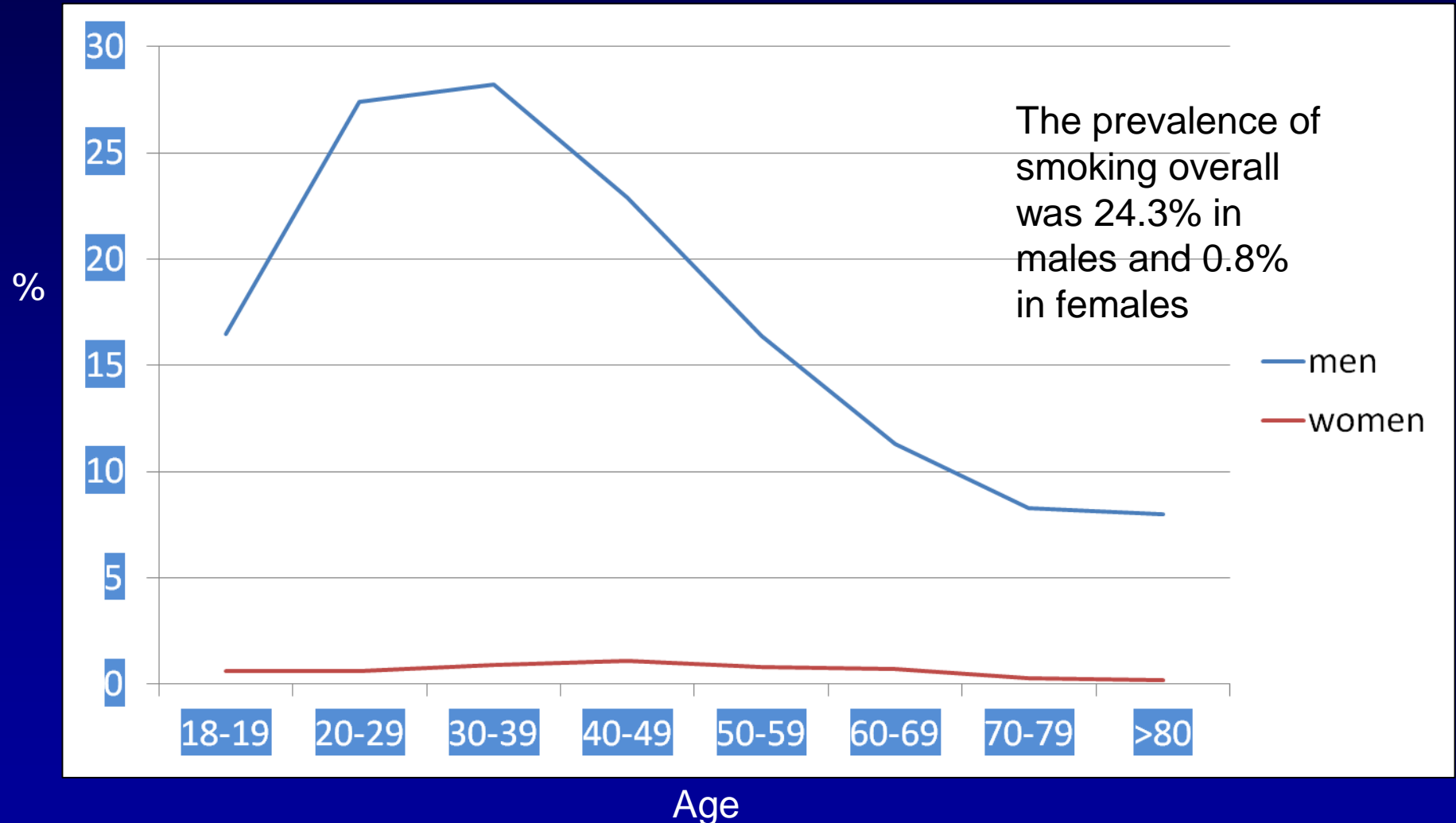
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Crude and Age-Standardized Cardiovascular Risk Factor Prevalence Rates in Wekaya

Risk Factor	Crude Prevalence Rate	Age-Standardized Rate
Obesity	35.4	41.1
Overweight	31.9	34.0
Central obesity	54.8	62.4
Dyslipidemia	44.2	50.7
Hypertension	23.1	29.2
Smoking	11.6	11.3
Prediabetes	27.1	29.5
Diabetes	17.6	24.6

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Smoking is most common among younger UAE national men



Characteristics of tobacco smokers by type of tobacco smoked

	Cigarettes	Midwakh	Shisha	Cigar
proportion of smokers (%)	77%	15%	7%	1%
mean age of onset	22	21	24	24
mean age of smokers	33	30	31	35

Al-Houqani M, Ali R, Hajat C (2012) Tobacco Smoking Using Midwakh Is an Emerging Health Problem – Evidence from a Large Cross-Sectional Survey in the United Arab Emirates. PLoS ONE 7(6): e39189. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0039189

WHO Global Schools Health Survey UAE 2005 and 2010

children aged 13–15 years of all nationalities

	2005	2010
Obesity rate (>95th Centile)	12%	14%
Overweight (>85th Centile)	33%	43%

Prevalence of hypertension in UAE

	WEQAYA ¹	PURE ME ²	South Asian male ³	Hatta Hospital ⁴
Age standardized	29.2%	33%	34.2%	34.3%
Age specific				
18-29	10.2%		22.1%	12.0%
30-49	18.1%	18%	37.5%	20.1%
50-69	57.7%	50%	55.5%	72.2%
>70	54.8%	-	-	98.3%

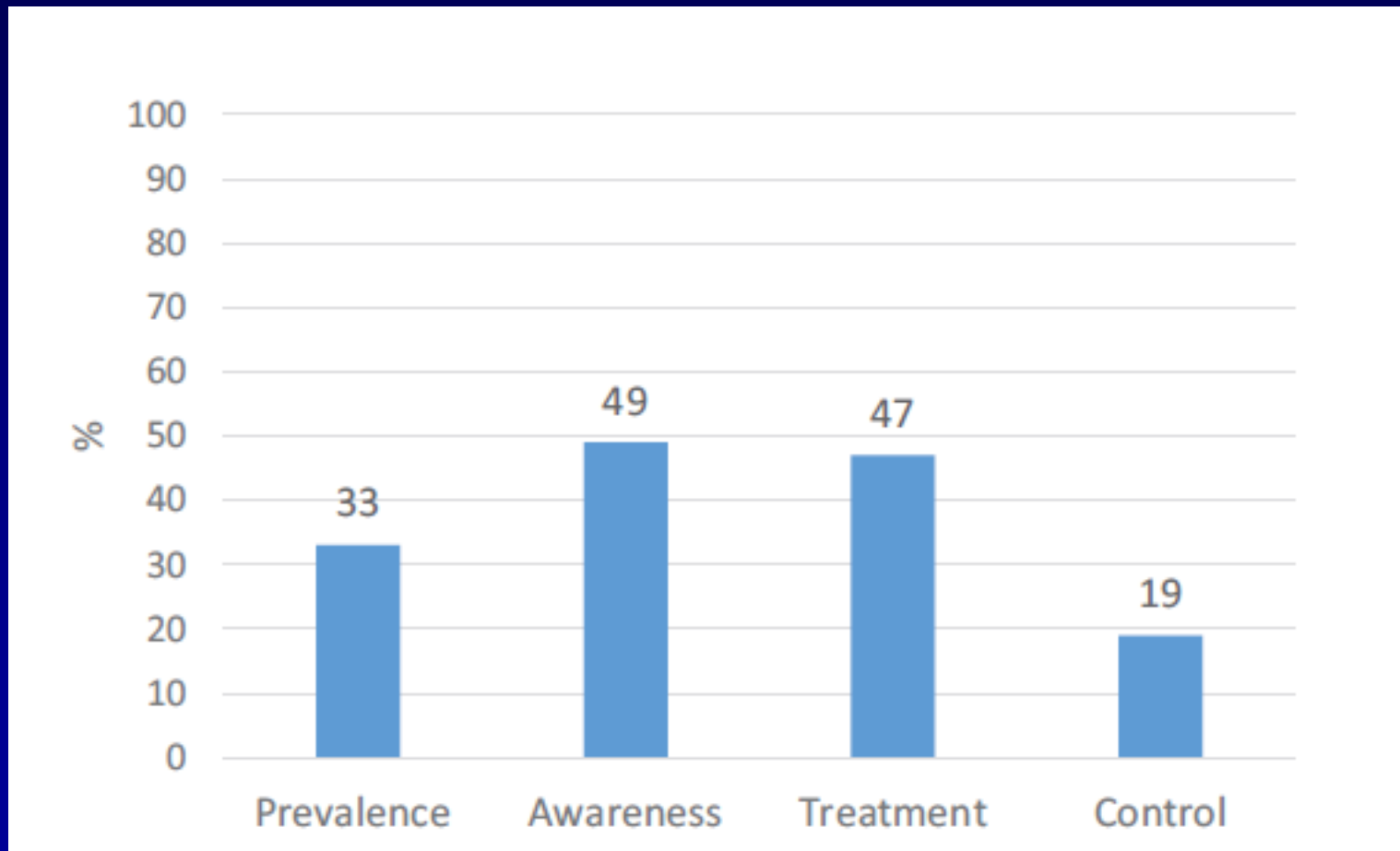
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Age-standardized Hypertension prevalence, awareness, treatment and control in four Middle Eastern countries.



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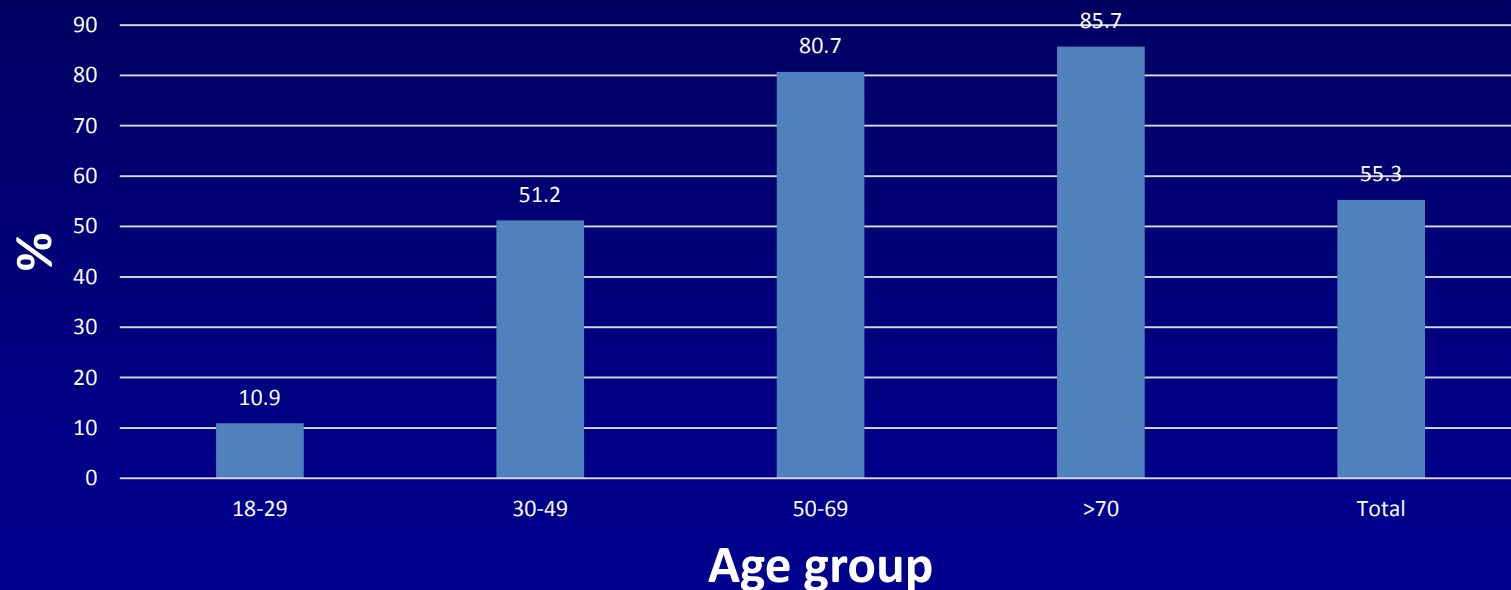
Hypertension prevalence, awareness, treatment and control in national surveys from England, the USA and Canada compared to Middle East.

	Prevalence	Aware	Treated	Controlled amongst Rx
England	30.0	65.3	51.3	27.3
Canada	19.5	83.4	79.9	65.8
USA	29.1	81.1	74.0	52.8
Middle East*	33	49	47	19

BMJ Open 2013;3: doi:10.1136

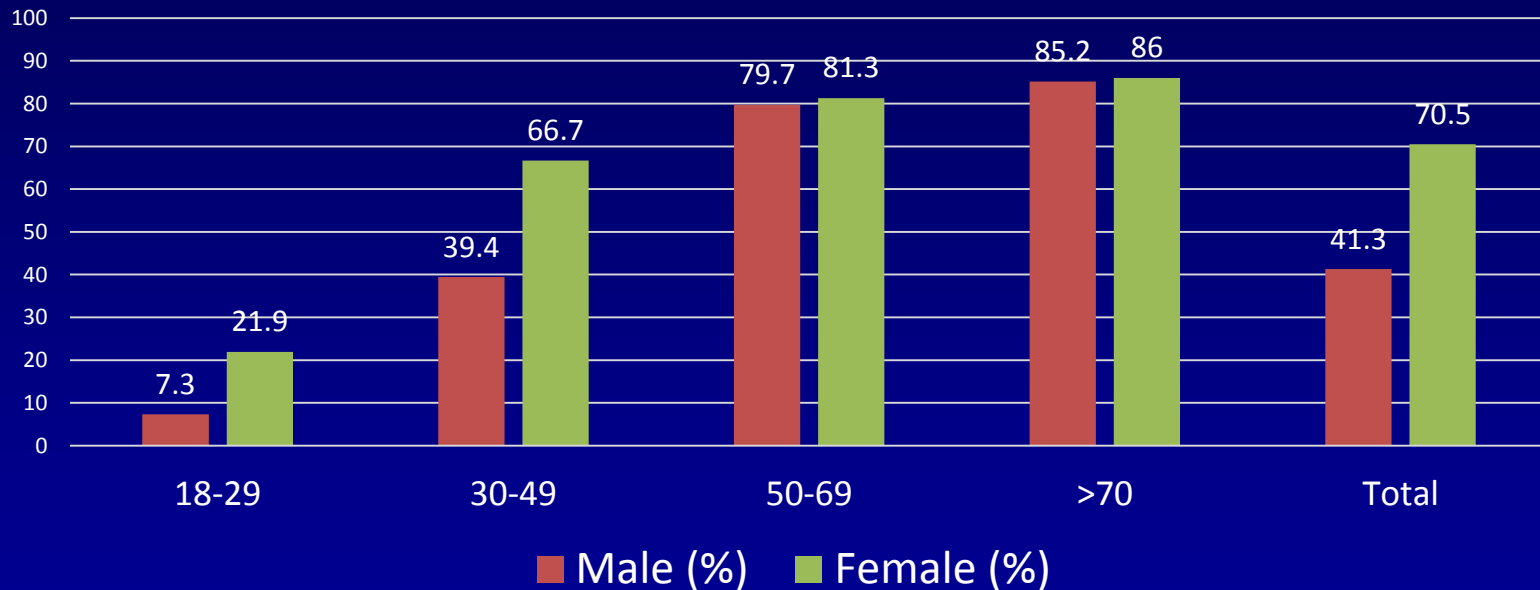
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% Hypertensive treated by age group



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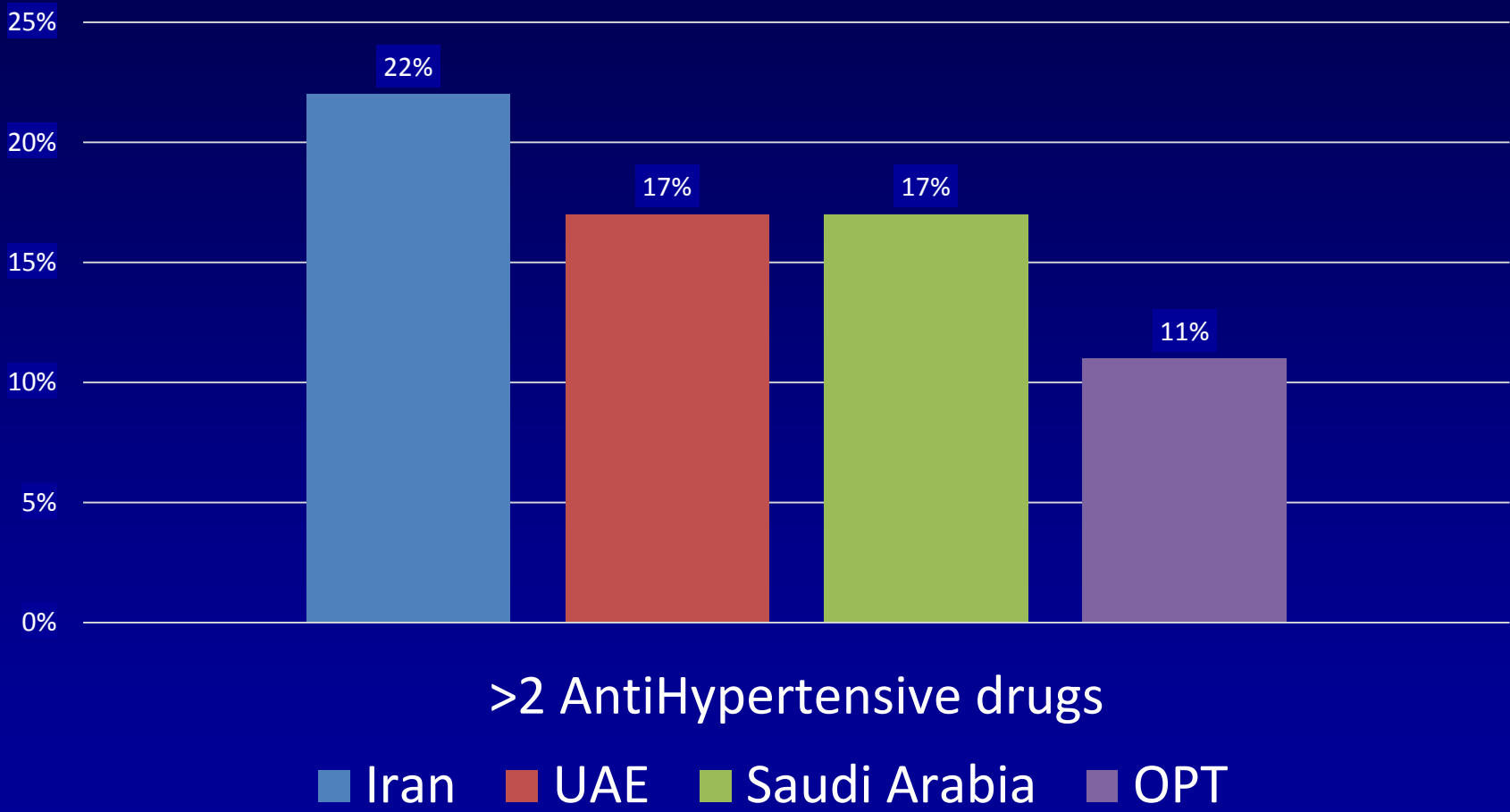
% Hypertensive treated by gender and age group



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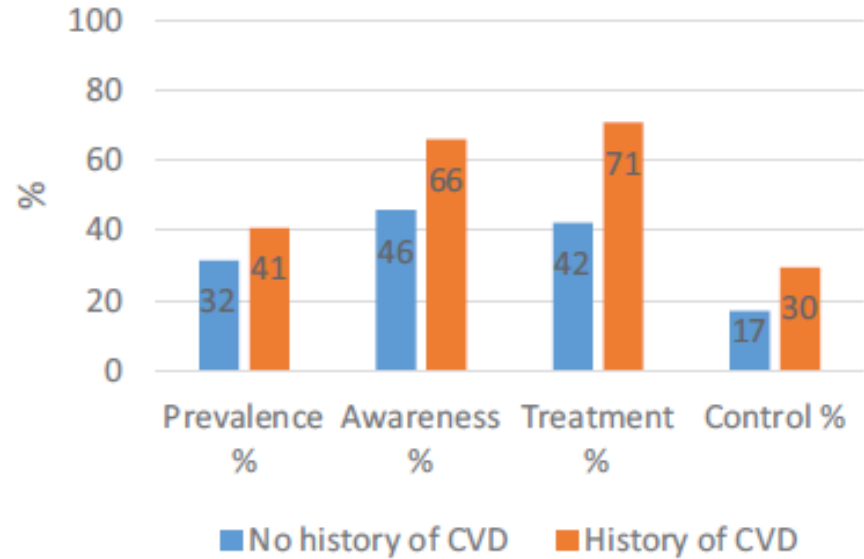
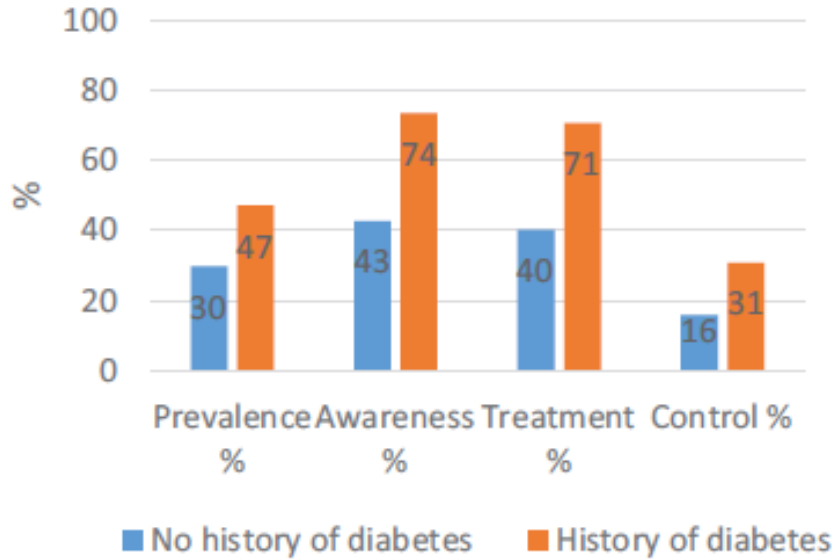
The use of two or more BP medications

Only 23% of those aware of hypertension were on statin



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Secondary prevention



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Cardiovascular drug use after AMI in Abu Dhabi and Sweden

	Abu Dhabi, crude N=1333		Abu Dhabi, standardized		Sweden, crude N=19312		Sweden, standardized	
	Month 0-3	Month 10-12	Month 0-3	Month 10-12	Month 0-4	Month 10-12	Month 0-4	Month 10-12
Antihypertensive %	75	38	75	36	87	74	90	78
ACE-I/ARB, %	56	28	56	28	64	51	68	55
Beta-blockers, %	65	29	64	28	78	60	83	65
Lipid-lowering, %	72	35	72	34	69	57	82	69
Platelet inhibitors, %	76	35	76	34	84	68	89	76

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Challenges in prevention

- Young population with large amount of risk factors and premature mortality and morbidity.
- Monitoring the “risk factors, awareness, treatment and control rates” nationally.
- Screening and treatment especially in the young and men.
- Systems for screening and treatments need to incorporate innovation & best practices.
- We as cardiologist/scientific societies have an important role to play.

Thank you

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