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Aims of Workshop

In the 21st century a clinician must be adept at facilitating shared decision making with patients. The evidence for competing interventions in the field of LUTS and prolapse is increasingly complex. Furthermore, clinicians must master the skill of presenting this evidence for patients. A sound interpretation of estimates of harms and benefits is therefore vital. This workshop aims to provide ICS members with important principles of evidence based medicine (EBM) to enhance a better interpretation of evidence and enable shared decision-making.

Learning Objectives

Workshop attendees will learn:

- A. How the GRADE approach can be used to summarise and rate a body of evidence.
- B. How to judge the risk of bias in randomised trials and observational studies.
- C. How to assess inconsistency of results as well as indirectness and imprecision of evidence.
- D. How to compare and present different measures of effect size and understand the difference between patient importance and statistical significance.
- E. How to interpret odds ratios for common conditions.
- F. How to use decision aids to enable shared decision making for complex clinical choices.

Learning Outcomes

After the course, attendees will be able to

- Apply information from randomised controlled trial to the individual patient in the consultation room.
- Correctly interpret odds ratios for common conditions.
- Explain the difference between statistical significance and clinical relevance of study outcomes.
- Apply decision aids in clinical practice for shared decision making.

Target Audience

All members invited.

Advanced/Basic

Basic

Conditions for Learning

This is an interactive workshop in which the speakers will invite you to respond to questions and share your thoughts and opinions.

Suggested Reading

GRADE:

<http://help.magicapp.org/knowledgebase/articles/191848-what-is-grade>

<http://help.magicapp.org/knowledgebase/articles/294932-how-to-rate-risk-of-bias-in-randomized-controlled>

<http://help.magicapp.org/knowledgebase/articles/294933-how-to-rate-risk-of-bias-in-observational-studies>

Quality of evidence in RCTs

Kari Tikkinen, Finland

Randomized controlled trials (RCT) can provide the most reliable evidence for questions of efficacy, but do they always? The quality of evidence is based on more than study design alone. Many grading systems consider “study limitations” as a reason to reduce our certainty in evidence for RCTs. However, what does this really mean?

The Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) working group has developed a systematic approach to assessing the evidence we use for clinical decision-making and guideline development. We will review the key concepts within this framework that are used to evaluate quality of RCTs, and observational studies.

Five factors can lower our certainty about this evidence:

1. Risk of bias (randomization, allocation concealment, blinding, Intention to treat),
2. Inconsistency
3. Indirectness
4. Imprecision
5. Publication bias

Occasionally there are factors that can increase our certainty as well

1. Large effect
2. Dose response
3. Residual confounding supports inferences about effect.

We will give an overview of these factors and how they apply to understanding and interpreting evidence.

Interpretation of OR for common conditions

Marco Blanker, The Netherlands

Epidemiological studies often present large odds ratios (ORs), or at least large ORs get much attention. Many physicians regard such high ORs as relevant for their patients. Mostly, ORs are interpreted as relative risks. So an OR of 4 is “translated” in to a four times higher risk for having the outcome. Physicians tend to regard higher risks as more relevant for patients. As a consequence, advises may enter guidelines.

When interpreting ORs, two questions need to be answered. First from what kind of study were the ORs derived? What is the baseline risk in these studies. In other words, what was the chance of having the outcome.

Both OR and RR can be calculated from the same 2x2 Table. Still, the interpretation may differ. We will show that OR and RR are nearly the same in case of low prevalence, and that OR and RR strongly differ in case of high prevalences.

Statistical significance Clinical relevance vs patient importance?

Kari Tikkinen, Finland & Phillippe Violette, Canada

High quality studies sometime identify “significant” results, but when do these matter? With sufficient number of patients in a study even very small differences can be statistically significant. A more important consideration is when we believe that these differences have a clinical meaning and impact an important aspect of patient care. The concept of clinical significance distinguishes mere mathematics from findings that can actually inform our practice. In the era of patient-centred medicine, it is also important to realize that what we consider clinically relevant may not be the most important consideration for our patients. We will engage in an overview of these key concepts for modern evidence based urological care.

Decision aids - how to use it in clinical practice

Phillippe Violette, Canada

Some decisions in urology are straightforward and most patients would agree to one course of action. However, possibly more situations in urology are not so clear. Often there are two, three or more reasonable options for our patients, with different pros and cons. How do we help our patients to make the best decision when we don't know which one is “right”? These situations call for shared decision making. Unfortunately, it's not so clear what that is and how to do it. We will explore the practical aspects of shared decision-making and how decision aids can be helpful in doing more than simply informing our patients.



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General introduction



Shared decision making (SDM) is key in clinical practice

SDM involves applying scientific evidence about diagnostics and treatments to individual patients



EBM-triad

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Sound interpretation of estimates of harms & benefits is vital

Quality of evidence

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Guidelines and clinicians

- increasingly, clinicians rely on formal guidelines
- strong recommendations
 - strong methods
 - large precise effect
 - few down sides of therapy
- weak recommendations
 - weak methods
 - imprecise estimate
 - small effect
 - substantial down sides

Proliferation of systems 😞

Common international grading 😊

- GRADE (Grades of recommendation, assessment, development and evaluation)
- international group
 - Australian NMRC, SIGN, USPSTF, WHO, NICE, Oxford, CEBM, CDC, CC
- ~ 35 meetings over last 14 years
 - (~10 – 80 attendants – now 300 contributors)

>100 organizations have adopted GRADE

What are we grading?

two components

no confidence | Very Low | Low | Moderate | High | totally confident

strength of recommendation:
strong and weak

Grading system – for what?

- interventions
 - management strategy 1 versus 2
- what grade is **not** about
 - individual studies (body of evidence)

What GRADE is not primarily about

- diagnostic accuracy questions
 - in patients with a sore leg, what is the accuracy of a blood test (D-Dimer) in sorting out whether a deep venous thrombosis is the cause of the pain
- prognosis
- what it is about: diagnostic impact
 - are patients better off (improved outcomes) when doctors use the d-dimer test

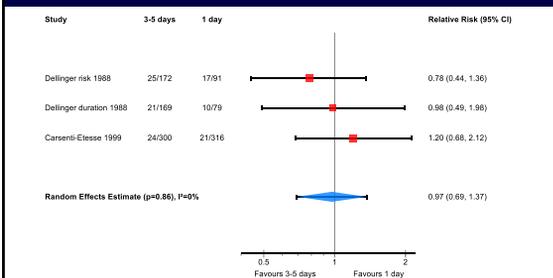
Determinants of quality

- RCTs start high
- observational studies start low
- what can lower confidence?

What can lower confidence?

- clue 1
 - lack of blinding in an RCT
- clue 2
 - RCT loses ½ patients to follow-up
- high risk of bias in RCTs lowers confidence

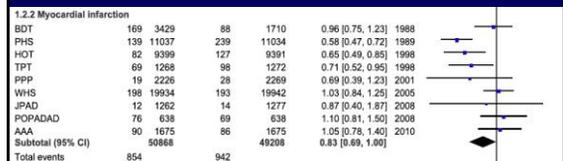
Clue: Have a look at the forest plot below – Infections with short and long term antibiotics after open fractures



Any concerns?

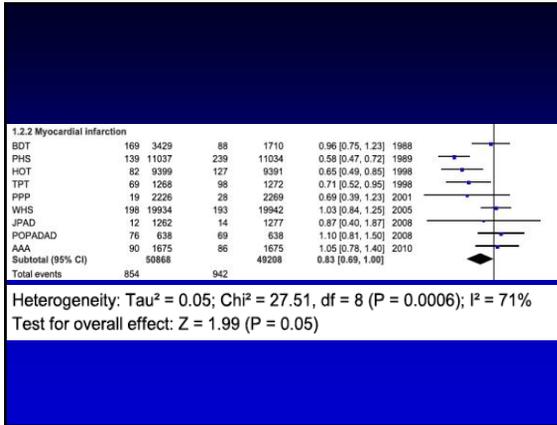
Another reason for rating down: imprecision

Clue: Have a look at the forest plot below Aspirin in primary prophylaxis



Any concerns?

Another reason for rating down: inconsistency

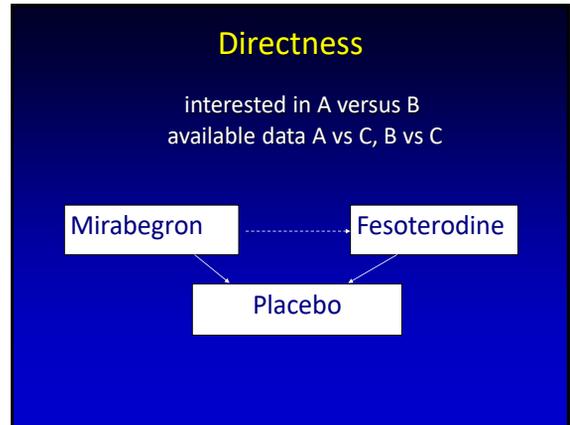


More reasons to lose confidence

- RCTs show less UI after new intervention
 - patients in RCTs 40 to 70
 - your patient 90
- are you confident?
- indirectness of population
 - older, sicker or more co-morbidity

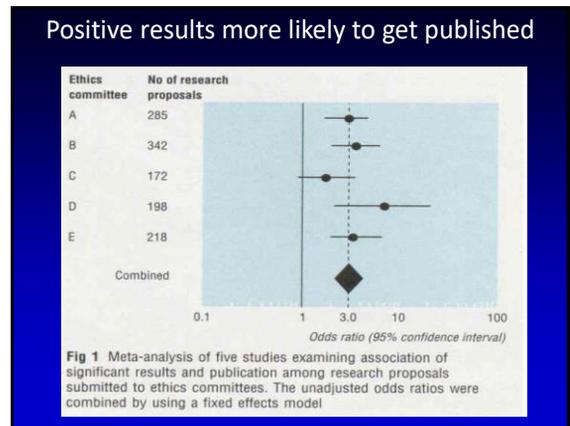
More reasons to lose confidence

- operation for lap mesh prolapse repair
- technically challenging
 - frequent complications
- RCTs: lap surgery decreases recurrence
 - only top surgeons participate in the RCTs
- are you confident?
- indirectness of intervention



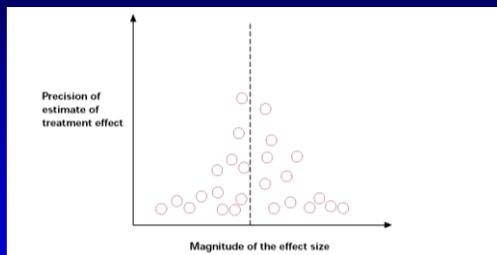
Another reason to lose confidence

- some trials never get published
- “negative” studies more likely
- biased sample of studies
 - overestimates of treatment effect



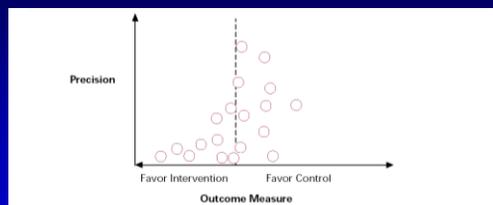
How to demonstrate?

Funnel plot



How to demonstrate?

Publication bias



Confidence assessment criteria

Study Design	Confidence in estimates	Lower if	Higher if
Randomised trial →	High	Risk of bias -1 Serious -2 Very serious	Large effect +1 Large +2 Very large
	Moderate	Inconsistency -1 Serious -2 Very serious	Dose response +1 Evidence of a gradient
Observational study →	Low	Indirectness -1 Serious -2 Very serious	All plausible confounding +1 Would reduce a demonstrated effect or
	Very low	Imprecision -1 Serious -2 Very serious Publication bias -1 Likely -2 Very likely	+1 Would suggest a spurious effect when results show no effect

Strength of Recommendation

- strong recommendation
 - benefits clearly outweigh risks/hassle/cost
 - risk/hassle/cost clearly outweighs benefit



- what can downgrade strength?
- low confidence in estimates
- close balance between up and downsides



Risk/Benefit tradeoff

- aspirin after myocardial infarction
 - 25% reduction in relative risk
 - side effects minimal, cost minimal
 - benefit obviously much greater than risk/cost
- warfarin in low risk atrial fibrillation
 - warfarin reduces stroke vs ASA by 50%
 - but if risk only 1% per year, ARR 0.5%
 - increased bleeds by 1% per year

Conclusion

- clinicians, policy makers need summaries
 - quality of evidence
 - strength of recommendations
- explicit rules
 - transparent, informative
- GRADE
 - simple, transparent, systematic
 - increasing wide adoption
 - great opportunity for teaching evidence-based healthcare



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THE INTERPRETATION OF ODDS RATIOS FOR COMMON CONDITIONS



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Measures of association 

Odds ratio's (OR) are commonly used to describe associations between two characteristics

Other measures for this are

- relative risks
- hazard ratios
- correlation coefficients

These measures in itself don't inform you about statistical significance

Odds ratio's 

Result from logistic regression analyses

but also from simple 2x2 Tables

How familiar are you with the interpretation of odds ratios?

LUTS & CVD – an example 

Association between lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS) and Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)

Described by Russo et al (BJU Int 2015)

BJUI Functional Urology

Increase of Framingham cardiovascular disease risk score is associated with severity of lower urinary tract symptoms

Giorgio I. Russo, Tommaso Costelli, Salvatore Privitera, Eugenia Fragola, Vincenzo Favallo, Gaetano Recchia, Donatello Sica, Sandra Lu Vignone*, Roberto A. Cundobelli*, Aldo E. Colagrosso*, Sebastiano Cimino and Giuseppe Morgia
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BJU Int 2015; 116: 791-6

LUTS & CVD – an example 

Main outcome: Risk of having moderate/severe LUTS for high CVD-risk group: OR 5.9 (95% CI 1.3– 28.0)

How do you interpret this outcome?

- Men in high CVD group have approximately 6 times higher chance of having moderate/severe LUTS
- Undecided (missing information)
- Don't know

LUTS & CVD – an example 

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How do you interpret this association?

- A. Strong association
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- C. Weak association
- D. Don't know

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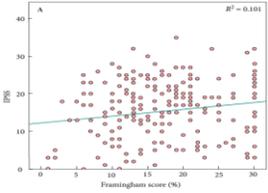
- A. Men in high CVD group have higher chance of LUTS
- B. In general, many healthcare professionals tend to interpret OR's as Relative Risks (RR)
- C. Don't know

LUTS & CVD – an example 

If you see an OR (or other measure of association) please look what's behind the numbers

In the Russo article it was IPSS scores and Framingham heart scores

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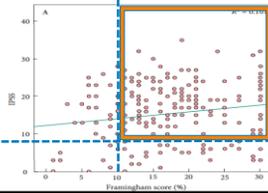
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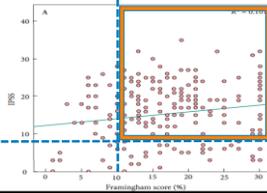


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What is your main comment on this categorisation?

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Categorisation lead to high prevalence of

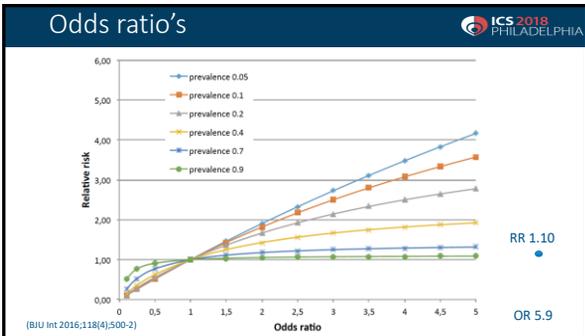
- moderate/severe LUTS (81.5%)
- increased CVD risk (82.1%)

Odds ratio's

May be interpreted as **relative risks** only if the prevalence of the outcome is low

(rule of thumb < 10%)

RR can be calculated based on OR and prevalence (p)

$$RR = \frac{OR}{(1 - p) + (p \times OR)}$$


LUTS & CVD – an example

Main outcome: Risk of having moderate/severe LUTS for high CVD-risk group: **OR 5.9 (95%CI 1.3-28.0)**

How do you interpret this outcome?

With known high prevalence the OR with 95%CI corresponds to:

Relative Risk **1.10 (95% CI 1.08- 1.22)**

Take home message

Odds ratio's are no Relative Risks

Odds ratio's may be interpreted as Relative Risks only if prevalence of outcome is low

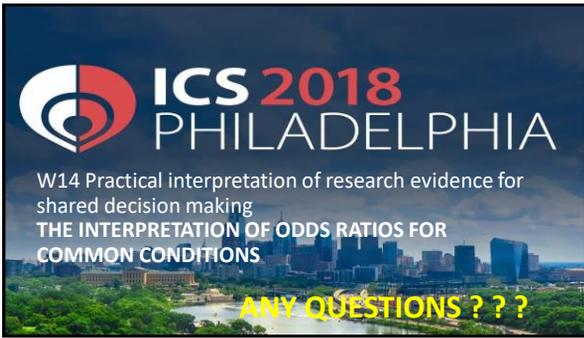
So for sound interpretation of Odds Ratio's:

- check prevalence of outcome
- check how data were handled

Take home message

You'll belong to the 13.6% of people...

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ANY QUESTIONS ???




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Statistical significance vs. Clinical relevance vs. Patient-importance

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Calibrating Your Enthusiasm




Your flight is cancelled due to bad weather

Your flight will arrive earlier than scheduled due to very good weather and nice tailwind

Interpreting the Evidence

Willingness to fund mammography screening

- *program A* reduces the rate of dying from breast cancer by 33% ($p=0.001$)
- *program B* increases the rate of patients not dying from breast cancer from 99.82% to 99.88% ($p=0.001$)
- *program C* means that 1,667 women needed to be screened yearly for 7 years to prevent one death from breast cancer ($p=0.001$)

Breast Cancer Screening

Breast cancer death rates ($p=0.001$)

- unscreened 0.18% (18 out of 10,000)
- screened 0.12% (12 out of 10,000)

Relative risk reduction: $(0.18\% - 0.12\%) / 0.18\% = 33\%$

Breast cancer death rates

- unscreened 99.82% means 99.82% don't die
- screened 99.88% means 99.88% don't die

Absolute risk reduction: $0.18\% - 0.12\% = 0.06\%$

Number needed to screen: $100/0.06 = 1,667$

p-value same, tells nothing about magnitude

Example: VA hypertension study

Mortality after 5 years of treatment

	Controls	Treated	RRR
DBP (90 – 104)	0.074	0.059	<u>0.074 - 0.059</u> 0.074
			20%

DBP, diastolic blood pressure

Relative risk reduction (RRR)

	Control	Treat- ment	RRR
TOD+	0.20	0.16	20%
TOD-	0.057	0.045	21%

TOD, target organ damage

Absolute risk reduction (ARR)

	Control	Treat- ment	RRR	ARR
TOD+	0.20	0.16	20%	4%
TOD-	0.057	0.045	21%	1.2%

TOD, target organ damage

Number needed to treat (NNT)

	Control	Treat- ment	RRR	ARR	NNT
TOD+	0.20	0.16	20%	4%	25
TOD-	0.057	0.045	21%	1.2%	83

TOD, target organ damage

Patient with DVT

Completes 6 months prophylaxis

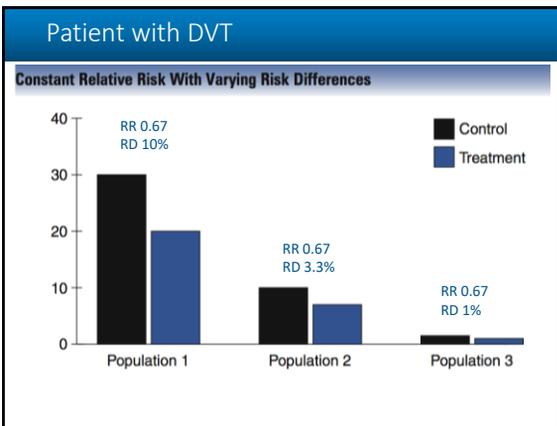
Question: continue or not?

Doctor: continuing reduces risk of recurrence by 33%

- chance unlikely to explain the difference (p=0.001)

What does patient understand?

Is there something missing?



Patients with atrial fibrillation

CHADS₂: congestive heart failure; hypertension; age >75; diabetes; prior stroke

Risk of stroke varies

- CHADS₂ 0: 8 per 1,000 per year
- CHADS₂ 1: 22 per 1,000 per year
- CHADS₂ 2: 45 per 1,000 per year
- CHADS₂ 3: 96 per 1,000 per year

Warfarin constant 2/3 relative risk reduction

- CHADS₂ 0: 5 per 1,000 per year
- CHADS₂ 1: 14 per 1,000 per year
- CHADS₂ 2: 30 per 1,000 per year
- CHADS₂ 3: 64 per 1,000 per year

Measures of Relative Effect

- Relative risk
- Relative risk reduction
- Odds ratio
- Relative odds reduction
- Hazard ratio

Small, medium or large?

VTE prophylaxis in 65 year old man, COPD exacerbation, anticipated walking in hall day 3, hospitalization

RRR 50%
 Baseline risk 4/1,000
 Risk difference 2/1,000 so, NNT 500
 Balance in favour of treatment?

VTE, venous thromboembolism

Small, medium or large?

VTE prophylaxis in 65 year old man, disseminated cancer, severe pneumonia, likely bed-bound for at least 3 days

RRR 50%
 Baseline risk 100/1,000
 Risk difference 50/1,000 so, NNT 20
 Balance in favour of treatment?

Summary

Relative estimates: RR, OR, HR

Absolute estimates: RD (ARR), NNT

Ultimately patients interested in absolute risk (reductions)

Patients not interested in p-values or relative estimates

Relative risk reductions constant across patients, absolute risk reductions not

So, to get absolute risk reductions, need baseline risk and relative risk reductions

Extra slides

Risk	Odds
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0.20	$0.20/0.80 = 0.25$
0.10	$0.1/0.9 = 0.11$

	Dead	Alive
Treatment	20	80
Control	40	60

Risk in treatment:

	Dead	Alive
Treatment	20	80
Control	40	60

Risk in treatment: 20%

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Risk in treatment: 20%
Risk in control:

	Dead	Alive
Treatment	20	80
Control	40	60

Risk in treatment: 20%
Risk in control: 40%
Risk ratio:

	Dead	Alive
Treatment	20	80
Control	40	60

Risk in treatment: 20%
 Risk in control: 40%
 Risk ratio: 0.5 (50%)

	Dead	Alive
Treatment	20	80
Control	40	60

Risk in treatment: 20% Odds in treatment: 25%
 Risk in control: 40%
 Risk ratio: 0.5 (50%)

	Dead	Alive
Treatment	20	80
Control	40	60

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 Risk ratio: 0.5 (50%) Odds ratio: 0.37 (37%)

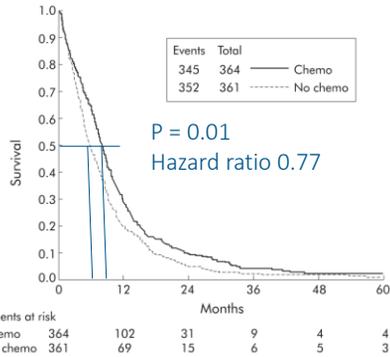
Absolute effect?

Time to event

Ultimately everyone will die
 • ultimate RRR 0

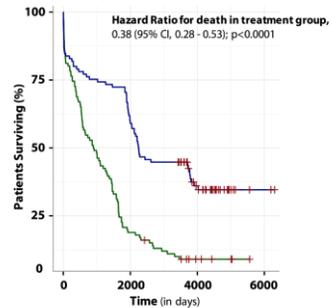
Actually interested in when people die

time to event (survival) analysis

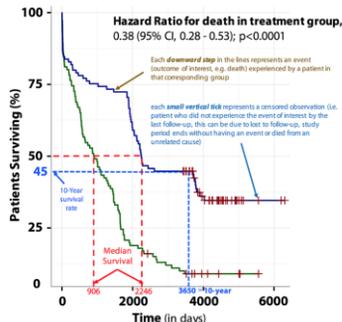


Median survival 8.0 vs 5.7 months (9 wk difference)

<https://www.students4bestevidence.net/tutorial-hazard-ratios/>



Kaplan-Meier curve (or Survival curve)





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W14 Decision aids - how to use it in clinical practice

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Overview 

- How do we make clinical decisions?
- What is Shared Decision making?
- How decisions aids help bring everything together







← Option 1
(Buffalo)

Option 2 →
(Rome)





clean
quiet
great work situation

dirty
noisy
work situation
problematic



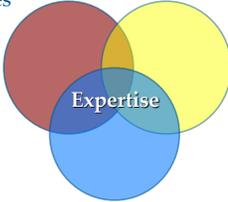
Clinical decision-making 2018 

Clinical state and circumstances

Patient values and preferences

Expertise

Research evidence



Case 1- Values and Preferences 

40 year old man with minimal medical comorbidities, diagnosed with symptomatic urethral stricture disease.

What is important to making a clinical decision to treat?

What are the relevant tradeoffs?

Which outcomes are most important?

Do physicians know best? 

Comprehensive Qualitative Assessment of Urethral Stricture Disease: Toward the Development of a Patient Centered Outcome Measure

Benjamin N. Breyer,* Todd C. Edwards, Donald L. Patrick and Bryan B. Voelzke

53% agreement between physician and patient

- ie: physicians are wrong about patient priorities half the time

J Urol 2017;198: 113-118



Alternative models of clinical decision making





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Physician Perception-Reality Gap



Many health care practitioners believe they practice SDM but may not be

BMJ 2012;344: e256
BMJ 2015;350: g7624

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SDM: why, when, how?



- ◆ What would be your own definition of SDM?
- ◆ When should it, could it, or shouldn't it be done?
- ◆ How much SDM is needed in your view?

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Shared Decision Making

is a process by which
a patient and a clinician
work together,
have a **conversation**,
partner with each other
to identify the **best course of action**,
the best treatment or test
at this point in time.

Not just throwing numbers!

It is about **sharing what matters**

Clinicians share information about the alternatives, benefits, harms
Patients share prior experience, goals, expectations, values.

Victor Montori

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Need for relevant evidence summaries

- ◆ A key component of doing SDM well requires
 - a detailed knowledge of the key evidence
 - shared in a manner that is accessible and supportive of the deliberation process
- ◆ Clinicians often
 - lack detailed knowledge of the evidence
 - Are unable to produce accurately and efficiently relevant evidence summaries on the fly

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GRADE

Strong recommendations	Weak recommendations
1. Clear balance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ benefits clearly outweigh risks/hassle/cost ➢ risk/hassle/cost clearly outweighs benefits 	1. Close balance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Close call between benefits and risks/hassle/cost ➢ Therefore more preference-sensitive
2. Sufficient confidence in estimates (high or moderate)	2. Low confidence in estimates
3. Patients values & preferences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ almost all same choice 	3. Patients values & preferences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ choice varies appreciably (or is very uncertain)

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Strong recommendations

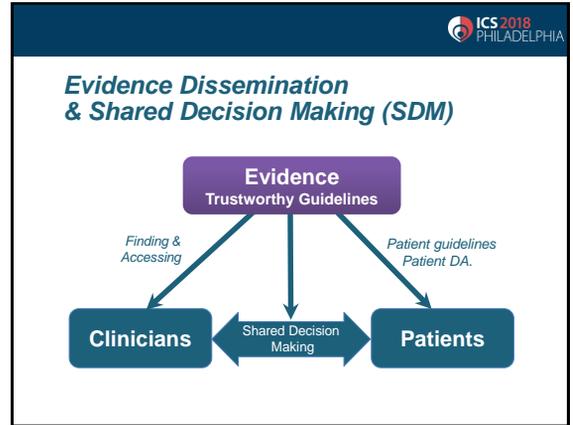
- Clear balance
 - benefit clearly outweigh risks/hassle/cost
 - risk/hassle/cost clearly

Just do it
- Patients values & preferences:
 - almost all same choice

Weak recommendations

- Close balance
 - Close call between benefits and risks/hassle/cost
 - Therefore more preference-

Shared decision making
- Patients values & preferences:
 - choice varies appreciably (or is very uncertain)



Decision Aids ICS 2018 PHILADELPHIA

International Patient Decision Aids Standards (IPDAS) Collaboration

“Decision aids are evidence-based tools designed to help patients make specific and deliberated choices among health-care options.”

Traditional decision aids

- decision boards
- decision booklets
- flip charts
- videos
- audiotapes
- computerized decision instruments

DECISION BOARD

NO CHEMOTHERAPY vs CHEMOTHERAPY

TREATMENT CHOICES	SIDE EFFECTS	OUTCOME
<p>What happens if I decide not to have chemotherapy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Followed at cancer center on a regular basis Physical examination Blood work (at some visits) Yearly mammogram Other tests, if doctor feels they are necessary 	<p>No chemotherapy side effects</p>	<p>85% Cancer Free</p> <p>16% Cancer Returns</p>
<p>What is chemotherapy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A treatment program using drugs that fight cancer cells How is chemotherapy given? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combination of 2 or 3 drugs are given together by injections (at cancer center) and pills (taken at home), or injections only (at cancer center) Drugs are given in a "treatment cycle" Each treatment cycle lasts 3 to 4 weeks During each treatment cycle there are 2 to 3 weeks when no chemotherapy is given Each treatment cycle is repeated 4 to 6 times Takes 3 to 6 months to finish all treatment cycles <p>What happens after finishing chemotherapy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Followed at cancer center on a regular basis Physical examination Blood work (at some visits) Yearly mammogram Other tests, if doctor feels they are necessary 	<p>What are the side effects of chemotherapy? There are a number of possible side effects with any type of chemotherapy. They are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of energy and tiredness Loss or thinning of hair over the entire body Stomach upset (nausea) and vomiting Mouth sores (tenderness) Weight gain Sad or unhappy moods Early menopause Diarrhea or constipation Low blood counts Infection which may require hospitalization Blood clots Leukemia (very rarely) Heart damage (very rarely) 	<p>80% Cancer Free</p> <p>10% Cancer Returns</p>

Preceptor checklist for Mr. Arto Statin ICS 2018

- What is your risk of having a heart attack in the next 10 years?**

Using information about your health we've estimated that you have a 58-80% chance of having a heart attack sometime in the next 10 years. This table shows you how we calculated this risk.

Risk factor	0-10%	10-20%	20-30%	30-40%	40-50%	50-60%	60-70%	70-80%	80-90%	90-100%
Age	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54
Male gender	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Family history of heart disease	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
High cholesterol	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
High blood pressure	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Diabetes	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Smoking	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

WHAT DOES THIS ESTIMATE MEAN?
It means that out of 100 people like you, about 20 will have a heart attack in the next 10 years, and about 80 will not.
- What benefit can you expect from taking statins compared to not taking statins?**

NO STATIN
On average, for every 100 people like you if they were to decide NOT to take statins, out of 100 people like you, about 20 will have a heart attack in the next 10 years, and about 80 will not.

YES STATIN
Our guess is that if you decide to take statins, you will have a heart attack in the next 10 years and about 85 will not. About 15 people will avoid a heart attack by taking statins, about 85 will not change their outcome by taking statins.

ATTENTION:
If you want to decide to take statins, we will not know if you would be among those who would not benefit (either by having a heart attack or by having one despite taking statins regularly) or those who would benefit (by avoiding a heart attack by taking a statin).
- What downsides can you expect from taking statins compared to not taking statins?**
 - Statins need to be taken daily for years.
 - Some statins may cost more to you depending on your drug plan.
 - Common side effects: muscle aches, diarrhea, constipation (most patients can tolerate)
 - Muscle aching/weakness: 2 in 100 patients (some need to stop statins because of this)
 - Liver enzymes go up in 10% of patients (no permanent liver damage) 2 in 100 patients (some need to stop statins because of this)
 - Muscle and kidney damage: 1 in 20,000 patients (invasive patients to stop statins)
- What do you want to do now?**
 - Take (or continue to take) statins
 - Not take (or stop taking) statins
 - Discuss with your clinician today
 - Discuss with your clinician in the future
 - Discuss with others
 - I don't know what I want?

Weight Change ICS 2018 PHILADELPHIA

What aspect of your next diabetes medicine would you like to discuss?

- Low Blood Sugar (Hypoglycemia)**
- Blood Sugar (A1c Reduction)**
- Daily Routine**
- Daily Sugar Testing**
- Cost**

Medformin (Generic available)
Cost: \$30 / 3 months

Insulin (No generic available - price varies by brand)
Lantus: \$30 per 100 units \$50 Price per 100 units \$40
Novolog: \$30 per 100 units \$50 Price per 100 units \$40
Humalog: \$30 per 100 units \$50 Price per 100 units \$40

Humalog/Eventide (No generic available)
Cost: \$30 / 3 months

Sulfonylureas (Gluc, Glucotin, Glucotrol)
Cost: \$20 / 3 months

KER UNIT | Mayo Clinic Video / Web

Do decision aids work?

>500 existing DA, 115 included in recent Cochrane review (Stacey et al.)

compared to usual care, decision aids:

- consistently improve patients' knowledge & provide more accurate expectations of possible benefits and harm
- Show inconsistent effects on clinical outcomes, adherence, and healthcare utilization

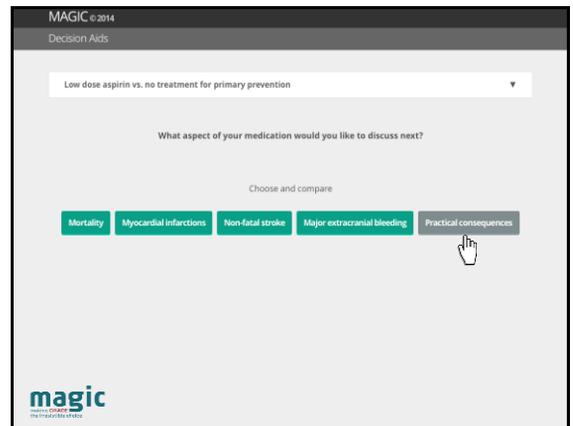
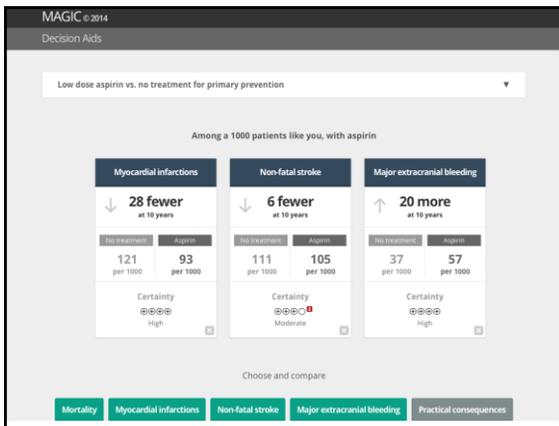
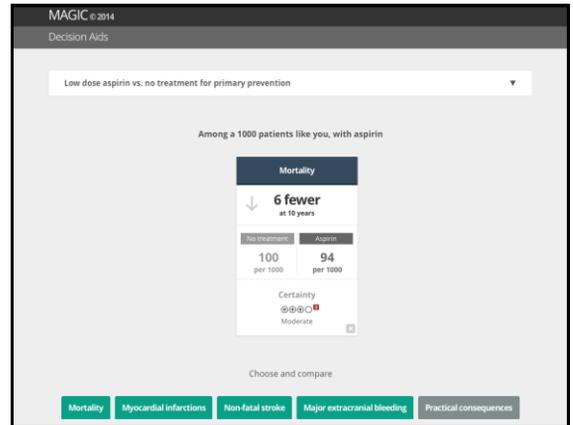
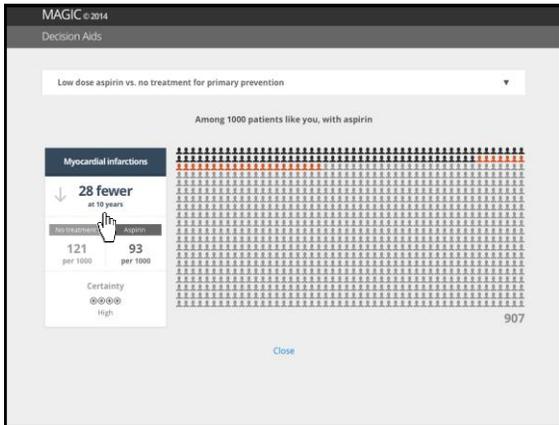
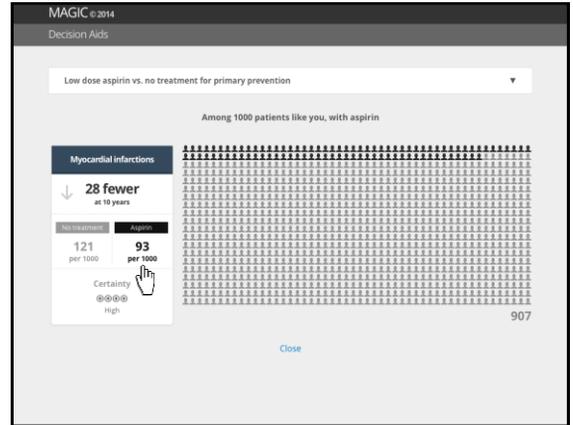
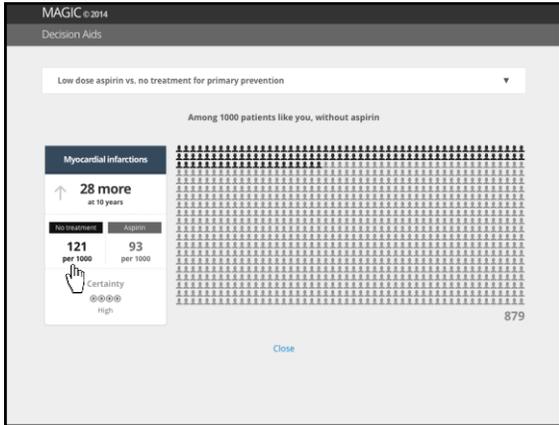
Traditional DA: limitations

- Majority are meant to be used by patients outside the clinical encounter
 - goal: patient empowerment
 - to prepare for the consultation
- Production time-consuming
- Often not based on current best evidence
- Have not had the desired uptake in practice

Motivation for SHARE-IT: necessity for alternative models:

- Link with evidence summaries in SR and Guidelines
- Generic approach = opportunities for wider dissemination

The SHARE-IT project



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Decision Aids

Low dose aspirin vs. no treatment for primary prevention

Practical consequences

 Medication routine	 Tests and visits	 Procedure and device	 Recovery and adaptation	 Coordination of care
 Adverse effects, interactions and antidote	 Physical well-being	 Emotional well-being	 Pregnancy and nursing	 Costs and access
 Food and drinks	 Exercise and activities	 Social life and relationships	 Work and education	 Travel and driving

Close

Summary



SDM involves a patient and clinician discussing what matters

- Values and Preferences
- Evidence (trustworthy guidelines)
- Context (clinical state and circumstances)

Decision Aids

- Present knowledge in an accessible form
- Help clarify patient values
- provide more accurate expectations of possible benefits and harm
- Should be used dynamically to enrich the clinical encounter tailored to each patient (MAGICapp)