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## Post Market Surveillance

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*This presentation is based on information available as of today and prepared to my best knowledge.*

*This presentation presents my personal understanding of the medical device requirements in Europe.*

# Background Gerold Labek and References



- From 1999: Registries and Research



- From 2006: EUPHORIC-Project,  
QoLA Project



- 2011: PIP, ASR  
→ EU Commission,



- MDR
- MEDDEV 2.7.1 and others
- IMDRF, Registry working Group, 2 Papers



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# Why Clinical Data are a Top Issue?



Design      Production      Risk Management      Use of Device      Patients



Health System/Access to Device

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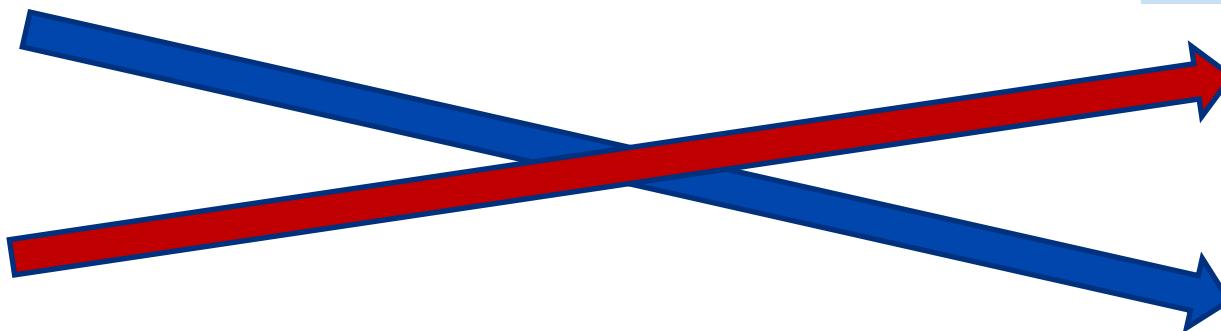
Clinical Data provide information on the outcome of the entire treatment chain  
→ „final validation“

## Confounding Factors

**Methodology**  
(Selection Bias,  
Documentation Bias,...)

**Statistics**  
(N Patients, Data –  
Nominal, ordinal.  
Metric.,.)

**Treatment  
Outcome**  
(Users, Patients,  
Implantation,...)



RCT

Registries

Pharma

Med. Dev.

Follow Up Studies

Limited Data



Big Data



## The manufacturers should:

establish a comprehensive post-market surveillance (PMS) system

set up under the quality management system

and based on a PMS plan.



# Major Elements of the Post-Market Surveillance Requirements



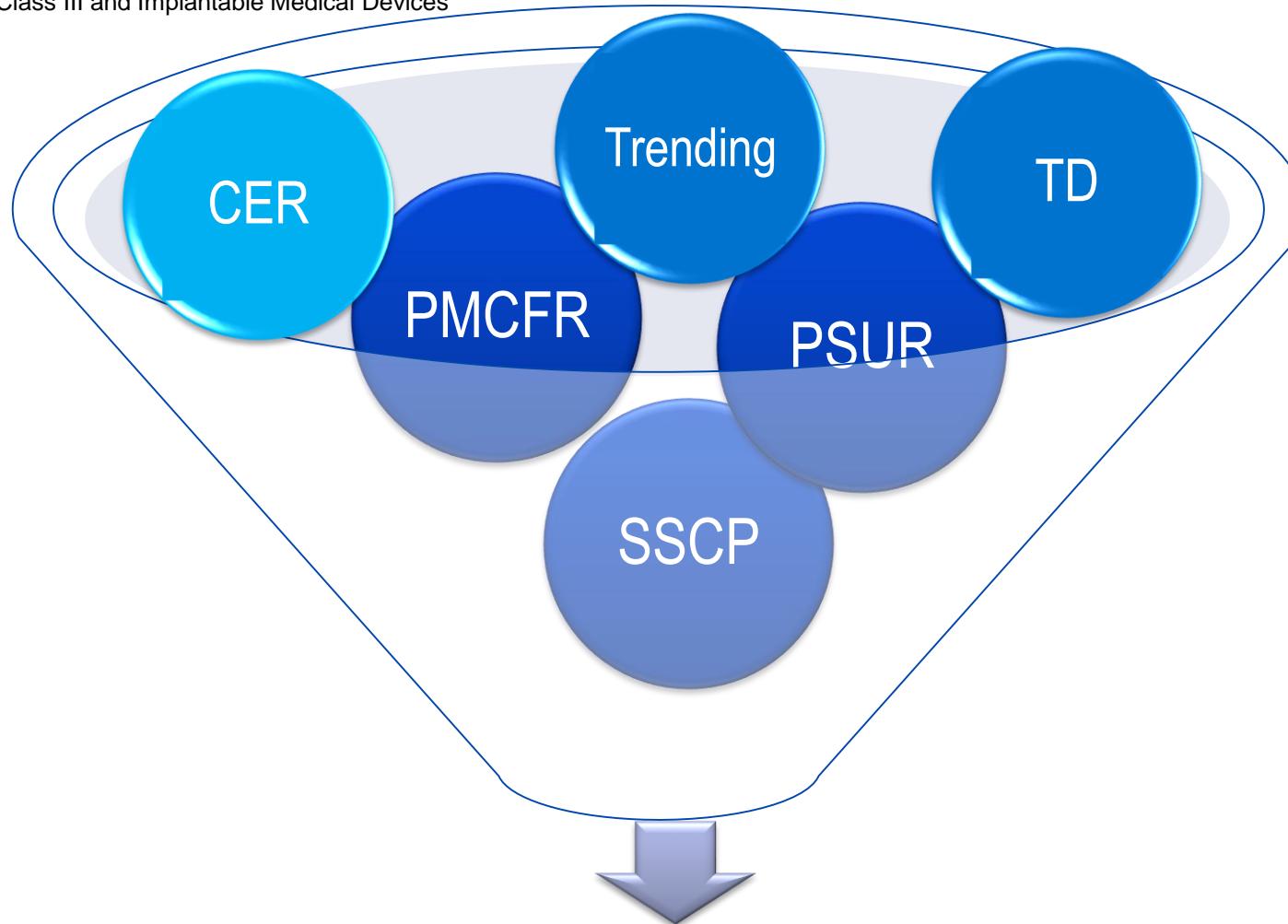
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# Higher Transparency through Annual Reporting System



Applicable for Class III and Implantable Medical Devices



PSUR: Periodic Safety Update Report

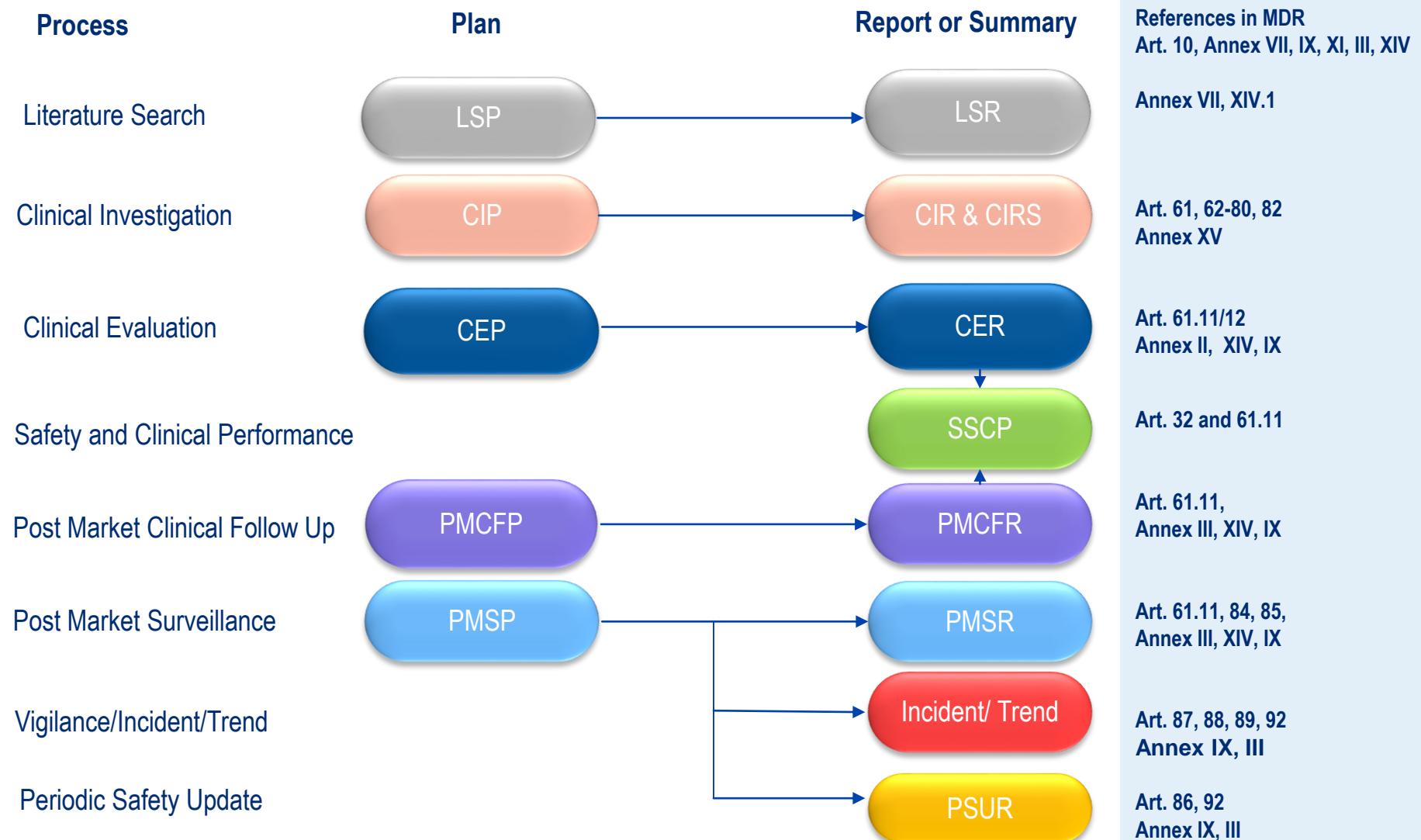
CER: Clinical Evaluation Report

TD: Technical Documentation

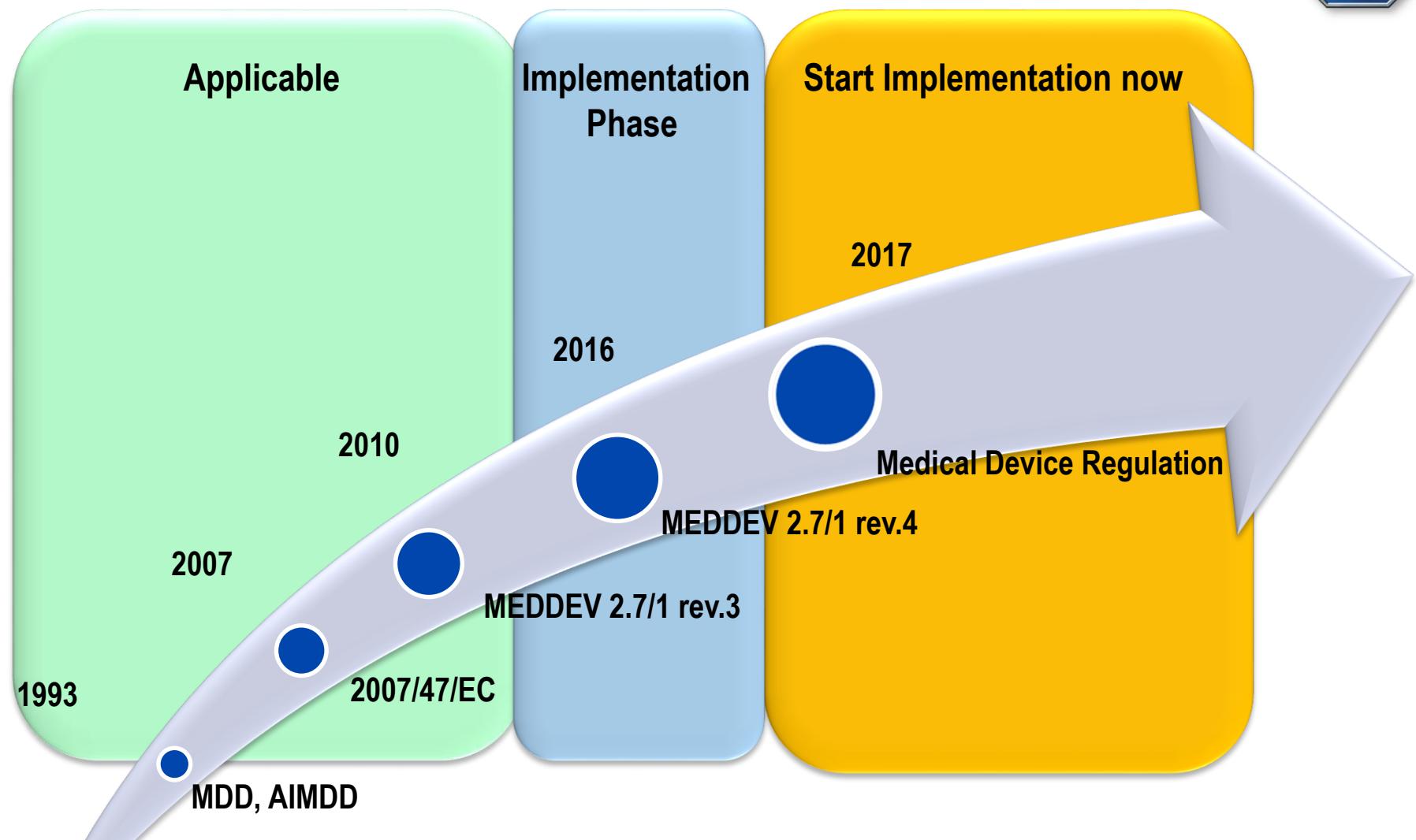
SSCP: Summary of Safety and Clinical Performance

PMCFR: Post-Market Clinical Follow-Up Evaluation Report

# MDR - Clinical Aspects - Processes, Plans (P), Reports (R), Summaries (S)



# Major Regulatory Updates in EU relevant for Clinical Evaluation



[http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/medical-devices/guidance/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/medical-devices/guidance/index_en.htm)



There are different sources of clinical literature that can be searched for clinical evaluation. A comprehensive search strategy is required, normally involving multiple databases. The search strategy should be documented and justified. Important sources include the following:

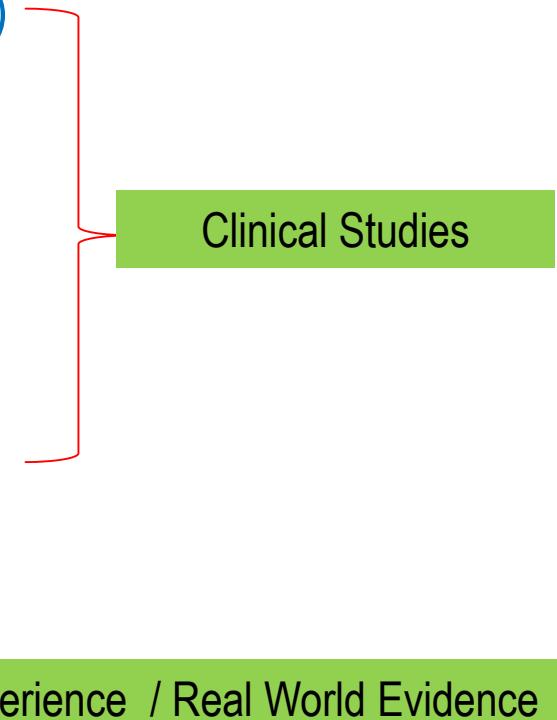
- **Scientific literature databases**

- MEDLINE or Pubmed can provide a good starting point for a search. However, with possibly incomplete coverage of European Journals and reduced search features, comprehensiveness may not necessarily be guaranteed.
- Additional databases may need to be used to ensure adequate coverage of devices and therapies in use in Europe, to identify relevant clinical trials and publications of user experience<sup>16</sup>, and to facilitate searches by device name and manufacturer (e.g. EMBASE/Excerpta Medica, the Cochrane CENTRAL trials register, etc.).
- Information coverage and search features available in scientific databases can change with time. Criteria for selecting adequate databases therefore need to be defined and reevaluated on a regular basis.
- **Internet searches**

Searches provide important data, examples include information on:

- **harmonised standards** and other standards applicable to the device in question and containing information on clinical performance and clinical safety.
- **Field safety corrective actions for the equivalent and/or other devices**. These can be found on manufacturer's web sites, internet sites of European Competent authorities, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), possibly other sites.
- **Implant registry reports**.
- Documents available in **systematic review databases** (e.g. the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Prospero international prospective register of systematic reviews).
- Expert documents produced by **professional medical associations** that are important for assessment of current knowledge/ the state of the art, including **clinical practice guidelines and consensus statements**.
- **Meta-analyses** and **reviews** of health technology assessment (**HTA**) institutes and networks.
- Identification of studies via the WHO International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (ICTRP) and ClinicalTrials.gov.

MDCG,  
Common  
Specifications

- Clinical Studies (any kind, systematic search strategy)
  - Systematic Reviews
    - Cochrane
    - HTA
    - Metaanalyses
    - Guidelines, Consensus Papers
  - Implant Registry Reports
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- The diagram illustrates the classification of clinical data sources. A red curly brace on the right side groups the first three items under the heading "Clinical Studies". Another red curly brace on the right side groups the last item under the heading "Market Experience / Real World Evidence".
- Clinical Studies
- Market Experience / Real World Evidence



- Medical University Innsbruck, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Austria
- University Kiel, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Germany
- Hacettepe University, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Turkey
- University Leiden, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Nederlands
- Semmelweiss Univ. Budapest, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Hungary
- Endoklinik, Hamburg, Germany
- Sozialmedizinisches Zentrum Ost, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Vienna, Austria
- South Danish University, Vejle, Denmark
- Haddassah Univ. Hospital, Jewish University Jerusalem, Israel
- University Martin, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Martin, Slovakia
- University Pleven, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Pleven, Bulgaria
- University Hospital Geneva, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Geneva, Switzerland
- Allgemeines Krankenhaus Linz, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Linz, Austria
- Istituto Galeazzi, Milano, Italy
- University Arad, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Arad, Romania
- Medical University Salzburg, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Salzburg, Austria
- Clinica Foisor de Foc, Bucharest, Romania
- Hospital del Mar, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Barcelona, Spain
- University Lille, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Lille, France
- Clinique de l'Yvette, Paris, France
- Dr. Günther Ziernhöld, Bolzano, Italy
- Orthopädisches Physiotherapiezentrum, Graz, Austria
- Johanneum Research, Graz, Austria
- Landeskrankenhaus Klagenfurt, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Klagenfurt, Austria
- Oberschwabenklinik, Wangen, Germany
- Centro Hospitalar do Nordeste, Macedo de Cavaleiros, Oporto, Portugal
- Hospital Curry Cabral, Lisboa, Portugal
- Centro Hospitalar do Tâmega e Sousa, Penafiel, Portugal





## Goal:

- Check validity of clinical studies compared to arthroplasty register data (reference for real world/average patients service)
- Reproducibility of outcome published
- Confounders and Bias Factors
- Systematic Review



## Material and Methods

- Medline listed publications on implants with register data
- PTIR – Revisions per 100 observed component years
- 1950-ies: Smoking and Cancer/Cardiovascular side effects
  - Total of years smoking (years at risk) in cohort
  - Incidence of observed endpoints
  - Head to Head comparison → Incidences
- Medical Devices: Arthroplasty: Endpoint Revision surgery
  - By definition at risk from day of implantation
  - Linear function
  - Value of 1 = 1% RR @ 1 year, 10% @ 10 years (=NICE Benchmark)

**BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL**  
LONDON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10 1956

LUNG CANCER AND OTHER CAUSES OF DEATH IN  
RELATION TO SMOKING  
A SECOND REPORT ON THE MORTALITY OF BRITISH DOCTORS

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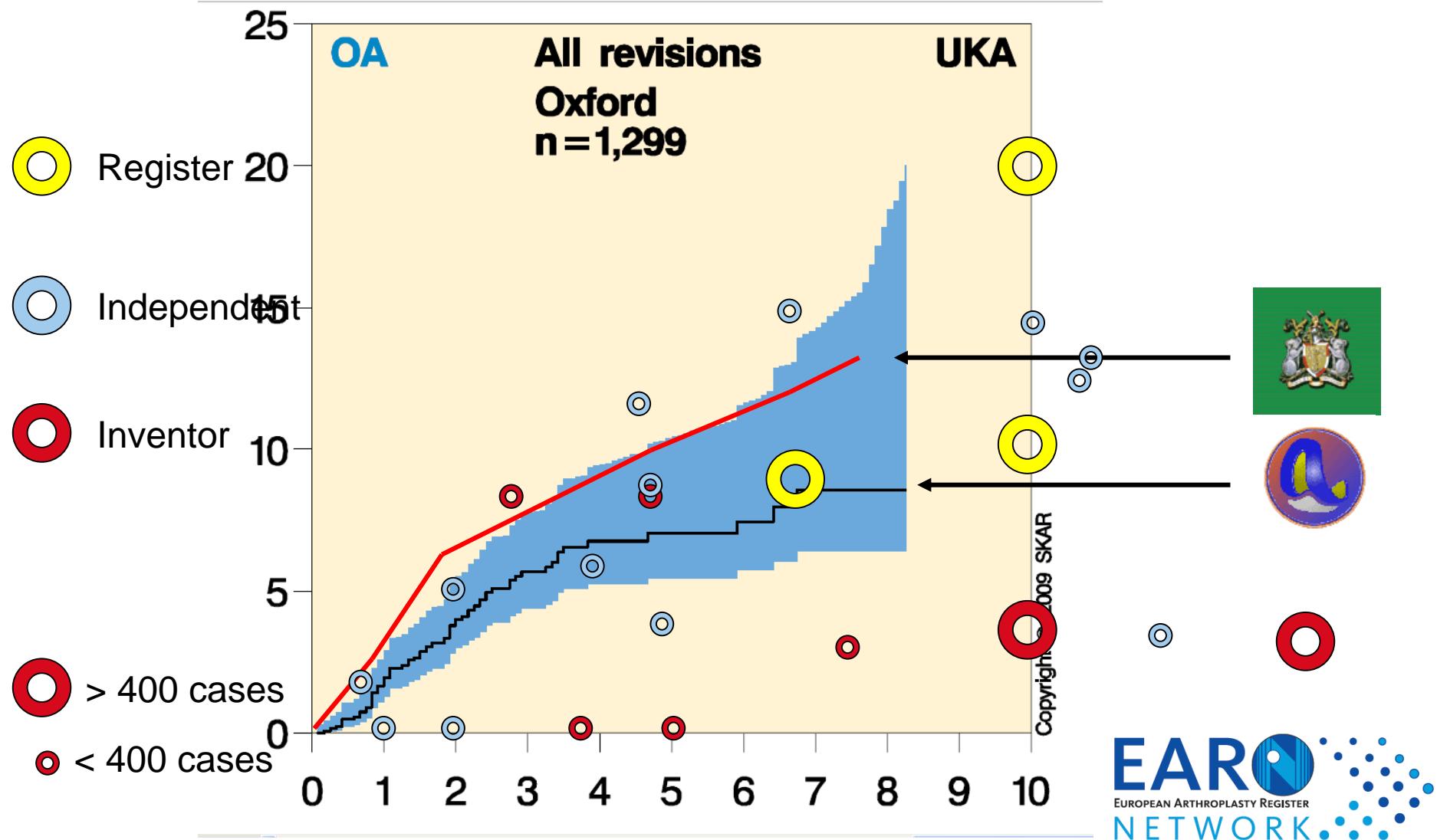


- 95 Implant systems with sufficient data in worldwide registries
  - 74 Systems: Data from clinical studies available
  - 21 Systems (~20%): not a single clinical study with outcome data published

Implant	Manufacturer	
Natural Hip stem	DePuy	
RBK TKA	Global Orthopaedic Tech.	Small company
Option cup	Kinamed	Small company
F2L Multineck	Lima	Small company
Gemini TKA	Link	Small company
SPH-Blind cup	Lima	Small company
Journey TKA	S&N	New
Vanguard TKA	Biomet	New
Maxim TKA	Biomet	
Scan TKA	Biomet	
Citation stem	Stryker	
Scorpio TKA	Stryker	
ABG cup	Stryker	
Unix Uni	Stryker	
Anca-Fit stem	Wright	
Advantim TKA	Wright	
ZCA Uni	Zimmer	
ZUK Uni	Zimmer	New
Securfit-cup	Stryker	
Mitch Resurfacing	Stryker	
Freedom PKR Uni	Stryker	
GRU Uni	Global Orthopaedic Tech.	Small company



- 23 Publications included
- 20 sample based studies
  - 7 by the inventor's group, Oxford,Nuffield
  - 13 independent publications
- 3 publications based on National Arthroplasty Register datasets (2x SF, 1x S)
- 3 Annual Reports (S, SF, AUS)



	Number	FUP	Revision Rate [%]	Number primaries	Number Revisions	Observed component years	Revisions per 100 observed component years	CI	Factor Difference to Register
<b>Inventor studies</b>	7	9,64	4,30	1559	67	15029	0,45	0,35-0,57	4,40
<b>Independent clinical studies</b>	13	4,99	6,09	1445	88	7205	1,22	0,99-1,50	1,61
<b>Total clinical studies</b>	20	7,40	5,16	3004	155	22234	0,70	0,60-0,82	2,82
<b>Register Journal publications</b>	3	9,04	14,51	1951	283	17638	1,60	1,43-1,80	
<b>Registers Annual Reports</b>	3	3,51	6,88	11985	825	42037	1,96	1,83-2,10	

# One-third of knee replacement patients are candidates for a mobile bearing UKA, surgeon says

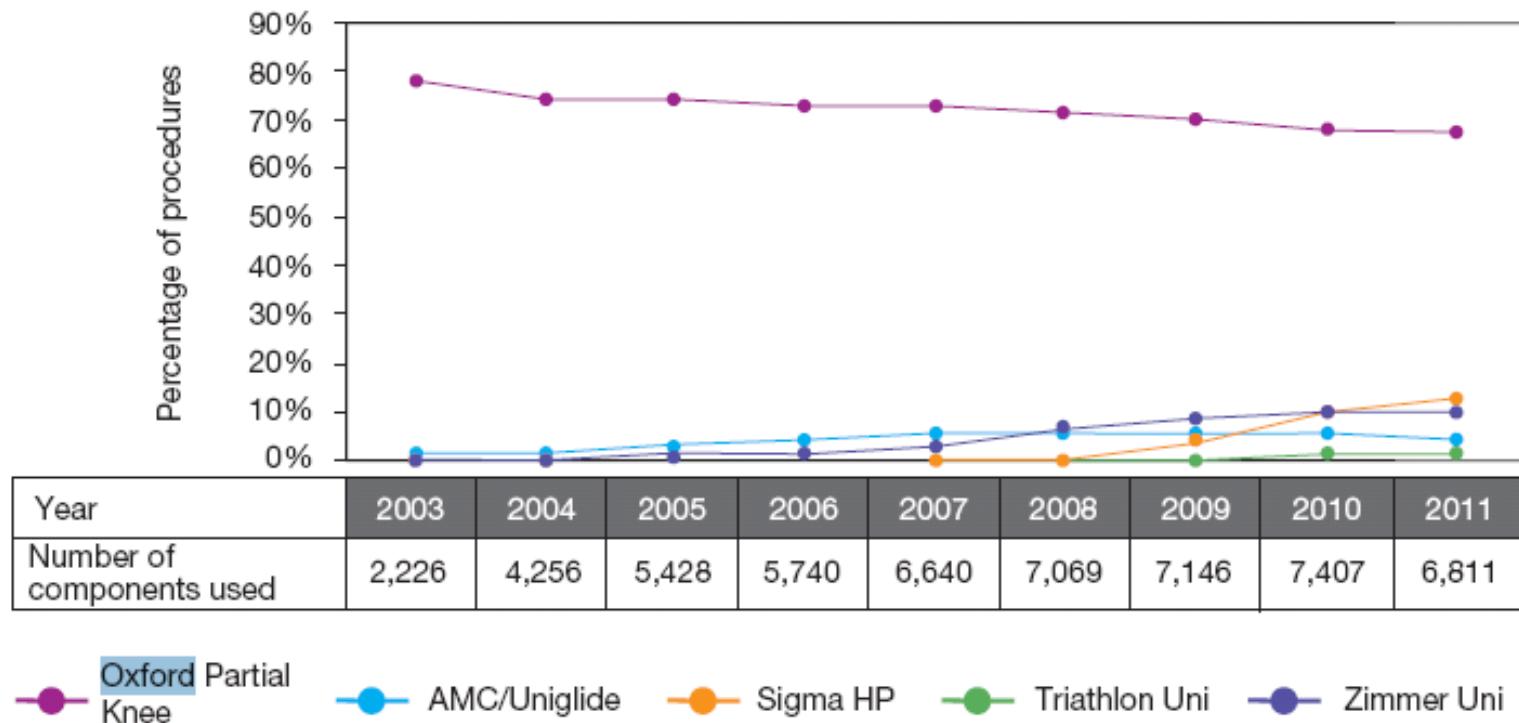
"At least one in three knees that require knee replacement are appropriate for a unicompartmental knee replacement," and would meet all recommended indications and contraindications for it, Murray said at the Knee Society Specialty Day Meeting during the 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, here.

"Two-thirds of our patients are not ideal and have some of these contraindications, yet there is no difference in the outcome between those who have contraindications and those who do not."

A screenshot of a magazine page from 'Orthopaedics today EUROPE'. The page features a green header with the magazine title. Below the header, there are several news articles with headlines such as 'Surgeons look to hip tribology to provide better clinical results with THA, new bearing surfaces' and 'Mobile bearing UKA appropriate for one-third of knee replacement patients, surgeon says'. There are also small images related to the articles and a sidebar on the right side of the page.

## Figure 2.25

Top five unicondylar knee brands, trends 2003 to 2011.



# Summary Literature worldwide



Implant	Factor Difference Outcome in Registers and comprehensive publications in peer reviewed journals	Factor Difference Inventor Outcome and Register Outcome	Inventor Bias	Inventor Bias leading to Bias in aggregated Assessment	Region of Origin
Citation stem	Not a single revision published	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
Contemporary cup	Not a single revision published	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
SecurFit cup	Not a single revision published	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
Summit stem	Not a single revision published	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
Versys stem	Not a single revision published	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
Securfit stem	Not a single revision published	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
Pinnacle cup	Not a single revision published	Not a single revision published	Only inventor studies published		USA
Vitalock cup	Not a single revision published	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
Epoch stem	Not a single revision published	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
Preservation Uni	Not a single revision published	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
Securfit cup	Not a single revision published	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
Optetrak TKA	41,10	Not a single revision published	Yes	Yes	USA
Pappas-Büchel TAA	10,15	14,29	Yes	Yes	USA
Profemur Z stem	9,72	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
C-stem	8,69	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA,D,GB
Corail stem	7,78	5,24	Yes	Yes	USA
CPT stem	7,33	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
Synergy	6,79	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
Charnley cup	5,28	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	GB
Trilogy	4,36	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
AGC	4,01	4,15	Yes	Yes	USA
Genesis II	3,86	3,70	Yes	Yes	US, Can
Fitmore cup	3,22	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	EU
Recap Resurfacing	3,17	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
Accolade Trident	3,17	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	US^
Natural hip stem	3,13	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
Taperloc	2,90	10,81	Yes	Yes	

# Summary Literature worldwide



Repicci Uni	2,89	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		USA
Bicontact	2,80	2,11	No	No		EU
Oxford Uni	2,71	4,37	Yes	Yes		GB
Link Uni	2,65	11,4	Yes	No		EU
Allofit cup	2,34	1,32	No	No		EU
Avon	2,18	2,17	No	No		GB
Charnley stem	2,17	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		GB
Spotorno CLS cup	2,11	9,05	Yes	No		EU
Cormet Resurfacing	2,1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		EU
Definition stem	1,95	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		
Hintegra	1,94	1,94	No	n.a.		EU
Alloclassic	1,84	0,87	No	No		EU
Duracon TKA	1,71	1,48	No	No		USA
Durom Resurfacing	1,71	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		USA
Duracon Uni	1,59	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		USA
STAR	1,56	4,63	Yes	Yes		EU
Harris-Galante-Pfanne	1,53	2,22	No	No		USA
ABG I cup	1,50	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		USA
Allgeretto Uni	1,45	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		EU
LCS	1,46	1,17	No	No		USA
NexGen	1,45	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		USA
MG Uni	1,44	5,20	Yes	No		USA
Conserve Plus	1,43	1,47	No	No		USA
Advance TKA	1,41	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		USA
Profix	1,39	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.		USA
BHR	1,33	4,33	Yes	No		

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			n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
Triathlon TKA	1,29		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
PFC Uni	1,26		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
AML cementless stem	1,22		4,74	Yes	No	USA
Duraloc	1,21		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
Romanus cup	1,15		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
Natural Knee	1,12		1,07	No	No	USA
ASR	1,06		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	USA
Agility	1,02		2,43	No	No	USA
SPII	0,99		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	EU
Spotorno	0,98		1,84	No	No	EU
Eius Uni	0,89		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	EU
Kinemax TKA	0,83		2,75	No	No	USA
PFC	0,70		0,64	No	No	USA
Müller Schaft zem	0,70		0,59	No	No	EU
Exeter stem	0,66		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	EU
RM cup	0,62		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	EU
Lubinus-cup	0,58		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	EU
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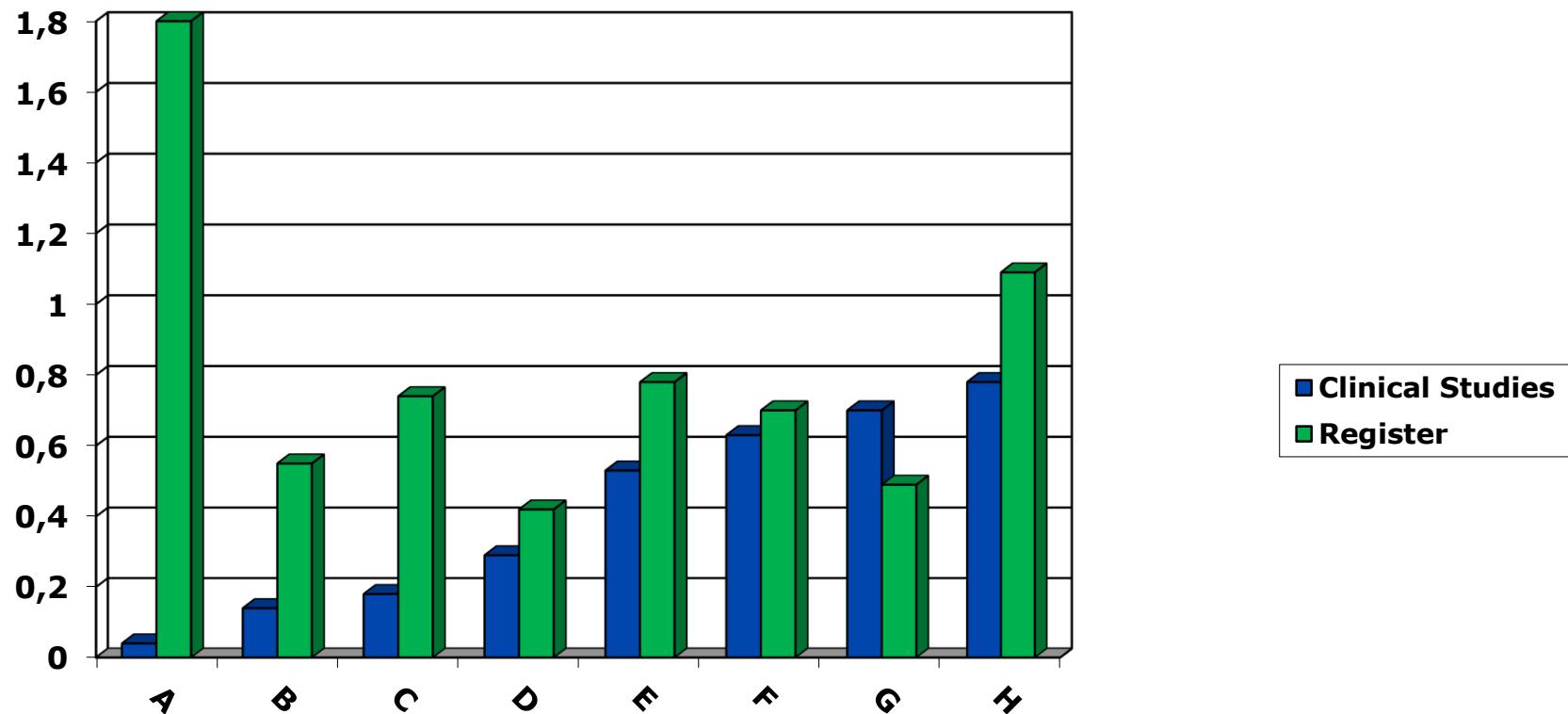
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# Literature Continental Europe



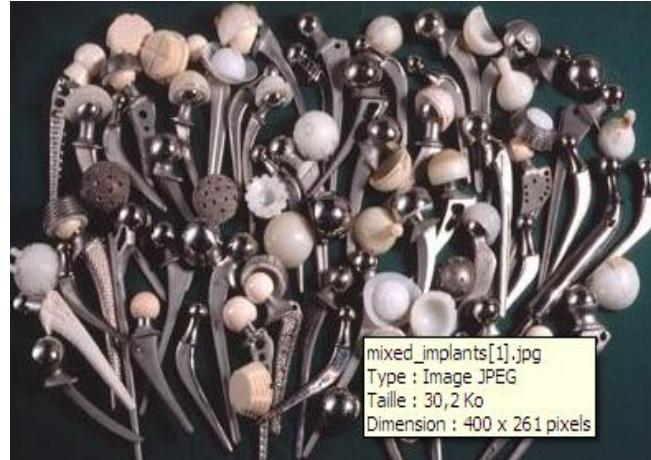
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# Impact on daily decisions



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# Publications concerning inferior products

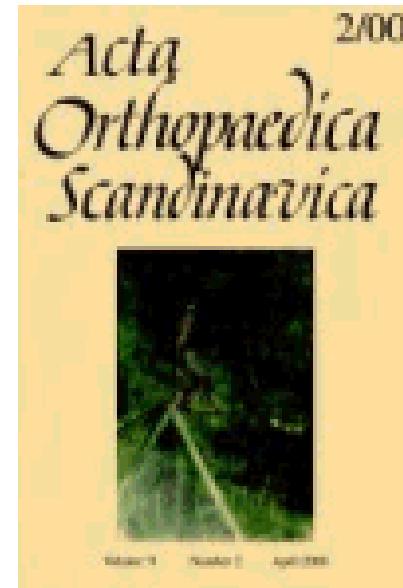


## 12 Implants identified

- 5 of them: Not a single publication referring to Revision Rate and covering Revisions for any reason
- For 5 out of 12 implants (41%) there are no outcome studies published
- From 3 out of the remaining 7 no problems are published
- In 3 out of 7 Implants some problem could be detected, but on very small numbers.  
Too small for any clear conclusion
- No inventor studies or no revisions published
- In not a single case problems are detectable by clinical study review



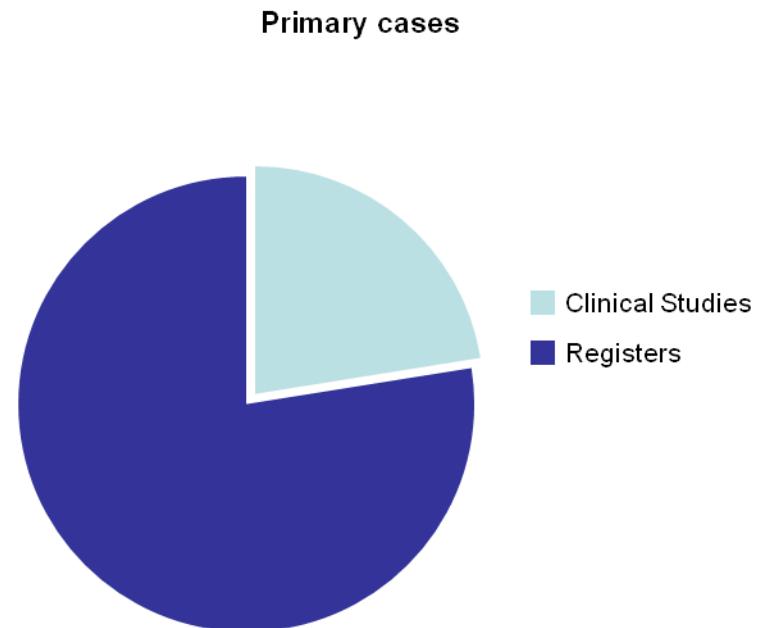
# Confounders in Individual Journals





- All Data concerning Total Knee Arthroplasty from the QoLA-Dataset
  - More exact since no „Mix and Match“ of components like in THA
  - 203 articles
  - About 100,000 primary cases
  - Evaluation focused on
    - Publication of inventors in specific Journals
    - Outcome published
    - Global regions

- Clinical studies:
  - 170.938 Primary
  - 6.074 Revisions
- Register:
  - 589.831 Primary
  - 21.995 Revisions
- Ratio:
  - Primaries: 1:3,4
  - Revisions: 1:3,6





- Publications by regions
  - Asia: 8 articles; 842 cases; 0.51 Rp100ocy
  - EU: 82 articles; 31,217 cases; 0.55 Rp100ocy
  - USA: 113 articles; 67,397 cases; 0.35 Rp100ocy
- Publications worldwide:
  - About 2/3 of all cases worldwide are published in US Journals
  - Average outcome published in US Journals is about 1.6 times better than in European or Asian Journals

- Publications according to implant inventor status (Europe)

- Implants, without identifiable inventor:

17 articles;	2,185 cases;	0.41 Rp100ocy
– Inventor: 7 articles;	2,342 cases (=7.5%)	0.47 Rp100ocy
– Independent: 58 articles;	26,739 cases	0.47 Rp100ocy
– Total number of cases:	31,266 cases	

- Publications according to implant inventor status (USA)

- Implants, without identifiable inventor:

11 articles;	1,581 cases;	0.28 Rp100ocy
– Inventor: 31 articles;	36,806 cases (=54.6%)	0.19 Rp100ocy
– Independent: 70 articles;	29,010 cases;	0.56 Rp100ocy
– Total number of cases:	67,397 cases	



- Publications by US research groups:
  - US Journals:  
81 articles;      62,284 cases;      0.33 Rp100ocy
  - Non-US Journals (EU and Asia)  
9 articles;      4,762 cases;      0.20 Rp100ocy



- Average Outcome published
  - in US Journals is (ratio:3.43; 29%) 0.35 Rp100ocy
  - In European Journals 0.55 Rp110cy
  - In Asian Journals 0.51 Rp100ocy
- Register benchmark 1.2 Rp100ocy



- 30% of all cases published worldwide are by inventors
- 55% of all cases published in US Journals are by inventors
- 97% of them are published in 2 Journals
  - JOA: 21,261 cases (=58.4%) 0.2 Rp100ocy
  - CORR: 13,978 cases (=38.4%) 0.14 Rp100ocy

Global Register average benchmark: 1.2 Rp100ocy
- 76% (CORR) and 63% (JOA) of all cases published in these Journals are by inventors



Product Service

Choose certainty.  
Add value.

# Processes



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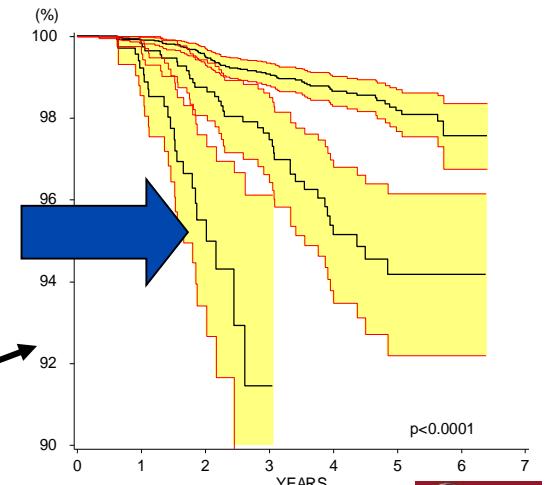
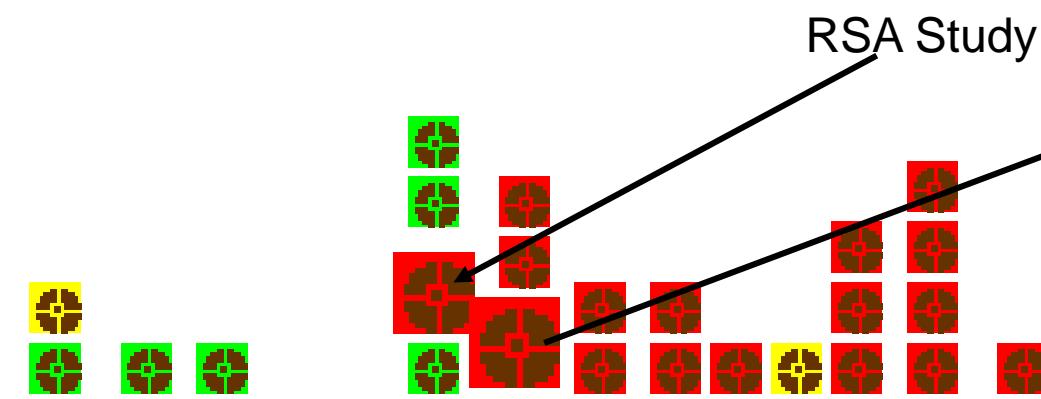
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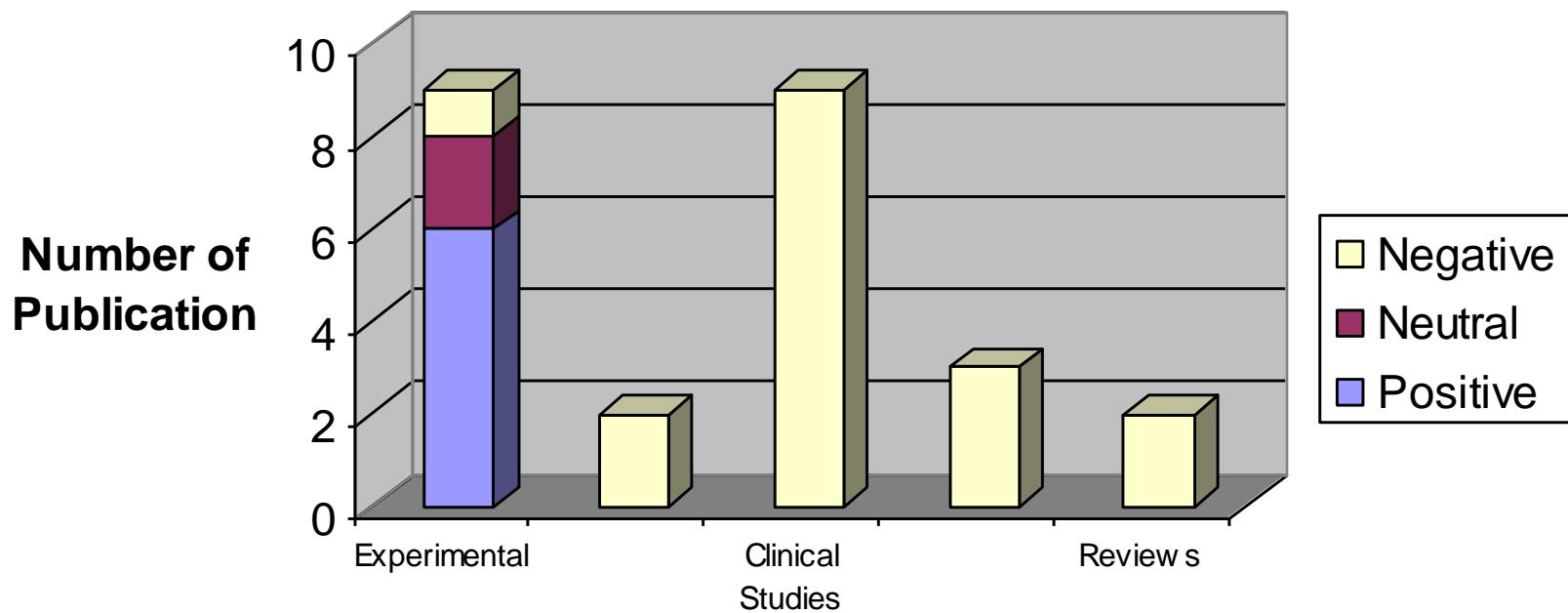
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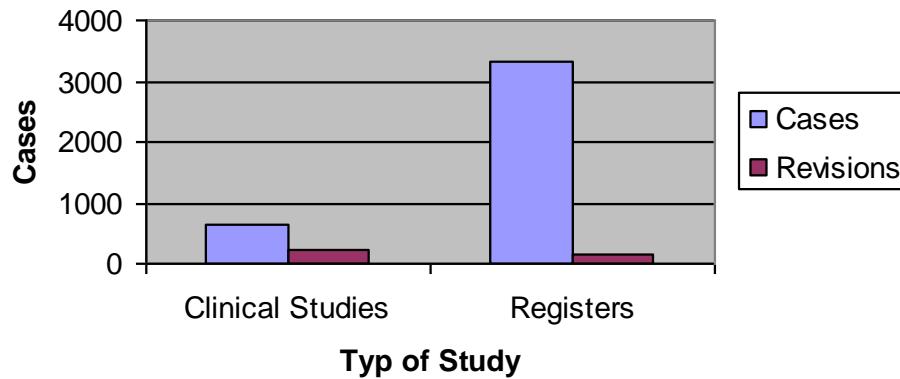
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## Statement per Type of Publication



**Number of Cases**



- **Registers:**
  - 3338 cases, 5648 observed component years, 166 revisions
- **Clinical Studies:**
  - 627 cases, 1091 observed component years, 237 revisions
- **Ratio between datasets: 7.38**

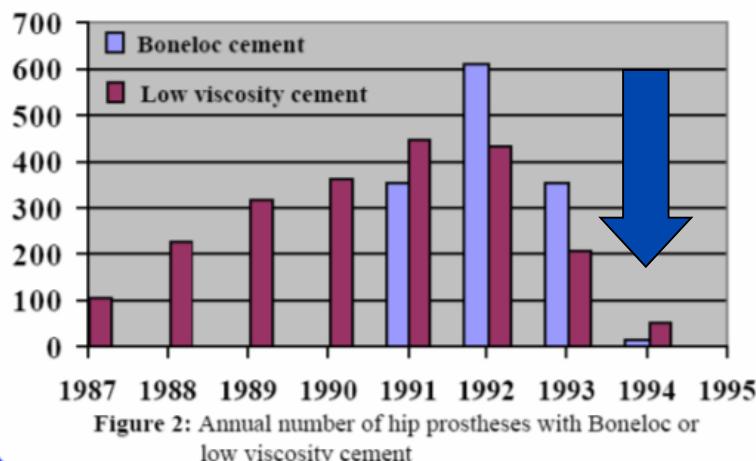
- 1991: Boneloc on the Scandinavian market
- 19 Oct 1993: Polymers Reconstructive A/S, (Manufacturer and developer) organises a meeting in Denmark after high revision rates were reported by users. 29 surgeons of 22 (out of 42) Danish orthopaedic departments
  - Mixing device was decided to be responsible and modified afterwards
  - Personal communications of revisions, but positive publications, no overview

Riehmann M. Regulatory measures for implementing new medical devices  
Recalling Boneloc. Dan Med Bull. 2005; 52(1): 11-17



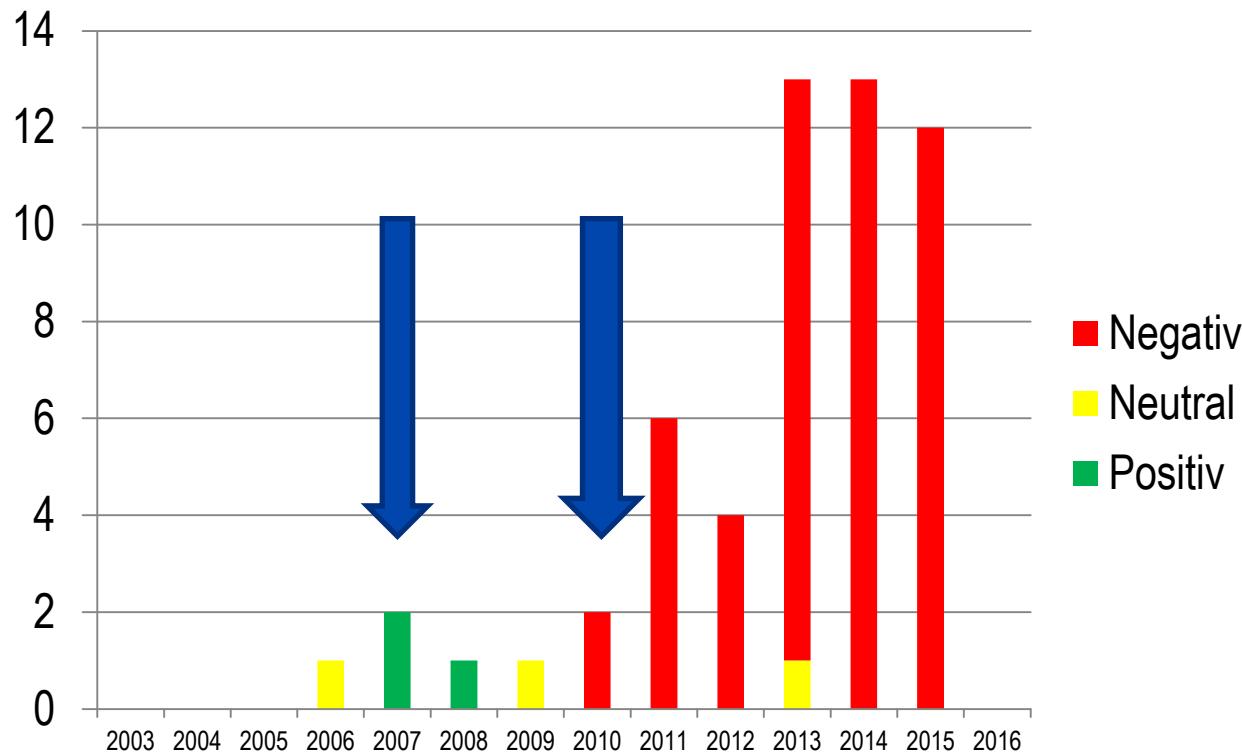
- May 1994: results of evaluations of the Norwegian Arthroplasty Register
- 18 May: Presentation at the National orthopaedic society and Norwegian Board of Health
- Oct 1994: Publication at the National orthop. congress and the journal of the NBoH  
(Danish Board of Health was subscriber)
- April 1995: Danish Board of Health requests material and data from Norway
- 6 April: Manufacturer stops distribution  
30,694 units were sold in 50 countries

- Between Oct 94 and April 95:  
Finnish and Swedish orthopaedic societies release warnings and request from distributor (Biomet) stop of distribution – which was done
- Market figures from Norway:



- 2003: EU approval by Equivalence route (BHR), no FDA approval
- 2007: MHRA-expert board on Metal and DNA-Changes
- 2008: Haute Autorite de Sante (F): → **no funding** in France
- 2009: „voluntary“ recall in Australia due to Registry
- Designers (T. Schmalzried: 3Mio\$, other 500.000\$,...)
- April 2010: Langdon (Univ. Hospital of North Tees) → high failure rates → MHRA
- Early summer 2010: NJR: 7.5% revision rate → MHRA
- 24.8.2010: ASR Recall

- 58 Articles with clinical outcome data



# Reporting Incidences



	FUP-periode	Revision rate	Primary cases	Revision cases	Observed component years	Revisions per 100 observed component years	CI	factor Difference to Register 2007
immer-Data post marketing surveillance	1,00	0,63	480	3	480,00	0,63	0,21-1,82	3,2
Zimmer sponsored study	4,50	0,00	386	0	1737,00	0,00		
Total market monitoring		0,35	866	3	2217	0,14	0,05-0,4	14,78
Examination immer USA best centres	1	0,6	1300	8	1300,00	0,62	0,31-1,21	3,25
Examination Zimmer USA all centres	1	1,5	1300	20	1300,00	1,54	1,0-2,36	1,3
Australian Arthroplasty Register 2007		2,3	341	8	408	2	0,85-3,86	
2014 Global		8,79	4541	399	33270	1,2	1,09-1,32	

Revision rate increased at the Zimmer-Investigation at a ratio of

11



# Reporting Incidences



- Austria – Recall 2004
- Removal Set
- Incentives by the System



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EUROPEAN ARTHROPLASTY REGISTER  
**NETWORK**



- Checks and Balances needed for a more robust system
- New Data sources required
- Independet data collection
- Different processes for interpretation and publication
- Independet interpretation of clinical data by expert groups
  - Metanalyses
  - Health Technology Assessment
  - Cochrane
- Real World Evidence(RWE) / Registries / Big Data

# Lessons Learnt

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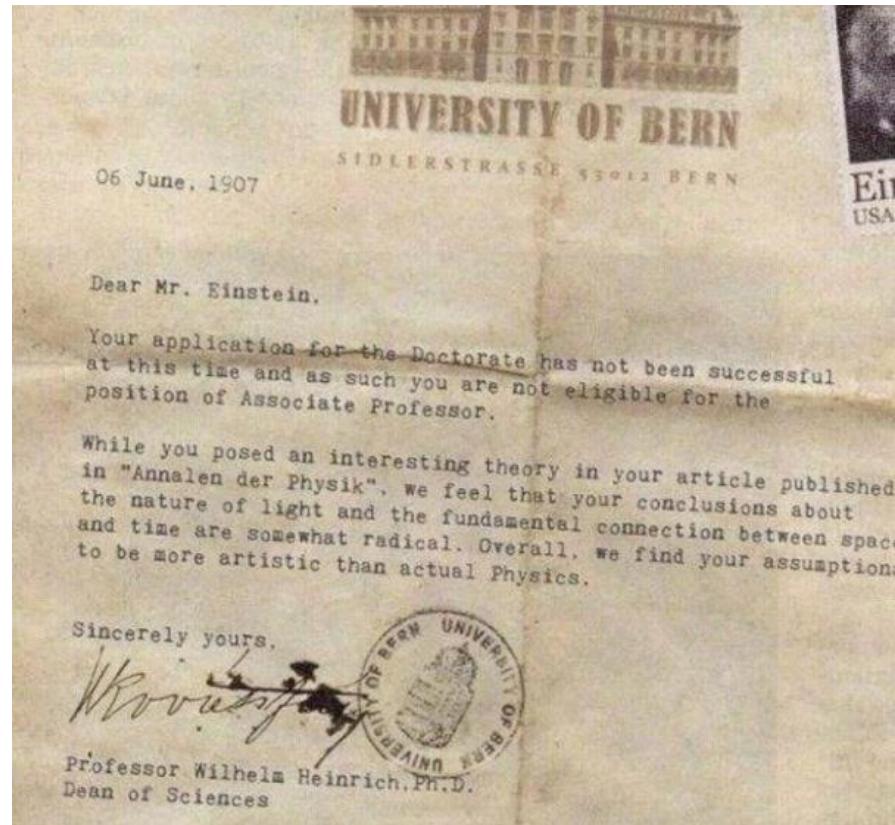


- Many basic presumptions used for decision making based on clinical data are not correct as the database is subject of confounders
  - Users (health care providers)
  - Risk management and evaluations (manufacturers)
  - Regulators (assessment)
- → incidents not identified → public offenses, legal actions

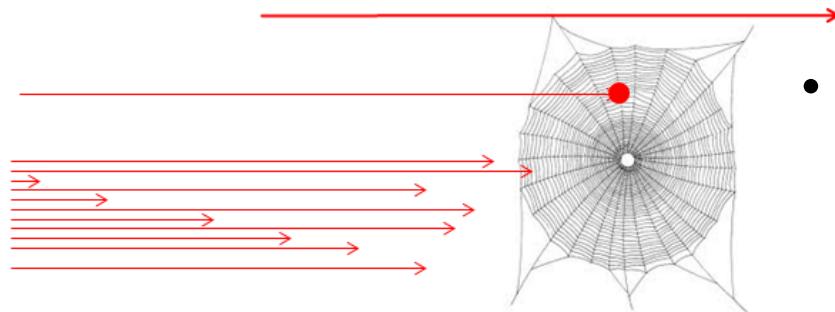
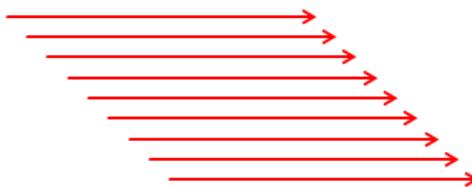


- Not exclusively due to wrong processes or personal incompetence
- Bias and structural problems in studies and research processes
- Internal limitations in research processes
- Intransparency
- → Bias, controlled by interest groups

- Journal publications are no proper predictor for problems
- Publications follow a trend
- Often a small number of author groups
  - ➔ not representative
  - ➔ may be wrong by chance or not
- **How to get ahead to this process and be able to react in time?**

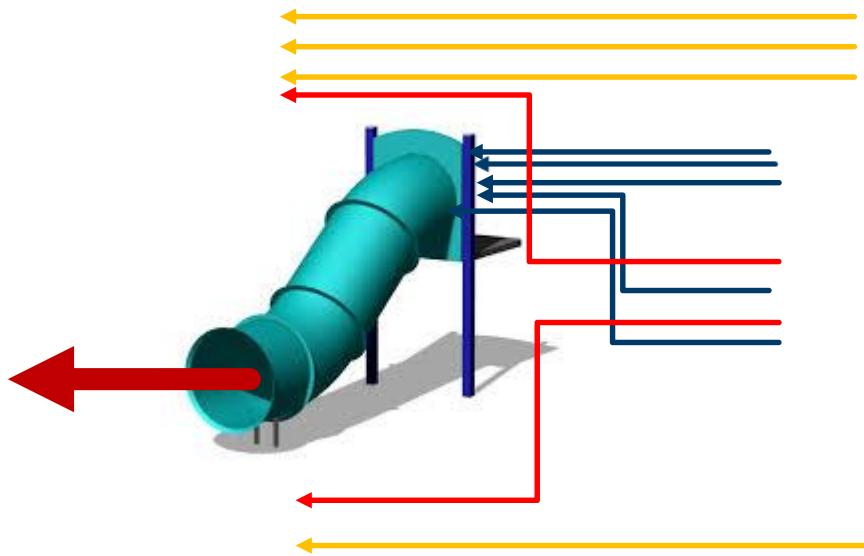


- Clinical Studies:
  - Sample Based (i.e. limited data, inclusion criteria)
  - Verification of a Theses (Causality)
    - ➔ Bias
    - ➔ Known Risks



- Registries (Real World Evidence)
  - Large numbers (transferable?)
  - Identification of Correlation
    - ➔ Misinterpretation
    - ➔ Unknown Risks

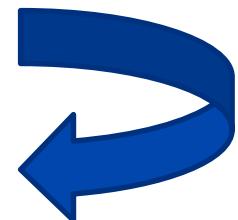
- Metaanalyses:
  - Selection Criteria??
  - Methodology appropriate for Medical Devices?
  - Verification of a Theses by Metanalysis (Causality)
    - ➔ Bias
    - ➔ Known Topics



- Data acquisition (Study protocol, RCT, prospective, retrospective,...)
- Evaluation
- Conclusions
- Prepare Publication → Journal submission
- Journal:
  - Check IRB, COI
  - Peer review
- Publication in a Journal following a defined process
- Scientific Debate, Rating,  
→ Evidence

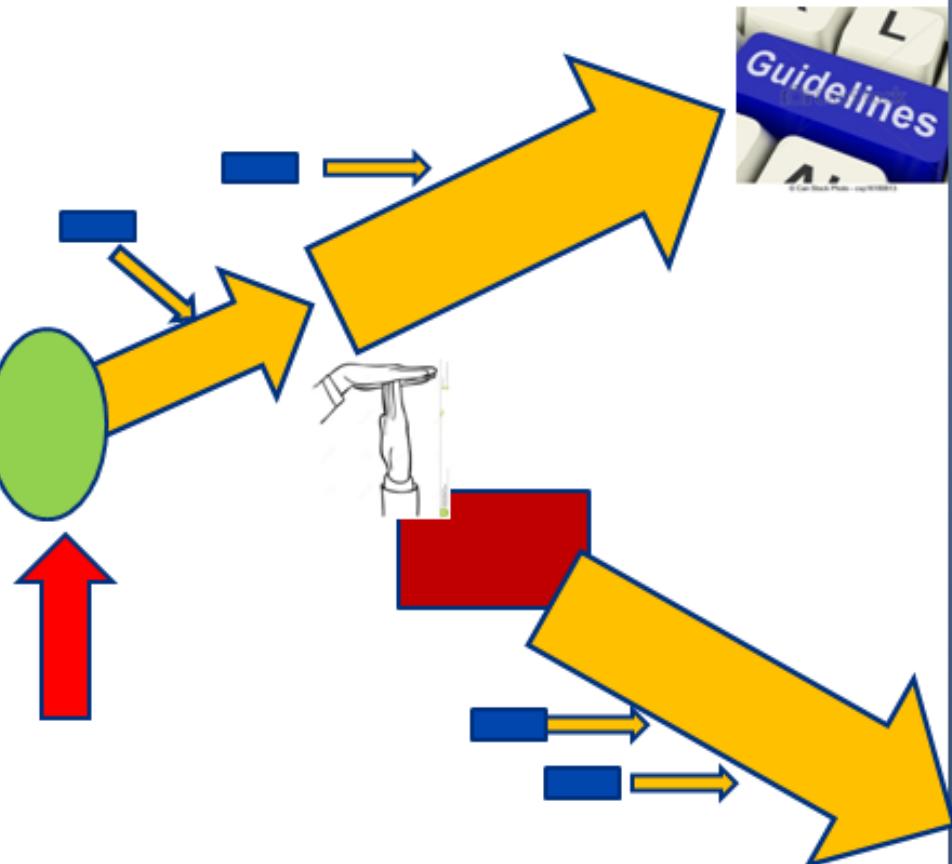


Transparency



Selection,  
prevent manipulation

- Open for everyone → Study
- Independent Studies
- Peer Review
  - Journals
  - Expert Discussions
- General opinion, Metaanalyses
- Guidelines, „State of the Art“

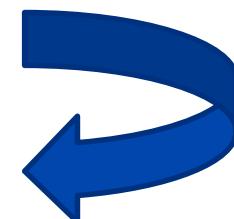


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(Register boards, Public Health Inst.)
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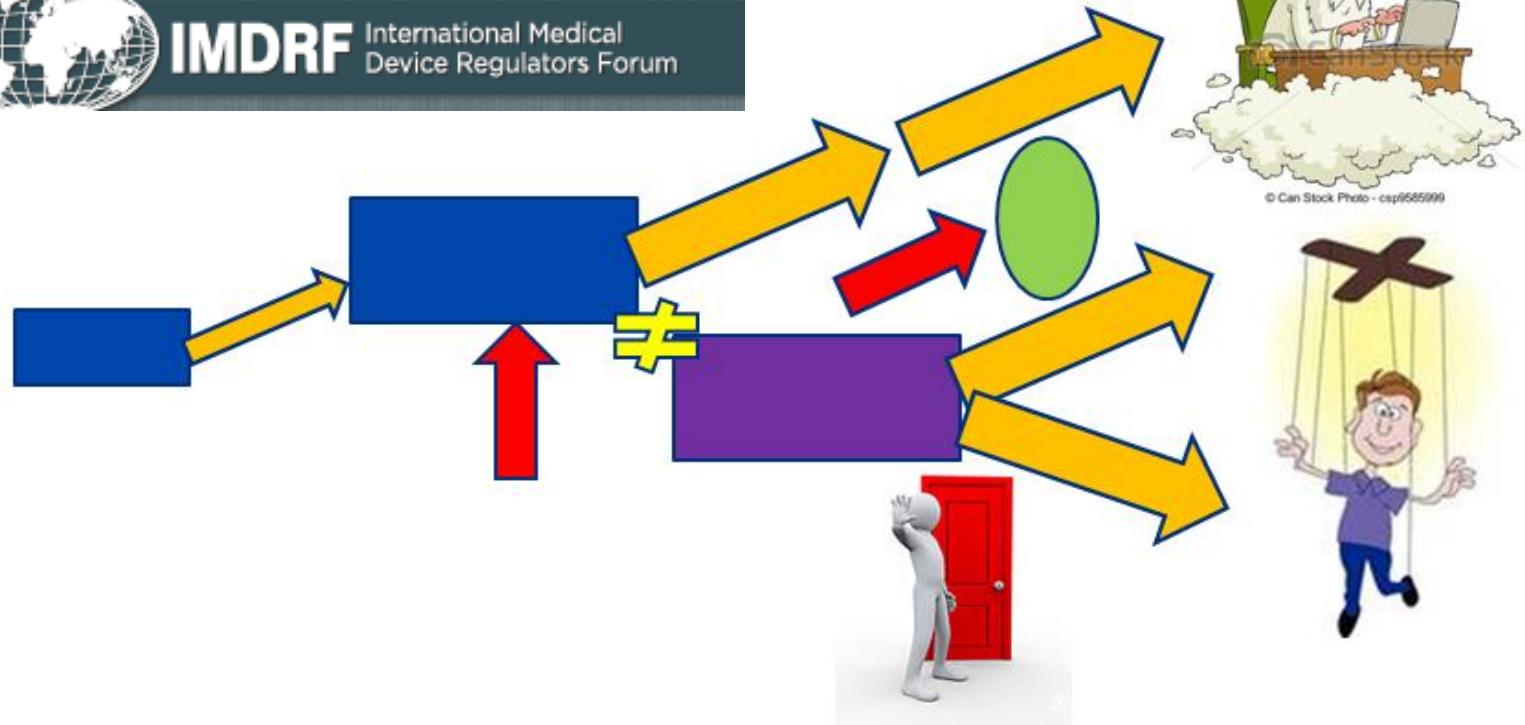
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How this can work without that??

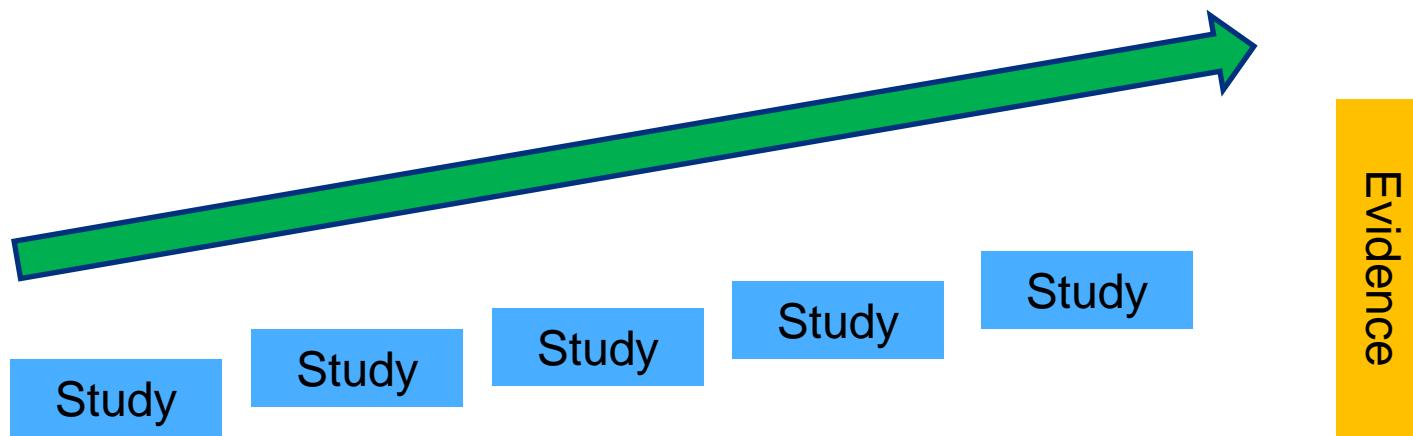


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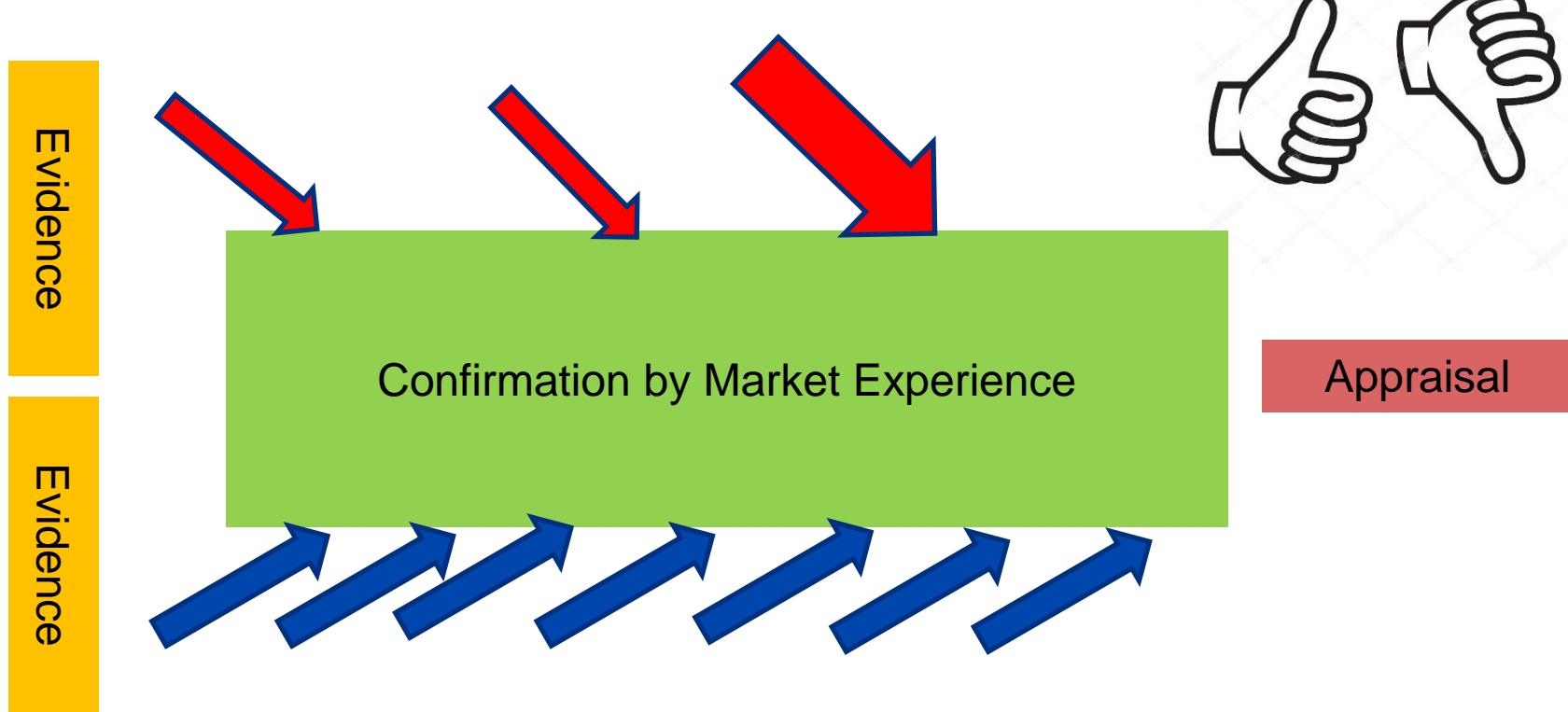
- One Big Dataset
- No access, No independent repetition
- Small group of decision makers
- **Processes, Governance, Transparency**



- Clinical Study
  - Causality
  - Add/change 1 or a few parameters
  - Innovation



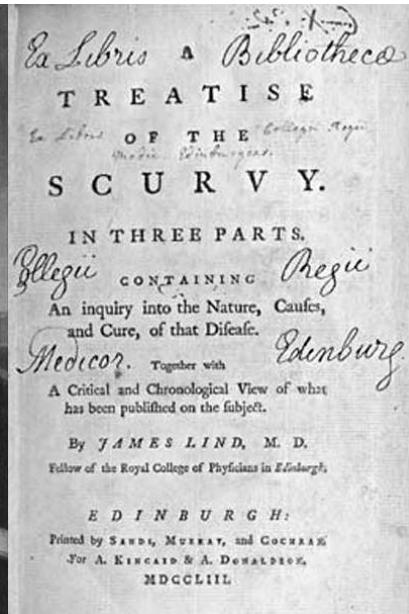
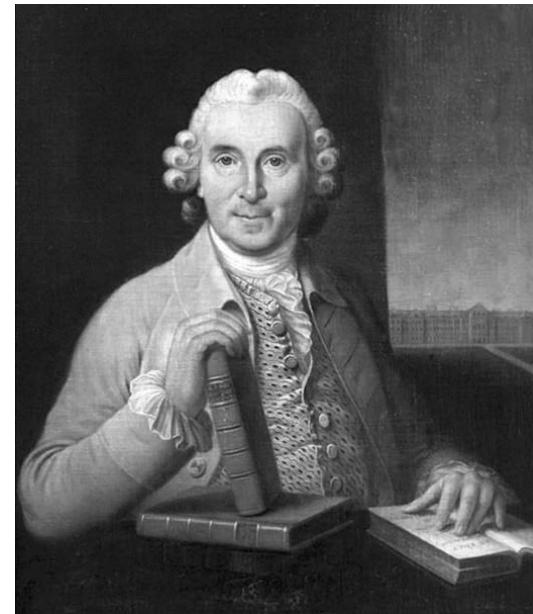
- Registry
  - Correllation
  - Observational
  - Many Impact factors/Confounders
  - Interpretation??





# Sources Clinical Data

- 1747: First controlled clinical study
  - 2 groups, 1 received lemon, one not
- Presumed: Scurvy by decay
- Experiments with acidity
- Results/interpretation not in line with Hypothesis



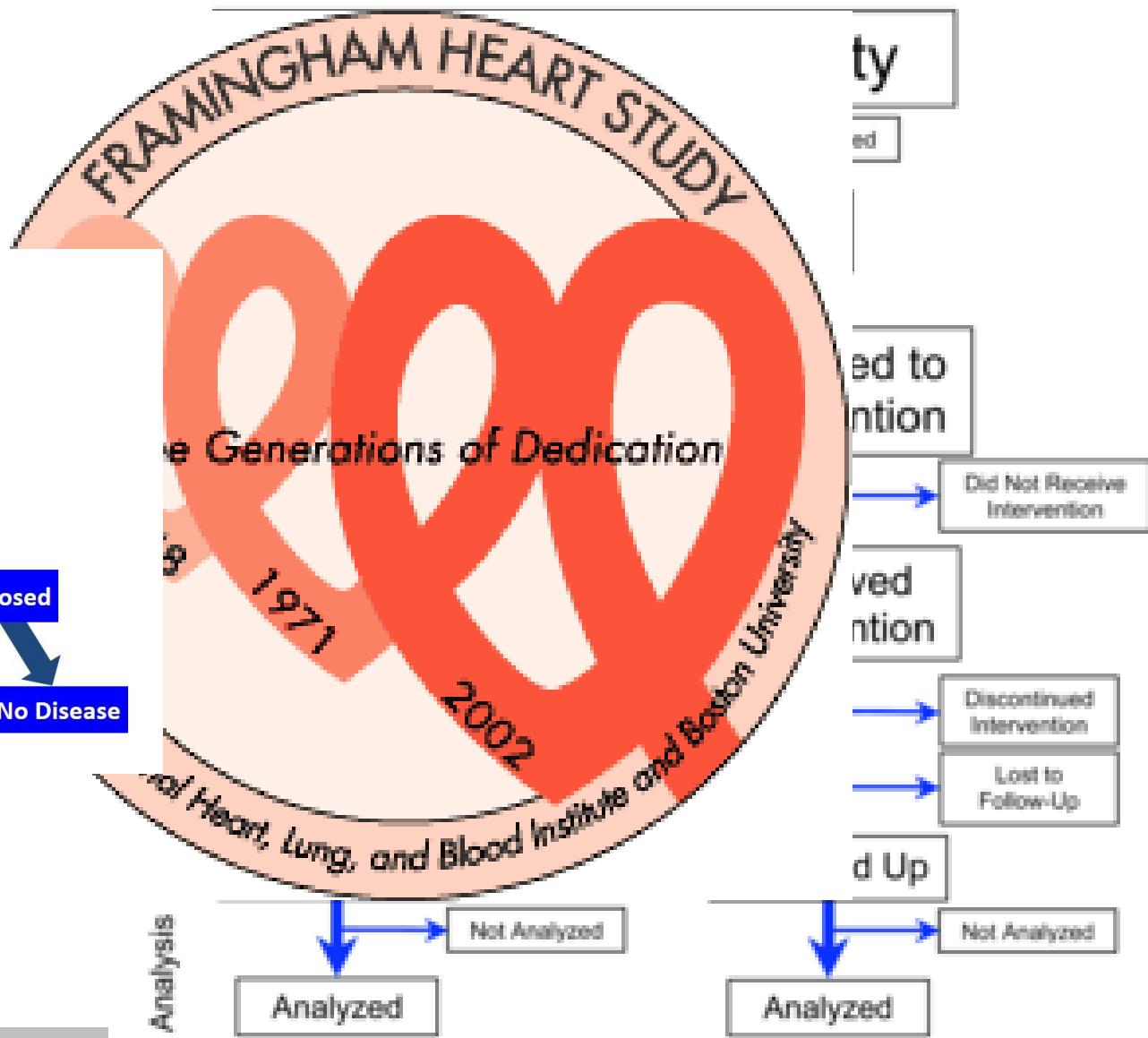
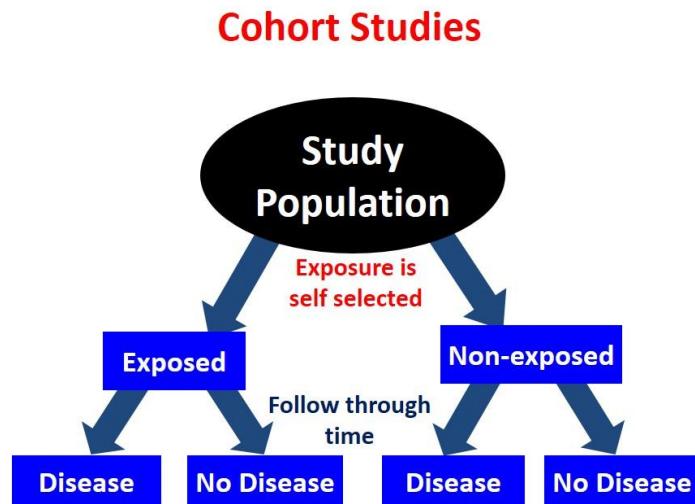
- Charles S. Peirce (1839-1914)
- Randomized experiments (psychology)

Dr. James Lind (1716-1794)

# Milestones in Clinical Data /Research



1948: 1st RCT (Strepto)





Types of Studies				
	Therapeutic Studies—Investigating the Results of Treatment	Prognostic Studies—Investigating the Effect of a Patient Characteristic on the Outcome of Disease	Diagnostic Studies—Investigating a Diagnostic Test	Economic and Decision Analyses—Developing an Economic or Decision Model
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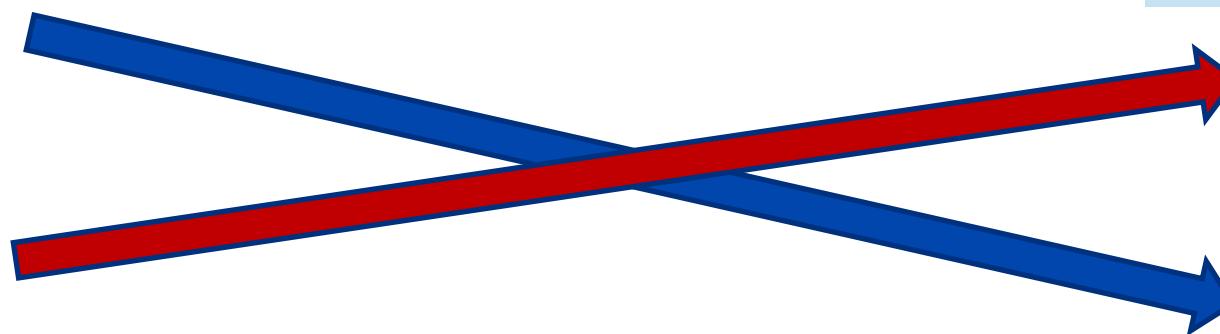
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## Confounding Factors

**Methodology**  
(Selection Bias,  
Documentation Bias,...)

**Statistics**  
(N Patients, Data –  
Nominal, ordinal.  
Metric.,.)

**Treatment  
Outcome**  
(Users, Patients,  
Implantation,...)



RCT

Registries

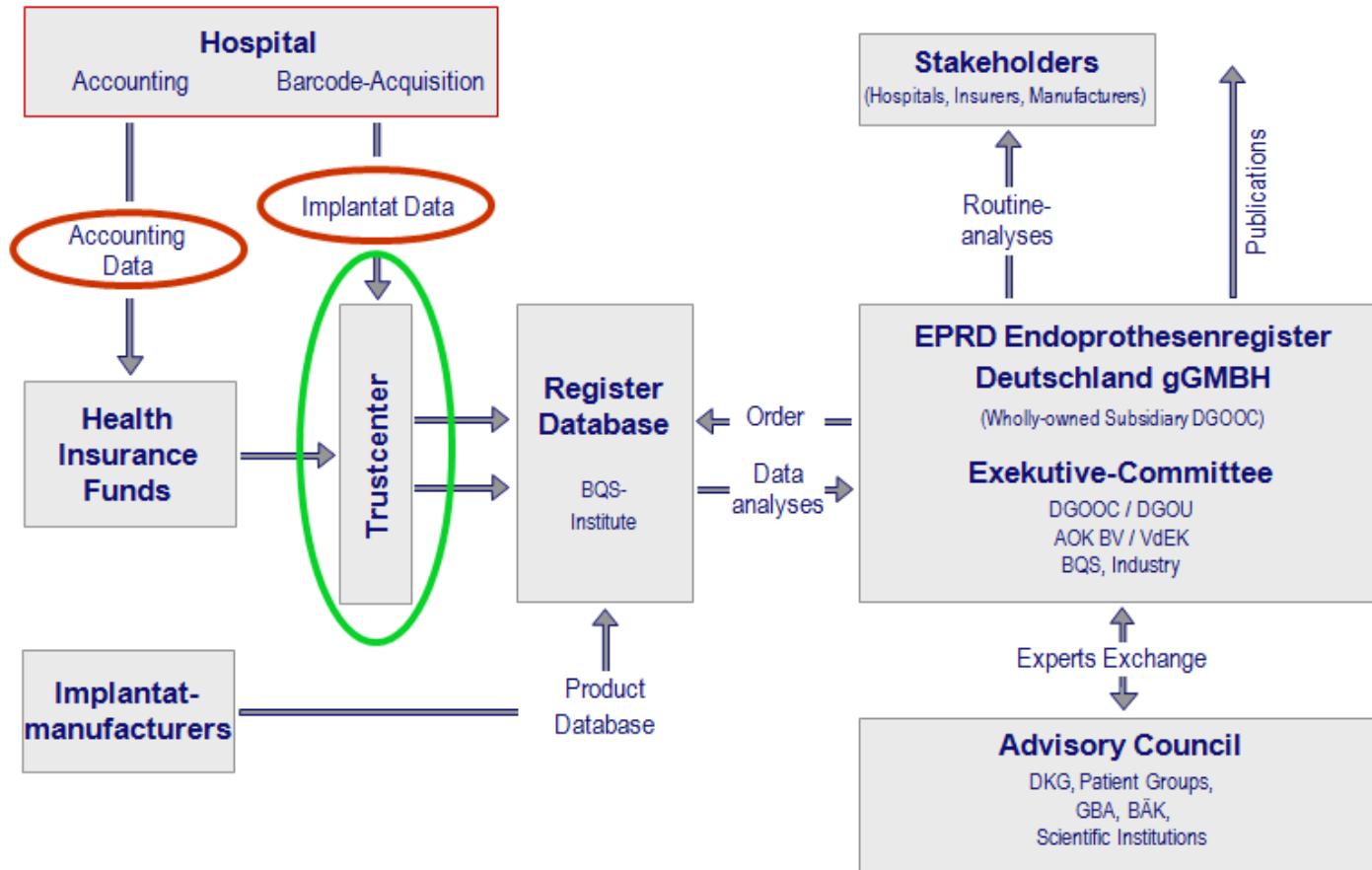
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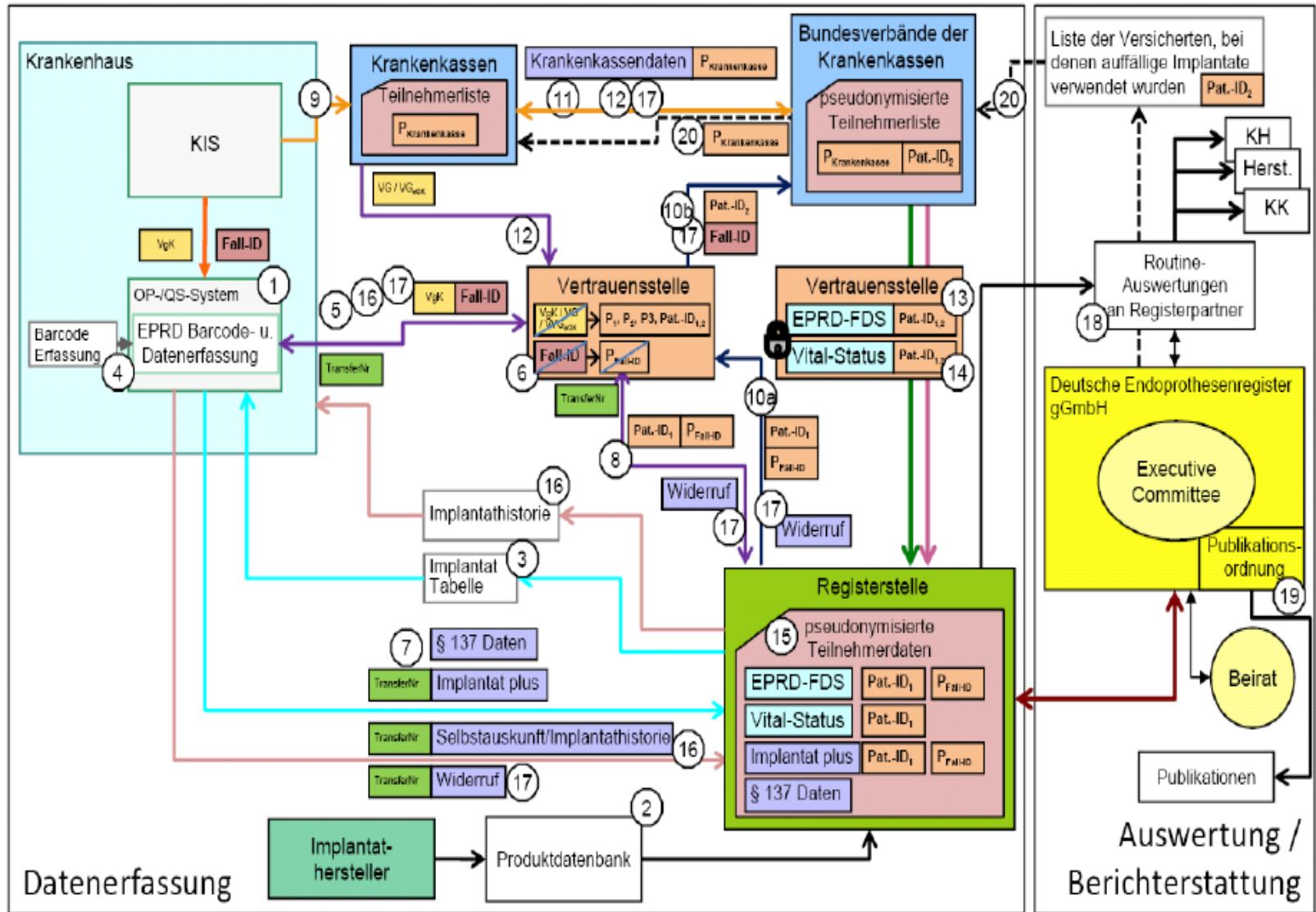
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Follow Up Studies

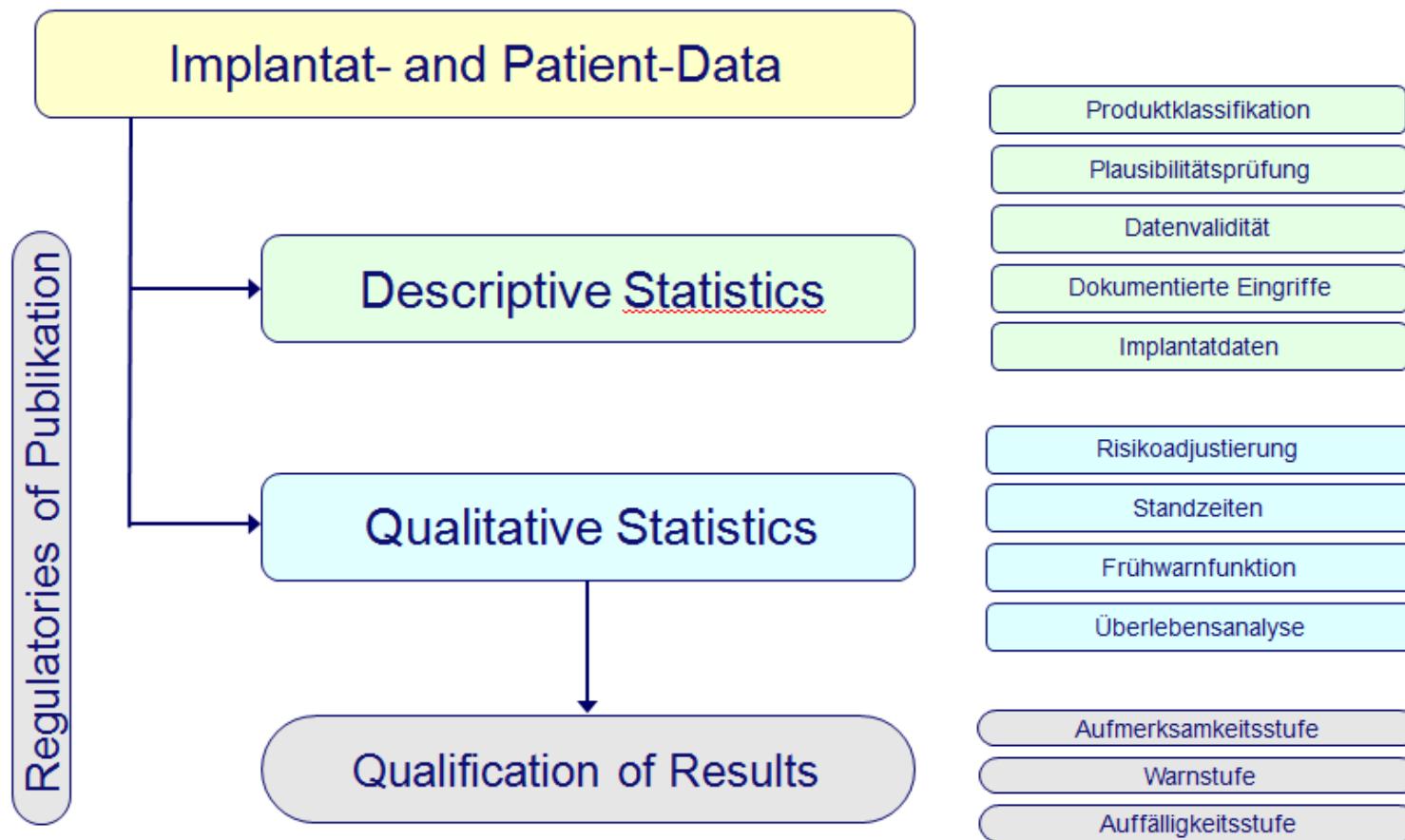
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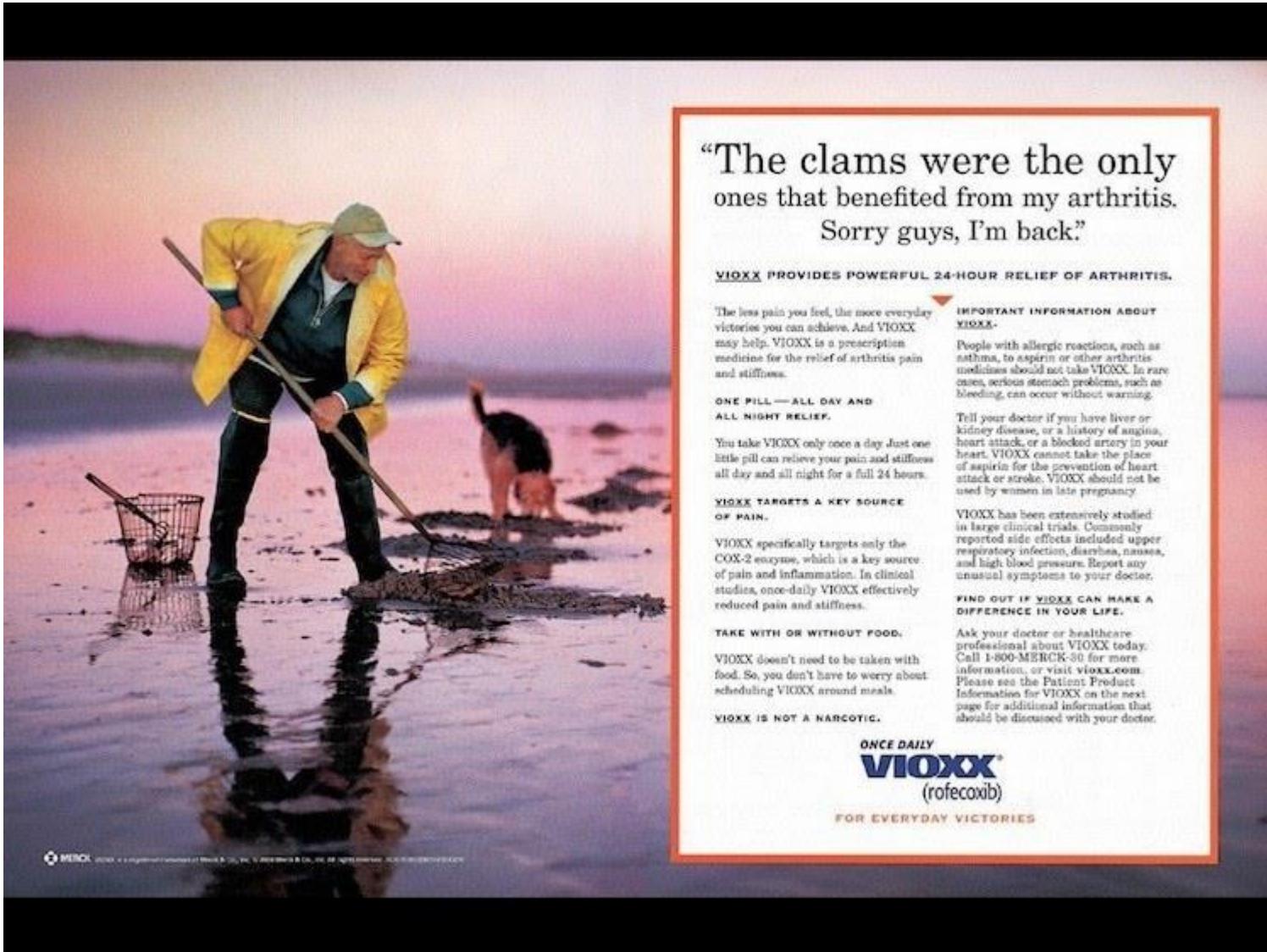


# Organisation of a Register



## Structure of Evaluation





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## **Vioxx wohl für bis zu 140.000 Herzinfarkte verantwortlich**

Zuerst verboten, nun doch veröffentlicht: Nach einer Studie des stellvertretenden Leiters der amerikanischen Zulassungsbehörde für Arzneimittel ist das Merck-Medikament wohl für bis zu 140.000 Herzinfarkte verantwortlich.



Stellvertretender Leiter der FDA David Graham

25. Januar 2005 Das Schmerzmittel Vioxx ist nach einer Studie seit seiner Markteinführung 1999 in den Vereinigten Staaten wahrscheinlich für bis zu 140.000 teilweise tödliche Herzinfarkte verantwortlich.

Die britische Medizinzeitschrift „The Lancet“ veröffentlichte am Dienstag im Internet eine entsprechende Studie von David Graham, dem stellvertretenden Leiter der Abteilung der amerikanischen Zulassungsbehörde für Medikamente FDA (Food and Drug Administration), die Arzneien auf ihre Unbedenklichkeit prüft. Die Untersuchung ist von der FDA allerdings nicht freigegeben worden.

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## FALL

Merck's share price dropped when Vioxx was withdrawn from the market

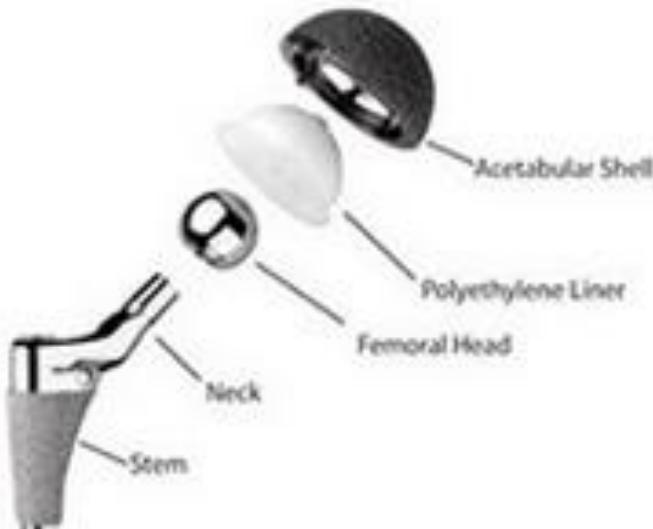
Stock price, weekly close







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# Interpretation of Register Data

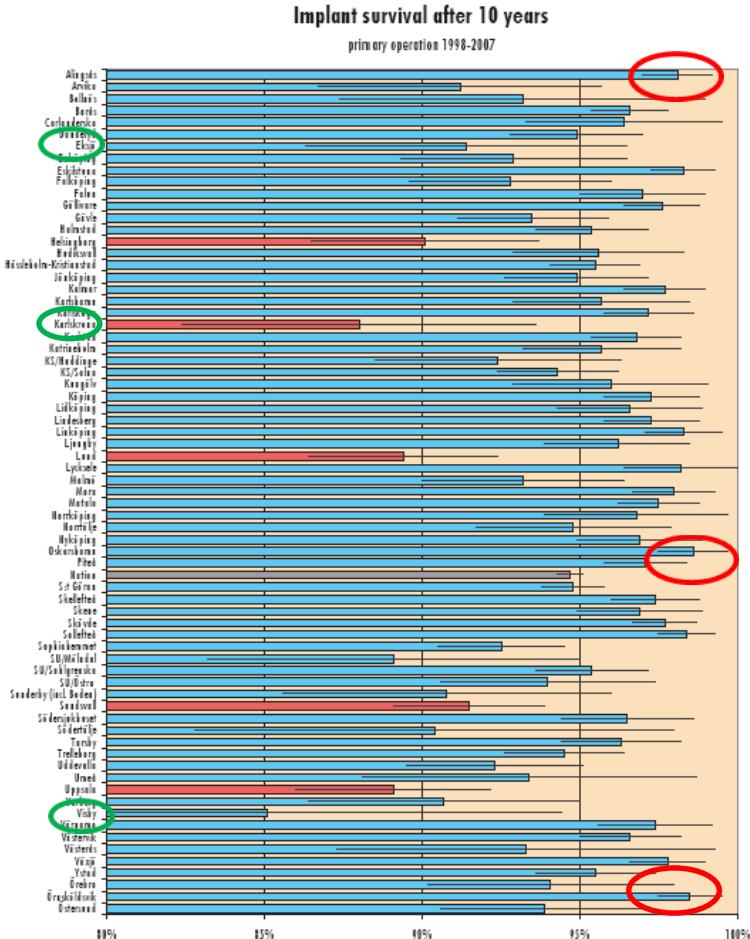
## Limitation of Register data

# Selection



	S	N	SF	DK	AUS	NZ	GB
AGC	0,94	0,56	0,76	2,39	0,77	0,38	
NexGen	0,37/ 2,71				1,55	1,66	1,27
Oxford Uni	0,86		1,17		0,97		
Duraloc	1,04			1,02	0,86		1,14
PFC	0,91			1,44	1,03	1,02	0,88

# Selection



*Implant survival after 10 years by department. Grey bar indicates national average. Red bars represent departments whose upper confidence interval is below the national lower competence interval, i.e. departments which with 95% probability have poorer implant survival after 10 years than the average for the country. The primary operations were conducted during the most recent 10-year period.*

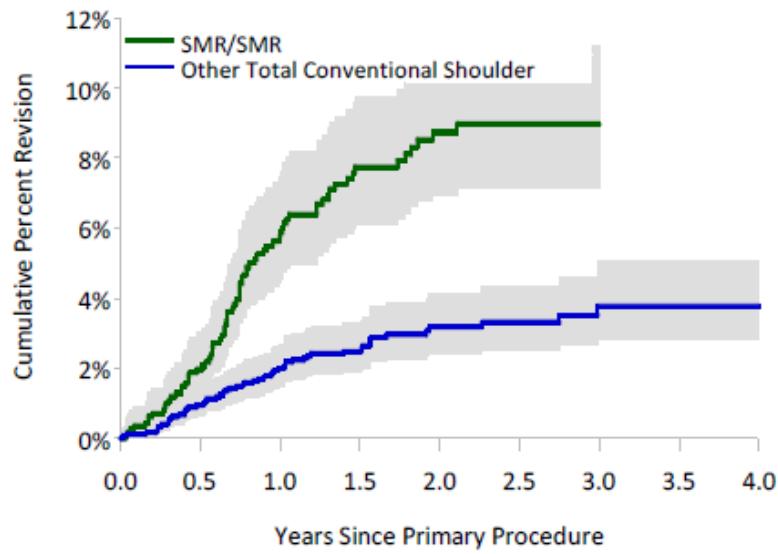
- > 500% Deviation of values on hospital level
  - Sweden: best case scenario
    - Registries decrease the deviation
    - Improvement or dissemination of poor performers



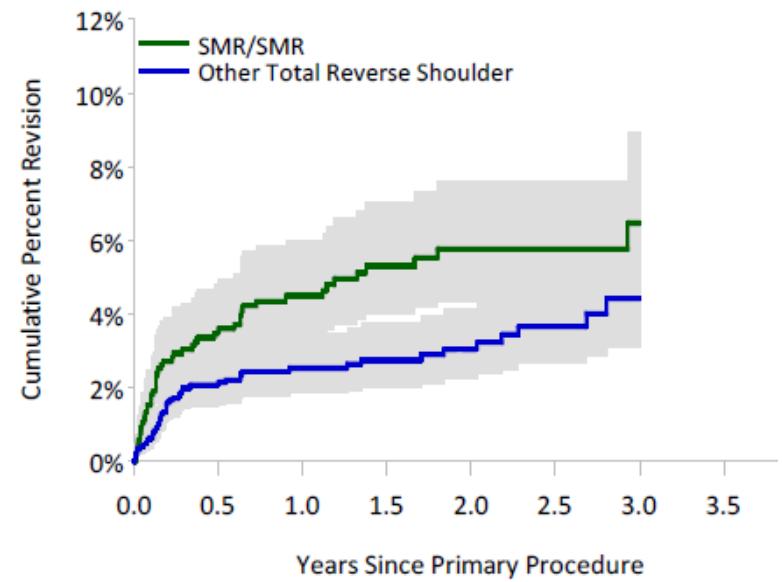
# Hypothesis



Newly Identified



Re-identified and still used



## Total Conventional

The SMR/SMR prosthesis is newly identified and has been used in 1,170 procedures. It has a three year cumulative percent revision of 9.0% and has a higher rate of revision compared to all other total

conventional shoulder prostheses (adj HR=2.72 (1.94, 3.82), $p<0.001$ ). Of the 74 revisions, 30 have been revised for instability/dislocation and 24 for rotator cuff insufficiency.

## Total Reverse

The Registry has re-identified the SMR/SMR total reverse shoulder prostheses combination. The SMR/SMR has been used in 1,055 procedures. It has a three year cumulative percent revision of 6.5% and has a higher risk of revision compared to all other total

reverse shoulder prostheses (adj HR=1.73 (1.17, 2.57), $p=0.006$ ). Of the 51 revisions, 17 have been revised for loosening and 25 for instability/dislocation.

- Majority of revisions due to rotator cuff insufficiency and dislocation
- Most modular system on the market
  - ➔ more complex cases
  - ➔ earlier revisions at modular systems (Patella replacement at TKA)
- case mix!!!!



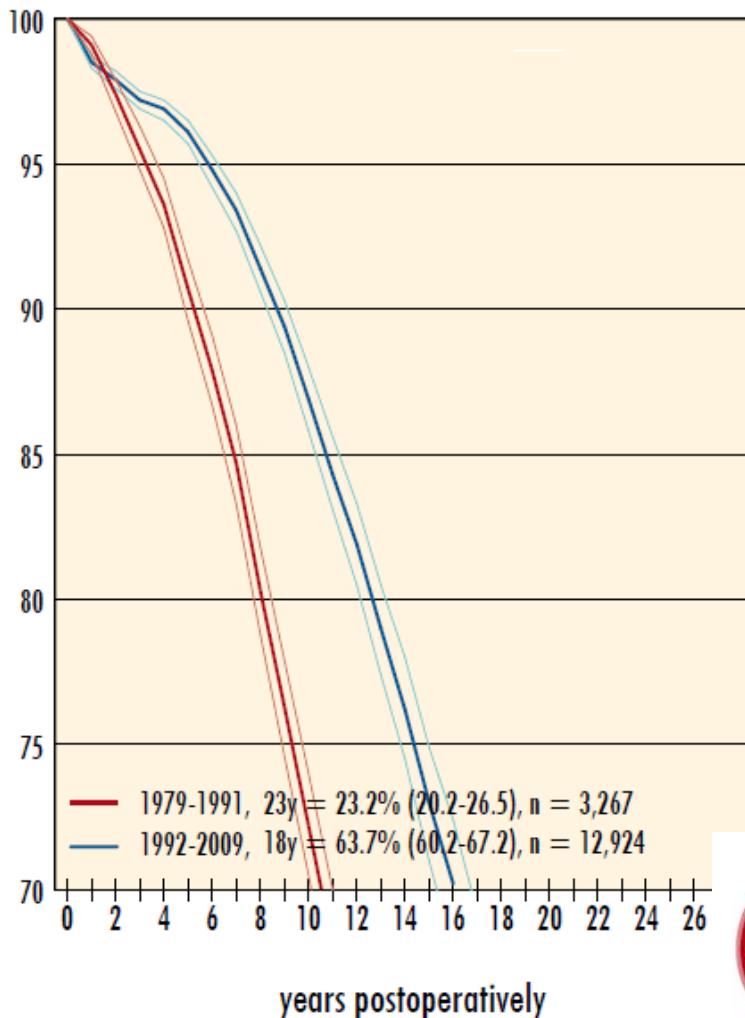
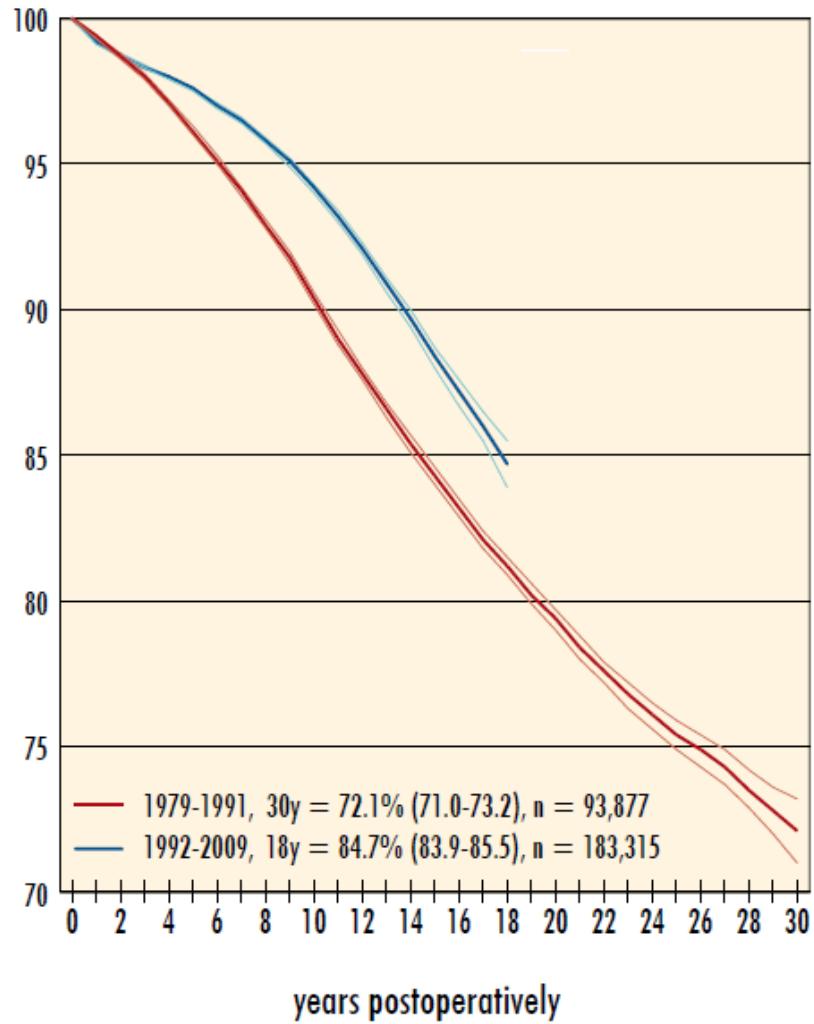
## Questionnaires and evaluations???? General (legal) background????

Country	Aseptic loosening	instability	technical failures	pain	fracture of inlay	septic loosening/ infection	Periprosthei c Fracture
Sweden	40%	12,50%	11%	6,60%	10%	5%	
Finland	39%	39%	8%		5%	7%	1,70%
Norway	39%	14%	21%	15%	6%	6%	3%
New Zealand	41%			33%		5%	
Australia	41,20%	8,10%	0,70%	3,10%	8,10%	11,50%	3,40%

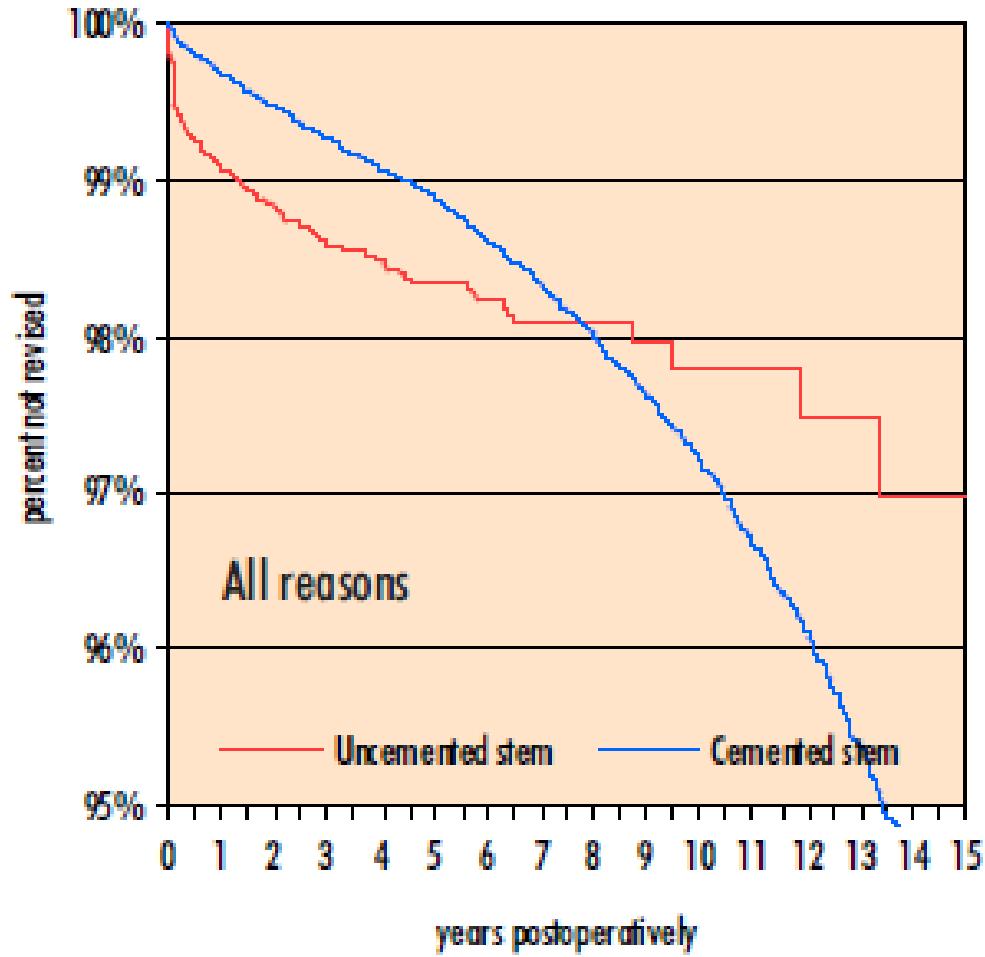
NZ: Not included in the questionair



# Evaluation



# Evaluation

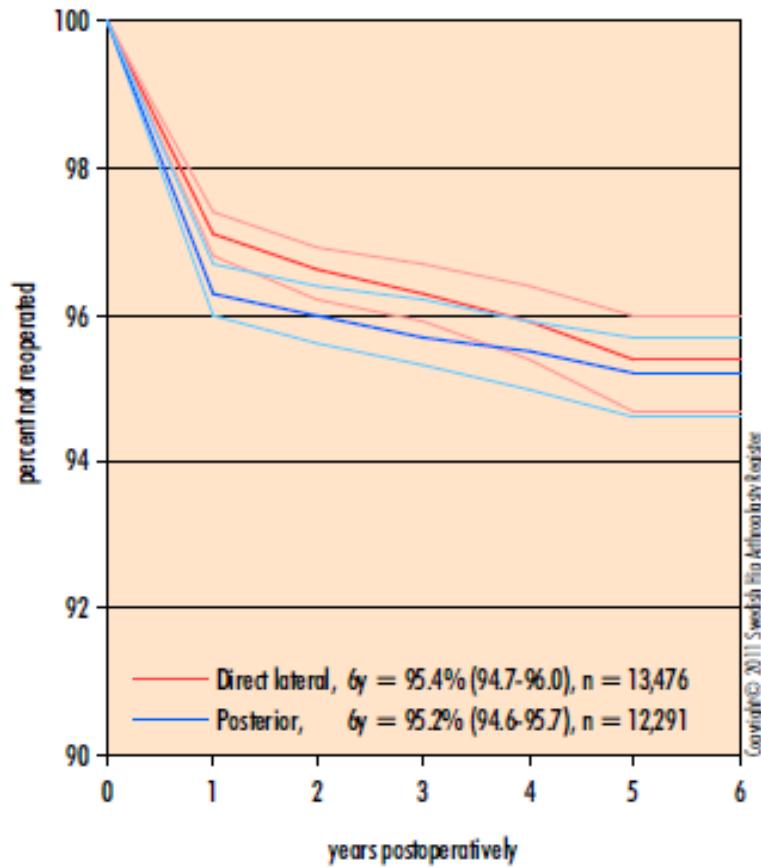


Most popular stems

Learning curves, implant selection (cemented; only the best remaining after years) excluded



## Type of approach 2005-2010



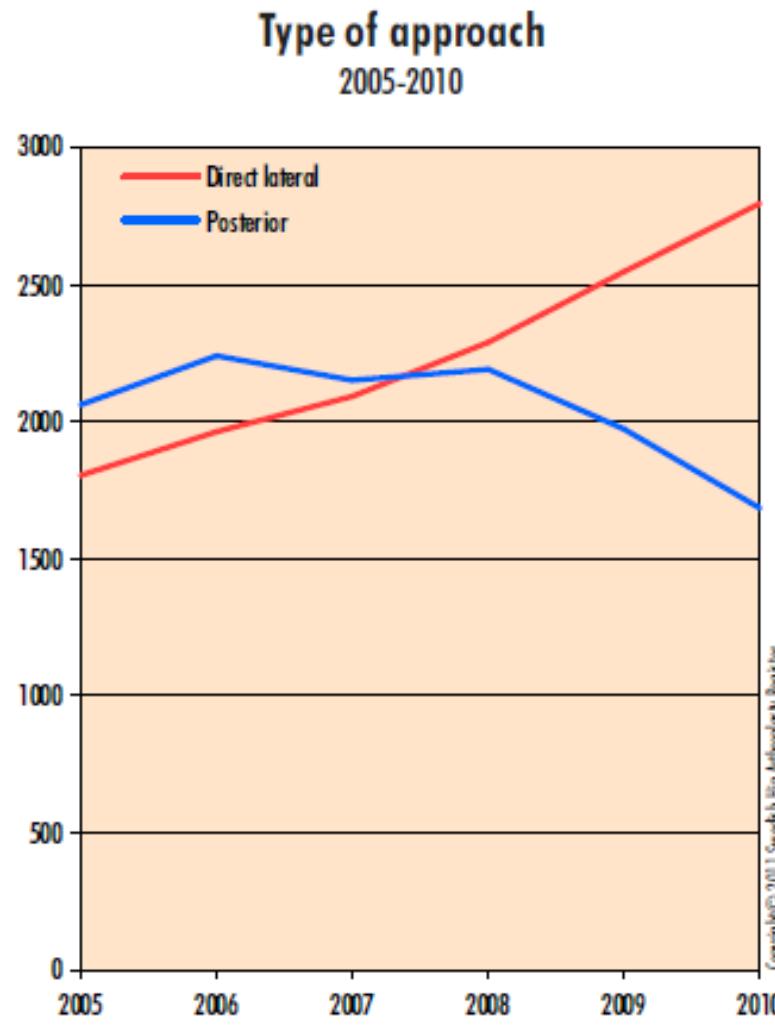


Figure 3.

## Operativ adgang ved primæroperationer

Operativ adgang	1995-2008		2009		2010		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Bagre	75285	88.6	8767	92.3	8556	95.6	92608	89.5
Lateral	6752	7.9	366	3.9	364	4.1	7482	7.2
Minimal invasiv surgery	2383	2.8	309	3.3	8	0.1	2700	2.6
Forreste	320	0.4	26	0.3	13	0.1	359	0.3
Andet	151	0.2	22	0.2	0	0	173	0.2
Missing	70	0.1	6	0.1	2	0.0	78	0.1
Konventionel teknik	20	0.0	0	0	4	0.0	24	0.0
I alt	84981	100.0	9496	100.0	8947	100.0	103424	100.0



# Registries are like an Exit Poll



*Tab. 28. Primary THA – surgical approaches*



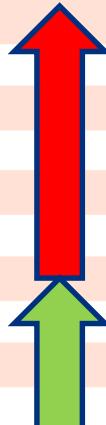
Year	Ante- rior	Antero- lat.	Lateral	Poster.	T- tomy	MIS	Not Identif.
2003	2	815	936	334	0	0	32
2004	13	1 297	1 173	579	0	4	20
2005	20	1 380	894	634	0	24	24
2006	8	1 560	1 314	680	4	9	20
2007	10	1 855	1 544	816	4	11	20
2008	5	2 116	1 434	829	3	2	22
2009	6	2 151	1 745	850	2	1	12
2010	5	2 614	1 434	909	5	2	1

Show the common view of users on a topic → Trend analysis  
→ signals for problems, if yes, interpretation (i.e. related to our topic??)

## Computernavigation

Table 32: Primary operations - Total knee prostheses

Year	Yes	No	Missing	Total
2014	417 (8%)	3 868 (78%)	645 (13%)	4 930
2013	381 (8%)	3 382 (75%)	722 (16%)	4 485
2012	416 (9%)	3 297 (75%)	681 (15%)	4 394
2011	442 (11%)	3 175 (78%)	445 (11%)	4 062
2010	658 (17%)	3 111 (79%)	185 (5%)	3 954
2009	761 (19%)	3 062 (77%)	159 (4%)	3 982
2008	741 (21%)	2 641 (75%)	146 (4%)	3 528
2007	374 (12%)	2 619 (84%)	119 (4%)	3 112
2006	253 (9%)	2 334 (87%)	109 (4%)	2 696
2005	185 (7%)	2 332 (84%)	272 (10%)	2 789





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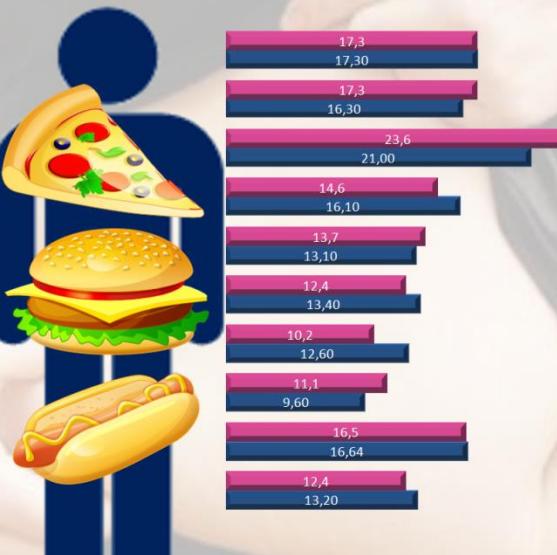
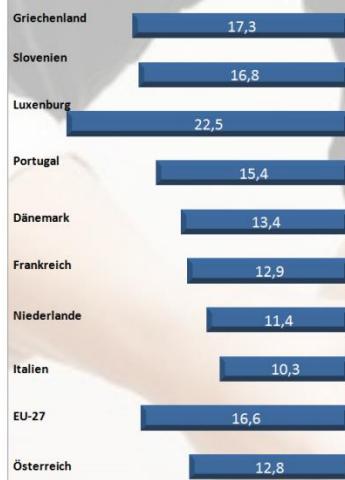
# Interpretation of Register Data Confounders to consider (Examples)



## Österreich – ein Land der Übergewichtigen



Die Zahl der übergewichtigen Menschen, insbesondere bereits bei jungen Menschen, ist in Österreich in den vergangenen Jahren deutlich gestiegen. Zwischen 2001 und 2002 waren 11% der Bevölkerung übergewichtig, zwischen 2005 und 2006 14%, im Jahre 2009/10 waren es bereits 15%.



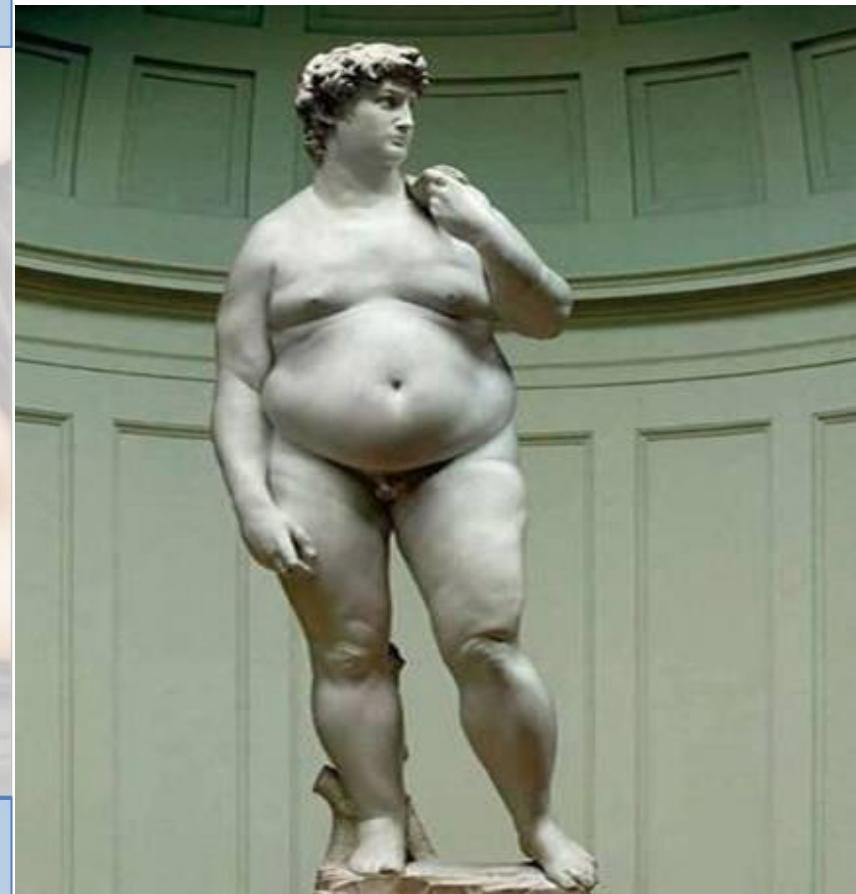
13,20%

12,40%

Spitzenreiter in Europa ist Griechenland mit 21% übergewichtigen Menschen, gefolgt von Slowenien, Portugal und Luxemburg sowie Italien. Die wenigsten übergewichtigen Menschen befinden sich mit 8% in den Niederlanden, wo die Zahl zudem rückläufig ist, in Dänemark mit 9%, ebenfalls bei rückläufigen Quoten, sowie in Frankreich bei 10%, ebenfalls bei rückläufiger Tendenz.

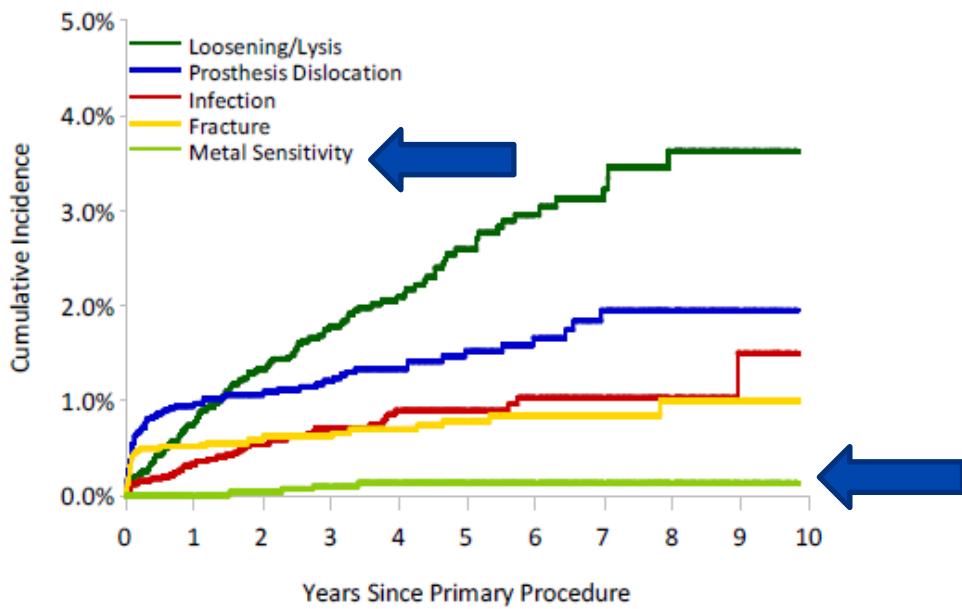
Offensichtlich herrschen direkte Zusammenhänge zwischen Vorsorgeinvestitionen, dem Volkseinkommen und Bildungsniveaus. Je ärmer Länder sind, umso stärker ist die Zahl der Übergewichtigen, je ausgewogener die Einkommenssituation, umso geringer die Zahl der Übergewichtigen.

Quelle: "Health at a Glance 2012" © OECD 2012

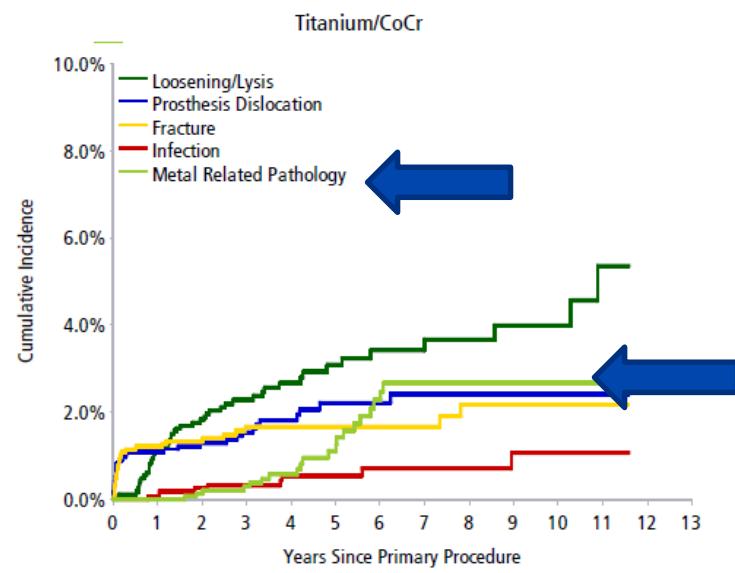


- Australian Data
  - Changed data/definitions in retrospect during a controversial discussion??

2011



2014





# Local-international screening

- MIS compared to conventional approaches → no difference
- One of Major Promotors of MIS
  - Courses
  - > 60 % MIS THA in this region

Prothesenregister Tirol

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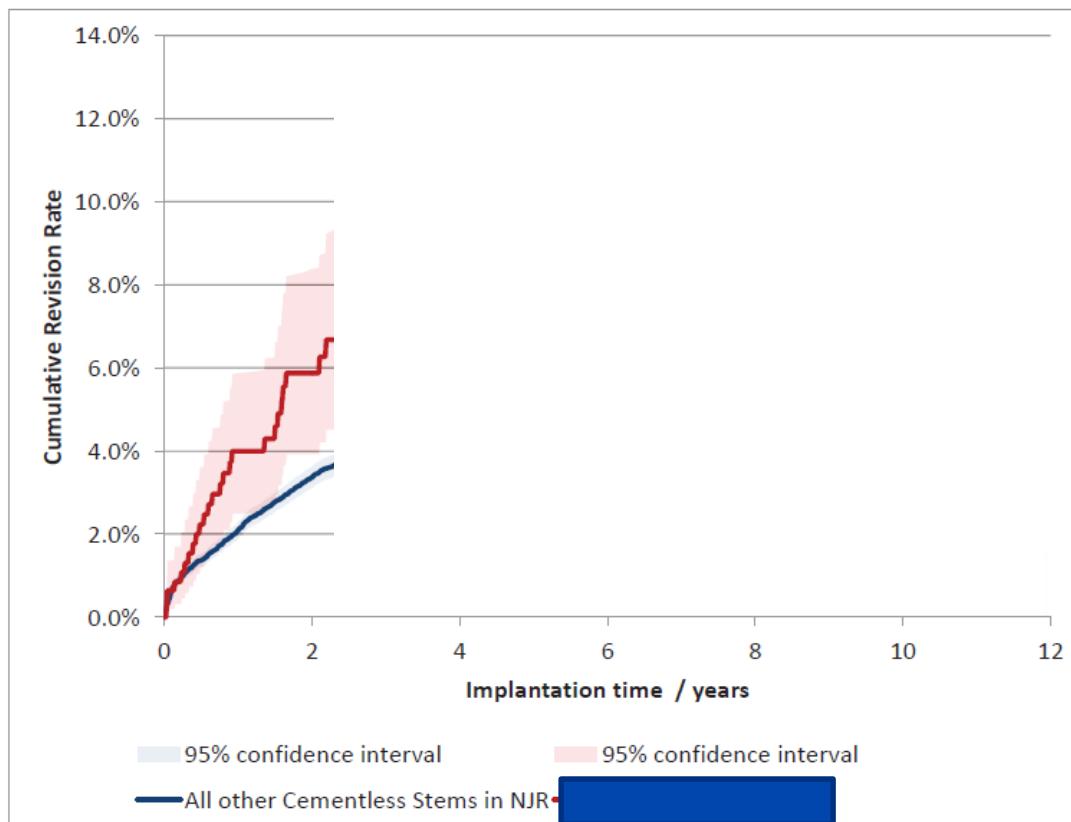


Country	Revision rate 1 Year	Revision rate 2 Years	Revision rate 3 Years		Relative Risk Ratio Tirol to reference	Relative Risk Ratio Tirol to reference	Relative Risk Ratio Tirol to reference
Tyrol	1,7	2,4	2,7				
Australia	1,5		2,6		<b>1,13</b>		<b>1,04</b>
GB	1,07	1,69	2,32		<b>1,59</b>	<b>1,42</b>	<b>1,16</b>
Italy (Emilia Romagna)	1,2	1,9	2,4		<b>1,42</b>	<b>1,26</b>	<b>1,13</b>
NZ	1,04	1,57	2,05		<b>1,63</b>	<b>1,53</b>	<b>1,32</b>
Sweden		1,8				<b>1,33</b>	

# Time scale



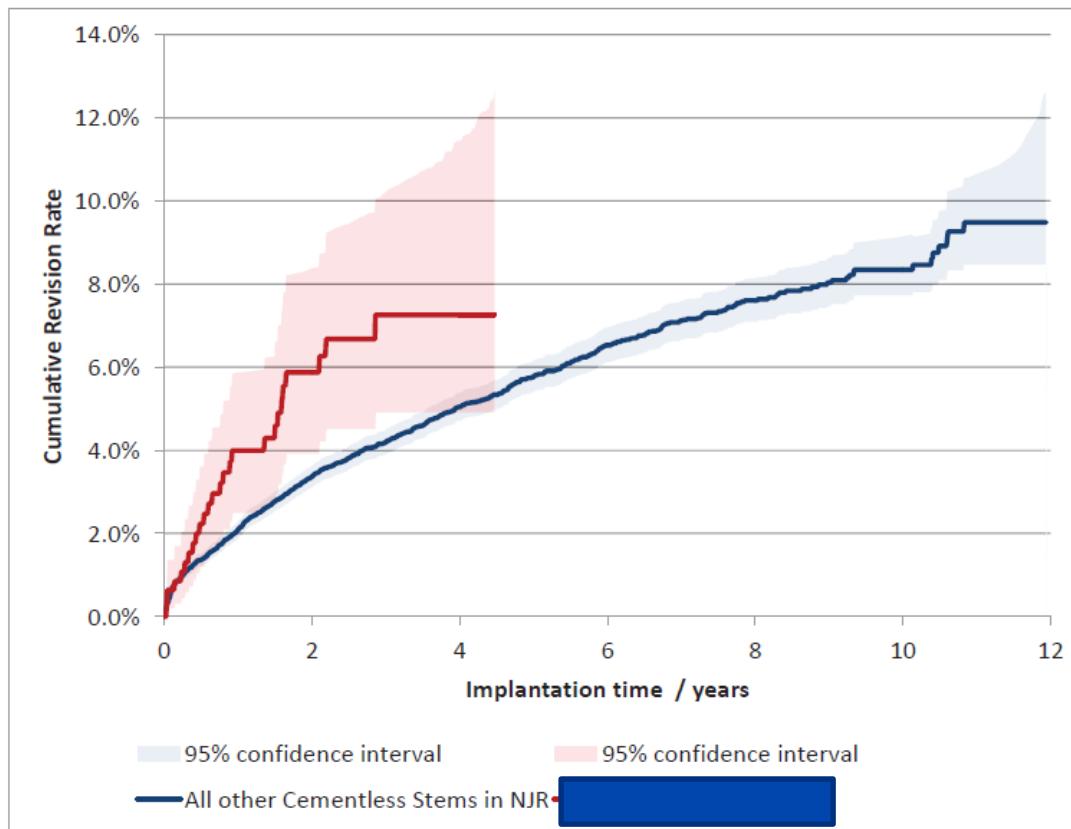
Endpoint: Femoral Re-Revision. Excluding Metal-on-Metal



# Time scale



Endpoint: Femoral Re-Revision. Excluding Metal-on-Metal



Cox Proportional Hazards model for re-revision risk ratio of Lima Revision Stem / All other Cementless Stems in NJR, with endpoint as Femoral re-revision.

Adjustment	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	p-value
Excluding MoM, Unadjusted	1.62 (1.09 - 2.39)	0.016
Excluding MoM. Adjusted for age, gender, year cohort and indications.	1.67 (1.12 - 2.49)	0.012



# Case Mix



Reason for Re-Revision	Number of procedures †	Crude Re-Revision Rate		
			All NJR Cementless Stems	All NJR hip replacement
Pain	6	1.27%	1.59%	1.46%
Dislocation / Subluxation	5	1.06%	1.77%	2.03%
Adverse Soft Tissue Reaction	3	0.64%	0.71%	0.49%
Infection	6	1.27%	1.44%	1.69%
Aseptic Loosening - Stem	13	2.76%	1.85%	1.39%
Aseptic Loosening - Socket	6	1.27%	1.51%	1.69%
Periprosthetic Fracture Stem	0	0.00%	0.69%	0.66%
Periprosthetic Fracture Socket	0	0.00%	0.13%	0.14%
Malalignment Stem	0	0.00%	0.23%	0.17%
Malalignment Socket	0	0.00%	0.26%	0.29%
Wear Of Acetabular Component	2	0.42%	0.36%	0.40%
Lysis Stem	1	0.21%	0.37%	0.35%
Lysis Socket	0	0.00%	0.34%	0.42%
Implant Fracture Stem	0	0.00%	0.24%	0.19%
Implant Fracture Socket	1	0.21%	0.08%	0.10%
Dissociation Of Liner	1	0.21%	0.15%	0.16%
Other / reason not recorded	4	0.85%	0.71%	0.50%
<b>Total Re-Revisions</b>	<b>34</b>			



Highly modular stem  
 → often used in more complex cases → aseptic loosening is explicable  
 → confounder





# Potential Elements of a Clinical Investigation Plan

## ANNEX XIV

### CLINICAL EVALUATION AND POST-MARKET CLINICAL FOLLOW-UP

#### PART A

#### CLINICAL EVALUATION

1. To plan, continuously conduct and document a clinical evaluation, manufacturers shall:
  - (a) establish and update a clinical evaluation plan, which shall include at least:
    - an identification of the general safety and performance requirements that require support from relevant clinical data;
    - a specification of the intended purpose of the device;
    - a clear specification of intended target groups with clear indications and contra-indications;
    - a detailed description of intended clinical benefits to patients with relevant and specified clinical outcome parameters;

- an indicative list and specification of parameters to be used to determine, based on the state of the art in medicine, the acceptability of the benefit-risk ratio for the various indications and for the intended purpose or purposes of the device;
  - an indication how benefit-risk issues relating to specific components such as use of pharmaceutical, non-viable animal or human tissues, are to be addressed; and
  - a clinical development plan indicating progression from exploratory investigations, such as first-in-man studies, feasibility and pilot studies, to confirmatory investigations, such as pivotal clinical investigations, and a PMCF as referred to in Part B of this Annex with an indication of milestones and a description of potential acceptance criteria;
- (b) identify available clinical data relevant to the device and its intended purpose and any gaps in clinical evidence through a systematic scientific literature review;
- (c) appraise all relevant clinical data by evaluating their suitability for establishing the safety and performance of the device;



- Bench- and Lab-Tests
- Clinical Studies (sample based)
  - Focus on a specific topic
  - Premarket / Postmarket
- Interpreted Evidence
  - Metaanalysen, Cochrane,....
  - HTA-Reports
  - Guidelines/Consensus Papers by Research Societies and other Expert Groups
    - Independence???
- Registries / RWE
  - PMS
  - Search for unknown side effects
  - Evidence to align regulatory documents/processes with reality in patient care
- FUP-Studies, Complaints,....



# Trends and General Issues with Registries/Real World Data in Healthcare



- Large Data Collection
- Good control on the cohort
  - Stay in the programme
- Motivated patients
- Professional project management
- Representative sample of a special population



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- Goal: 100.000 files
- Data collection from birth to 21
  - Placenta
  - Water
  - Pollution/Environment
  - Life Style



- 14 years
- 1,3 Billions\$

- Pilot Study
- 40 centres
- 5000 children
- Abandoned

NIH Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development *Health research throughout the lifespan*

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**National Children's Study (NCS)**

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The NCS was a planned large-scale, long-term study of U.S. children and their parents designed to study environmental influences on child health and development. It was authorized by the Children's Health Act of 2000.

The NCS Vanguard (Pilot) Study began in 2009, testing methods and procedures planned for use in a larger Main Study. When recruitment ended in July 2013, the Vanguard Study had enrolled approximately 5,000 children in 40 locations across the country.

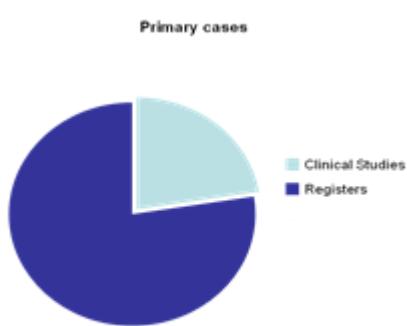
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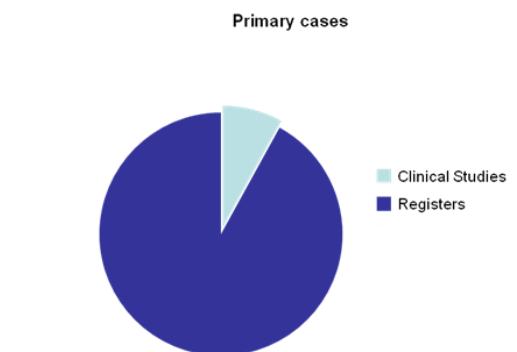
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- Electronic health records
- Biological samples (blood, hairs,...)
- Gen-marker
- Life style (surverys)
- Mobile sensors and health apps
  
- → corellation between life style and gens to pathologies
- → development of drugs for common pathologies
  - Diabetes
  - Rheumatoid arthritis
  - Alzheimer
  - COPD
  - Parkinson
  - Cancer,.....



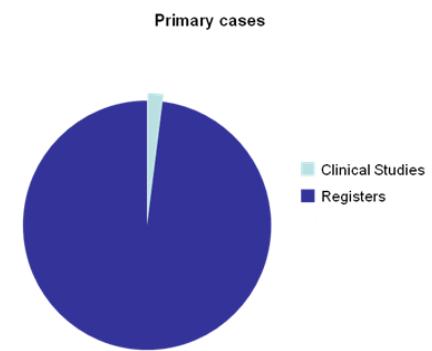
(IT)-Technical and regulatory development will force to consider real world data and build up internal competence at all stakeholders.



2010



2015



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# We are ahead to fundamental changes → uncertainty, moving targets, processes to be defined

