

# Overview of home HD strategies from around the world

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# Outline

- **Benefits of home and high dose HD**
- **Risks**
- **Integrated home dialysis care: home HD and PD**
- **Integrated ESRD care**
- **Practical and financial aspects**

# Clinical benefits of high dose HD

	NHD	SDHD
Blood pressure	+++ (PVR reduction)	++ (ECV reduction)
LVH	+++ (afterload reduction)	++ (preload reduction)
LV systolic function	+++	?
Arterial compliance	+++	?
Sleep apnoea	+++	?
Autonomic nervous system	++	?
Phosphate	+++	<i>f</i> (dialysis duration)
Anaemia	++	+
Malnutrition	++	++
Inflammation	++ (CRP, IL-6)	+ (CRP)
Cognition	+	?
Fertility	++	?
Quality of life	++	++

# Benefits of high dose HD

Modality	eGFR (mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> )	CKD stage
Conventional HD	5	5
CAPD / APD	5	5
SDHD (6 x 2–3h/w)	4–5	4–5
NHD (3 x 8h/week)	4	4
Frequent NHD (6 x 4h/week)	3	3
Kidney transplant	3	3



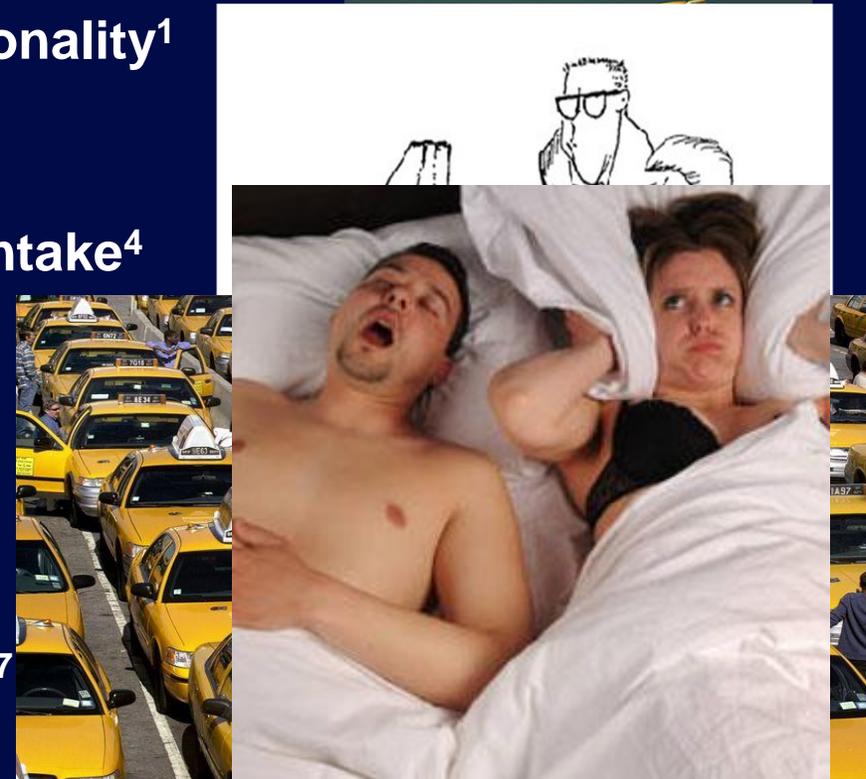
# Survival benefits versus conventional HD

Study	Countries, duration	Intensive Home HD	In-centre CHD	Relative mortality Home HD
Johansen <sup>1</sup>	USA 3 years	94 pts Home NHD (5.7 d/wk)	940 pts USRDS	<b>HR 0.36</b> p<0.001
Johansen <sup>1</sup>	USA 3 years	43 pts SDHD (5.4 d/wk)	430 pts USRDS	<b>HR 0.64</b> p=NS
Marshall <sup>2</sup>	Australia/New Zealand 72052 patient years	865 pts frequent or extended Home HD	21184 pts	<b>HR 0.53</b> p<0.05
Lockridge <sup>3</sup>	USA 287 patient years	87 pts Home NHD (mean 40±6 h/wk)	87121 incident pts USRDS	<b>SMR 0.53</b> p=0.005 (ITT)
Nesrallah <sup>4</sup>	France/USA/Canada 3008 patient years	338 pts intensive Home HD (4.8 x 7.4 h/wk)	1388 pts DOPPS	<b>HR 0.55</b> p=0.01 (ITT)
Weinhandl <sup>5</sup>	USA mean 1.8 years	1873 pts daily Home HD (5–6 sessions/wk)	9365 USRDS	<b>HR 0.87</b> p<0.01 (ITT)

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# Quality of life in home and high dose HD: background

- Increased autonomy and functionality<sup>1</sup>
- Reduced pill burden<sup>2,3</sup>
- Liberalisation of diet and fluid intake<sup>4</sup>
- Elimination of transport time
- Continuation of employment<sup>5</sup>
- Improved sleep quality<sup>6</sup>
- Reduction of uremic symptoms<sup>7</sup>
- Reduction of inflammation<sup>8</sup>
- ...



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# Quality of life in high dose HD: data

- Improvements in kidney-specific quality of life and burden of kidney disease in multiple studies<sup>1-4</sup>
- Depression score (BDI) significantly improved after 12 months of SDHD in FREEDOM<sup>5</sup>
- Daily FHN trial: no significant change in BDI but improvement in mental health composite ( $p=0.007$ ) and emotional subscale ( $p=0.01$ ) scores<sup>6</sup>
- FHN nocturnal trial: no significant changes (due in part to small sample size) but magnitude consistent with daily FHN trial<sup>7</sup>

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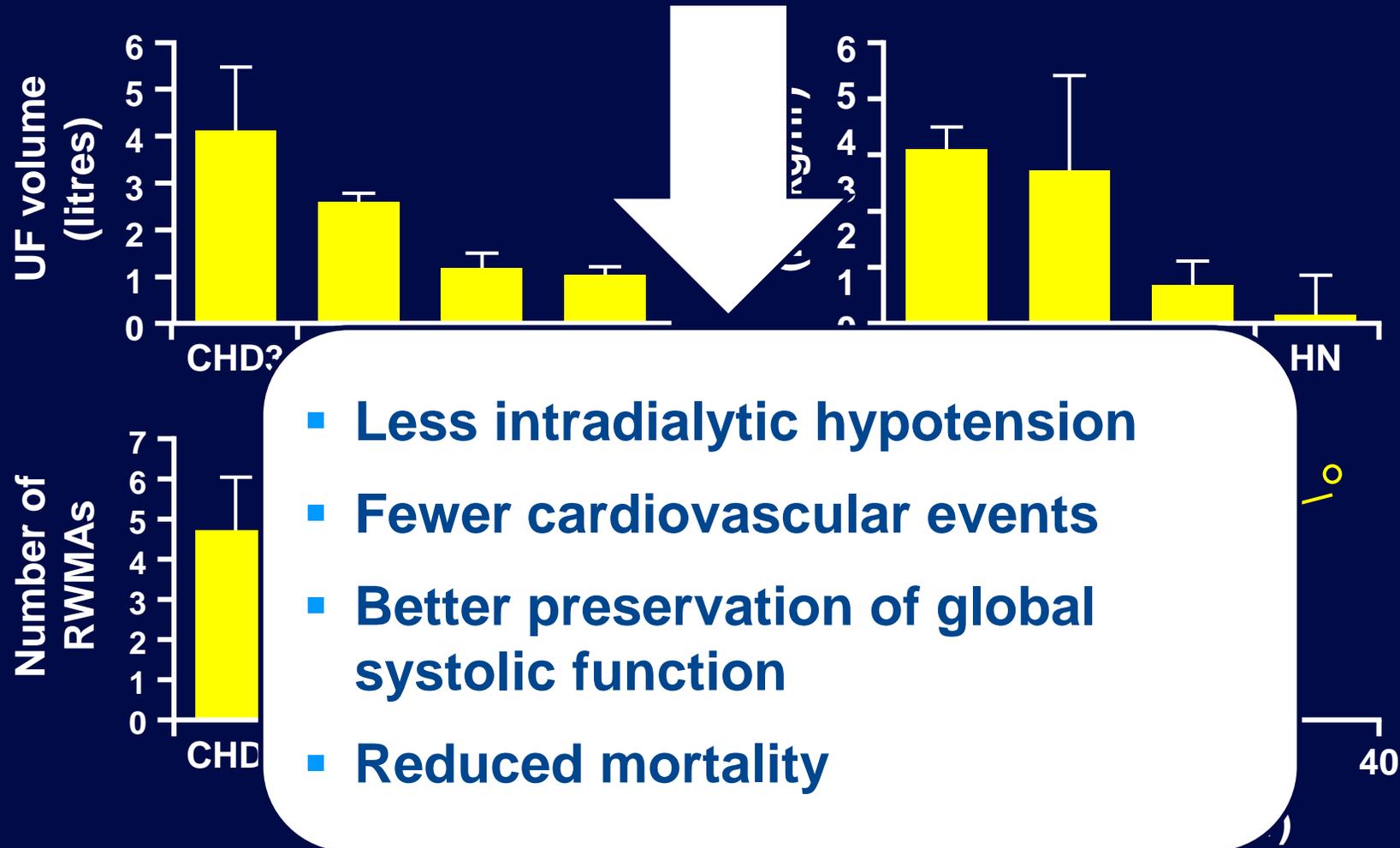
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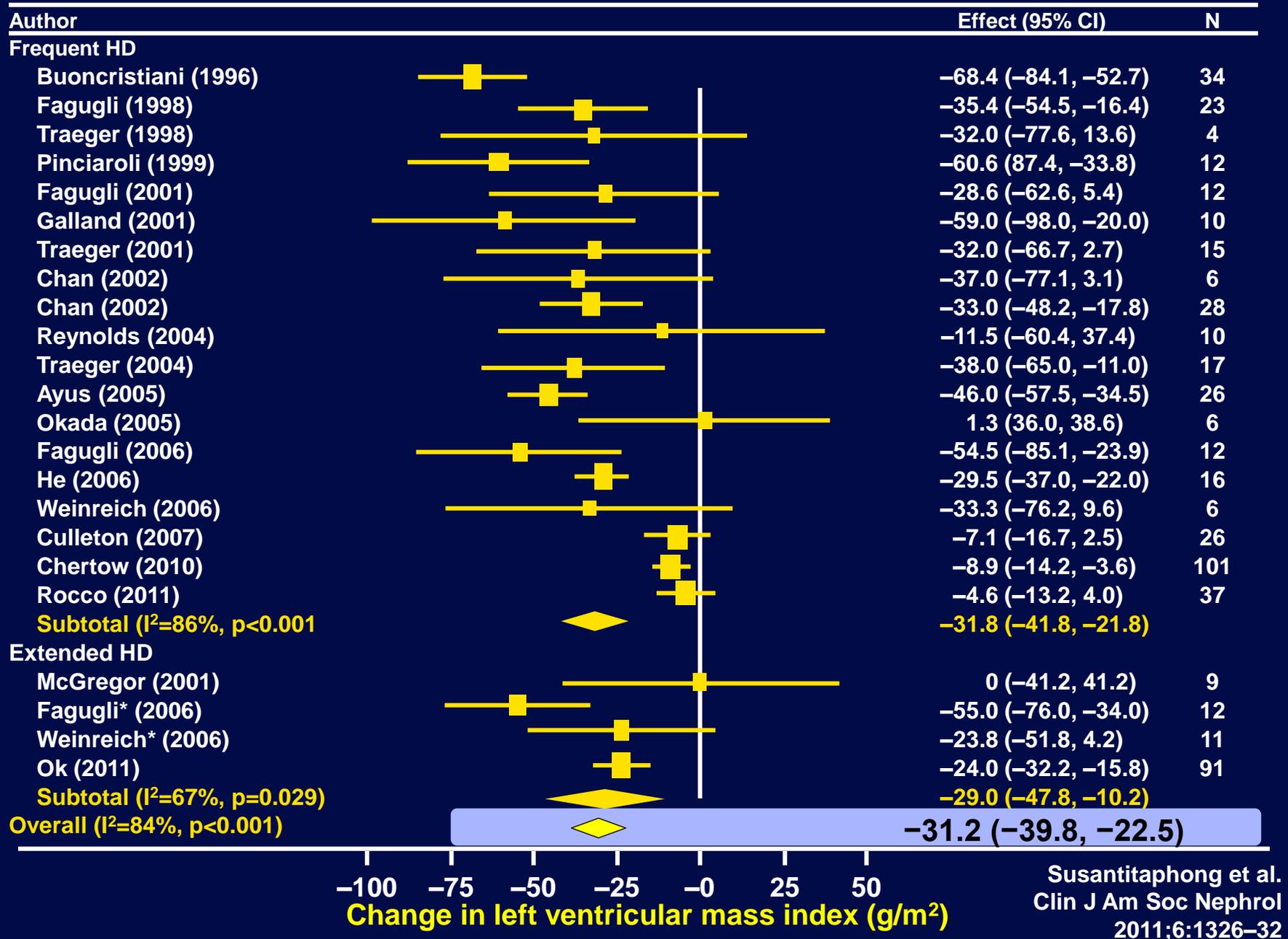
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# Protection against myocardial stunning



- Less intradialytic hypotension
- Fewer cardiovascular events
- Better preservation of global systolic function
- Reduced mortality

# High dose HD reduces LVH



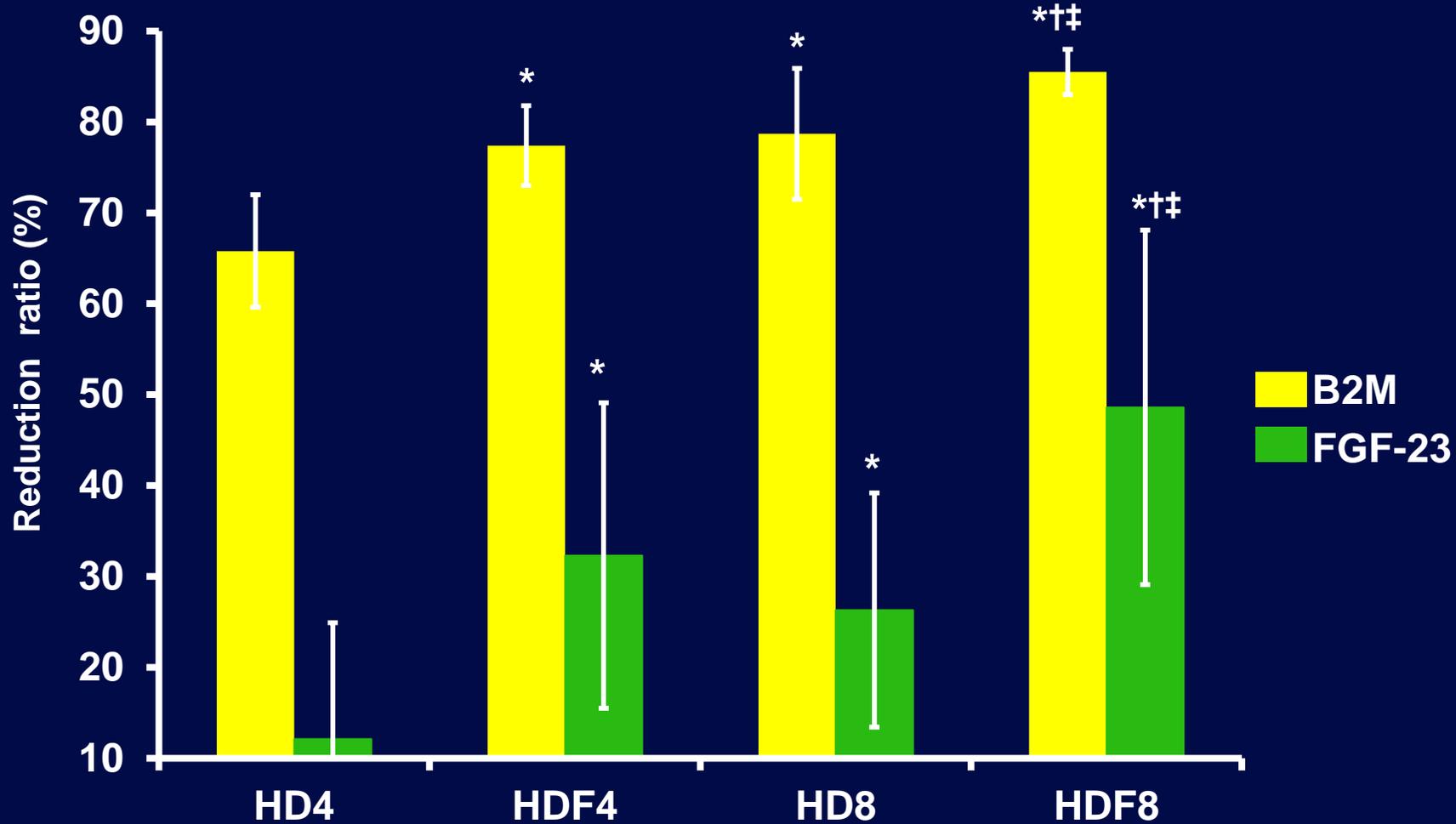
# Acute hemodynamic effects in extended dialysis

Parameter	4h HD	4h HDF	8h HD	8h HDF
Peripheral SBP (mm HG)	-21.7	-23.3	-6.7*	-0.5*†
Peripheral DBP (mm HG)	-5.0	-11.5	-1.1†	-1.2†
Central SBP (mm HG)	-19.2	-24.2	-7.1	-3.8
Central DBP (mm HG)	-5.0	-12.1*	-2.6	+3.5†
CO (L/min)	-1.4	-1.6	-0.4†	-0.5†
RBV (%)	-8.1	-9.1	-4.4†	-3.3*†
ET rate (W)	-13.3	-16.2	-14.2	-14.5



\*p<0.05 vs 4h HD; †p<0.05 vs 4h HDF

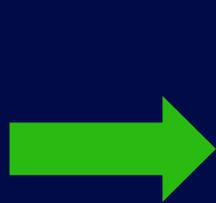
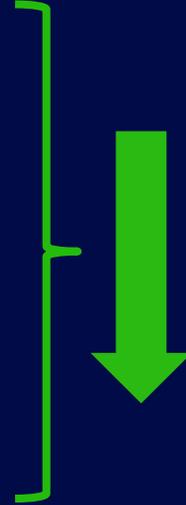
# B2M and FGF-23 reduction in extended dialysis



\*p<0.05 vs HD4; †p<0.05 vs HDF4; ‡p<0.05 vs HD8

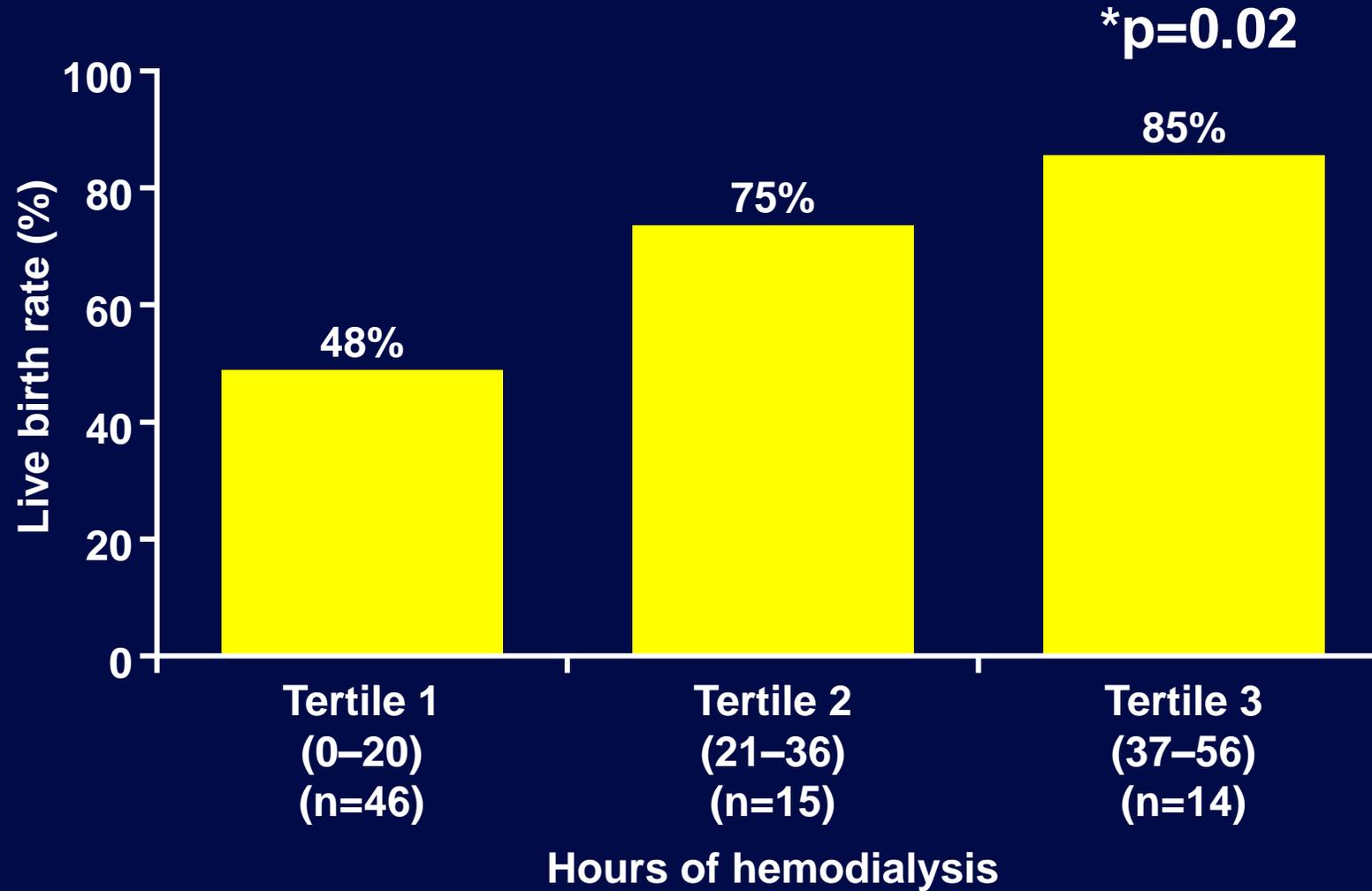
# Protective effects of high dose HD in pregnancy

- Uremic toxin levels
- Peripheral vascular resistance
- Hypervolemia
- Blood pressure
- Endothelial dysfunction



Normal placental development  
Reduced risk of preeclampsia  
Prevention of polyhydramnios  
Better feto-maternal outcomes

# Improved pregnancy outcomes with high dose HD

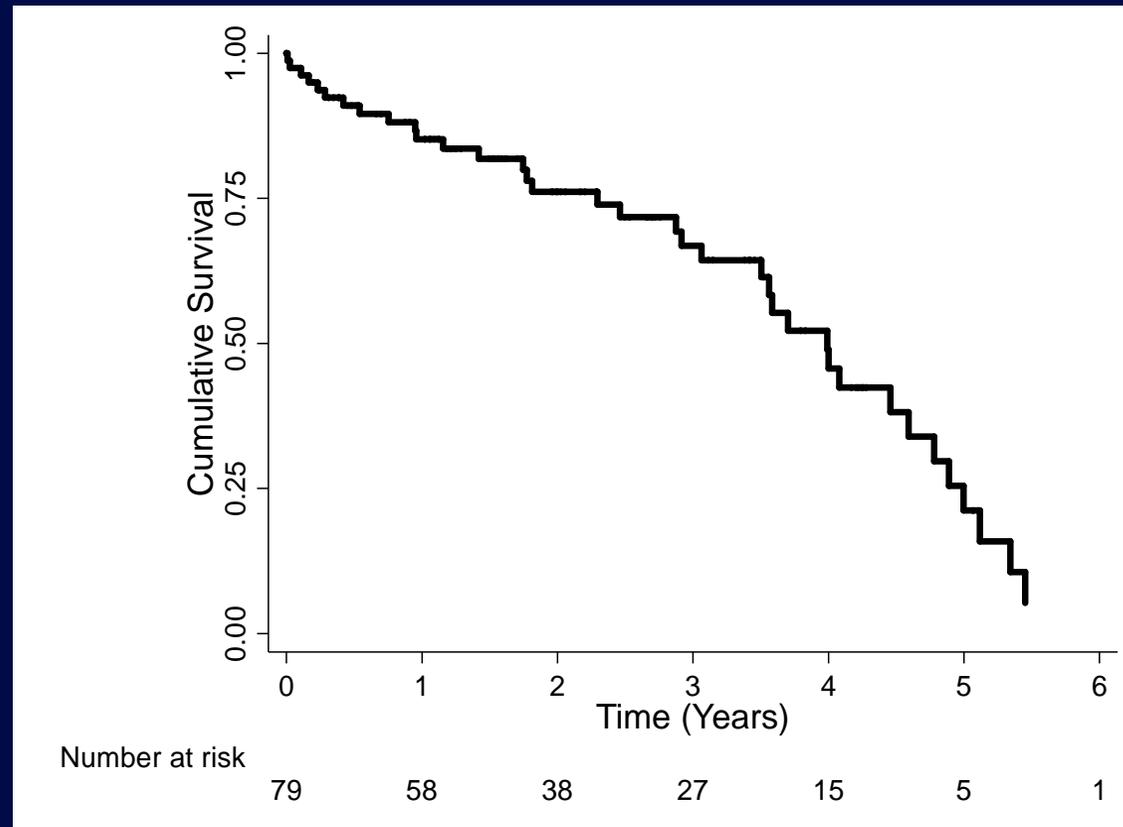


# Feasibility of home HD in elderly

- **Multi-centre international cohort study: Brussels, Groningen, Helsinki, Maastricht, Manchester and Toronto**
- **Inclusion: patients 65 years or older at start of home HD (n=79)**
  
- **Primary outcome: time to technique failure or death**
  
- **Secondary outcomes: time to technique failure, rates of CV events-hospitalizations-infections, vascular access interventions, need for respite care**

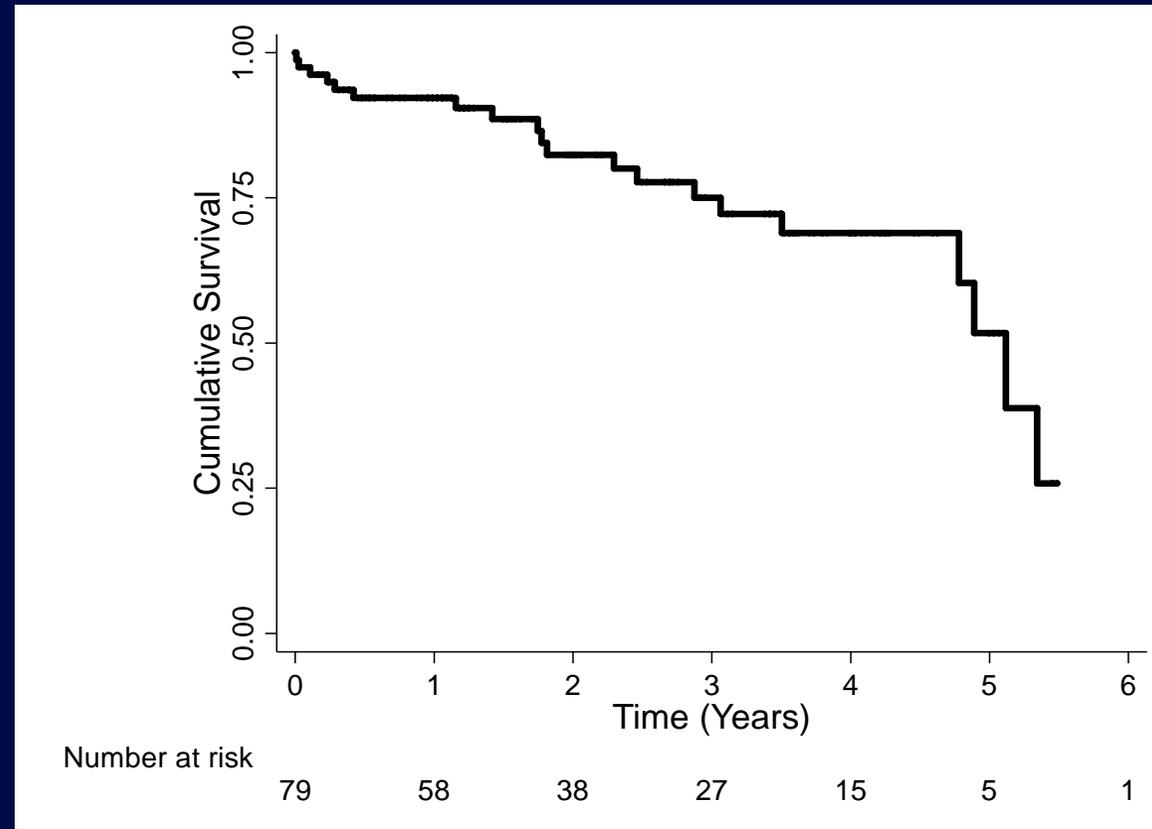
# Primary outcome

event-free survival at 1, 2 and 5 years: 85%, 77% and 24%,  
resp.



# Secondary outcome

technique survival at 1, 2 and 5 years: 92, 83 and 56%,  
resp.



# Secondary outcomes: adverse events

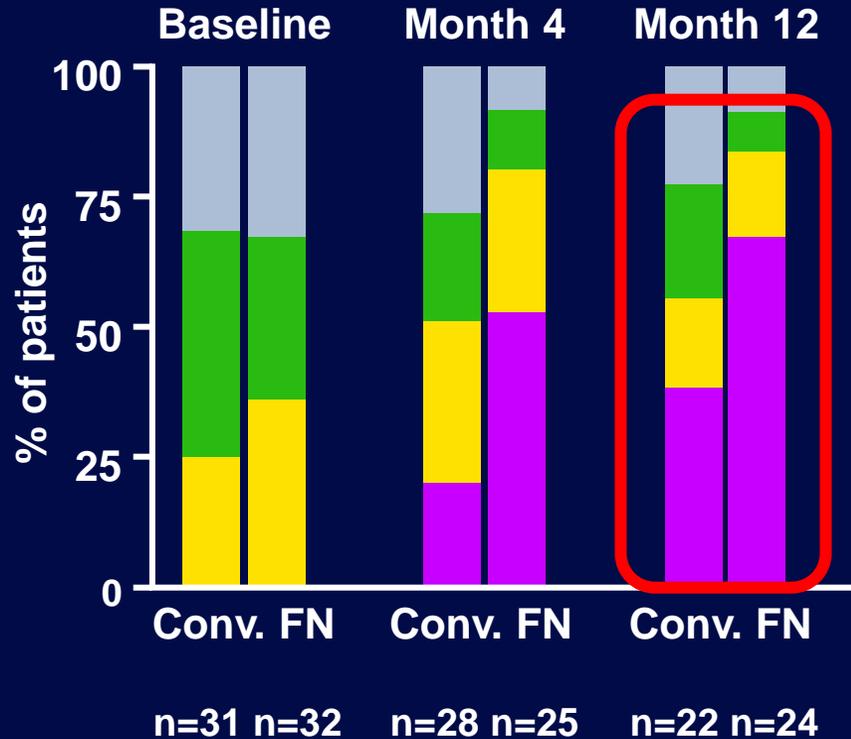
Variable	Value
<b>Infections</b>	
Total episodes	16
Total rate (episodes/patient-year)	<b>0.09</b>
<b>Hospitalizations</b>	
Total episodes	103
Total rate	<b>0.55</b>
Reasons	CV events (19), volume overload (8), infections (23), access (8)
<b>Cardiovascular events</b>	
Total episodes	17
Total rate	<b>0.09</b>
Reasons	MI (3), stroke (1), volume overload (8), arrhythmia (6)
<b>Non-infectious vascular access events</b>	
Total episodes	130
Angioplasty/declot	108
Permanent loss	12
<b>Need for respite care</b>	<b>31/63 (49%)</b>

# Home and high dose HD: does it all glitter?

- **What about residual renal function?**
- **What about vascular access?**
- **What about adverse events in the home setting?**

# FHN: residual kidney function

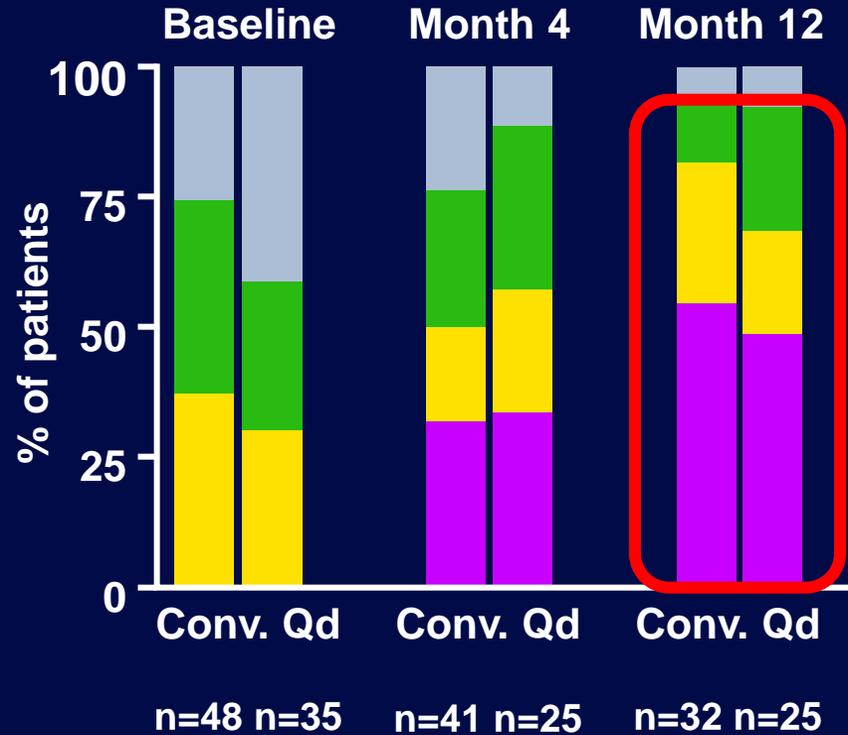
## Nocturnal trial



### Urine volume (ml/day)

■ 0   
 ■ >0-500   
 ■ >500-850   
 ■ >850

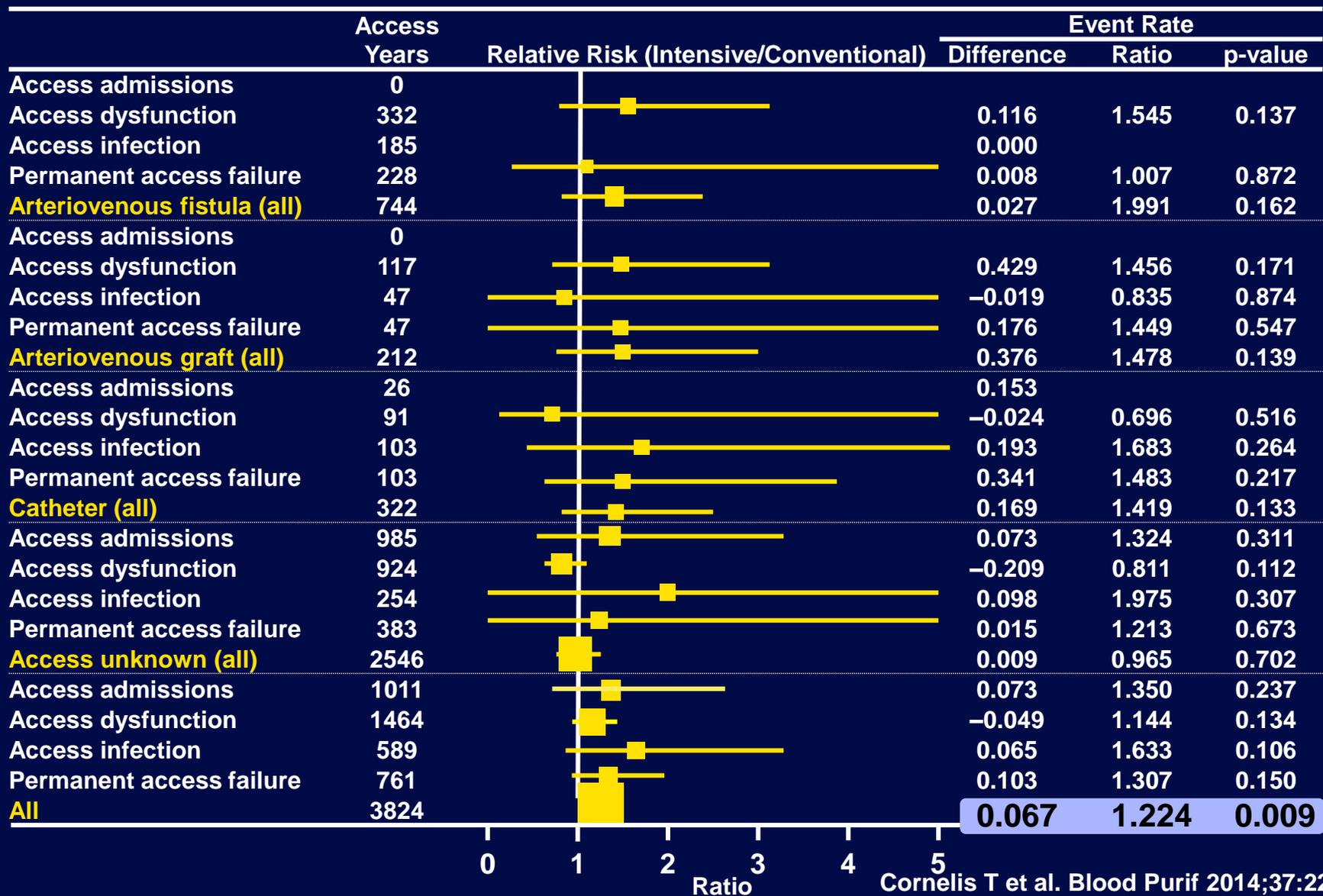
## Daily trial



### Urine volume (ml/day)

■ 0   
 ■ >0-255   
 ■ >255-525   
 ■ >525

# Vascular access in high dose HD?



# Adverse events in home HD

- **2 Canadian Home HD centers, 500 patient years**
- **1 death and 6 potentially fatal adverse events = 0.06 events/1000 dialysis treatments**
- **5/7 events human errors with lapses in protocol adherence**

# Adverse events in home HD

**Need for quality assurance framework:**

**1. Case review**

**2. Technique audit of patient**

**3. Specific questions to programme, e.g. device defect? Human error? Change protocol? Change HD recruitment/retention?**

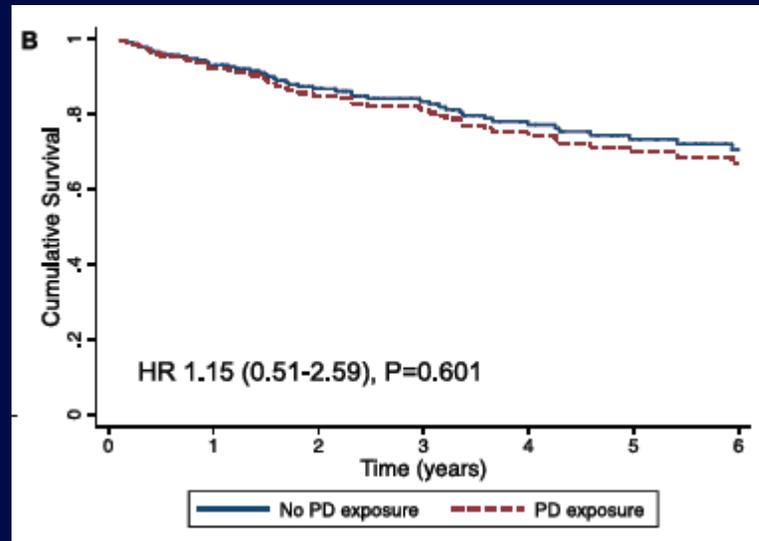
# **So...not only glitter...**

## **What about peritoneal dialysis first?**

- **Home dialysis**
- **Comparable, if not superior, (early) survival versus facility-based HD**
- **Preservation of residual renal function?**
- **Vascular access protection**
- **Improvement of patient autonomy and quality of life**
- **Limits dialysis-related costs**

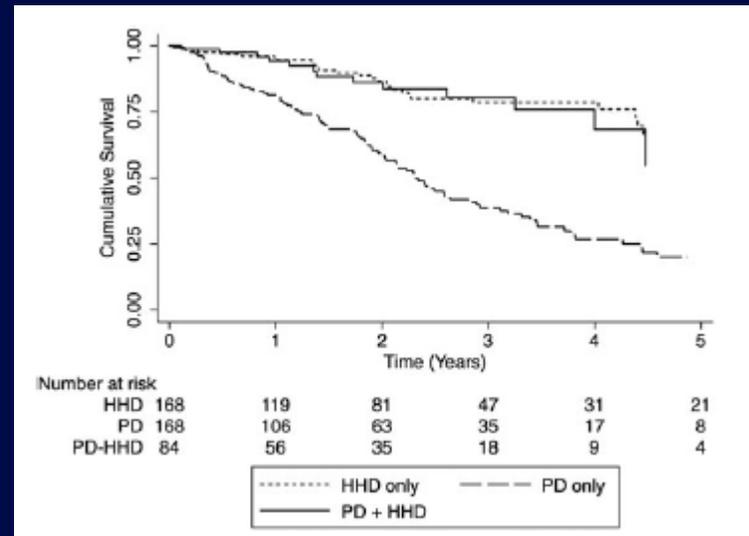
# Integrated home dialysis care (1)

- Retrospective cohort study Toronto: outcomes of prevalent home HD patients with and without previous PD exposure
- Similar patient and technique survival in both groups, despite difference in vintage and higher co-morbidity burden



# Integrated home dialysis care (2)

- Observational cohort study ANZDATA: incident patients
  - PD + home HD
  - PD only
  - Home HD only
- Primary outcome: composite patient and technique survival



# Incident PD versus home HD

- Observational cohort ANZDATA: incident PD and home HD between 2000-2012
- Primary outcome: patient survival
- Secondary outcomes: composite patient and technique survival, death-censored technique survival

Table 3. Adjusted hazard ratios for secondary outcomes comparing home hemodialysis with peritoneal dialysis

Models	HR	95% CI	P Value
<b>Death on specific dialysis modality (on-treatment mortality)</b>			
Main model			
<i>Multivariable adjustment</i>	0.34	0.26 to 0.45	<0.001
Secondary models			
<i>PS quintile stratification</i>	0.34	0.25 to 0.44	<0.001
<i>PS-matching (robust)</i>	0.32	0.23 to 0.44	<0.001
<b>Death or technique failure (composite outcome)</b>			
Main model			
<i>Multivariable adjustment<sup>a</sup></i>	0.34	0.29 to 0.40	<0.001
Secondary models			
<i>PS quintile stratification</i>	0.33	0.28 to 0.39	<0.001
<i>PS-matching (robust)</i>	0.32	0.26 to 0.38	<0.001
<b>Technique failure only</b>			
Main model			
<i>Multivariable adjustment<sup>b</sup></i>	0.34	0.28 to 0.41	<0.001
Secondary models			
<i>PS quintile stratification</i>	0.33	0.27 to 0.40	<0.001
<i>PS-matching (robust)</i>	0.32	0.25 to 0.40	<0.001

# Hospitalisation and modality failure in home dialysis

- Retrospective, USRDS
- Daily home HD versus PD versus in-centre HD
- Prevalent patients

## **Modality switches:**

**-1% daily home HD switched to PD, whereas  
25% of PD switched to home HD**

**-15% daily home HD switched to in-centre  
HD compared with 44% of PD**

# Timing of and preparation for transition from PD to home HD (1)

- Loss of residual kidney function
- Inadequate weekly kt/V
- Recurrent PD-related infections
- Uremic symptoms (subtle!)
- Metabolic and/or volume dysregulation
- Home visits

# Timing of and preparation for transition from PD to home HD (2)

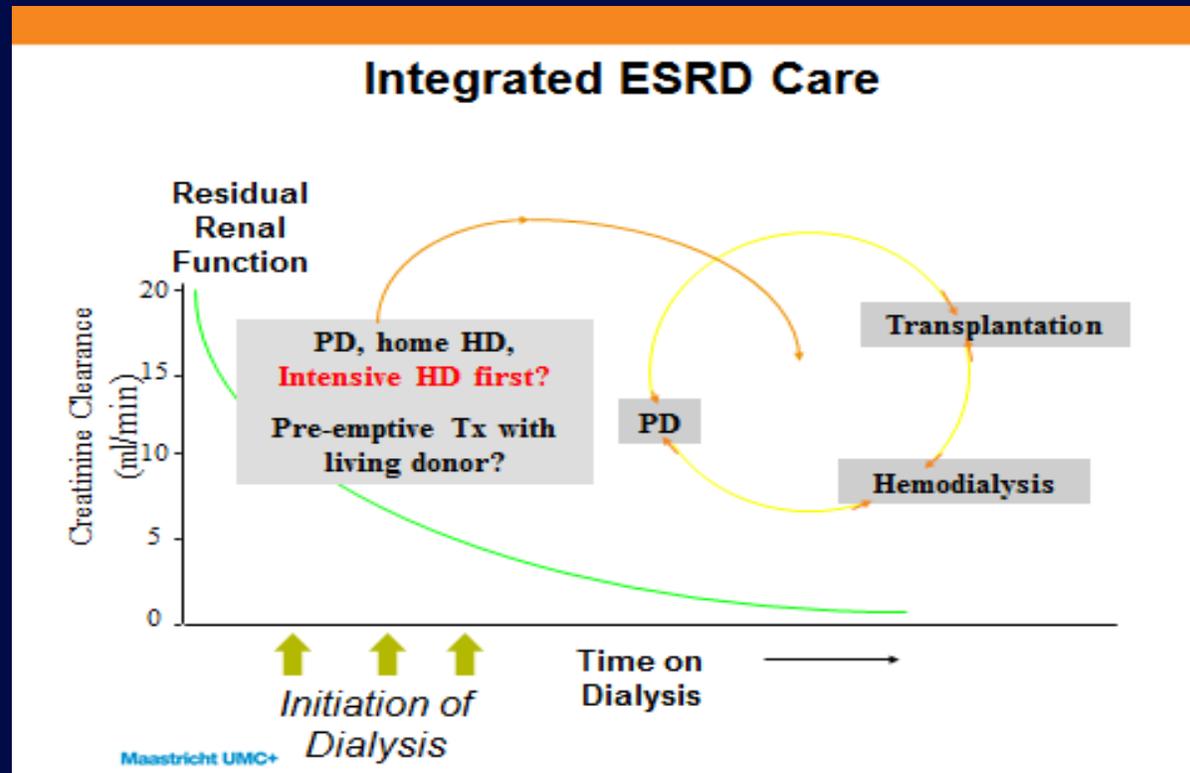
- (Pre-) dialysis education: “home dialysis first”
- Home dialysis unit
- Role of social worker, dietician, psychologist
- Patient and partner burn-out
- Timely installation

## Barriers for transition PD to home HD?

- Different patients choose for PD and for home HD
- Subclinical burn-out at the end of PD?
- No separate home dialysis unit
- No timely education
- No timely installation
- Different nurses/doctor/location for PD and home HD

# Integrated CKD-ESRD care:

- state of the art “CKD-ESRD chain” care
- peritoneal dialysis and home HD
- medical responsiveness



**Also: home dialysis education e.g. fellowships!**

# Practical aspects of home HD

- Recognition of benefits but lack of direct experience
- Availability of practical resource to facilitate adoption
- Global Forum of Home Hemodialysis: international; nephrologists, home HD nurses, administrators, patient advocates, patient



- Open-source, web-enabled, practical manual:
  - [www.ishd.org/home-hd-toolkit](http://www.ishd.org/home-hd-toolkit)
- Recently published in Hemodialysis International

# Practical aspects of home HD

- Funding and planning
- Workforce development
- Infrastructure, water, machines
- Cultivate suitable patients
- Patient safety: quality assurance and SAE's
- Patient selection and training
- Vascular access
- Prescriptions of home hemodialysis
- Psychosocial aspects

# Practical aspects of home HD

- How to start a home HD program?
- How to expand a home HD program?
- Home HD in Pregnancy
- Home HD in Children

# How to start a home HD program?

- 1. Identify a clinical champion**
- 2. Identify key team members (physician, training nurse, community nurse, equipment technician)**
- 3. Identify potential partners/mentors**
- 4. Develop a budget and identify sources of funds**
- 5. Obtain legal and administrative permissions and clearances**

# How to start a home HD program?

**6. Decide on the range of treatment modalities to be offered to patients (short-daily, conventional, nocturnal, etc)**

**7. *Strategize patient recruitment (clinical complexity, housing, social support requirements, etc)***

**8. *Identify a location for patient training***

**9. Source HD machines (existing pool vs new portable machines)**

**10. Review program performance (eg, clinical metrics, patient-reported outcomes, cost-effectiveness, staff interest and support)**

# Health economics analysis of home HD

- Home HD is cost-effective compared to hospital-based HD
- Systematic review (Walker et al, Nephrology 2014)

- Economic analysis of HD in the Netherlands:

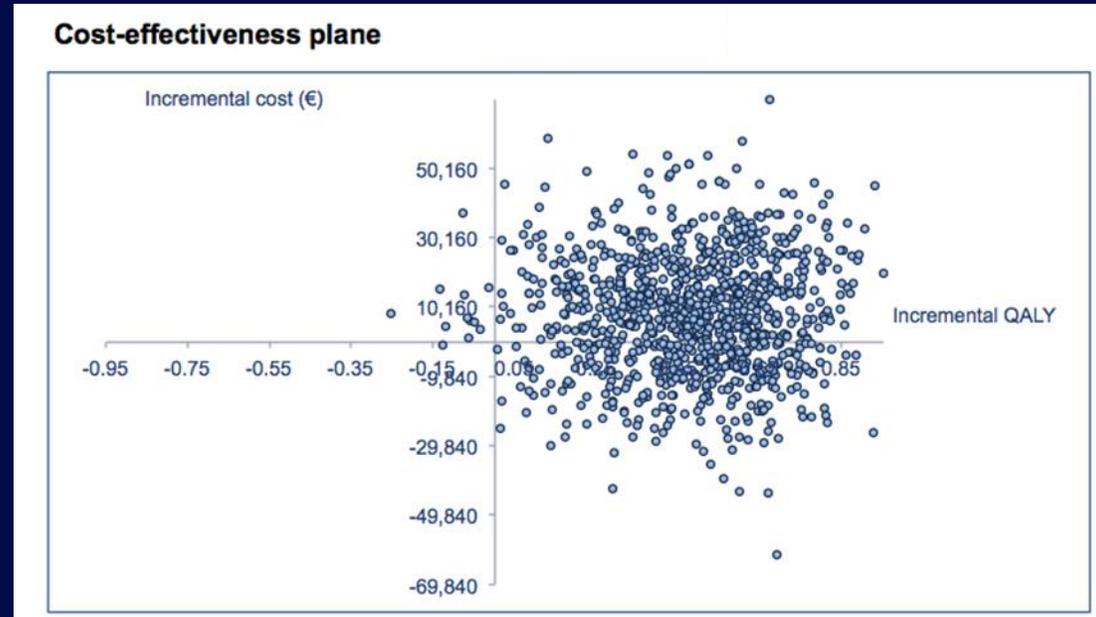
- Markov model

- ICER:

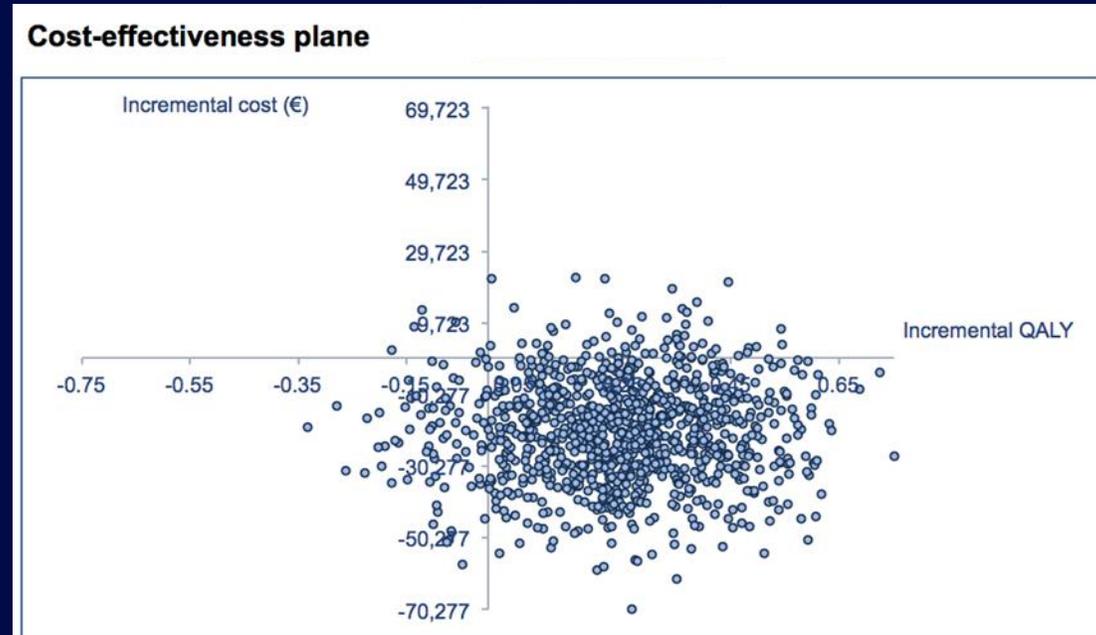
$$\text{Incremental Cost-Effectiveness Ratio (ICER)} = \frac{\Delta \text{ COST}}{\Delta \text{ EFFECTIVENESS}} = \frac{\text{Total cost}_{\text{high dose HD}} - \text{Total cost}_{\text{conventional ICHD}}}{\text{QALY}_{\text{high dose HD}} - \text{QALY}_{\text{conventional ICHD}}}$$

- Conventional and high dose home HD cost-effective compared to in-centre HD

# High dose home HD versus conventional in-centre HD



# Conventional home HD versus conventional in-centre HD



# Conclusions

- **Home and high dose HD: indeed excellent options for our ESRD patients**
- **Potential adverse events should not be ignored: require attention and further study**
  - Ideal candidate?
- **Integrated home dialysis care: PD first, then home HD**
  - **Prospective studies: quality of life, dialysis access, infectious complications, residual renal function, technique and patient survival, resource utilization and health economics outcomes?**
- **The role of incremental dialysis needs investigation**



Thank you!

