

# Caring for the aging adult living with HIV

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# Disclaimer

**“Older adult”** (def in HIV  
research) :

Someone over the age of 50  
years.

# Mr. C (53 yo, 9/2017)

**CC:** routine follow-up

**PMHx:**

- ▣ **HIV** (2001) – last CD4 325, VL UD
- ▣ **Myocardial infarction** s/p PCI (2005)
- ▣ Depression
- ▣ **Hypogonadism** & erectile dysfunction
- ▣ **Osteoporosis** - L calcaneous, tibia insufficiency fractures (2012); L wrist fracture after fall (2015)
- ▣ **Cirrhosis** 2/2 NAFLD (2013), c/b portal enteropathy and hepatic encephalopathy
- ▣ Recurrent **atypical meningioma**, s/p partial resection and XRT
- ▣ **3 hospitalizations** in prior 24 mos

**Meds:**

- ▣ DTG/ABC/3TC single pill
- ▣ Pantoprazole
- ▣ Rifaximin
- ▣ Lactulose
- ▣ Spironolactone
- ▣ Fluoxetine
- ▣ Melatonin
- ▣ Zoledronic acid

**SHx:**

- ▣ Retired LPN, now SSDI
- ▣ Lives with partner, stays home during the days
- ▣ No cigarettes, EtOH, illicit
- ▣ Family in East TN

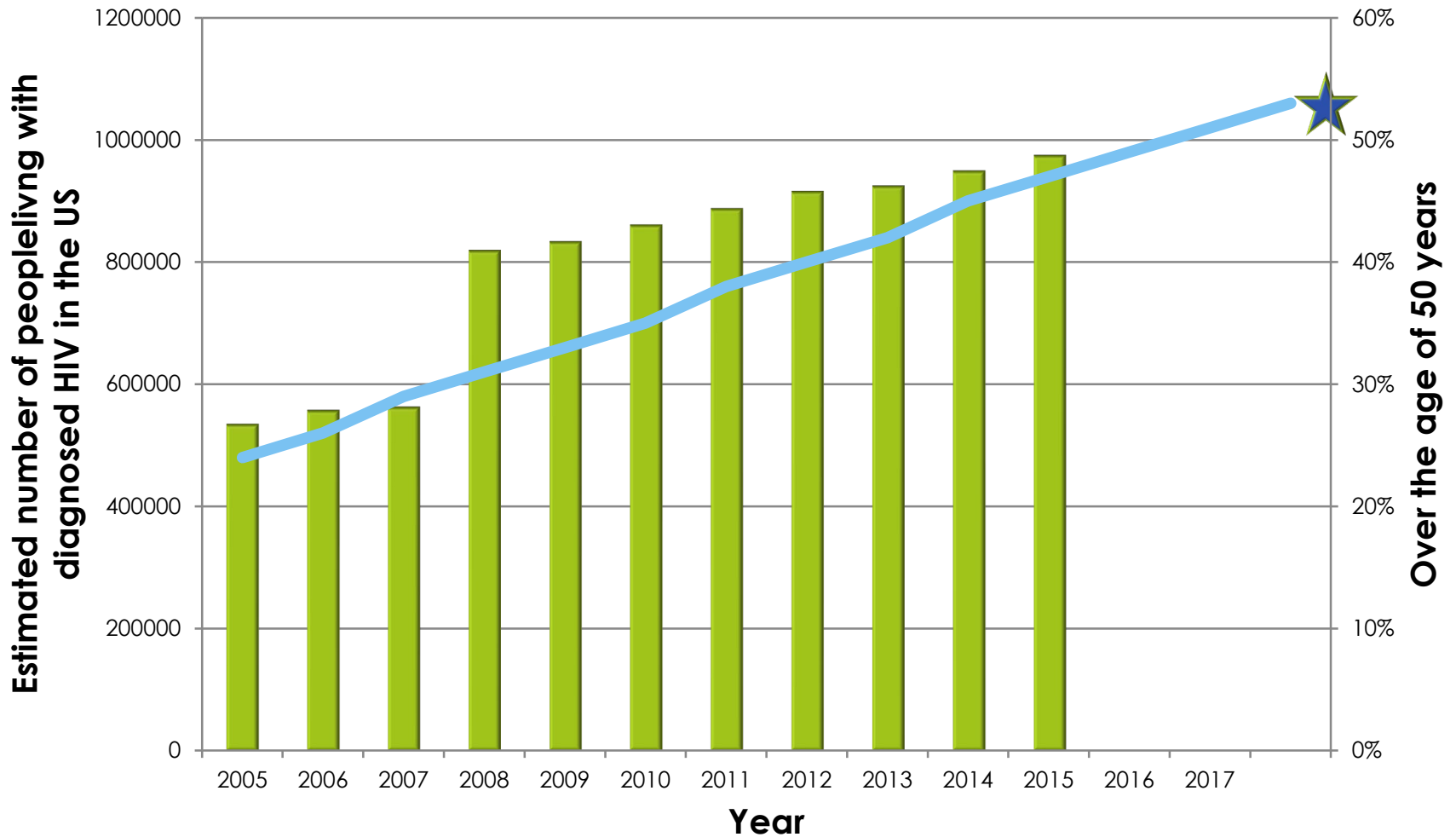
# Forest, not trees...



# Outline

- Background and epidemiology
- Clinical challenges:
  - Non-communicable diseases & multimorbidity
  - Functional decline & frailty
- Preventive health & geriatric medicine principles
  - Examples: osteoporosis screening, lung cancer screening, and herpes zoster prevention
  - 5 Ms of geriatric medicine
- “Successful aging” & resilience

# Aging of PLWH in the US

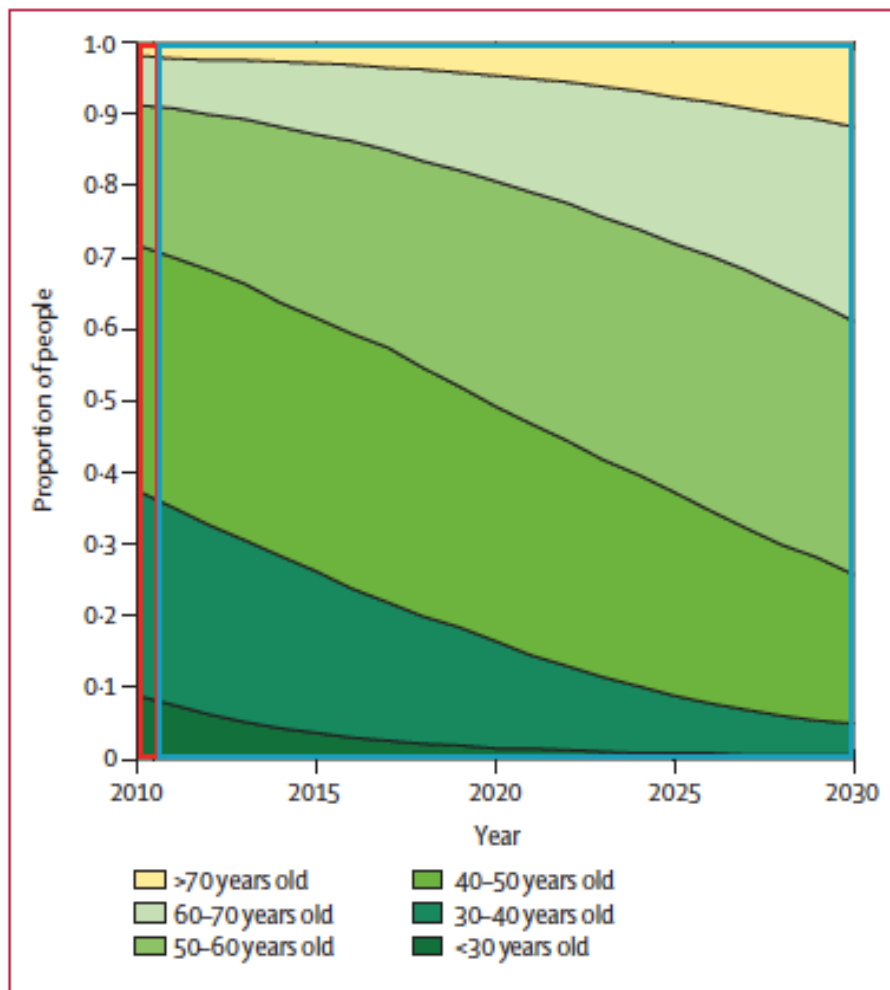


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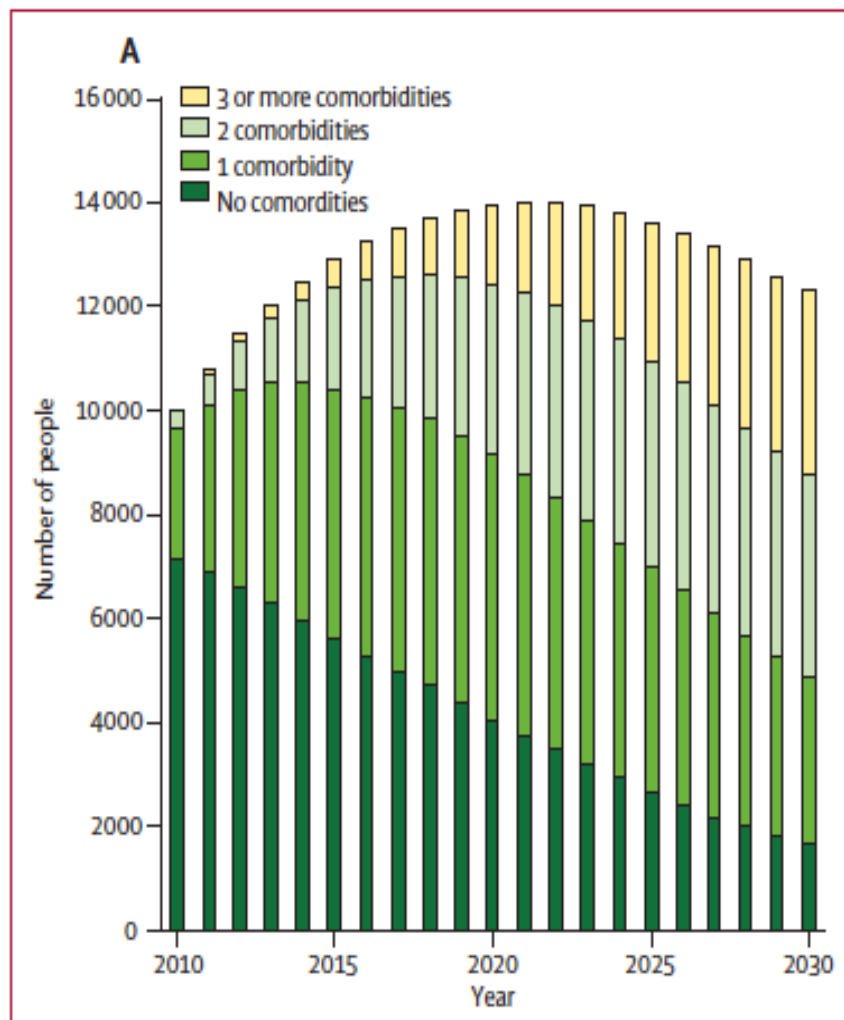
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# A modeling study



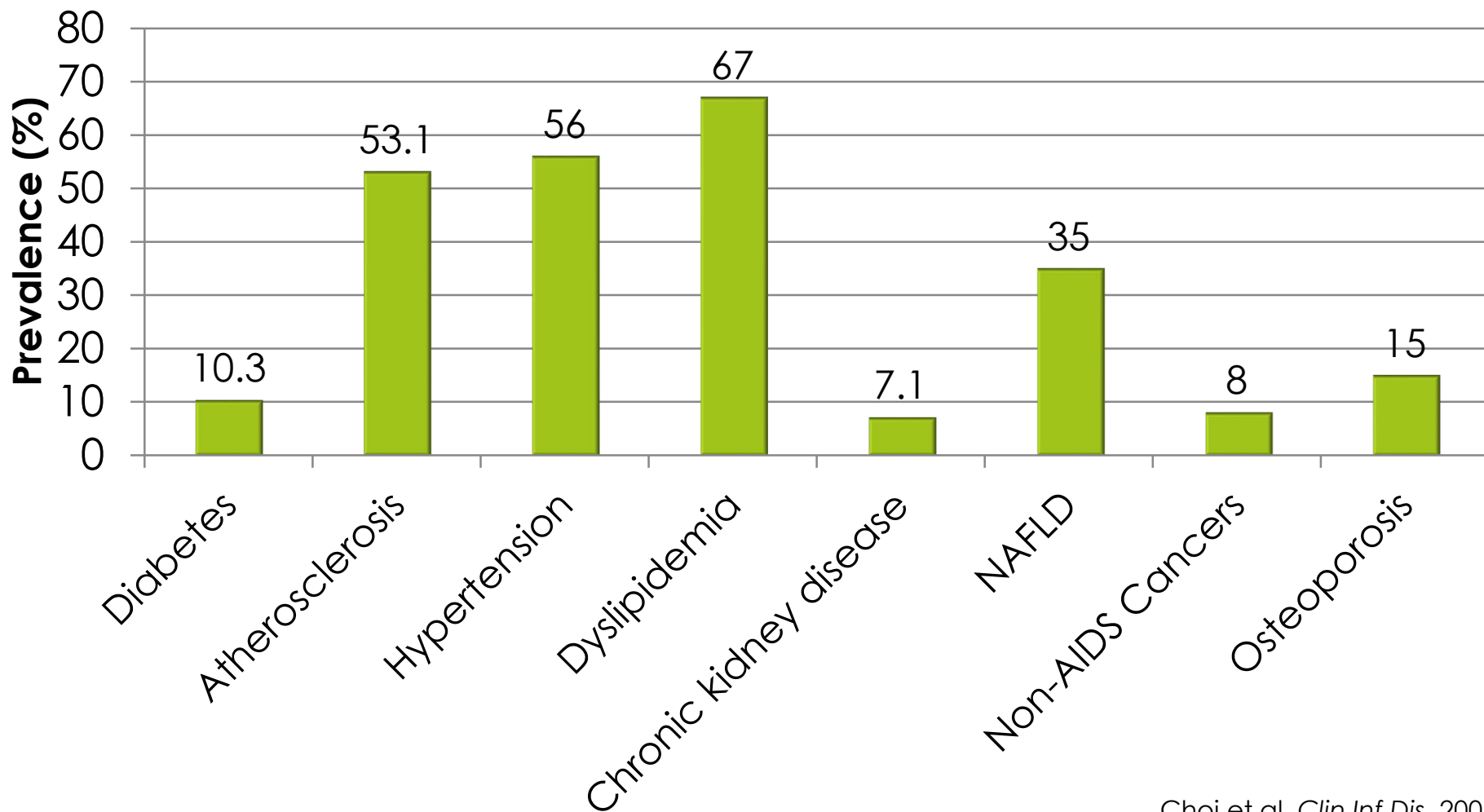
**Figure 2: Projected age distribution of HIV-infected patients**  
The red box shows the age distribution of patients on antiretroviral therapy in clinical care in the Netherlands in 2010, which matches the data exactly, and the blue box shows model output from 2011–30.



**Figure 3: Predicted comorbidities**  
(A) Predicted burden of NCDs in HIV-infected patients between 2010 and 2030 as simulated by the model. (B) Distribution of the number of NCDs by age group



# Non-communicable disease (NCD) prevalence in PLWH



Hernandez-Romieu et al. *BMJ Open Diabetes Res Care*. 2017  
Post et al. *Ann Internal Med*. 2014

Buchacz et al. *Antivir Ther*. 2013  
Shiels et al. *JNCI*. 2013

Choi et al. *Clin Inf Dis*. 2007  
Maurice et al. *AIDS* 2017  
Brown and Qaqish. *AIDS*. 2006

# HIV & NCDs: interacting etiologies

## Demographic & Anthropometric

- Age, race, sex
- Family history
- BMI

## Co-infections & Co-morbidity

- HCV, HBV
- CMV
- Hypertension
- Depression

## Immunology & Inflammation

- CD4 nadir, CD4/CD8
- T cell activation/senes
- cence
- IL-6, TNFa, CD14

## Social Determinants

- Tobacco & alcohol
- Injection Drugs
- Physical inactivity
- Environment
- Nutrition
- SES

Cancer

CVD

Bone

Respiratory

Renal

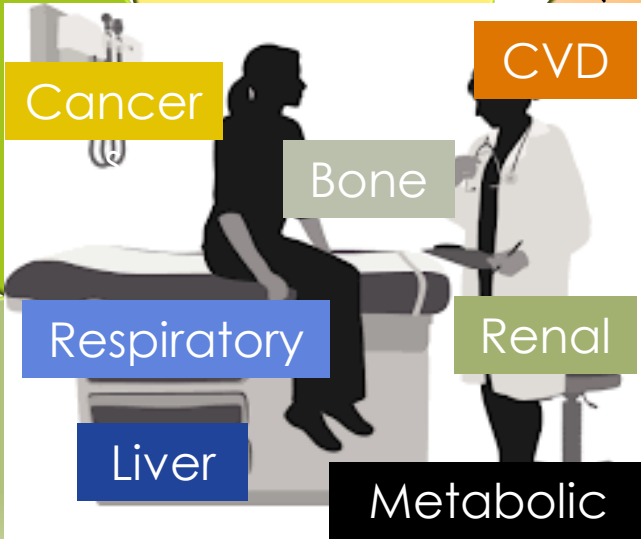
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Metabolic

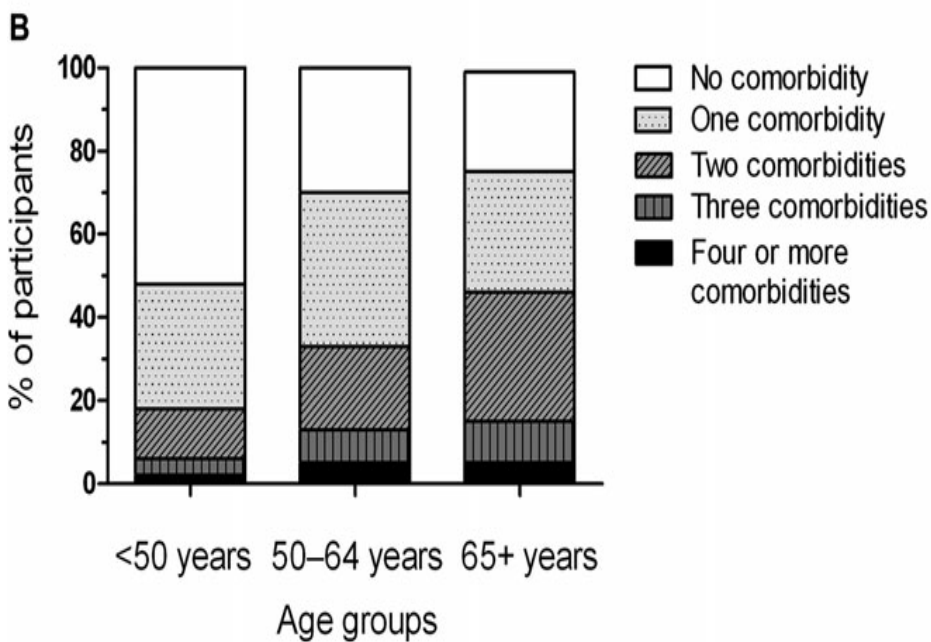
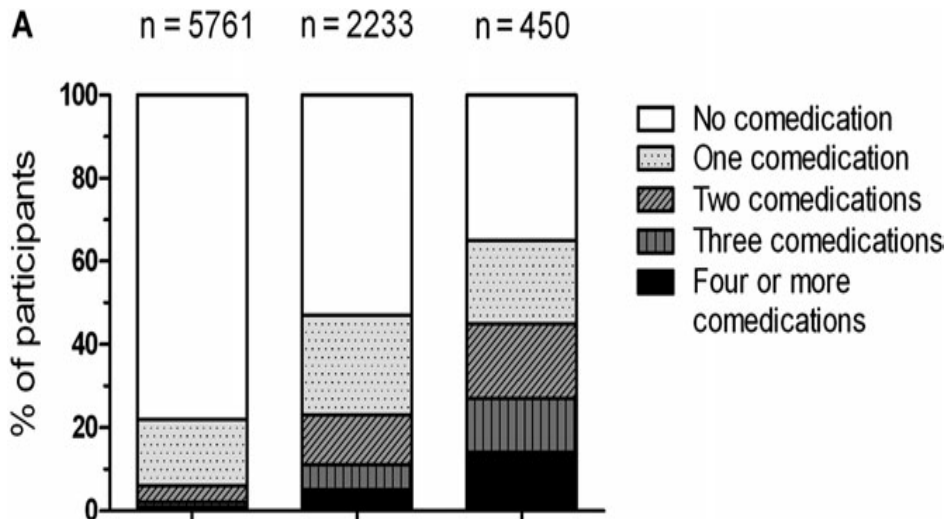
## Antiretroviral Therapy & Medication Toxicity

- "D"-drugs
- Protease inhibitors
- Tenofovir

((Biologic Aging Processes))



# An uneven burden: older age

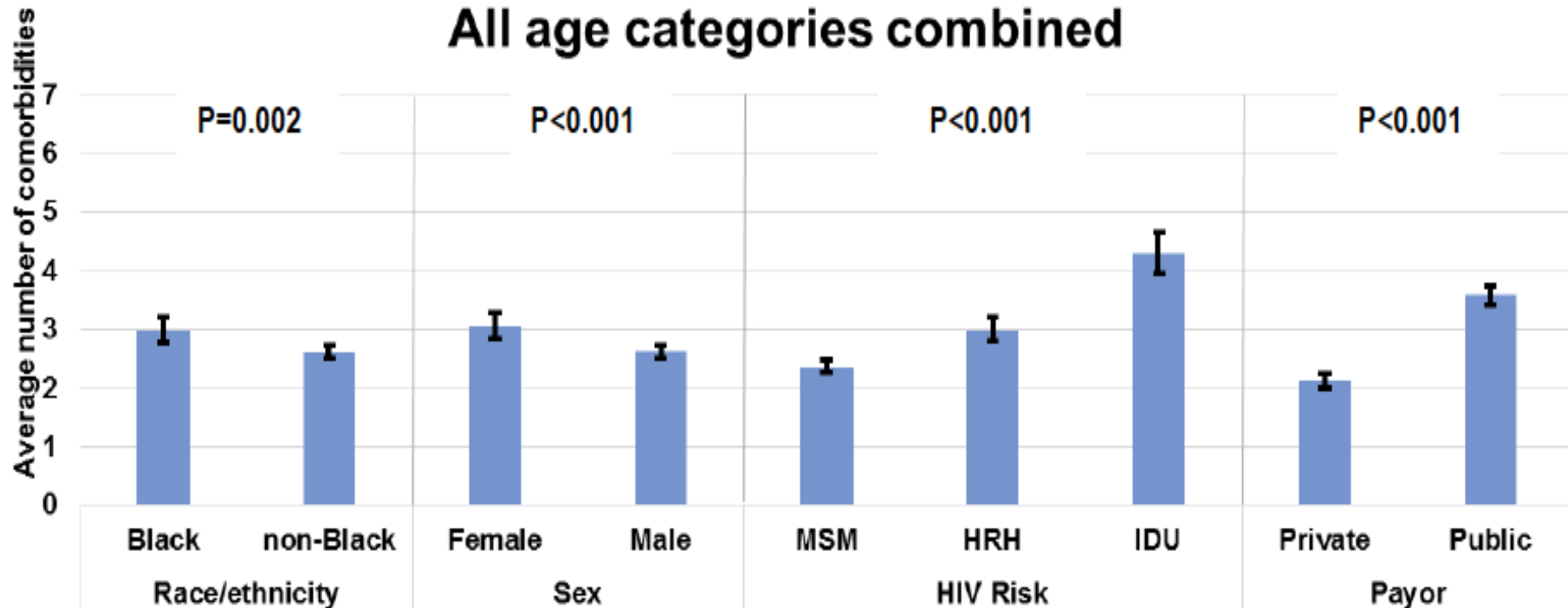


Adjusted\* HR [95%CI] for NADEs, ref <50yo

	50-64 yo	≥ 65 yo
Stroke	4.0 [1.9-8.4]	17.7 [7.1-45]
MI	6.0	5.9
Non-trauma fracture	3.9 [1.9-8.2]	10.5 [3.6-31]
Osteoporosis	3.6 [2.0-6.3]	9.1 [4.1-20.3]
Diabetes	2.2 [1.3-3.8]	3.8 [1.8-7.9]
Non-AIDS cancer	3.7 [2.5-5.7]	6.9 [3.9-12.2]
Hosp. for injury	1.4 [0.9-2.1]	4.8 [2.8-8.4]
Hosp. for disease	1.6 [1.4-1.8]	2.9 [2.4-3.5]
Death	1.7 [1.2-2.3]	6.3 [3.9-10.0]

\*Included CD4, HIV RNA, sex, h/o IDU, tobacco use, yrs of HIV infx

# Unequal burden, continued



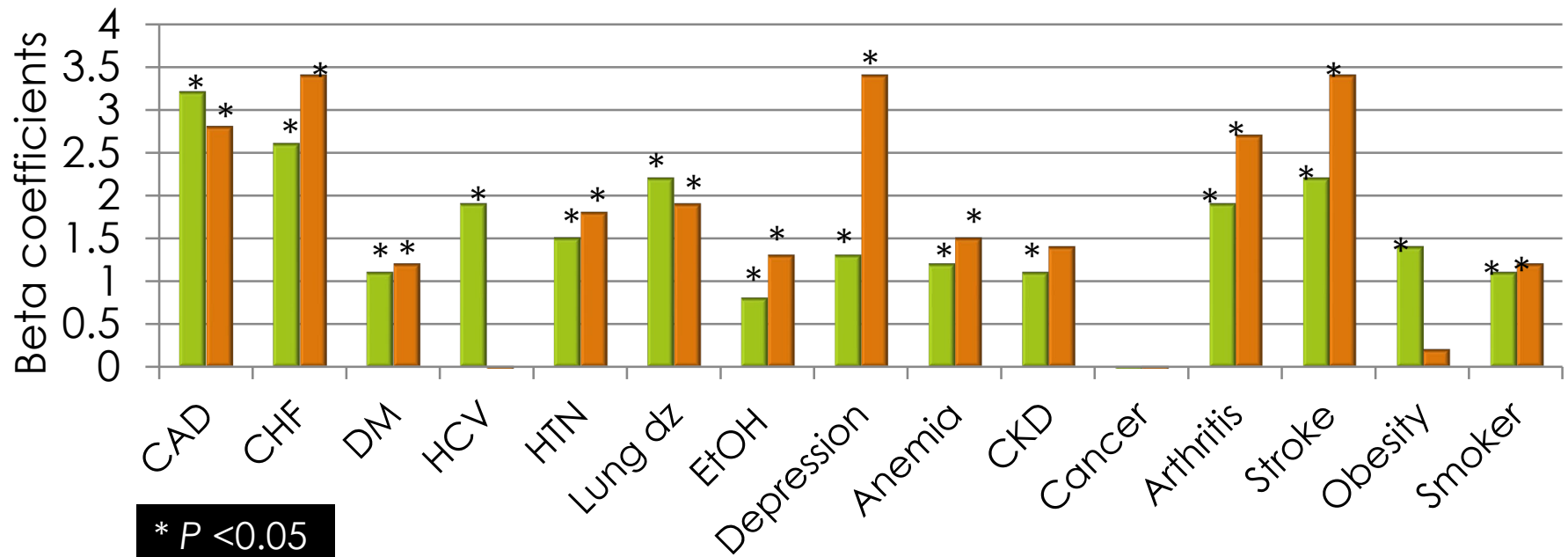
- HOPS analysis of co-morbidities (n=1,540 patients)
- ↑ prevalence of all co-morbidities (except psych) with increasing age
- Multivariable analysis: older age, HIV RF, payor all statistically significant with # of co-morbidities

# Functional Decline

- VACS cohort of 889 HIV+ and 647 HIV- adults
- Cross-sectional study of self-reported difficulty with various physical activities (sum=disability score)

Age-adjusted bivariate linear regression

■ HIV+ ■ HIV-



# NCDs also associated with...

In aging PLWH adults:

- ▣ ↑ risk of hospitalization
- ▣ ↓ quality of life
- ▣ ↑ polypharmacy
- ▣ ↑ healthcare utilization
- ▣ ↑ risk of cognitive decline
- ▣ ↑ risk of frailty

Hotton et al. *JAIDS*. 2016

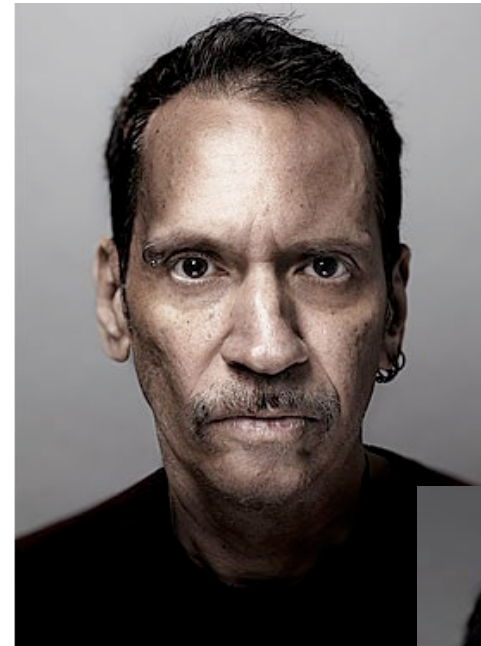
Miller et al. *AIDS Behav*. 2016

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Hasse et al. *Clin Inf Dis*. 2011

Vance et al. *J Neurosci Nurs*. 2014

Brothers et al. *J Inf Dis*. 2014



Age: 52 years  
HIV: 17 years  
NCDs:  
memory loss,  
s/p THA x2



Age: 56 years  
HIV: 23 years  
NCDs:  
memory loss,  
PN,  
lipodystrophy,  
fatigue

France, Peter. "Another kind of AIDS crisis." *New York Magazine*. November 1, 2009.

# Frailty?

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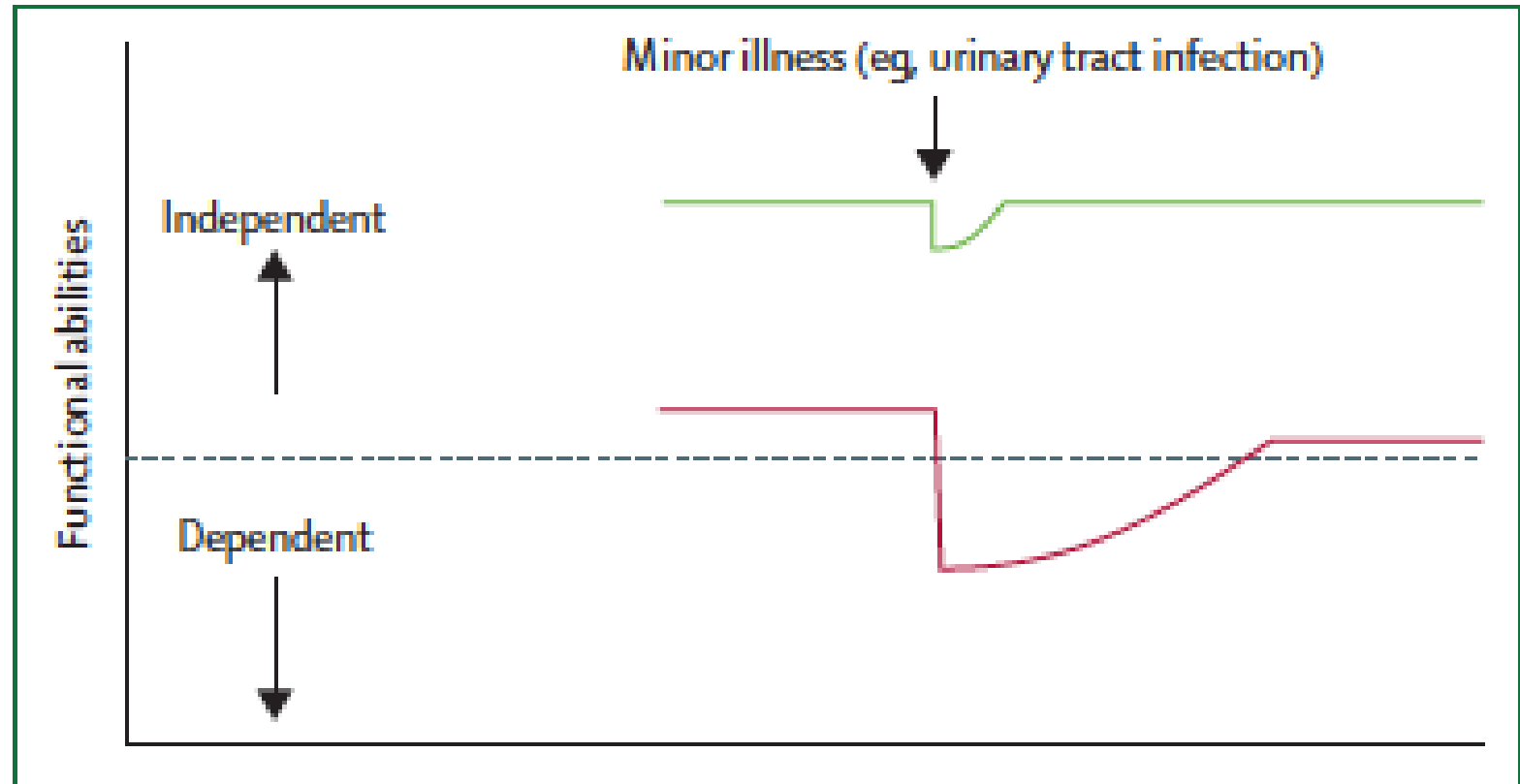


NOT FRAIL





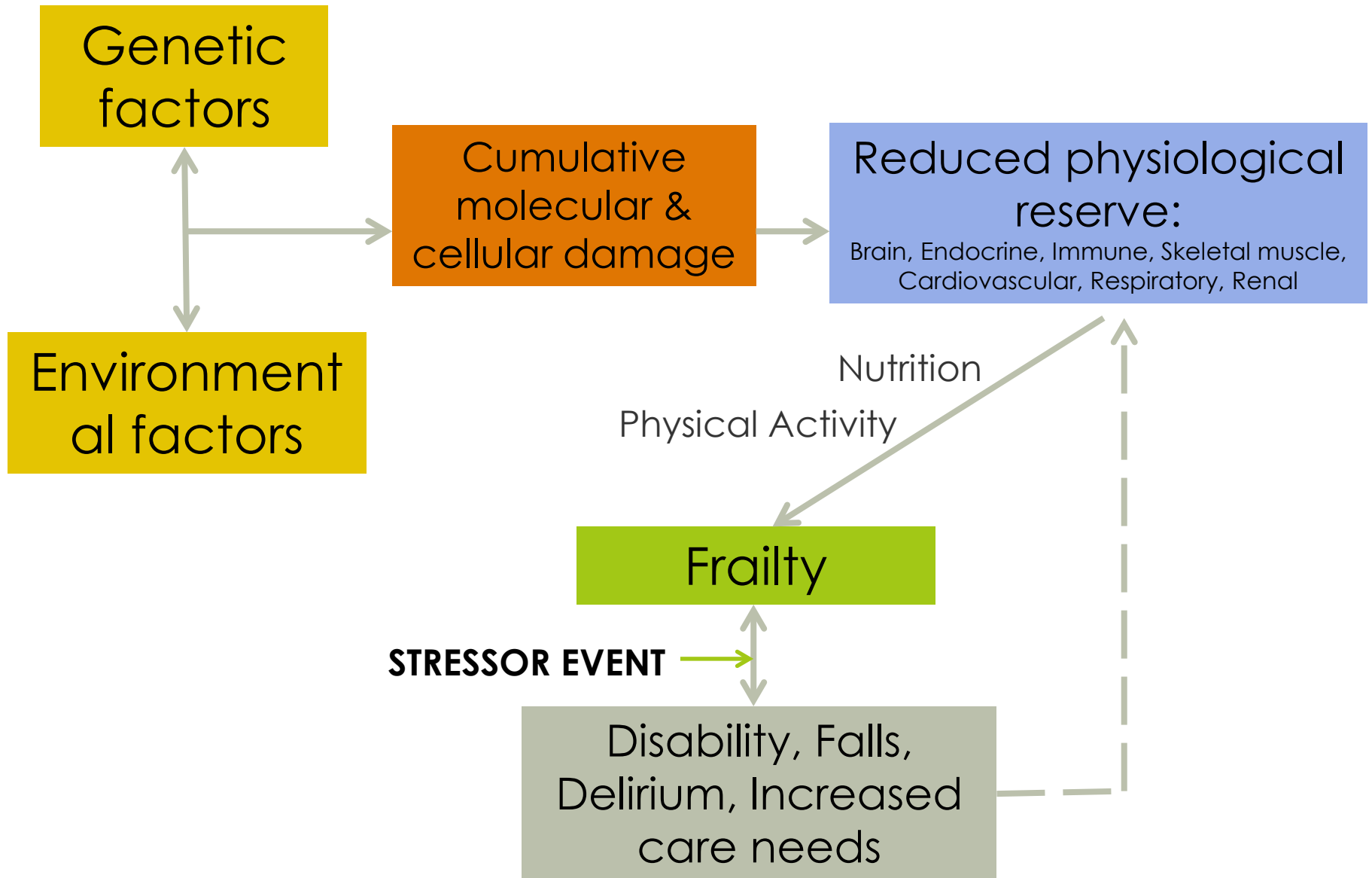
“**frailty**” (def) : a state of increased vulnerability to poor resolution of homeostasis after a stressor event



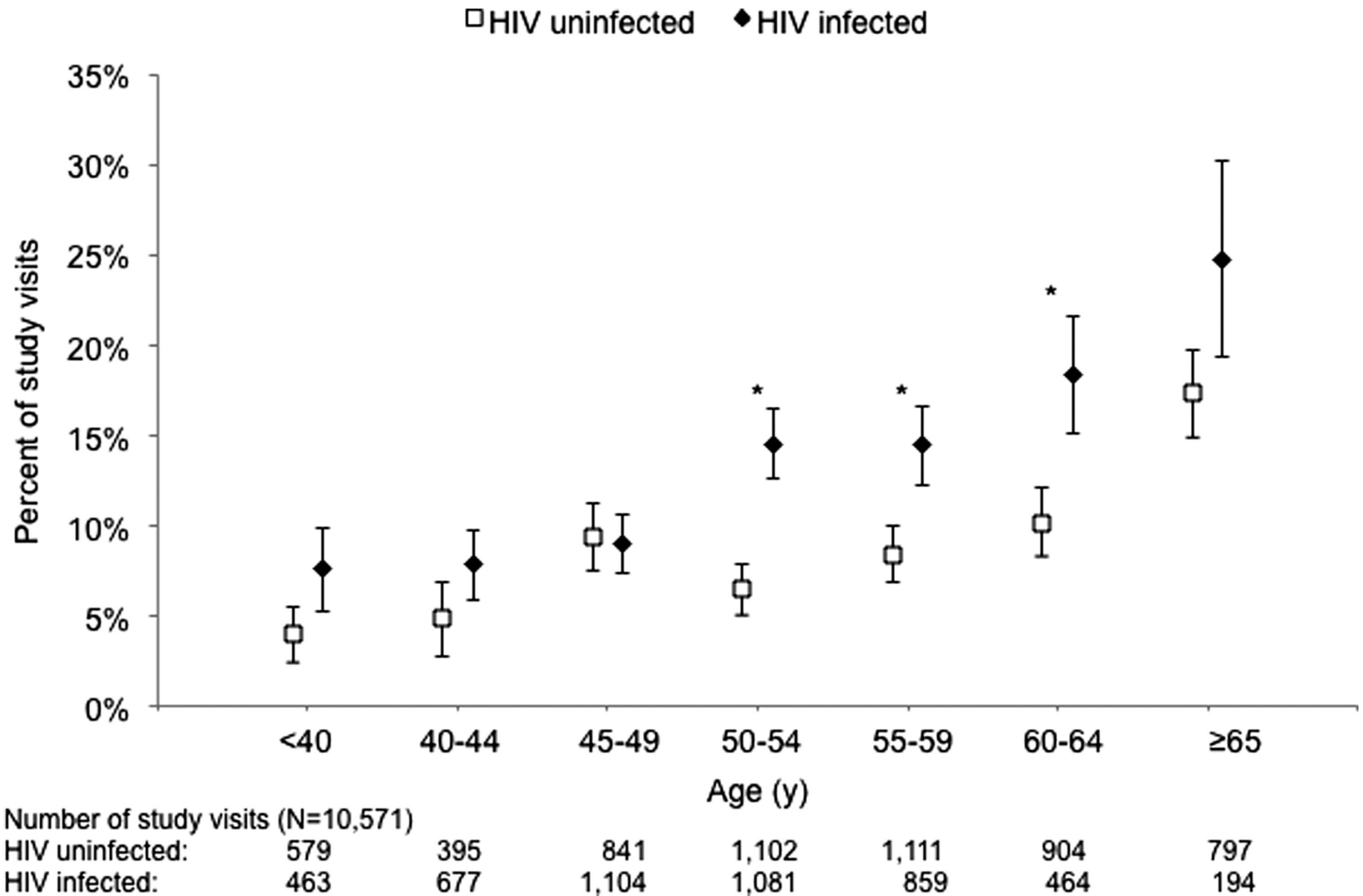
**Figure 1: Vulnerability of frail elderly people to a sudden change in health status after a minor illness**



# Pathophysiology of Frailty

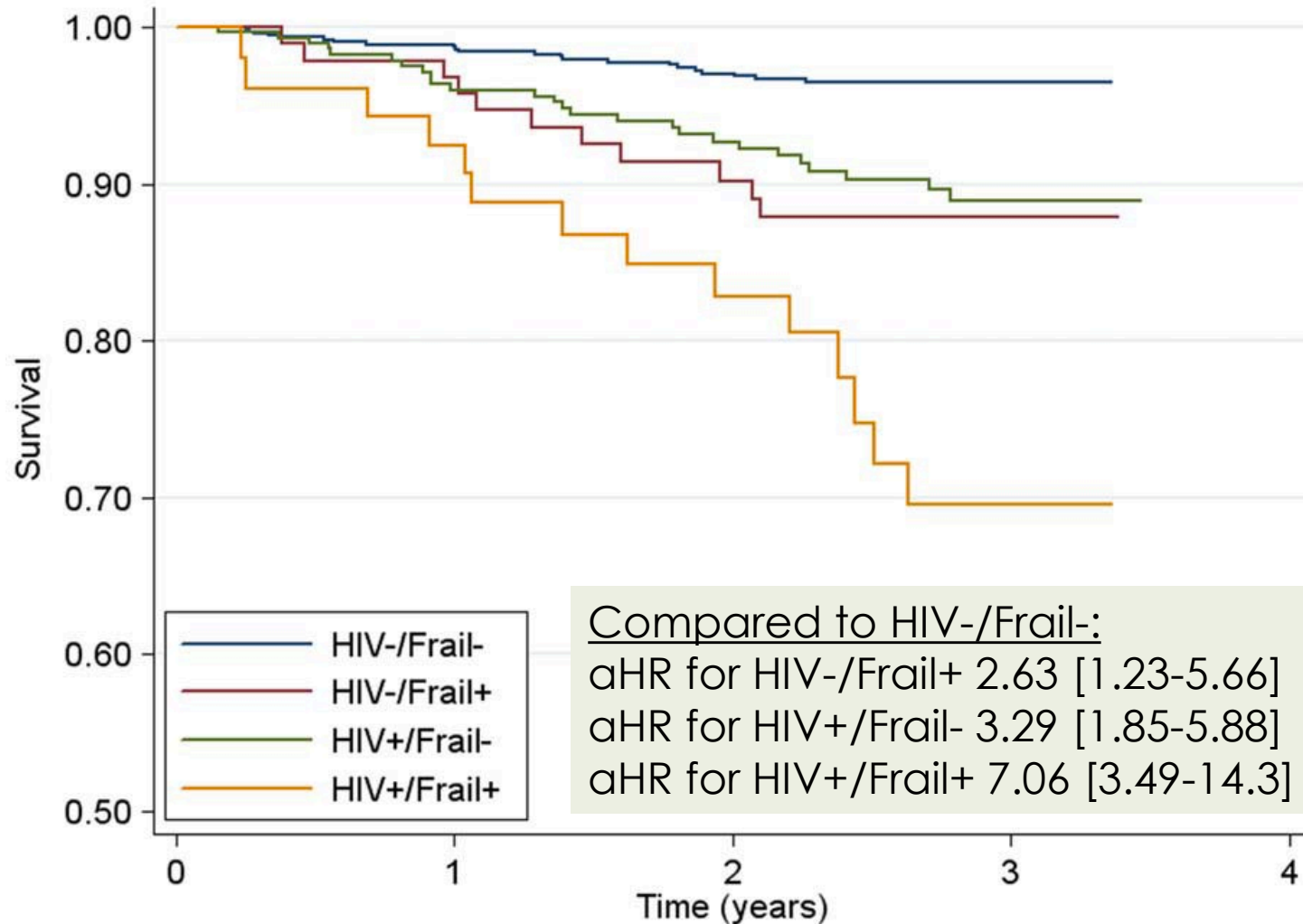


# Frailty & HIV



Fried frailty phenotype present at any study visit in MACS cohort

# Frailty & MORTALITY



**ALIVE Cohort (2005-2008)**

# In the clinic...

## Screening & Prevention

- Earlier screening for some diseases
- Smoking
- Nutrition

## Treatment of NCDs

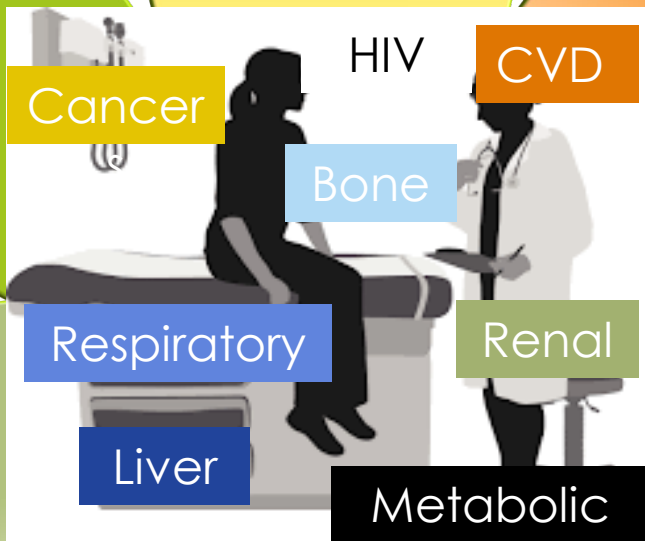
Adherence to general guidelines

## Healthcare Utilization

- Multiple appts & specialists
- Coordination of care

## QOL & Function

- Falls
- Depression
- Disability
- Environment
- Social Support
- SES



## Attention to Poly-pharmacy

- Drug-drug interactions
- Sedating meds



# HIV & Aging clinical guidelines

www.hiv-age.org

HIVAge.org

YOUR GO-TO SITE FOR AGING WITH HIV

CLINICAL RECOMMENDATIONS ▾

CME/CE INFO

JOURNAL ARTICLES ▾

CASE STUDIES

CLINICAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The American Academy of HIV Medicine (AAHIVM), the American Geriatrics Society (AGS) and the AIDS Community Research Initiative of America (ACRIA) released the first clinical treatment strategies for managing older HIV patients: [The HIV and Aging Consensus Project: Recommended Treatment Strategies for Clinicians Managing Older Patients with HIV](#) in the fall of 2011.

If there is one constant in the field of HIV medicine, it is that of constant change. The science of HIV is an ever changing landscape of new research findings, new medications with new targets and also new side effects. In addition to new populations affected by the epidemic, as the elderly, there is the ever demanding goal of seeking an actual cure for HIV disease.



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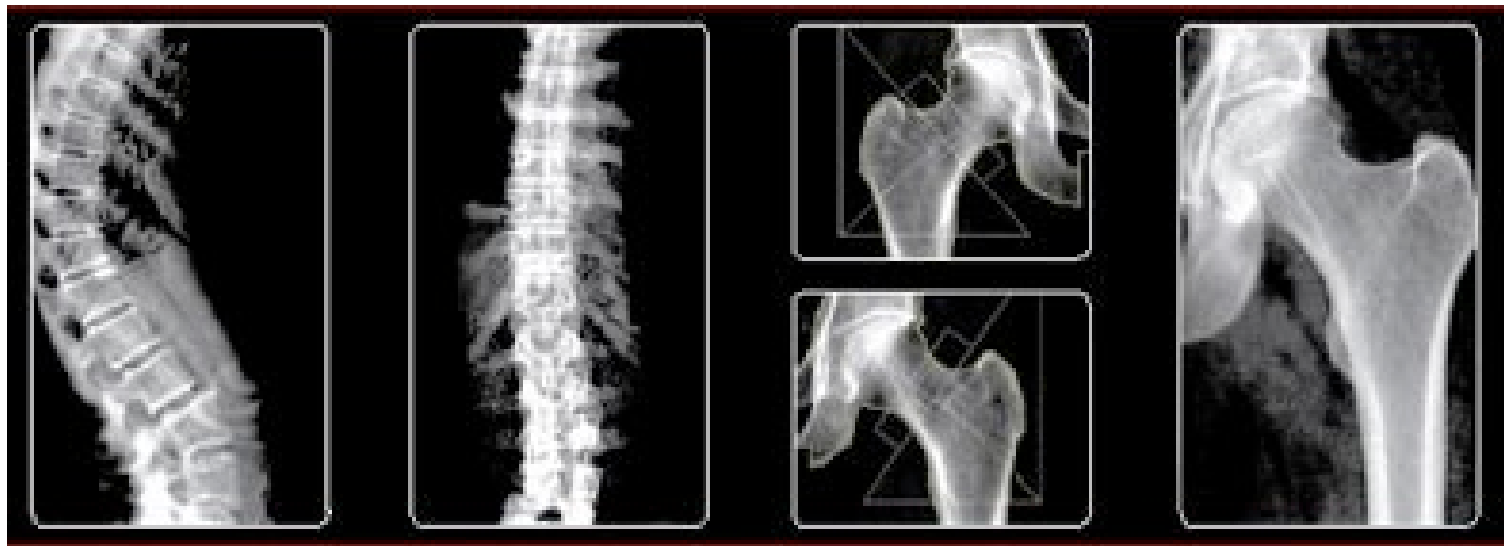
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# Screening example #1: Osteoporosis



# PLWH and osteoporosis risk

↑ Traditional Risk Factors

↑ Co-morbidity Risk Factors

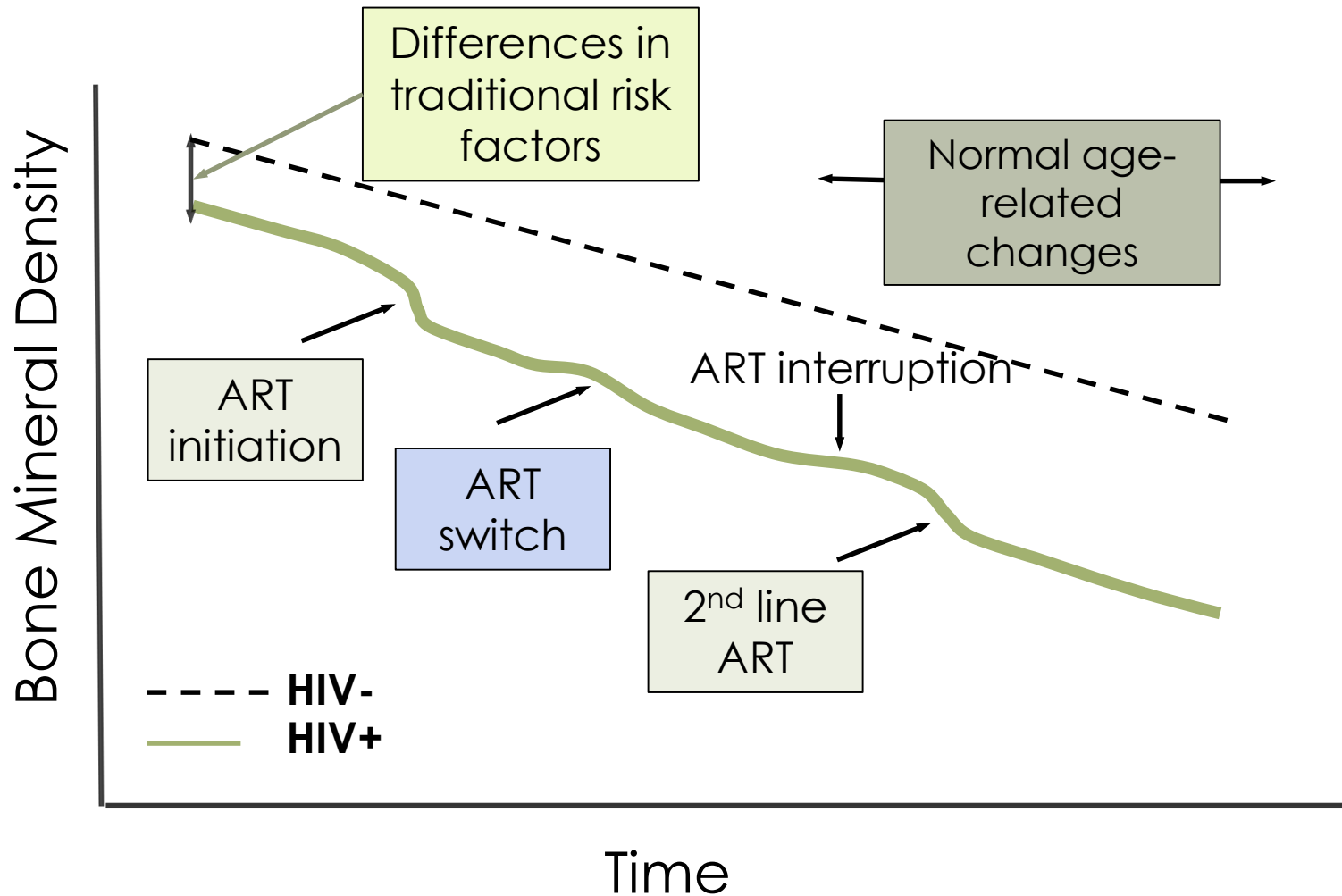


HIV  
Virus

ART

Immune  
System

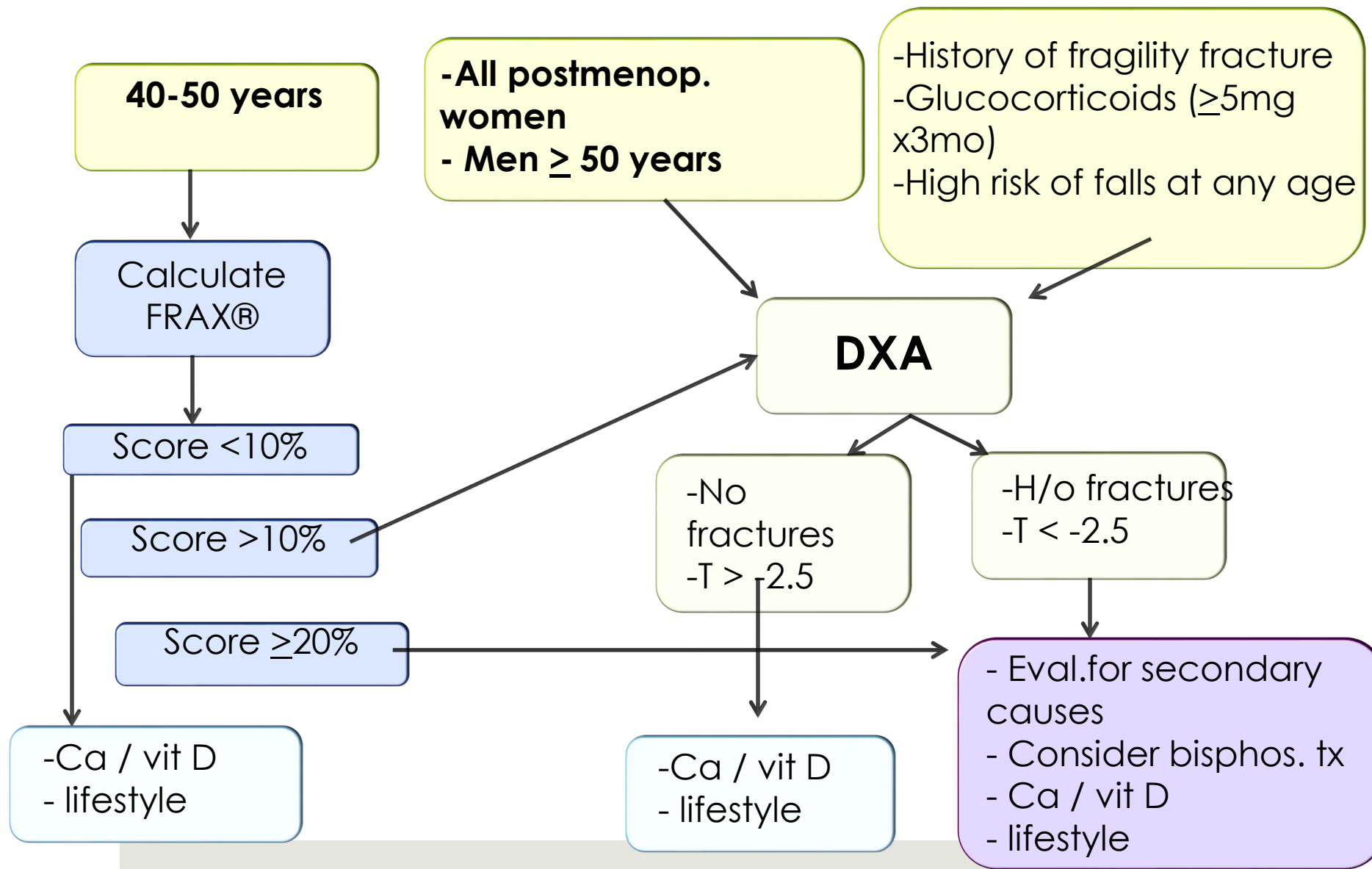
# Working hypothesis/paradigm



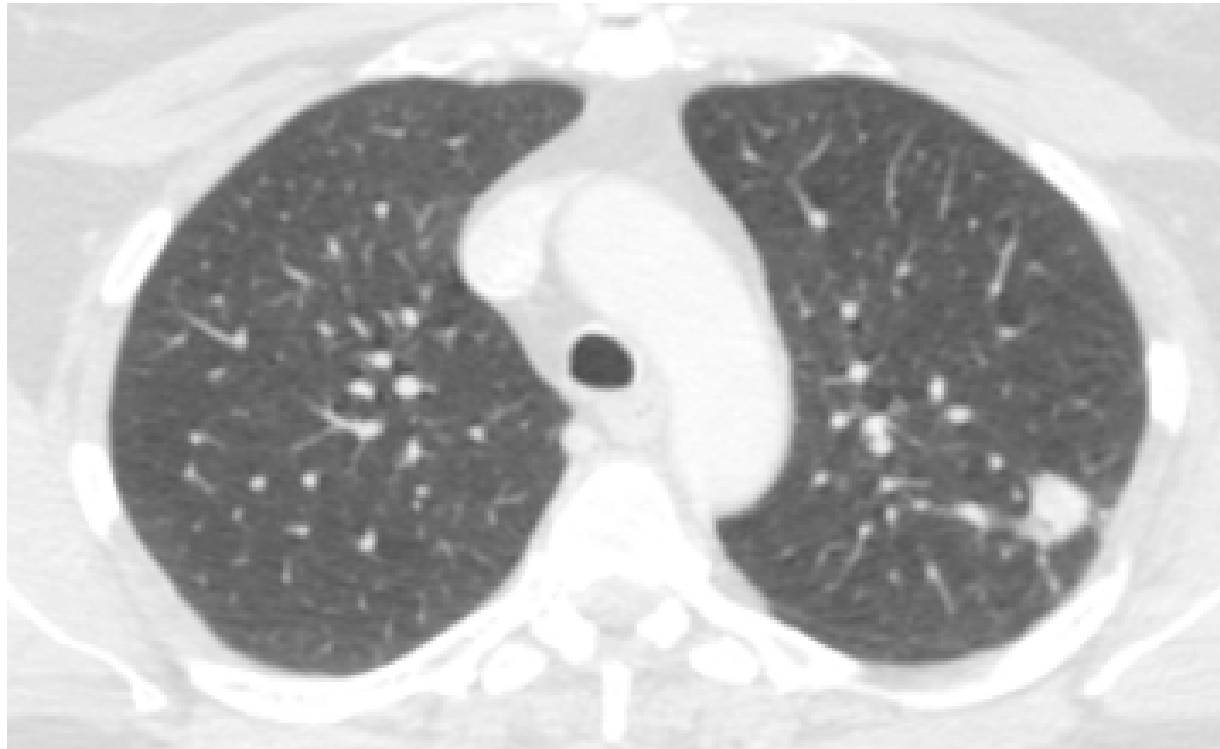


# Osteoporosis screening in PLWH

(Brown et al. *Clin Inf Dis.* 2014)



## Screening example #2: Lung cancer



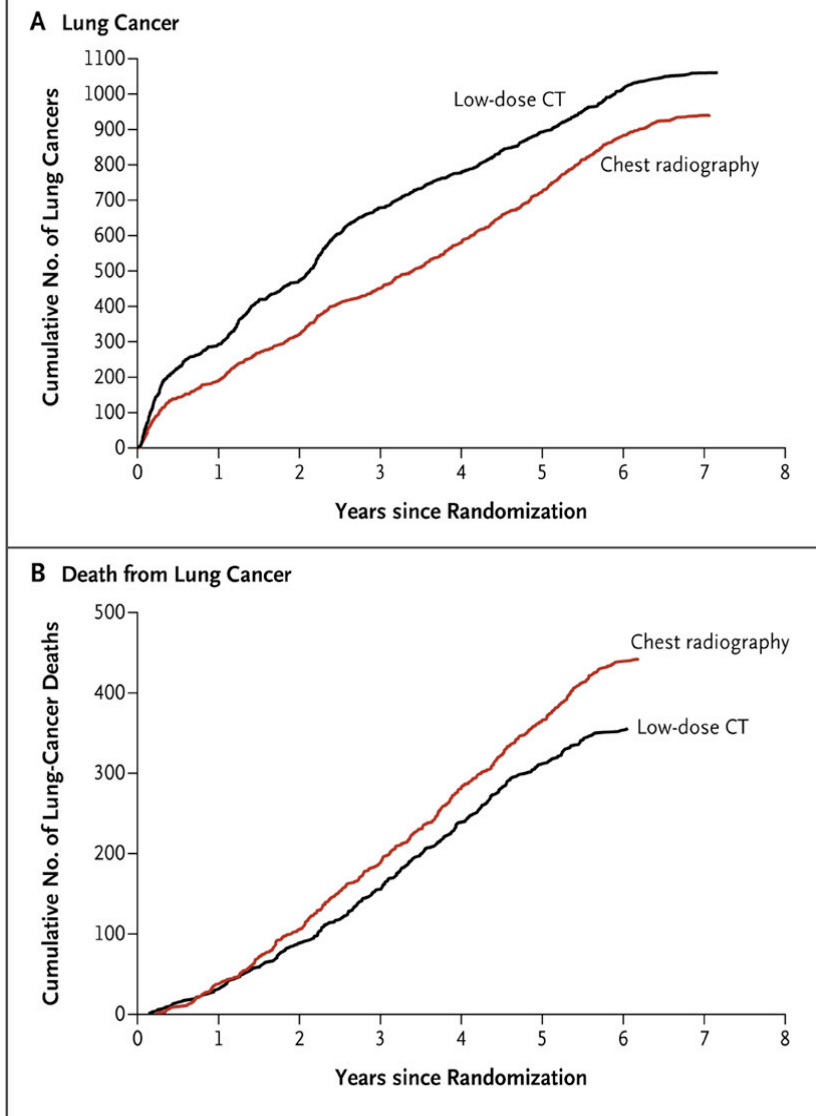


# Lung Cancer in PWHIV

- Most commonly occurring cancer and leading cause of cancer mortality in PLWH
- Two- to four-fold increased risk of lung cancer in PLWH compared to general populations
- Diagnosed at younger ages (54 vs 58yrs), more advanced stage, and is associated with increased mortality, with a 5-year survival rate of 16%

# Lung cancer screening

- Low-dose scan (LDCT)
- Adults aged 55-74 years with a smoking history of  $\geq 30$  pack years
- Randomized to screening by LDCT or chest x-ray
- Reduced lung cancer mortality by 20%



# Lung Cancer screening in PWHIV

- **French ANRS HIV CHEST study** demonstrated LDCT screening in PWHIV age  $\geq 40$  years,  $\geq 20$  pack-years, and CD4 nadir  $\leq 350$  cells/ $\mu$ L was effective and feasible for lung cancer detection. Most lung cancer cases occurred in participants  $\leq 55$  years.
- **Copenhagen study** assessing LDCT among PWHIV for lung cancer found comparable prevalence of lung cancer with what is detected in the general population. Current CD4 and CD4 nadir were associated with LDCT outcomes.

# Prevention example: Herpes zoster





# Zoster vaccines

## Zostavax® (2006)

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- Live-attenuated vaccine, 1 dose
- Reduces risk of zoster by 51% and PHN by 67%
- Immunocompetent adults  $\geq 60$  years of age
- Patients with HIV should “tell their doctor”

## Shingrix® (2017)

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- Recombinant vaccine, 2 doses (2-6 months apart)
- Reduces risk of zoster and PHN by  $>90\%$
- Immunocompetent  $\geq 50$  years of age
- Phase 3 trial excluded persons with immunosuppressive conditions (including HIV)



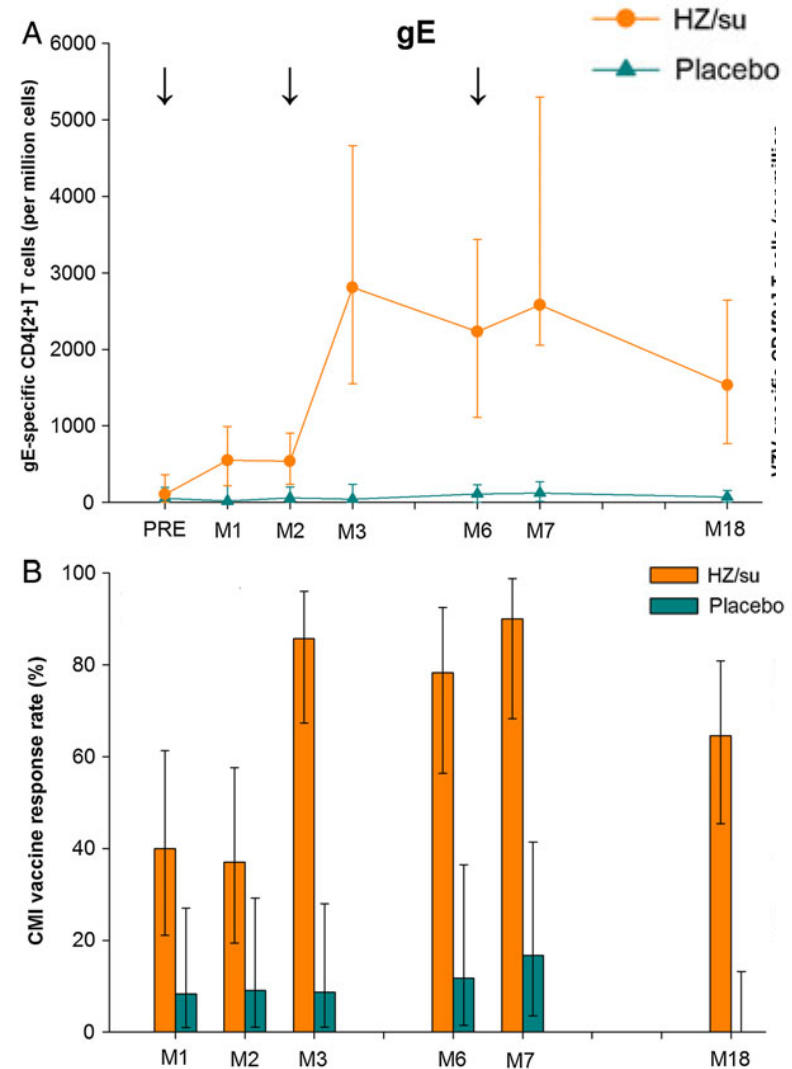
# Live vaccine safe & immunogenic in PLWH

- Blinded, randomized trial to assess safety and immunogenicity study of PLWH on ART with CD4  $\geq 200$  to receive 2 doses of vaccine, followed for 24 weeks (n=395)
- No age-based inclusion criteria (median age = 49 yrs). Median CD4 = 362
- No difference in safety outcomes between vaccine and placebo arms other than injection site reactions (42 vs 12%,  $p < 0.001$ ).
- 1 suspected case of zoster in placebo arm, 3 in the vaccine arm (none were the vaccine strains of VZV)
- Found immunogenicity (change in antibody titers) outcomes similar to those reported in studies of older, HIV-negative adults



# Recombinant vaccine safe & immunogenic in PLWH

- Phase 1/2, randomized trial assess safety and immunogenicity study of PLWH including patients on on ART with CD4  $\geq 200$  (n=94), on ART with CD4 50-199 (n=14), and ART naïve with CD4  $\geq 500$  (n=15) to receive placebo or 3 doses of vaccine (0, 2m, 6m)
- Median age = 46 years; median CD4 ~600
- Significant increase in humoral and cell-mediated immune responses after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, which were sustained >18 months
- 1 case of zoster (vaccine recipient after 1<sup>st</sup> and only dose)



# Screening & Prevention in older PLWH

Examples	Unique guidelines for PLWH?
<b>Many/Most:</b> colorectal/breast/cancer screening, glaucoma, abdominal aortic aneurysm, influenza	No
<b>Conditions more frequent or occur at younger ages in PLWH:</b>	
Osteoporosis	Yes
Lung cancer	No - but maybe there should be
Herpes zoster	Mixed answer – no definitive guidelines but likely recombinant vaccine should be given in all $\geq 50$ years

# Implementing geriatric medicine into HIV clinical care – the 5 Ms

- **Matters most** – goals of care
- **Mind** – depression, dementia
  - *Tools:* Montreal Cognitive Assessment, international HIV dementia scale, PHQ-9
- **Mobility**- falls prevention
  - *Tools:* timed get-up and go, falls questions, Tinetti gait & balance test
- **Medications** – polypharmacy, dose-adjustment for age, DDI
  - *Tools:* America Geriatrics Society Beers criteria
- **Multi-complexity** – multimorbidity, bio-psycho-social situations
  - *Tools:* Fried frailty assessment, ADL/IADLs, VACS index score

# Mr. C (53 yo, 9/2017)

## “TREE” PLAN

1. HIV: controlled, stable
  - Check routine labs
  - Continue DTG/ABC/3TC
2. CAD: no sx of ischemia
  - follow-up with Cardiology
3. Cirrhosis: no volume overload, min. HE
  - Continue meds
  - Follow-up with Hepatology
  - UTD for HCC screening
4. Depression: euthymic
  - Continue fluoxetine, melatonin
5. Dementia

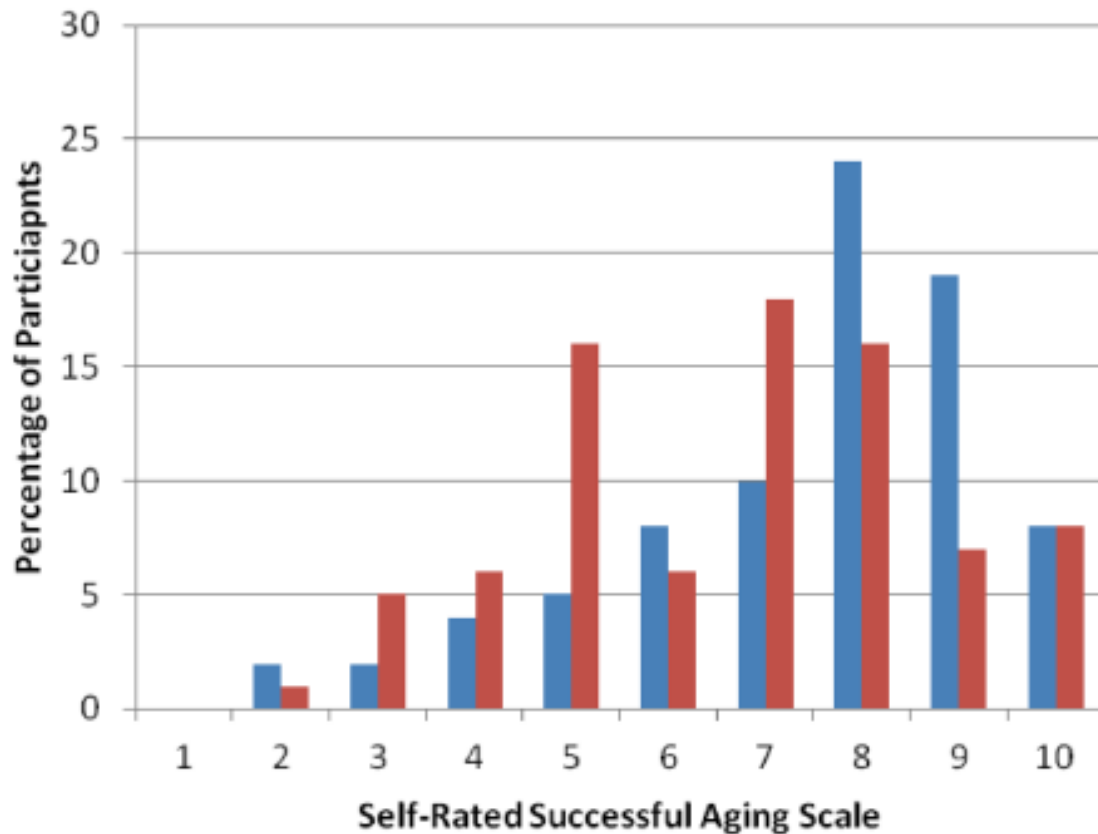
## “FOREST” PLAN

1. Quality of life
  - enjoyed recent cruise vacation
2. Safety
  - Discussed driving restrictions with patient
3. Falls prevention
  - Reviewed household risks
  - PT referral for balance/strength
4. Poly-pharmacy review
  - Discontinue PPI if sx improved, consider H2 blocker to reduce osteoporosis risk
5. Healthcare utilization
  - Did not check labs at last visit, will obtain this time.

# “Successful aging”

■ HIV – sample (n=83) – median=8.0

■ HIV+ sample (n=83) – median=7.0

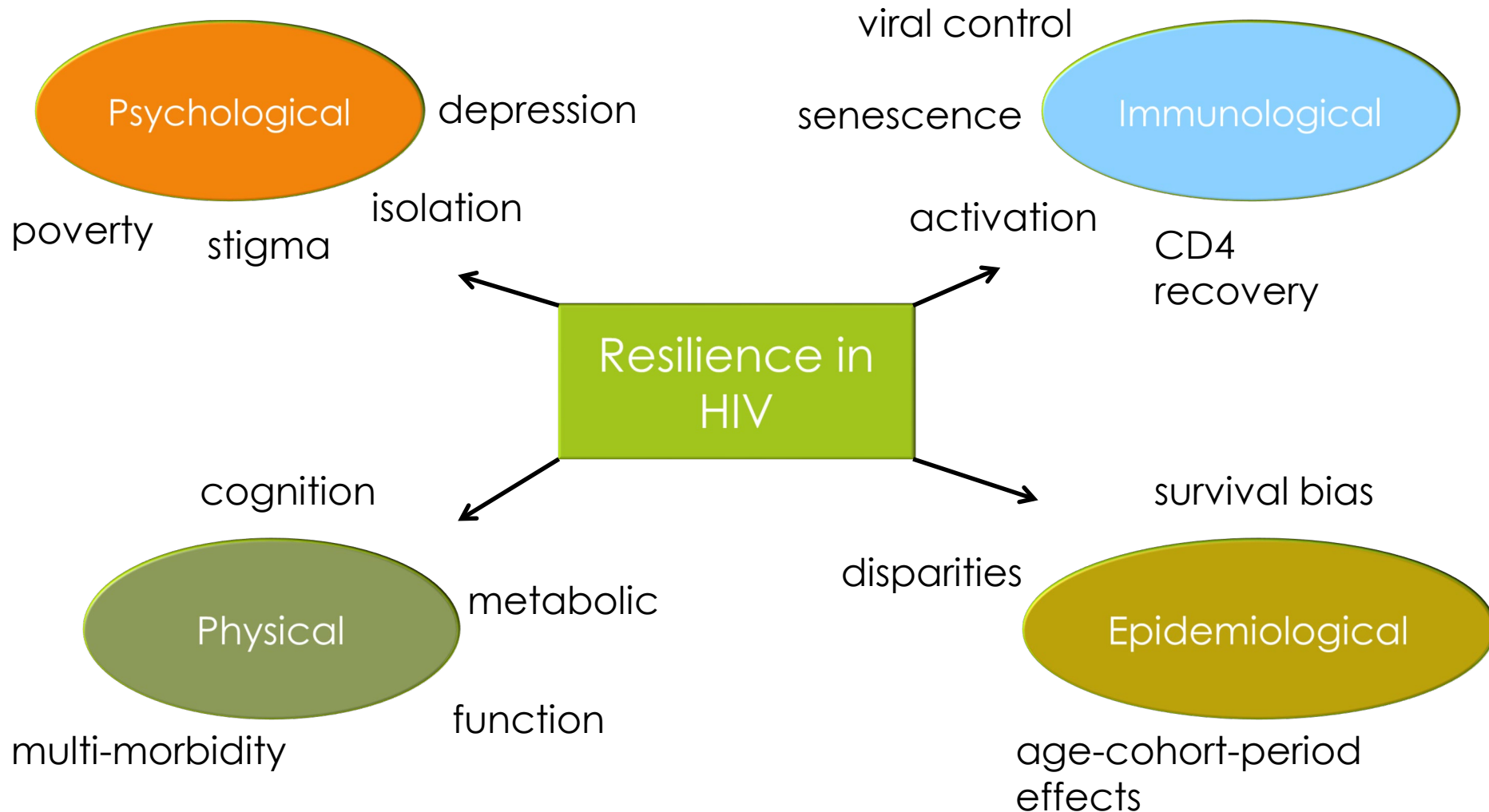


Higher Self-Reported Successful Aging scores correlated with:

- Improved physical and mental functioning
- Lower depression scores
- Increased happiness
- Resilience
- Optimism
- Personal mastery
- Lower perceived stress

# Resilience:

the ability to become strong, healthy, or successful again after something bad happens



# Healthspan not lifespan: building resilience in PLWH

In PLWH, higher levels of resilience associated with:

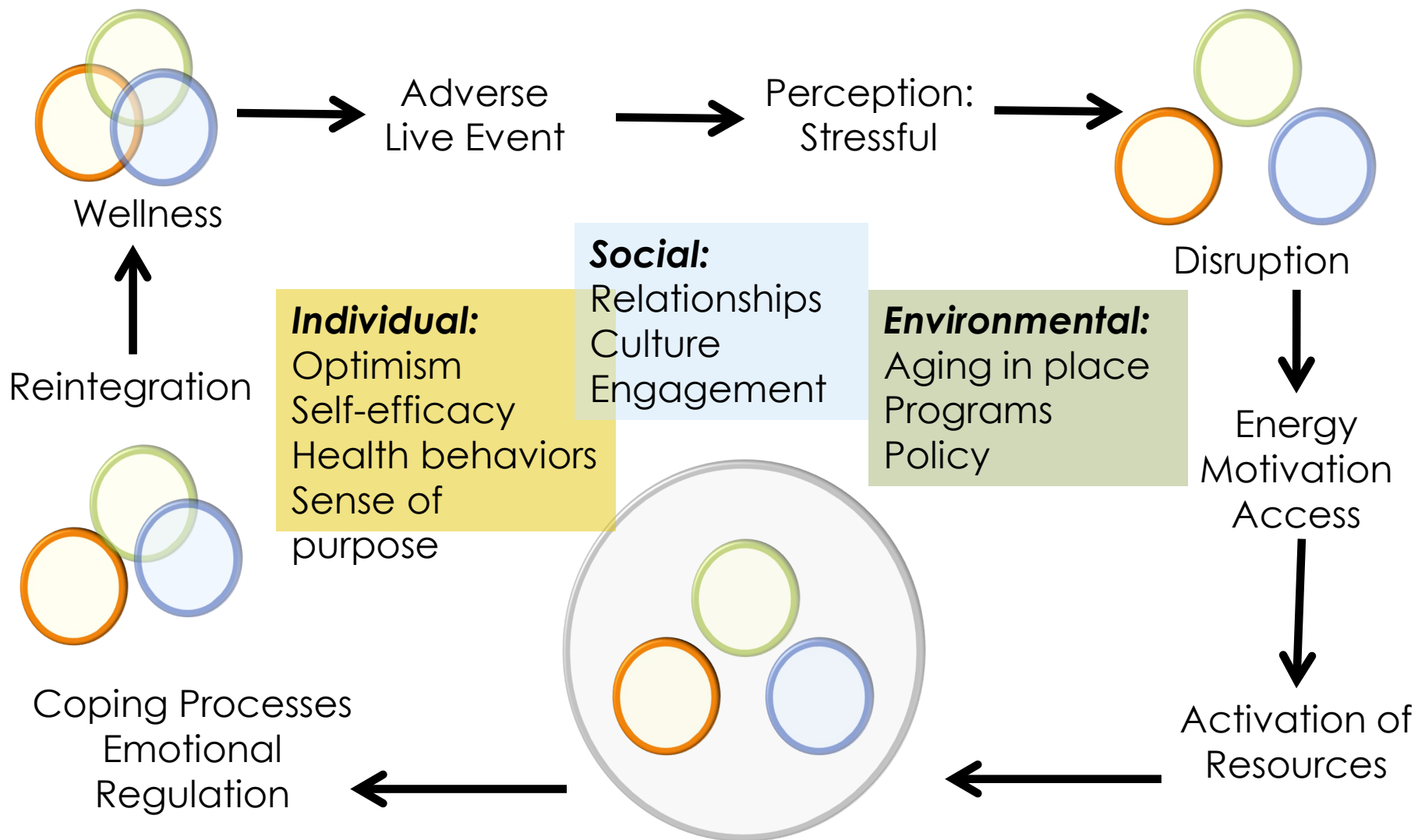
- Older age
- Shorter time since HIV dx
- Lower prevalence of depression & anxiety symptoms, less difficulty with ADLs
- Mediation of stress from negative life events



McGowan et al. *AIDS and Behav.* 2018.

Fang et al. *Aging Ment Health.* 2015.

# Lifecourse model of resilience





# Conclusions

- Older PLWH is a special but increasingly predominant population in our clinics.
- The causes, individualized care, and prevention of multi-morbidity in PLWH are complex and demanding.
- However, awareness of geriatric syndromes and principle of geriatric medicine can aid in providing best care.
- Applying a lifecourse approach to caring for PLWH will build resilience and improve healthspans, not just lifespans, of PLWH.