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Renal Diseases

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# Kidney disease

- *Acute and reversible*

Acute renal failure

e.g. after trauma

Acute obstruction

e.g. kidney stone

Acute infection

- *Chronic and irreversible*

Primary renal disease

Secondary

congenital

traumatic

inflammatory

neoplastic

# Chronic kidney disease

- *Can be*  
a primary renal disease e.g. nephritis  
*or*  
secondary to a systemic disorder e.g. diabetes
- Is usually progressive
- *May*  
end in kidney failure and death  
*or*  
contribute to premature death e.g. hypertension

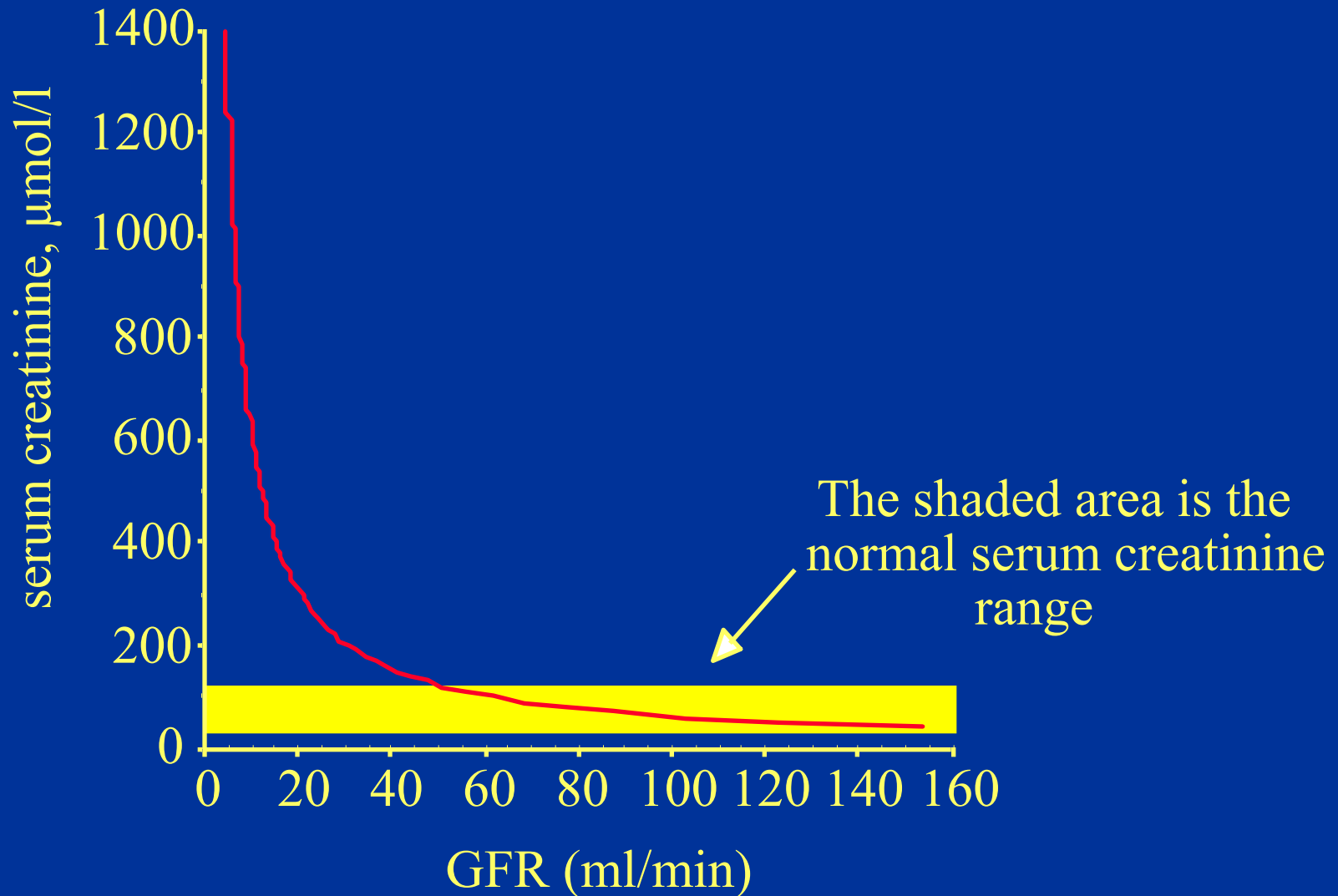
# Detection of chronic kidney disease

- History of associated conditions
- Urine abnormalities
  - proteinuria > 300mg/24 hours
  - microscopic haematuria
- Raised blood pressure
- Simple biochemical test – plasma creatinine
- Simple imaging – ultrasound
- Renal biopsy

# Interpreting the creatinine

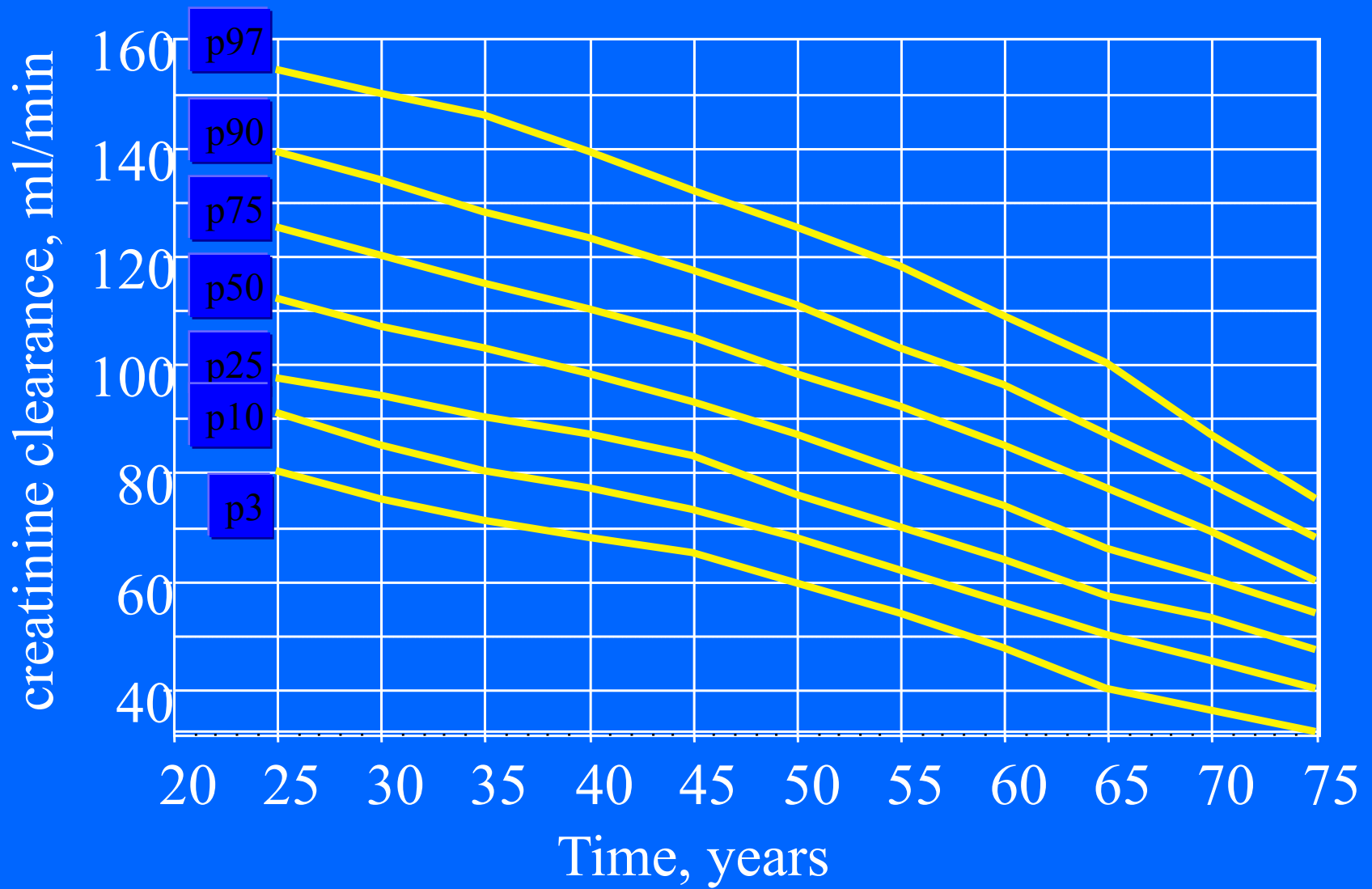
- Related to muscle mass and GFR
- Quick calculation of Cr Clearance 
$$\frac{(140 - \text{age}) \times \text{wt (kg)}}{\text{creat (umol)} \times 0.82}$$
- Allow for age and gender

# Relationship between GFR and creatinine



# Creatinine clearance by age

## normal males



# Stages of Chronic Kidney Disease

Stage	Description	GFR*	Prevalence
1	With normal GFR	>90	3.3%
2	Mild reduction	60-89	3.0%
3	Moderate reduction	30-59	4.3%
4	Severe reduction	15-29	0.2%
5	Kidney failure	<15 or RRT	0.2%

\* mls/min/1.7m



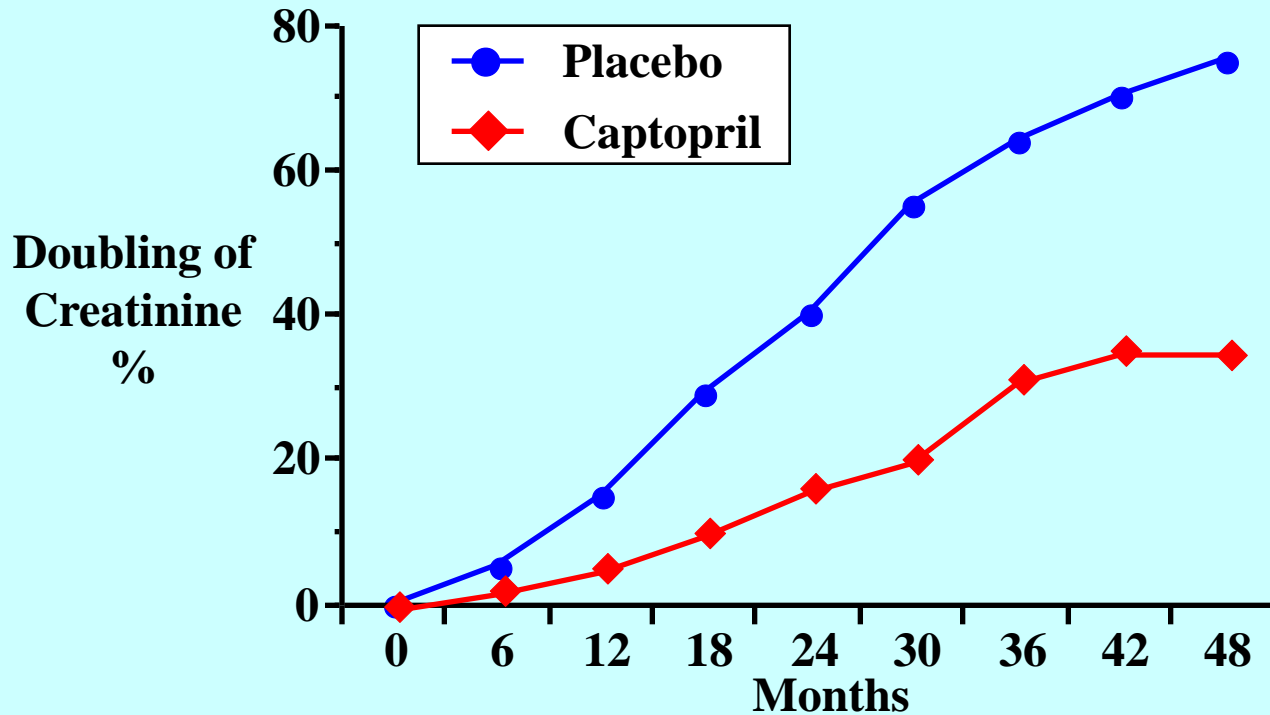
# Chronic kidney failure - definition

Loss of renal function that is:

- Substantial (usually  $> 50\%$  loss)
- Clinically relevant (complications)
- Irreversible
- Progressive

“SCIP”

# ACEI and progression of DM-N



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Overt proteinuria

Cr > 132  $\mu\text{mol/l}$

Response in all pts irrespective of BP

*from Lewis, EJ, Hunsicker, LG, Bain, RP, Rohde, RD*

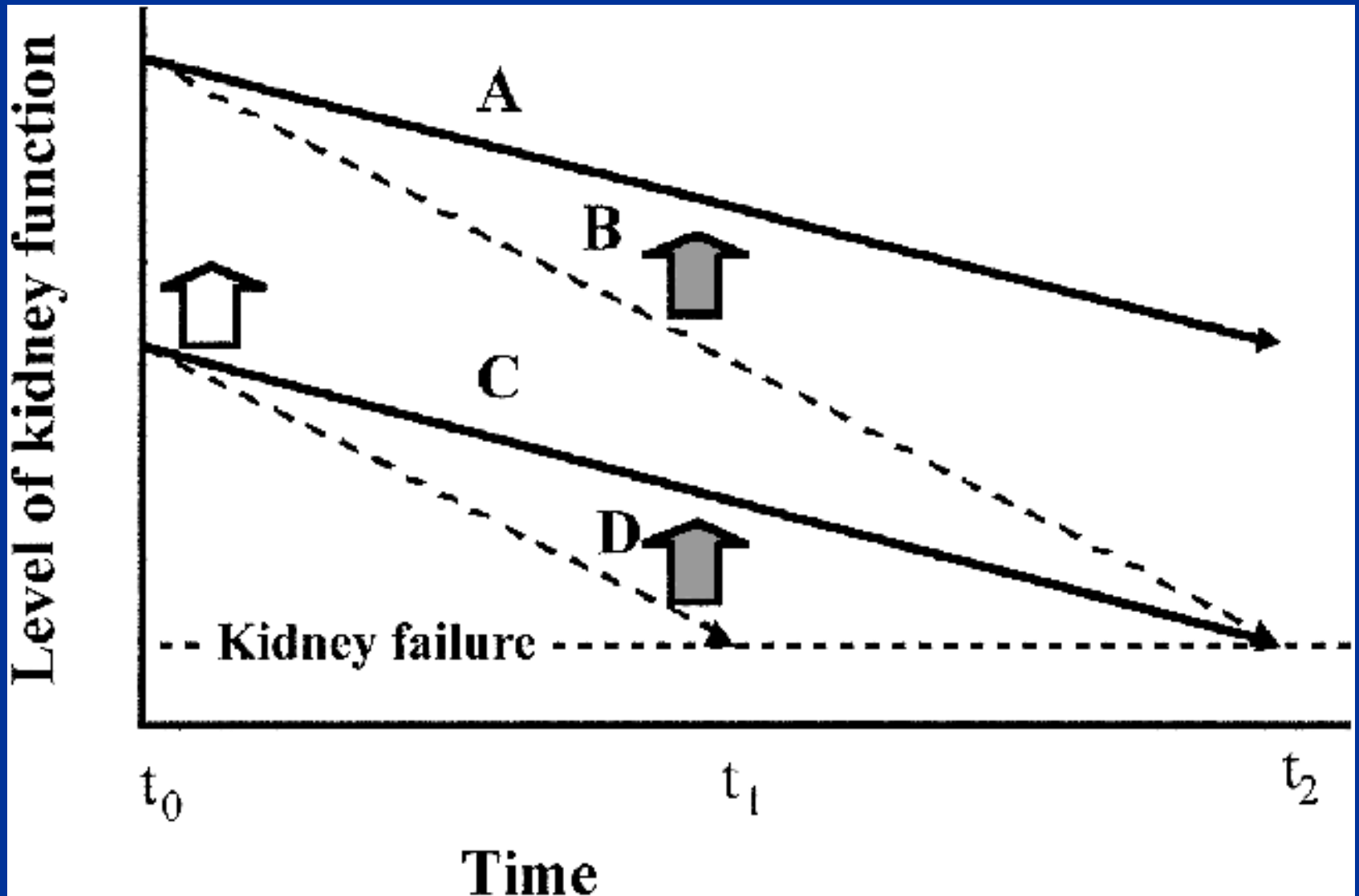
*N Engl J Med 1993 329:1456*

# Degrees of CRF

Mild	>40%-60% *	silent
Moderate	20-40%	hypertension
Severe	5-20%	symptomatic
Endstage	<5%	very ill

\* % predicted median GFR

# Plotting the progression of renal failure

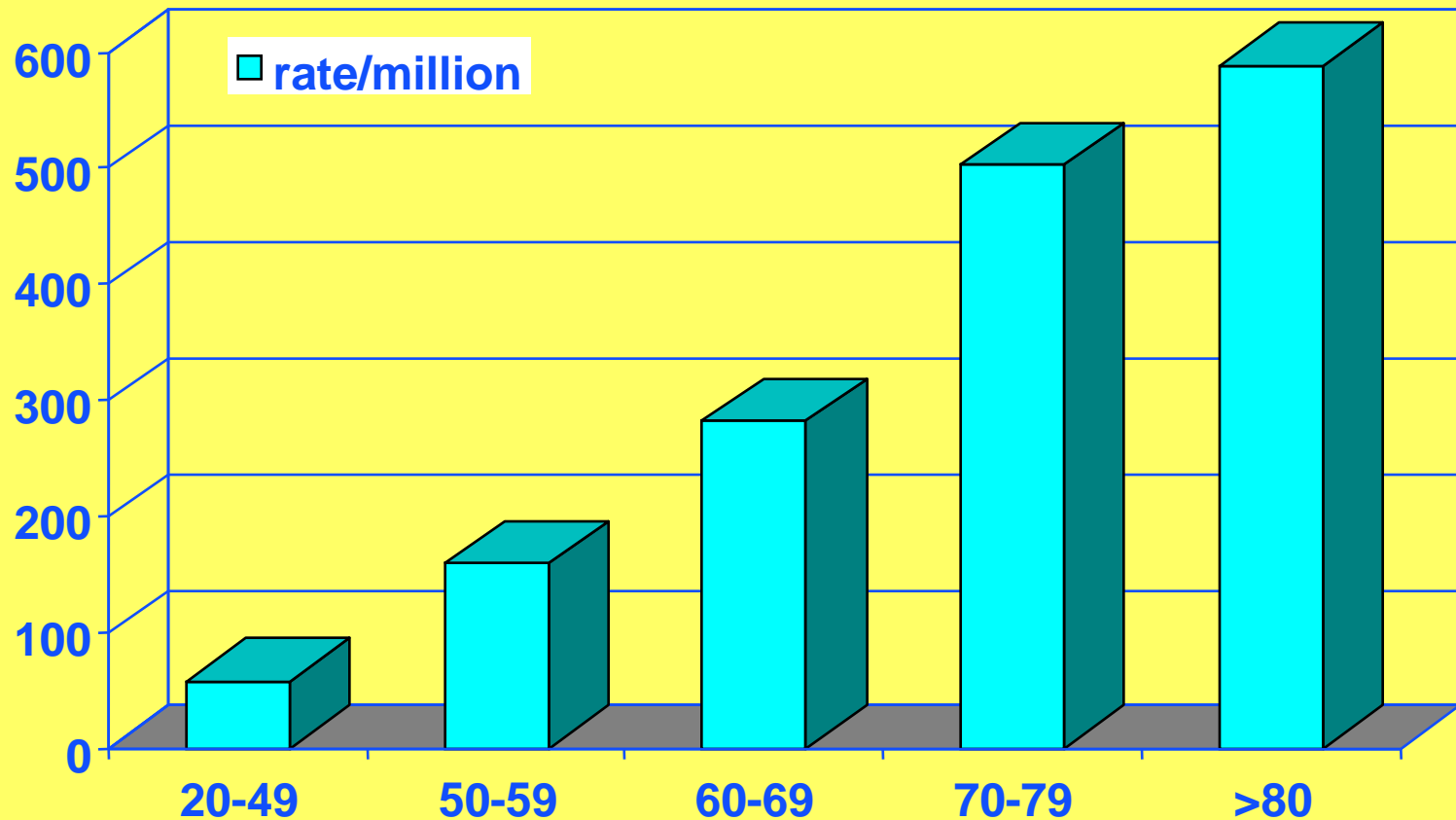


# Incidence of ESRF

- 80 – 120 pmp per annum
- Higher in the socially deprived
- Higher in ethnic minorities –blacks and Asians
- 40% > 65 years of age. Median 61 years

*“The deprived, the elderly, the minorities”*

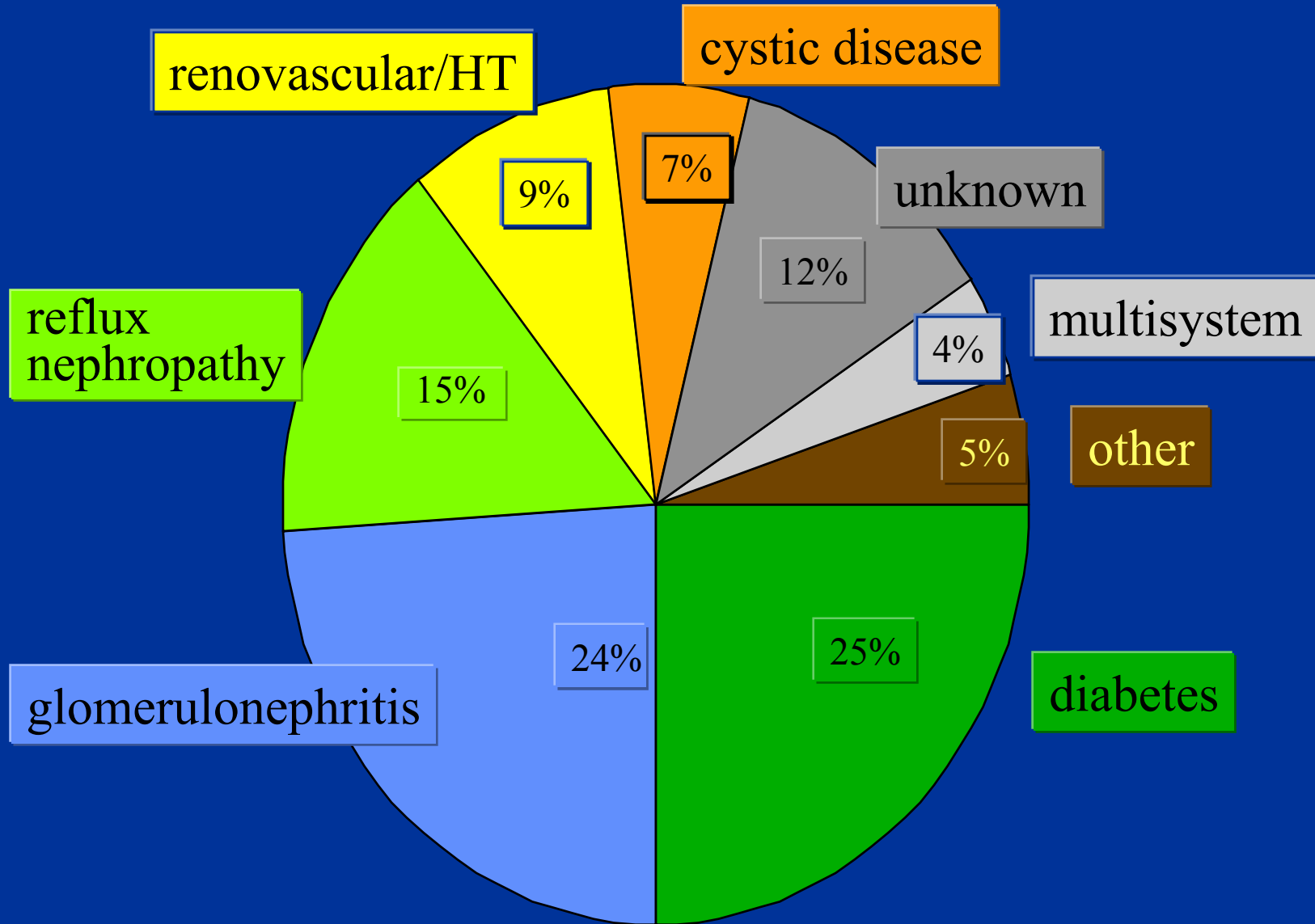
# Age related incidence of ESRF



# Prevalence of ESRF

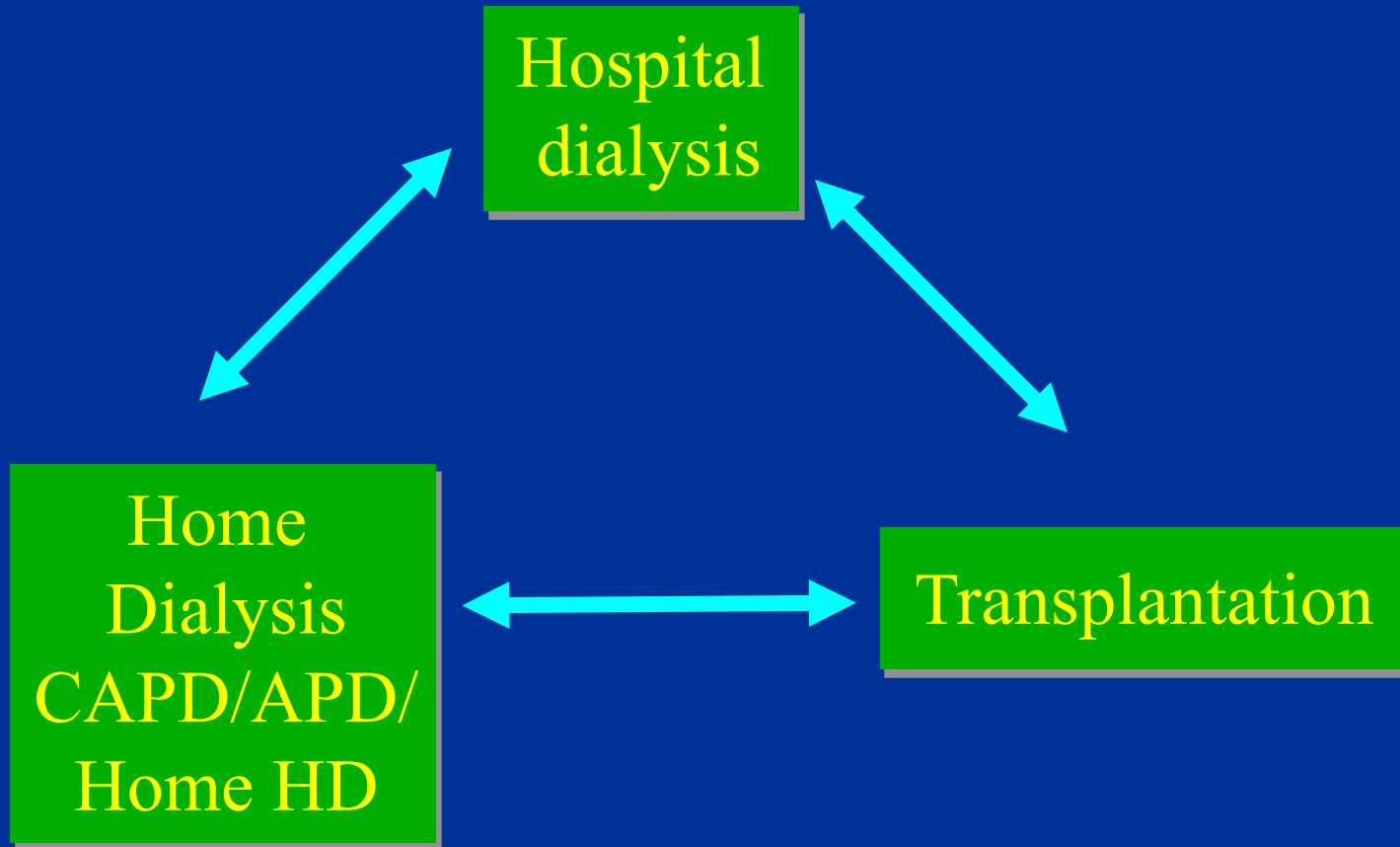
- ~ 800 per million population
- 45% will be transplanted
- Steady state not reached

# Causes of end-stage renal failure





# Patients with chronic Renal failure



# Costs - annual, inclusive of VAT!

- **Haemodialysis** ~ £25,000  
at home ~£15,000
- **CAPD** ~ £20,000
- **APD** ~ £22,000
- **Transplant**  
First year ~£25,000  
thereafter ~ £5,000

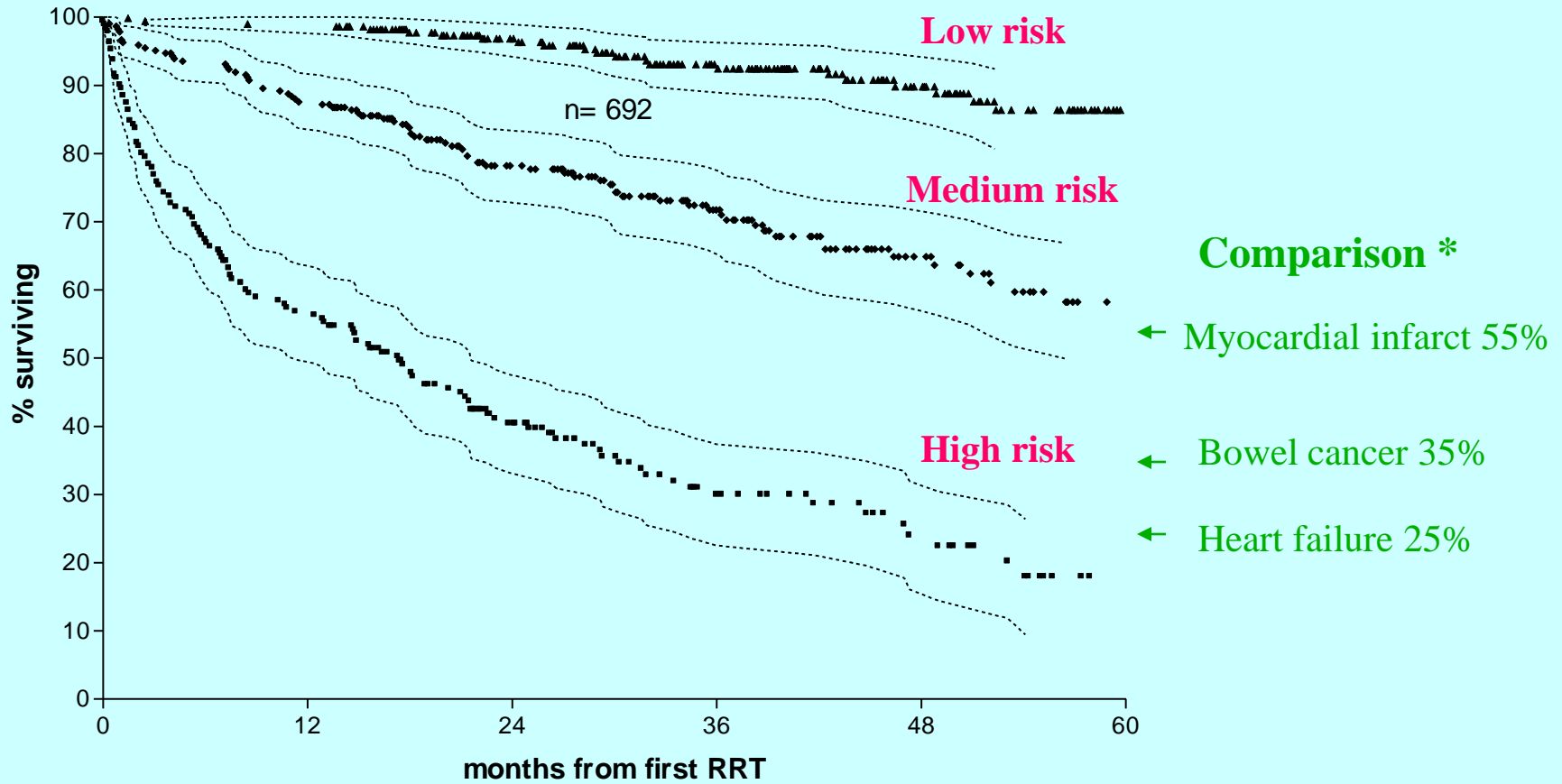
# Risk groups - Khan et al

- LOW: < 70 years and no co-morbid illness
- MEDIUM: 70-80 years  
< 70 years with co-morbidity
- HIGH: > 80 years  
or any age with 2 other organ  
dysfunctions  
diabetes and cardiac disease  
visceral malignancy

# Median survival by risk group

- *Standard:* non diabetics  $< 55y = 14$  years
- *Medium:* non diabetics 55-64 = 7 years  
diabetics  $< 55$
- *High:* non-diabetics  $> 65$   
diabetics  $> 55 = 3.5$  years

# Survival of 1996-2000 cohort of new patients starting RRT

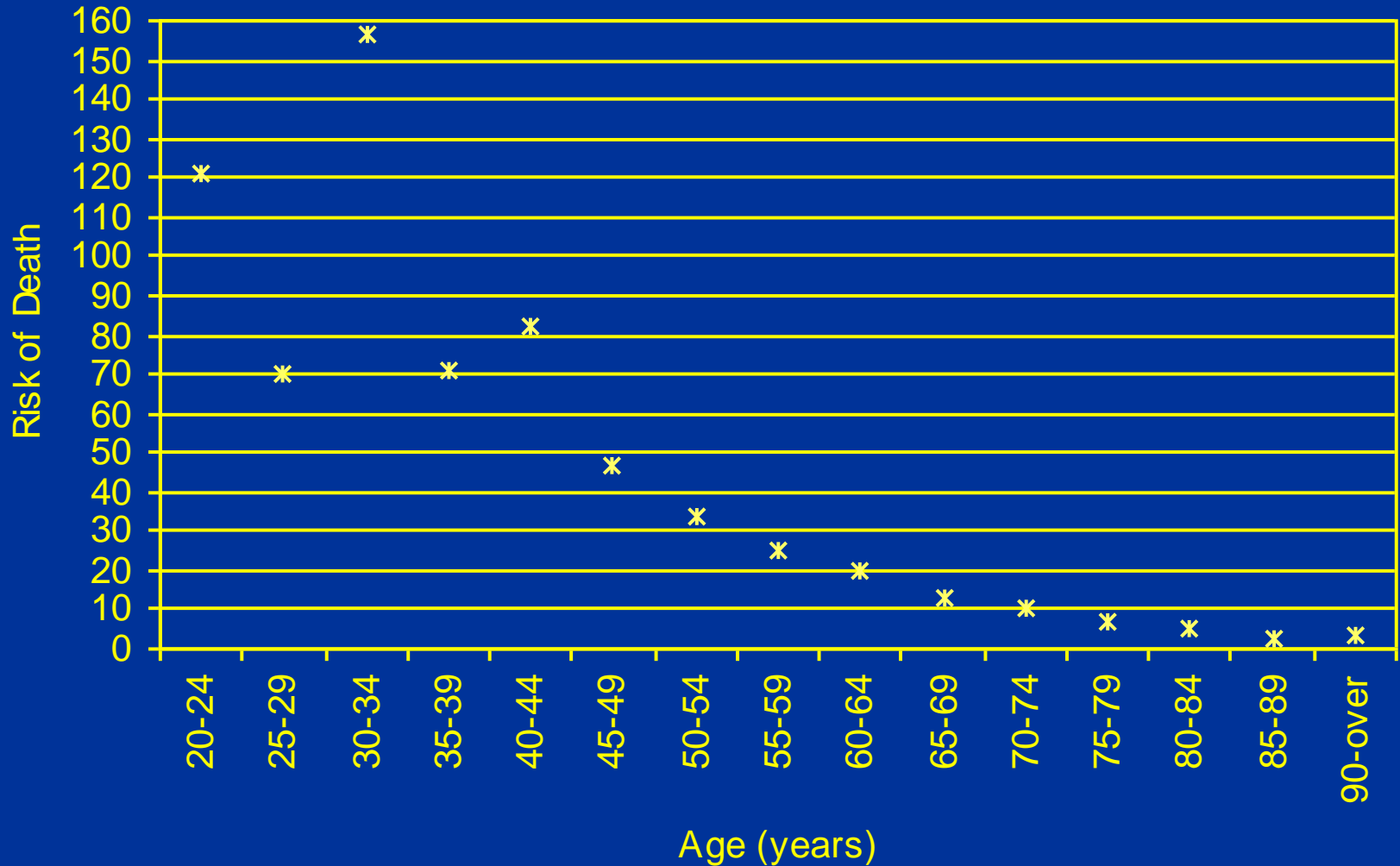


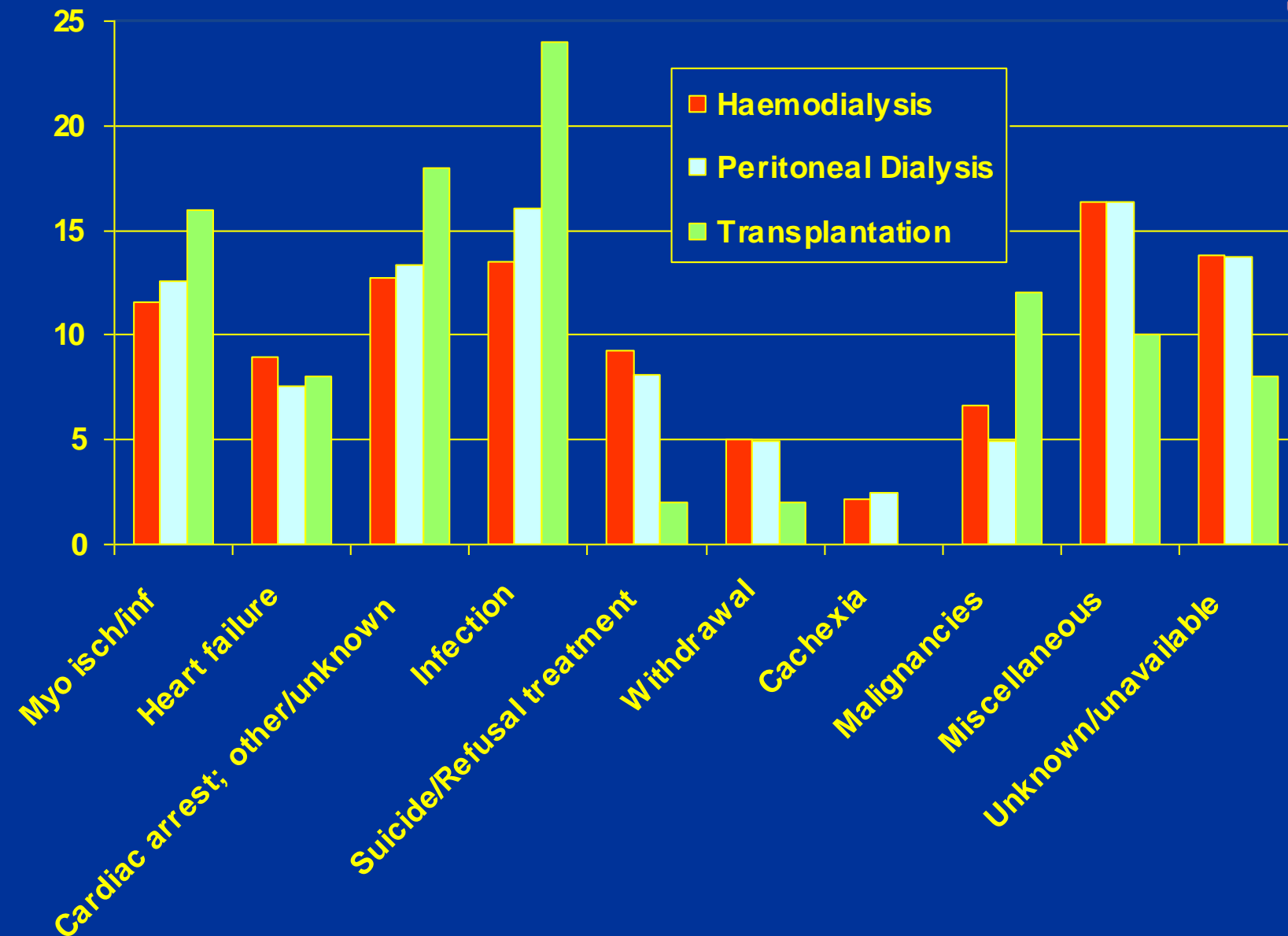
\* 5 year survival after first hospital admission

# Death rate by primary diagnosis

Diagnosis	Deaths/100 patient years	Compared to GN
Amyloid	27.1	1.79
Polycystic	11.7	0.78
Diabetes	27.4	1.82
G'nephritis	15.1	1.0
Cancer	49.7	3.29
Pyelonephritis	15.9	1.05
Renal vascular	21.8	1.44

# Relative Risk of Death in ERF Patients compared with the General Population of E&W







# Causes of death

	<b>Dialysis (952)</b>	<b>Transplant (111)</b>
<b>Cardiac</b>	42%	32%
<b>Infection</b>	13%	13%
<b>Withdrawal</b>	21%	Not applicable
<b>Malignancy</b>	5%	25%

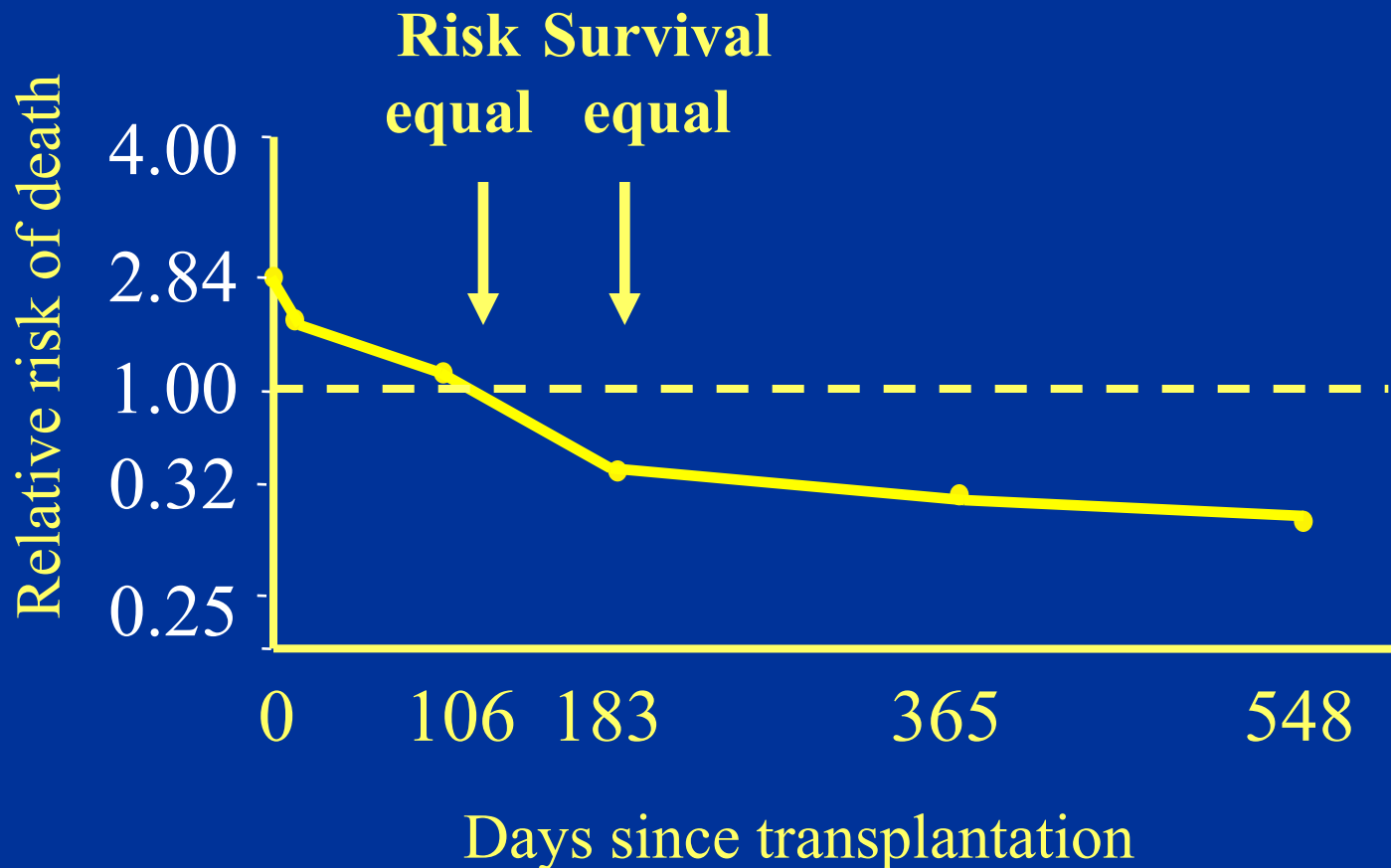
***ANZDATA 1999***

# Cardiovascular relative risk compared with the general population

Age	Any RRT	Txp	diabetic	non-diabetic
35-44	70	40	320	34
45-54	20	12	62	14
55-64	12	8	22	11
65-74	5	10	13	5

*From EDTA Registry*

# Adjusted relative risk of death among 23,275 1st CAD recipients cf. 46,164 on dialysis



# Annual death rates 1991-1997

## USRDS (deaths per 100 patient years)

Variable	All dialysis	Transplant <i>candidates</i>	Transplant <i>recipients</i>
All patients	16.1	6.3	3.8
Diabetics	19.9	10.8	5.6
Non- diabetics	13.3	4.3	3.0

# Specific topics

- Proteinuria
- Polycystic kidney disease
- Diabetes mellitus
- IgA nephropathy

# Proteinuria

- normal up to 150mg/24 hours  
( $<75\text{mg/L}$ – $300\text{mg/L}$ )
- usually detected with urine dipstick  
sensitivity =  $100\text{mg/L}$   
NB mainly albumin-not Bence-Jones protein  
false positives rare-radiocontrast media  
colour blindness
- noting SG on dipstick helps interpretation

# Casual proteinuria is common and may not need investigation

Study (dipstick positive)	Prevalence(%)
schoolchildren	0.6-6.4
10 studies, n=50,000	weighted mean, 2.2
young adults	
male forces recruits	0.9-5.6
college students	5.0-26.0
adults	1.7-3.0
incl. microalbuminuria	up to 10.0
adults, > 60yr	6.6-10
> 80yr	16.1

## Outcome of 'mild' proteinuria (< 1g/day) (normal renal function & no HT)

- Framingham study (>5000 patients, 16yr)
  - proteinuria associated with 3-fold increase in mortality but only with HT and/or diabetes and none developed renal impairment

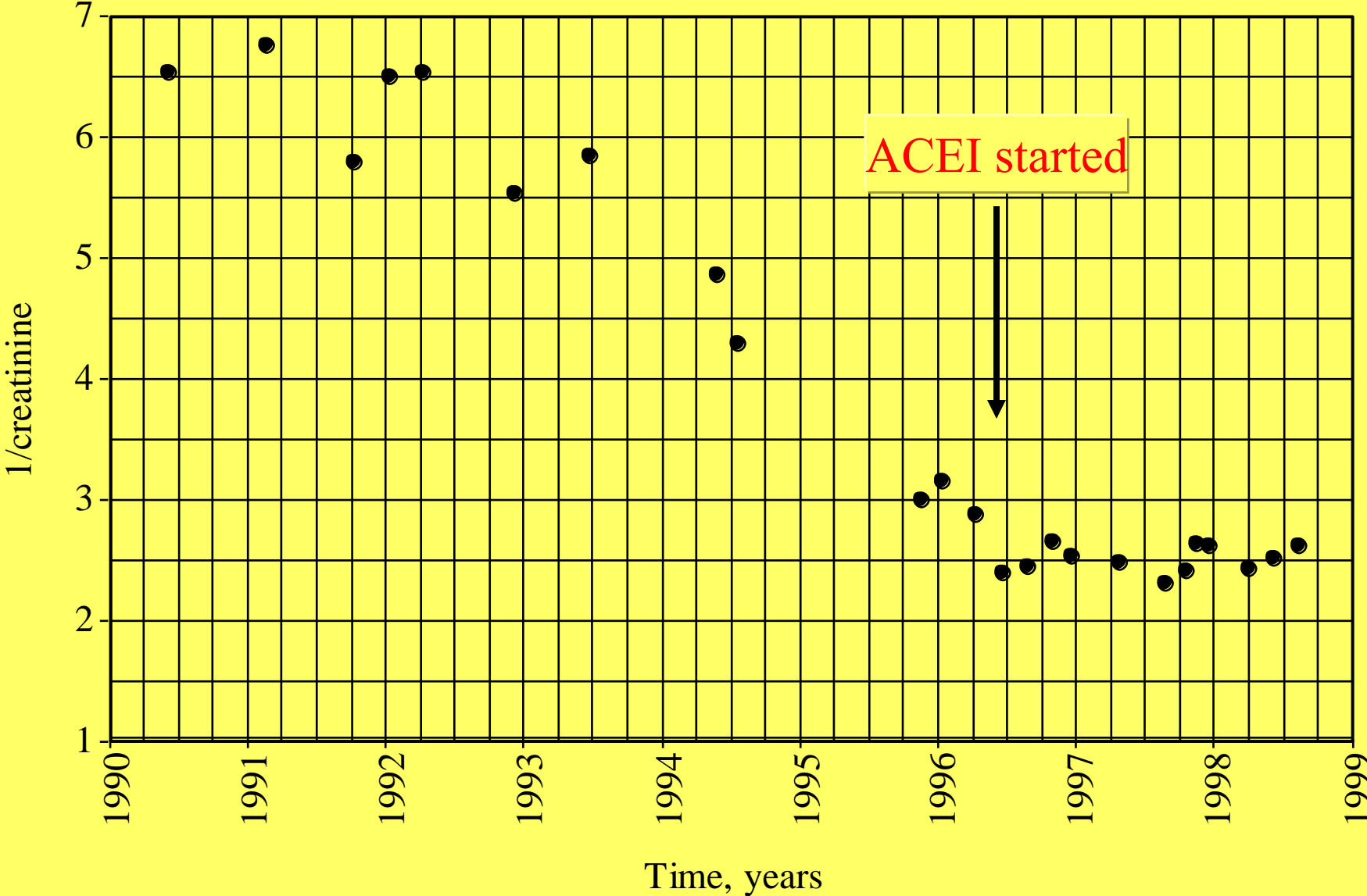


# Risk of renal failure in subjects with mild renal impairment or proteinuria

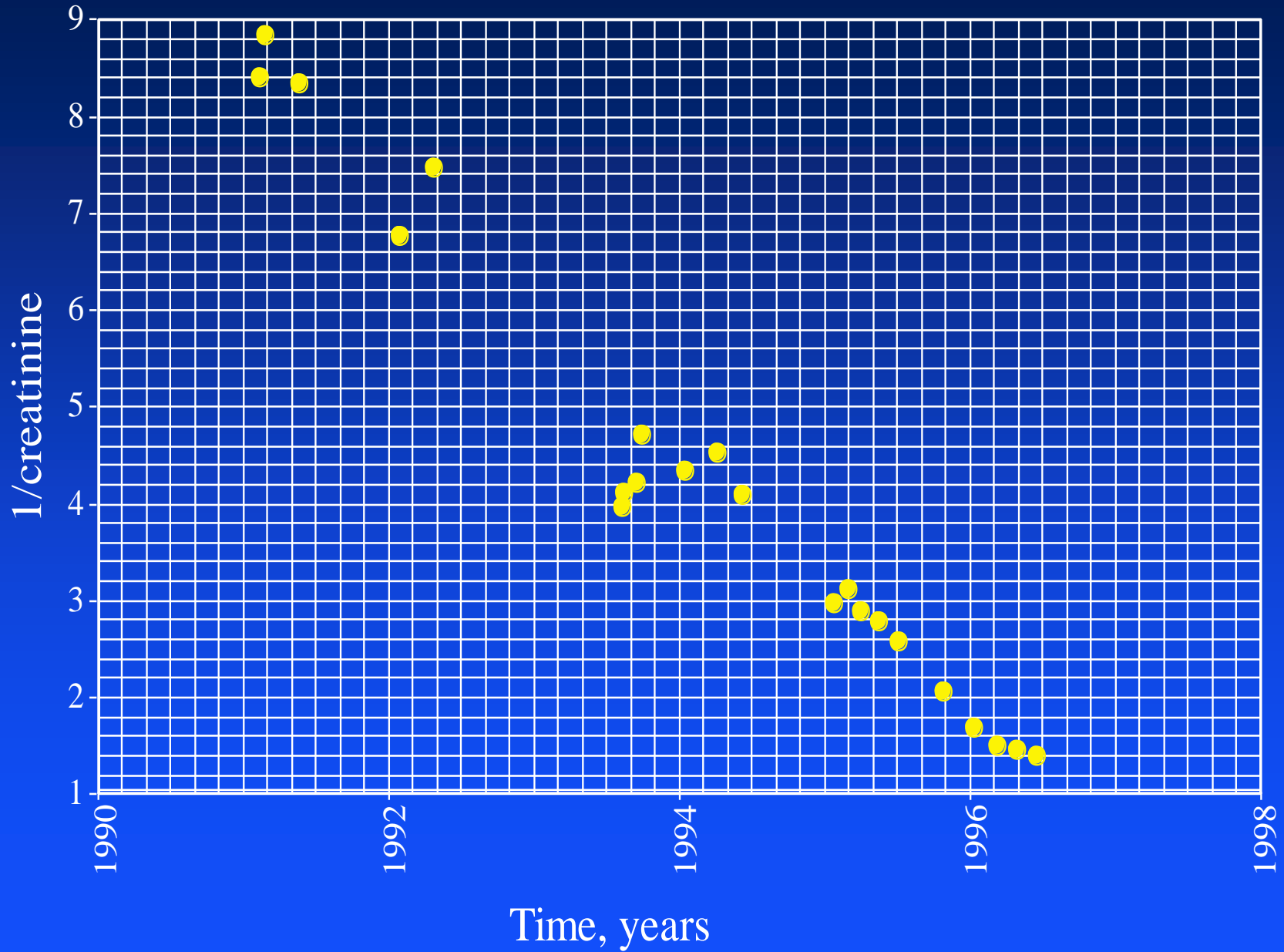
- Impossible to predict without a diagnosis
  - after obstruction – low risk
  - diabetics and ADPKD – high risk
- Look at the function vs time plot
- Effect of treatment

# NL-Diabetic

● Column 2



# DM chronic GN ●



# Bad prognostic signs

- Diseases known to progress
- Heavy proteinuria  $> 3\text{g/day}$
- Hypertension
- Rising creatinine
- Smoking
- Male gender
- Small kidneys on ultrasound
- Chronic interstitial changes on biopsy

# Adult polycystic kidney disease

- 1:1000
- 4-10% of patients on RRT
- less common in blacks

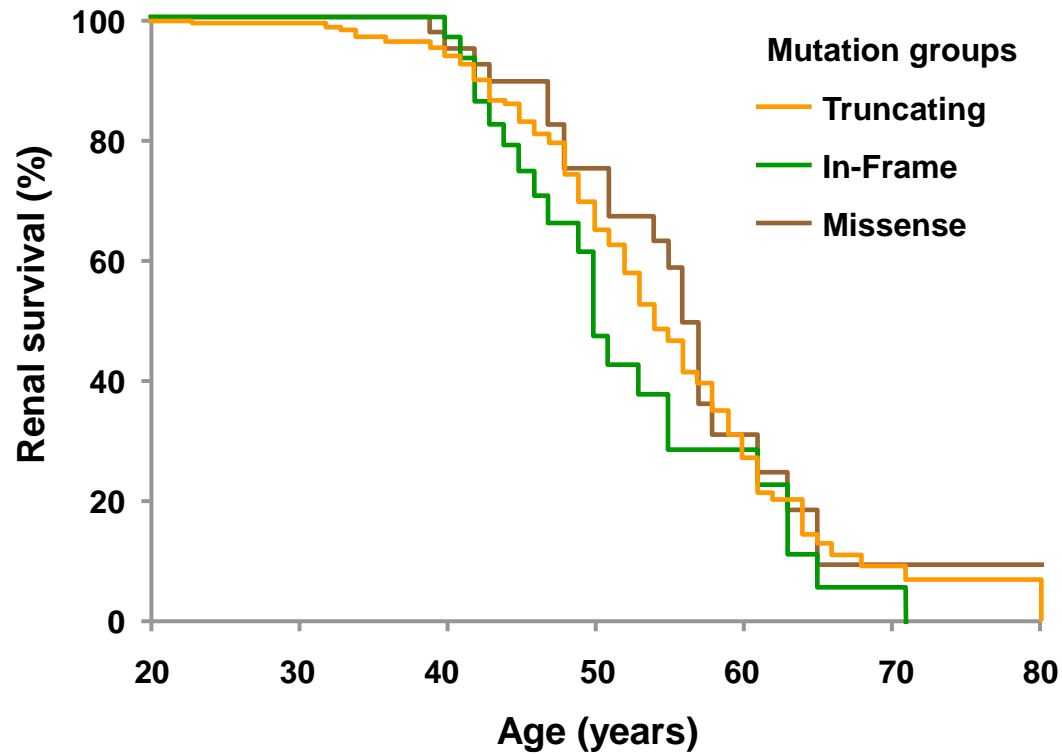
# Presentation and manifestations

- Positive family history - screening
- Flank pain 20% - cysts, haemorrhage, obstruction and infection
- Bleeding 20%
- Infection 20% males 70% females
- Calculi
- Hypertension
- Subarachnoid haemorrhage – berry aneurysms
- ESRF

# Genetics

- Autosomal dominant
- Type 1 chromosome 16
- Type 2 chromosome 4 (milder phenotype)
- Often sporadic

# The effect of the type of lesion on renal survival





# Diabetes mellitus

- **Type 1 IDDM**

nephropathy  
in 40% at 40 years  
Probably less now

- **Type 2 NIDDM**  
(10-15x more common)

nephropathy  
25% at 20 years  
5% at diagnosis  
5% will require RRT

# Risk of nephropathy in Diabetes mellitus Type 2 (UKPDS)

Event	Risk per year
Micro-albuminuria	2% per annum
Micro to macro-albuminuria	2.8% per annum
Macro to renal impairment	2.3% per annum
Death in those with CRF	19.2%

# IgA nephropathy

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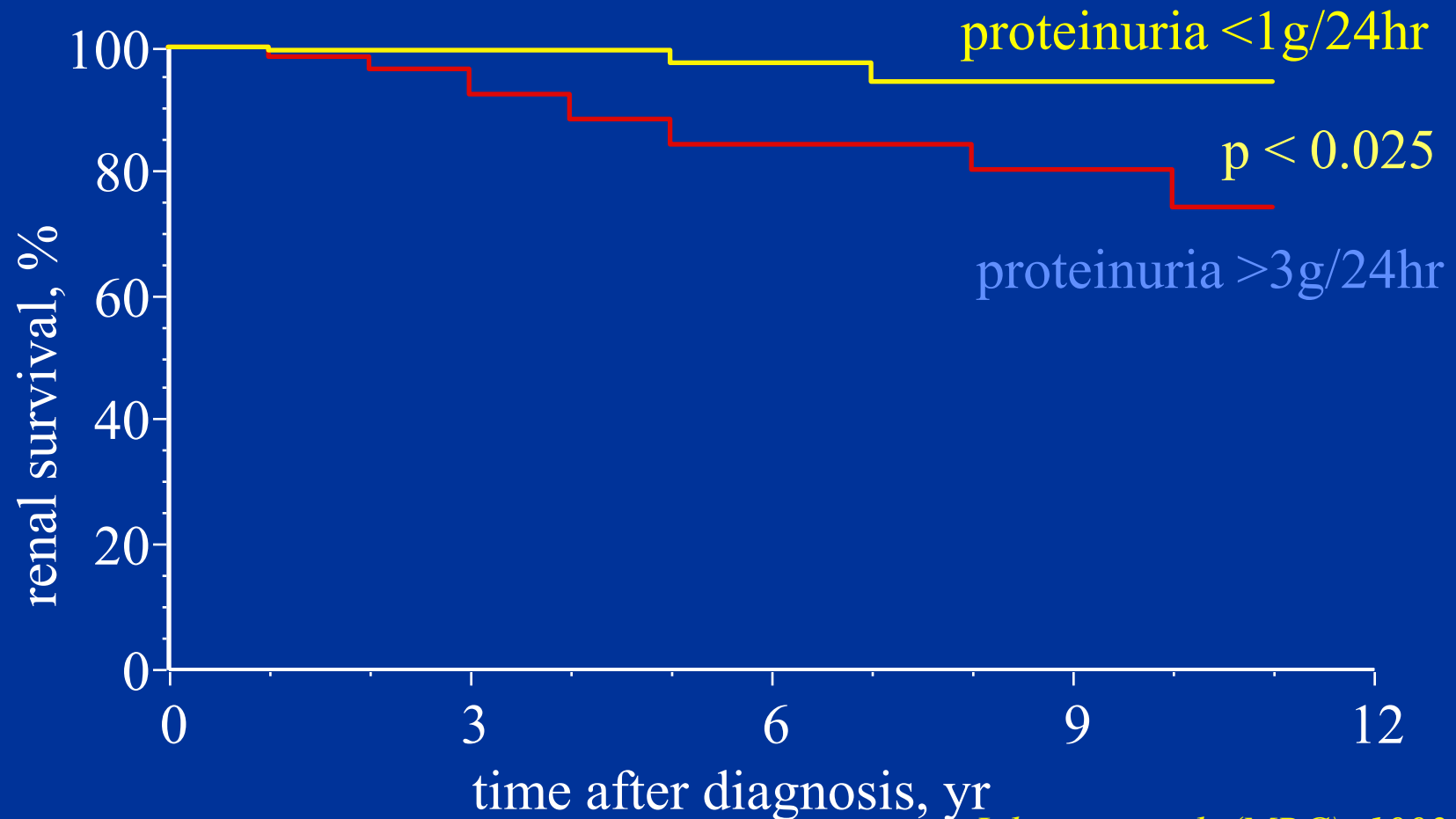
## Berger's Disease or Mesangial IgA Disease

- Most common glomerulonephritis
- Precisely defined immunohistology
- Presentation:
  - Microscopic haematuria (ascertainment)
  - Macroscopic haematuria (synpharyngitic)
  - Hypertension
  - Renal impairment (rarely acute)
  - Nephrotic syndrome rare

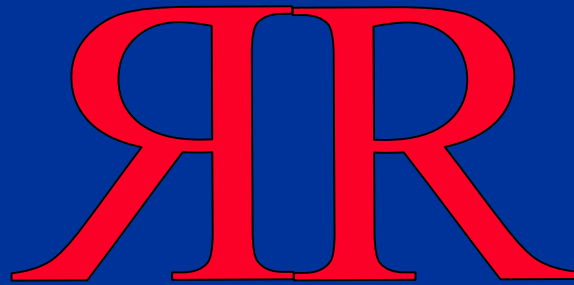
# Prognosis of IgA disease

- ESRF in 20-30% at 20 years from diagnosis
- Predictors of poor outcome
  - Male gender
  - Young age at onset
  - Persistent micro haematuria
  - Absence of macro haematuria
  - Hypertension
  - Heavy proteinuria

# Kaplan-Meier plot of renal survival of patients with IgA nephropathy by proteinuria



*Johnston et al, (MRC), 1992*



**UK Renal Registry**

[www.renalreg.com](http://www.renalreg.com)

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# Useful data sources

- USRDS [www2.usrds.org](http://www2.usrds.org)
- US transplant data [www.unos.org](http://www.unos.org)
- EDTA/ERA [www.era-edta-reg.org](http://www.era-edta-reg.org)
- UK Renal Registry [www.renalreg.com](http://www.renalreg.com)
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