

# Caring for Older Adults with HIV in the 21st Century

## It's Time for a Geriatric Approach



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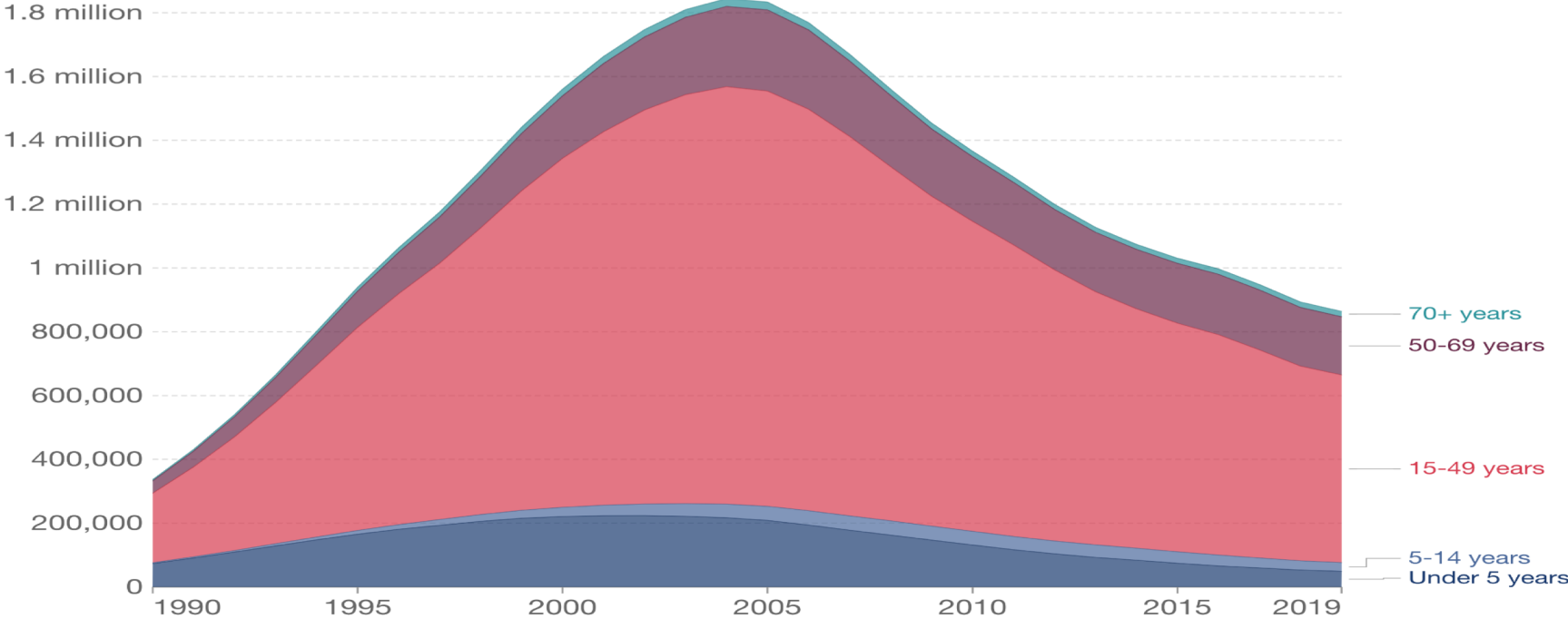
# Objectives:

- Discuss the changing **demographics** of HIV
- Highlight the challenges of **aging** with HIV
- Describe the domains of **geriatric medicine** and models of **HIV-geriatric care**
- Review **HIV pharmacotherapy**
- Discuss medications that can affect **cognition** and how to address **polypharmacy**



# The care of HIV is improving all over the world.

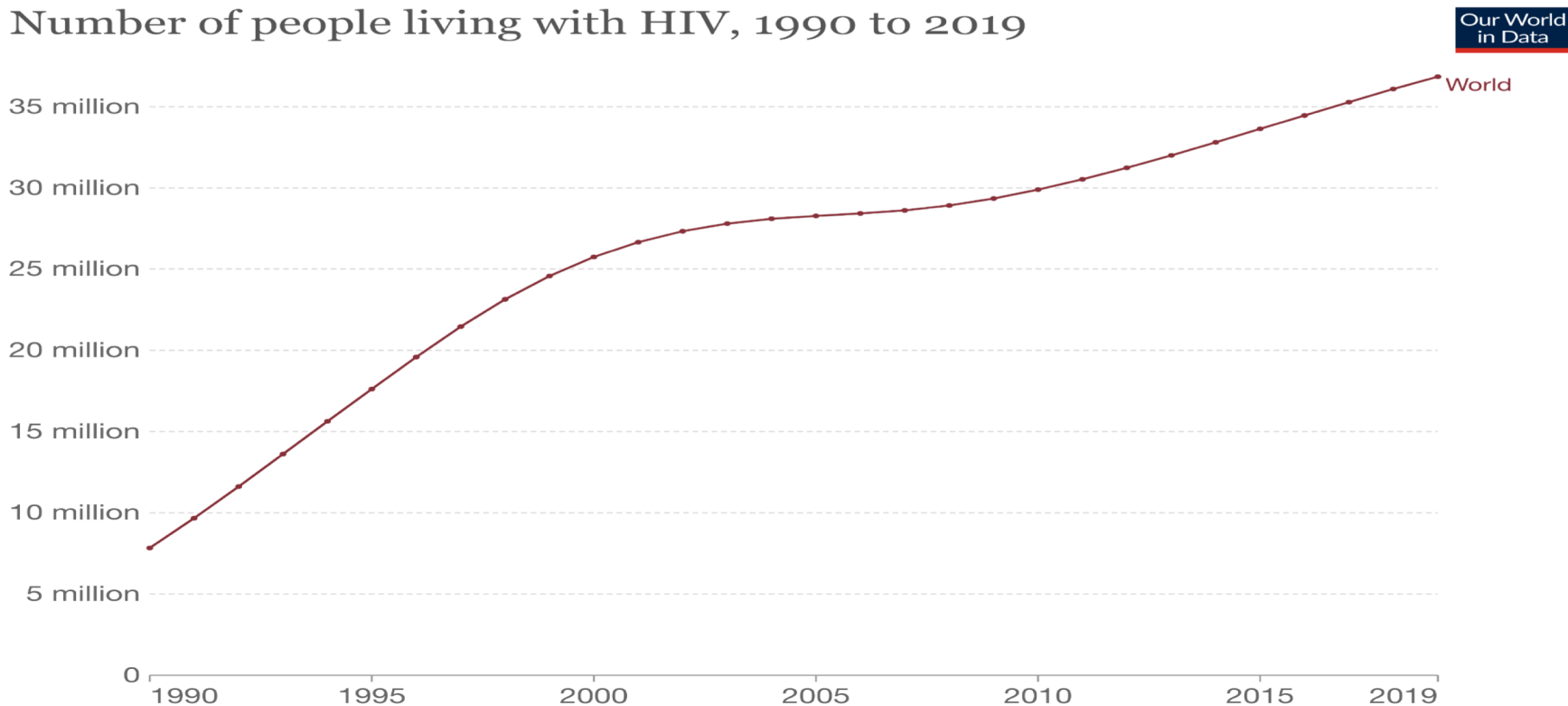
## Deaths from HIV/AIDS, by age, World, 1990 to 2019



Source: IHME, Global Burden of Disease (GBD)

# The number of people living with HIV is increasing.

Number of people living with HIV, 1990 to 2019



Our World  
in Data

World

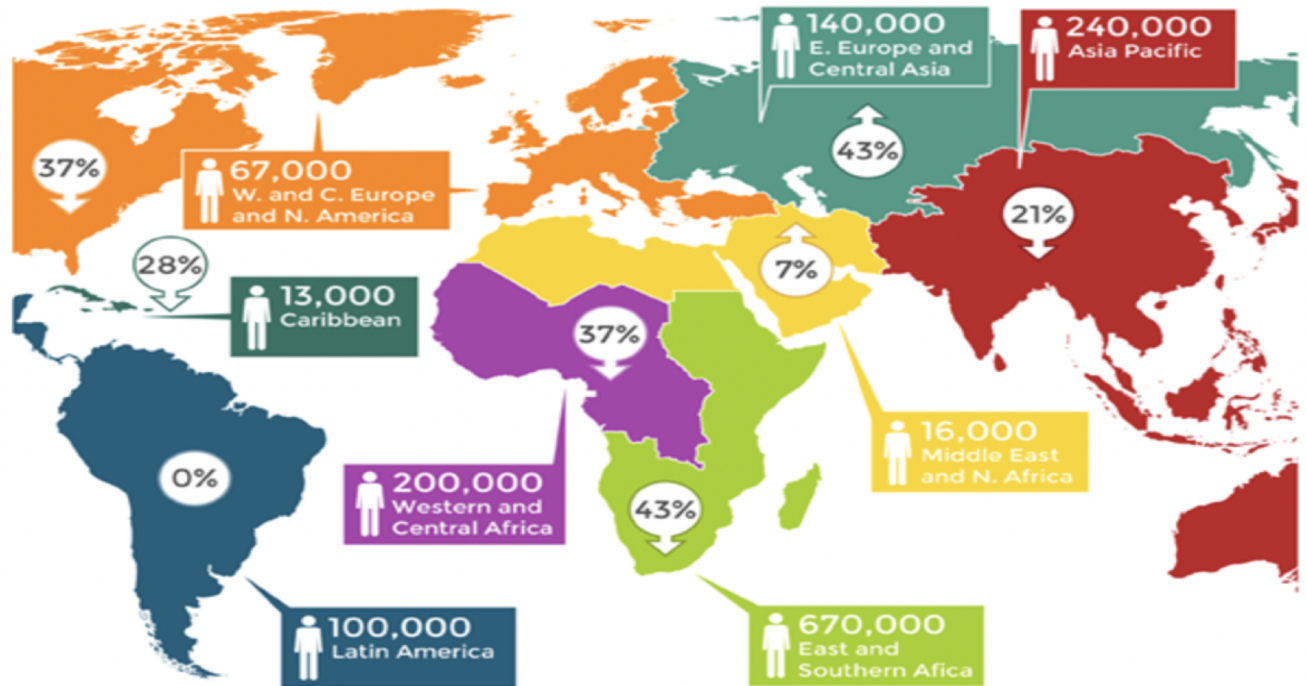
# The number of new HIV infections is decreasing.

## Number of new HIV infections in 2020 and change since 2010

1.5 million  
people newly  
infected in  
2020 globally

Decrease in  
number of new  
infections across  
the global  
population since  
2010

31%



Source: UNAIDS Data 2021

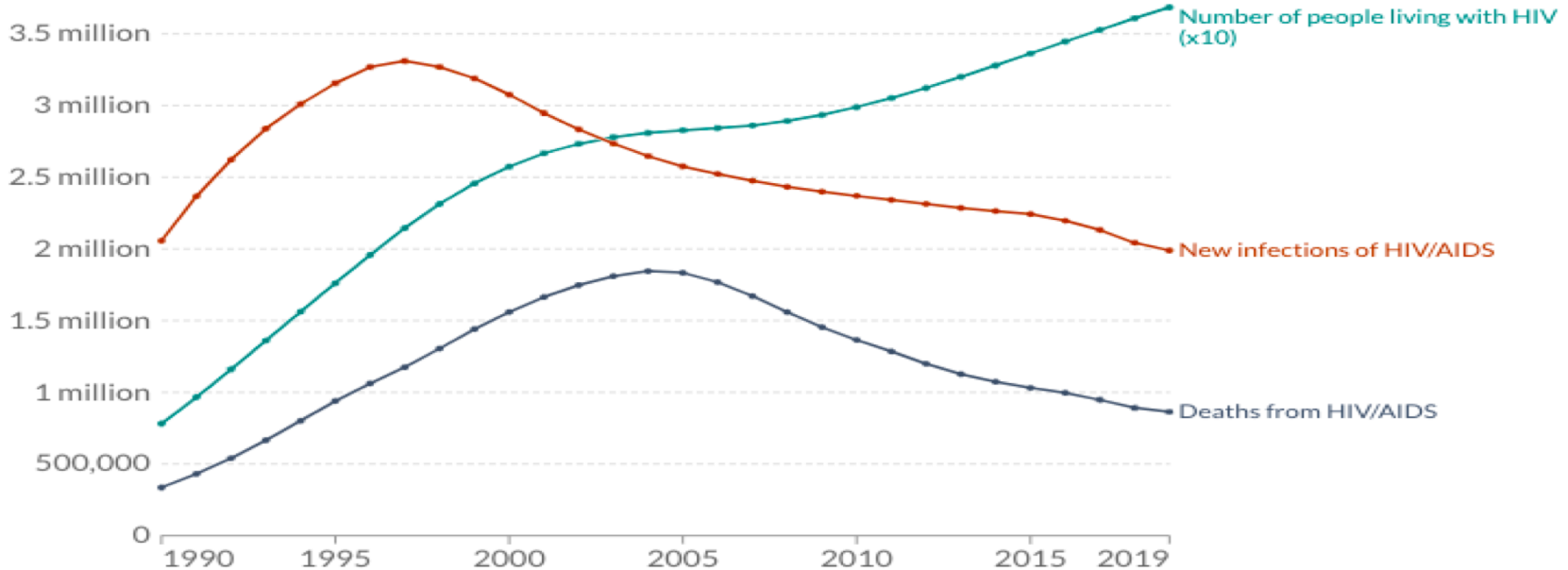
# People all over the world are aging with HIV.

## Prevalence, new cases and deaths from HIV/AIDS, World, 1990 to 2019

To fit all three measures on the same visualization the total number of people living with HIV has been divided by ten (i.e. in 2017 there were 37 million people living with HIV).



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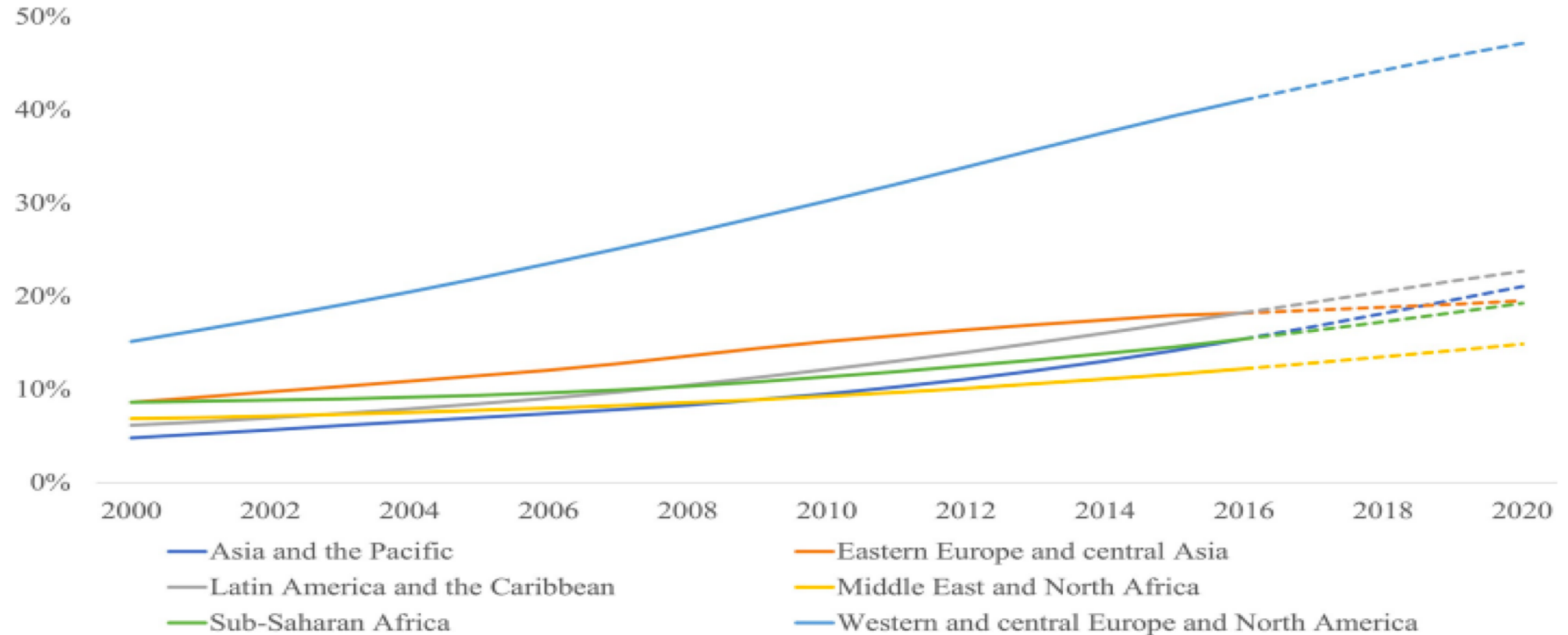


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<https://ourworldindata.org/hiv-aids>

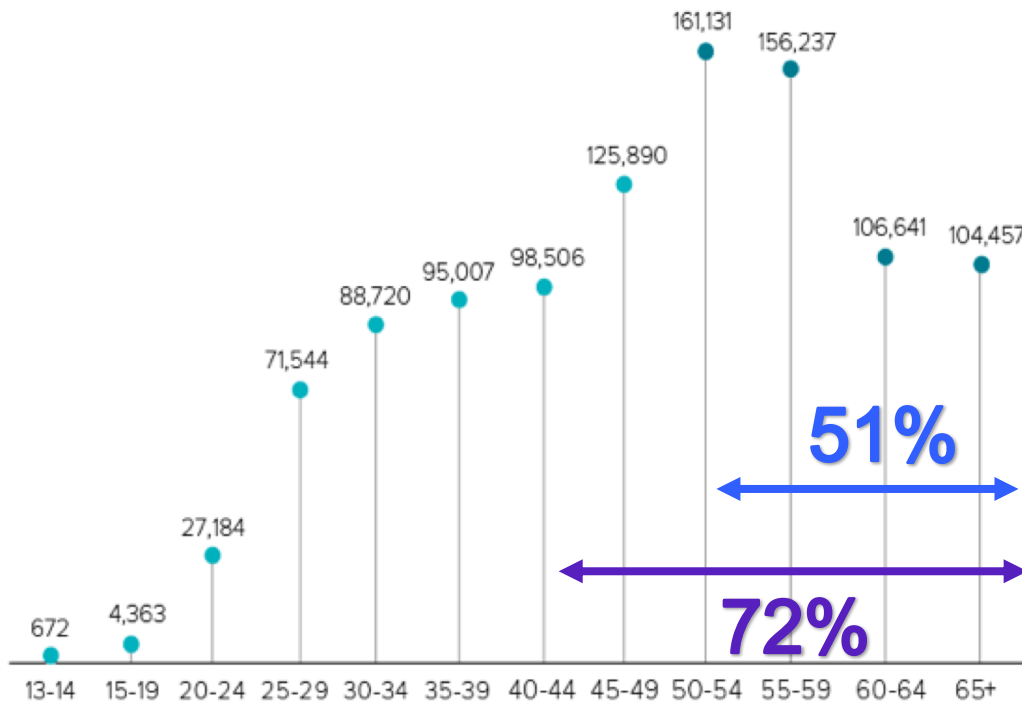
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# The number of PLWH who are 50+ is increasing.



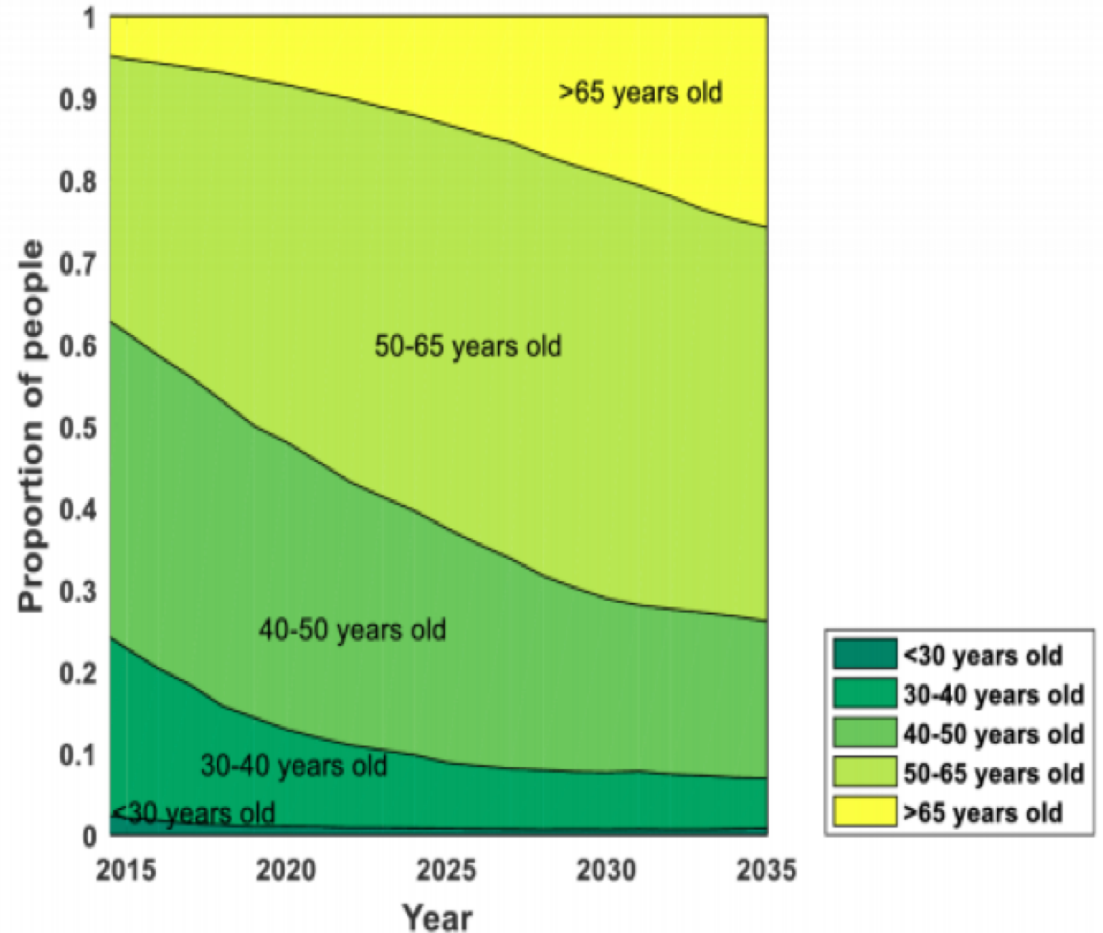
# Adults and Adolescents with Diagnosed HIV in the US and Dependent Areas by Age, 2018

Over half of people with diagnosed HIV were aged 50 and older.

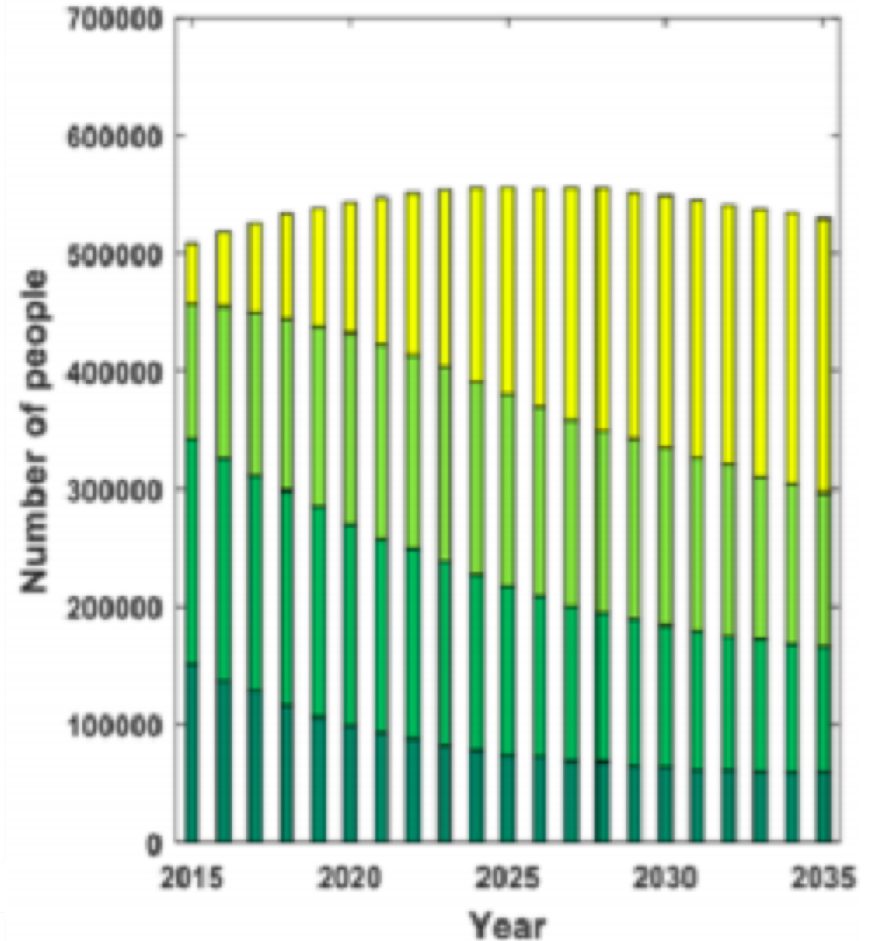
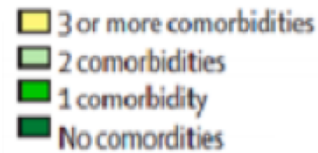


Source: CDC. Diagnoses of HIV infection in the United States and dependent areas, 2018 (updated). *HIV Surveillance Report* 2020;31.

As we reach 2035, adults age 50-65 yrs old will make up the greatest percentage of people living with HIV.



By 2035, the majority of people living with HIV will have **2 or more** co-morbidities.





There's no better time to talk about aging.



Who is OLD?

Having lived for many years

Not young

# Who is OLD?

When I think about an older adult with HIV, I think about a person aged \_\_\_\_\_ or older.

A) 45

B) 50

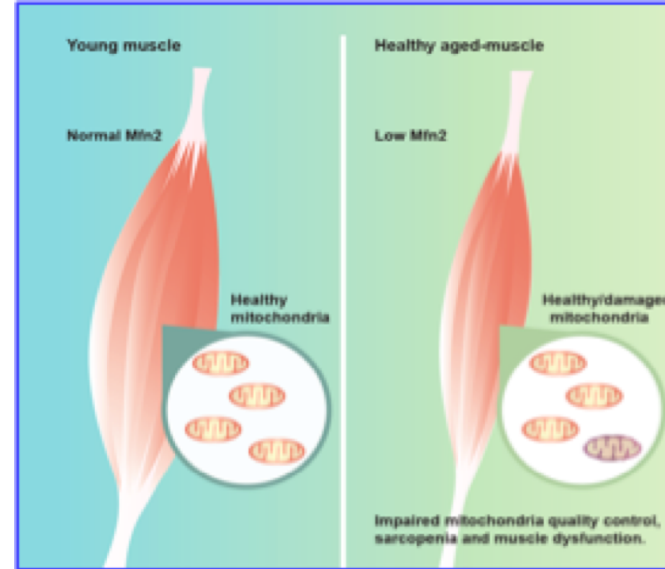
C) 65

D) 70

# Aging is a process: both chronologic and physiologic.



<https://www.sbpdiscovery.org/news/beaker-blog/slowing-down-aging-clock>

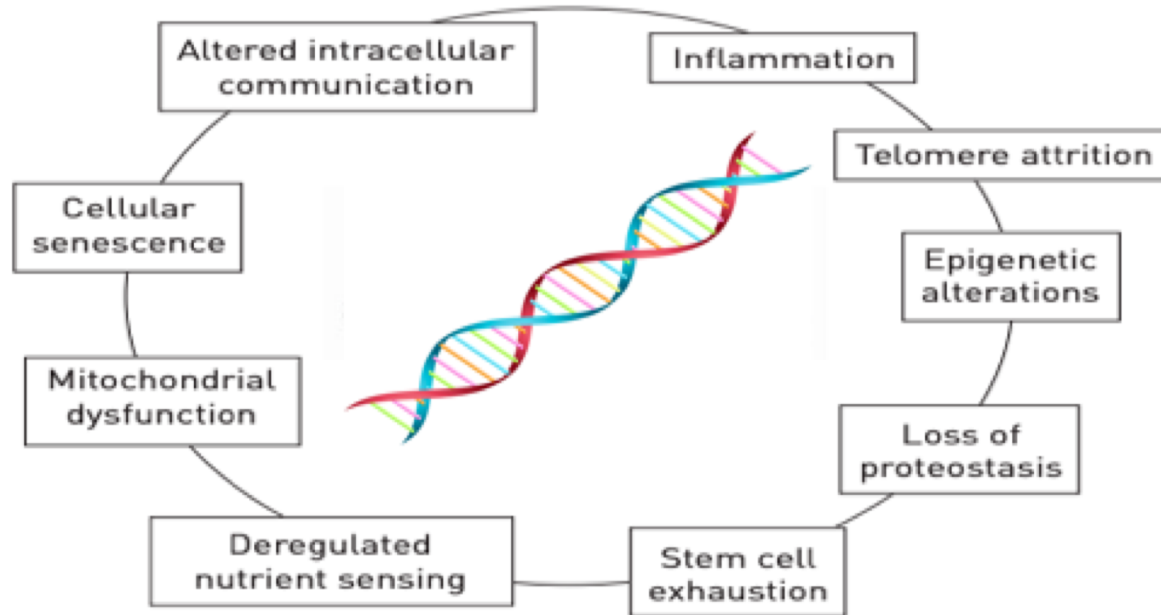


<https://www.irbbarcelona.org/en/news/the-absence-of-a-single-protein-spurs-muscle-aging-in-mice>

It's more than just a number!



# Genes play a large role in the rate of aging processes.



It's more than just your genes!

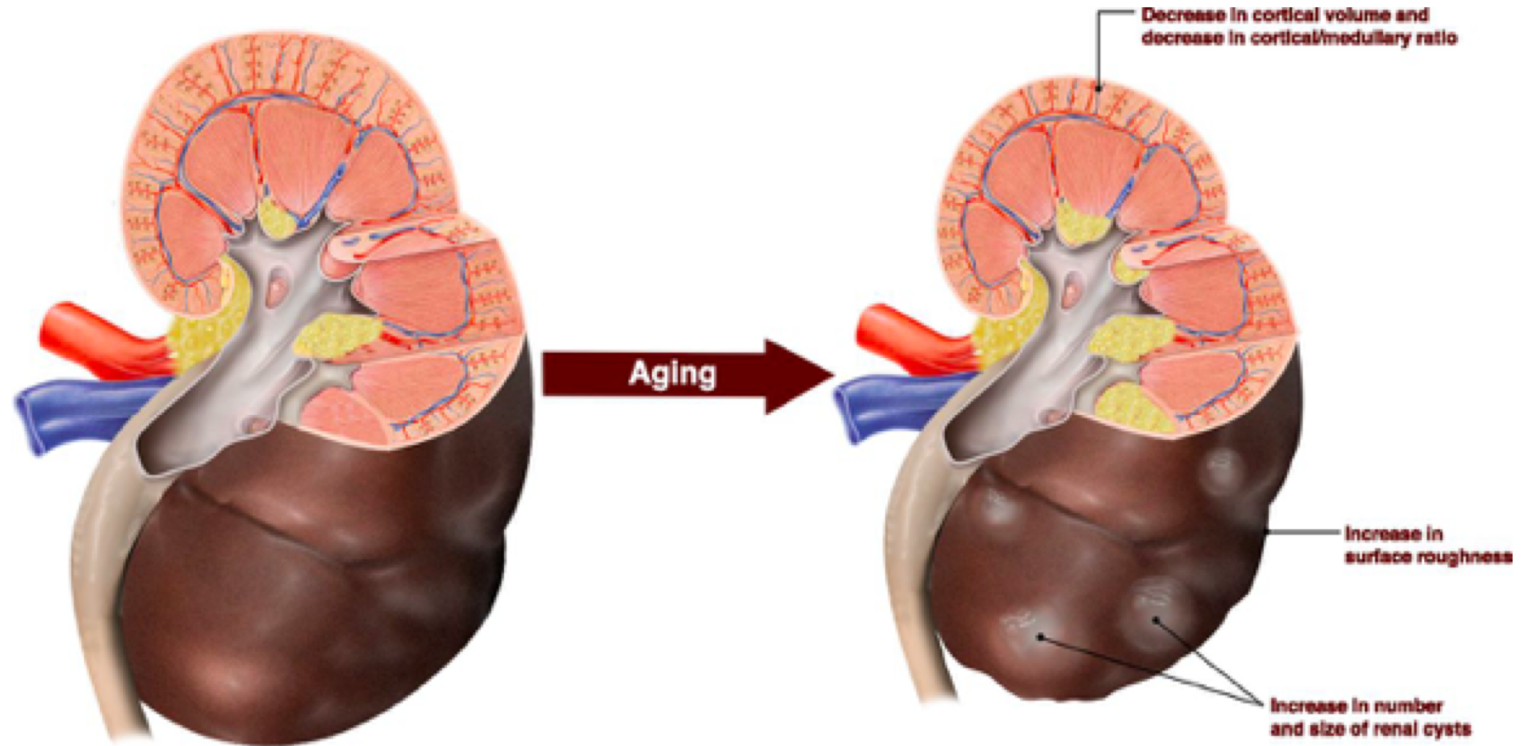


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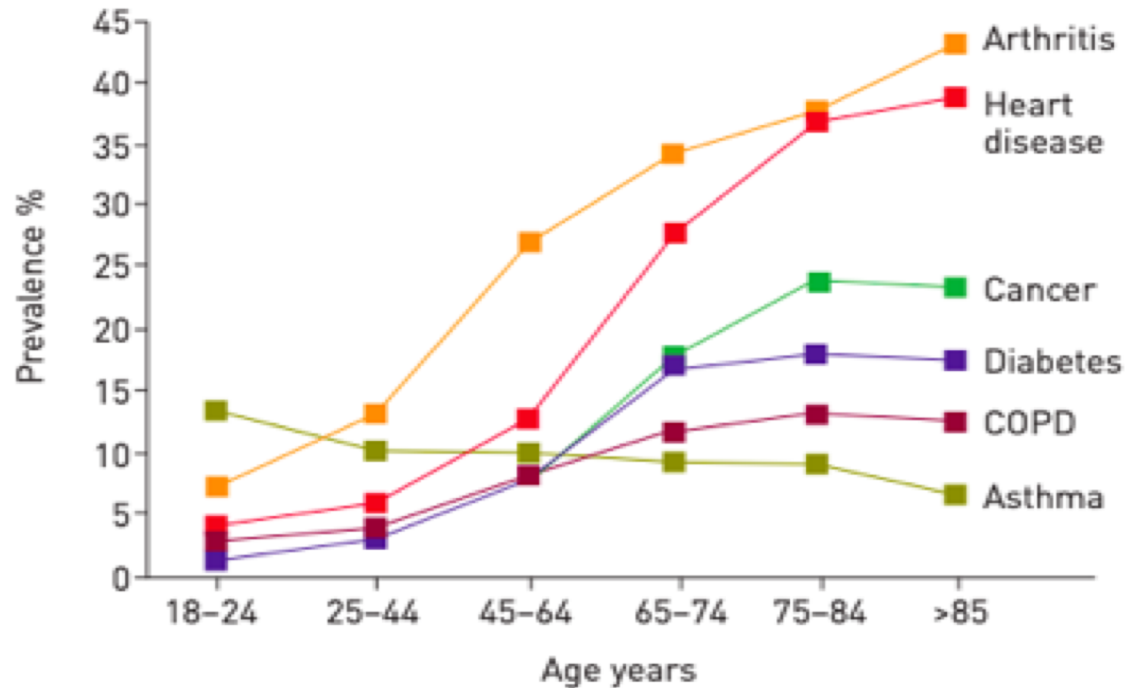
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Aging is not a disease.





# Aging is a risk factor for chronic diseases.

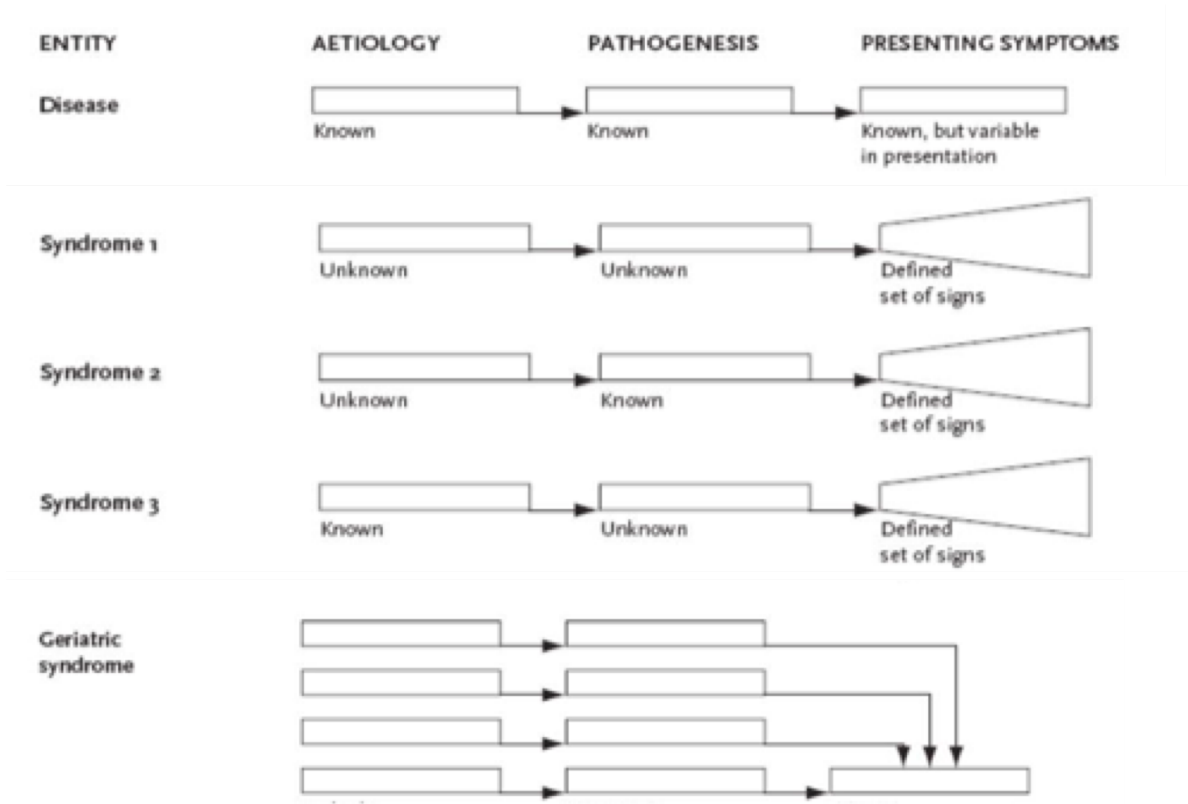


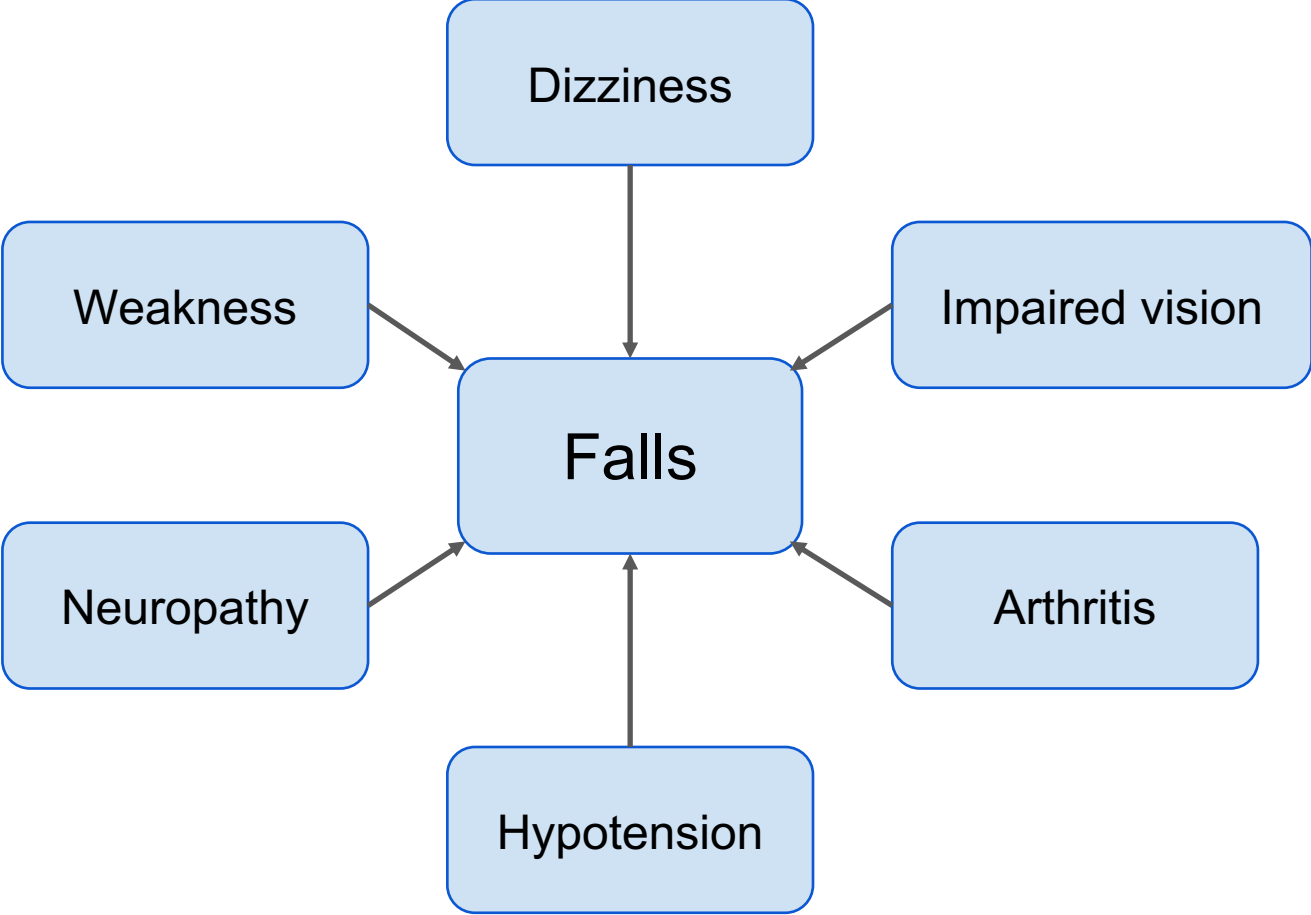
# Aging is a risk factor for geriatric syndromes.

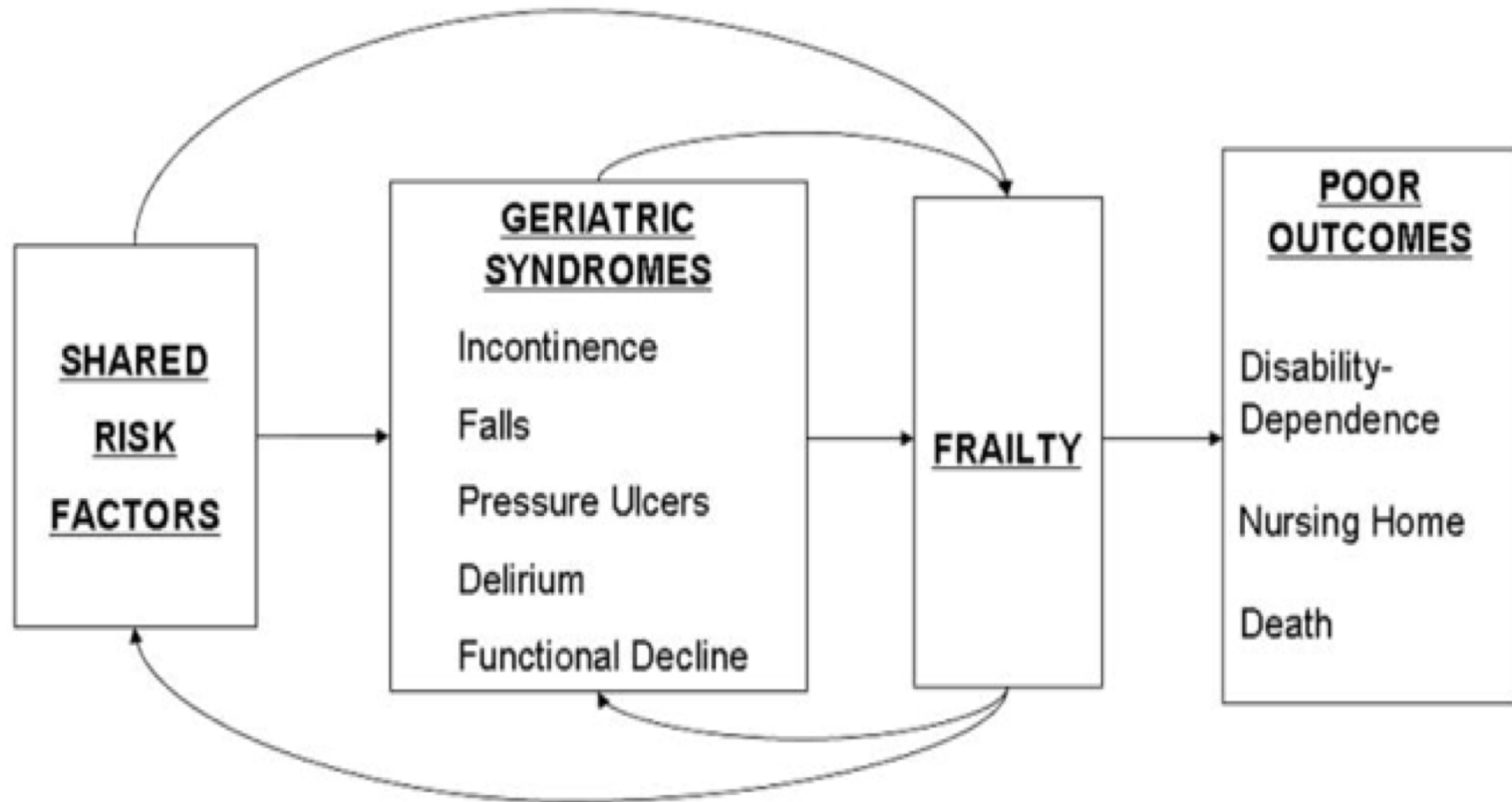
**Geriatric Syndromes:**  
clinical conditions in older adults that do not fit into discrete disease categories

- Delirium
- Falls
- Incontinence
- Dizziness
- Functional decline

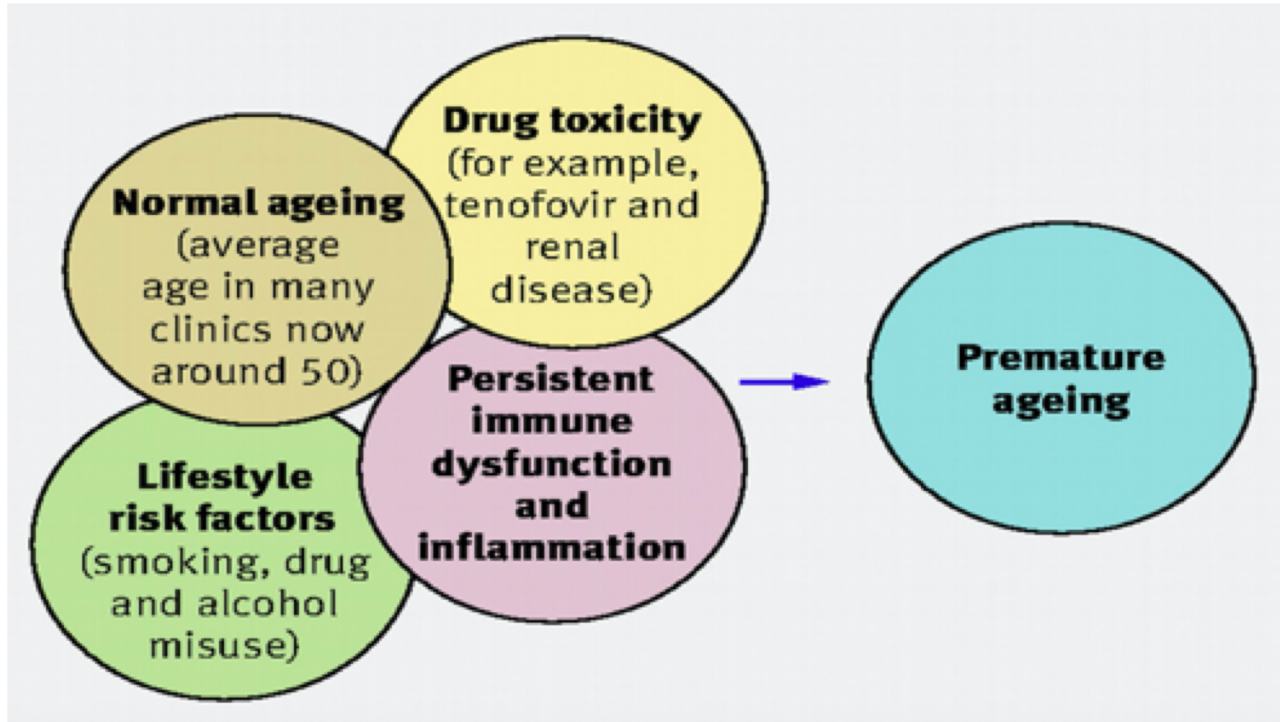
# Geriatric Syndrome



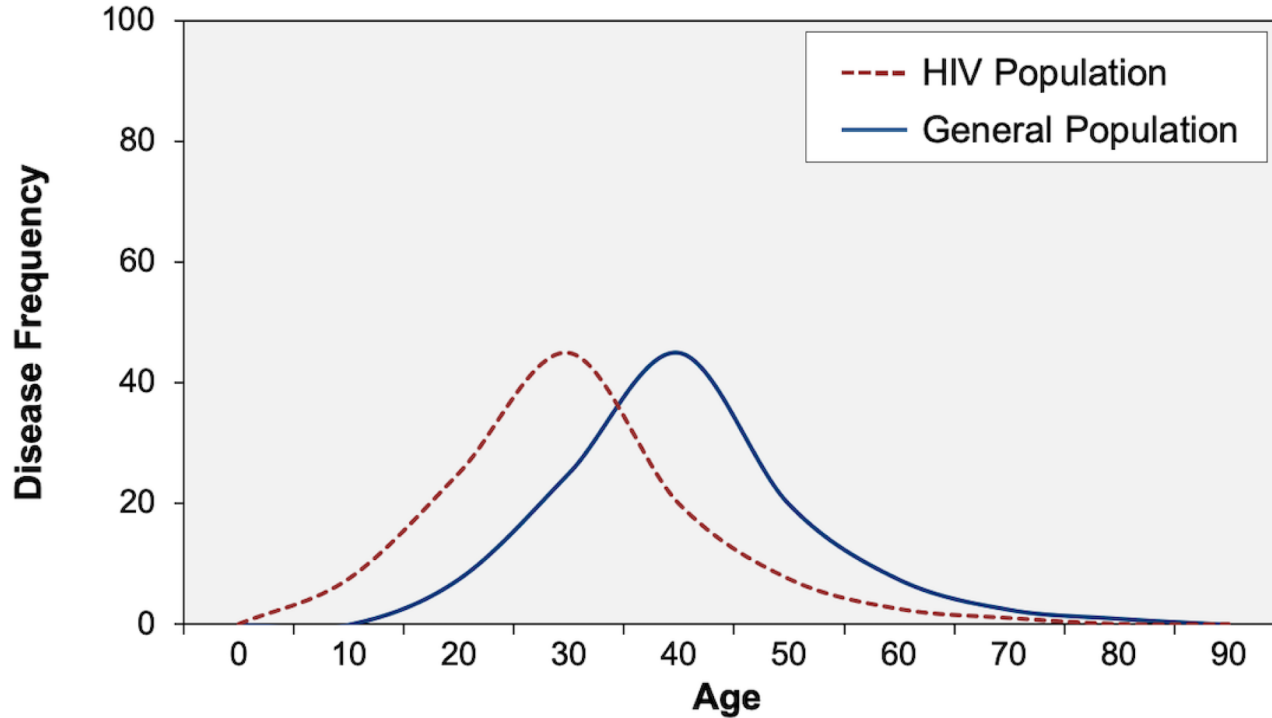




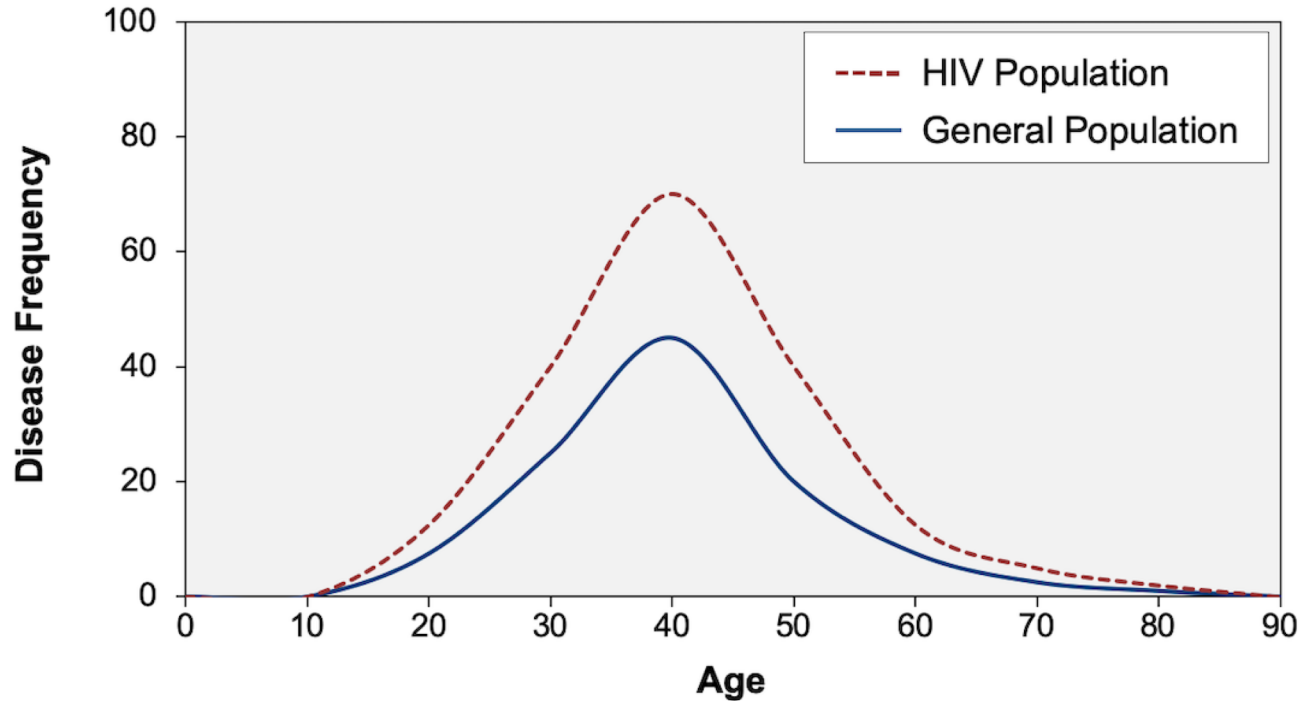
# Unique Challenges of Aging with HIV



# Accelerated Aging

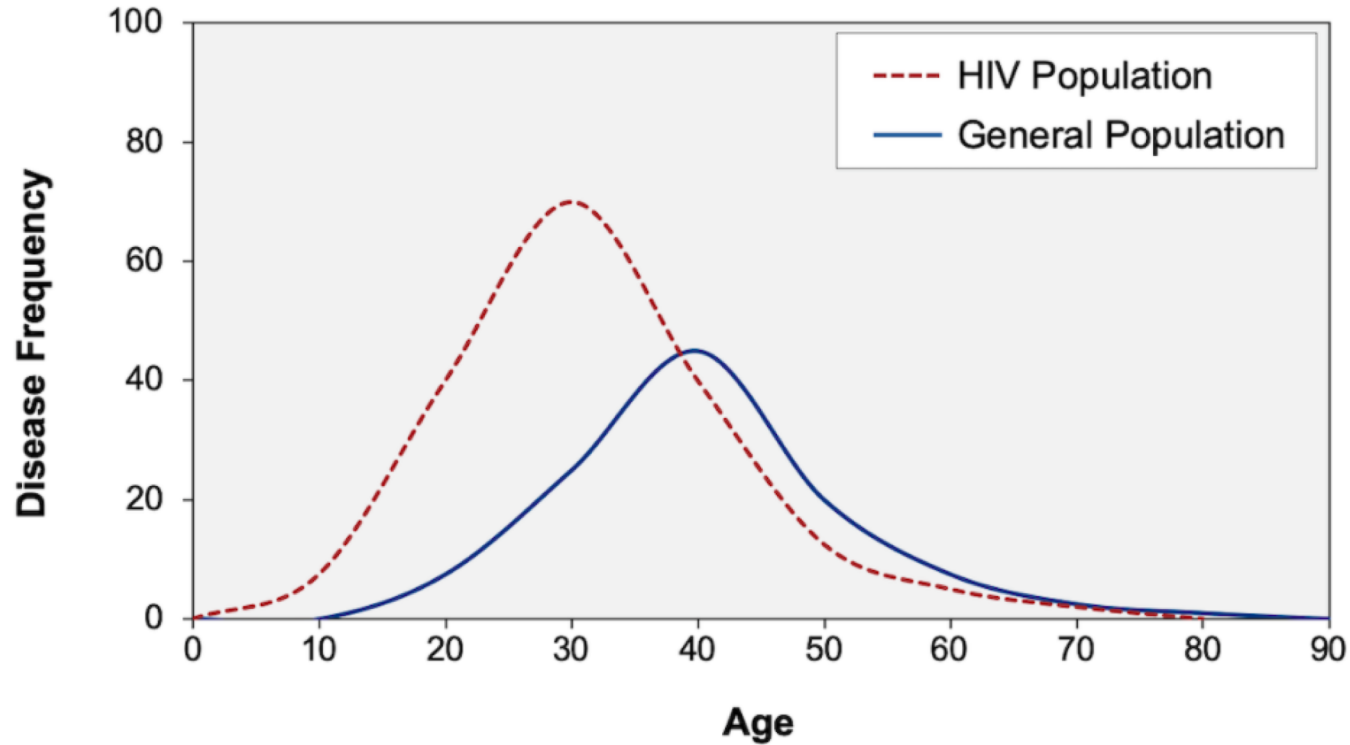


# Accentuated Aging

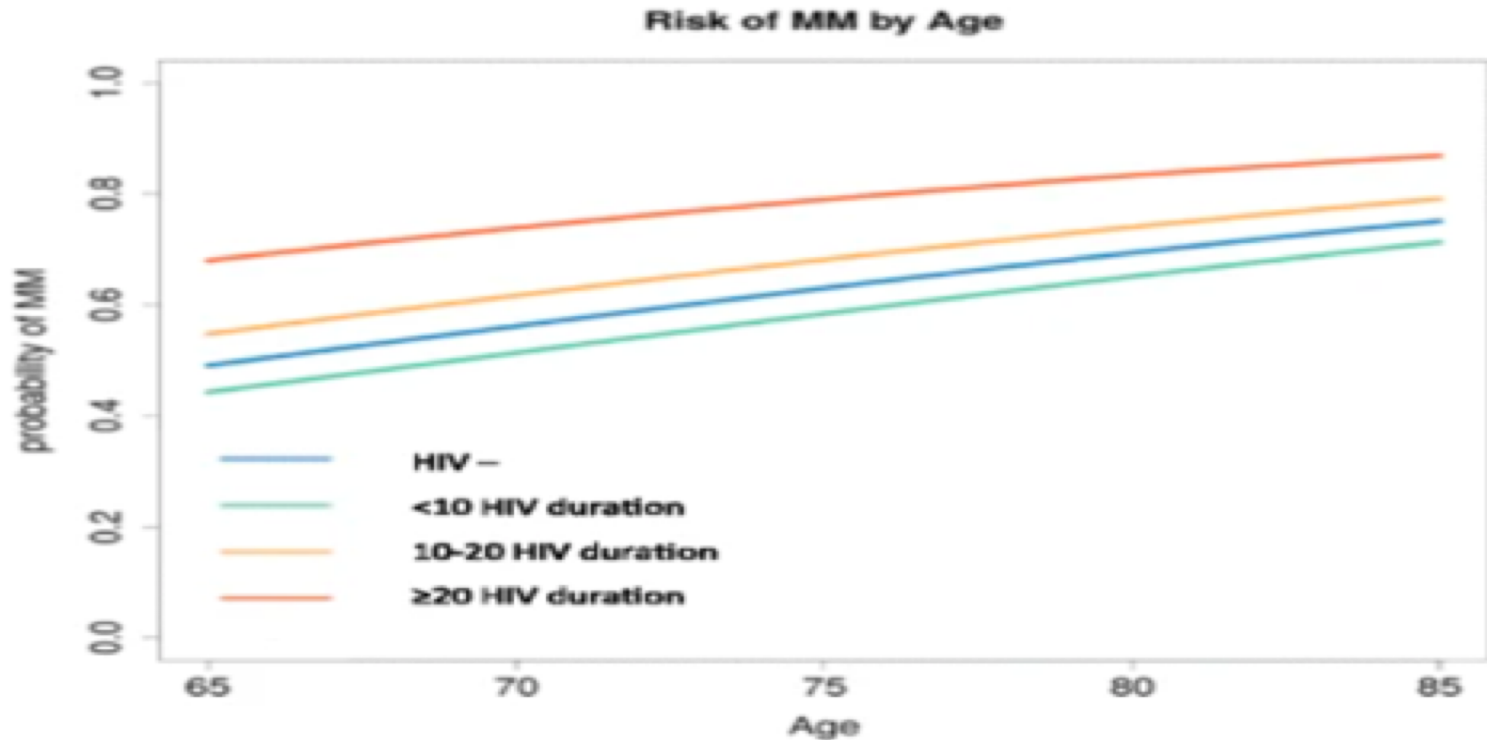




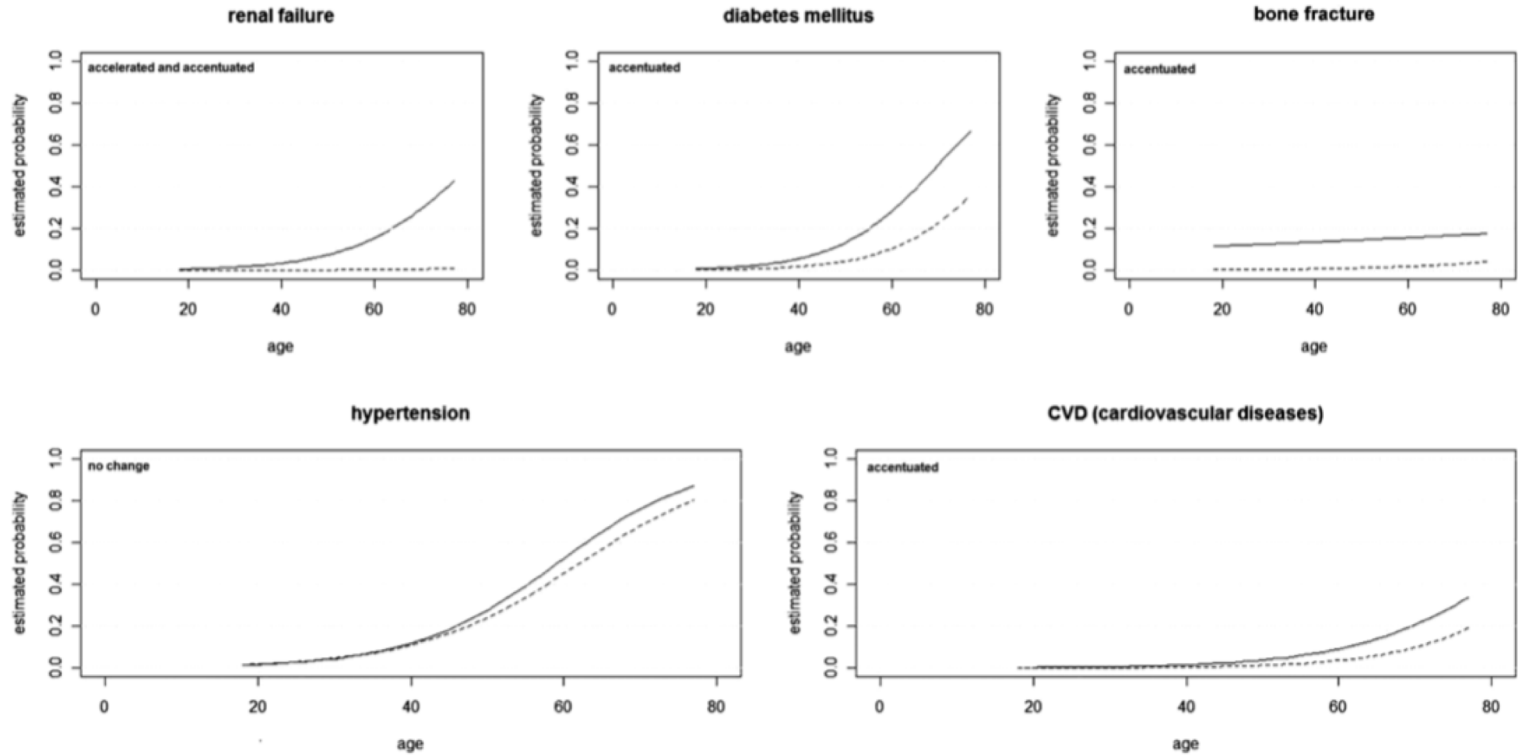
# Accelerated & Accentuated Aging



# Older adults with HIV have increased risk of multimorbidity.



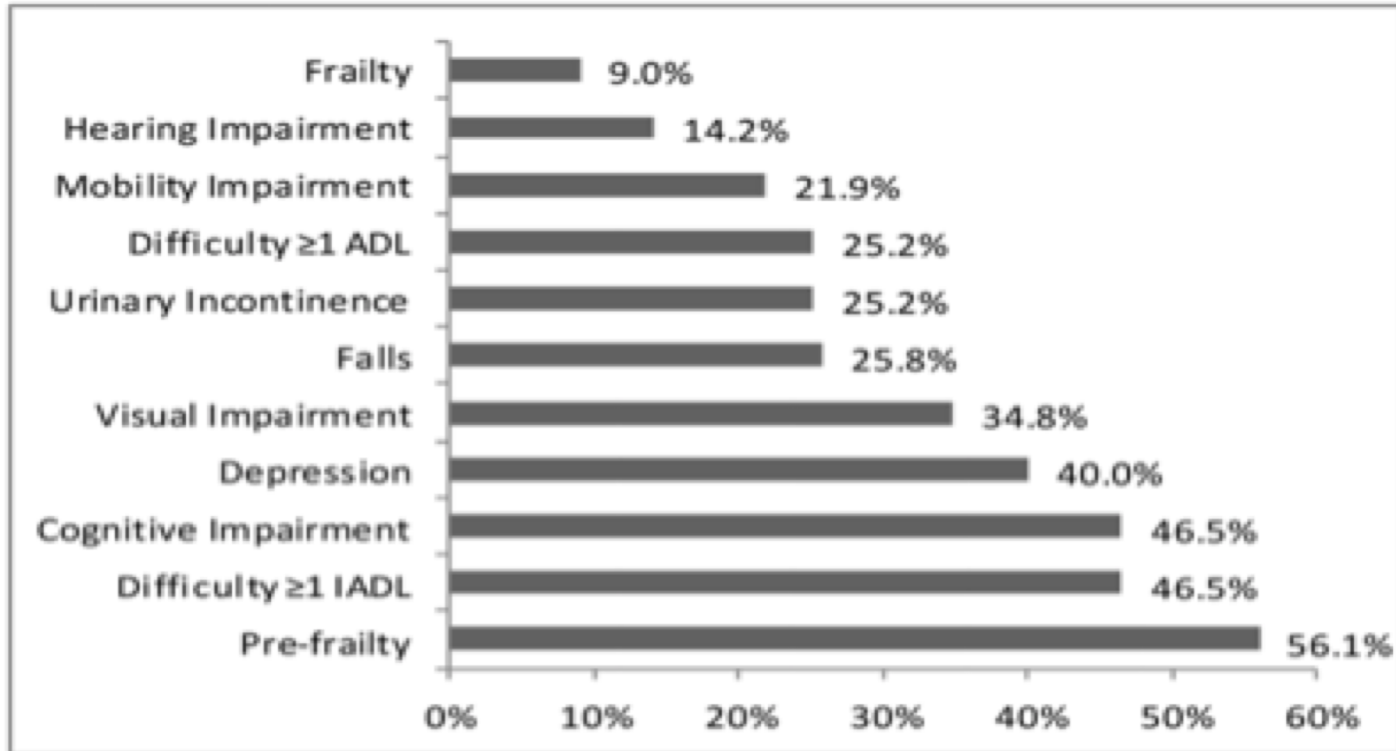
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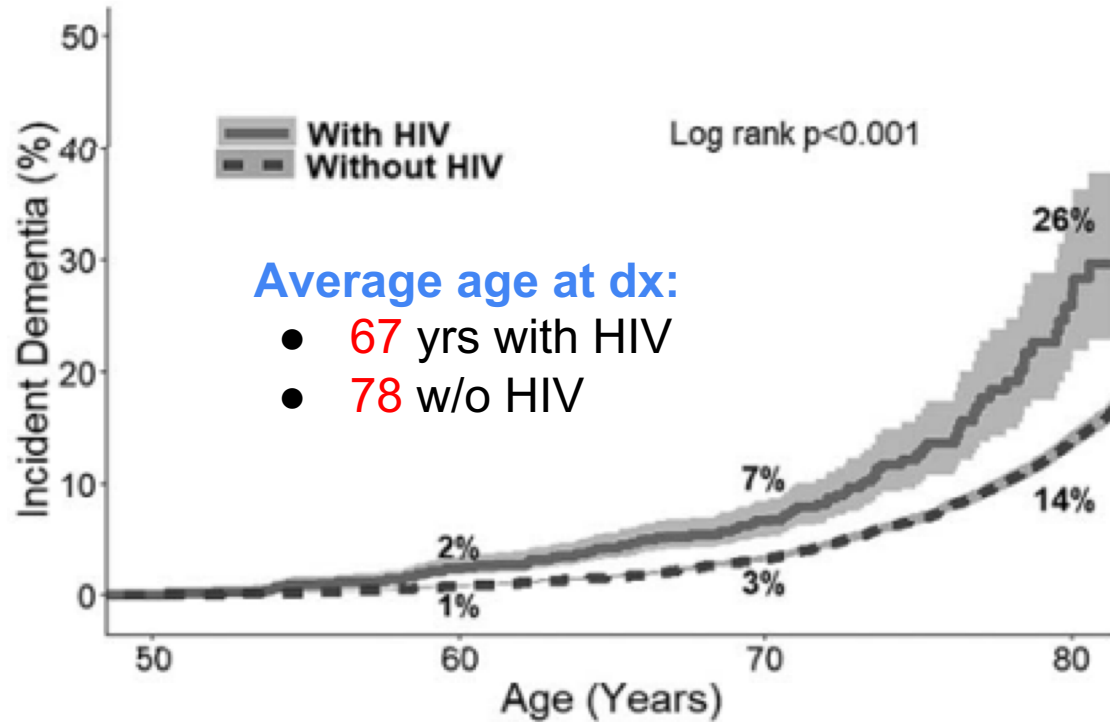
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Guaraldi G, Orlando G, Zona S, et al. Premature age-related comorbidities among HIV-infected persons compared with the general population. *Clin Infect Dis.* 2011;53(11):1120-1126.

# Older adults with HIV are experiencing geriatric syndromes.



# Older adults with HIV develop dementia at younger ages.

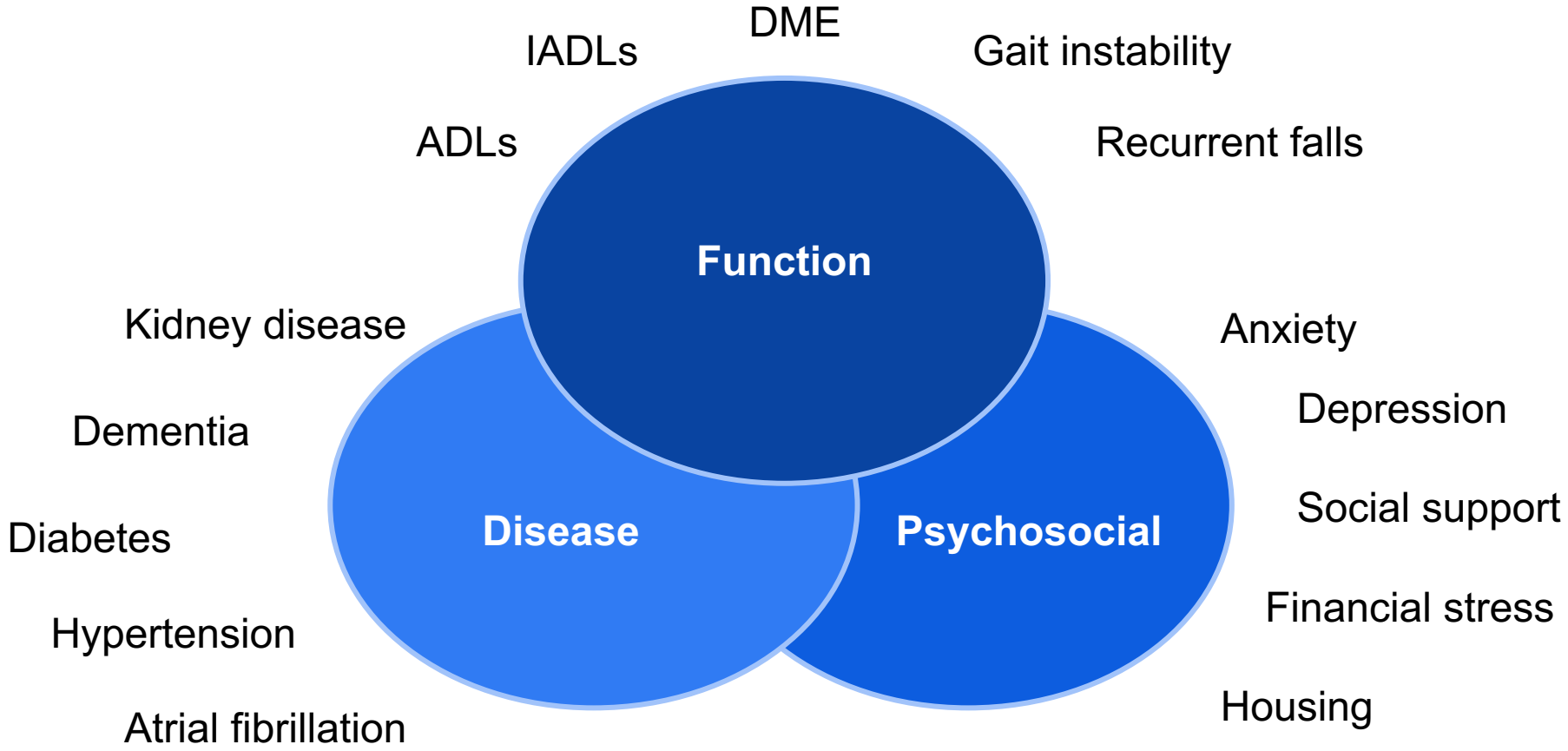


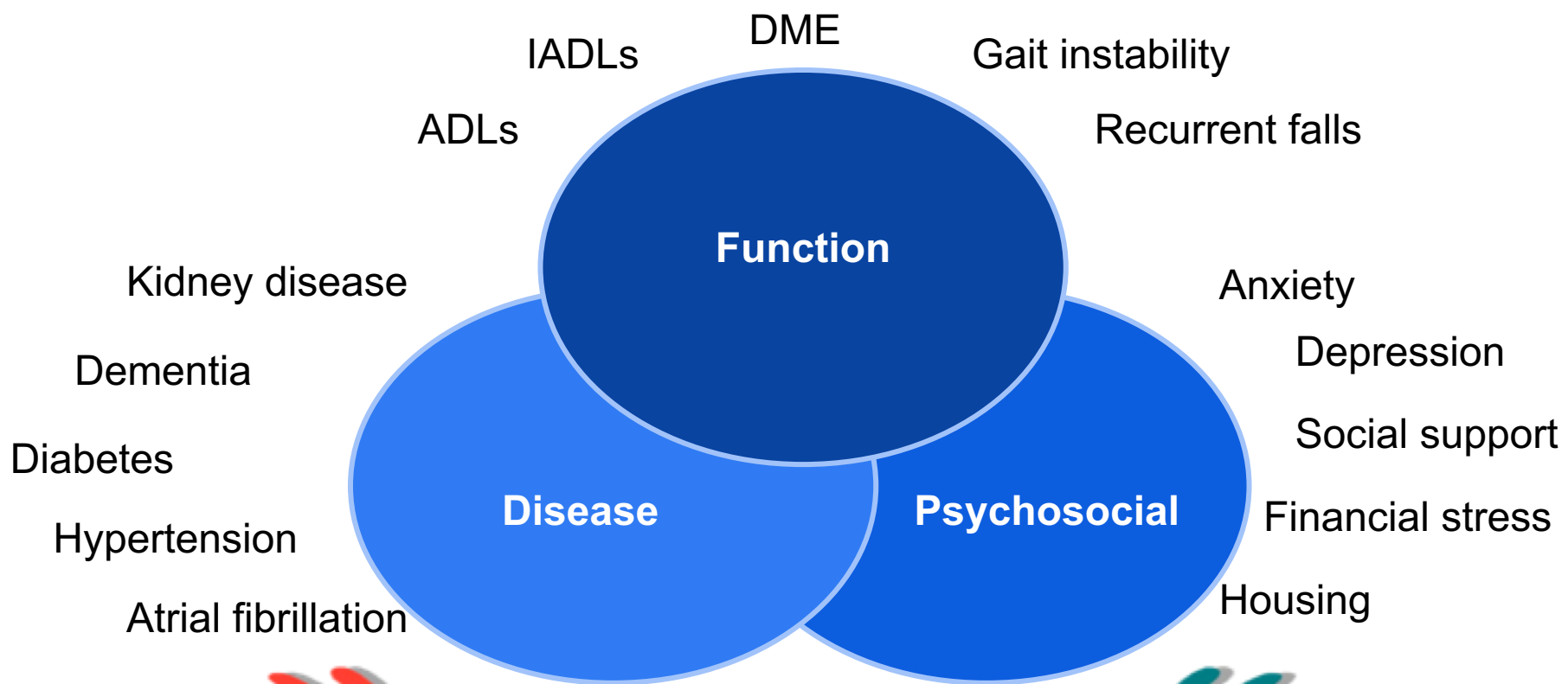
# Geriatric Medicine



<https://creativemarket.com/ssstocker/669281-Caring-for-elderly-patients?u=radcat>

# Geriatric Approach to Care







# Geriatric 5 M's

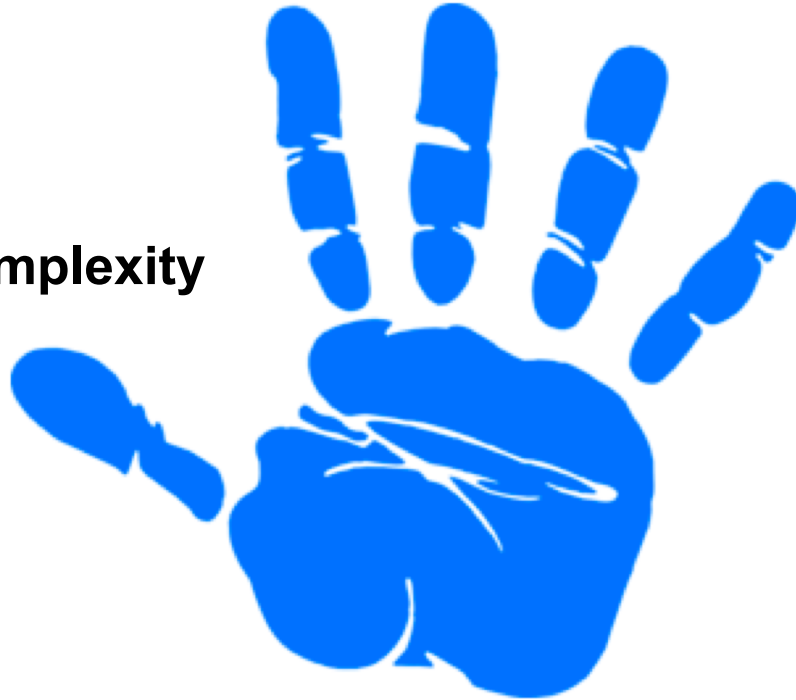
**Mind**

**Mobility**

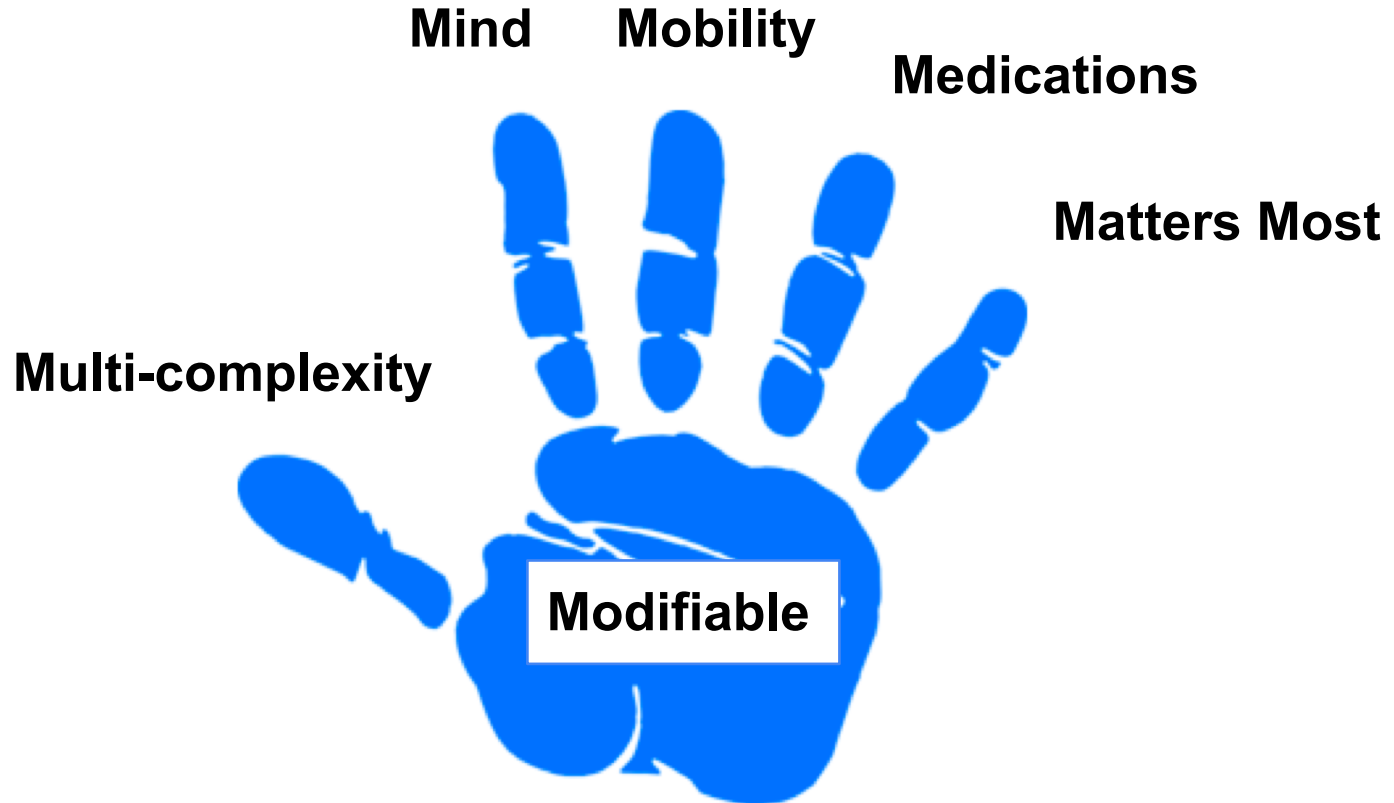
**Medications**

**Matters Most**

**Multi-complexity**

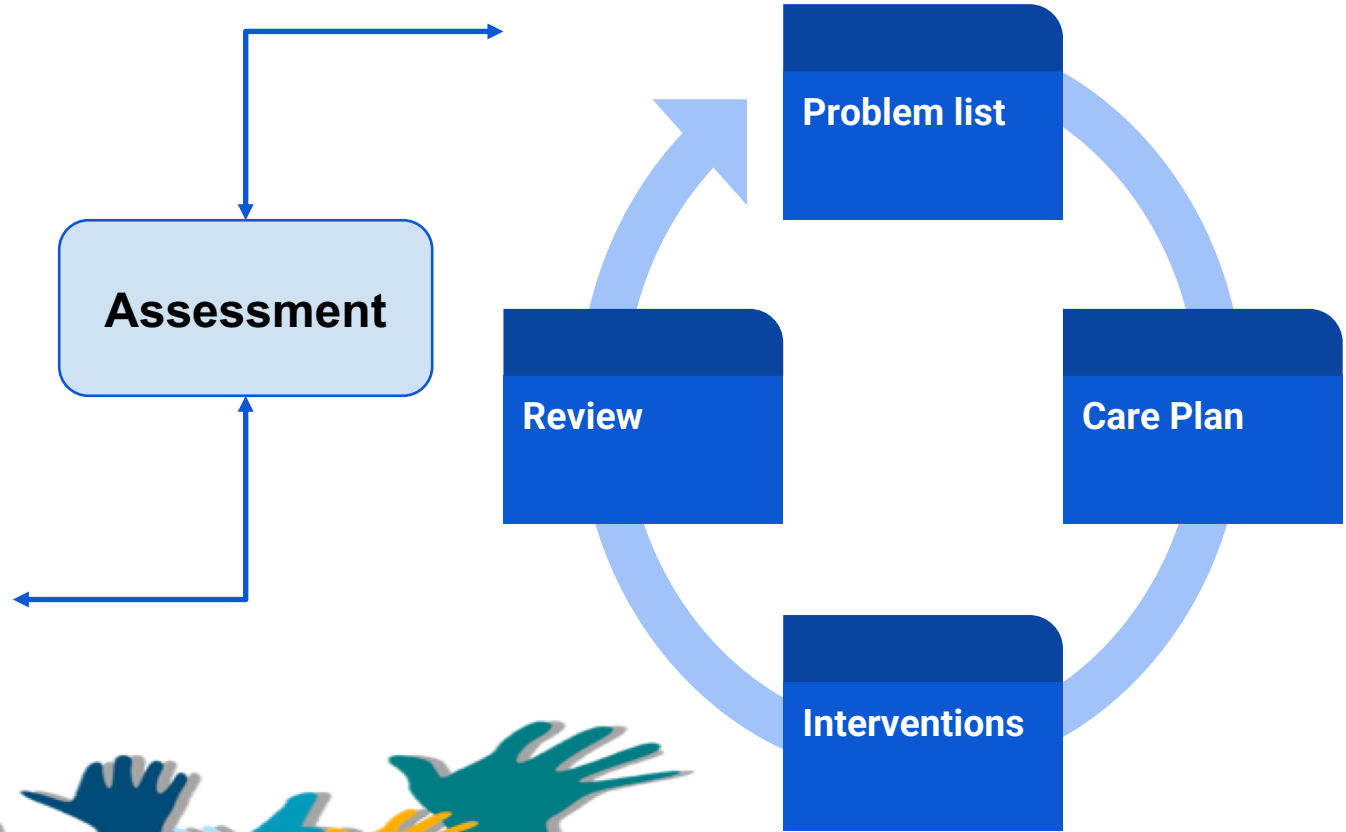


# Geriatric-HIV Medicine 6 M's

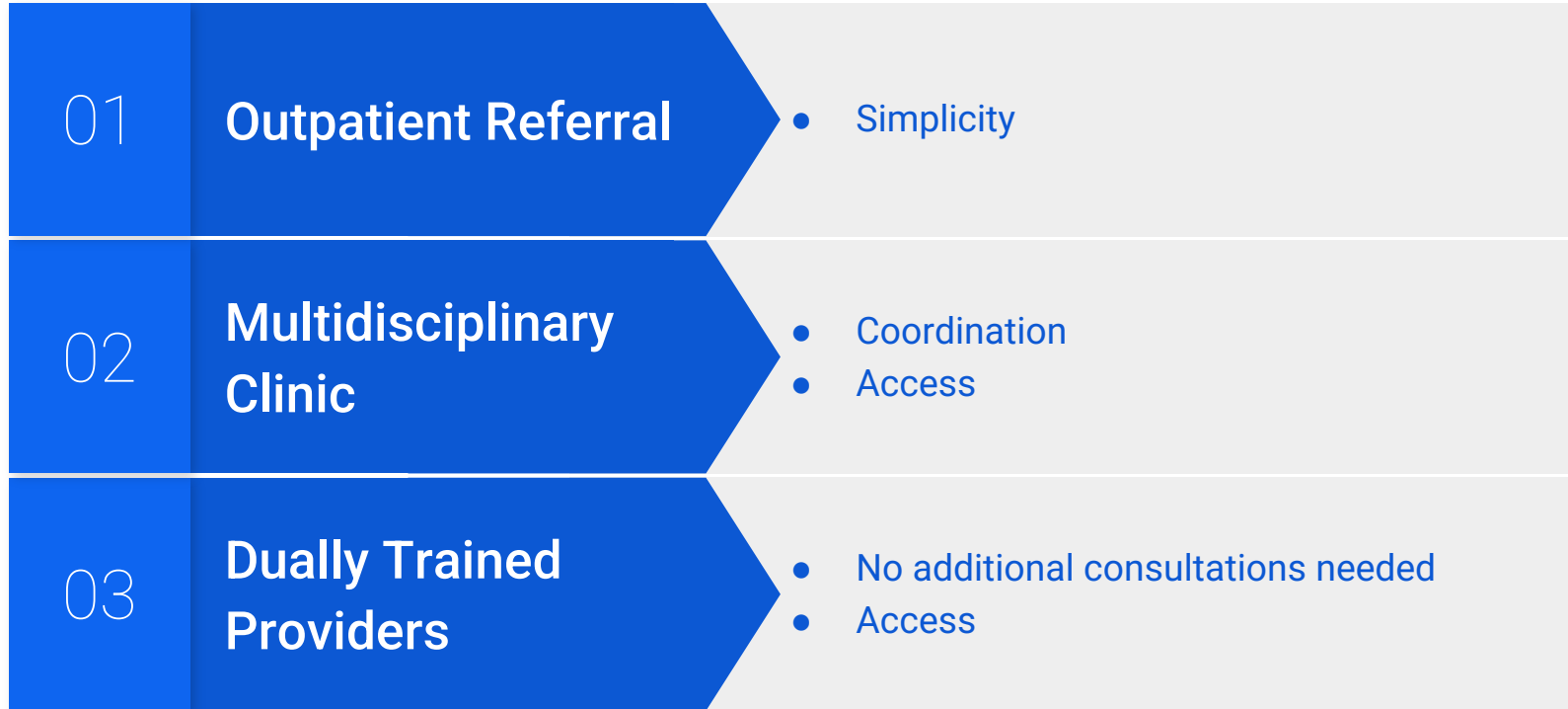


# Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment

1. Medical
2. Functional
3. Psychological
4. Sexual
5. Spiritual
6. Social
7. Environmental
8. Goals of Care



# Models of HIV-Geriatric Care



# Comprehensive Program of Integrated Care for Older Adults with HIV

## Keith Haring Foundation



<https://www.haring.com/art-work/886>

## Interdisciplinary Team

- Geriatrician
- Nurse
- Pharmacist
- Social Worker

# Comprehensive Program of Integrated Care for Older Adults with HIV

Keith Haring Foundation



<https://www.kingandmcgaw.com/prints/keith-haring/>

## Services

- Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment
- Cognitive Evaluation
- Mobility Assessment
- Medication Management
- Advance Care Planning
- ...and more!

# Comprehensive Program of Integrated Care for Older Adults with HIV

## Keith Haring Foundation

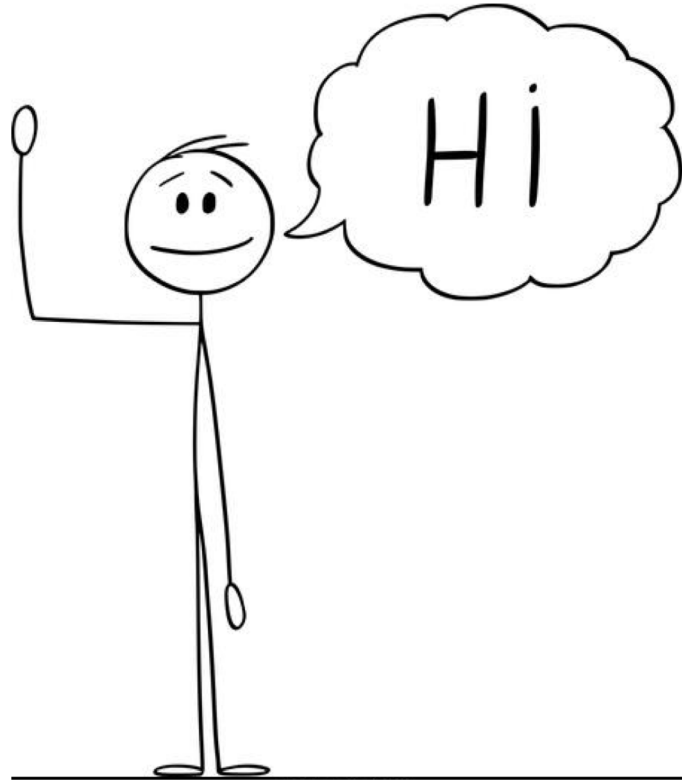


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## Referrals

- Average age 67
- 58% Male
- 51% Cognitive evaluation
- 29% Mobility
- 15% Polypharmacy
- 4% Multimorbidity
- 1% Advance care planning

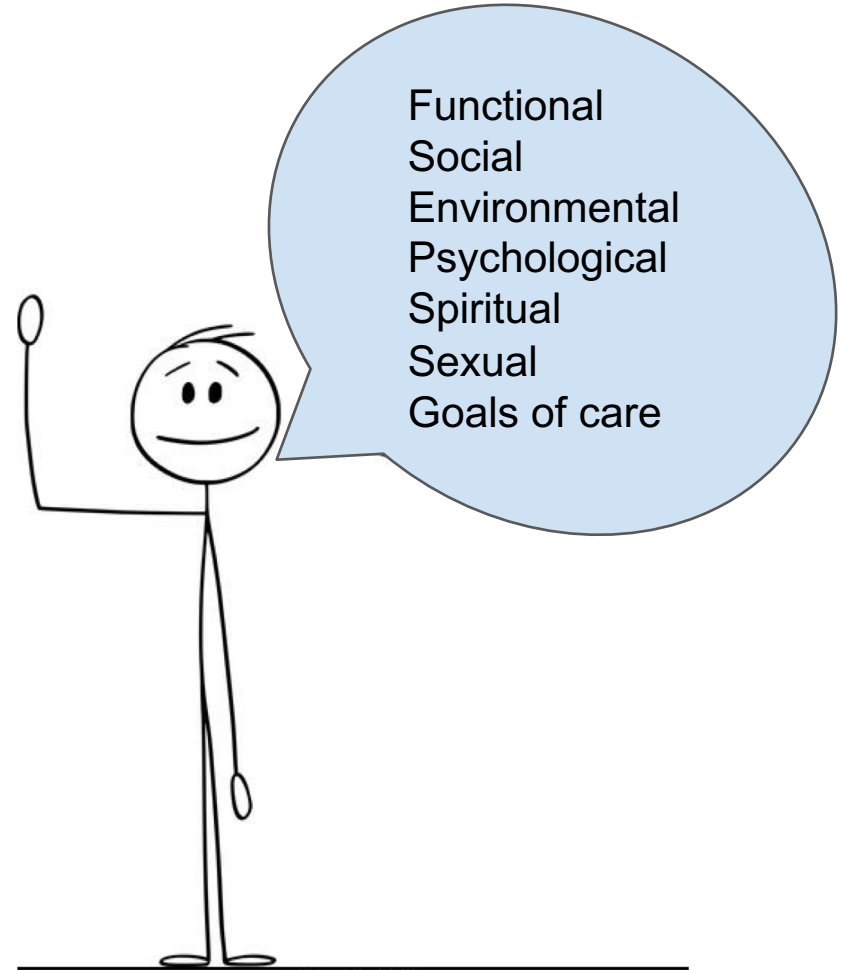
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# Mr. B

1. HIV on ARVs
2. CAD
3. HFrEF (EF 30%)
4. COPD
5. Neuropathy
6. Chronic back pain
7. Lumbar spinal stenosis
8. Osteoporosis
9. Compression fractures
10. Active tobacco use disorder





# CLINICAL GUIDELINES PROGRAM

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AIDS INSTITUTE | HIV · HCV · SUBSTANCE USE · LGBT HEALTH

## Guidance for Addressing the Needs of Older Patients in HIV Care

*Lead author: Eugenia L. Siegler, MD, with the Medical Care Criteria Committee, July 2020*

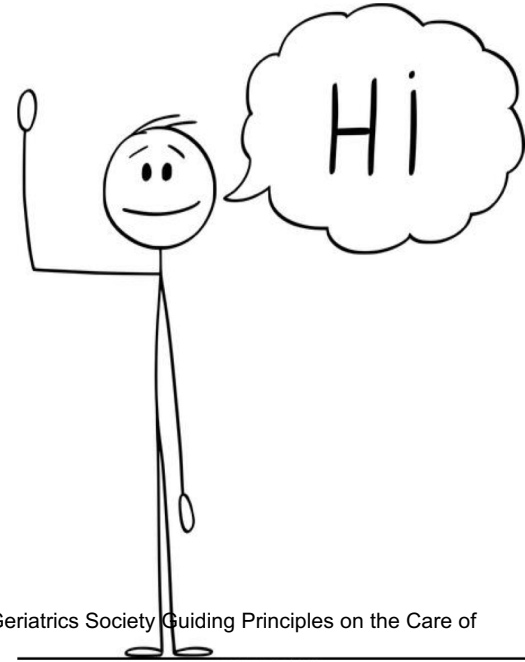
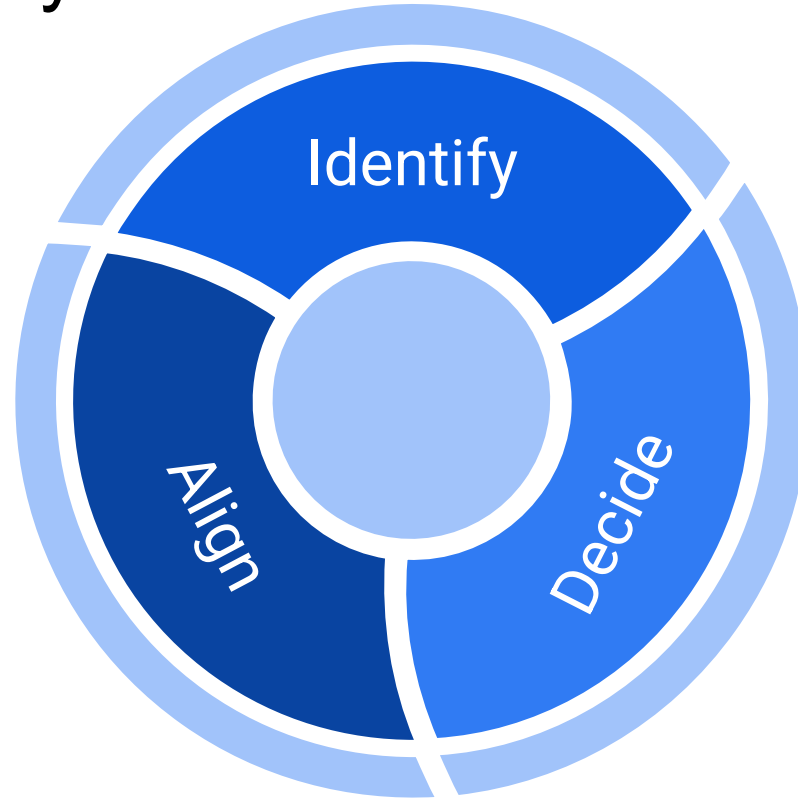
# Multicomplexity

## **Guiding Principles for the Care of Older Adults with Multimorbidity: An Approach for Clinicians**

American Geriatrics Society Expert Panel on the Care of Older Adults with Multimorbidity\*

- Patient preference
- Limitations
- Harms, burdens, benefits
- Prognosis
- Treatment complexity and feasibility
- Optimize benefit, minimize harm, enhance quality of life

# Multicomplexity



# Matters Most



Choosing what matters.  
Doing what works.

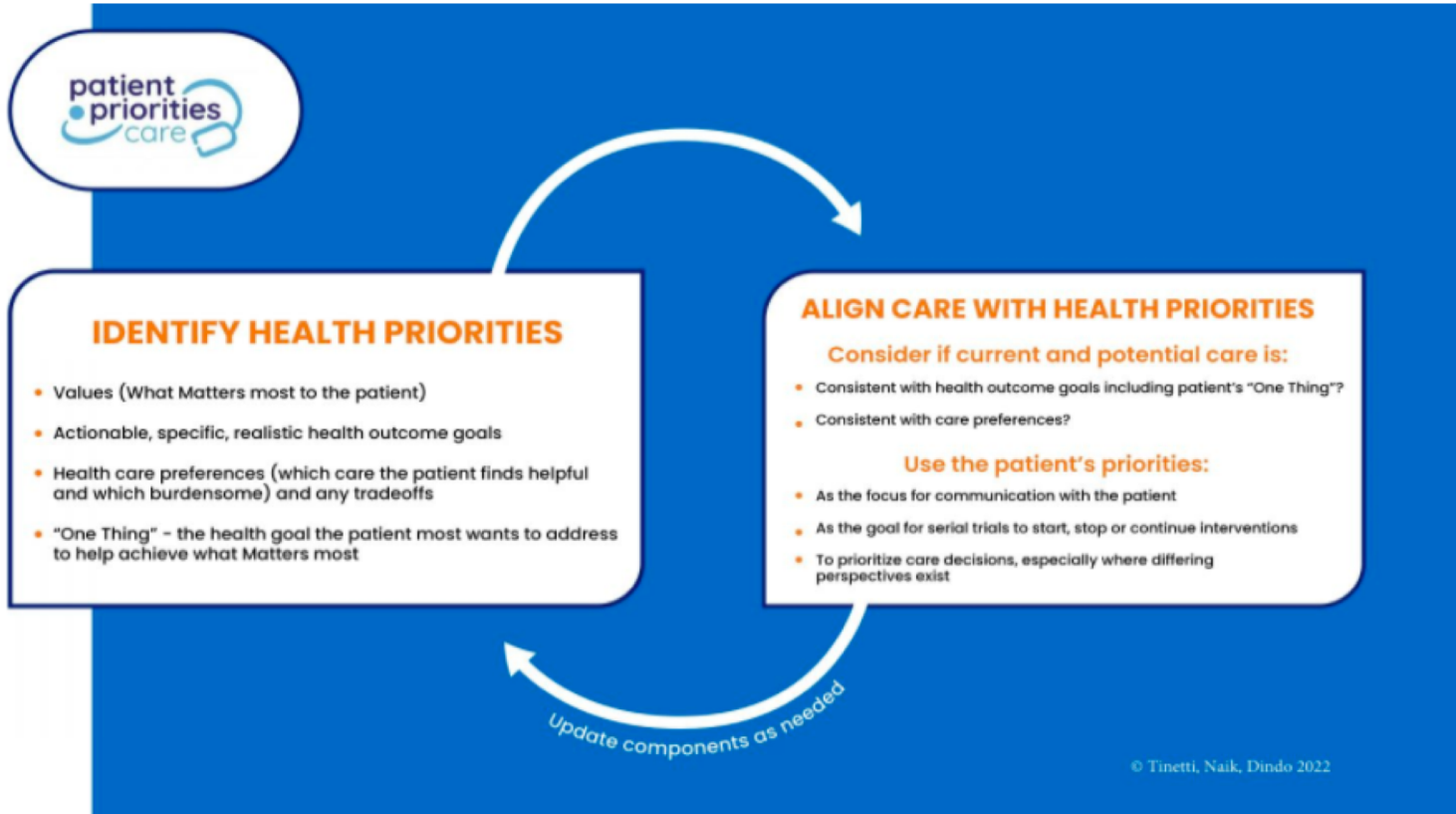


Each clinician is focused on treating his individual conditions.

Is this what Mr. K wants?

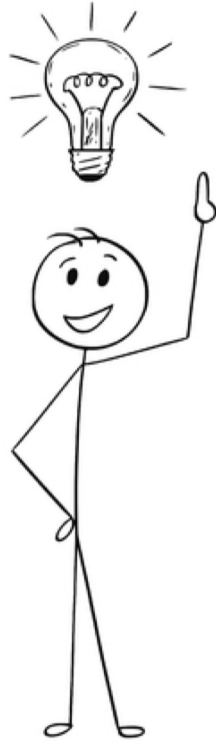
A circular orange icon with a white arrow pointing clockwise, indicating a cycle or process.

# Matters Most



# Matters Most

My quality of life is more important than the quantity.



I want to maintain my independence & functional ability.

Matters Most

# Advance Care Planning

VACS Index

Health Care Proxy

*Appointing Your Health Care Agent  
in New York State*

MOLST

MEDICAL ORDERS FOR  
LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT

*A POLST Paradigm Program*

ePrognosis | Estimating Prognosis  
for Elders



# Mind





# Mind

MOCA 21/30



<https://stock.adobe.com/search?k=stick+figure+thinking>

# Mind

## Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-2)

Over the past 2 weeks, have you often been bothered by:

1. Little interest or pleasure in doing things?  Yes  No  
 2. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless?  Yes  No

GAD-7				
Over the <u>last 2 weeks</u> , how often have you been bothered by the following problems? <i>(Use "✓" to indicate your answer)</i>	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1. Feeling nervous, anxious or on edge	0	1	2	3
2. Not being able to stop or control worrying	0	1	2	3
3. Worrying too much about different things	0	1	2	3
4. Trouble relaxing	0	1	2	3
5. Being so restless that it is hard to sit still	0	1	2	3
6. Becoming easily annoyed or irritable	0	1	2	3
7. Feeling afraid as if something awful might happen	0	1	2	3

*(For office coding: Total Score T \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_)*

## PATIENT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE-9 (PHQ-9)

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?  
*(Use "✓" to indicate your answer)*

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1. Little interest or pleasure in doing things	0	1	2	3
2. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	0	1	2	3
3. Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much	0	1	2	3
4. Feeling tired or having little energy	0	1	2	3
5. Poor appetite or overeating	0	1	2	3
6. Feeling bad about yourself — or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down	0	1	2	3
7. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television	0	1	2	3
8. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed? Or the opposite — being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual	0	1	2	3
9. Thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting yourself in some way	0	1	2	3

For office coding: 0 + \_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_  
= Total Score: \_\_\_\_

If you checked off any problems, how difficult have these problems made it for you to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people?

Not difficult at all

Somewhat difficult

Very difficult

Extremely difficult

# Mind

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PHQ9 9

GAD7 7



# Mobility



# Mobility



Eating



Bathing



Dressing



Transferring



Toileting

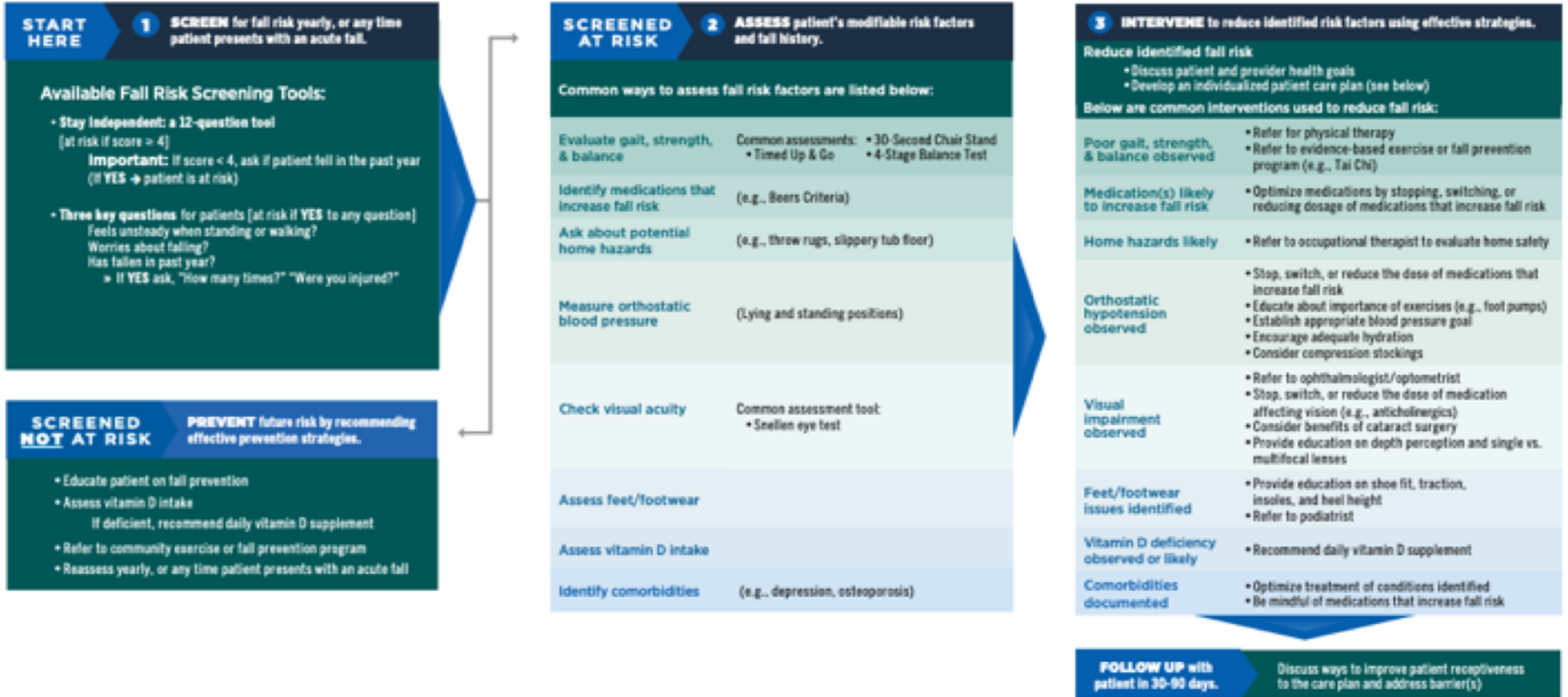


Walking or moving around



# Mobility

## STEDI Algorithm for Fall Risk Screening, Assessment, and Intervention among Community-Dwelling Adults 65 years and older





# Frailty



**F\_\_atigue**

**R\_\_esistance (ability to climb one flight of stairs)**

**A\_\_mbulation (ability to walk one block)**



**I\_\_llnesses (Greater than 5)**

**L\_\_oss of Weight ( $\geq 5\%$  over 1 year)**

**$\geq 3$  = frail / 1 - 2 = pre-frail / 0 = robust**

Reference: Woo, Jean, Jason Leung, and John E. Morley. "Comparison of frailty indicators based on clinical phenotype and the multiple deficit approach in predicting mortality and physical limitation." *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* 60.8 (2012): 1478-1486.

# Modifiable



# Medications

1. Metoprolol
2. Sacubitril/Valsartan (Entresto®)
3. Spironolactone
4. Aspirin
5. Ezetimibe
6. Rosuvastatin
7. Bictegravir/emtricitabine/tenofovir  
alafenamide (Biktarvy®)
8. Esomeprazole
9. Tiotropium (Spiriva®)
10. Alendronate
11. Lorazepam
12. Zolpidem



# 71 yr old man referred for a comprehensive geriatric assessment

## Multicomplexity

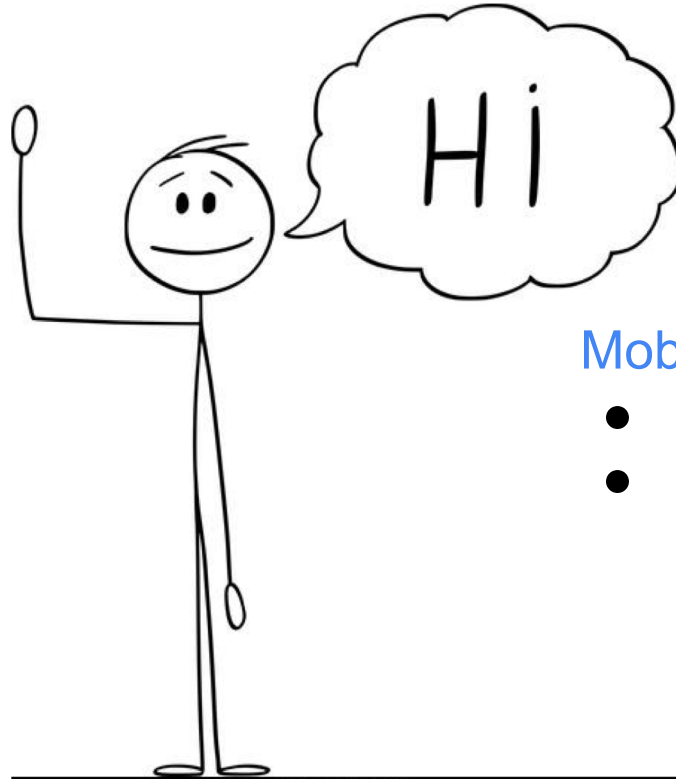
- Yes!
- Priorities

## Matters Most

- Independence
- Prognosis
- ACP

## Medications

- 12 daily meds



## Mind

- IADLs
- PHQ9/GAD7
- MOCA

## Mobility

- ADLs
- Falls screening

## Modifiable

- Tobacco use

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## Problem list:

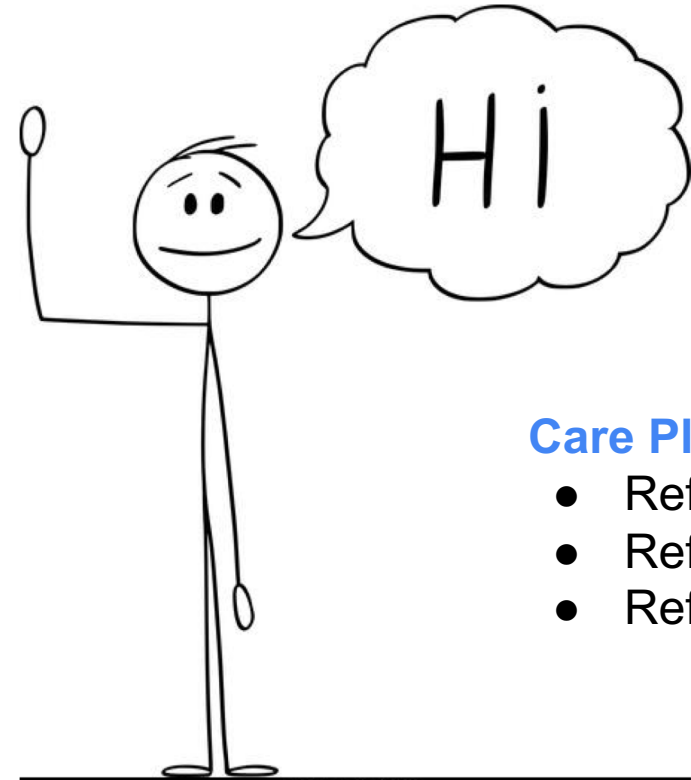
- Chronic pain
- Hearing loss
- Depression/Anxiety
- Insomnia
- Polypharmacy
- Tobacco use

## Care Plan:

- Referral to SW
- Referral to psychotherapy
- Referral to ENT

## Interventions:





































- Motivational interviewing
- Care coordination



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## HIV Pharmacotherapy

### Commonly Prescribed HIV Medications

Single-Tablet Regimens									
<b>Atripla</b> (efavirenz/emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) 	<b>Biktarvy</b> (bictegravir/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide) 	<b>Complera</b> (rilpivirine/emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) 	<b>Delstrigo</b> (doravirine/lamivudine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) 	<b>Dovato</b> (dolutegravir + lamivudine) 	<b>Genvoya</b> (elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide) 	<b>Juluca</b> (dolutegravir/rilpivirine) 	<b>Odefsey</b> (emtricitabine/rilpivirine/tenofovir alafenamide) 	<b>Stribild</b> (elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) 	<b>Symfi/Symfi Lo</b> (efavirenz/lamivudine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) 
Single-Tablet Regimens (cont.)			Nucleoside/Nucleotide Analogs (NRTIs)						
<b>Symtuza</b> (dorzavir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide) 	<b>Triumeq</b> (dolutegravir/sbacavir/lamivudine) 	<b>Cimduo/Temixys</b> (lamivudine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) 	<b>Descovy</b> (emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide) 	<b>Emtriva</b> (emtricitabine or FTC) 	<b>Epivir</b> (lamivudine or 3TC) 	<b>Epzicom</b> (abacavir/lamivudine) 	<b>Truvada</b> (emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) 	<b>Viread</b> (tenofovir disoproxil fumarate or TDF) 	<b>Ziagen</b> (abacavir or ABC) 
Protease Inhibitors (PIs)				Non-Nucleosides (NNRTIs)					
<b>Evotaz</b> (atazanavir/cobicistat) 	<b>Prezcobix</b> (dorzavir/cobicistat) 	<b>Prezista</b> (darunavir or DRV) 	<b>Reyataz</b> (atazanavir or ATV) 	<b>Edurant</b> (rilpivirine or RPV) 	<b>Intellelex</b> (etravirine or ETV) 	<b>Pifeltro</b> (doravirine) 	<b>Sustiva</b> (efavirenz or EFV) 		
Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)		Integrase Inhibitors		Pharmacokinetic Enhancers		Entry Inhibitors			
<b>Truvada</b> (emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) 	<b>Descovy</b> (emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide)  <p><small>Not indicated for individuals at risk from receptive vaginal sex.</small></p>	<b>Isetress</b> (raltegravir or RAL) 	<b>Tivicay</b> (dolutegravir or DTG) 	<b>Norvir</b> (ritonavir or RTV) 	<b>Tybost</b> (cobicistat) 	<b>Selzentry</b> (maraviroc or MVC) 	<b>Trogarzo</b> (balizumab-ujyk)  <p><small>(See package insert)</small></p>		

## Side Effects - Medications

- **Possibility, not a certainty.**
  - Possibility of side effects may increase based on factors such as pre-existing conditions, reduced kidney or hepatic function, higher dose, and drug or food interactions.
- **Two classifications of side effects**
  - Class-specific
  - Drug-specific

# Side Effects - NRTI (Nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors)

Class-specific: Lactic acidosis, hepatic steatosis

Abacavir	Hypersensitivity (rash/fever/fatigue/dyspnea/GI/cough/pharyngitis)
Didanosine	Peripheral neuropathy, pancreatitis (with heavy alcohol use)
Emtricitabine	Hyperpigmentation of palms/soles
Lamivudine	Pancreatitis
Stavudine	Peripheral neuropathy, pancreatitis
Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	Acute renal failure, decreased bone mineral density, Fanconi syndrome
Tenofovir alafenamide	Increased serum creatinine and urinary protein, mineral density loss
Zalcitabine	Peripheral neuropathy, ulcerations, rash
Zidovudine	Bone marrow suppression



# Side Effects - NNRTI (Non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors)

Class-specific: Rash, hepatotoxicity, CNS symptoms

Delavirdine	Elevated transaminases and total bilirubin
Doravirine	Headache, nausea, diarrhea
Efavirenz	Neuropsychiatric (vivid dreams, altered mental state), depression, suicidal ideation
Etravirine	Elevated cholesterol/triglycerides/glucose, hepatotoxicity
Nevirapine	Hypersensitivity, hepatotoxicity
Rilpivirine	Depression, suicidal ideation, QTc prolongation, virologic failure

# Side Effects - PI (Protease inhibitors)

Class-specific: Metabolic (e.g., insulin resistance, dyslipidemia), lipodystrophy

Amprenavir	Rash, elevated triglycerides, diarrhea
Atazanavir	Jaundice, PR prolongation, decreased bone mineral density, cholelithiasis/nephrolithiasis
Darunavir	Elevated amylase/transaminases, hepatotoxicity
Fosamprenavir	Elevated transaminases
Indinavir	Nephrolithiasis, hyperbilirubinemia
Lopinavir	Diarrhea, nausea
Nelfinavir	diarrhea
Saquinavir	PR/QT prolongation
Tipranavir	Intracranial hemorrhage, hepatic toxicity

# Side Effects - INSTI (Integrase strand transferase inhibitor)

Class-specific: Rash

Bictegravir	Elevated total bilirubin, serum creatine, renal insufficiency
Dolutegravir	Insomnia, mood disturbance, renal insufficiency
Elvitegravir	Elevated hepatic transaminase
Raltegravir	Fatigue, muscle aches, elevated pancreatic amylase and hepatic transaminase

# Side Effects - Booster, CCR5I, FI, PAI

Ritonavir (booster)	Abnormal taste sensation, numbness around mouth/extremities, PR prolongation
Cobicistat (booster)	Jaundice, hyperbilirubinemia, elevated serum creatinine, renal insufficiency
Maraviroc (chemokine receptor type 5 inhibitor)	Cough, upper respiratory tract infections, rash, musculoskeletal pain, MI, hepatitis
Enfuvirtide (fusion inhibitor)	Injection site reaction, fatigue diarrhea, nausea, insomnia, pneumonia, eosinophilia
Ibalizumab-uiyk (post-attachment inhibitor)	Diarrhea, dizziness, nausea, rash, elevated serum creatinine

# Side Effects - HIV Medications

	<b>NRTI</b>	<b>NNRTI</b>	<b>PI</b>	<b>INSTI</b>
Cognitive/Psychiatric		X		X
Kidney	X		X	
Liver		X	X	X
Pancreas	X			X
Bone	X		X	
Cardiovascular	X	X	X	X
Metabolic	X		X	

# Drug-Drug Interactions

- Drugs can interact with other medication in various ways
  - May increase the absorption → Higher chance of adverse effects
  - May decrease the absorption → Higher chance of treatment failures
- HIV medications may interact with non-HIV medications
  - Statins: lowers cholesterol
  - Acid-Suppressive agents: helps with heartburn
  - Antiepileptics: prevent/treat seizures
  - Methadone: pain and addiction
  - Antidepressants: mood, depression, anxiety
  - PDE-5 inhibitors: erectile dysfunction
  - Fluticasone & salmeterol: allergies, asthma
  - Others

# Drug-Drug Interactions

- Statins

<b>Statin</b>	<b>Protease Inhibitors (PI)</b>	<b>Cobicistat</b>
Atorvastatin	OK except with tipranavir-ritonavir (Aptivus®) "Start low, go slow"	OK
Fluvastatin	No data	No data
Lovastatin	Contraindicated	Contraindicated
Pitavastatin	OK	No data
Pravastatin	OK. Use lowest dose with atazanavir or darunavir containing regimen.	No data
Rosuvastatin	OK "start low, go slow"	OK
Simvastatin	Contraindicated	Contraindicated

# Drug-Drug Interactions

- **Acid-suppressive agents**
  - Increases the pH (makes less acidic) of the gastrointestinal tract, which can lead to decreased absorption of some HIV medications, which leads to virologic failure.
  - Acid-suppressive agents include histamine-2 blockers (famotidine, ranitidine, etc.), proton pump inhibitors (omeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, esomeprazole, etc.), and antacids (calcium carbonate, aluminum hydroxide, magnesium carbonate, etc.).
- **HIV medications interacting with acid-suppressive agents**
  - Histamine-2 blockers: **Atazanavir** (boosted can be given at the same time or at least 10 hours after H2 blocker; unboosted should be taken at least 2 hours before or at least 10 hours after taking H2 blocker), **Rilpivirine** (H2 blockers should be given at least 4 hours before or 2 hours after)
  - Proton pump inhibitors: **Atazanavir** (12 hours apart), **Darunavir** (ritonavir boosted formulation), **Rilpivirine** (contraindicated), **Tipranavir** (not recommended)
  - Antacids: **Atazanavir** (2 hours before or 1 hour after antacid), **Bictegravir**, **Dolutegravir** (2 hours before or 6 hours after; can be taken with a calcium -containing antacid if taken with food), **Elvitegravir** (2 hours apart), **Raltegravir** (avoid aluminum or magnesium containing antacid), **Rilpivirine** (4 hours before or 2 hours after antacid)



# Drug-Drug Interactions

- Antiepileptics

- 1st generation antiepileptic drugs (carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, valproic acid)
  - Carbamazepine: increased level when coadministered with PIs, particularly ritonavir. Decreased level when coadministered with efavirenz and nevirapine.
  - Phenytoin: decreased level when coadministered with lopinavir/ritonavir and nelfinavir.
  - Valproic acid: decreased level when coadministered with ritonavir.
  - PI, maraviroc, efavirenz, etravirine: decreased level when coadministered with carbamazepine, phenytoin, and phenobarbital.

- Limited data on newer antiepileptic drugs

# Drug-Drug Interactions

- Methadone

- Interacts with most PIs and NNRTIs
- ~50% reduction in level of methadone when coadministered with lopinavir/ritonavir, nelfinavir, efavirenz, and nevirapine.
- May lead to opioid withdrawal
  - Dose increase of methadone by 10 to 20mg at a time with careful monitoring needed

- Antidepressants

- Ritonavir based regimen increases levels of various SSRIs (fluoxetine, citalopram, paroxetine, sertraline), trazodone and tricyclic antidepressants (amitriptyline, desipramine, doxepin, imipramine, nortriptyline, etc).
- Efavirenz decreases levels of bupropion and sertraline
- Fluvoxamine, fluoxetine, and paroxetine may increase level of PIs.

# Drug-Drug Interactions

- PDE-5 inhibitor

- PI increases the level of PDE-5 inhibitors
  - Saquinavir and ritonavir increased the AUC of sildenafil by 3.1-fold and 11-fold, and increased the C<sub>max</sub> by 2.4-fold and 3.9-fold respectively.
- Limited data with vardenafil and tadalafil.

- Fluticasone & salmeterol

- Nasal spray for allergies and oral inhaler for asthma
- Ritonavir increases the fluticasone AUC by 350-fold, which causes systemic effects.
  - Can cause Cushing Syndrome (too much cortisol in the body - symptoms include upper body obesity, round face, and thin skin with bruising)
- Ritonavir increases level of salmeterol
  - Palpitations, tachycardia, and QTc prolongation

# Drug-Drug Interactions

- Herbal supplements - Just because it is “natural” does not mean it is safe to use with other medications!
- Common herbal supplements used by elderly population:
  - ginkgo biloba, garlic, ginseng, aloe vera, chamomile, spearmint, and ginger
- Herbal supplements with significant CYP450 interactions:

	1A2	2C9	2C19	2D6	2E1	3A4	OATP1A	OATP2B1	P-gp
Inhibitor	Echinacea	Kava Kava Milk Thistle	Kava Kava	Golden Seal	Kava Kava	Echinacea Golden Seal	Green Tea Extract		Green Tea Extract
Inducer	Curcumin					Ginseng (Asian) St. John's Wort		Black Cohosh	Garlic St. John's Wort

# Minimizing Adverse Events From Drug Interactions

- When drug interactions exist, prescribers and pharmacists assess the clinical significance of the interactions, and may proceed with dispensing of the drug if benefits outweigh the risks.
- Provide full and accurate list of medications, including herbal supplements and vitamins.
- Use one pharmacy if possible.
  - If using multiple pharmacies, make sure to update every pharmacy with up to date medication list.
  - Let the pharmacist know if you have kidney or liver problems.
- Report side effects to the prescriber and the pharmacist.

# Liverpool HIV Interaction Checker

<https://www.hiv-druginteractions.org/checker>

The screenshot shows the top section of the website. On the left is the logo for HIV Drug Interactions. In the center is the University of Liverpool logo. On the right are dropdown menus for 'Language' and 'Apps'. Below these is a navigation bar with links: 'About Us', 'Interaction Checkers', 'Prescribing Resources', 'Videos', 'Site News', 'Contact Us', and 'Support Us'. A blue banner at the bottom of the header contains the text: 'Long acting cabotegravir for PrEP and new COVID comedications added - see [Site News](#) for further details'.

Looking for interactions with COVID-19 therapies, including Paxlovid? [Click here for covid19-druginteractions.org](https://www.hiv-druginteractions.org/covid19-druginteractions.org)

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# Liverpool Interaction Checker

HIV Drugs	Co-medications	Drug Interactions
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metformin ⓘ	<a href="#">Look for alternatives</a> →
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metformin ⓘ	More Info ▾
		<b>Potential Interaction</b>
		Bictegravir/ Emtricitabine/Tenofovir alafenamide (BIC/FTC/TAF)
		Metformin

# Liverpool Interaction Checker

Do Not Coadminister

Bictegravir/ Emtricitabine/Tenofovir alafenamide (BIC/FTC/TAF)

Carbamazepine

**Quality of evidence:** Very Low ⓘ

**Summary:**  
 Coadministration is not recommended. Carbamazepine is an inducer and is expected to decrease both bictegravir and tenofovir alafenamide exposures which may result in loss of therapeutic effect and development of resistance. Coadministration with bictegravir/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide has not been studied. Coadministration of carbamazepine (300 mg twice a day) with emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide (200/25 mg once daily) decreased tenofovir C<sub>max</sub> and AUC by 57% and 54%. Alternative anticonvulsants should be considered.

**Description:**  
 Co-administration is not recommended. Coadministration of carbamazepine (titrated from 100 mg to 300 mg twice a day) and emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide (200/25 mg once daily) decreased tenofovir alafenamide AUC and C<sub>max</sub> by 54% and 57%. The interaction has not been studied with bictegravir but may decrease bictegravir plasma concentrations (due to induction of CYP3A, UGT1A1, and P-gp).  
*Biktary Summary of Product Characteristics, Gilead Sciences Ltd, June 2019.*

Coadministration may decrease concentrations of bictegravir and tenofovir alafenamide. Coadministration with alternative anticonvulsants should be considered. Coadministration of carbamazepine (300 mg twice daily) and tenofovir alafenamide (25 mg single dose, with emtricitabine) decreased tenofovir C<sub>max</sub> and AUC by 57% and 54%.  
*Biktary Prescribing Information, Gilead Sciences Inc, August 2019.*

## Other comedications in the same class

Clicking on a symbol will show details of the interaction

The table below shows interactions with other drugs in the same class. The clinical suitability of a drug as an alternative may depend not only on its interaction profile, but also on patient specific information.

Anticonvulsants	Bictegravir/ Emtricitabine/Tenofovir alafenamide (BIC/FTC/TAF)
Carbamazepine	●
Clonazepam	◆
Eslicarbazepine	●
Ethosuximide	◆
Gabapentin	◆
Lacosamide	◆
Lamotrigine	◆
Levetiracetam	◆
Oxcarbazepine	●
Phenobarbital (Phenobarbitone)	●
Phenytoin	●
Pregabalin	◆
Primidone	●
Tiagabine	◆
Topiramate	◆
Valproate	◆
Vigabatrin	◆
Zonisamide	◆

● Do Not Coadminister    ■ Potential Interaction    ▲ Potential Weak Interaction    ◆ No Interaction Expected



# Drug-Food Considerations

- Taking certain medications with food or on an empty stomach can have clinically significant effect on the outcome of pharmacotherapy.
- Variations of instructions
  - Take with food
  - Take on an empty stomach
  - Take with food with calorie requirements (e.g., >390 calories) or restrictions (e.g., avoid high fat meal)
  - Avoid specific fruit or juice (e.g., grapefruit, seville oranges, starfruit, etc.)
- Recommendations may differ even for the same medication depending on the dosage formulation, ART regimen, and patient's age.

Koziolok, Mirko et al. "The mechanisms of pharmacokinetic food-drug interactions – A perspective from the UNGAP group" *European Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences* vol 134 (2019): 31-59. doi.org/10.1016/j.ejps.2019.04.003.

Bushra, Rabia et al. "Food-drug interactions." *Oman medical journal* vol. 26,2 (2011): 77-83. doi:10.5001/omj.2011.21

# Drug-Food Considerations

With food	<p>Single tablet regimen: Complera<sup>®1</sup>, Odefsey<sup>®1</sup>, Genvoya<sup>®2</sup>, Stribild<sup>®2</sup>, Juluca<sup>®3</sup>, Symtuza<sup>®4</sup></p> <p>NRTI: Tenofovir alafenamide, Etravirine, Rilpivirine (&gt;390 calories)</p> <p>PI: Amprenavir (if taken with ritonavir or suspension for pediatric), Atazanavir, Darunavir, Indinavir (if taken with a booster), Lopinavir (solution formulation), Nelfinavir, Saquinavir, Tipranavir (if taken with ritonavir tablet formulation)</p> <p>INSTI: Elvitegravir</p>
Empty stomach	<p>Single tablet regimen: Atripla<sup>®1</sup>, Symfi<sup>®1</sup>, Symfi Lo<sup>®1</sup></p> <p>NRTI: Didanosine</p> <p>NNRTI: Efavirenz</p> <p>PI: Amprenavir (suspension formulation for adult only), Indinavir</p>

# Medications and Cognition



# Anticholinergics

- Class of medication with wide therapeutic use.
- Blocks neurotransmitter called acetylcholine in central and peripheral nervous system.

## Common Therapeutic Use

- Allergy/Cough/Cold
- Asthma/COPD
- Antispasmodic - Bladder/Stomach/GI Tract
- Stomach & GI Tract Ulcer
- Insomnia
- Motion Sickness/Dizziness/Nausea



- Movement disorders
- Anxiety
- Muscle spasms/Relaxants/Pain
- Antipsychotics
- Antidepressants (Tricyclic)
- Antiarrhythmics
- Seizures

# Anticholinergics

<u>Allergies</u> <u>Cough/Cold</u> <u>Sleeping</u>	<u>Nausea</u>	<u>Overactive</u> <u>Bladder</u>	<u>Parkinson</u>	<u>Anti-</u> <u>psychotics</u>	<u>Anti-</u> <u>spasmodics</u>	<u>Muscle</u> <u>Relaxants</u>	<u>Depression</u>
Diphenhydramine (Benadryl <sup>®</sup> , “PM”)	Meclizine (Bonine <sup>®</sup> )	Oxybutynin	Benztropine	Olanzapine	Atropine	Carisoprodol	Amitriptyline
Hydroxyzine	Dimen- hydrinate (Dramamine <sup>®</sup> )	Tolterodine	Trihexy- phenidyl	Quetiapine	Belladonna  Scopolamine	Chlor- zoxazone	Despiramine
Promethazine	Prochlor- perazine	Trospium	Amantadine	Clozapine	Dicyclomine	Cyclo- benzaprine	Doxepin
Chlorpheniramine (Chlor-Trimeton <sup>®</sup> )	Trimetho- benzamide	Darifenacin		Chlor- promazine	Hyoscyamine	Metho- carbamol	Nortriptyline

# Anticholinergics

- Associated with poorer cognition, reduced cerebral glucose metabolism, increased brain atrophy, and clinical decline in cognitive normal older adults.
- Taking at least one anticholinergic agents on regular basis was 47% more likely to develop mild cognitive impairment, which is a precursor to dementia.
- Taking an anticholinergic for the equivalent of 3 years or more increased the risk of dementia by 54% than taking the same dose for 3 months or less.

*Neurology* Oct 2020, 95 (16) e2295-e2304

*JAMA Neurol.* 2016;73(6):721-732.

*JAMA Intern Med.* 2015;175(3):401-407.

# Benzodiazepines

- Conflicting findings
- Cognitive impairment shown with
  - Long-acting benzodiazepines
    - chlordiazepoxide, clorazepate, diazepam, flurazepam.
  - Long-term use (> 3 years)
  - Abuse

# Opioids

- Cognitive decline on the Mini Mental State Examination in patients using long-term opioid therapy or combined opioid and benzodiazepines.
- Other studies suggest that there are minimal effects on cognitive function.



# Cardiac Agents

- **Antiarrhythmics - via anticholinergic effects**
  - Disopyramide, procainamide, quinidine
- **Hypertensives**
  - Low cerebral perfusion
    - All antihypertensives
  - Fluid, electrolytes, and acid-base imbalance
    - Diuretics
  - Neurotransmitter imbalance in the CNS
    - Reserpine, methyldopa, clonidine
- **Digoxin - via Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> ATPase disruption**

# Proton Pump Inhibitors

- Omeprazole(Prilosec<sup>®</sup>), Esomeprazole(Nexium<sup>®</sup>)
- A study in 2014 showed a significant increased risk of any dementia with PPI use.
  - Multiple subsequent studies have failed to find association between PPI use and increased risk of dementia
  - One study published in 2022 (pending peer review) found that the incidence of Alzheimer's disease was higher for patients exposed to PPIs regardless of duration of exposure

# H<sub>2</sub> Antagonists (Antacids)

- Ranitidine (Zantac<sup>®</sup>), Cimetidine (Tagamet<sup>®</sup>)
- Long-term use (>2 years)
- Two possible mechanisms:
  - Anticholinergic effects
  - Interfere with absorption of Vitamin B12

# Tools to Calculate Anticholinergic Burden

## ACB Calculator [ACBcalc.com](http://ACBcalc.com)

- Provides a score for medication with anticholinergic effects
- Score of 3+ is associated with increased cognitive impairment and mortality

ACB calculator

Home About ACB Medicines Scorecard Admin login

Diphenhydramine

Score: **3**  
Medicine: Diphenhydramine  
Brands: Benadryl™, Nytol™, Sleepeaze™

Oxybutynin

Score: **3**  
Medicine: Oxybutynin  
Brands: Ditropan™

Alprazolam

Score: **1**  
Medicine: Alprazolam  
Brands: Xanax™

[+ Add new medicine](#) [Reset](#)

Total ACB Score: **7 High Risk**

Your patient has scored  $\geq 3$  and is therefore at a higher risk of confusion, falls and death.  
Please review their medications and, if possible, discuss this with the patient and/or relatives/carers.  
Please consider if any of these medications could be switched to a lower-risk alternative.  
For help choosing medicines to reduce anticholinergic burden, [click here](#)

Many of the medications that we commonly prescribe have anticholinergic properties.

In patients over 65 years of age these can cause adverse events, such as confusion, dizziness and falls. These have been shown to increase patient mortality.

You can use this calculator to work out the Anticholinergic Burden for your patients.

A score of 3+ is associated with an increased cognitive impairment and mortality.

Find [more information on Anticholinergic Burden](#) or help choosing medicines to [reduce anticholinergic burden](#)

# Tools to Calculate Anticholinergic Burden

## Anticholinergic Burden Calculator [anticholinergicscales.es](http://anticholinergicscales.es)

- Assesses risk based on multiple scales and indices developed by various scholars
- Considers total daily dose of each medication

### Anticholinergic burden results

Recalculate PDF XLS

The results of anticholinergic risk (low / medium / high) obtained with each scale are linked to the risk categorization made by the authors or developers of each one of them

Scale	Result	Risk
ACB	7	HIGH RISK
ARS	6	HIGH RISK
Chew	6	HIGH RISK
ADS	6	HIGH RISK
AAS	4	HIGH RISK
ALS	3	HIGH RISK
CrAS	4	HIGH RISK
Duran	4	HIGH RISK
ABC	6	HIGH RISK

Medication	Scales								
	ACB	ARS	Chew	ADS	AAS	ALS	CrAS	Duran	ABC
ALPRAZOLAM (4 mg)	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3
DIPHENHYDRAMINE (25 mg)	3	3	3	3	0	0	3	2	0
OXYBUTYNIN (10 mg)	3	3	3	3	4	2	0	2	3

### DBI Results (Note: This scale, unlike the above, considers drug dose prescribed in the calculation)

Medication	DBI
ALPRAZOLAM (4 mg)	0.89
DIPHENHYDRAMINE (25 mg)	0.33
OXYBUTYNIN (10 mg)	0.40
Results	HIGH RISK 1.62

# HIV - Efavirenz (Sustiva<sup>®</sup>, Atripla<sup>®</sup>, Symfi<sup>®</sup>)

- Associated with cognitive and psychiatric side effects
- Poorer cognitive function with long-term use and high efavirenz plasma level
- Switching to non-efavirenz combination improved general CNS symptomatology

# HIV - High CNS Penetration Agents

- Most studies show that higher CNS penetration agents lead to improved cognition
- American Psychiatric Association suggests that some HIV agents (zidovudine and efavirenz) cause CNS complications due to its ability to penetrate the CNS
- Zidovudine, lamivudine, indinavir, and abacavir associated with amyloid plaques in neuronal cell culture experiment
- One study shows no association

# HIV - High CNS Penetration Agents

**Table 1. Central Nervous System Penetration Effectiveness Scores for Antiretroviral Agents Used to Date**

0	1	2	3	4
Amprenavir	Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate	Didanosine	Abacavir	Zidovudine
Amprenavir/r	Tenofovir alafenamide <sup>a</sup>	Lamivudine	Emtricitabin	Nevirapine
Cobicistat	Zalcitabine	Stavudine	Efavirenz	Dolutegravir <sup>a</sup>
	Enfuvirtide	Etravirine	Delavirdine	Indinavir/r
	Ritonavir <sup>b</sup>	Rilpivirine <sup>a</sup>	Raltegravir	
	Saquinavir	Elvitegravir <sup>a</sup>	Maraviroc	
	Saquinavir/r	Fos-amprenavir	Fos-amprenavir/r	
	Tipranavir/r	Atazanavir	Indinavir	
	Nelfinavir	Atazanavir/r	Lopinavir/r	
			Darunavir/r	

NOTE: Adapted from Letendre et al [18] with permission.

<sup>a</sup>Letendre et al [35] with permission and personal communication from Dr. Scott Letendre (unpublished data), written communication (22 June 2018).

<sup>b</sup>When used as a nonbooster.



# Beers Criteria

- Lists potentially inappropriate medication use in older adults
- Guide to reduce polypharmacy, drug interactions, and adverse drug reactions
  - Provides recommendations and evidence-based rationale
- Improves risk-benefit ratio of pharmacotherapy



# Polypharmacy

- No universal definition:  $\geq 5$  medications
- PLWH
  - Occurs ~10 years before the general population
  - High prevalence ( $\geq 5$  non-HIV medications )

Reference	Age	N	Polypharmacy prevalence
McNicholl I et al. <i>Pharmacotherapy</i> . 2017.	$\geq 50$	248	94%
Cabanilla G et al. Presented at IAS 2019.	$\geq 65$	112	84%
Greene M et al. <i>J AM Geriatr Soc</i> . 2014.	$\geq 60$	89	74%

- Higher risk of polypharmacy-associated hospitalization in PLWH
- Higher prevalence of taking potentially inappropriate drugs (52-63% compared to 29% in uninfected patients)
- Higher prevalence of anticholinergic risk score  $\geq 3$  (17% compared to 4% in uninfected patients)
- Higher number of non-HIV medications (8 compared to 6 medications in uninfected patients)

# Polypharmacy

- Higher chance of drug-drug interactions
  - May increase the risk of side effects or therapy failure
  - Limits pharmacotherapy options
- Additive effects
  - “Anticholinergic Burden”
  - Common weak anticholinergic medications:
    - warfarin, metoprolol, furosemide, venlafaxine, loratadine
- Potential burden on kidney and liver

# Polypharmacy

- Prescribing Inertia

- Amotivation to discontinue a medication that patient has been taking for a long time or prescribed by another provider

- Prescribing Cascade

- Starting a medication to treat a side effect from another medication

- Patient's desire to maintain the status-quo

- Want to continue the current regimen because it has been working for them

WELL, THE **WHITE PILL** LOWERS MY BLOOD PRESSURE BUT MAKES MY **LEGS SWELL**, THE **YELLOW PILL** LOWERS THE SWELLING BUT **CAUSES ME TO PEE**, THE **BLUE PILL** STOPS ME FROM PEEING BUT **MAKES ME CONFUSED**, THE **TAN PILL** IMPROVES MY MEMORY BUT **MAKES MY NOSE RUN**, THE **PINK PILL** STOPS MY NOSE FROM RUNNING BUT **MAKES ME SLEEPY**, THE **ORANGE PILL** WAKES ME UP BUT **INCREASES MY BLOOD PRESSURE**, SO THE **WHITE PILL** LOWERS MY BLOOD PRESSURE BUT...















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# Deprescribing Tool

MedStopper  
[medstopper.com](http://medstopper.com)

- Provides stopping priorities and suggested taper approach

Stopping Priority RED=Highest GREEN=Lowest	Medication/ Category/ Condition	May Improve Symptoms?	May Reduce Risk for Future Illness?	May Cause Harm?	Suggested Taper Approach	Possible Symptoms when Stopping or Tapering	Beers/STOPP Criteria
	oxybutynin (Ditropan) / Incontinence / <b>incontinence</b>				If used daily for more than 3-4 weeks. Reduce dose by 50% every 1 to 2 weeks. Once at 25% of the original dose and no withdrawal symptoms have been seen, stop the drug. If any withdrawal symptoms occur, go back to approximately 75% of the previously tolerated dose.	return of symptoms	None
	acetaminophen (Tylenol) / Acetaminophen / <b>general pain/osteoarthritis</b>				Tapering not required		None
	omeprazole (Prilosec, Losec) / Proton pump inhibitor / <b>heartburn/GERD</b>				If used daily for more than 3-4 weeks. Reduce dose by 50% every 1 to 2 weeks. Once at 25% of the original dose and no withdrawal symptoms have been seen, stop the drug. If any withdrawal symptoms occur, go back to approximately 75% of the previously tolerated dose.	return of symptoms, heartburn, reflux	<a href="#">Details</a>

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1 Frail elderly?

2 Generic or Brand Name:

3 Select Condition Treated:

Generic Name	Brand Name	Condition Treated	Add to MedStopper
oxybutynin	Ditropan	incontinence	<input type="button" value="Add"/>

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# Let's Apply the Knowledge!

1. **Metoprolol - anticholinergic score: 1**
2. Sacubitril/Valsartan (Entresto®)
3. **Spironolactone - Beer's list**
4. Aspirin
5. Ezetimibe
6. Rosuvastatin
7. Bictegravir/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide (Biktarvy®)
8. **Esomeprazole - Beer's list**
9. Tiotropium (Spiriva®)
10. Alendronate
11. **Lorazepam - Beer's list**
12. **Zolpidem - Beer's list**



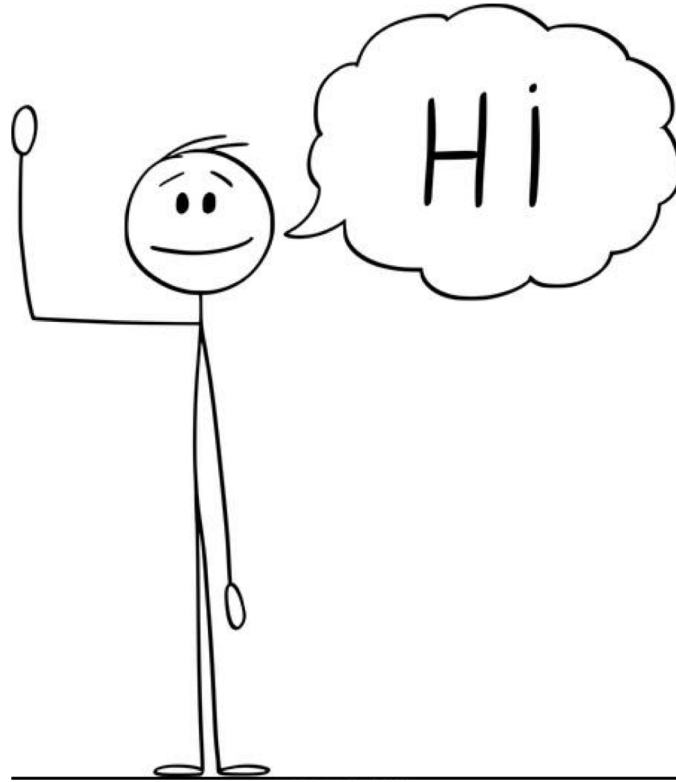
- Review the indications of each medication and the necessity of pharmacotherapy
- Conduct risk-benefit analysis

<b>Benzodiazepines</b> <i>Short and intermediate acting:</i> Alprazolam Estazolam Lorazepam Oxazepam Temazepam Triazolam <i>Long acting:</i> Chlordiazepoxide (alone or in combination with amitriptyline or clidinium) Clonazepam Clorazepate Diazepam Flurazepam Quazepam	Older adults have increased sensitivity to benzodiazepines and decreased metabolism of long-acting agents; in general, all benzodiazepines increase risk of cognitive impairment, delirium, falls, fractures, and motor vehicle crashes in older adults  May be appropriate for seizure disorders, rapid eye movement sleep behavior disorder, benzodiazepine withdrawal, ethanol withdrawal, severe generalized anxiety disorder, and perioperative anesthesia	Avoid
Meprobamate Nonbenzodiazepine, benzodiazepine receptor agonist hypnotics (ie, "Z-drugs") Eszopiclone Zaleplon Zolpidem	High rate of physical dependence; sedating  Nonbenzodiazepine benzodiazepine receptor agonist hypnotics (ie, Z drugs) have adverse events similar to those of benzodiazepines in older adults (eg, delirium, falls, fractures); increased emergency room visits/hospitalizations; motor vehicle crashes; minimal improvement in sleep latency and duration	Avoid

- Deprescribe as necessary

HIV Drugs	Co-medications	Drug Interactions
biktarvy <input type="text"/>	Search co-medications... <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check HIV/ HIV drug interactions <input type="button" value="Switch to table view"/> <input type="button" value="Reset Checker"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bictegravir/Emtricitabine/Tenofovir alafenamide (BIC/FTC/TAF)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metoprolol	<input type="button" value="No Interaction Expected"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bictegravir/Emtricitabine/Tenofovir alafenamide (BIC/FTC/TAF)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sacubitril	

71 yr old man referred for a comprehensive geriatric assessment

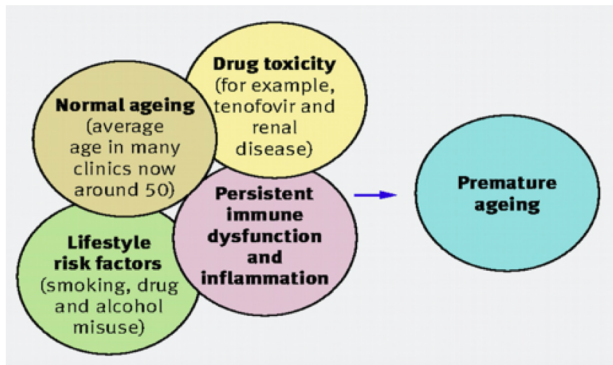
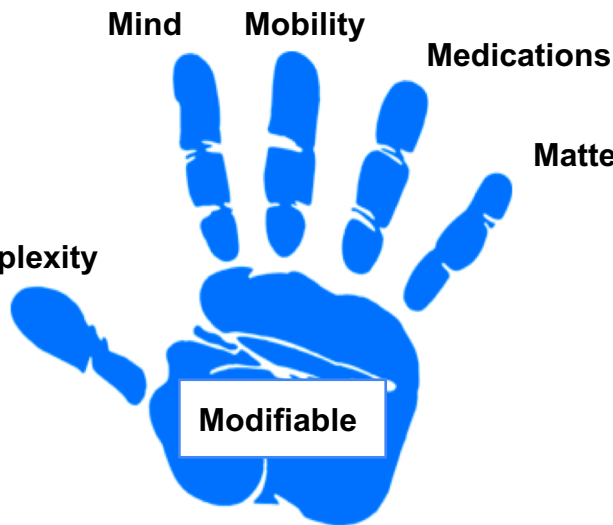


# Take Home Points

Over half of people with diagnosed HIV were aged 50 and older.



Multi-complexity



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