

Multimorbidity in South Africa / LMICs: Prevention and management opportunities



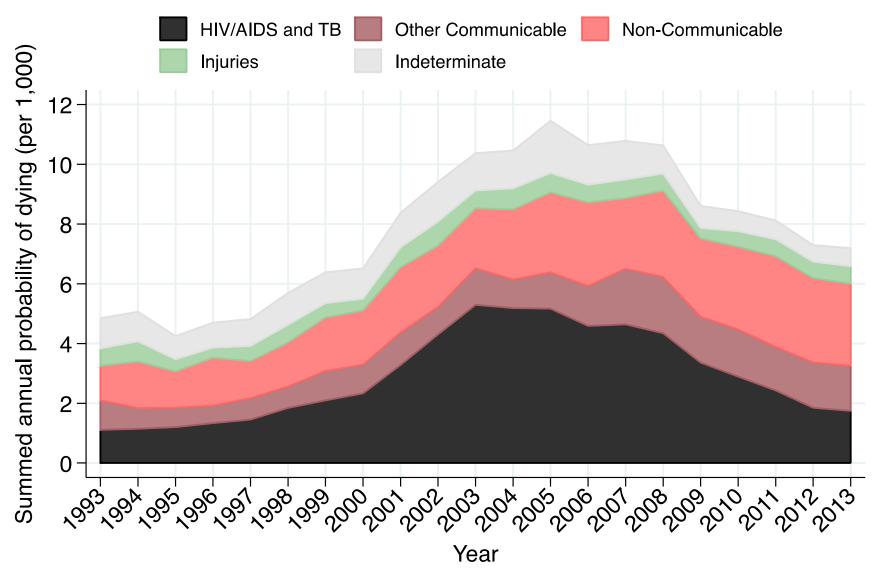


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Colliding epidemics: mortality and cause-of-death composition

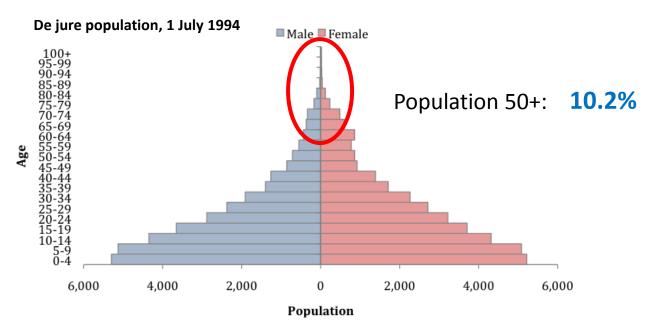


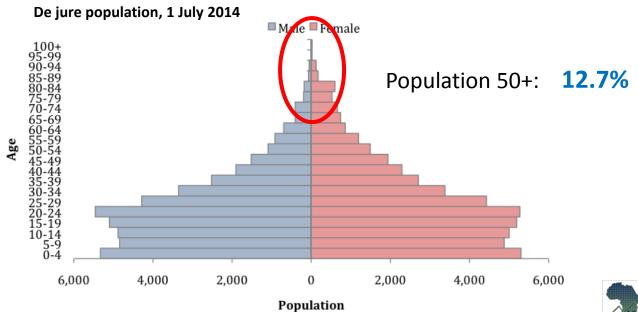






A rural Southern African population: 1994 and 2014

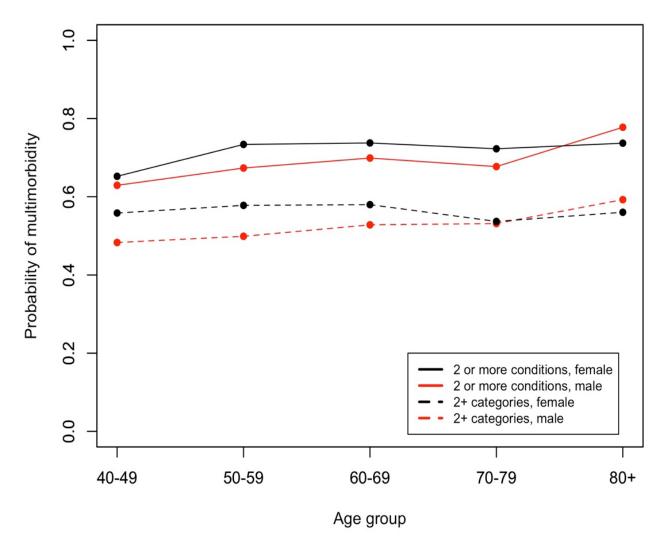






Probability of multimorbidity by age (2015)

> than 1 condition or category of conditions (Chang, Salomon et al)





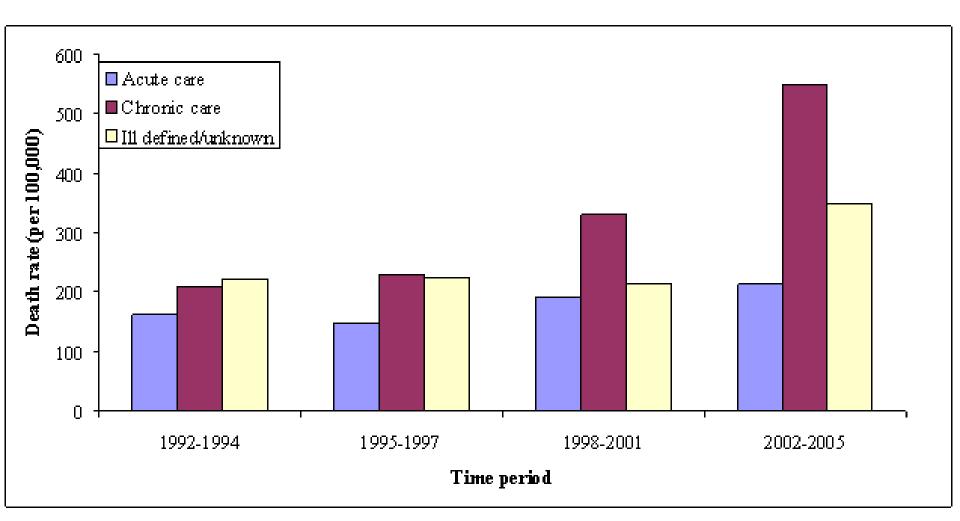


Households with older women: child fostering and orphans

| | All Households | Households with NO woman 60+ | Households with woman 60+ |
|---|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Households with at least one child under 15 | 77.7% | 77.8% | 76.2% |
| Household with at least one fostered child | 15.4% | 12.1% | 26.5%* |
| Household with at least one maternal orphan | 5.5% | 4.7% | 15.9%* |
| Total N | 11,665 | 8,994 | 2,671 |

'Demand' for chronic care

Mortality by type of care, 1992-2005





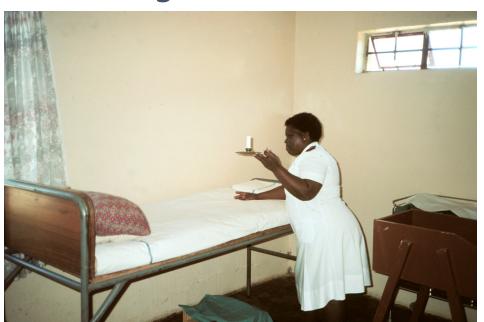








Nurse-managed rural health services



Presence of concordant / discordant conditions if hypertension or diabetes or HIV+ (2015)

| | Hypertension | Diabetes | HIV+ |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| Presence of index condition n (%) | 2789 (63%) | 514 (12) | 1006 (23) |
| | | | |
| Other cardiometabolic | 1553 (55%) | 477 (91) | 724 (71) |
| Mental disorders | 642 (23%) | 132 (25) | 208 (20) |
| HIV | 478 (17%) | 78 (15) | |

Comparing HIV+ people to persons with HT and diabetes:

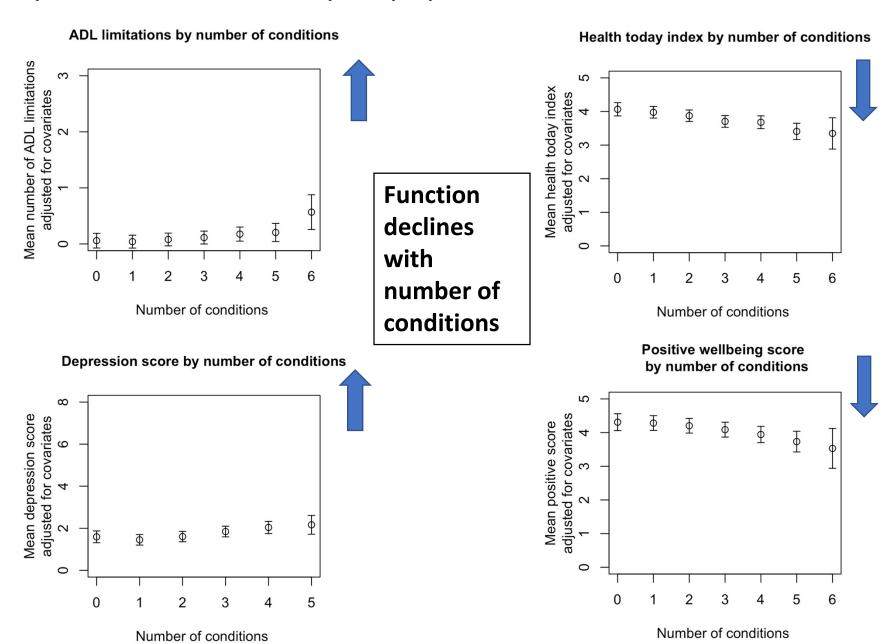
- Younger
- Poorer
- Separated / deserted







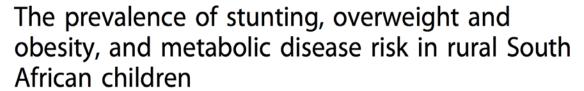
Impact of multimorbidity on physical and mental function, 2015



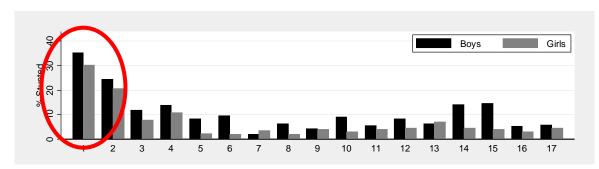


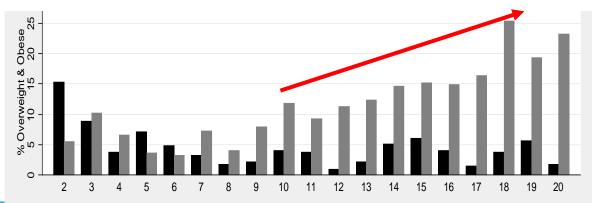
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Depression and HIV

(Pearson et al, in preparation)

- Depression measured using CES-D
 - 20 items; past week symptoms: restless sleep, poor appetite, feeling lonely



- Moderate to severe depression significantly associated with
 - Incident HIV (RR: 2.41 [1.18 4.89])
 - HSV-2 (RR: 1.89 [1.11 3.18])
 - Pregnancy (RR: 1.69 [1.29 2.30])
- Suggests a likely common mechanism
- Depression is modifiable interventions could help reduce risk







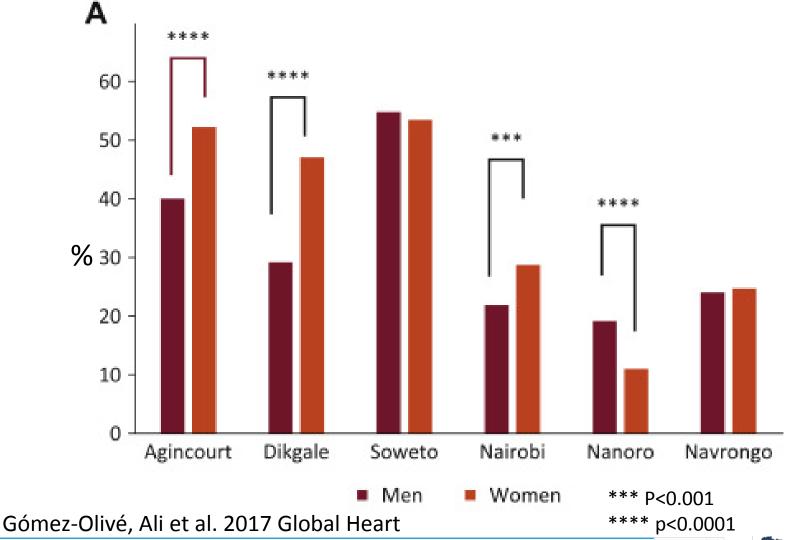
Progression in cardiovascular risk: adults 50+ rural South Africa

| | | 003 :402 | 20 N=4 | | 2010 N=1 | • | | 1 5 5 0 59 |
|-----------------------|------|-------------|-----------|--------|-------------|--------|------|-----------------------------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Abdominal obesity (%) | 26 | 67 | 28 | 74 | 34 | 84 | 35 | 84 |
| Hypertension (%) | 50 | 56 | 57 | 57 | 64 | 69 | 58 | 66 |





Hypertension transition: S-E-W Africa



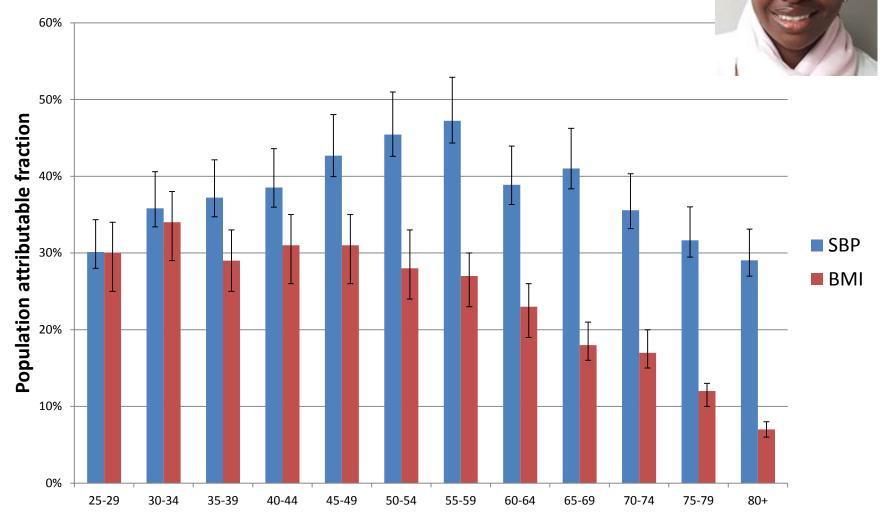






Stroke-related mortality attributable to BP and BMI in rural women

(Maredza et al, BMC PH, 2016)

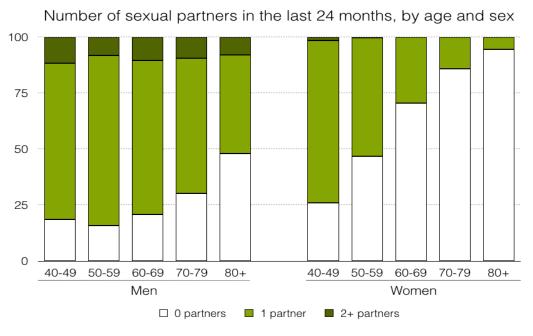


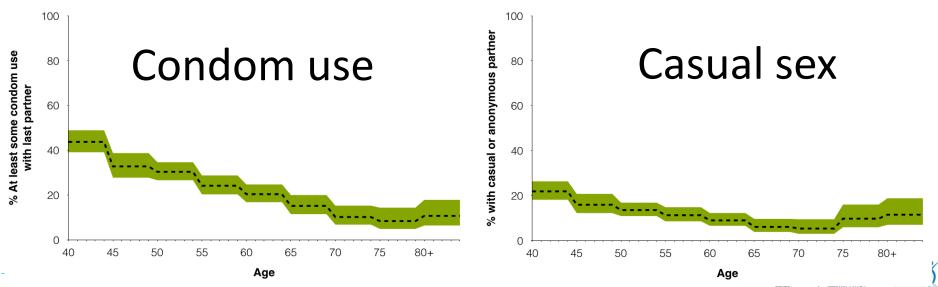






Sex partners in past 2 years (2015)





ART advantage? Effect of antiretroviral therapy on other care

| | Ever Use of ART Odds Ratio + 95% CI |
|---------------------------|--|
| Ever Measured BP | 1.6 (1.110 – 2.298) |
| Ever Measured Blood Sugar | 1.9 (1.369 – 2.603) |
| Advised to Change Diet | 3.2 (1.798 – 5.671) |
| Advised to Exercise | 2.6 (1.258 – 5.539) |

N for all models = 3310 controlling for age, gender, BMI, education and HIV-status

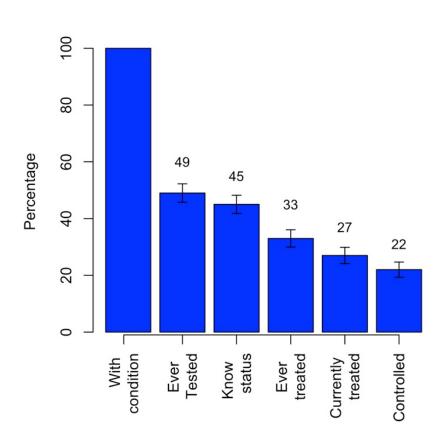
Manne-Goehler et al 2015

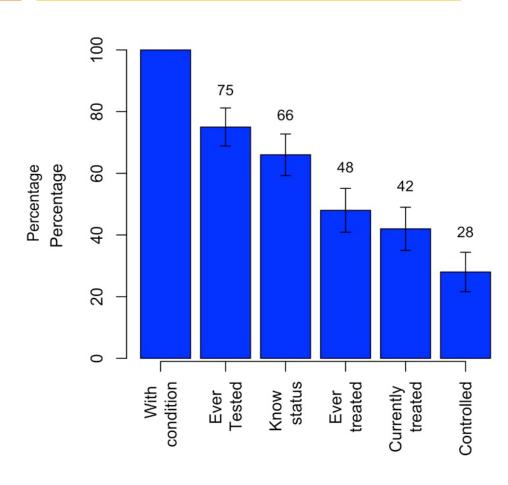


Proportion reaching each stage in continuum-of-care for hypertension

Hypertension only (n=953)

Hypertension and HIV (n=199)

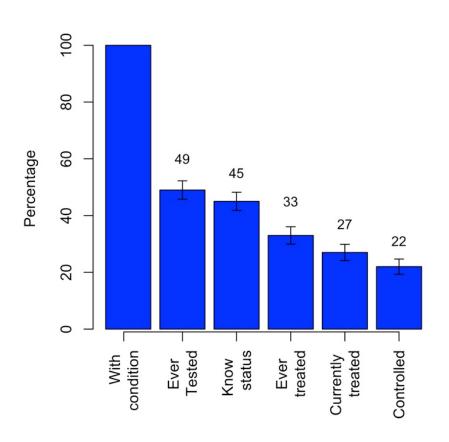


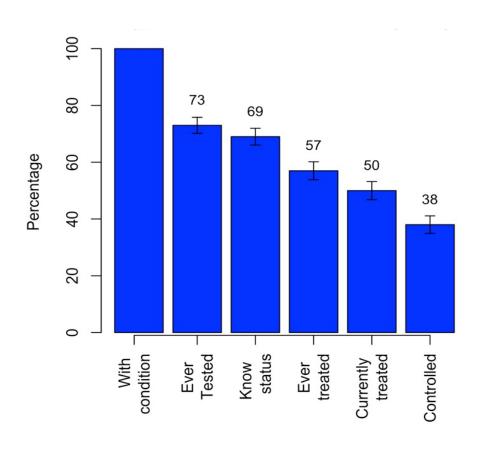


Proportion who reach each stage in continuum-of-care for hypertension

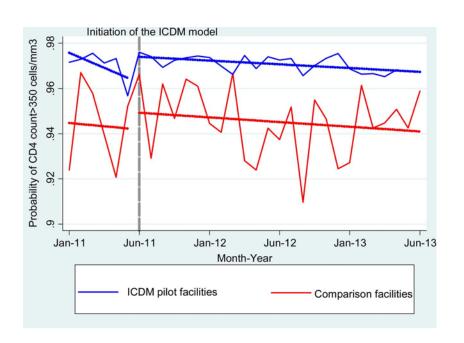
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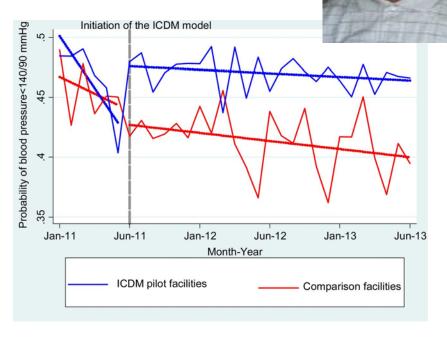
Hypertension and CMD (n=988)





Introducing integrated care: DOH pilot vs standard clinics





Monthly probability of having a CD4 count >350 cells/mm3

Monthly probability of having a BP >140/90 mm Hg

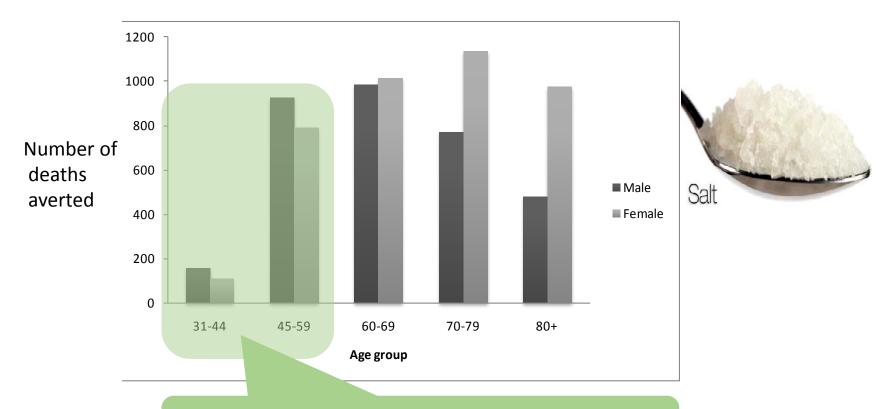
Study showed a small but significant improvement in control of patient CD4 count and BP

But control of BP in pilot clinics was suboptimal ie the Dept. of Health's purpose in initiating the ICDM mode - to leverage HIV programmes to scale-up NCD services - is yet to be achieved





Case for salt regulation: decreasing salt in bread can save ~6400 lives from stroke each year



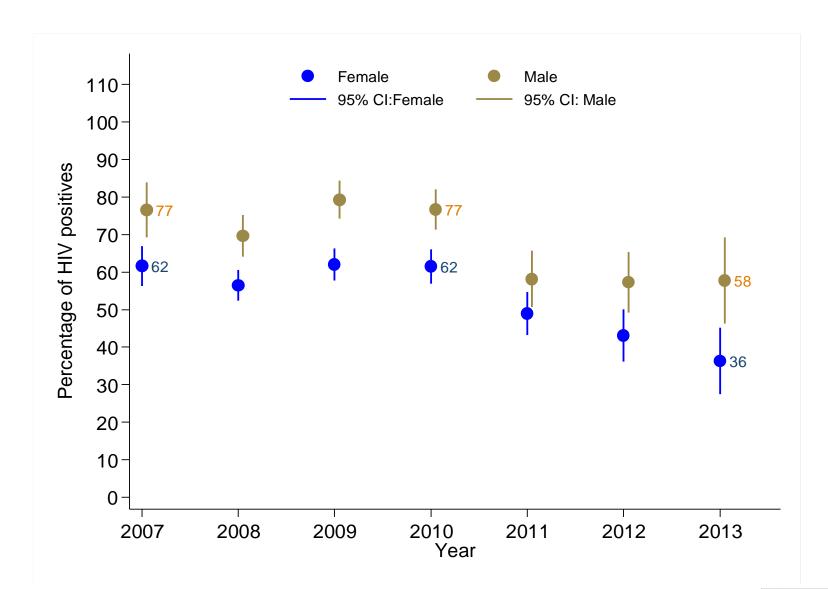
Preventing premature deaths among people under 60 provides large economic savings ZAR 300 mill/yr







Gender: presenting to clinics for HIV care 2007-2013 (%)









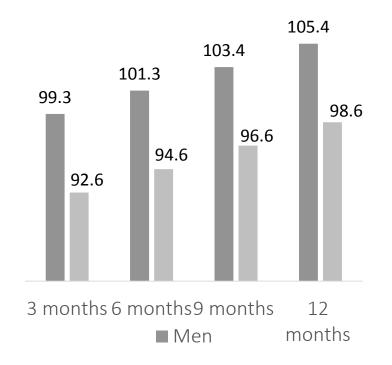
Labour migration: Time 'away' associated with hypertension

Issue: linkage to care...

Predicted values of **systolic BP** (mm/Hg) by months away and sex (N=194)

Predicted values of **diastolic BP** (mm/Hg) by months away and sex (N=194)





Source: MHFUS Pilot Data

Unless specified, covariates held at means

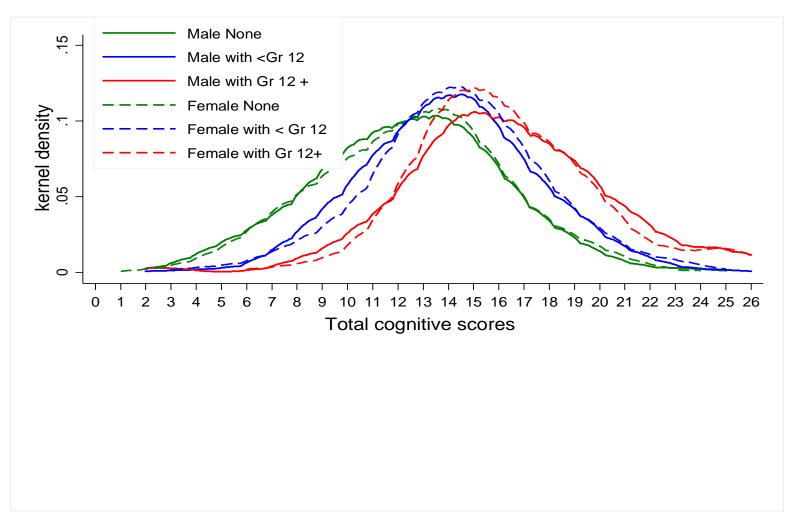






Cognitive change... decline... dementias: Cognitive scores by education (40 years+)

Agincourt, 2015







OLDER ADULTS: Function, wellbeing and mortality

| Influencing survival | Relative Risk |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Single | 1.52 |
| Lower QOL (self-report) | 1.59 |
| Poorest households | 1.85 |
| Reduced function (self-report) | 2.40 |
| Female | 0.34 |



- Individual wellbeing 'improves' at pension age
 - Age 60 69: better quality-of-life (esp. women)
- Households with pension-age woman cope better
 - Orphans and fostering, Girl schooling, Food security

Engagement / Participation: Health topics selected

Health topic Causes of mortality Substance / Motor vehicle accidents alcohol Suicide use-abuse STI HIV **Depression** Chronic diseases Diarrhoea Water Vomiting shortages Dehydration Malnutrition

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