



# Use of Cancer Registration in Quality Indicators of surgical procedures

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# Overview

- Introduction
- Oesophageal and Pancreatic Cancer Surgery: history of centralisation
  - Incidence and surgical procedures in Belgium
  - History centralization: 2008-2019
  - Data input Cancer Registry
  - Analysis and Results / volume - outcome
- Conclusion

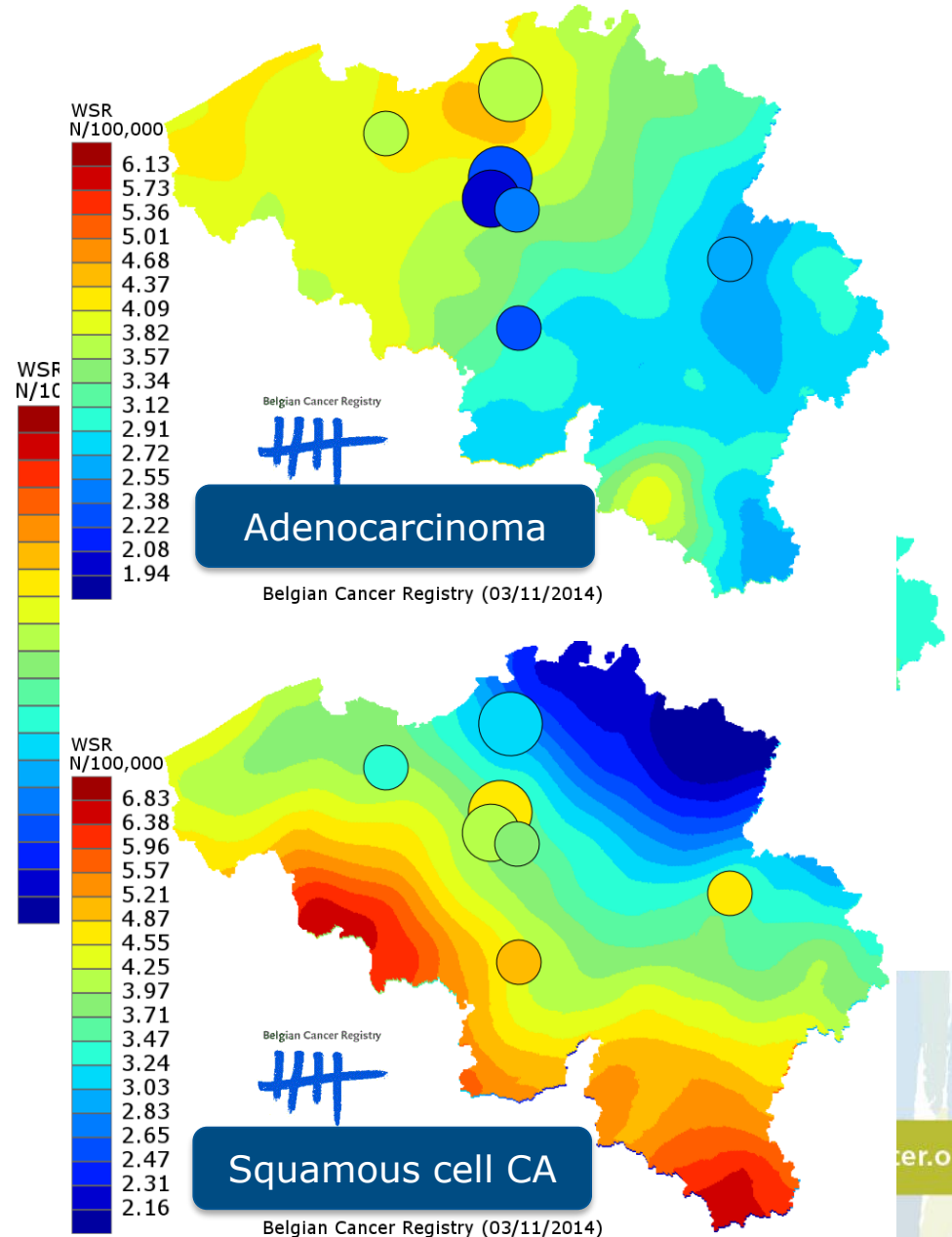
# Oesophageal and Pancreatic Cancer in Belgium

- Cancer Incidence – Belgium, population 11 Mio
  - Yearly 2.000 new pancreatic cancers => 500 resections
  - Yearly 1.500 new oesophageal cancers => 400 resections

# Oesophageal Cancer Incidence in Belgium

Oesophagus

About 1500 cases/year  
400 resections/ year



Henau K, Van Eycken E, Silversmit G, Pukkala E, Cancer Epidemiology, 2015 Feb;39(1):55-65, Regional variation in incidence for smoking and alcohol related cancers in Belgium.

# History of Centralisation

# Belgian Health Care Knowledge Centre, 2008

**Literature:**  
**Minimal volume**  
**20 resections/yr**



30. Oesophageal cancer surgery should be carried out in high volume specialist surgical units by surgeons with experience and/or specialist training in oesophageal and gastro-oesophageal junction cancer (IC recommendation).





## UPDATE VAN DE PRAKTIJKRICHTLIJN VOOR SLOKDARM- EN MAAGKANKER



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### Chirurgische behandeling

#### Aanbeveling

Chirurgie voor slokdarmkanker moet gebeuren in gespecialiseerde centra met een **hoog volume** en met de nodige ervaring en/of specialisten opgeleid in de aanpak van kanker van de slokdarm en van de gastro-oesofagale overgang.



2012

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## RECOMMENDATIONS (KCE responsibility)

*Ter attentie van de Minister, na advies van de bevoegde organen (Nationale Raad voor Ziekenhuisvoorzieningen, Geneeskundige Technische Raad, College van Geneesheren voor Oncologie)*

- Hoewel de literatuur over de volume-uitkomst relatie van kanker van de bovenste gastrointestinale tractus hoofdzakelijk beperkt is tot chirurgie, moet de volledige behandeling gecentraliseerd worden in centra met specialisten opgeleid voor, en met **hoog-volume** ervaring in de aanpak van kanker van de bovenste gastrointestinale tractus.
- Analooq aan het PROCARE project moet geschikte opleiding en peer review georganiseerd worden om een behandeling van hoge kwaliteit te verzekeren voor patiënten met kanker van de bovenste gastrointestinale tractus.

## QUALITY INDICATORS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL CANCER



2013

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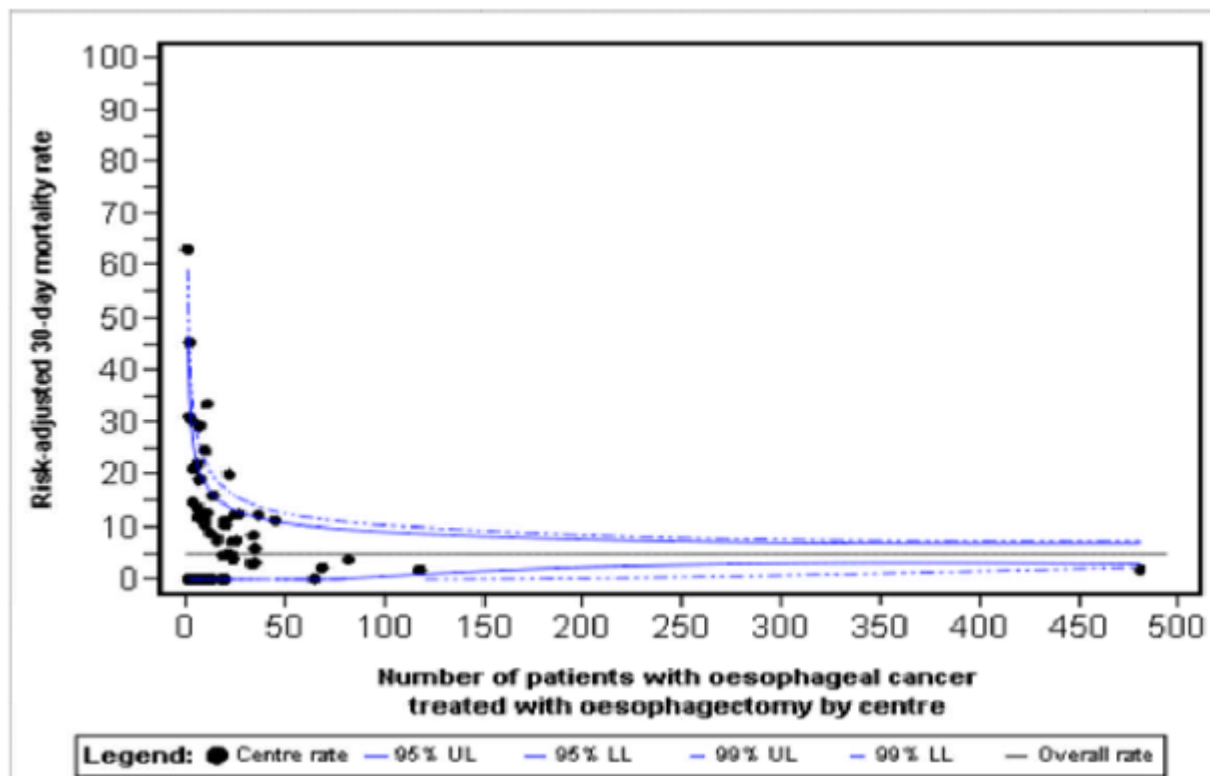
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Belgian Cancer Registry





## Funnel plot: 30 days postoperative mortality after oesophagectomy, adjusted for age and stage, 2004-2008



Postoperative mortality 30 days: 5,4%

KCE report 200, Data from the Belgian Cancer Registry

**2013**

## **Christian Mutualities publish a hospital list with results of the surgical treatment (postoperative mortality) for oesophaggeal cancer**

De Standaard 17/6/2013

### **CM publiceert lijst met sterke en zwakke ziekenhuizen**

Het christelijk ziekenfonds CM heeft een taboe doorbroken. Het informeert zijn leden voor het eerst in welke ziekenhuizen ze zich het best kunnen laten behandelen voor slokdarmkanker - en dus ook in welke niet. De Standaard kreeg de lijst in handen.

**SYNTHESE****ORGANISATIE VAN DE ZORG VOOR VOLWASSENEN MET EEN ZELDZAME OF COMPLEXE KANKER**

2014

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**Minimal volume  
12 resections/yr**

# CANCERS OF THE OESOPHAGUS

## PREFERRED MODEL OF CARE AND CRITERIA FOR REFERENCE CENTRES

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# IMA – AIM, press communication Intermutualistic Agency

Press, 30 September 2014

**Need for centralisation of expertise for rare and complex diseases**

**Nood aan concentratie van expertise voor zeldzame en complexe aandoeningen**

*De overlevingskans bij chirurgie voor slokdarmkanker en pancreaskanker is merkelijk hoger in ziekenhuizen die er veel ervaring mee hebben, blijkt uit studies van het KCE. Toch komt maar een op de drie patiënten in die ziekenhuizen terecht. Het Intermutualistisch Agentschap (IMA) en de ziekenfondsen publiceren daarom het aantal patiënten per ziekenhuis dat voor die kankers een ingreep hebben ondergaan en pleiten voor een concentratie van expertise van zorg voor zeldzame en complexe aandoeningen.*

# 2017-2019

- Roadmap Minister of Health, 2015-2018: initiatives for centralisation
  - Surgery for (lung) pancreas and oesophageal cancer

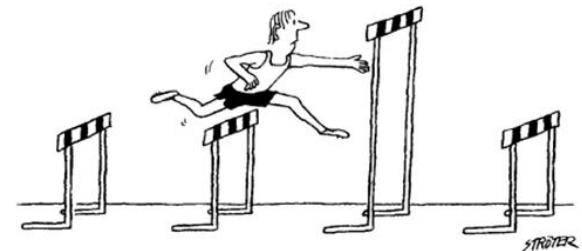
RIZIV-INAMI: Start of the meetings December 2016 => June 2019  
Working group of MEDICOMUT  
=> Verzekeringscomité – Comité d'Assurance

Oesophageal and Pancreatic Cancer: What is the postoperative mortality in Belgium? => Belgian Cancer Registry

# Oesophageal and Pancreatic Cancer: Postoperative mortality in Belgium? 2008-2015

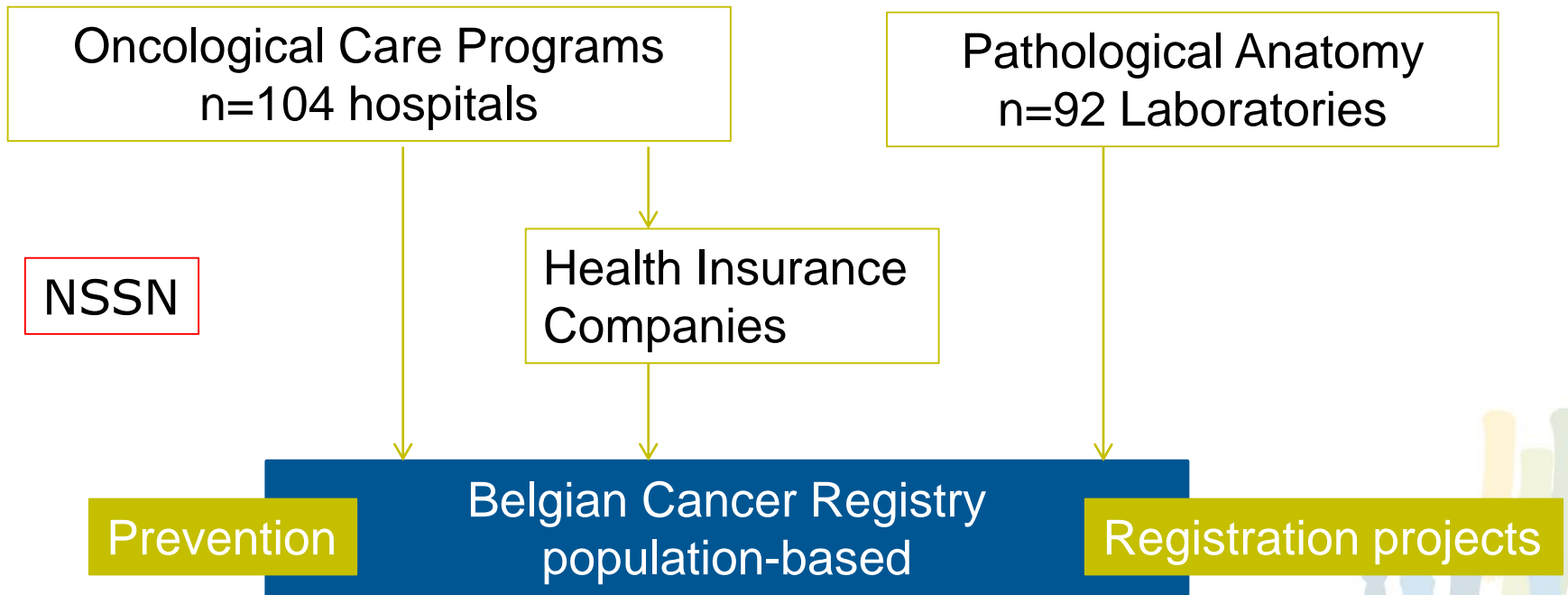
## Aim

- What is the postoperative 90 days mortality for oesophageal cancer in Belgium?
- Is there any variability between centres?
- Is there any volume-outcome association?





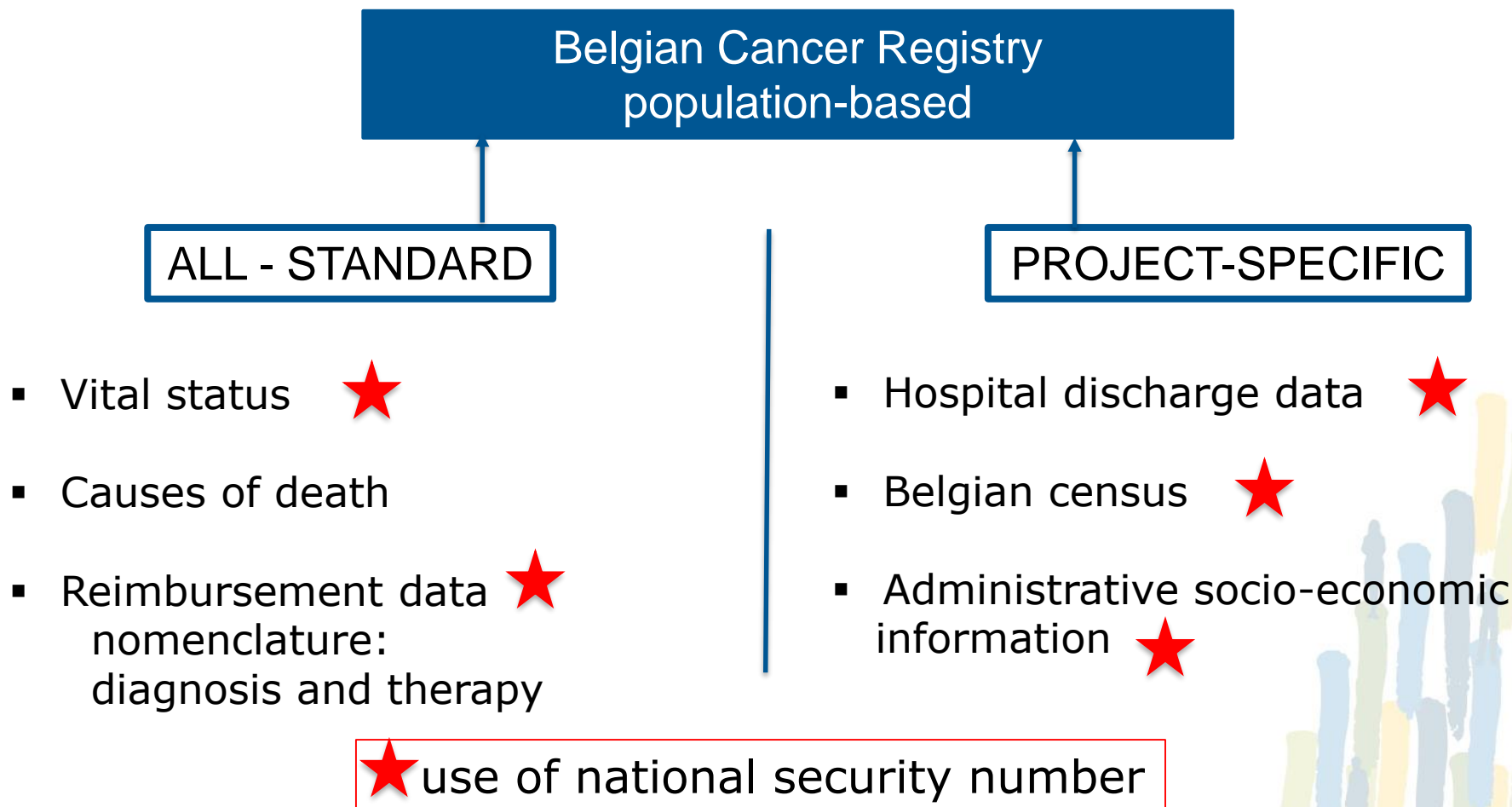
# Data input



Structured data: patient and tumour characteristics, treatment categories

Unstructured data: Full text pathology reports, MDT registration forms  
USING MACHINE LEARNING: text and data mining

# Data input: additional data



# Intermutualistic Agency- IMA data: input

- 2009: authorisation of the Privacy Commission
- For all patients:
  - cancer-related clinical acts (diagnostic & therapeutical)
  - pharmaceutical specialties (medication)
  - hospitalisations
- For each patient: 1 year before incidence year and 5 years after incidence year

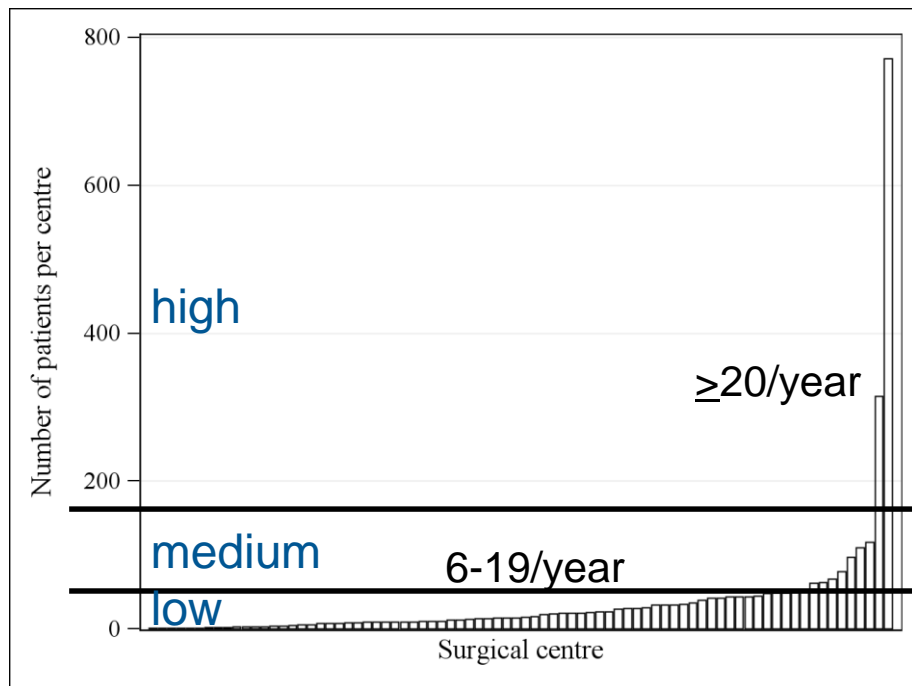
# Methods

- Data 2008-2015, all Belgian hospitals
  - surgery oesophagus n = 2.983 cases
  - surgery pancreas n = 3.655 cases
- Post-op mortality at 90 days (%)
  - Centre variability visualised with funnel plots, 95% PI
  - Adjustment for patient case mix using logistic regression
    - Sex, age, stage, WHO performance, previous inpatient days, comorbidities (diabetic, respiratory and cardiovascular), neo-adjuvant therapy (oesophagus), clustering of patients into hospitals
  - Adjusted hospital Odds Ratios (OR) visualised in forest plots

# Surgical Caseload by Hospital, 2008-2015

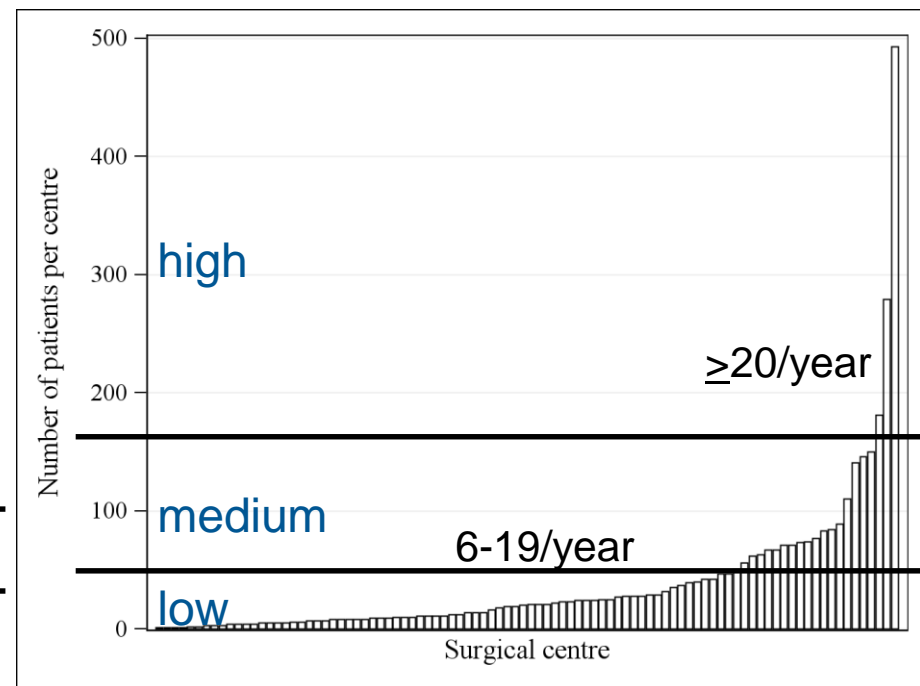
## Oesophagus

N=80, range 1-771 surgeries



## Pancreas

N=94, range 1-493 surgeries



# 90-Day Post-op Mortality, 2008-2015

## Oesophagus

	N	90-day post-op mortality	
		%	95% CI
<b>Overall</b>	2,982	9.3	[8.2, 10.3]
<i>Volume per year</i>			
low	1,055	12.1	[10.2, 14.1]
medium	841	10.9	[8.9, 13.1]
high	1,086	5.2	[4.0, 6.6]

$p < 0.0001$

## Pancreas

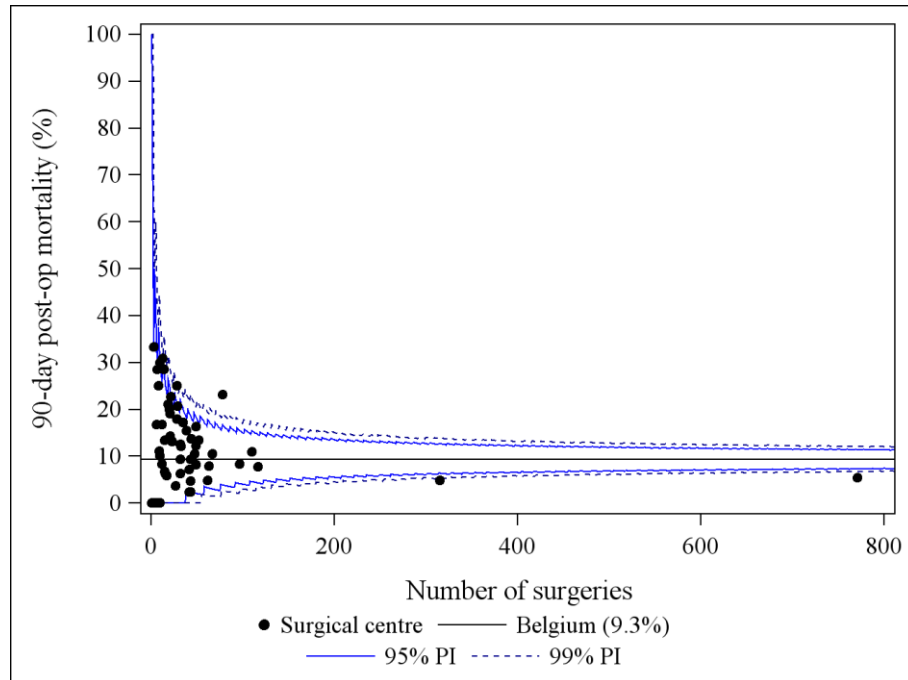
	N	90-day post-op mortality	
		%	95% CI
<b>Overall</b>	3,651	8.1	[7.3, 9.0]
<i>Volume per year</i>			
low	1,166	9.9	[8.2, 11.7]
medium	1,533	8.5	[7.1, 9.9]
high	952	5.4	[4.0, 6.8]

$p = 0.0005$



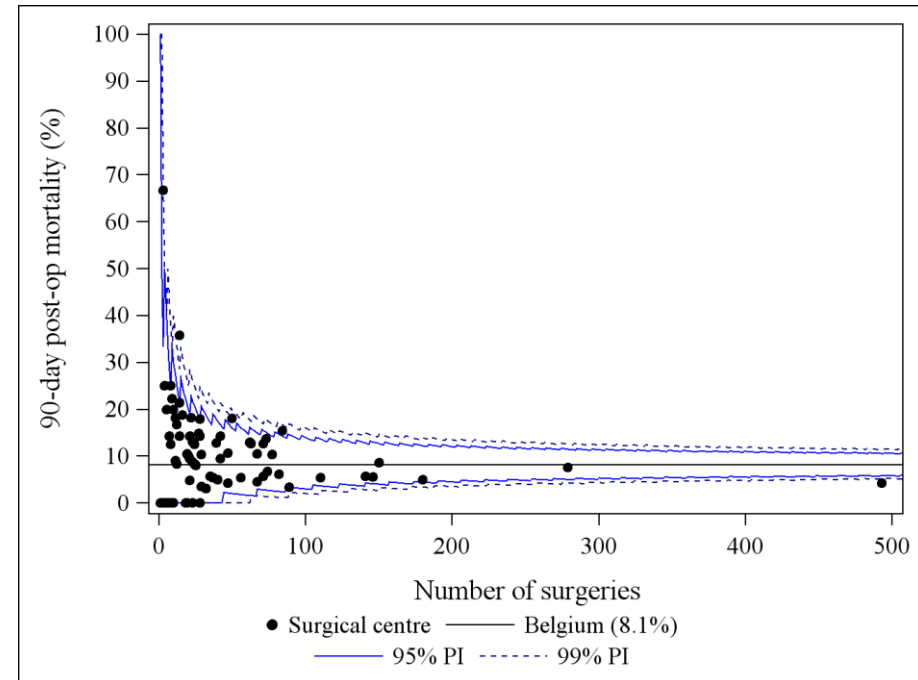
# Centre variability: 90 Day Post-op Mortality, 2008-2015

## Oesophagus



Variability as expected  
Two largest hospitals: lower mortality

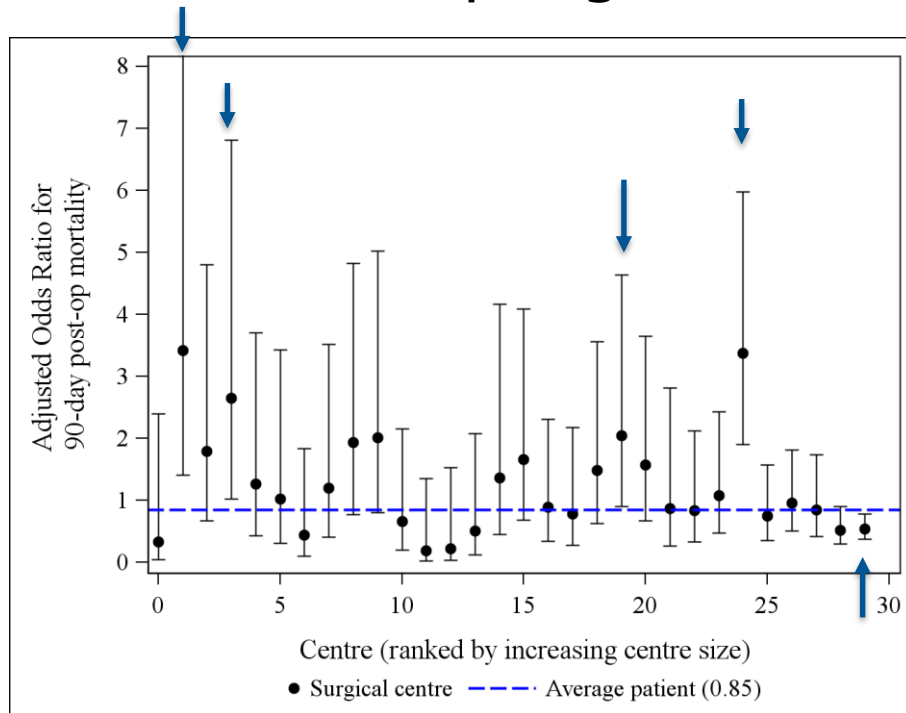
## Pancreas



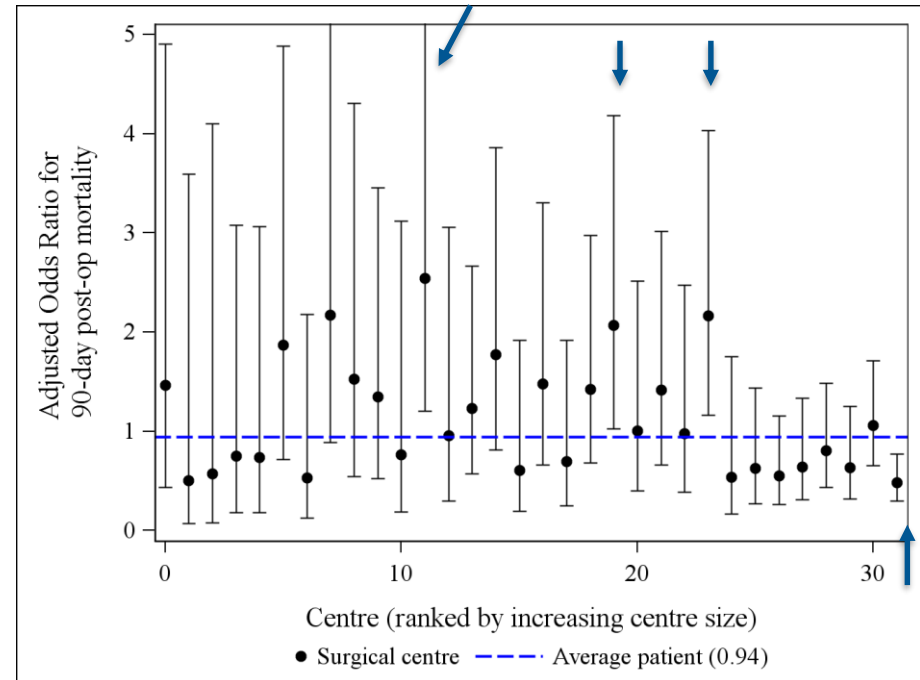
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# Centre Variability - Case Mix Adjusted, 2008-2015

## Oesophagus



## Pancreas



Adjustment: Sex, age, stage, WHO performance, previous inpatient days, comorbidities, neo-adjuvant therapy (oesophagus), clustering of patients into hospitals

# Volume Association - Case Mix Adjusted

## Oesophagus

## Pancreas

### Explorative volume categories

Volume	Adjusted odds ratio		
	Estimate	95% CI	p-value
medium vs low	0.95	[0.65, 1.39]	0.7869
high vs low	0.43	[0.23, 0.80]	0.0079

Volume	Adjusted odds ratio		
	Estimate	95% CI	p-value
medium vs low	0.82	[0.60, 1.12]	0.2035
high vs low	0.51	[0.32, 0.83]	0.0067

Postop mortality is lower in high volume hospitals

### Continuous volume approach

Volume	Adjusted odds ratio		
	Estimate	95% CI	p-value
≥ 35/yr vs <35/yr	0.44	[0.24, 0.79]	0.0065

Volume	Adjusted odds ratio		
	Estimate	95% CI	p-value
per additional 1 case/yr	0.98	[0.97, 0.99]	0.0001

Contrast 2 largest hospitals vs others

Linear decrease in OR per additional increase of 1 case/year

# 2017-2019

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=> Convention 1/7/2019

OVEREENKOMST TUSSEN HET VERZEKERINGSCOMITE VAN DE DIENST VOOR GENEESKUNDIGE VERZORGING VAN HET RIZIV EN ERKENDE VERPLEGINGSINRICHTINGEN VOOR DE VERGOEDING VAN COMPLEXE CHIRURGIE BIJ SLOKDARMTUMOREN, GASTRO-OESOFAGALE JUNCTIE TUMOREN EN NIET-ONCOLOGISCHE AANDOENING VAN DE SLOKDARM

- 10 centers for surgery oesophagus, 15 for pancreas – 'Consortium'
  - -volume 20 or (10+10)

**CENTRA VOOR COMPLEXE SLOKDARMCHIRURGIE**  
**CENTRES POUR CHIRURGIE COMPLEXE DE L'ŒSOPHAGE**

ERKENNINGS- NUMMER	CENTRUM VOOR COMPLEXE SLOKDARMCHIRURGIE	ADRES	POST	GEMEENTE	SAMENWERKING MET <sup>1</sup>
NUMERO D'AGREMENT	CENTRE POUR CHIRURGIE COMPLEXE DE L'ŒSOPHAGE	ADRESSE	POST	COMMUNE	COLLABORATION AVEC <sup>1</sup>
710406-22-194	ULB HÔPITAL ERASME	ROUTE DE LENNIK 808	1070	ANDERLECHT	
710403-25-194	CLINIQUES UNIVERSITAIRES SAINT-LUC	AVENUE HIPPOCRATE 10	1200	BRUXELLES	
710300-31-194	UZ ANTWERPEN	WILRIJKSTRAAT 10	2650	EDEGEM	ZIEKENHUIS NETWERK ANTWERPEN
710322-09-194	UNIVERSITAIR ZIEKENHUIS LEUVEN	HERESTRAAT 49	3000	LEUVEN	
710371-57-194	ZIEKENHUIS OOST-LIMBURG – SITE ST. JAN	SCHIEPSE BOS 6	3600	GENK	JESSA ZIEKENHUIS - HASSELT
710707-12-194	CHU DE LIEGE – SITE SART TILMAN	AVENUE HIPPOCRATE 15, B 35	4000	LIEGE	
710039-01-194	CHU UCL NAMUR – SITE GODINNE	AVENUE DR. G. THERASSE 1	5530	YVOIR	CLINIQUE SAINT-LUC BOUGE
710534-88-194	CENTRE HOSPITALIER DE WALLONIE PICARDE – SITE UNION	AVENUE DELMEE 9	7500	TOURNAI	GRAND HOPITAL DE CHARLEROI
710117-20-194	AZ DELTA	RODE KRUISSTAAT 20	8800	ROESELARE	AZ SINT-JAN BRUGGE OOSTENDE
710670-49-194	UNIVERSITAIR ZIEKENHUIS GENT	CORNEEL HEYMANS LAAN 10	9000	GENT	VZW ALGEMEEN ZIEKENHUIS SINT- LUKAS & VOLKSKLINIEK

# Obligatory registration of dataset: Indicators

	Oesophagus	Pancreas
<b>Descriptives</b>		
Patient case mix	X	X
N surgeries/year (surgical volume)	X	X
% complete registrations	X	X
% lymphovascular/perineural invasion	X	
<b>Process indicators</b>		
Time diagnosis - start treatment	X	X
Time diagnosis - referral	X	X
Length of stay	X	X
% resections with $\geq 15$ lymph nodes examined	X	X
% PET/CT performed before surgery	X	
% pT1a patients treated surgically	X	
<b>Outcome indicators</b>		
Postoperative mortality (observed + adjusted OR): 30d, 90d, in-hospital	X	X
Survival (observed + adjusted HR)	X	X
Relative survival (observed + adjusted EHR)	X	X
% R0, ... resections (3-4 sub-indicators)	X	X
% major surgical complications (5-7 sub-indicators)	X	X



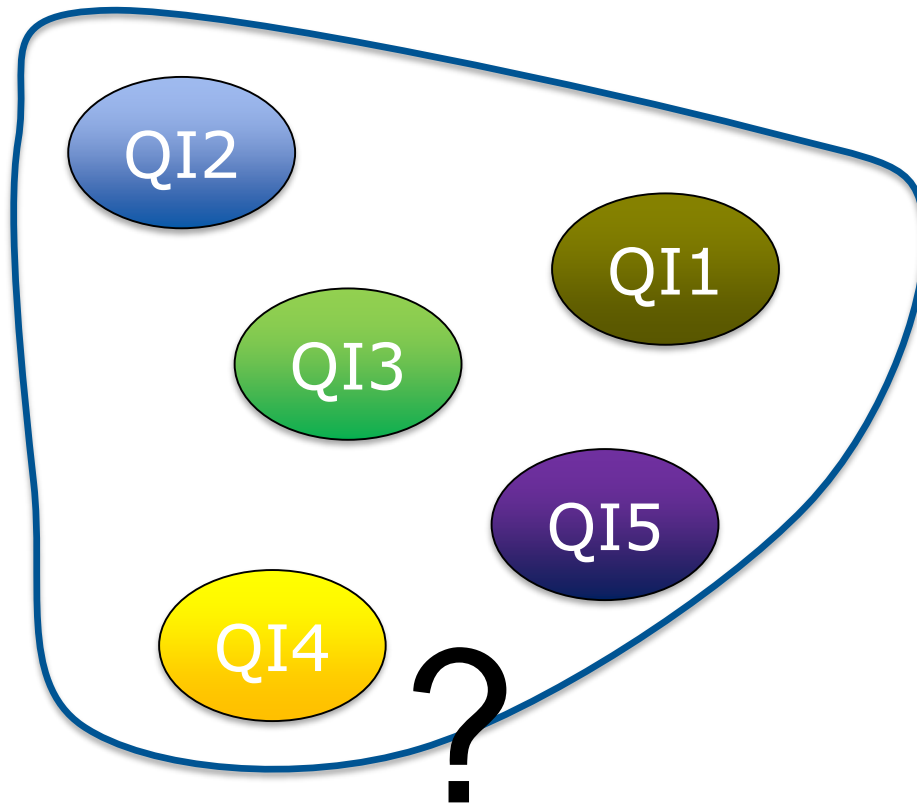
# Work in progress on Evaluation Methodology



*"The numbers on my report card aren't good,  
but I question the school's methodology."*

# Aggregate score

- Combine results on different QI into one “composite score”

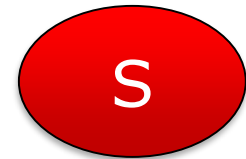


Selection  
QI score



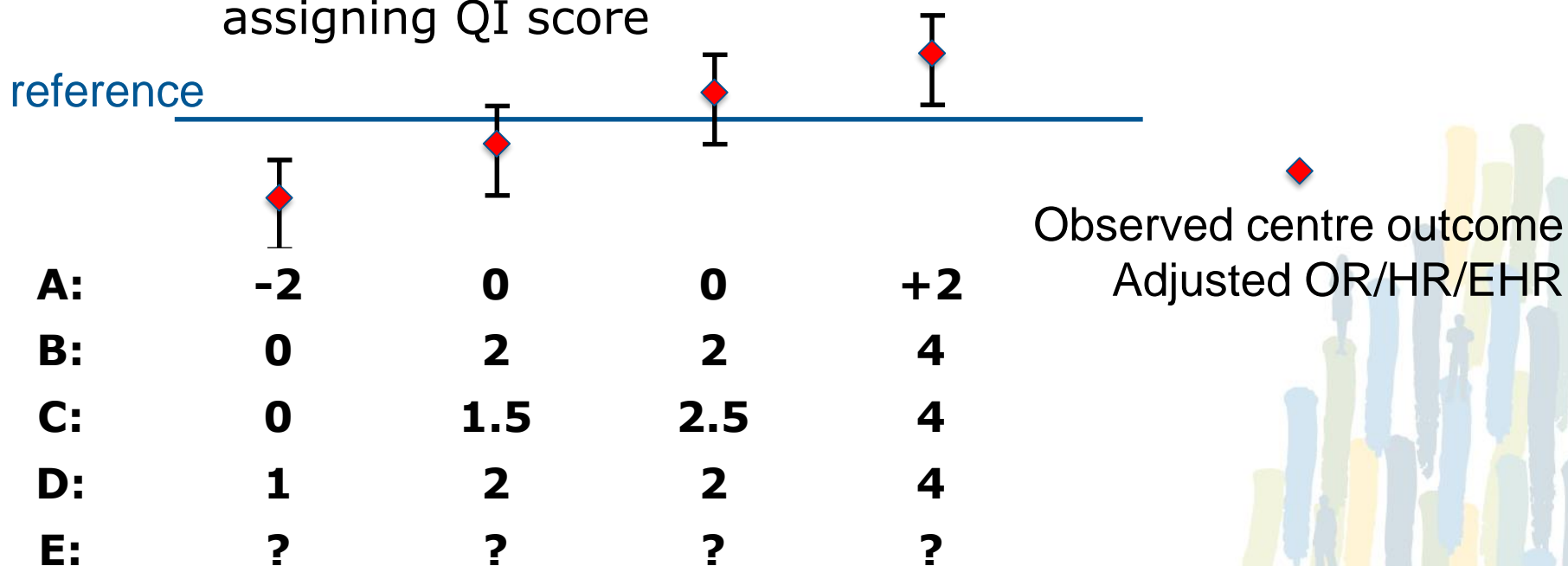
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Sum  
Average  
Weighted average  
Product  
All-or-none  
...



# Score: statistical significance

- Keep It Simple
- Centre score
  - Always use confidence interval in comparison and assigning QI score



- Case-mix adjustment where possible

# Registration 1/7/2019

1/7/2019 => 3 years

Analysis after each year with feedback to the centres

Evaluation by the Working Group

Presentation of the results to the RIZIV-INAMI structures

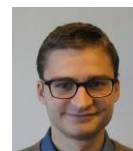
Possibility of audits with external (foreign) experts

# CONCLUSION

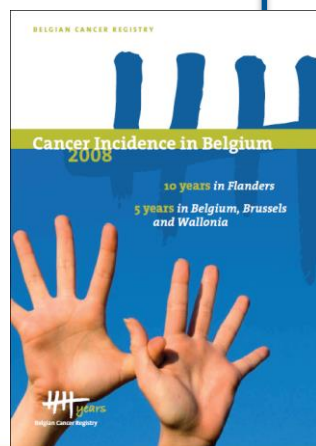
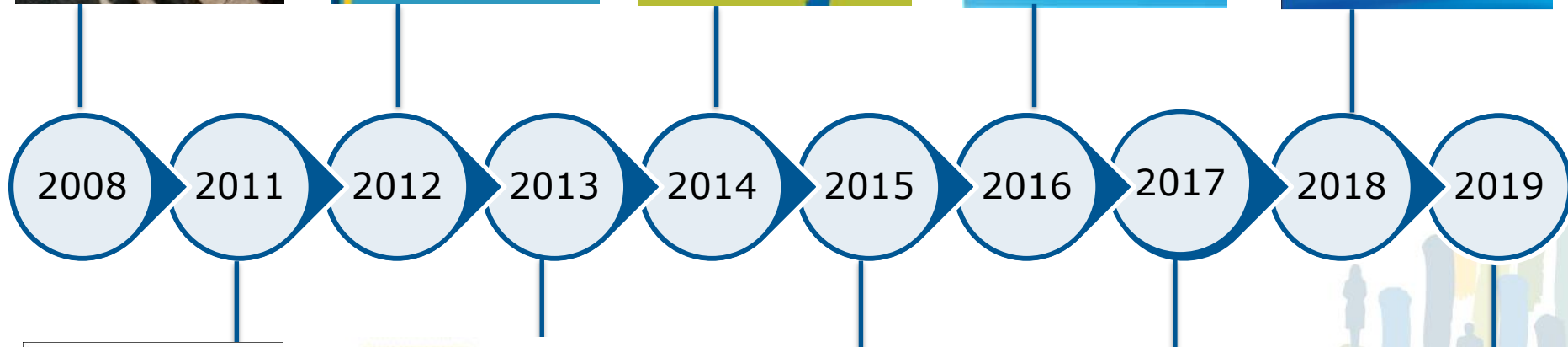
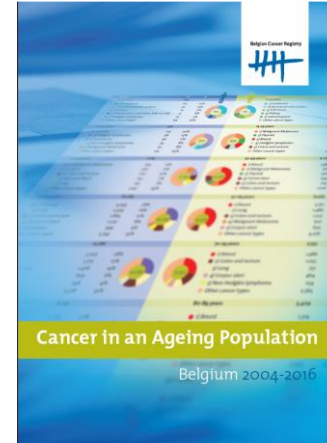
- Centralisation of oesophageal and pancreatic surgery: from evidence to practice in Belgium, an evolution over years.
  - Important realization
    - RIZIV-INAMI Conventions for 10 (oesophagus), 15 (pancreas) centres
  - Follow-up over time needed
    - Documentation and registration
    - Peer review/audit...
  - Future: other tumours? Head and neck?
- AND....

# Thank you for your attention!

2018  
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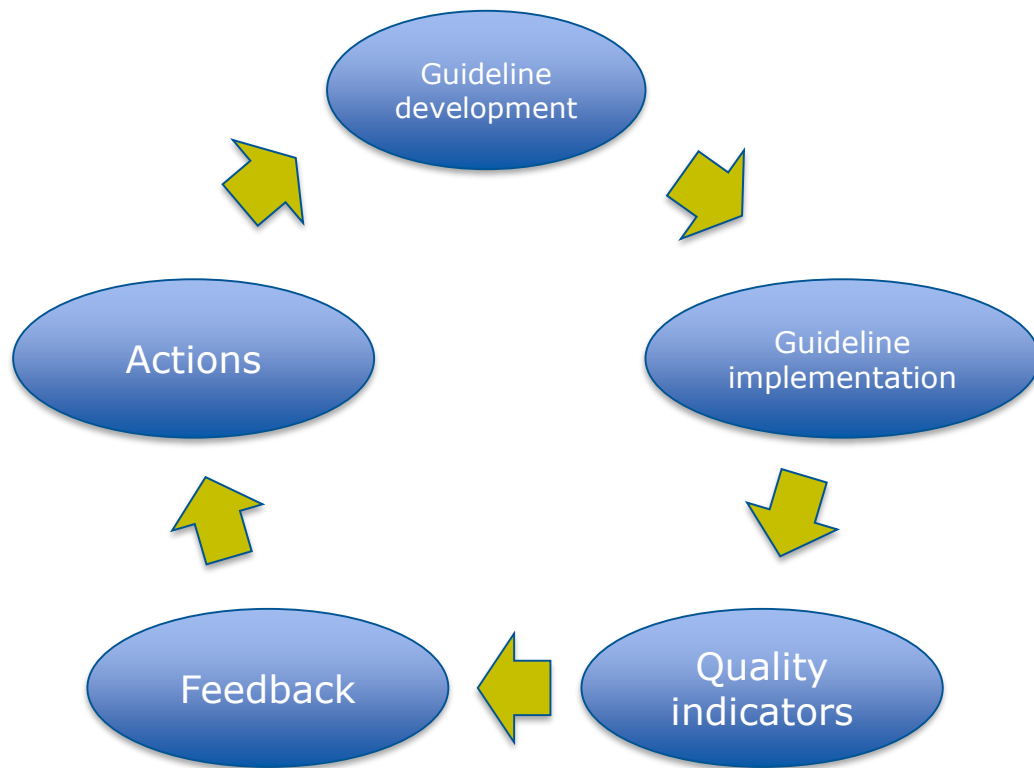






# Measuring quality of care

An integrative quality system...



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Quality of care indicators



structure



process



outcome