

# 2021 NCCRT Annual Meeting – November 15-17



Thank you for joining!  
The session will begin shortly.



## **Progress Update: Developments Following the NCCRT's Action Plan to Address the Rising Burden of Colorectal Cancer in Younger Adults**

Wednesday, November 17, 2:00 PM



# NCCRT Action Plan Progress for CRC in Younger Adults



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Concurrent Session 4

November 16th, 3:00-4:00pm EST

“Progress Report:  
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# Early Onset CRC Summit 2017

*“What we know, what we don’t know, and what we need to know”*

- The *National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable*, the *American Cancer Society*, and the *Colon Cancer Challenge Foundation* convened a strategic meeting on December 6, 2017, with a small group of key thought leaders and national stakeholders to focus on the concerning trend of early age onset colorectal cancer.
- Purpose: To assess how the NCCRT and its partners, including clinical practitioners, researchers, and advocacy organizations, can most effectively align to address the issue in both the short and long term.

# Early Onset CRC Summit 2017

## ***Objectives:***

- Review *what we thought we knew about* current practices and research related to EAO CRC.
- To identify initiatives that could/should be done now based on *what we knew*.
- To define some of *what we need to know* about causation, natural history, prevention, screening and early diagnosis.
- Develop an action plan, including priorities, strategies, necessary resources and potential partners, to address these unanswered issues.

# Early Onset CRC Summit 2017

Special Report

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## An action plan to address the rising burden of colorectal cancer in younger adults

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## Colorectal Cancer



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# Early Onset CRC Summit 2017

## *Action Plan Objectives*

- Accelerate research to address unanswered questions about the causes of the increase of early onset CRC.
- Increase adoption of evidenced-based practices to identify and manage younger adults at risk for CRC.
- Solidify commitment from engaged partners that is essential for moving this plan into action.

“Developments following the NCCRT’s Action Plan to Address the Rising Burden of Colorectal Cancer in Younger Adults”

## *Progress Update*

- “What is the cause of the rising incidence of EAO CRC?”  
Presenter: Caitlin Murphy, PhD
- “What is the natural history of EAO CRC?”  
Presenter: Peter Liang, MD
- “What are best practices for implementing current recommendations for identifying and managing EAO CRC?”  
Presenter: Joshua Demb, PhD

# What is the cause of the rising incidence of early-age-onset colorectal cancer?

Caitlin C. Murphy, PhD, MPH

National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable  
November 17, 2021

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history

IBD

Aspirin/  
NSAID use

Sedentary  
lifestyle

Smoking

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Cancer Causes & Control (2021) 32:1063–1083  
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ORIGINAL PAPER

## Risk factors for early-onset colorectal cancer: a population-based case–control study in Ontario, Canada

Vicky C. Chang<sup>1,2</sup> · Michelle Cotterchio<sup>1,2</sup> · Prithwish De<sup>1</sup> · Jill Tinmouth<sup>1,3,4</sup>

Original research

### Metabolic syndrome, metabolic comorbid conditions and risk of early-onset colorectal cancer

Hanyu Chen,<sup>1,2</sup> Xiaobin Zheng<sup>1,3,4</sup>, Xiaoyu Zong<sup>1</sup>, Zitong Li,<sup>1,5</sup> Na Li,<sup>1,6</sup> Jinhee Hur<sup>7</sup>, Cassandra DL Fritz,<sup>1,8</sup> William Chapman Jr,<sup>9</sup> Katelin B Nickel,<sup>10</sup> Andrew Tipping,<sup>10</sup> Graham A Colditz,<sup>1,11</sup> Edward L Giovannucci<sup>10</sup>, Marqaret A Olsen,<sup>1,10</sup> Ryan C Fields,<sup>11,13</sup> Yin Cao<sup>1,8,11</sup>

Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology 2020;18:2752–2759

## Risk Factors Associated With Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer

Valerie Gausman,\* David Dornblaser,\* Sanya Anand,\* Richard B. Hayes,<sup>†</sup> Kelli O'Connell,<sup>‡</sup> Mengmeng Du,<sup>‡</sup> and Peter S. Liang<sup>†</sup>



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## Metabolic Risk Factors Associated with Early-Onset Colorectal Adenocarcinoma: A Case–Control Study at Kaiser Permanente Southern California

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JAMA Oncology | Original Investigation

## Association of Obesity With Risk of Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer Among Women

Po-Hong Liu, MD, MPH; Kana Wu, MD, MPH, PhD; Kimmie Ng, MD, MPH; Ann G. Zauber, PhD; Long H. Nguyen, MD, MS; Mingyang Song, MD, ScD; Xiaosheng He, MD; Charles S. Fuchs, MD, MPH; Shuji Ogino, MD, PhD, MS; Walter C. Willett, MD, DrPH; Andrew T. Chan, MD, MPH; Edward L. Giovannucci, MD, ScD; Yin Cao, MPH, ScD

Gastroenterology 2021;161:1208–1217

## Total Vitamin D Intake and Risks of Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer and Precursors

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## Risk Factors for Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer

Eric E. Low,<sup>1,2,3,\*</sup> Joshua Demb,<sup>2,4,\*</sup> Lin Liu,<sup>3,4,5</sup> Ashley Earles,<sup>6</sup> Ranier Bustamante,<sup>3,4</sup> Christina D. Williams,<sup>7,8,9</sup> Dawn Provenzale,<sup>7,8,9</sup> Tonya Kaltenbach,<sup>10,11</sup> Andrew J. Gawron,<sup>12,13</sup> Maria Elena Martinez,<sup>4,5</sup> and Samir Gupta<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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## Risk Factors Associated With Young-Onset Colorectal Adenomas and Cancer: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Observational Research

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## Risk Factors for Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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## Nongenetic Determinants of Risk for Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer

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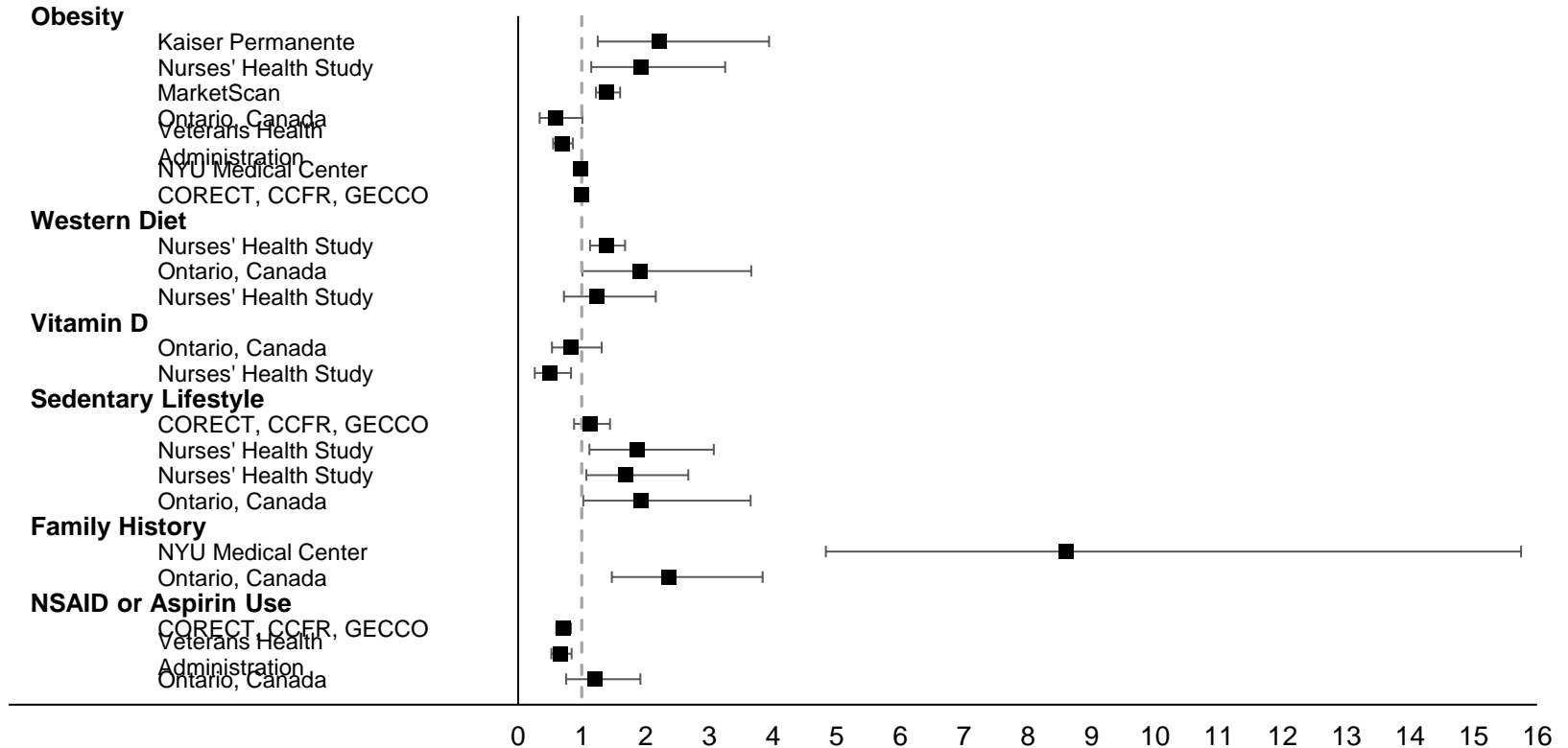
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Sweden (national registries)	Very high (>180 days)	1.17	1.05, 1.31
UK (medical records)	Use 10 years before dx	1.17	1.10, 1.23
UK (medical records)	>10 courses penicillin	1.20	1.11, 1.31
Netherlands (administrative claims)	High (≥8 rx)	1.26	1.11, 1.44
Nurses' Health Study	2+ months, age 20-39	1.36	1.03, 1.79

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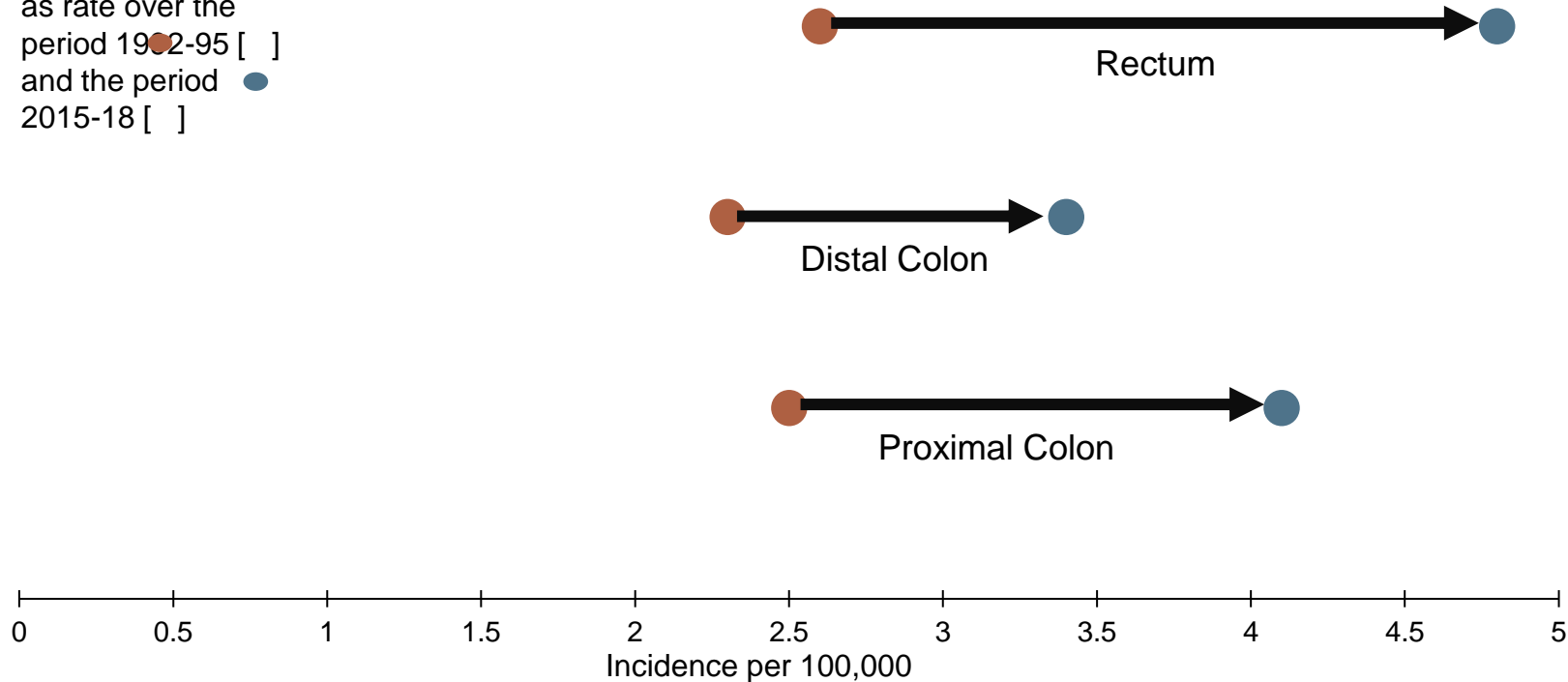
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## Notable increases in incidence rates of early-onset rectal cancer

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This phenomenon has also been well-described in colorectal cancer in older adults:

- Demb J, et al. *BMJ Open Gastroenterol* 2019; 6(10):e000313
- Murphy N, et al. *Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol* 2019; 17:1323-1331

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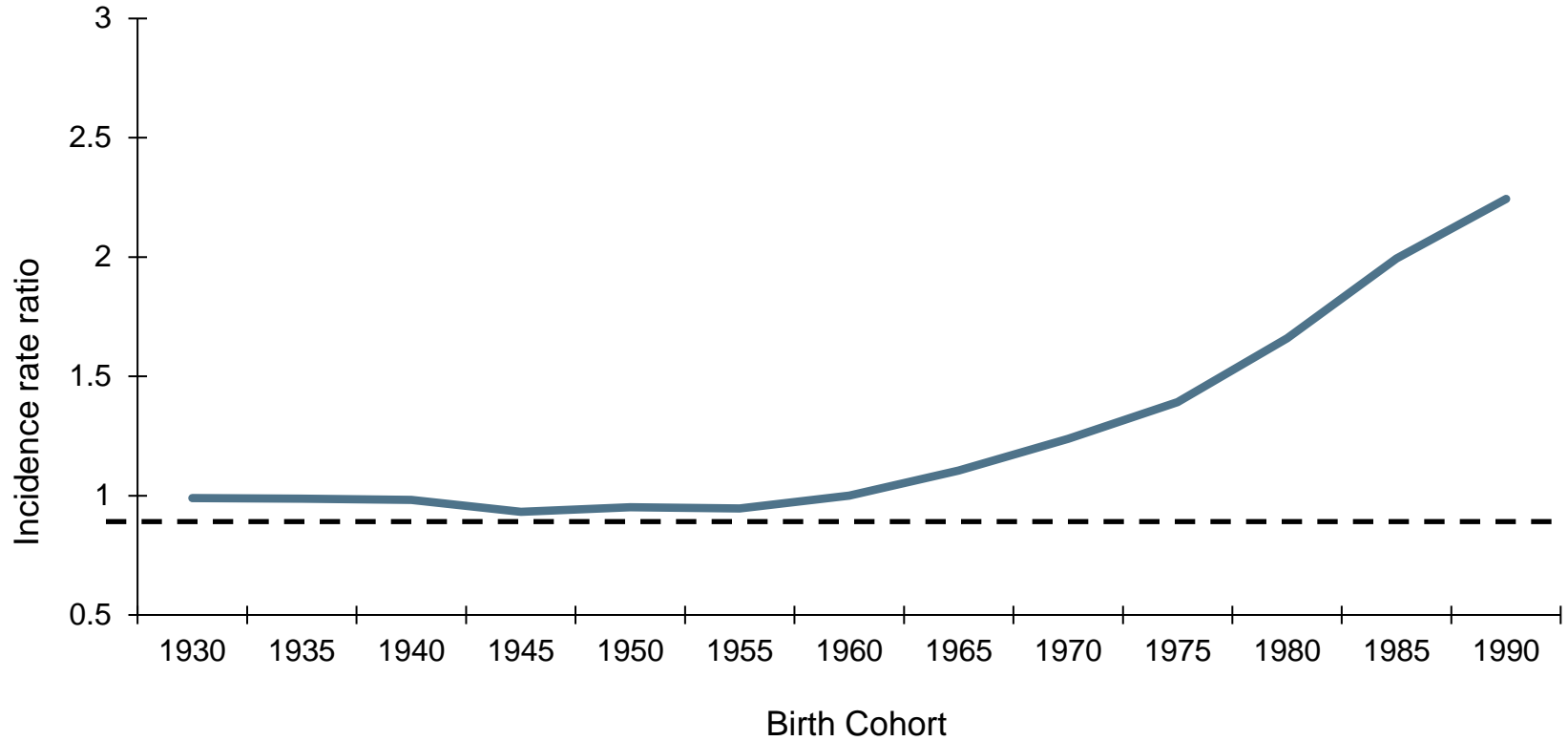
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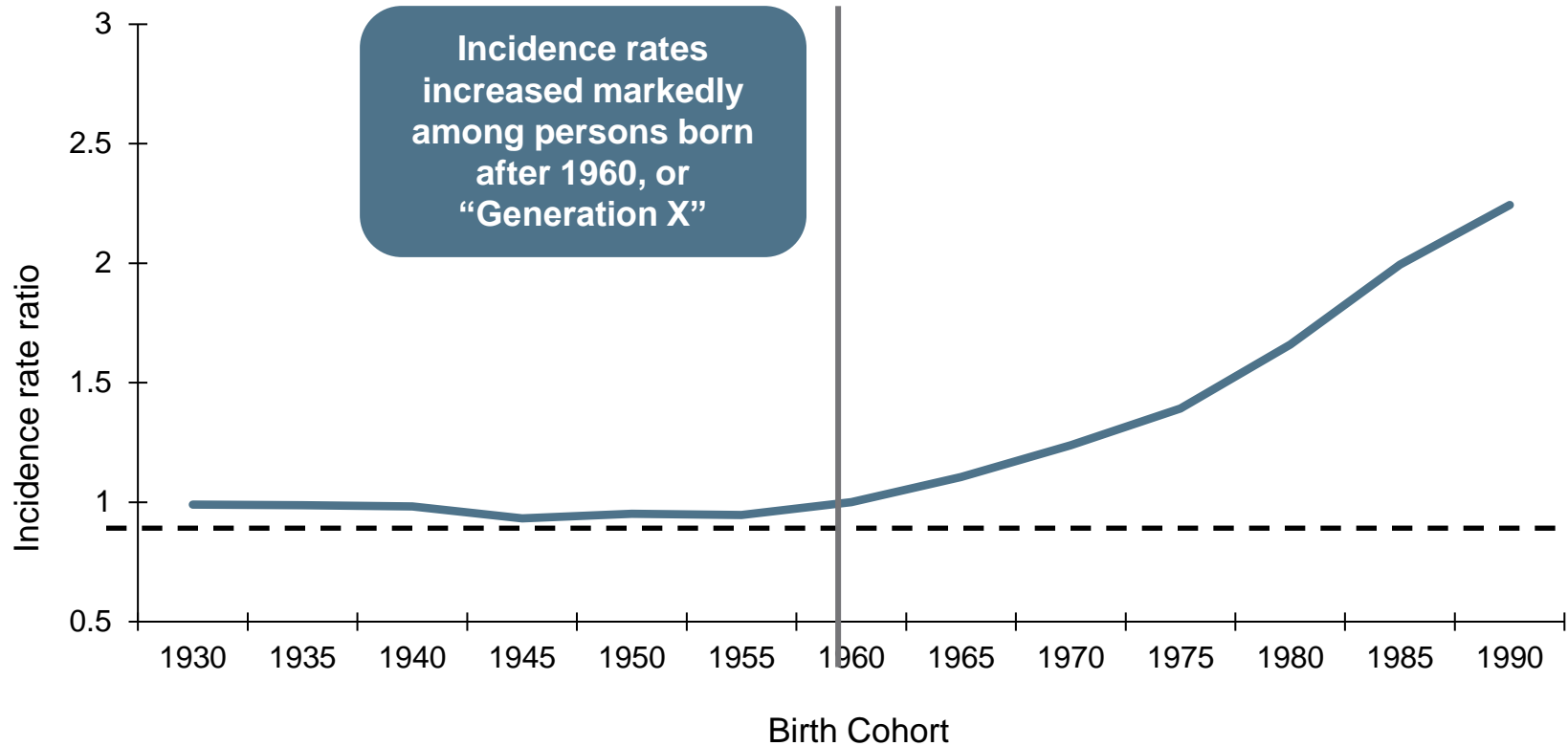
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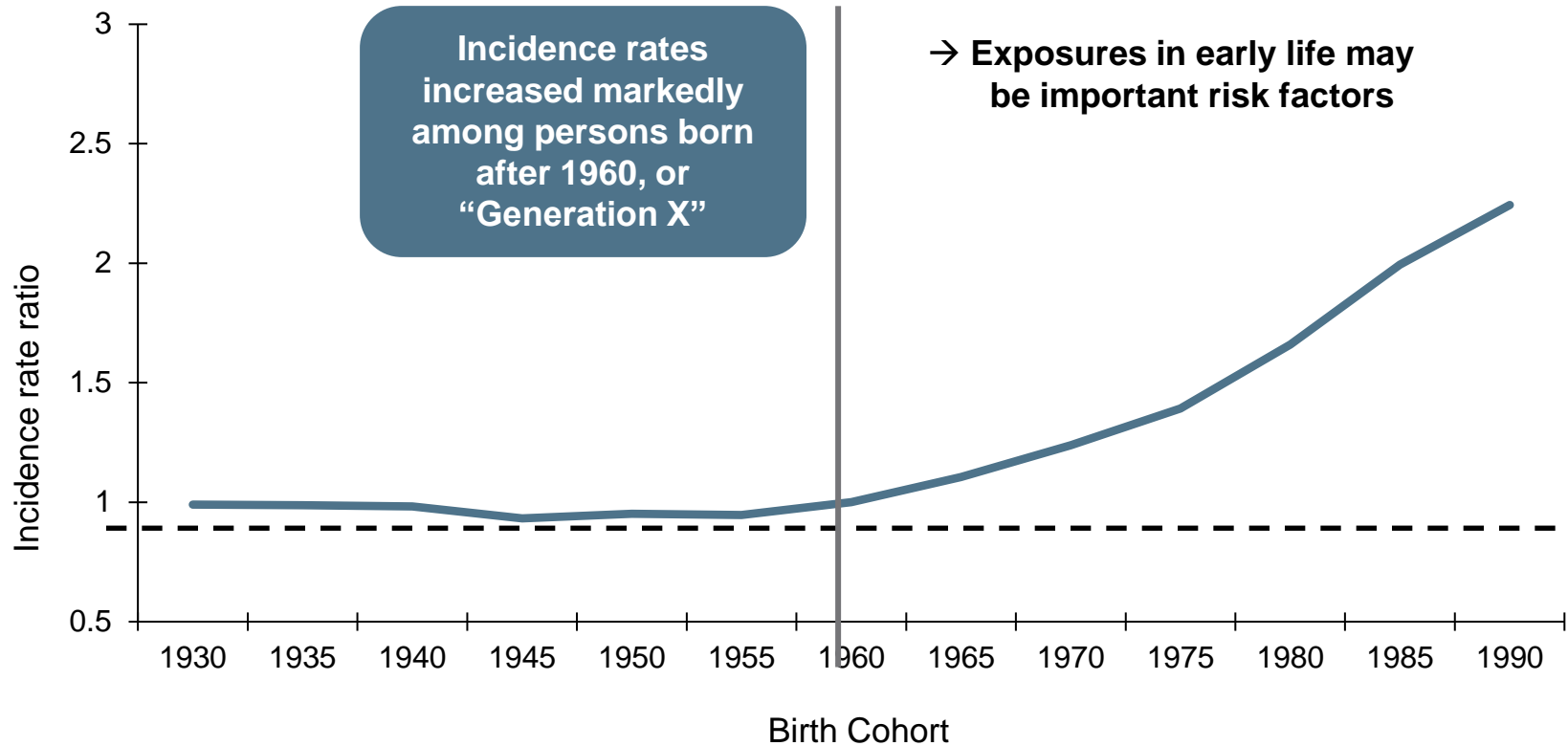




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Early life exposures in the Nurses' Health Study

	RR	95% CI
BMI at age 18	1.63	1.01, 2.61
Weight gain since age 18	1.09	1.02, 1.16
Antibiotics at age 20-29	1.36	1.03, 1.79
Sugar-sweetened beverages in adolescence	3.41	1.08, 10.80

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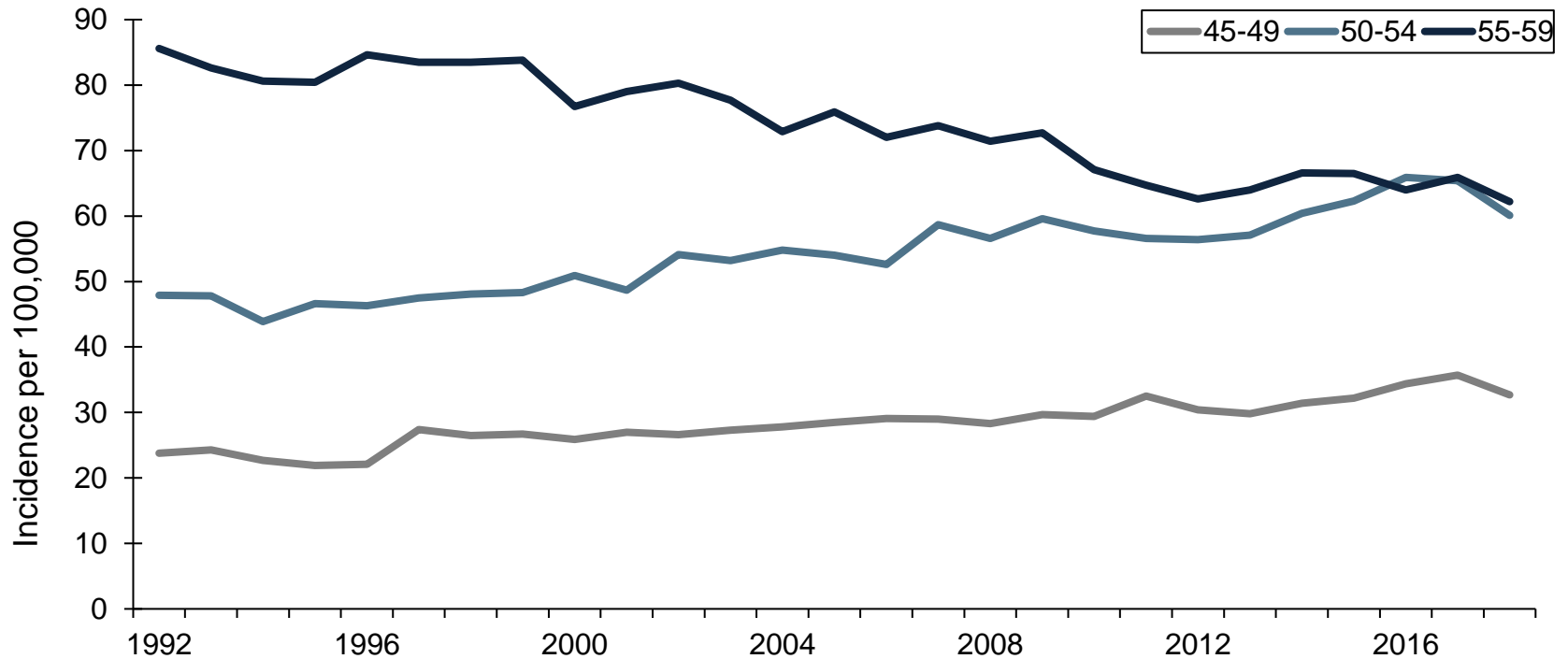
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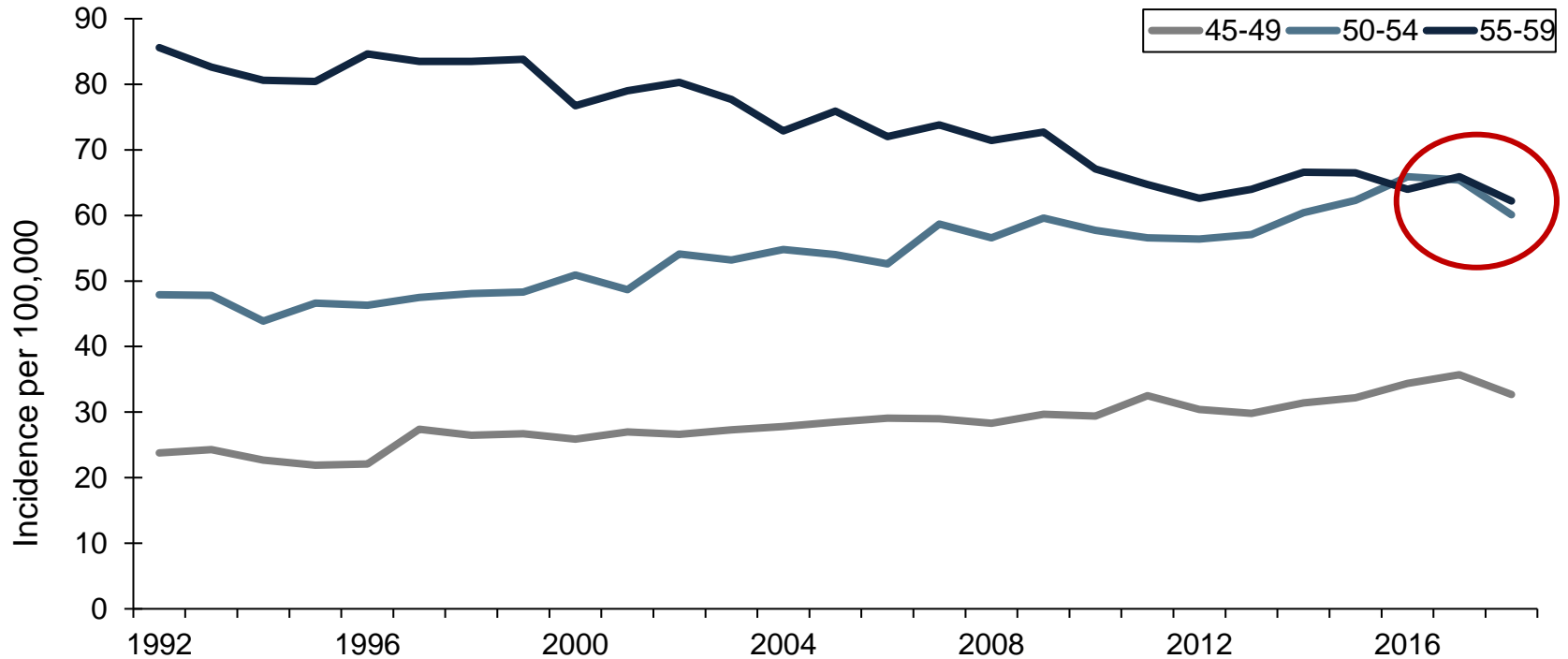
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## Where do we go from here?

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Many (if not all) of the known risk factors of colorectal cancer in older adults are risk factors of early-onset colorectal cancer

At the same time, these risk factors cannot explain all of the increase in incidence rates, and they never explained much of the variation in older adults

Let's think outside the box and be creative, for example:

- Environmental chemicals



# Thank you!

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# What is the natural history of early-onset colorectal cancer?

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# 2017 NCCRT summit research priorities

What is the natural history of EOCRC?

What is the prevalence of adenomas in younger adults?

What is rate of progression from adenoma to carcinoma in younger adults?

What is the screening regimen that will optimize reduction in incidence and mortality of EOCRC?

# Key questions

1. What is the prevalence of advanced precancerous polyps (advanced neoplasia/AN) in average-risk adults younger than 50?
2. How does the prevalence of AN in younger age groups compare to older age groups?
3. How does family history influence AN prevalence in younger adults?

# 1) New Hampshire Colonoscopy Registry (NHCR)

- Population-based, statewide endoscopy registry started in 2004
- Patients complete questionnaire on demographics, health behavior, and family/personal history of colorectal neoplasia
- Pathology results are obtained directly from pathology lab and entered by study staff

# NHCR study on colorectal neoplasia

Study period: 2004-2018

Population: 1<sup>st</sup> exam, excludes those with first-degree relatives (FDR) with CRC

Age <50: includes *average-risk equivalent* person with low-risk indications: abdominal pain, constipation

Age ≥50: screening only

Family history: **15.1%** of age 45-49 vs. **4.0%** of age 50-54 had non-FDR with CRC

# NHCR study: similar prevalence of AN\* in age 45-49 vs. 50-54

	< 40 % (95% CI) (n = 2,449)	40–44 % (95% CI) (n = 1,288)	45–49 % (95% CI) (n = 1,869)	50–54 % (95% CI) (n = 21,482)
Total advanced colorectal neoplasia	1.1% (0.8–1.7) (n = 28)	3.0% (2.2–4.0) (n = 38)	3.7% (3.0–4.7) (n = 70)	3.6% (3.4–3.9) (n = 783)
AA	1.1% (0.8–1.6) (n = 27)	2.8% (2.0–3.9) (n = 36)	3.3% (2.6–4.2) (n = 61)	3.6% (3.3–3.8) (n = 765)
CRC	0.0% (0.0–0.02) (n = 1)	0.2% (0.0–0.6) (n = 2)	0.5% (0.3–0.9) (n = 9)	0.1% (0.1–0.1) (n = 18)
Any colorectal neoplasia	6.5% (5.6–7.5) (n = 159)	14.9% (13.1–17.0) (n = 192)	17.5% (15.9–19.3) (n = 327)	22.1% (21.6–22.7) (n = 4,754)
CSSP	3.0% (2.4–3.7) (n = 73)	5.1% (4.1–6.5) (n = 66)	5.9% (4.9–7.0) (n = 110)	6.1% (5.8–6.5) (1,320)

\*AN: advanced adenoma (≥10 mm, villous, or high-grade dysplasia) or CRC



## 2) Meta-analysis of 17 studies

Study period: 1995-2017 (10/17 studies ended in 2011 or earlier)

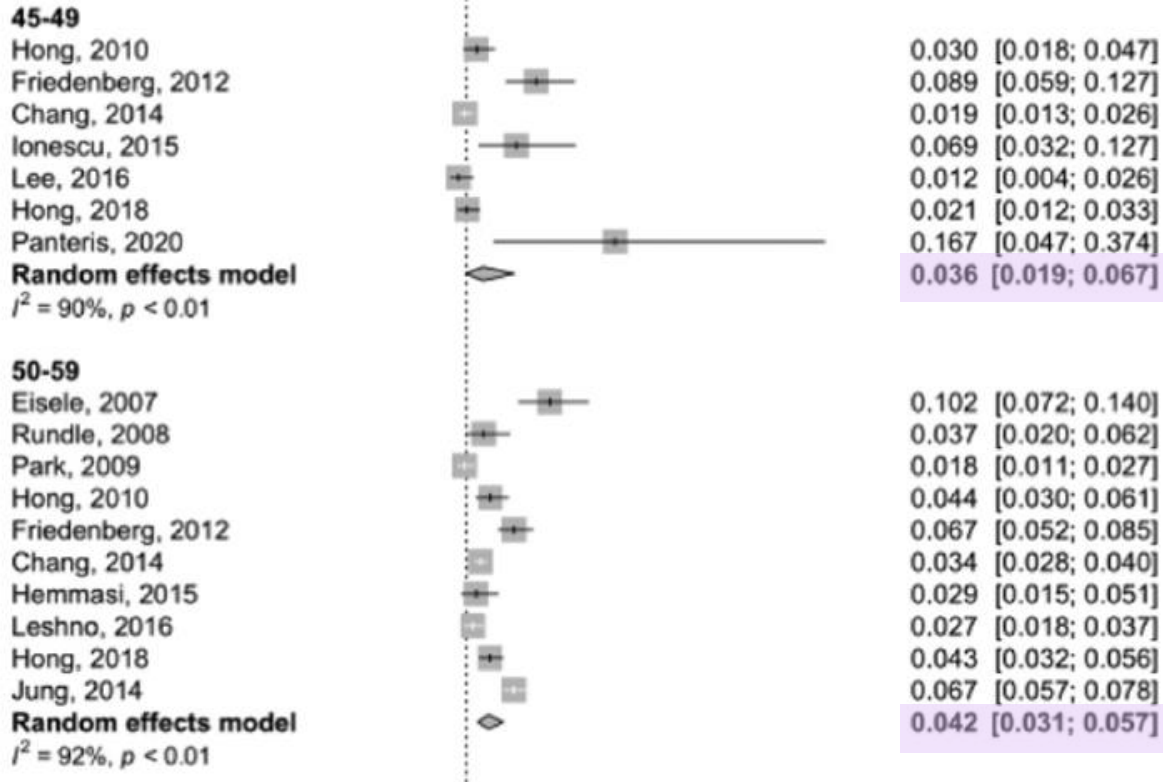
Population: Average-risk individuals age <50 (9 countries)

-5 US studies include employee-sponsored screening (2), routine screening for Black individuals (2), national endoscopic registry (1)

Family history: excluded

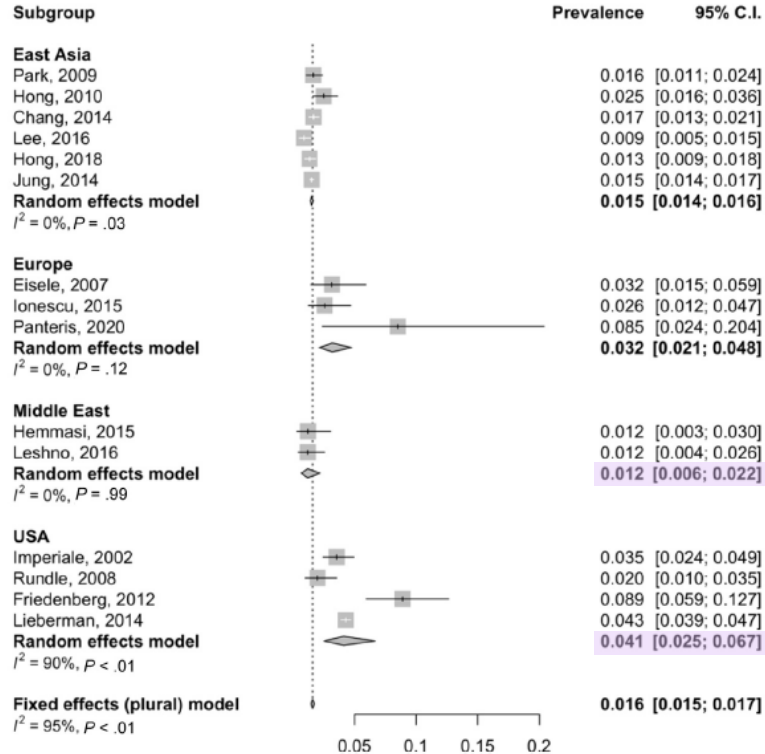
# Meta-analysis: 3.6% AN prevalence in age 45-49 (n=7) vs. 4.2% in age 50-59 (n=10)

→ Only US study



Difference **NOT** statistically significant

# AN prevalence varied significantly by region\*



\* All age < 50 years

### 3) Large community practice in Minneapolis

Study period: 2015-2019

Population: Average-risk individuals age 45-75

Family history: excluded

# AN\* prevalence was similar in age 45-49 vs. 50-54

	45-49 year old n=4841	50-54 year old n=58,914	
Overall ADR	28.4% (27.1%, 29.6%)	31.1% (30.7%, 31.4%)	P<0.001
ADR in men	34.8% (32.9, 36.8)	38.3% (37.7, 38.9)	P<0.001
ADR in women	22.6% (21.0, 22.4)	24.4% (23.9, 24.9)	P=0.001
APC	0.44 (0.41, 0.46)	0.49 (0.48, 0.49)	P<0.001
AN detection rate	3.28% (2.58, 3.97)	3.43% (3.23, 3.64)	P=.68
CRC detected	3	32	P=0.91

\*AN = adenoma or SSL  
 ≥ 10 mm, adenoma  
 with villous histology  
 or HGD, TSA, ≥5  
 adenomas/SSLs  
 (excludes CRC)

## 4) National endoscopic registry: GIQuIC



GI Quality Improvement Consortium

12,244,085 million colonoscopies (2010-2020)

5,678 endoscopists, 795 sites, 50 states/territories

Internal audit showed colonoscopy indication was **98.7%** accurate compared to medical record

# GIQuIC study: design

Study period: 2010-2020

Population: Average-risk individuals age 18-49 undergoing screening, all individuals age 18-85+ undergoing screening

Family history: +/- individuals with CRC or advanced adenoma in FDR younger than age 60

Primary outcome: Prevalence of advanced neoplasia (adenoma/SSL  $\geq 10$  mm or with advanced histology, TSA, CRC)

# GIQuIC study: flowchart

2010-2020: **3,928,727** screening colonoscopies



Age <50: **211,020** (5.4%)



Age <50 + no FDR aged <60 with CRC/advanced adenoma  
(average-risk): **129,736** (3.3%)



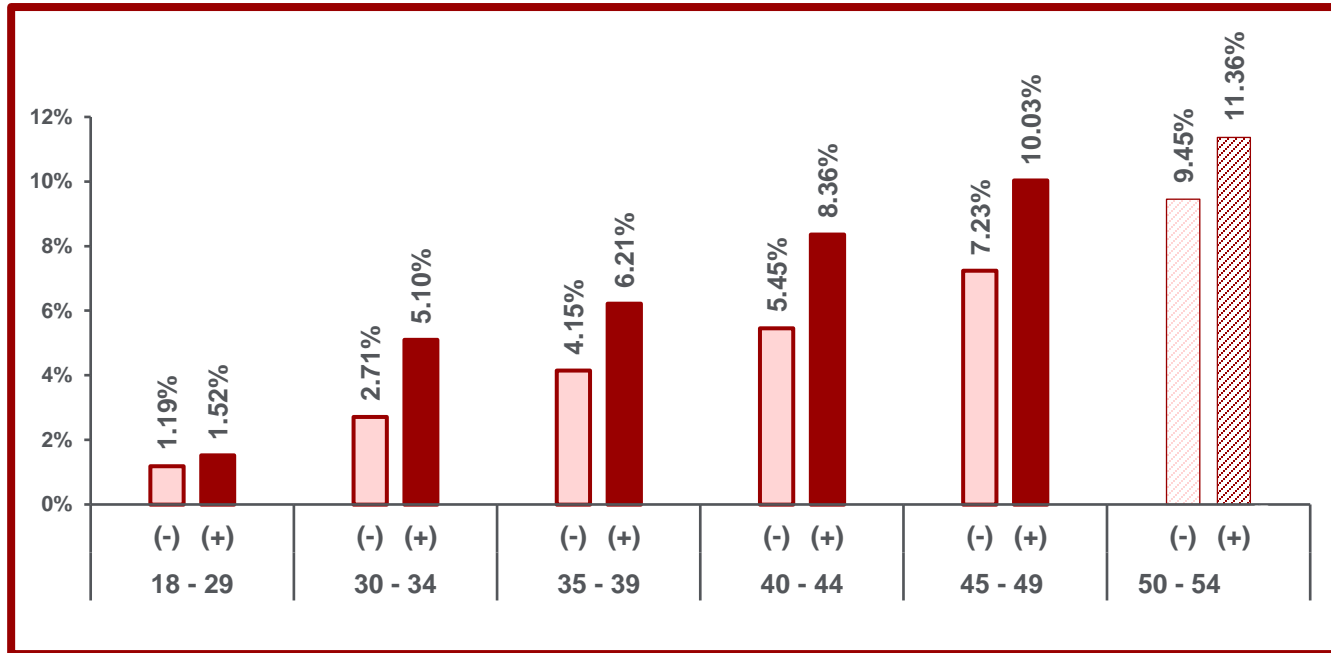
Age 45-49, average-risk: **92,752** (2.4%)



**Compared to age 50-54, AN (excluding serrated lesions) prevalence was 1.0% lower in age 45-49 (21% relative reduction)**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Prevalence</b>	<b>Prevalence Ratio (95% CI)</b>	<b>Absolute/relative difference</b>
50-54	4.8%	REF	
45-49 (avg risk)	3.8%	0.79 (0.76-0.81)	-1.0% / -21%

## 5) GIQuIC subset study: AN prevalence higher in age 45-49 with family history than age 50-54 without family history



# Summary of studies

Study	Population	Age 45-49 AN, %	Age 50-54 AN, %	Absolute / relative difference, 45-49 vs. 50-54
Butterly	New Hampshire (96% White)	3.7 (n=70)	3.6 (n=783)	+0.1% / +3%
Kolb	7 studies (1 in US)	3.6 (n<185)	Age 50-59: 4.2 (n=?)	-0.6 / -14%
Shaukat	Minneapolis (6 ASCs)	3.3 (n~159)	3.4 (n~2021)	-0.1 / -4%
GIQuIC	US (64% White, 21% Black)	3.8 (n=3480)	4.8 (n=63,132)	-1.0% / <b>-21%</b>

AN (advanced neoplasia): advanced adenoma ( $\geq 10$  mm, villous, or high-grade dysplasia) or CRC. For Shaukat et al., AN excludes CRC but includes advanced serrated lesions and  $\geq 5$  adenomas/SSLs

# Summary

- AN prevalence in average-risk individuals age 45-49 is 3.3-3.8% based on available data
- AN prevalence is lower in age 45-49 vs. age 50-54
- These figures likely overestimate the true values because of 1) higher proportion of individuals with family history or 2) particular definitions for AN and average-risk
- Family history increases AN risk

## Future directions

- 1) Standardize definitions for AN, average-risk, and family history to improve data comparability
- 2) Update AN/adenoma prevalence in age 45-49 as greater number/proportion of average-risk individuals enter this screening pool (2018-)
- 3) Study progression of adenoma to CRC in younger people: are current surveillance intervals optimal?

# Thank you!



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# Three Key Issues in Identifying EAOCRC

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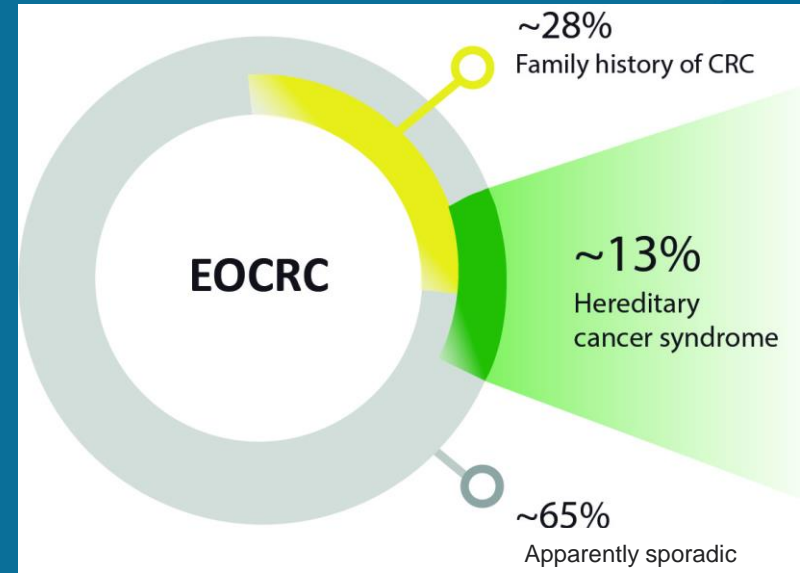


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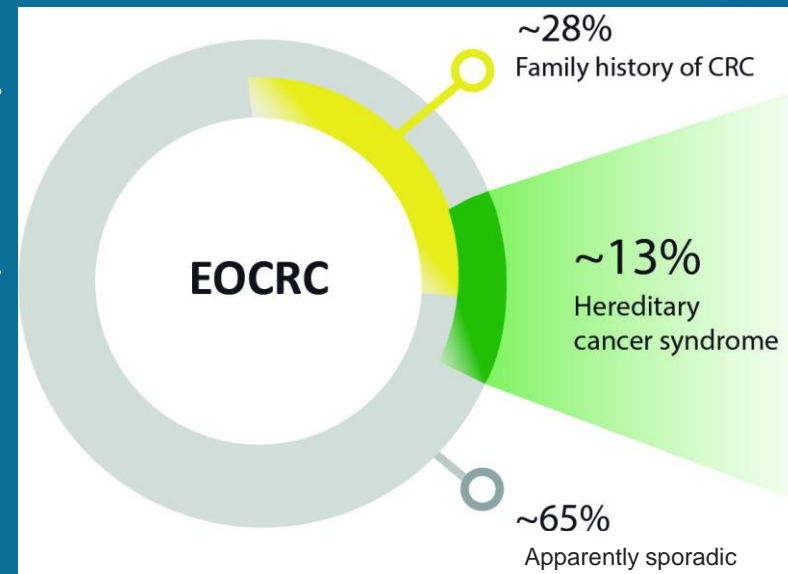
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- Prior research showed only 39-54% capture of family history among patients ages <50.  
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- Barriers include:
  - Limited patient knowledge of polyp/CRC family history (Elias et al. *Gastrointest Endosc*. 2012)
  - Physicians may lack time and knowledge to assess risk.  
(Fletcher et al. *J Gen Int Med*. Apr 2007; Solomon et al. *BMC Fam Prac*. 2016)



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## Family Health History Checklist: Adults

Your family members' chronic diseases can be important for your health

Having one or more family members with a chronic disease can make you more likely to get that disease yourself. Find out what it means for you if you have a family health history of

- [Breast or ovarian cancer](#)
- [Colorectal \(colon\) cancer](#)
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**TABLE 1.** Age to Initiate CRC Screening Based on Risk Category

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	Confirmed advanced polyp in 1 FDR (any age)	Age 40 or at age of diagnosis of advanced adenoma in FDR <sup>g</sup>	Colonoscopy every 5–10 years

Abbreviations: CRC, colorectal cancer; FDR, first-degree relative; FIT, fecal immunochemical testing; SDR, second-degree relative.

<sup>a</sup>U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

<sup>b</sup>Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care.

<sup>c</sup>European Council.

<sup>d</sup>American Academy of Family Physicians.

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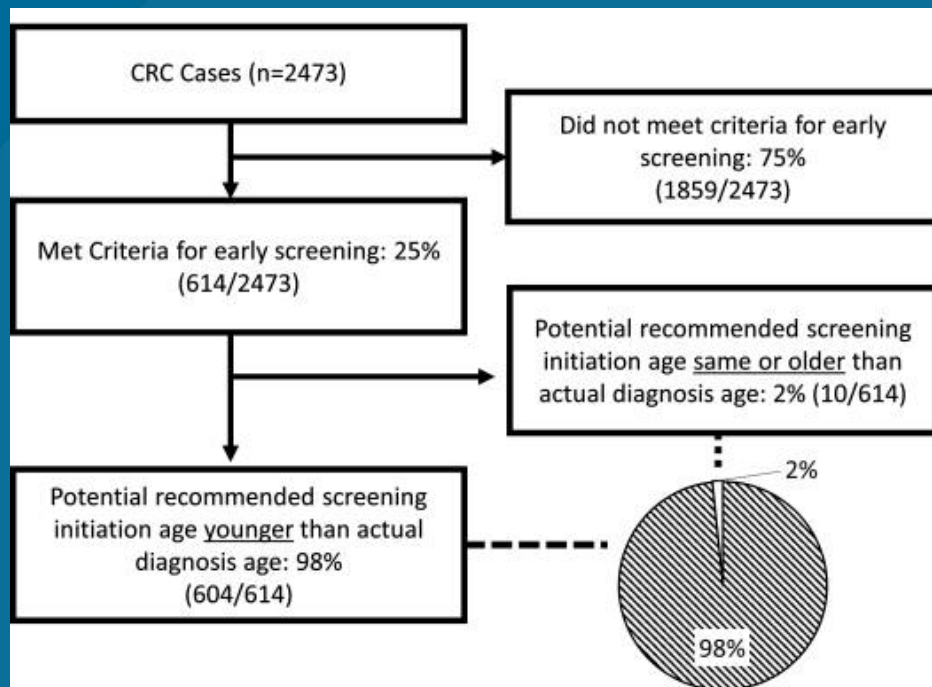
<sup>f</sup>U.S. Multi-Society Task Force of Colorectal Cancer, which represents the American College of Gastroenterology, the American Gastroenterological Association, and the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

<sup>g</sup>National Comprehensive Cancer Network.

<sup>h</sup>American Cancer Society.

## EARLIER FH-RELATED SCREENING UPTAKE COULD IMPROVE OUTCOMES

- Study found 614 of 2,473 EAO CRC cases (25%) met family history guidelines
- 98% of these cases were eligible for earlier CRC screening
- Earlier work-up could have prevented CRC or improved stage at detection and overall prognosis.



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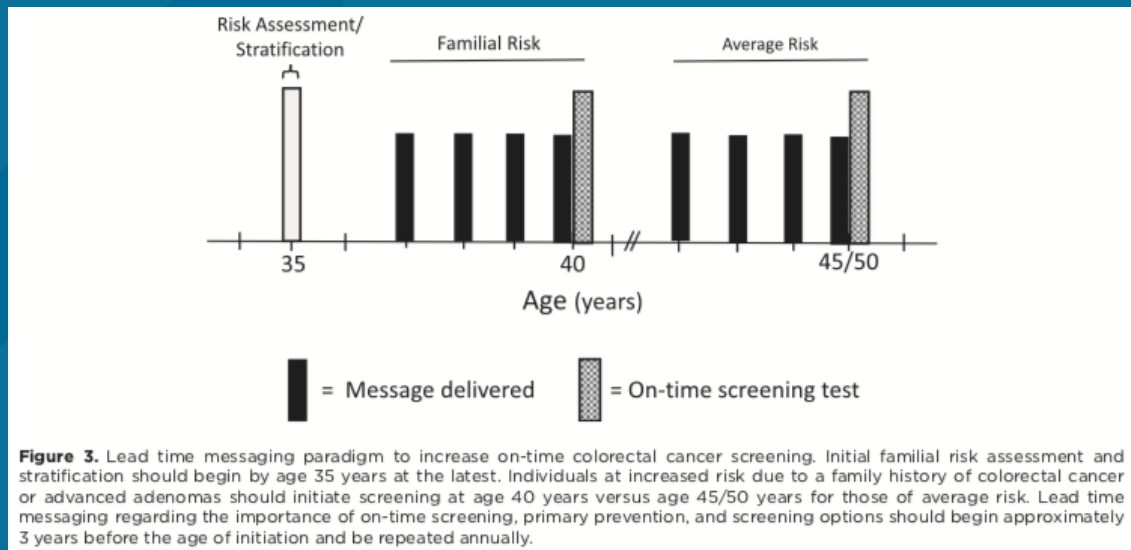
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- About 70-95% of EAOCRC cases present with "red-flag" signs or symptoms
- Common signs/symptoms include:
  - Rectal bleeding
  - Abdominal Pain
  - Change in bowel habits
  - Unexplained weight loss
  - Anemia

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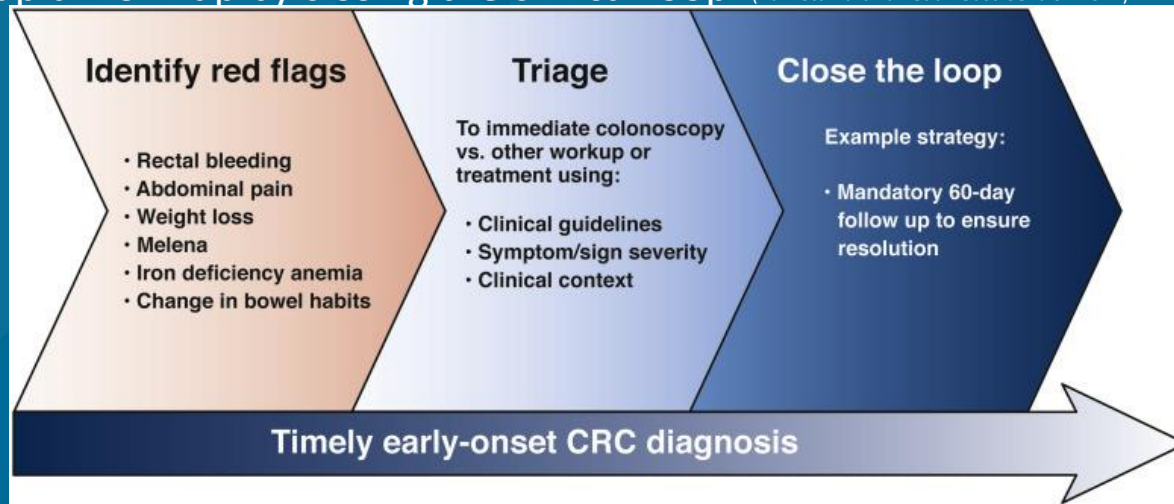
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  - Patients have low risk perception and awareness, or lack of primary care or health insurance.
  - Providers might dismiss symptoms or misattribute symptoms to more benign conditions.

# CLOSING THE CLINICAL LOOP ON EAOCRC RED FLAG SIGNS/SYMPTOMS

- Identify most concerning red flag signs/symptoms for EAOCRC, and their association with EAOCRC risk.
- Ensuring rapid work-up by closing the clinical loop: (Burnett-Hartman et al. *Gastroentrol.* 2021)



- Partner with primary care groups to increase awareness of red flag signs/symptoms

## SUMMARY

- Improving risk assessment completion and quality can expand access to more timely screening uptake
- Taking a proactive approach to risk assessment and screening messaging can prevent lapses in screening adherence among high-risk adults
- Identifying and triaging adults with red flag signs or symptoms can hasten work-up and mitigate worse EAO CRC outcomes



# Questions & Answers

