

# Einführung ins Thema

Versorgungsforschung in der Schweiz:  
Das Beispiel Onkologie

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# Health Research

1. Biomedical Research
2. Clinical Research
3. Health Services Research

«Health Services Research examines how people get access to health care, how much care costs and what happens to patients as a result of this care. The main goal of HSR is to identify the most effective way to organize, manage, finance, and deliver high-quality care, reduce medical errors and improve patient safety» [3].

AHRQ, Agency for Health Research and Quality (1989)  
HHS (Human Health Service) department (USA)

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# Outcomes Research

The study of the end results of health care services that takes patients' experiences, preferences and values into account.

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# Goals of Health Service Research

1. Patient safety (errors)
2. Timeliness of care
3. Effectiveness ( $\neq$  efficacy in RCT)
4. Patient centered
5. Efficiency
6. Equity

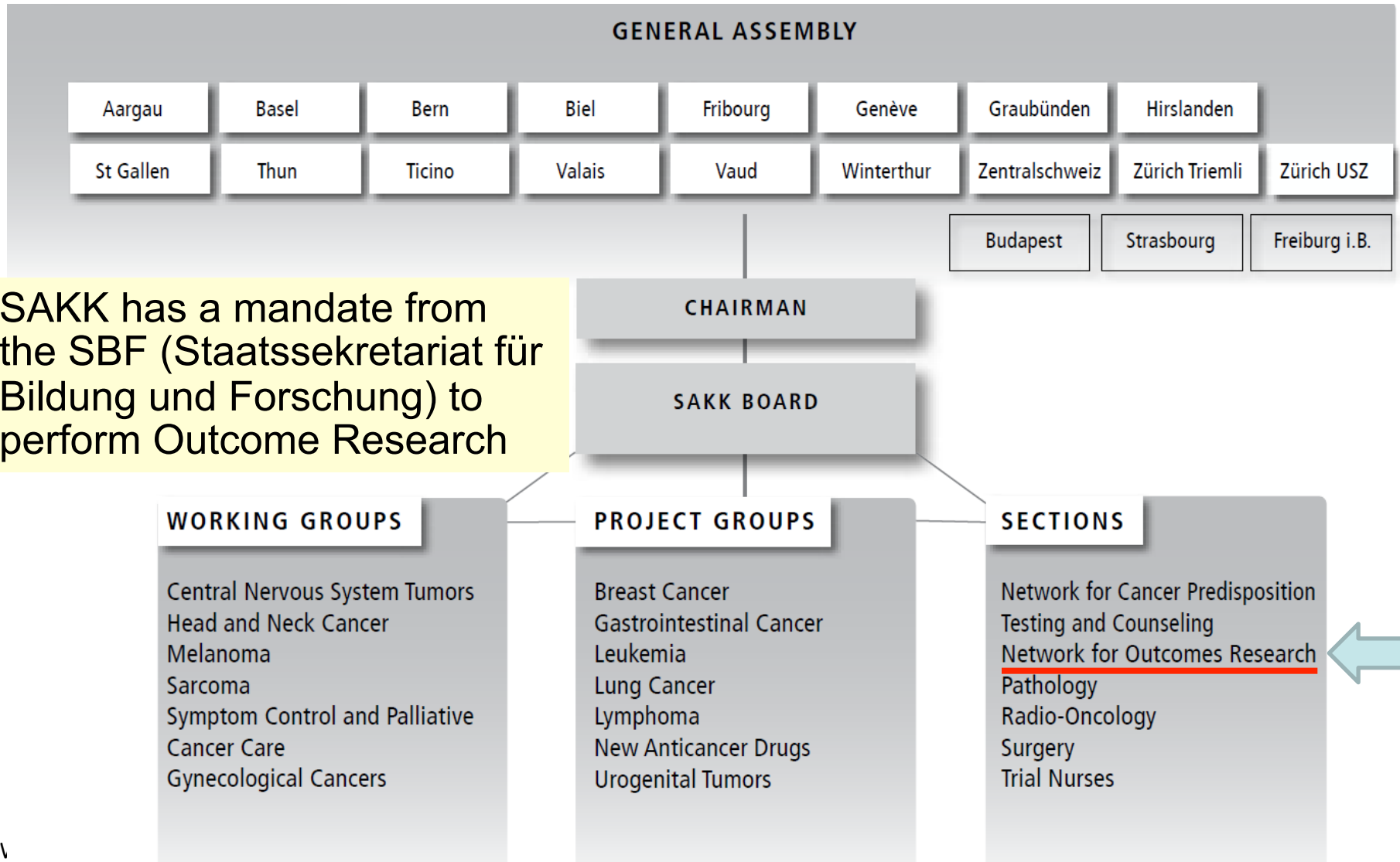
## **Chapter 8. Health Services Research: Scope and Significance**

Donald M. Steinwachs, Ronda G. Hughes

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SAKK has a mandate from the SBF (Staatssekretariat für Bildung und Forschung) to perform Outcome Research



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# Predictors of state-of-the-art management of early breast cancer in Switzerland

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**Patients and methods:** The study included 3499 women aged 25–79 years diagnosed with invasive breast cancer stages I–IIIA in 2003–2005. Patients were identified through population-based cancer registries and treated in all kinds of settings. Concordance with national and international recommendations was assessed for 10 items covering surgery, radiotherapy, systemic adjuvant therapy and histopathology reporting. We used multivariate logistic regression to identify independent predictors of high (10 points) and low ( $\leq 7$  points) concordance.





# Items used for the state-of-the-art breast cancer management score

	N (%) 1pt	N (%) Opt
Pretreatment diagnosis by FNA or CNB	2687 (76)	812 (24)
1mm tumor-free margin after final surgery	3199 (91)	300 (9)
Removal of 10+ LNs when undergoing AND	1657 (47)	649 (18)
SN as definitive procedure	1119 (34)	-
One breast surgery	2674 (76)	825 (24)
Reporting of HR-IHC in % cells, tumor size, grade	3426 (96)	73 (2)
Nonapplicable	51 (1)	-
Adjuvant radiotherapy following BCS	2348 (67)	151 (4)
Adjuvant radiotherapy following MX if requested	236 (7)	136 (4)
Endocrine therapy prescribed if requested	2720 (78)	170 (5)
Chemotherapy prescribed when requested	1455 (43)	324 (9)



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# Trends in the aggressiveness of cancer care near the end of life

Earle CC 2004, J Clin Oncol 22:315-321

## Patients and Methods

We analyzed Medicare claims of 28,777 patients 65 years and older who died within 1 year of a diagnosis of lung, breast, colorectal, or other gastrointestinal cancer between 1993 and 1996 while living in one of 11 US regions monitored by the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program.

## Results

Rates of treatment with chemotherapy increased from 27.9% in 1993 to 29.5% in 1996 ( $P = .02$ ). Among those who received chemotherapy, 15.7% were still receiving treatment within 2 weeks of death, increasing from 13.8% in 1993 to 18.5% in 1996 ( $P < .001$ ). From 1993 to 1996, increasing proportions of patients had more than one emergency department visit (7.2% v 9.2%;  $P < .001$ ), hospitalization (7.8% v 9.1%;  $P = .008$ ), or were admitted to an intensive care unit (7.1% v 9.4%;  $P =$

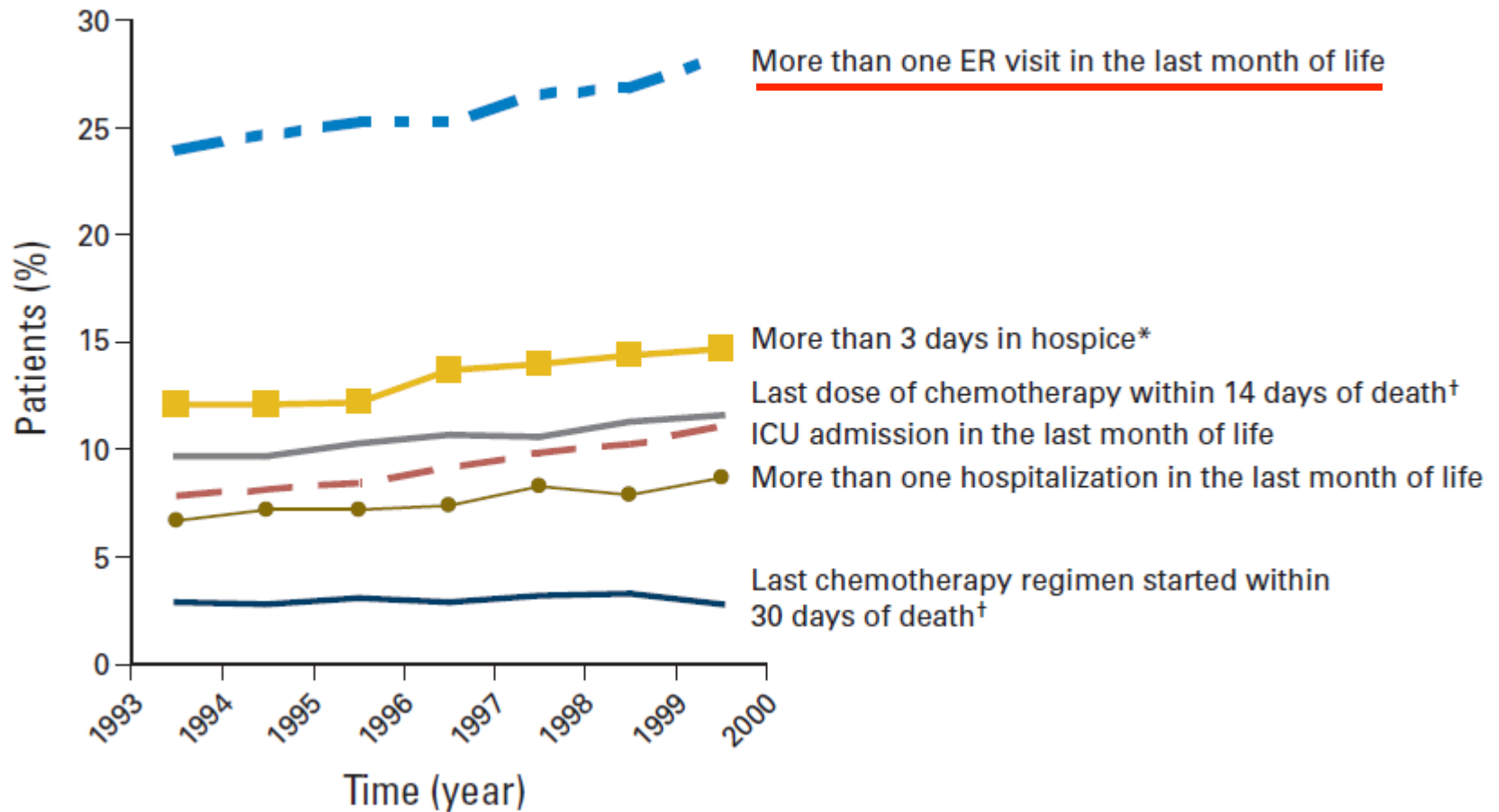
**Table 4.** Multivariate Analysis Predicting a Composite End Point of Patients Receiving Chemotherapy for Advanced Cancer Experiencing Any Indicator of Aggressive Care

Characteristic	OR	95% CI
Year of death*	1.06	1.02 to 1.10
Age†	0.98	0.97 to 0.99
Female	0.80	0.73 to 0.87
Comorbidity‡	1.14	1.06 to 1.23
Teaching hospital§	1.24	1.12 to 1.38



# Aggressiveness of cancer care near the end of life: Is it a quality-of-care issue?

Earle CC 2008, J Clin Oncol 26:3860-3866, Review





# Protocol SAKK 89/09

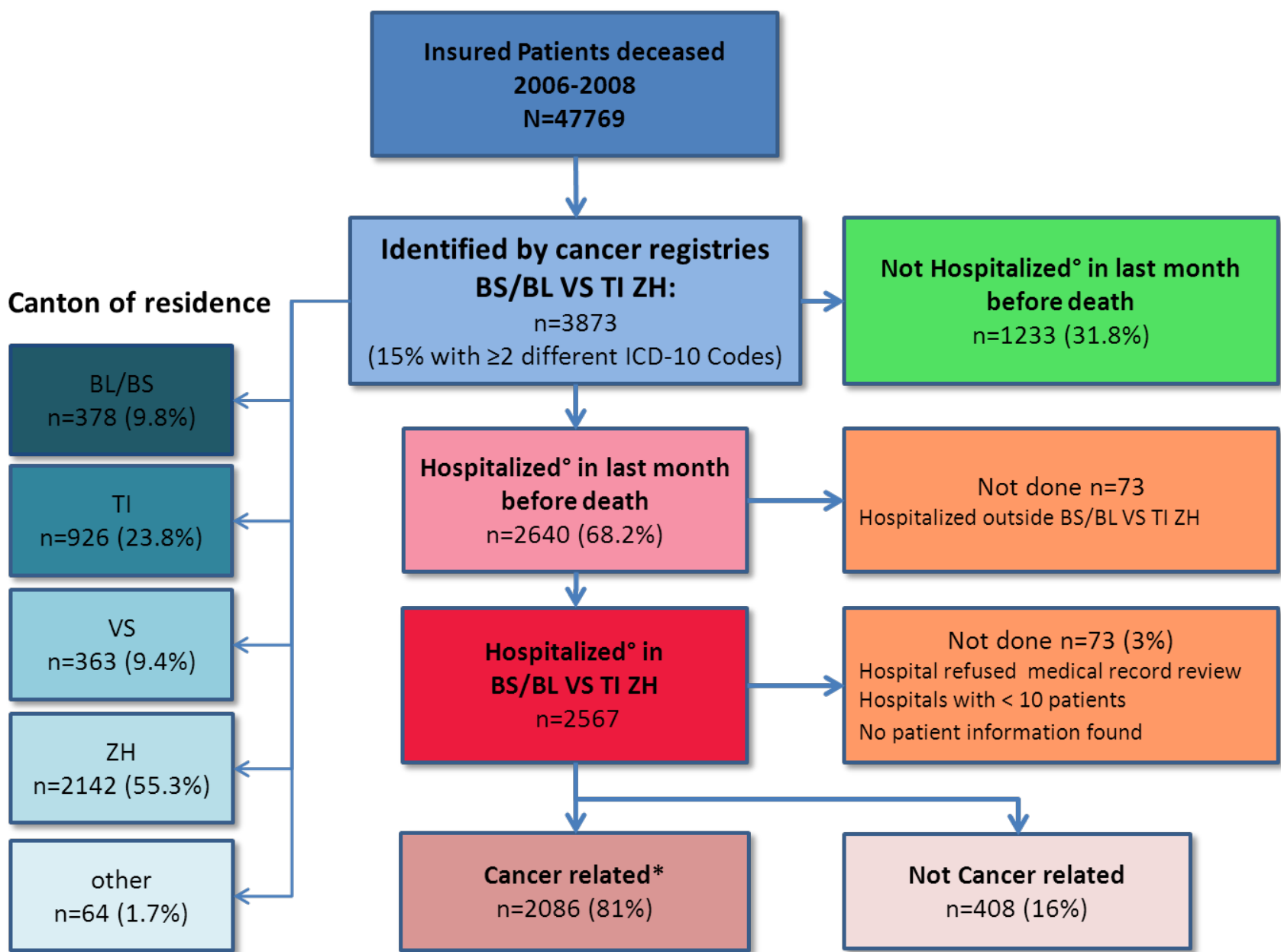
## Delivery of health care at the end of life in Swiss cancer patients

- Cooperation with Cancer Registries BS/BL, TI, VS, ZH
- Helsana health insurance company

## Health Services Research in Switzerland – the Example of Oncology

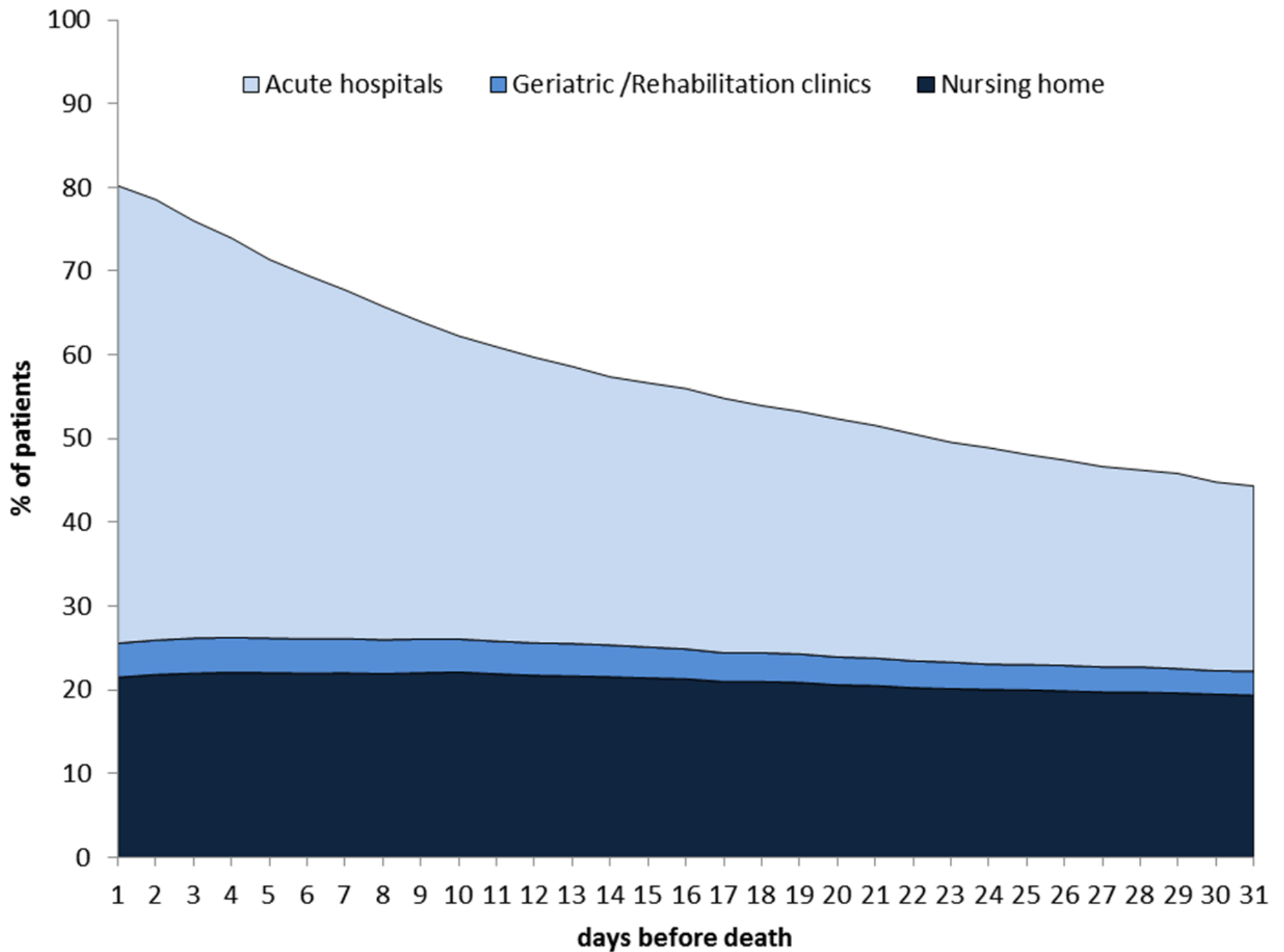
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° acute care hospitals

\* cancer related death according to patient dossier





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# Drug reimbursement decisions U.K.

NICE = National Institute for Clinical Excellence

Also: «National Institute for Cost Effectiveness»

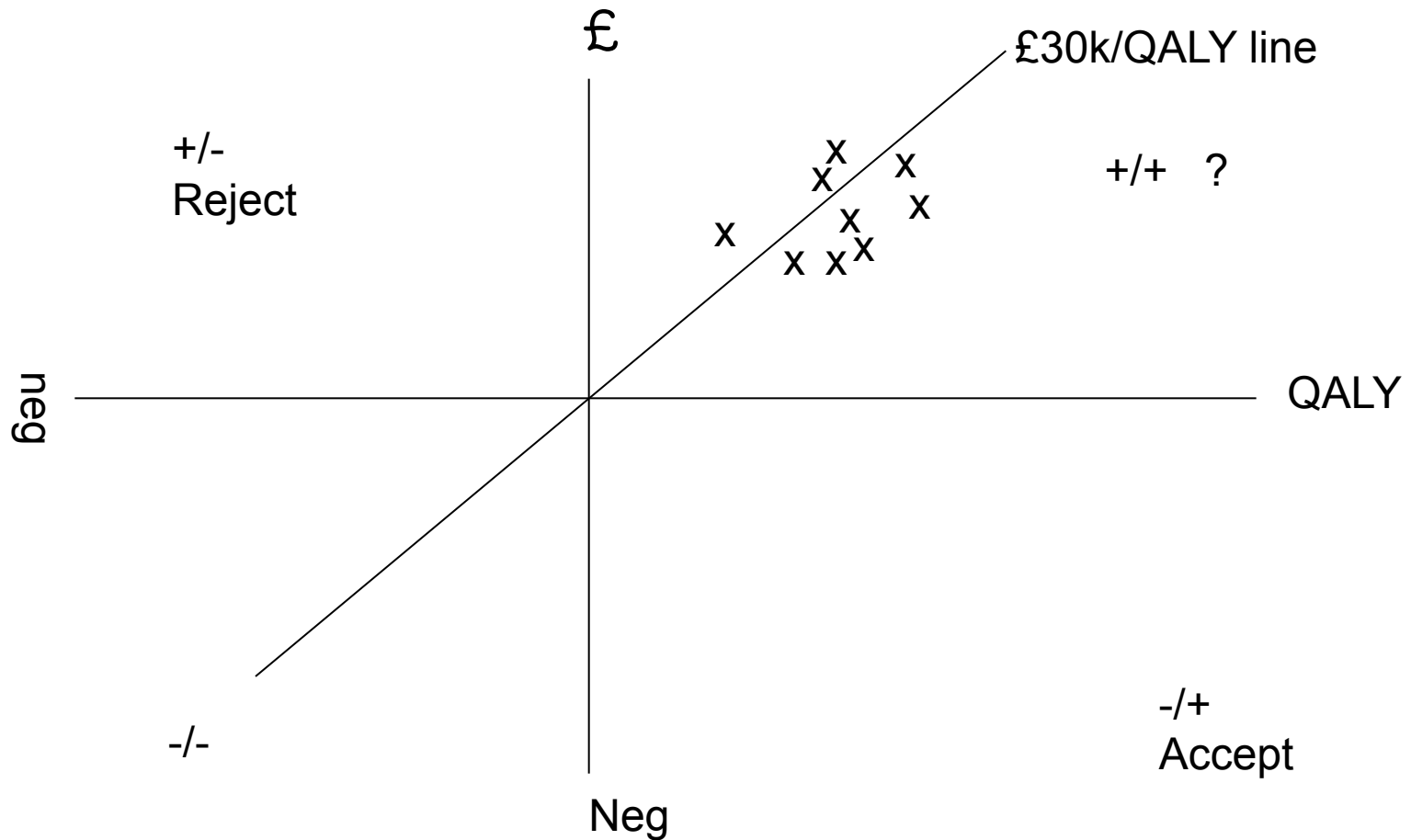
Peter Raftery, University of Southampton

SAKK HJV Basel 2008

- Evidence-based decision making, transparent, open to appeal
- Independent academic groups assess clinical effectiveness (RCTs best), cost and cost-effectiveness (usually modelled)
- Cost per **QALY** «quality adjusted life years»
- Utility coefficients. Typical preference-based measure of health-related quality of life: EQ-5D (Mobility, self-care, usual activities, pain/discomfort, anxiety/depression)
- **ICER (incremental cost effectiveness ratio)**
- Threshold ICER: 'Above an ICER of £30k/QALY, the case for supporting the technology ... has to be increasingly strong' (NICE, 2004).



# Cost and QALY plane: uncertainty

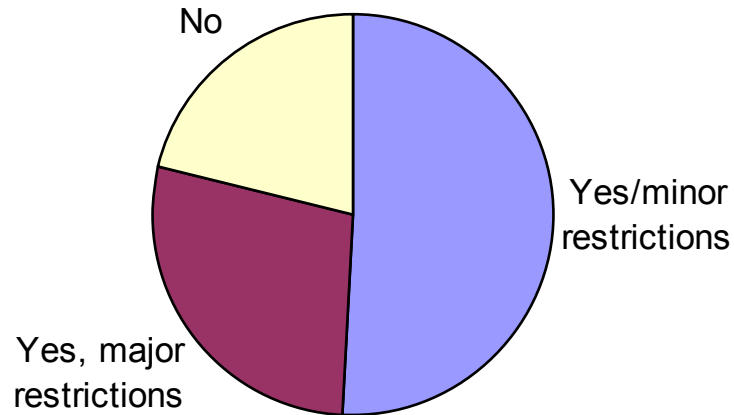




# Drug reimbursement U.K.

NICE = National Institute for Clinical Excellence

**NICE 57 Cancer technologies 2000-08**



# Bevacizumab in combination with paclitaxel for HER-2 negative metastatic breast cancer: An economic evaluation

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A Markov cohort simulation was used to follow the clinical course of typical patients with MBC. Information on response rates and major adverse effects was derived, and transition probabilities were estimated, based on the results of the E2100 clinical trial. Direct costs were assessed from the perspective of the Swiss health system.

The addition of bevacizumab to weekly paclitaxel is estimated to cost an additional 40,369€ and to yield a gain of 0.22 quality-adjusted life years (QALYs), resulting in an incremental cost-effectiveness ratio of 189,427 €/QALY gained. Probabilistic sensitivity analysis showed that the willingness-to-pay threshold of 60,000€ was never reached.



# Take Home Messages

## HSR in Oncology

- Publications on quality of care
  - Compare real life oncology to standard-of-care guidelines
  - Awards, certifications, centers
  - Should they influence policy makers?
- Cancer care at the end-of-life
  - Analyse intensity of medical tests/treatments in last weeks of life
  - Our study cannot comment on the appropriateness of care, but can be considered thought-provoking / hypothesis generating
  - Demonstrate temporal and geographic variations
- Drug reimbursement
  - Markov models to estimate costs
  - ICER / QALY versus Willingness to pay (~60,000€ / QALY?)



Danke für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit!



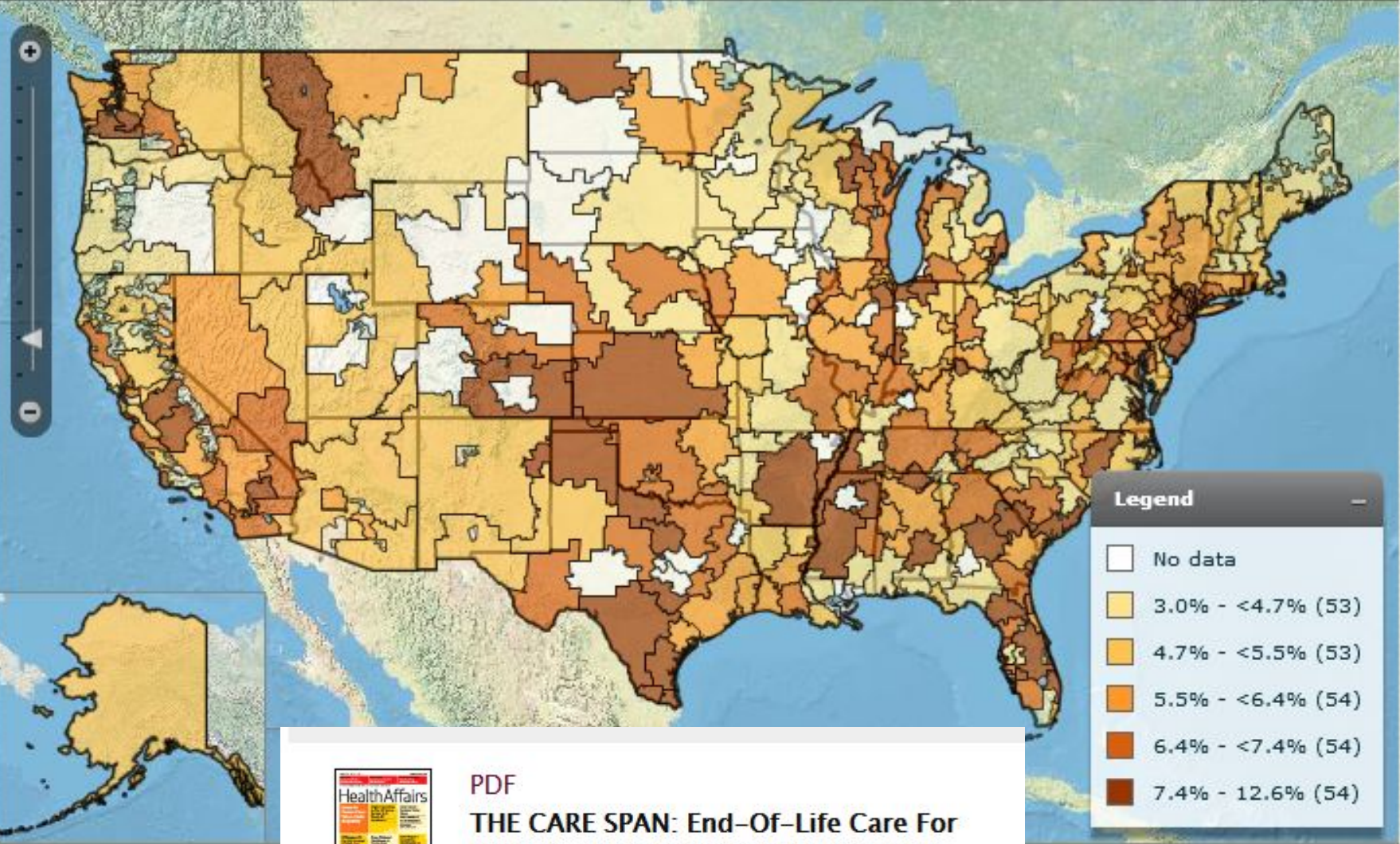


# PERCENT OF CANCER PATIENTS RECEIVING CHEMOTHERAPY DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF LIFE

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The percent of cancer patients receiving chemotherapy during the last two weeks of life varies widely among health care systems. **with Cancer is Highly Intensive Overall And Varies Widely**



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**THE CARE SPAN: End-Of-Life Care For Medicare Beneficiaries With Cancer Is Highly Intensive Overall And Varies Widely**

*Health Aff* April 2012 31:4786-796;

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# Case studies: rejections and £/QALY

- Colorectal cancer (metastatic): bevacizumab (£63k/QALY) and cetuximab (£70k/QALY) rejected (118)
- Breast cancer (metastatic): gemcitabine rejected as first line (£43/QALY) (116)
- Chronic lymph leukemia: fludaribine rejected (£87K/QALY) (119)
- Multiple myeloma: bortezomib restricted (£38k unrestricted) (129)
- Lung cancer (NSC): pemetrexed rejected (£60k/QALY) (124)
- Early Breast cancer: trastuzumab accepted (£33k/QALY)(107)
- Implication: unwilling to accept if much over £35k/QALY, ceteris paribus.
- Highest was imatinib for accelerated chronic myeloid leukemia at £48k/QALY.