



Belgian Cancer Registry

# The Cancer Registry: what to know?

International Congress of Breast Disease Centers,  
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[www.kankerregister.org](http://www.kankerregister.org) | [www.registreducancer.org](http://www.registreducancer.org)

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# Overview

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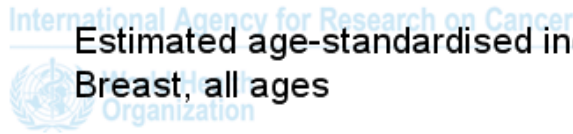


# The role of the Cancer Registry

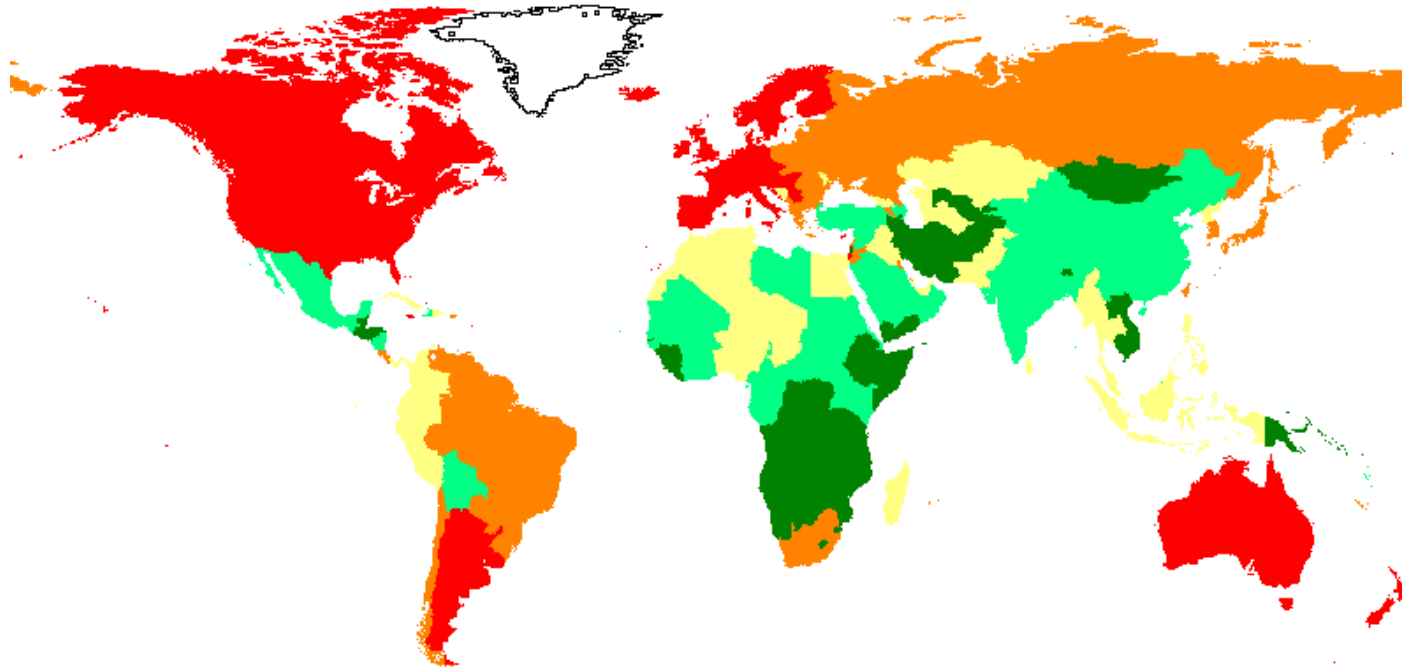
- Collection and analysis of data
  - Population based (vs hospital based)
- Cancer Incidence
  - Description of the cancer burden
  - Comparison
  - Predictions
  - Monitoring (sex, age, geography, time, stage, socio-economic)



# Cancer Incidence: geography



Estimated age-standardised incidence rate per 100,000  
Breast, all ages



2008

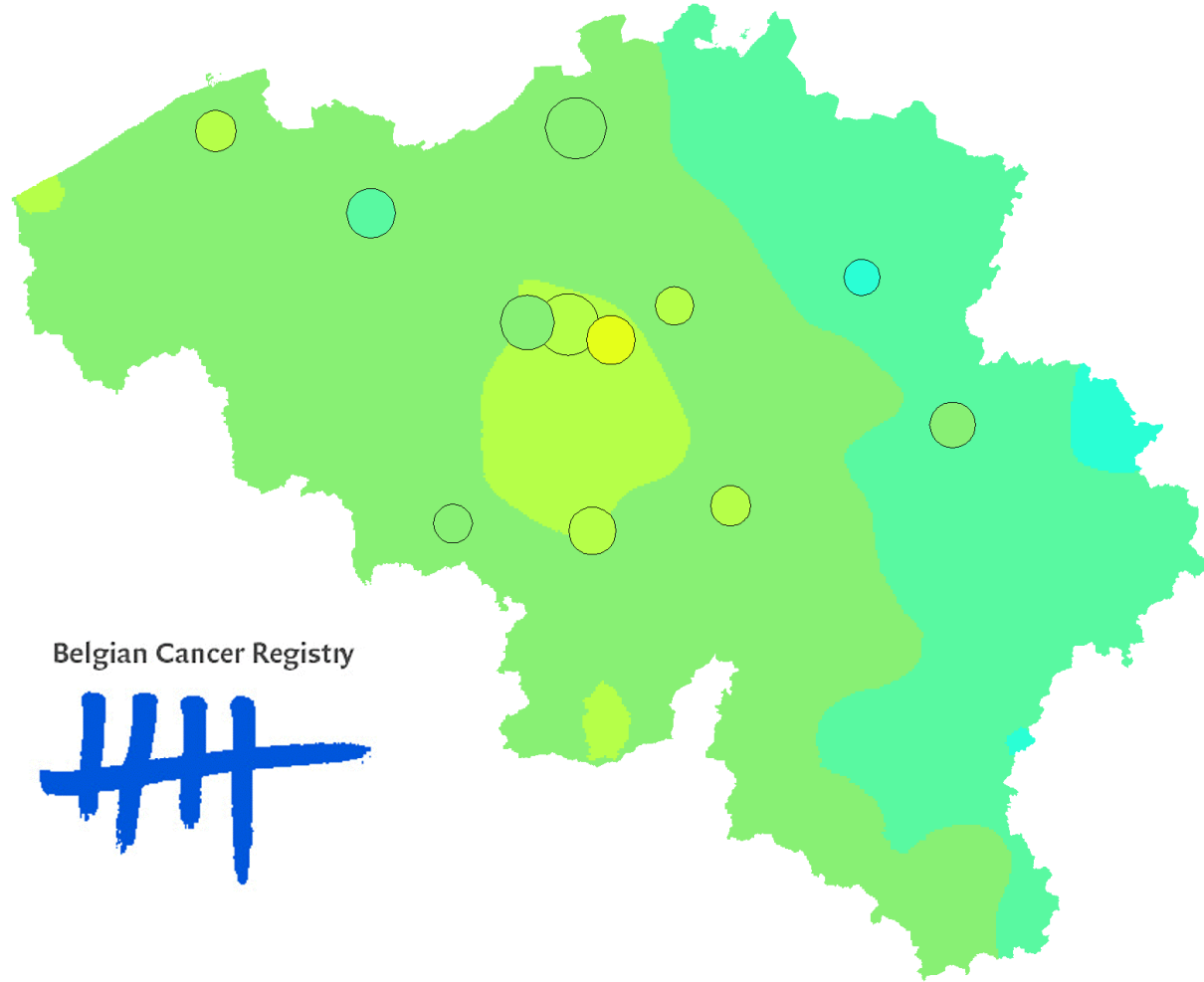
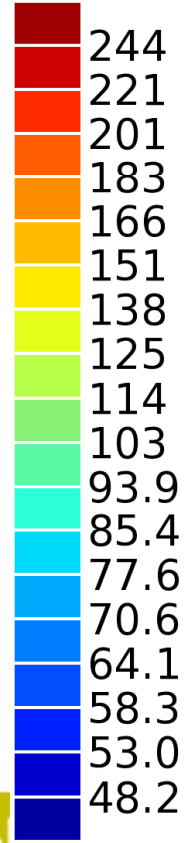
■ < 21.3   ■ < 28.6   ■ < 38.7   ■ < 56.5   ■ < 109.2

GLOBOCAN 2008 (IARC) - 27.1.2011



# Incidence of Breast Cancer Belgium, Females, 2004-2005

/ 100,000



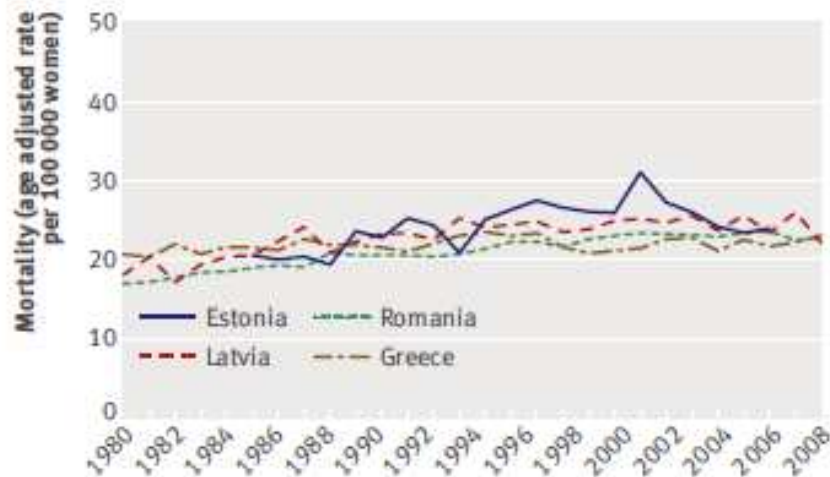
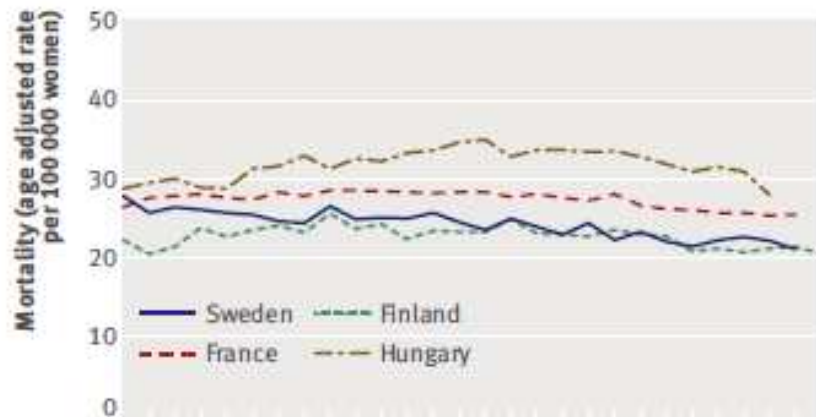
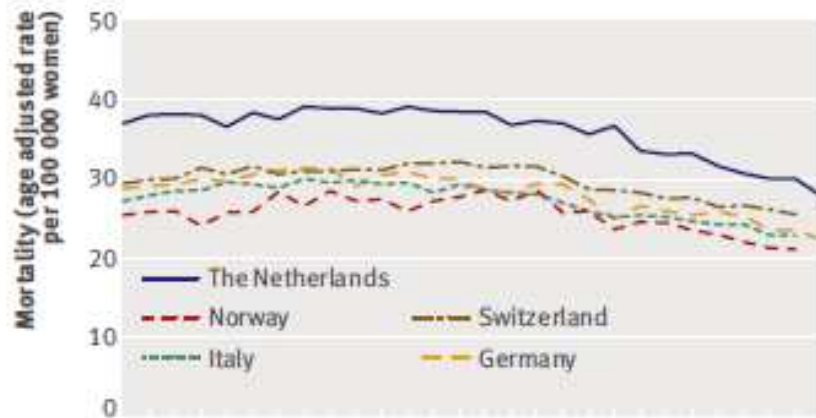
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Ref: Belgium

Finnish Cancer Registry 04.11.2008





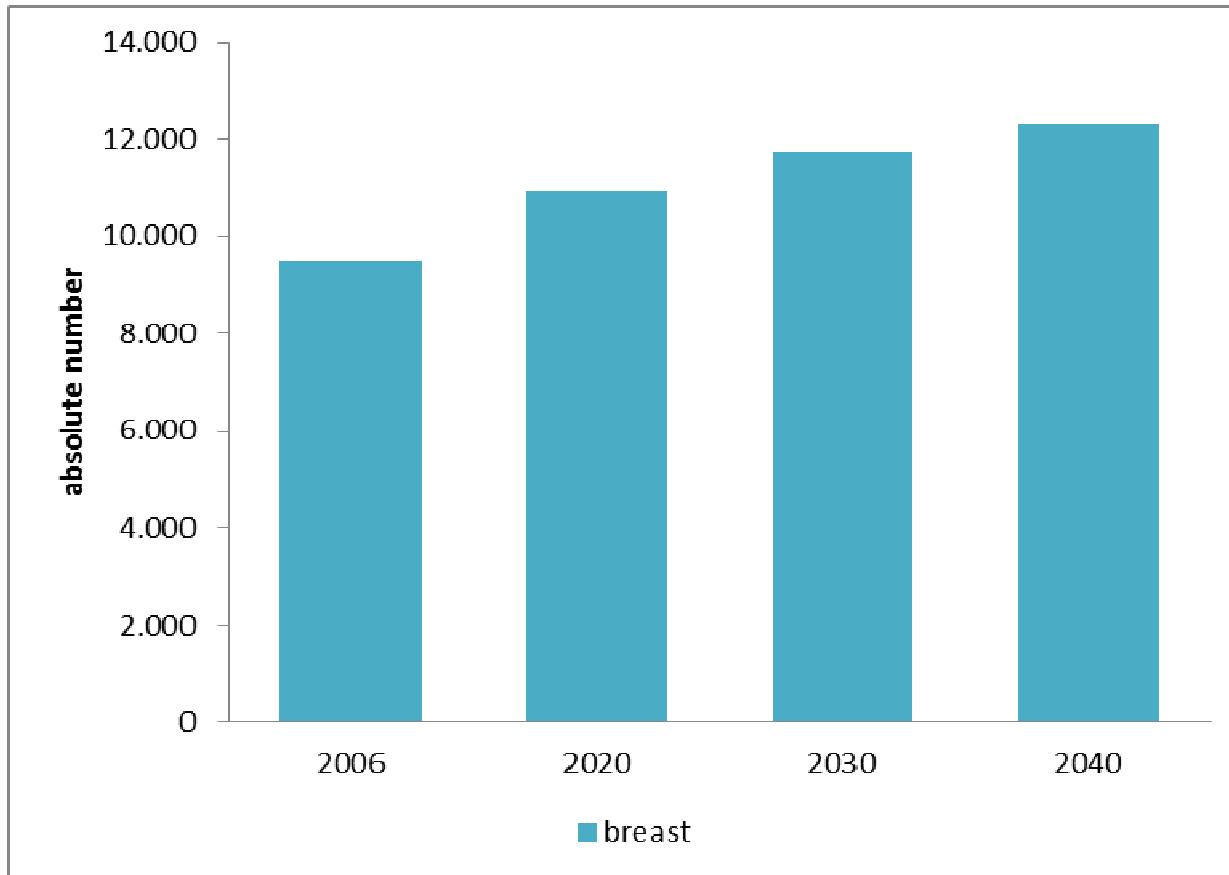
## Autier Ph et al, BMJ 2010; 341:c3620

Disparities in breast cancer mortality trends between 30 European countries: retrospective trend analysis of WHO mortality database

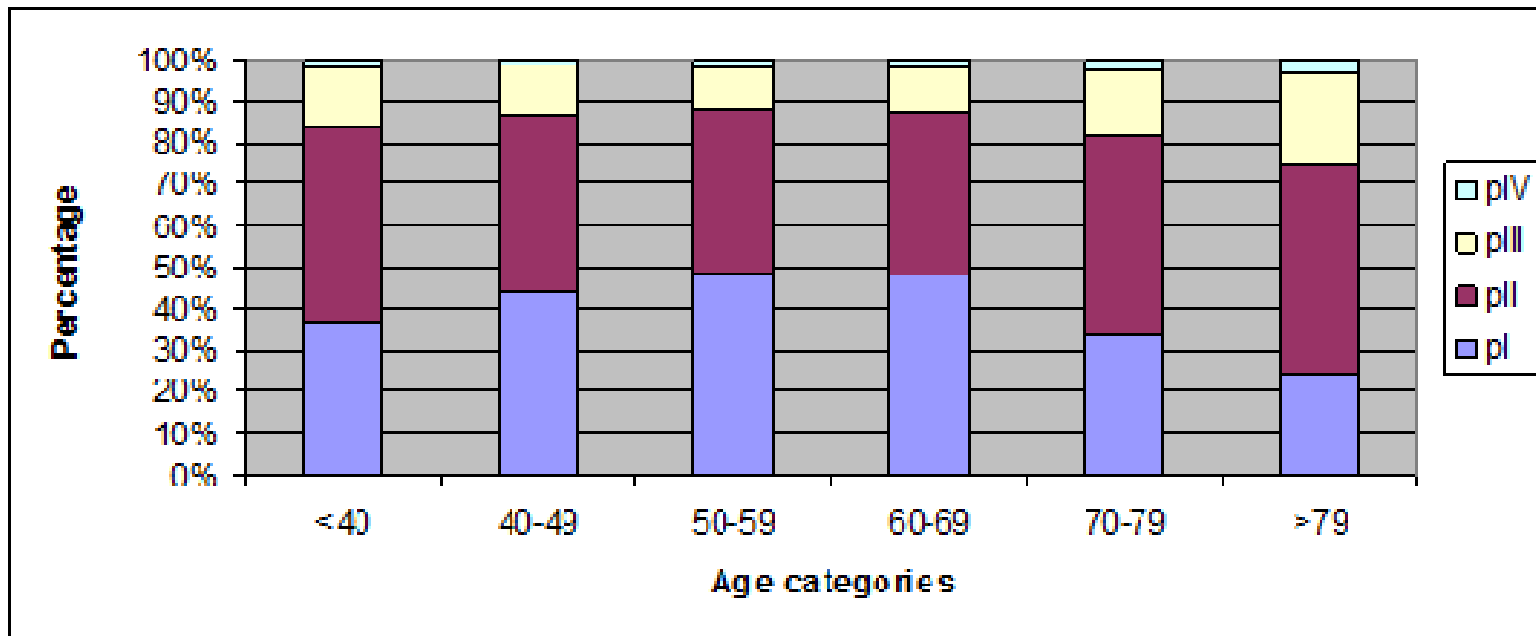
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# Breast cancer: absolute number prediction Belgium, 2006-2040

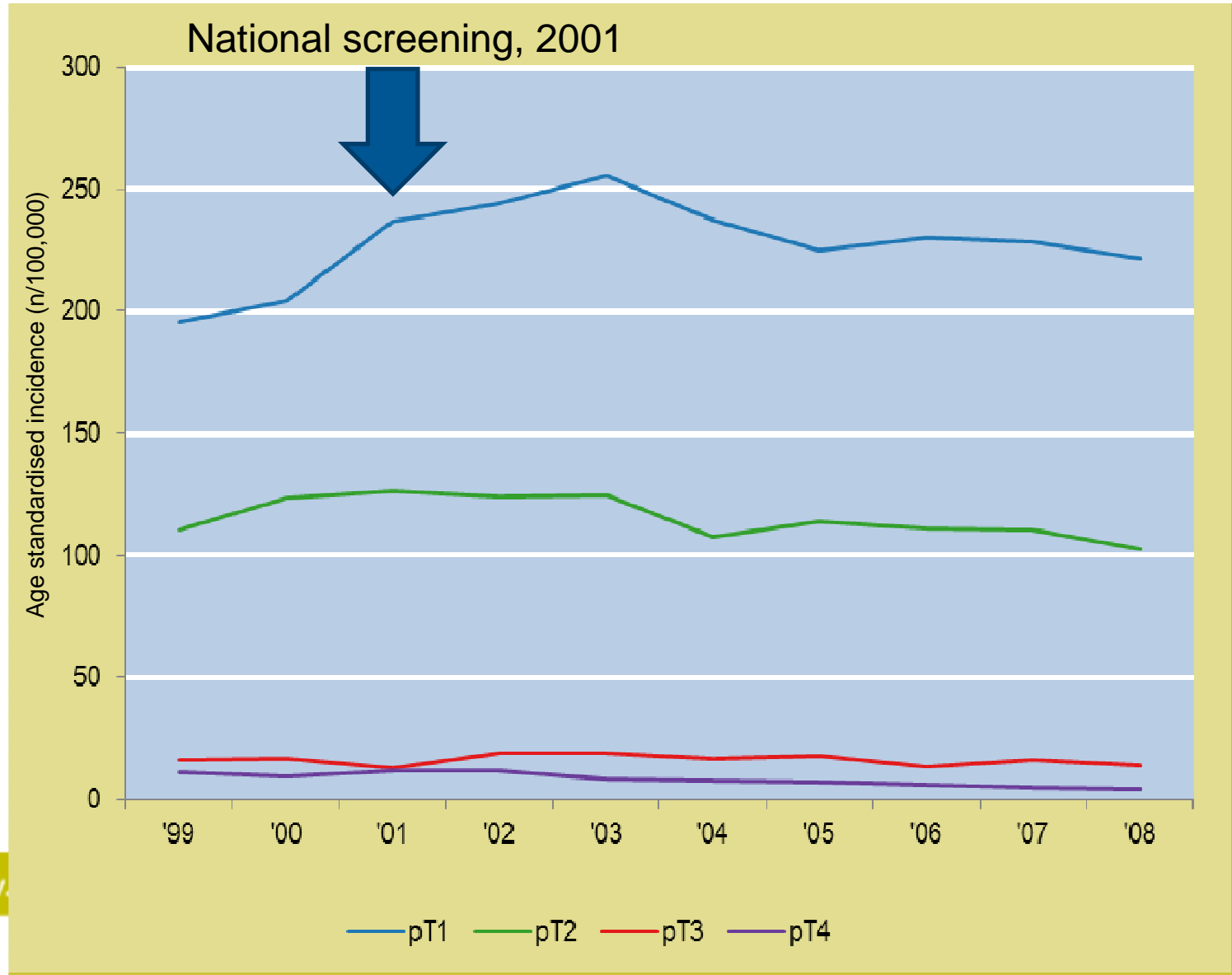


# Breast cancer: pStage distribution by age 2001 – 2006, Belgium





# Breast cancer incidence by pT category (50-69 years) Belgium, Flemish region

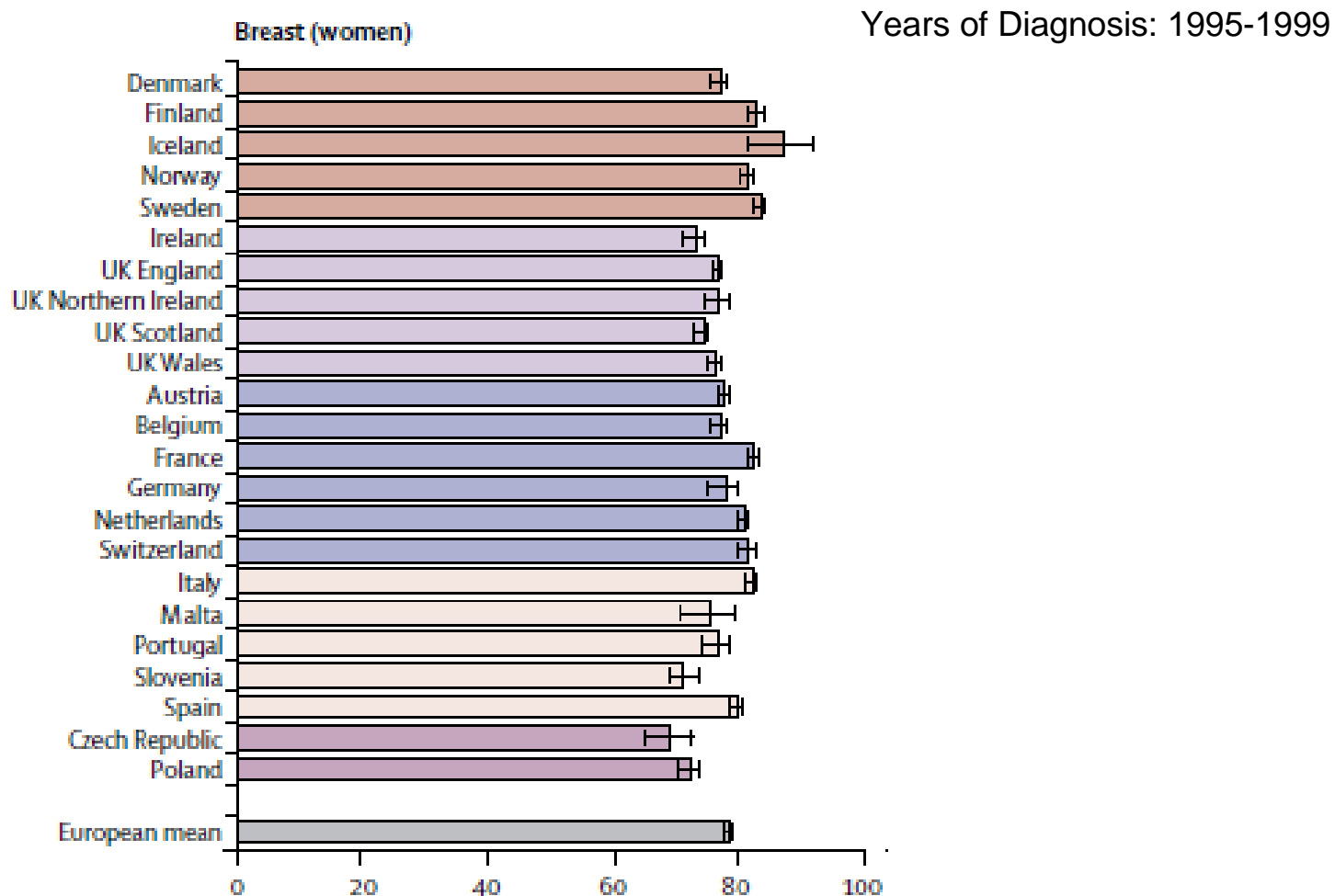


## The role of the Cancer Registry (2)

- Collection and analysis of data
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- Cancer Incidence
  - Monitoring (sex, age, geography, time, socio-economic, stage)
  - Comparison
  - Predictions
- Survival
  - Access to data on vital status: need for a reliable patient ID
  - Monitoring
  - Comparison



# 5-year relative survival: Results Eurocare 4



Berrino et al, 2007, The Lancet Oncology



# 5 year relative survival: Eurocare 3 – Eurocare 4

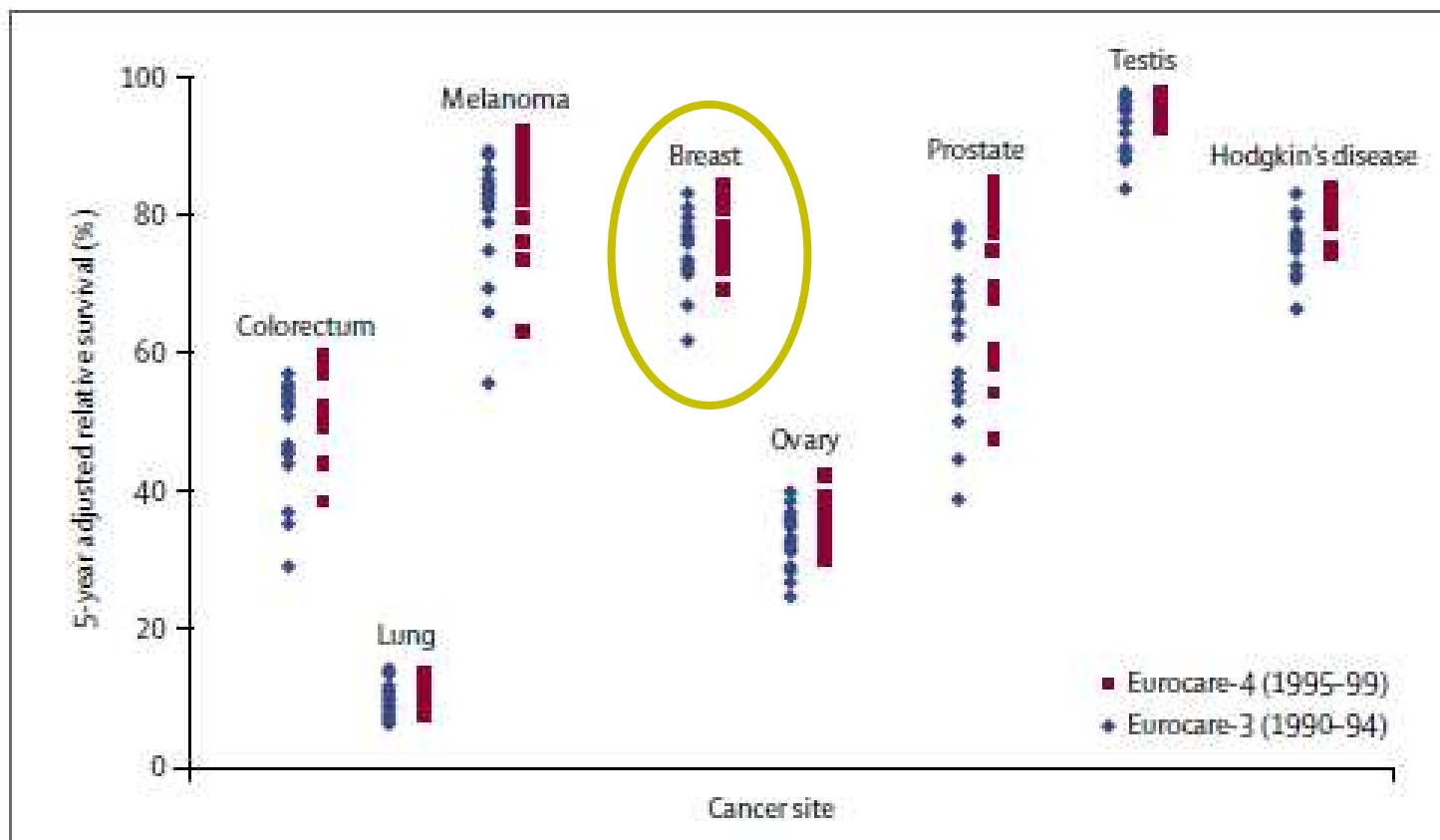


Figure 5: Changes in 5-year age-adjusted relative survival from EURO CARE-3 (1990-94) to EURO CARE-4 (1995-99)



- **Cancer survival in five continents: a worldwide population-based study (CONCORD)**

Coleman M, Quaresma M, Berrino F et al. and the CONCORD Working Group,  
The Lancet Oncology, Volume 9, Issue 8, 730 - 756, August 2008

– breast, colon, rectum, or prostate



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  - => outcome parameter => quality of care



# Quality of Care

- Definition of good 'quality'
  - Donabedian, JAMA, Vol 260, 1988
  - “Providing patients with appropriate services in a technically competent manner, with good communication, shared decision-making and cultural sensitivity.” (UMHS)



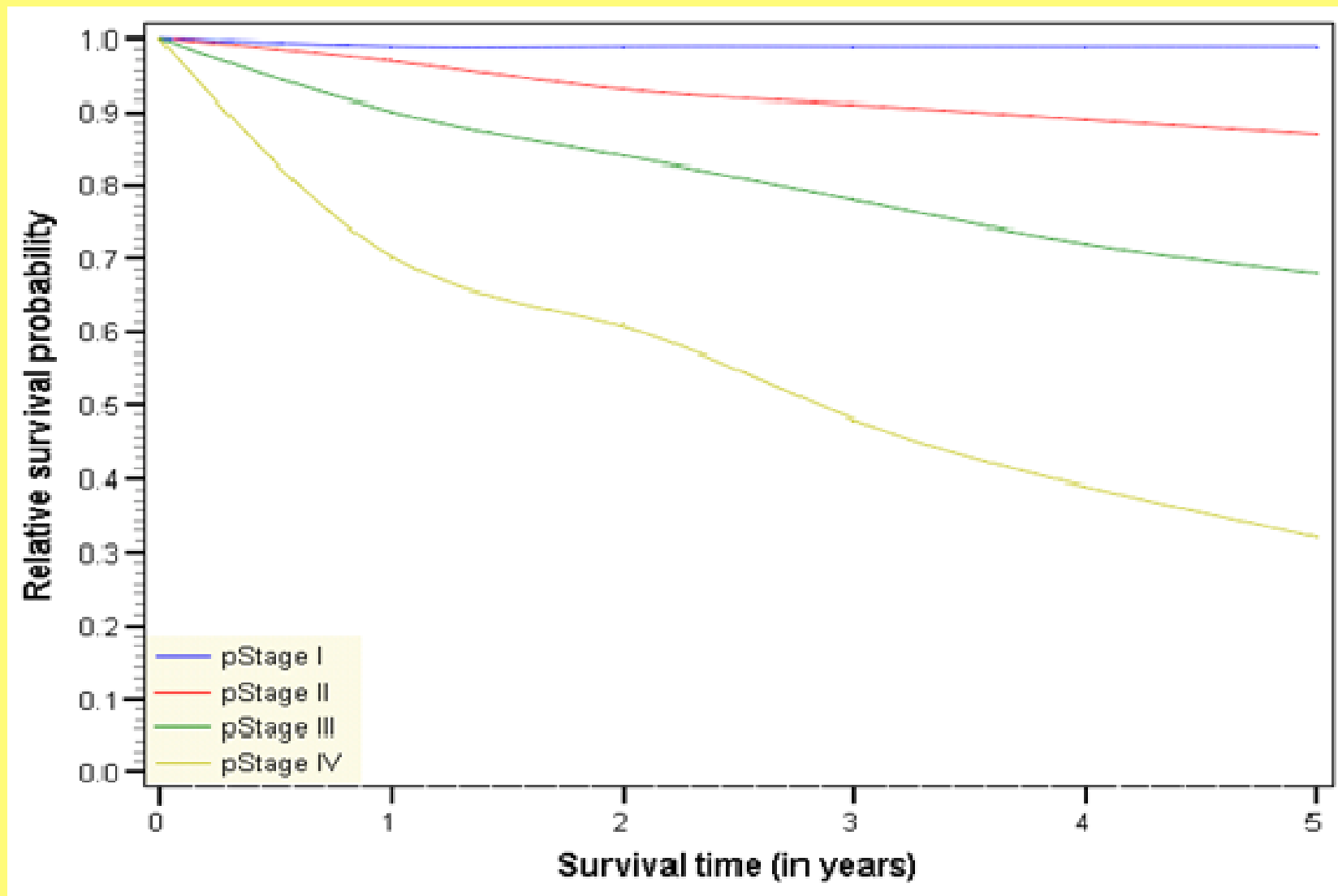
# Quality indicators: three categories

- Outcome indicators
  - Denote the effect of care on the health status of the patient and population
- Structure indicators
  - Denote the attributes of the settings in which care occurs
    - E.g. facilities, equipment, money...
- Process indicators
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## 5-Year relative survival by pStage, Belgium, 2001-2006



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    - But....capture more data on diagnosis and treatment!
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# How to register/collect data?

- Use existing data bases
  - Hospital based registries: more detailed information on diagnostic, prognostic and treatment related aspects
  - Administrative data bases
    - Reimbursement data (nomenclature) – medical acts
    - Hospital discharge data
  - Linkage! = reliable Patient ID = confidentiality and privacy issues
- Prospective registration
  - Uniform data set
  - Compulsory? Voluntary?
    - Belgium: Royal Decree on Breast Clinics, 26th of April 2007
  - Population based?



- Belgium: national study 2010
- Quality indicators in breast cancer,  
KCE report 150 A, S. Stordeur, J. Vlayen, L. Van Eycken, Jan 2011,
  
- Literature: selection of quality indicators
  - Definition of 32 quality indicators
    - Existing data bases: 13 indicators measurable
      - Cancer Registry
      - Medical act data base + drugs

=> some examples



# Example process indicator (1)

- Proportion of patients who received RT after breast conserving surgery

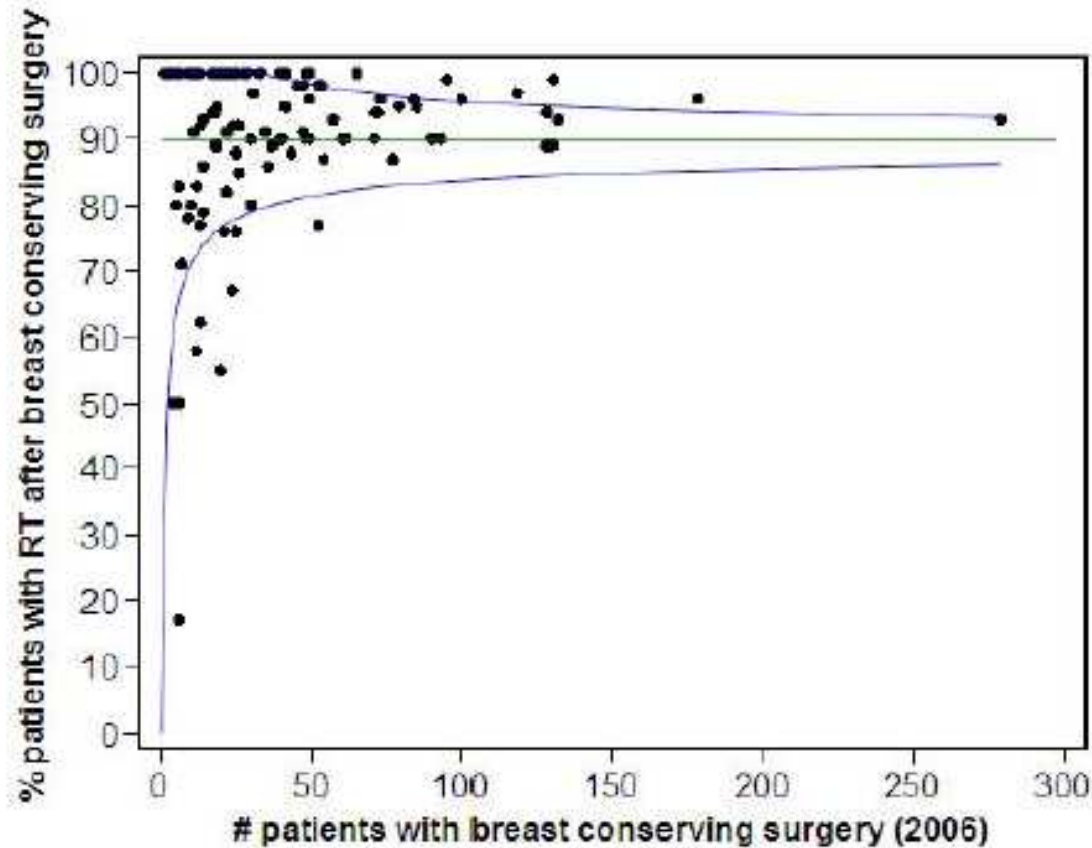
	Numerator	Denominator	Proportion (%)
<b>2001</b>	2 716	3 302	<b>82.3</b>
<b>2002</b>	3 003	3 608	<b>83.2</b>
<b>2003</b>	3 525	4 131	<b>85.3</b>
<b>2004</b>	3 550	4 039	<b>87.9</b>
<b>2005</b>	3 780	4 318	<b>87.5</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>4 022</b>	<b>4 477</b>	<b>89.8</b>

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## Example process indicator (2)

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## Example process indicator (3)

- Proportion of patients with assessment of ER and PR status before any systemic treatment (2001-2006)

	<b>Numerator</b>	<b>Denominator</b>	<b>Proportion (%)</b>
2001	5 935	6 555	90.5
2002	6 367	6 684	95.3
2003	7 130	7 360	96.9
2004	7 042	7 230	97.4
2005	7 629	7 839	97.3
2006	7 807	7 963	98.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>41 910</b>	<b>43 631</b>	<b>96.1</b>

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- Results ER – PR: unknown...
- Result Her-2: unknown...



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# Example structure (1)

- Proportion of women with breast cancer discussed and treated in a multidisciplinary team setting
  - ⇒ measured: proportion of women with breast cancer discussed at the multidisciplinary team meeting

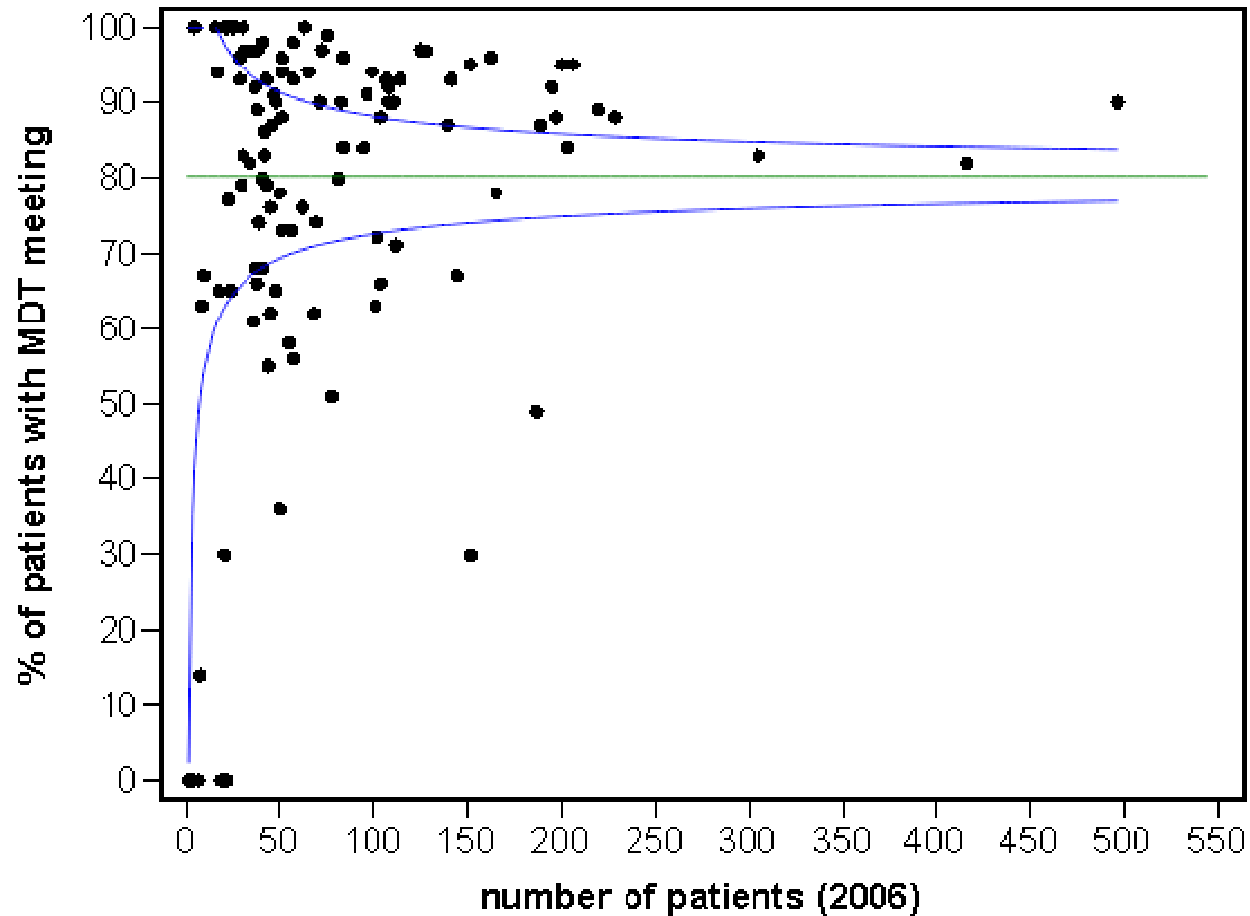
	Numerator	Denominator	Proportion (%)
2003	4 770	7 771	61.4
2004	6 285	8 232	76.3
2005	6 831	8 942	76.4
2006	7 280	9 067	80.3

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## Example structure (2)

### Proportion of women with breast cancer discussed at the multidisciplinary team meeting, per centre



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# Confidentiality and privacy aspects

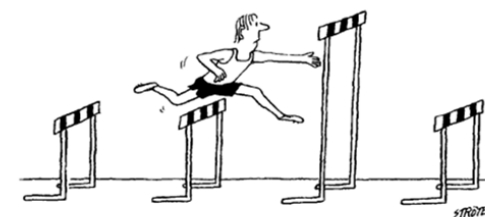
- EU directives
- Privacy legislation: national
- “3 level” concept at the Belgian Cancer Registry
  - Patient
  - Treating physician
  - Hospital
    - Although no ‘person’ => privacy legislation, EU directives
    - Different approaches international



# Standardisation

- Why? Comparability, Conformity, Reproducibility...
  - ⇒ Need for standardization:
    - Improve consistency (reduce variability) in treatment
    - Monitor the progress of the implementation of a National Cancer Plan
    - Provide evaluation of the many individual cancer control activities
    - Evaluate on health care costs
- International comprehensive information data base
  - Harmonization of registration activities
  - Cfr national registries, OECD, Eusoma

Standardization  
Essentials



# Conclusion

- Role of cancer registries => extended
  - Joint venture with treating physicians, epidemiologists, DM, ...
  - If possible: make use of existing data bases
    - Beware of possible bias!



- Standardization or defining a set of measures, agreements, conditions and specifications will enable
  - International comprehensive information data base... as an essential component of cancer control efforts
  - Improvement of cancer related decision making
  - And ultimately: improve the quality of care offered to patients with (breast) cancer



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