

Live Kidney Donor Risk: Big Data and the New Calculators

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"The only remaining problem was the ethical decision concerning the removal of a healthy organ from a normal person for the benefit of someone else. **For the first time in medical history** a normal healthy person was to be subjected to a major surgical operation not for his own benefit."

Joseph Murray, Nobel Lecture, 12/8/90

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Questions We Want to Answer

- *Baseline risk*
(risk individual will have if doesn't donate)
- *Absolute risk*
(total risk individual faces if donates)
- *Attributable risk*
(extra risk individual faces if does donate)
- By race, age, sex, BMI, insurance, SES, etc?

Questions We Can Answer

- *Baseline risk*
Risk in “healthy non-donors”
- *Absolute risk*
Risk in donors
- *Attributable risk*
Difference between above two

Studying ESRD

- Rare event
 - Require thousands of donors to see one event
 - Require tens of thousands to estimate the risk with any degree of confidence, for any subgroups
 - Require a non-self-reported source
(Most centers lose touch with donors)
 - Require national representation
(Low-volume centers, various demographics)

Ibahim/Matas NEJM 2009

- 3698 living donors single center 1963-2007; 99% Caucasian
- ESRD ascertainment through donor followup
- 11 cases of ESRD (1.8 per 10,000 person-years); 3 were non-Caucasian
- All donors with ESRD were biologically related to recipient

Mjoen et al, Kidney Int 2014

- 1901 living kidney donors 1963-2007 (single center performing all donations in Norway)
- 368 marginal donors excluded (hypertension, $\text{BMI} > 30$, $\text{eGFR} < 70$, macroalbuminuria, age > 70)
- Followup through 2010
- Controls: Norwegian cohort enrolled 1984-87; included only self-reported health as "good" or "excellent"; excluded obese, $\text{SBP} > 140$, DM, cardiovascular disease

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- Nine cases of ESRD in LD (3.0 per 10,000 py); all biologically related to recipient

Kidney donation	11.38 (4.37–29.63, $P < 0.001$)
Inclusion year	0.90 (0.82–0.99, $P = 0.03$)
Age, years	1.02 (0.99–1.05, $P = 0.13$)
Male	0.90 (0.43–1.88, $P = 0.77$)
Systolic BP	1.01 (1.00–1.06, $P = 0.03$)
Smoking	1.19 (0.51–2.76, $P = 0.68$)
BMI	1.13 (0.96–1.32, $P = 0.14$)



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OPTN Live Donor Registry

- Every single live donor in the US since 1988
- Currently N>112,000
- Advantages: massive, unbiased
- Disadvantages:
 - Incomplete, limited-term outcome capture
 - But... SSN captured since 1994 – **linkage**
- **Medicare (CMS)**
- **Social Security (SSDMF)**

NHANES-III

- Interviews, physical examination, and laboratory tests of 20,024 adults and 13,000 children administered by medical personnel
- Very detailed initial visits
- Can identify “healthy non-donors”
- Cross-sectional: no follow-up (except **linkage**)
- **Medicare (CMS)**
- **Social Security (SSDMF)**

Live Kidney Donors: Mortality

- Size (N=80,347 -- previous study was 3700 donors: Ibrahim NEJM)
 - Powered for narrow confidence interval
 - Powered for subgroup estimates
- Generalizability (all U.S. centers represented, not just large-volume academic centers)
- Diversity (previous study was 98% Caucasian, national cohort was 27% non-Caucasian)

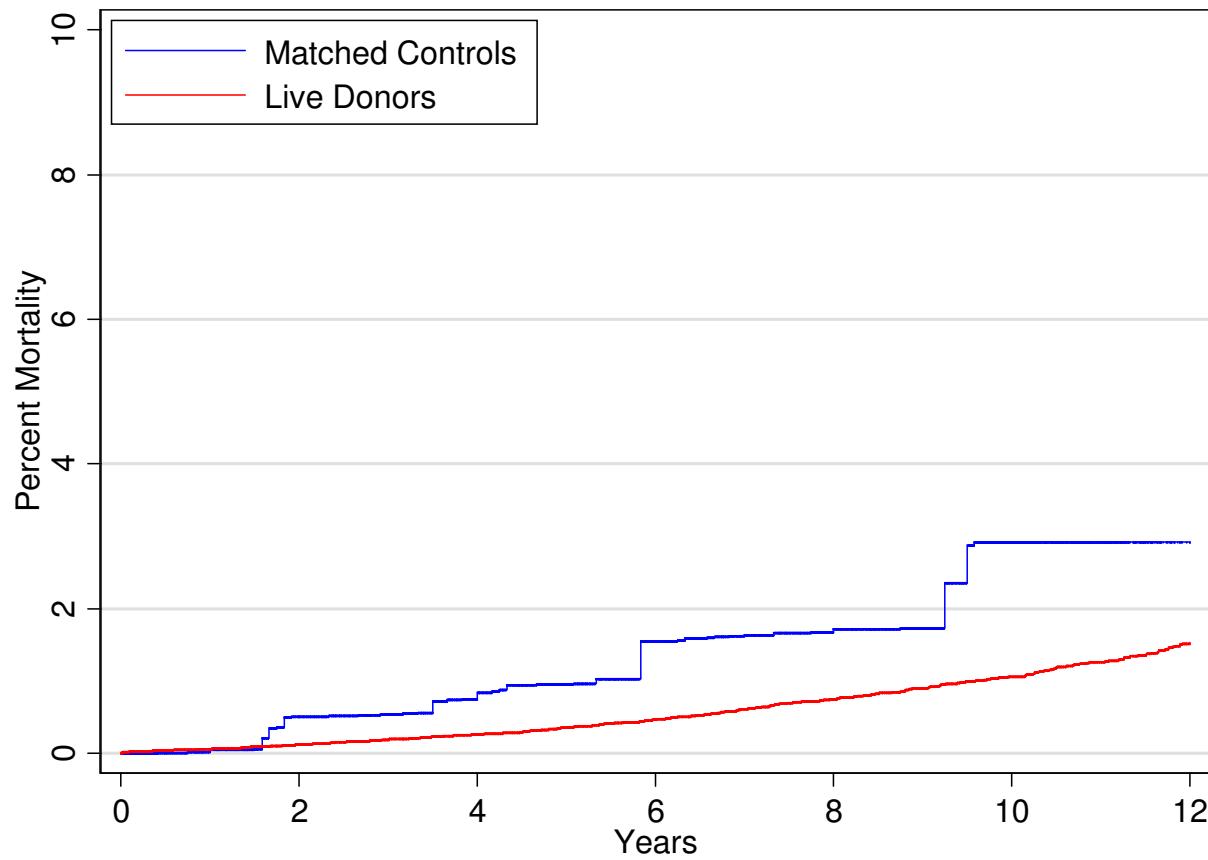
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Characteristic	Subgroup	90-day Mortality Rate	P-value
Overall		3.1 (2.0-4.6) per 10,000	
Age (years)	18-39	3.0 (1.6-5.3)	0.5
	40-49	3.7 (1.7-7.0)	
	50-59	1.5 (0.2-5.4)	
	>=60	6.6 (0.8-23.9)**	
Sex	Men	5.1 (3.0-8.2)	0.007
	Women	1.7 (0.7-3.4)	
Race/Ethnicity	Caucasian	2.6 (1.4-4.2)	0.04
	African American	7.6 (3.3-15.0)	
	Hispanic	2.0 (0.2-7.3)	
Hypertension	No	1.3 (0.4-3.4)	<0.001
	Yes	36.7 (4.4-132.6)**	

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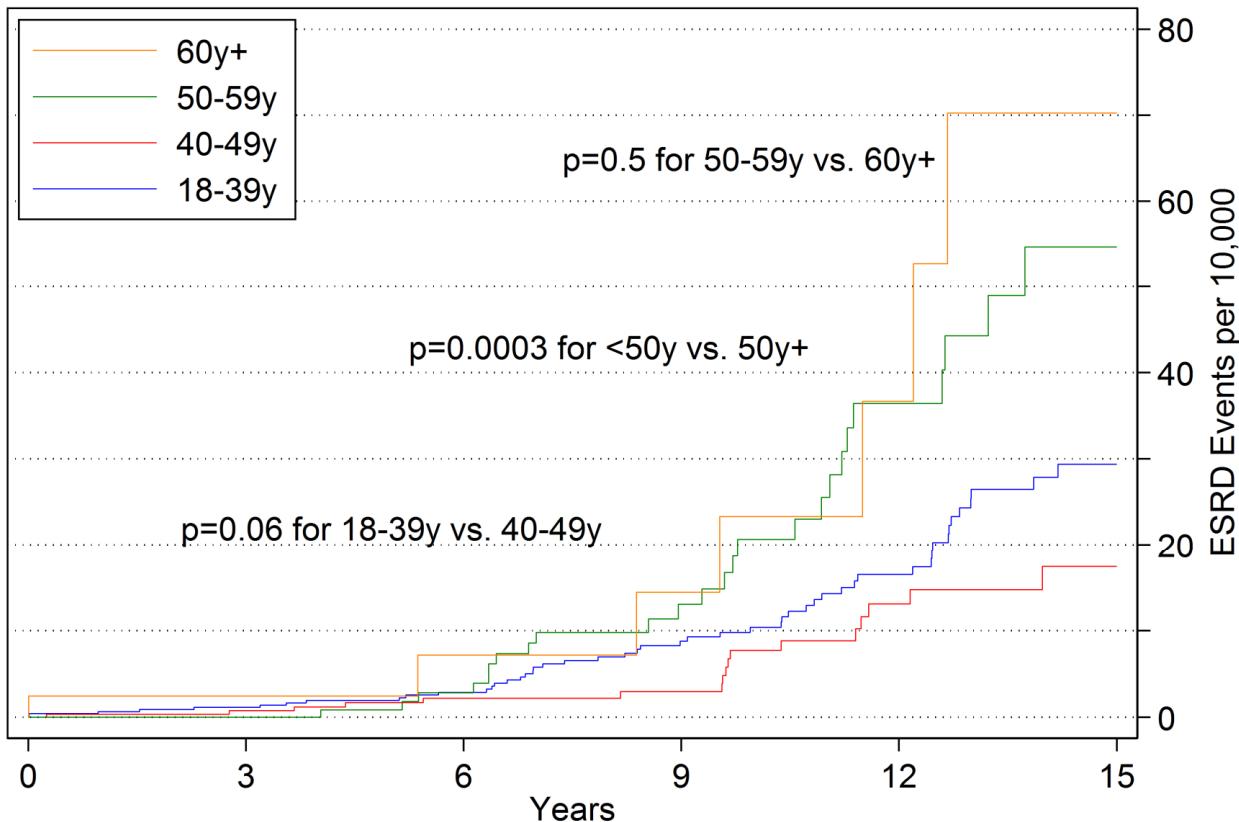
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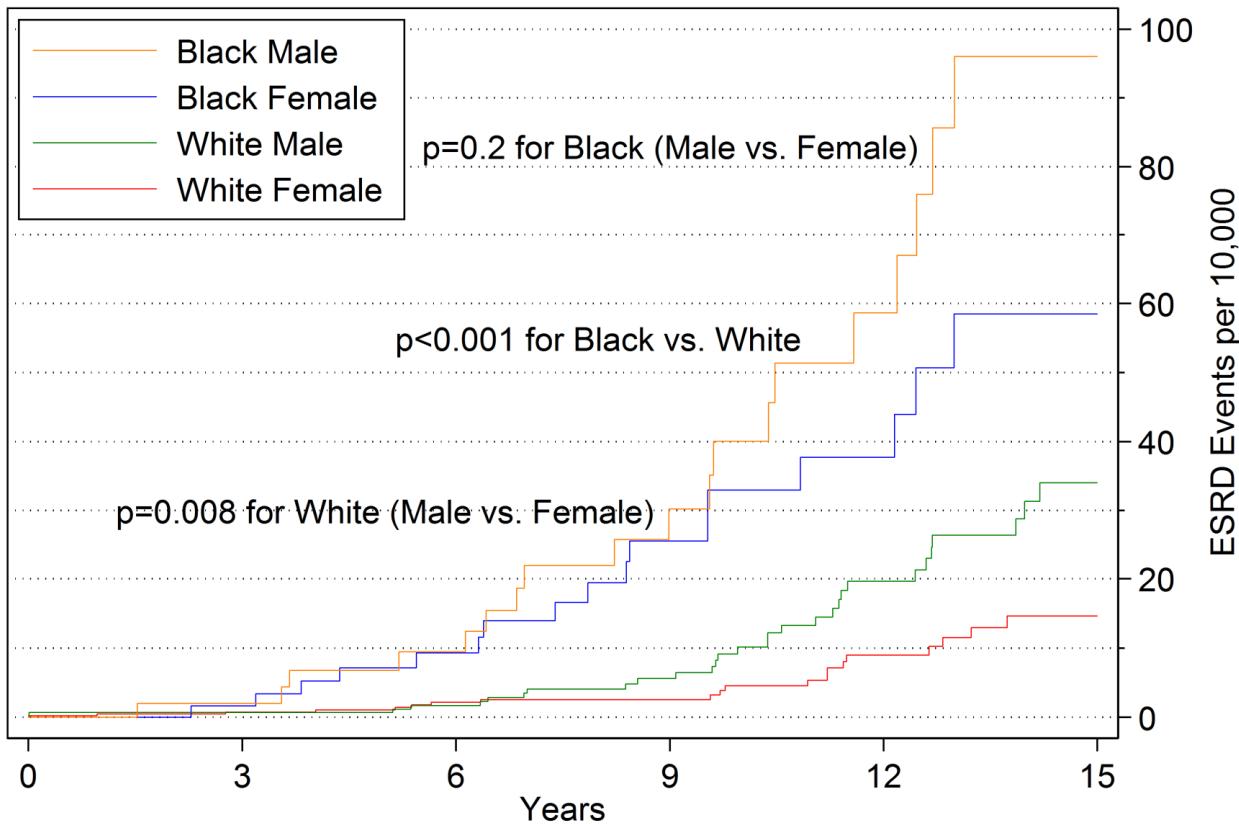
Live Kidney Donors: ESRD

- Size (N=96,217)
 - Powered for narrow confidence interval
 - Powered for subgroup estimates
- Generalizability (all U.S. centers)
- Racial Diversity
- Proper comparison group
 - All previous studies had compared with “general population”

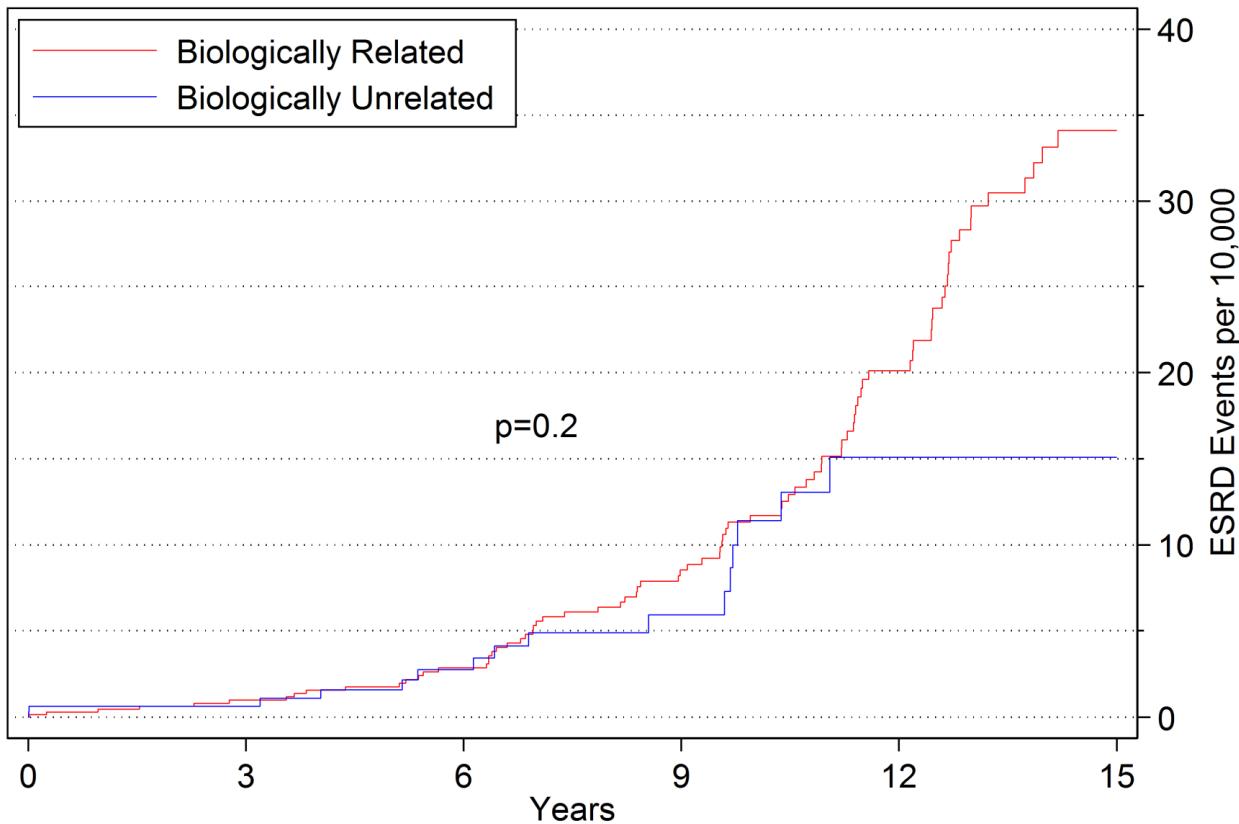
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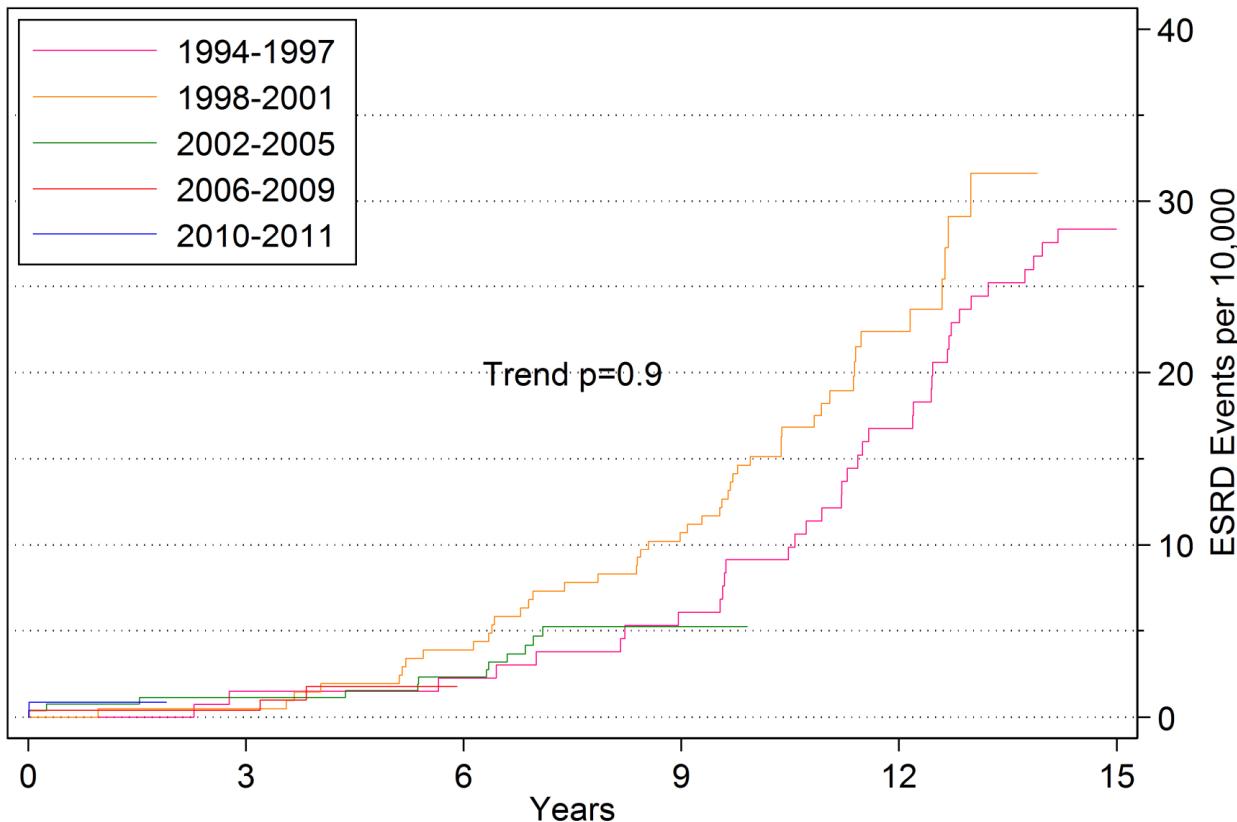
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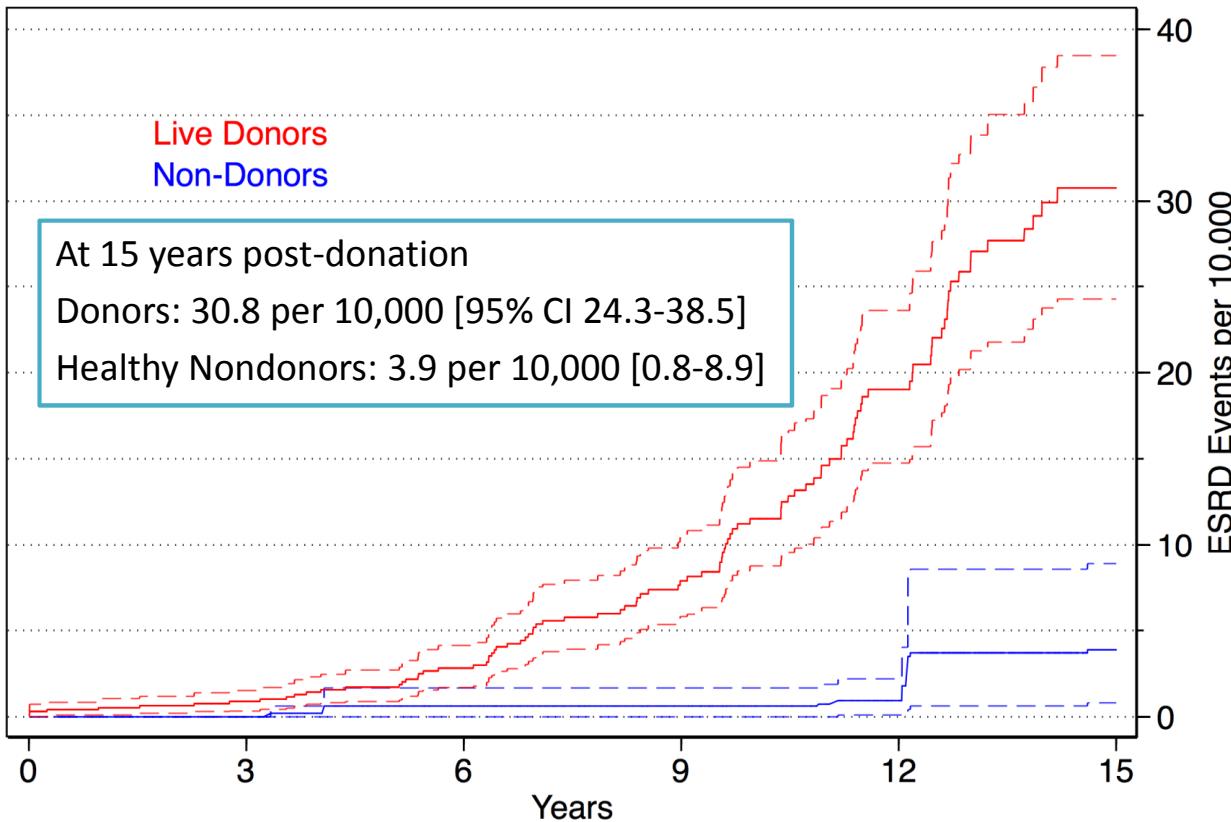
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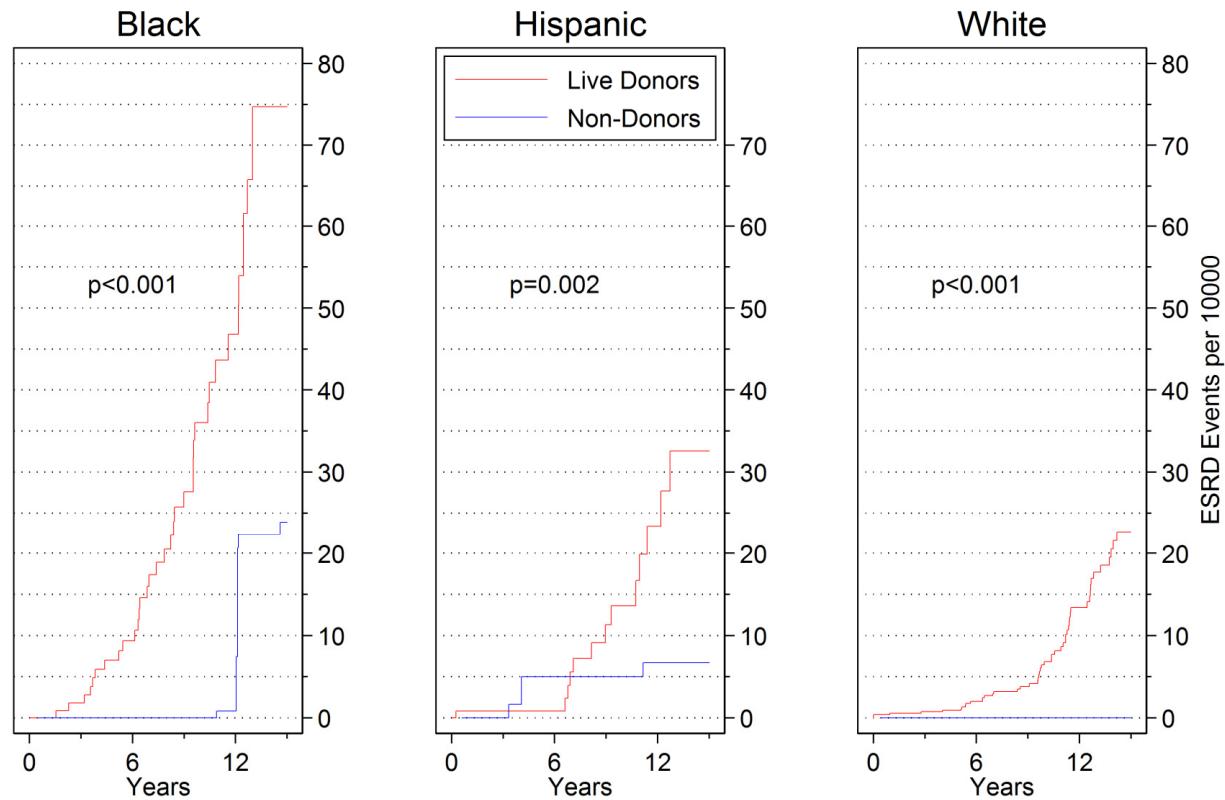
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Attributable Risk

- “Extra risk” at 15y post-donation
 - Black:
 - $74.7 [47.8-105.8] - 23.9 [1.6-62.4] = 50.8$ per 10,000
 - Hispanic:
 - $32.6 [17.9-59.1] - 6.7 [0.0-15.0] = 25.9$ per 10,000
 - White:
 - $22.7 [15.6-30.1]$

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A wide-angle photograph of a coastal scene. In the foreground, a rocky shoreline with sparse vegetation meets the ocean. The water is a deep blue-green color. In the background, there are several large, rugged mountains with different slopes and vegetation. Some parts of the mountains are covered in green trees, while others are bare or have yellowish-brown vegetation. The sky is filled with white and grey clouds, with some bright sunlight breaking through.

Bigger Data

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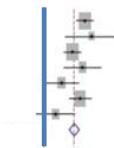
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Grams et al, NEJM, 2016

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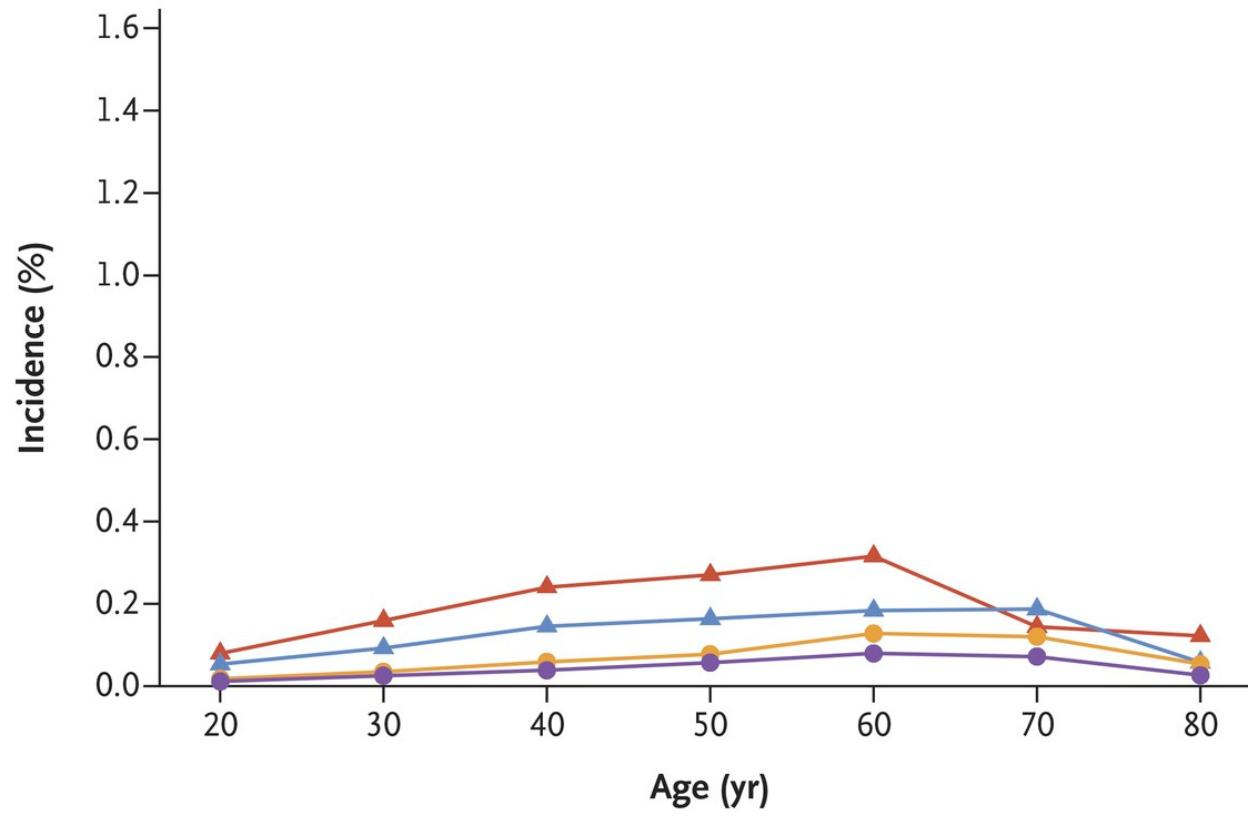
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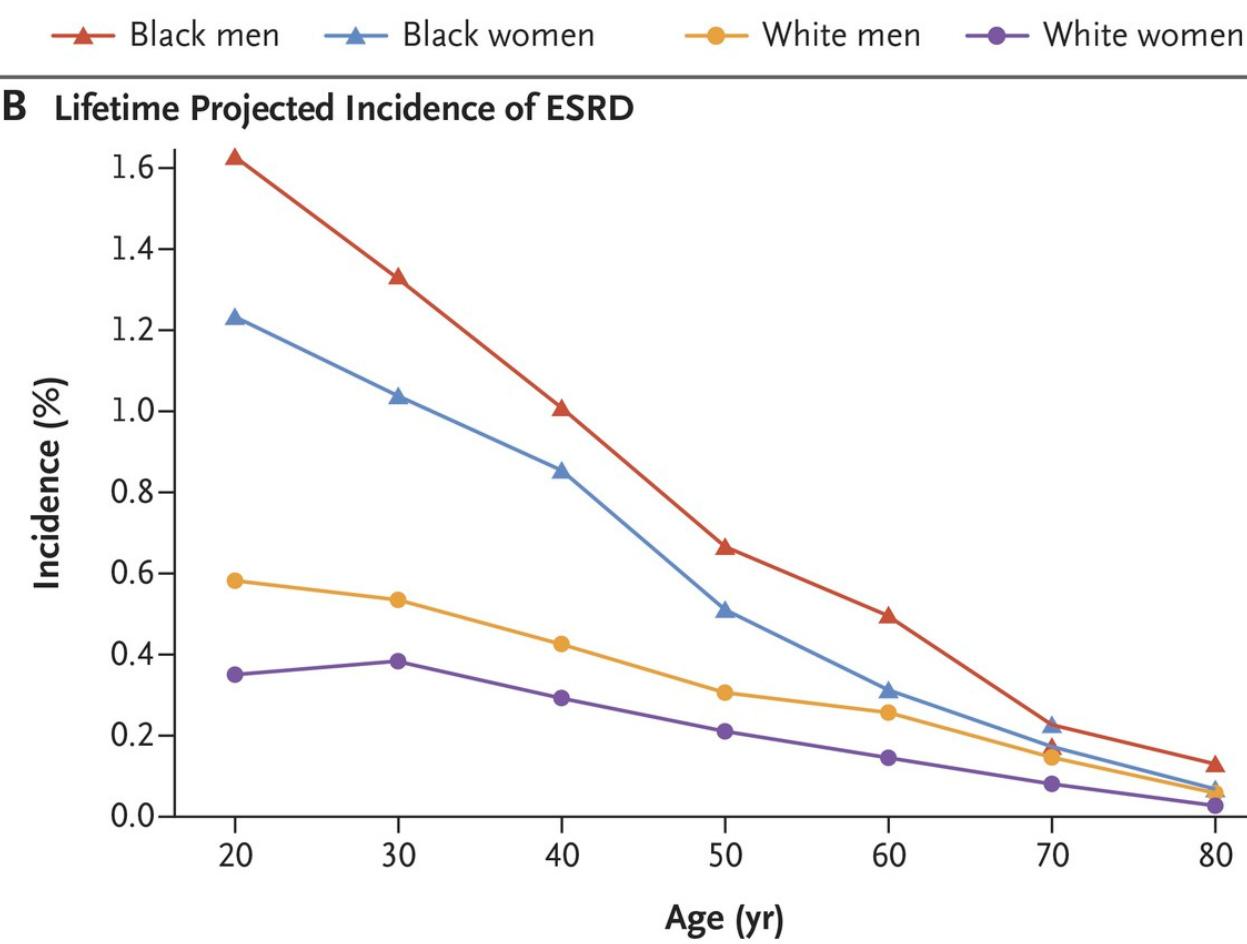
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- SBP 120 mmHg
- No diabetes
- No hypertension meds
- Non-smoker
- BMI 26

	Age	Base-case eGFR
	20	114
	30	106
	40	98
	50	90
	60	82
	70	74
	80	66

Black men Black women White men White women

A 15-Year Projected Incidence of ESRD





Base Case

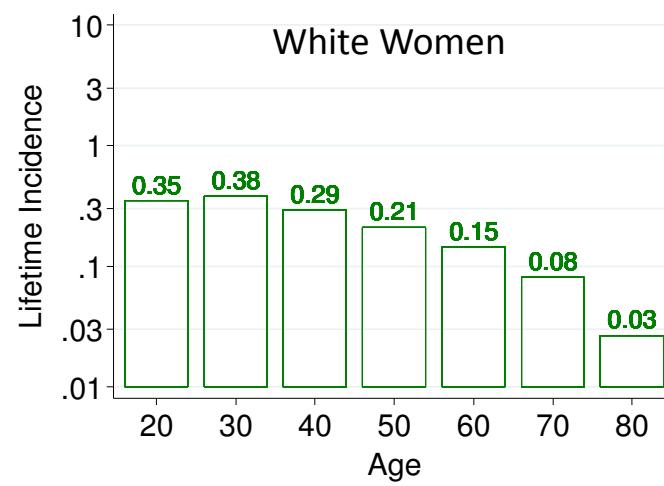
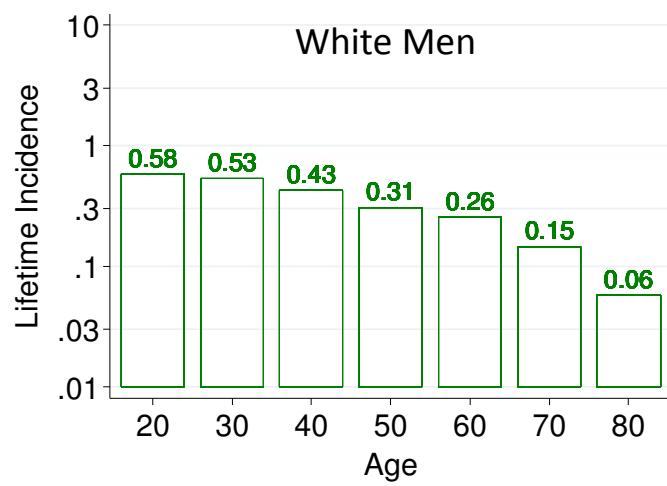
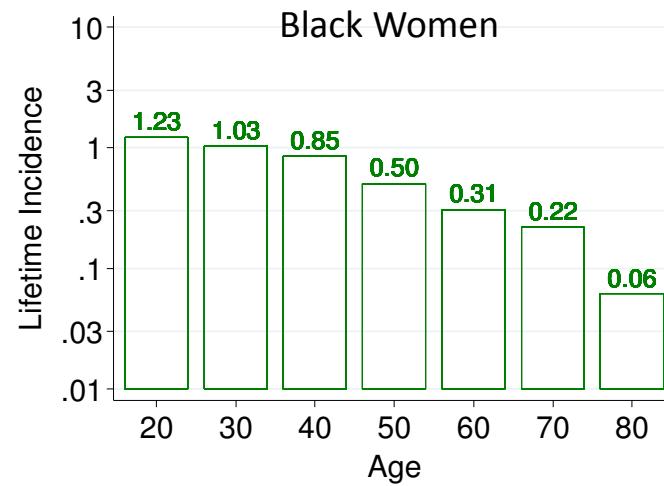
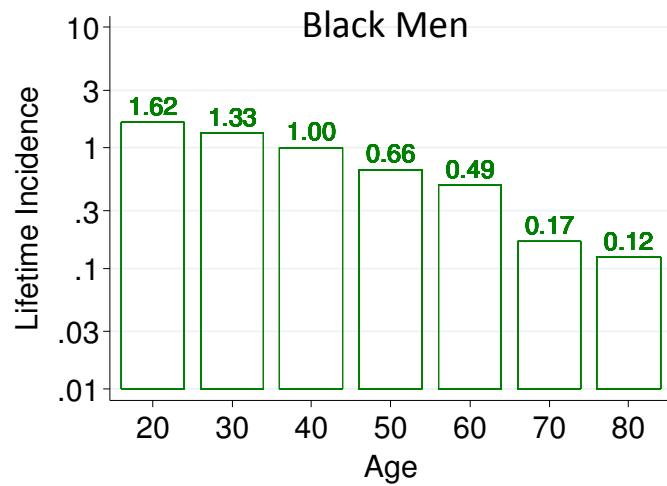
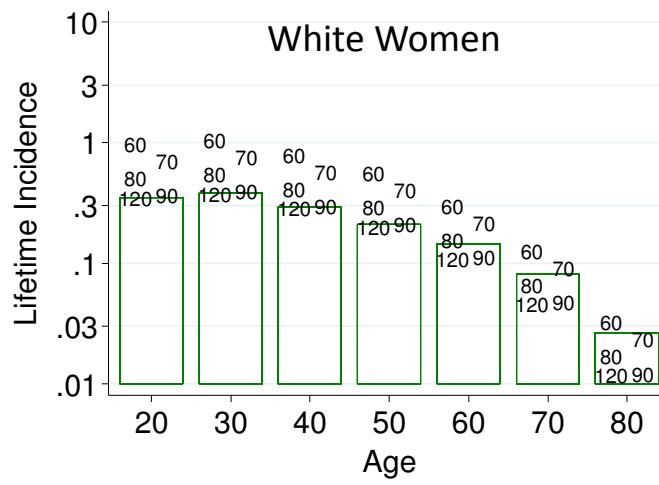
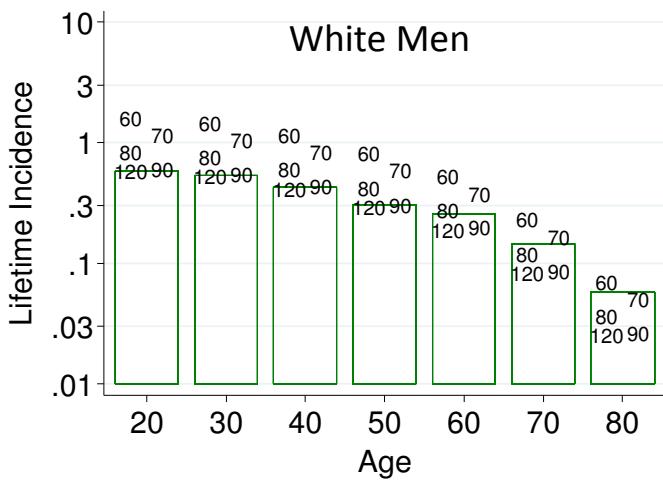
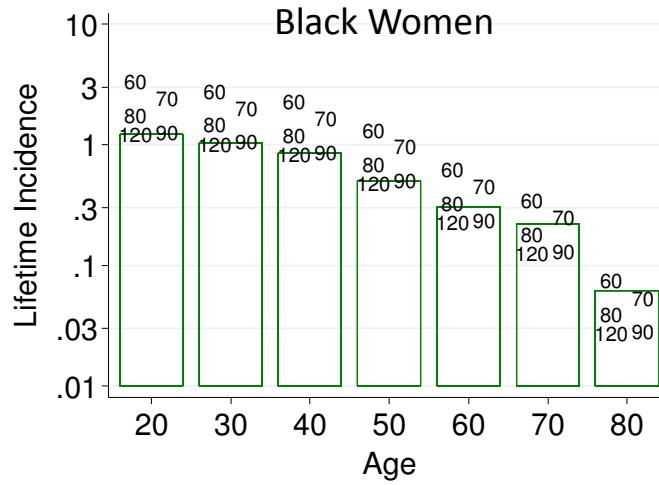
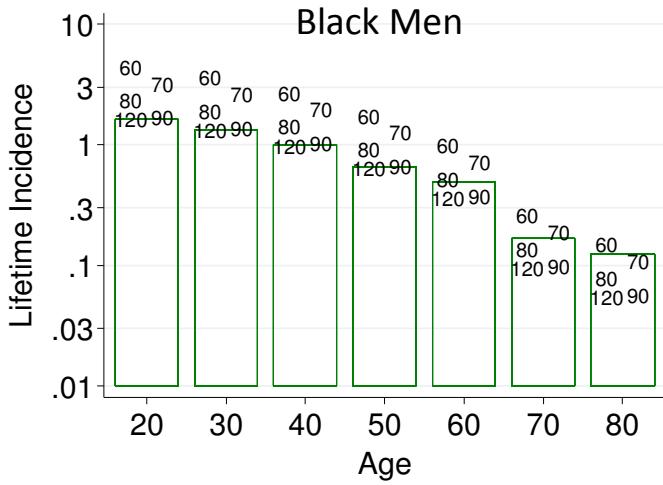


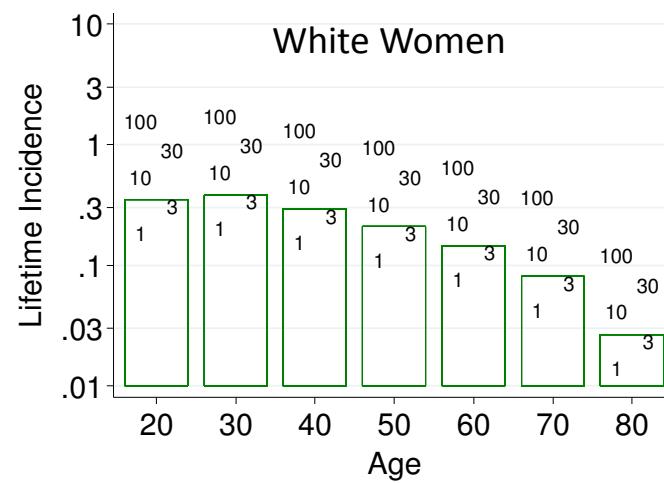
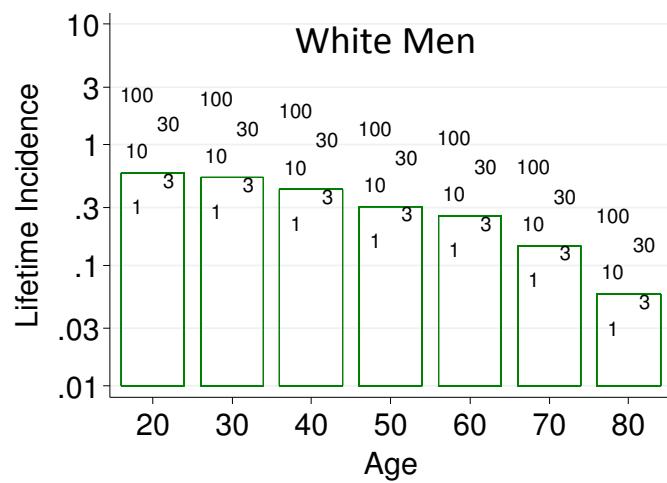
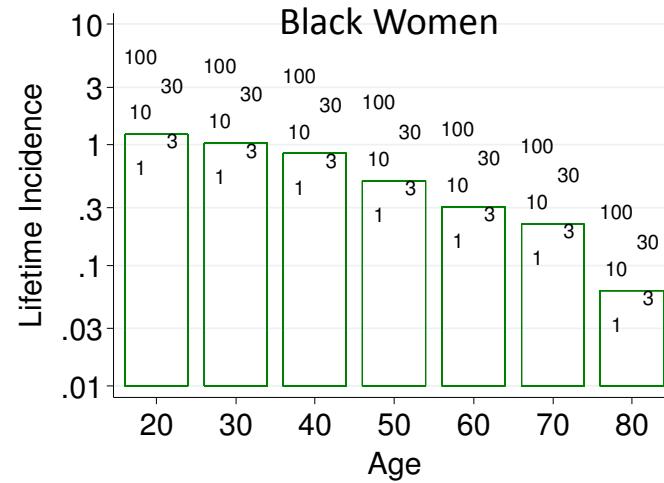
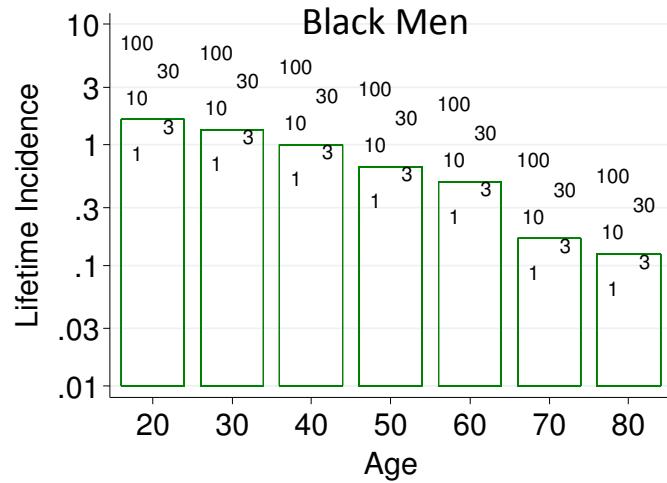
Table 2. Meta-Analysis of Multivariable-Adjusted Hazard Ratios That Estimate the Association of Baseline Characteristics with ESRD.*

Characteristic	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)		$\beta \pm SE$	Population Cohort						
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eGFR per decrease of 15 ml/min/1.73 m ²										
<60 ml/min/1.73 m ²	6.61 (4.87–8.96)	1.89±0.16		12.82 (0.35–463.68)	6.66 (1.85–23.97)	NA	10.47 (6.75–16.24)	6.00 (4.74–7.60)	2.47 (0.64–9.55)	5.50 (3.25–9.30)
60–89 ml/min/1.73 m ²	1.63 (1.53–1.74)	0.49±0.03		1.05 (0.33–3.36)	1.51 (1.01–2.25)	1.50 (1.32–1.70)	1.59 (1.39–1.82)	1.72 (1.54–1.93)	1.65 (1.03–2.64)	1.85 (1.51–2.26)
90–119 ml/min/1.73 m ²	1.02 (0.85–1.23)	0.02±0.09		0.83 (0.32–2.14)	1.67 (0.87–3.20)	0.98 (0.81–1.17)	0.77 (0.68–0.88)	0.96 (0.81–1.15)	1.35 (0.81–2.27)	1.27 (0.99–1.62)
≥120 ml/min/1.73 m ²	0.79 (0.56–1.10)	-0.24±0.17		1.18 (0.47–2.94)	NA	0.50 (0.34–0.72)	1.62 (1.04–2.52)	0.72 (0.52–1.00)	0.82 (0.45–1.47)	0.59 (0.47–0.75)
Systolic blood pressure, per increase of 20 mm Hg	1.42 (1.27–1.58)	0.35±0.06		2.90 (1.74–4.82)	1.40 (1.04–1.88)	1.27 (1.15–1.41)	NA	1.45 (1.33–1.57)	1.29 (0.91–1.84)	1.47 (1.25–1.72)
Antihypertensive drug use	1.35 (1.01–1.82)	0.30±0.15		0.31 (0.07–1.31)	1.18 (0.74–1.88)	1.17 (1.01–1.36)	NA	1.90 (1.68–2.16)	2.04 (1.19–3.49)	1.16 (0.90–1.49)
Noninsulin-dependent diabetes mellitus	3.01 (1.91–4.74)	1.10±0.23		9.73 (2.97–31.88)	2.95 (1.79–4.85)	NA	NA	2.21 (1.97–2.48)	1.49 (0.79–2.81)	4.50 (3.45–5.88)
Body-mass index, per 5-point increase										
≤30	0.98 (0.81–1.17)	-0.02±0.09		2.40 (1.11–5.21)	1.20 (0.74–1.95)	0.91 (0.80–1.02)	NA	NA	0.94 (0.62–1.40)	0.87 (0.71–1.08)
>30	1.16 (1.04–1.29)	0.15±0.05		0.95 (0.40–2.24)	1.30 (0.95–1.79)	1.26 (1.13–1.40)	NA	NA	0.99 (0.83–1.18)	1.18 (1.06–1.30)
Smoking status										
Former smoker	1.45 (1.23–1.71)	0.37±0.08		1.98 (0.73–5.37)	1.75 (1.02–3.00)	NA	NA	1.35 (1.03–1.79)	1.12 (0.62–2.02)	1.51 (1.18–1.94)
Current smoker	1.76 (1.29–2.41)	0.57±0.16		4.44 (1.49–13.27)	3.51 (1.81–6.78)	NA	NA	1.35 (1.17–1.56)	1.42 (0.77–2.63)	1.60 (1.22–2.09)
Urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio, per increase of 10x	2.94 (0.99–8.75)	1.08±0.56		5.48 (2.37–12.71)	1.80 (1.26–2.56)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

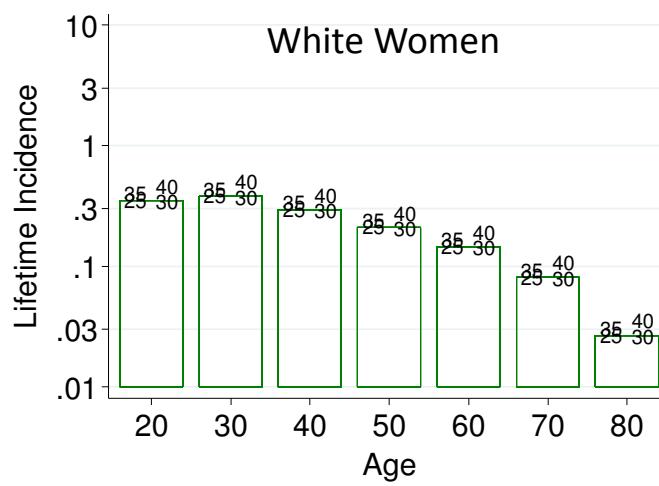
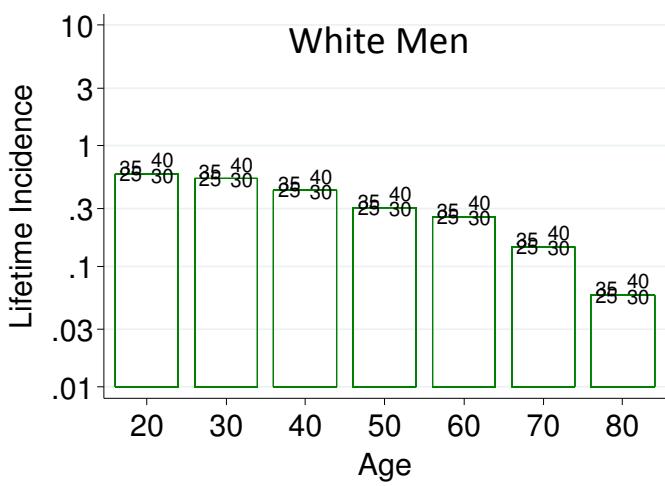
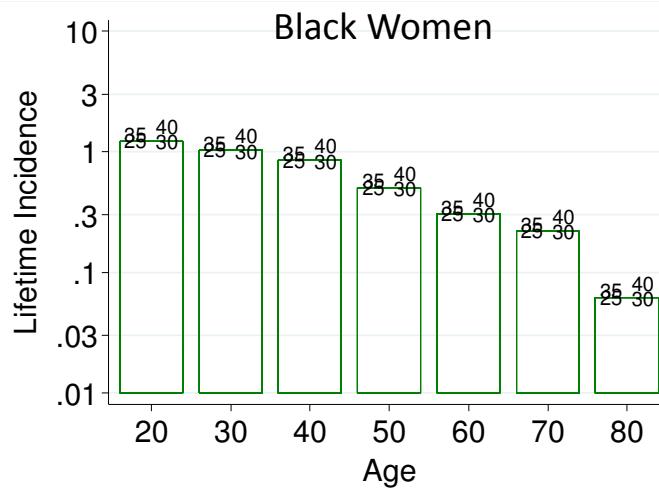
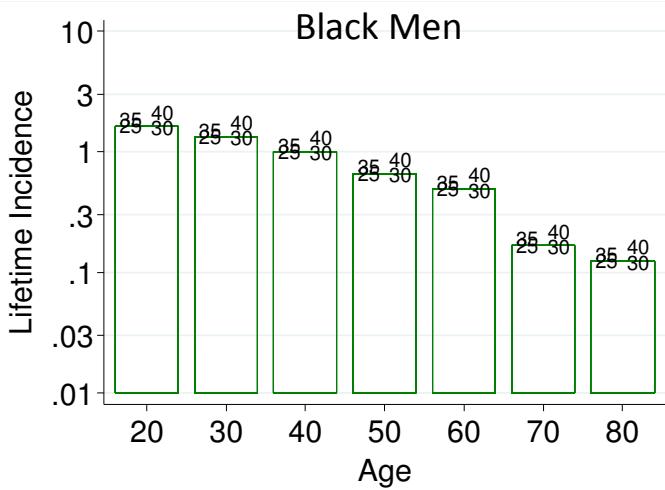
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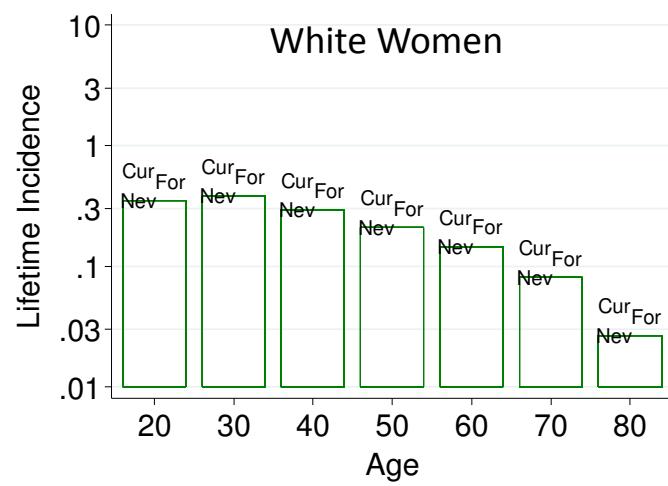
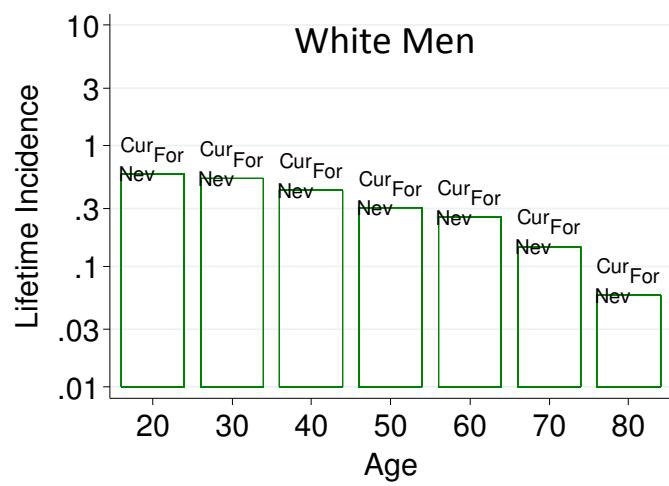
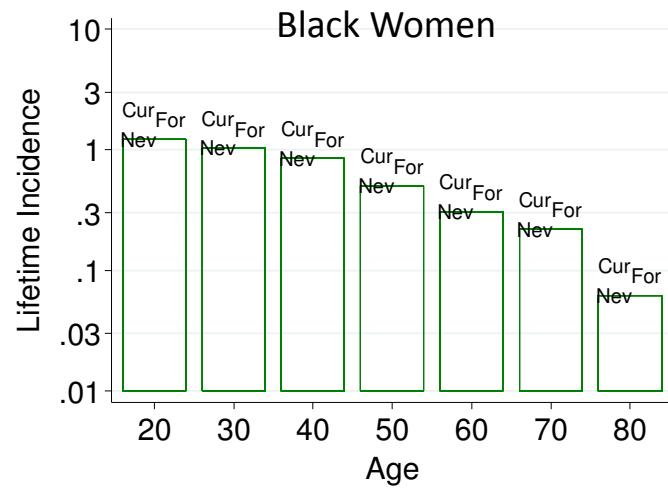
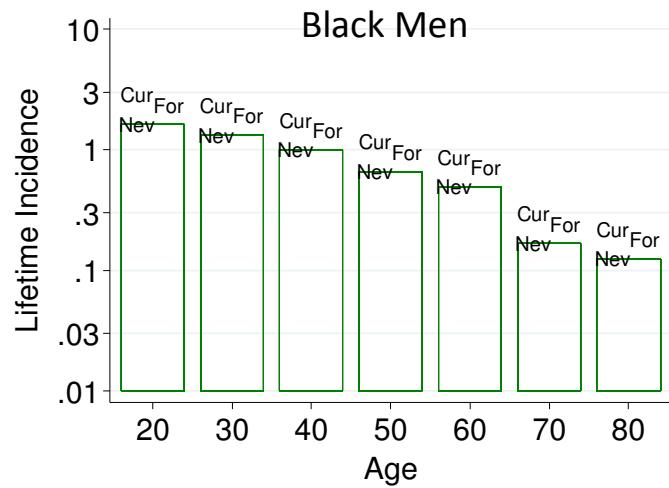
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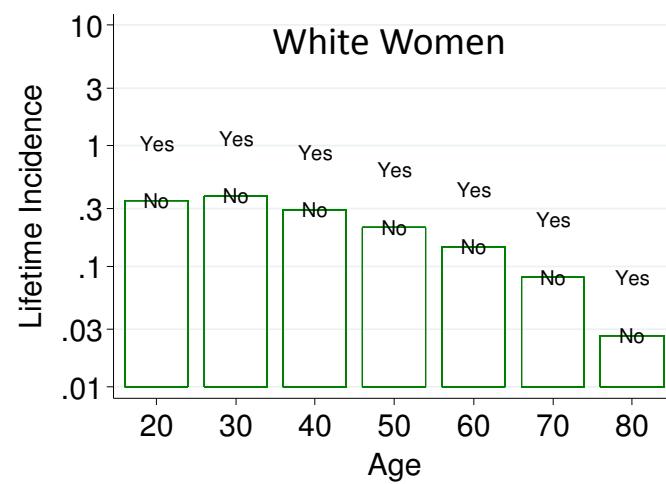
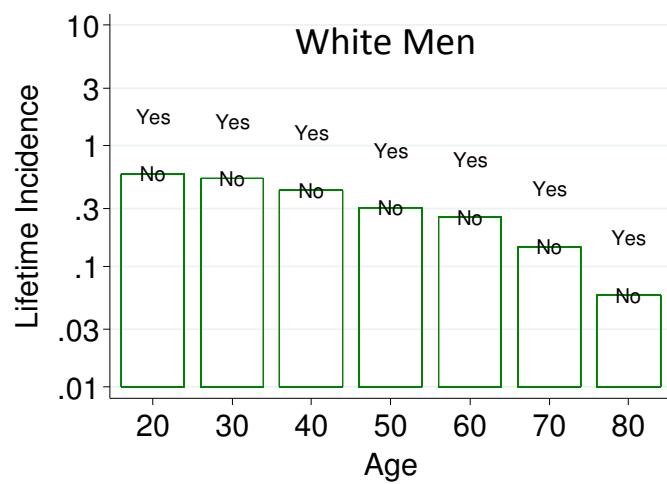
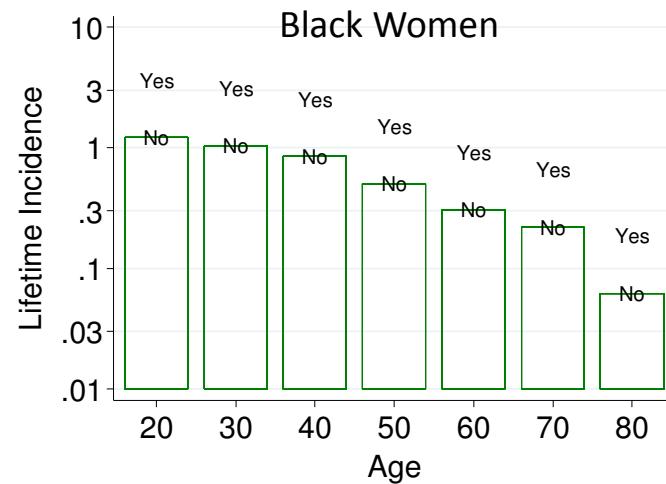
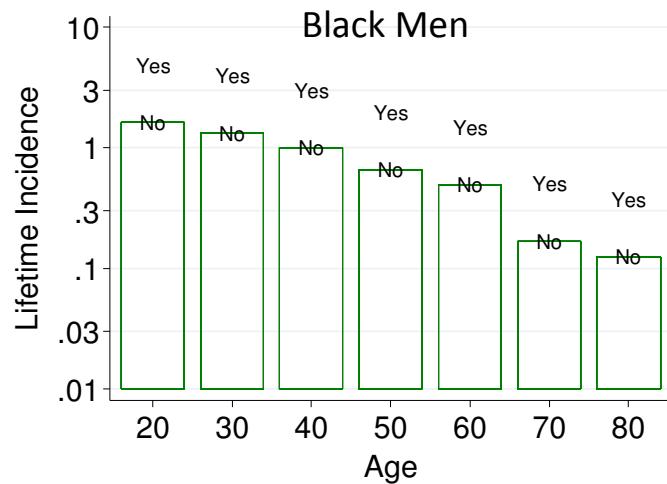
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Smoking



NIDDM



ESRD Risk Tool for Kidney Donor Candidates

Projected Incidence of End-Stage Renal Disease:	
0.04% Pre-Donation 15-Year*	0.30% Pre-Donation Lifetime*
?	?
Post-Donation 15-Year**	Post-Donation Lifetime**

blue: < 1%, green: 1-2%, yellow: 2-3%, orange: 3-5%, red: >5%

The pre-donation risks represent projections if a person does not donate a kidney. Details about estimating post-donation risk are provided below.

Patient Characteristics:

Age (18-80yrs)

40

Gender

Female

Race (White or Black)

White

eGFR (mL/min/1.73m²)

90

Systolic Blood Pressure (mmHg)

120

Hypertension Medication

No Medication

BMI (kg/m²)

25

Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes

No Diabetes

Urine Albumin to Creatinine ([mg/g](#))
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Smoking History

Non-Smoker

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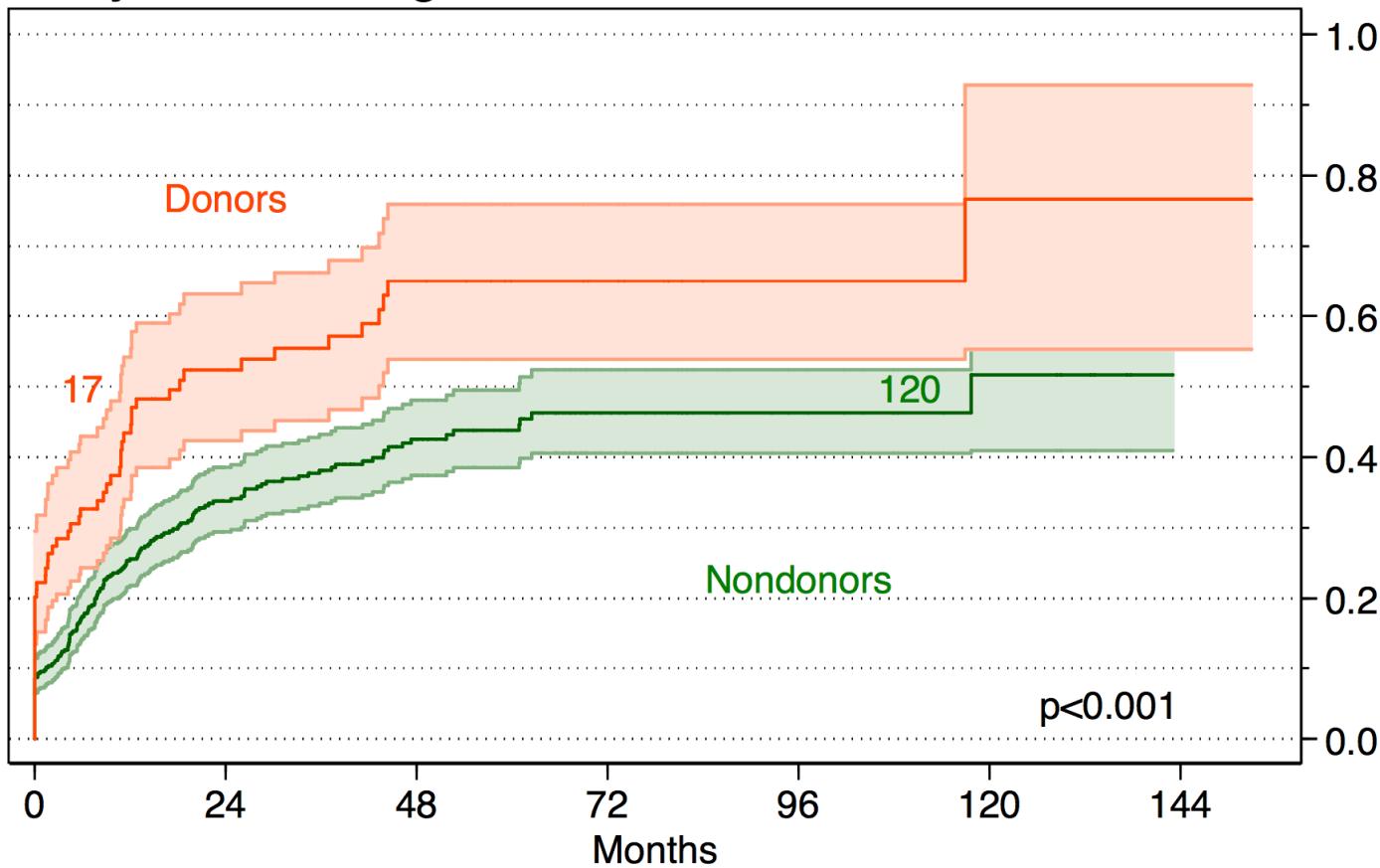


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Dialysis-to-Listing

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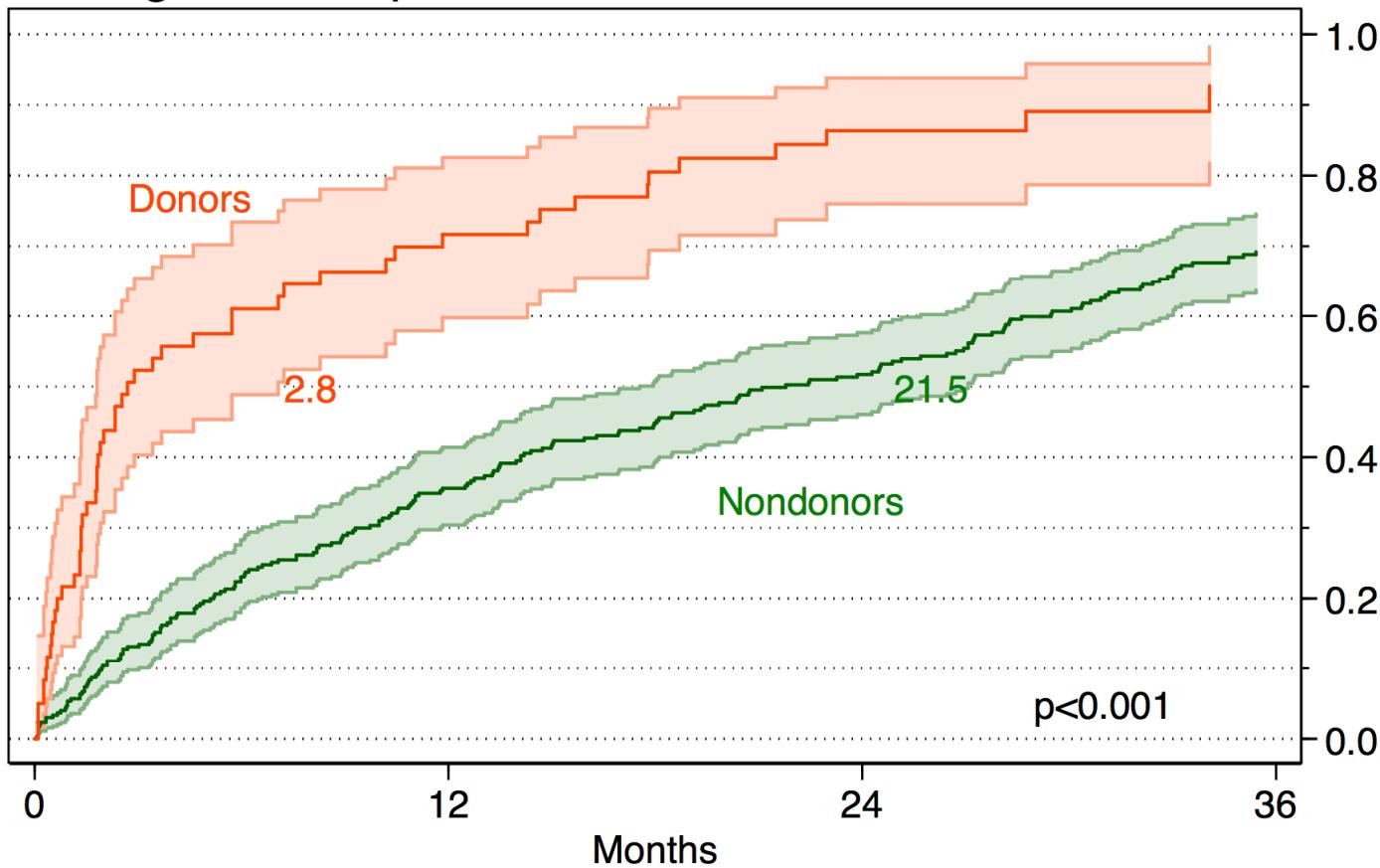


99	32	17	10	3	2	2
495	195	103	37	16	8	1

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Listing-to-Transplant

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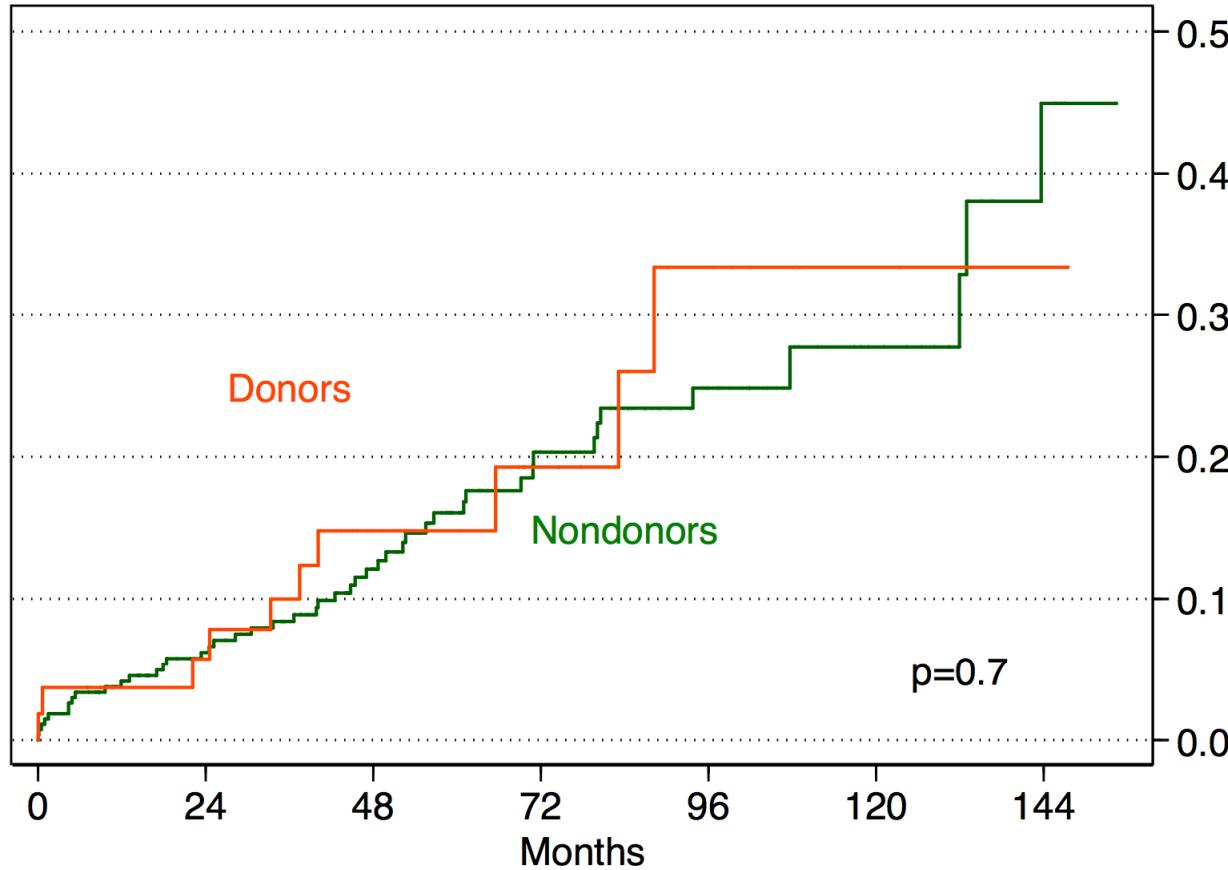
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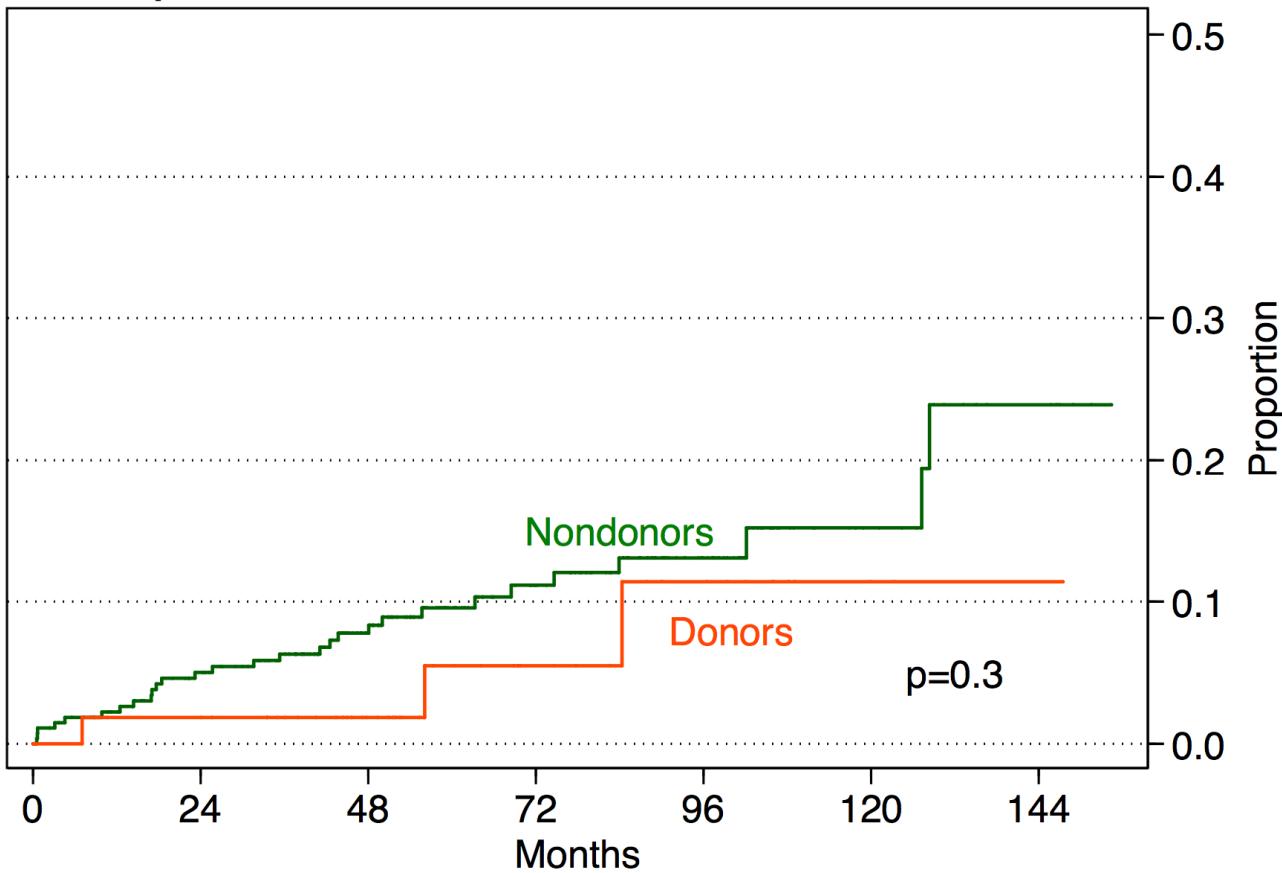


# at Risk	
Donors	54
Nondonors	270

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Transplant-to-Death

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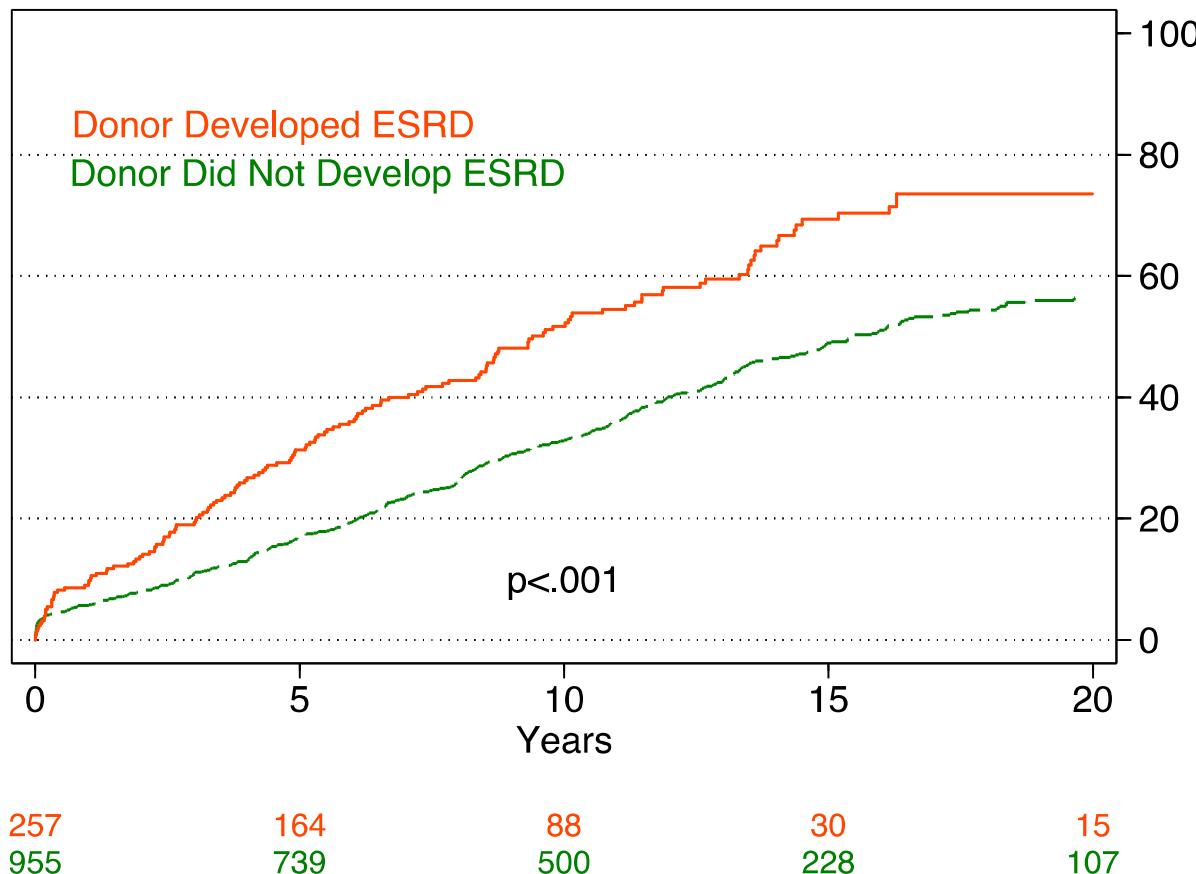
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Death–Censored Graft Loss, %



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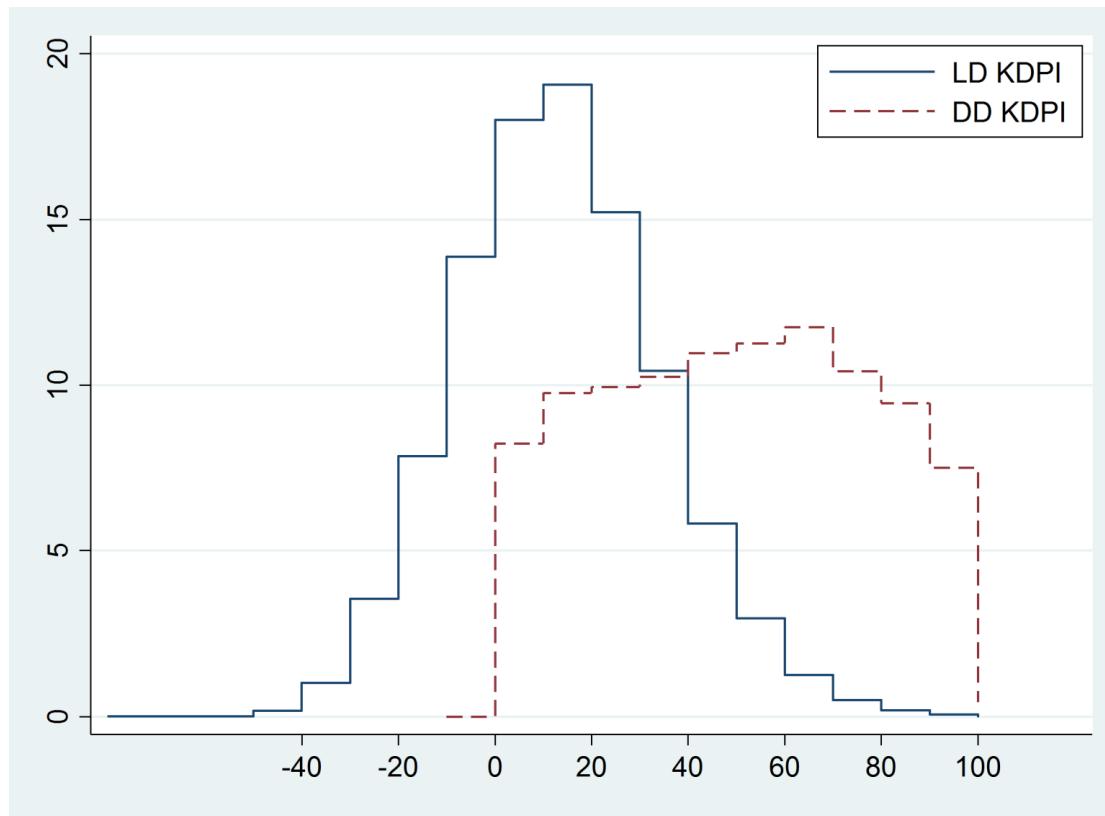
Live Donor KDPI

Donor characteristic	aHR
LD: Age per year (over age 50)	1.02 1.02 1.03
LD: eGFR (per 10 units)	0.58 0.70 0.83
LD: BMI (per 10 units)	1.01 1.09 1.16
LD: Male donor to male recipient	0.75 0.81 0.87
LD: Black race	1.15 1.25 1.37
LD: ABO incompatible	1.03 1.27 1.58
LD: History of cigarette use	1.09 1.16 1.23
LD: Unrelated to recipient	0.84 0.90 0.97
LD: # HLA-B mismatches	1.03 1.08 1.14
LD: # HLA-DR mismatches	1.04 1.09 1.15

Adjusted for recipient characteristics. All coefficients p<0.05

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Distribution of LKDPI



Conclusions

- Donor risk of death is very low (3:10,000) and there is no attributable risk beyond the operation at up to 12 years
- Donor risk of ESRD is very low (30:10,000) and there is attributable risk, which varies
- Baseline lifetime risk has been estimated from huge CKD populations
- Working on absolute/attributable lifetime risk

Implications

- We currently allow individuals to donate who have a very wide range of ESRD risk
- We currently decline potential donors who have conditions associated with a very wide range of ESRD risk
- We currently accept donors who have much higher risks than donors who we decline
- A new acceptable risk paradigm is coming

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