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## Abstract

**objectives:** National guidelines for identifying physiological deterioration and sepsis in hospitals depend on thresholds for blood pressure that do not account for age or sex. In populations outside hospital, differences in blood pressure are known to occur with both variables. Whether these differences remain in the hospitalised population is unknown. This database analysis study aims to generate representative centiles to quantify variations in blood pressure by age and sex in hospitalised patients.

**design:** retrospective cross-sectional observational database analysis.

**setting:** four near-sea-level hospitals between April 2015 and April 2017

**participants:** 75342 adult patients who were admitted to the hospitals and had at least one set of documented vital sign observations within 24 hours before discharge were eligible for inclusion. Patients were excluded if they died in hospital, had no vital signs 24 hours prior to discharge, were readmitted within 7 days of discharge, had missing age or sex or had no blood pressure recorded.

**results:** Systolic blood pressure for hospitalised patients increases with age for both sexes. Median systolic blood pressure increases from 122 (CI: 121.1 – 122.1) mmHg to 132 (CI: 130.9 – 132.2) mmHg in men, and 114 (CI: 113.1-114.4) mmHg to 135 (CI: 134.5-136.2) mmHg for women, between the ages of 20 and 90. Diastolic blood pressure peaked around 50 years for men 76 (CI: 75.5-75.9)mmHg and women 69 (CI: 69.0-69.4) mmHg. The blood pressure criterion for sepsis, systolic < 100mmHg, was met by 2.3% of younger (20-30yrs) men and 3.5% of older men (81-90yrs). In comparison, the criterion was met by 9.7% of younger women and 2.6% of older women.

**Conclusion:** We have quantified variations in blood pressure by age and sex in hospitalised patients that have implications for recognition of deterioration. Nearly 10% of younger women met the blood pressure criterion for sepsis at hospital discharge

**Key Words:** Blood Pressure; Hospitals; Ageing; Physiology

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**Strengths and Limitations of this study**

- Changes in Blood Pressure by age and sex are currently unknown for the hospitalised population
- A large cross-sectional database of 75342 patients were used to derive blood pressure centiles
- Results have implications on how sepsis and other in-hospital deterioration are detected in routine care
- Though patterns match those seen in out-of-hospital longitudinal studies, cross-sectional analysis can be affected by survival bias and birth cohort effects.

## INTRODUCTION

Routine measurement of blood pressure is a key component of patient surveillance and diagnosis in hospitals worldwide. Currently, in-hospital assessment of blood pressure is undertaken by comparison to generic population normal ranges.

The ability to use an individual's physiology to monitor them for signs of deterioration may be improved by taking into account factors that affect these normal ranges.[1] For instance, in paediatric medicine, it is accepted that the normal ranges of vital signs vary with age and patients are managed in light of their age-specific normal ranges.[2-3] However, none of the published physiology-based systems for recognising deterioration in hospitalised adults take account of variations in vital signs by age or sex,[4] despite growing evidence that these factors may provide additional information for accurately identifying deterioration.[5-6] As examples, the National Early Warning Score (NEWS2)[7] scores blood pressure below 90 mmHg as requiring emergency attention and current sepsis guidelines blood pressure criterion are met when systolic blood pressure is less than 100 mmHg,[8] both regardless of age or sex.

In populations outside hospital, differences in blood pressure are known to occur with both age and sex.[9] If clinically significant differences also exist in hospitalised adult populations, opportunities for earlier identification and management of patient deterioration may be being missed.

To quantify these differences, our objective was to define representative centiles for blood pressure by age and sex via an analysis of a large near-sea-level database of routinely-collected vital signs.



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**METHODS**

This paper is reported according to RECORD guidelines. Approval for obtaining the data used in this study was obtained from the Oxford Research Ethics Committee (REC ref: 16/SC/0264). We conducted a cross-sectional analysis from a database collated at Oxford University Hospitals (OUH) NHS foundation trust group of hospitals. The OUH consists of four hospitals: an urban teaching hospital, a general district hospital, and two specialist hospitals. Our data set included patients admitted to the OUH between April 2015 and April 2017.

All adult patients who were admitted to OUH and had at least one set of documented vital sign observations within 24 hours prior to discharge were eligible for inclusion. Patients were excluded from the analysis if they (1) died in hospital, (2) had no recorded vital signs 24 hours prior to discharge, (3) were readmitted within 7 days of discharge, (4) had missing recordings for age or sex or (5) had no blood pressure recorded.

We collected the final recorded set of blood pressure observations from a patient’s first attendance to the OUH hospital group during the study period. This ensured that the centiles were not biased towards repeat attenders or patients with longer hospital stays. Blood pressure was measured using automated devices ratified for clinical use as part of routine clinical care and electronically documented using the SEND e-Obs software.[10] Data were validated for plausible range at the point of entry. Hospital admission time, discharge time, discharge status, ethnicity, Admission Method and Main Specialty were also collected for each patient from the hospital electronic patient record (Cerner Millennium, Cerner, Kansas City, MO). One investigator (PW) had access to a small proportion of the database population as part of routine clinical care responsibilities.

Admissions were typed as either Elective, Emergency or Other, according to Admission Method code. Codes are defined in full within the NHS data dictionary.[11] The set of ICD-10 codes {I10, I11, I12, I13, I14, I15} were used to determine patients with a primary diagnosis of hypertension.[12]

## Analysis

The characteristics of the study population were described using medians and quartiles for the continuous variables, and frequencies otherwise. We calculated median and representative centiles (1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup>, 99<sup>th</sup>) for blood pressure at all ages between 20 and 90, for males and females. Systolic blood pressure (SBP) and diastolic blood pressure (DBP) are presented separately. One further measure, the pulse pressure (PP) was derived as the arithmetic difference between SBP and DBP and was also analysed using the same methods.

In subgroup analyses, we produced separate representative centiles by age and sex for Emergency and Elective Admissions, and for patients without a diagnostic code for hypertension.

Centiles were estimated using the Generalised Additive Models for Location, Scale, and Shape framework (GAMLSS).[13] This semi-parametric method provides various options for fitting non-normal distributions to the data. To create smooth centiles across the age range, penalised splines and fractional polynomials were used as smoothing functions. For each vital sign, we assessed six different distributions within the GAMLSS framework: Box-Cox Cole and Green, Box-Cox Power Exponential, Box-Cox-t, Skew Power Exponential type 3, Skew t type 3, and Power Exponential. The best fitting distribution was chosen based on a

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combination of model fit (Akaike information criterion and Bayesian information criterion)[14-15] and a comparison of fitted versus empirical centiles. To ensure fair comparison, the same distribution was chosen for all subgroups within any given vital sign.

All analyses were undertaken using R and the GAMLSS package.[16]

**Sample size**

We used all the available data and therefore no formal sample size calculation was undertaken. To ensure that the sample was sufficient, the precision of the centiles was estimated via a bootstrapping procedure, whereby the dataset was sampled with replacement to create a new dataset and the analysis was carried out.[17] This was repeated 50 times. The standard deviation of these bootstrapped estimates was used to calculate the 95% confidence interval for each centile at two-yearly intervals. Full details of centile values and confidence intervals are provided in Appendix A.

**RESULTS**

83004 patients were admitted to the hospital trust during the period of study and received at least one observation on the SEND e-Obs system. In total, 75342 patients were included in the study. Blood pressure was missing in 885 (1.17%) records. Other reasons for exclusion are shown in Figure 1. Patient and hospital descriptors are shown in Table 1.

**Blood pressure centiles**

Centiles by age for SBP, DBP and PP are shown in Figure 2 for each sex. Figure 2a shows progressive increase in median SBP from 122 (CI: 121.1 – 122.1) mmHg to 132 (CI: 130.9 – 132.2) mmHg for males between the ages of 20 and 90 years. Younger females, had a lower

median SBP than younger males (114 (CI: 113.1-114.4) mmHg at age 20). By the age of 90, median SBP was higher for females than for males (135 (CI: 134.5-136.2) mmHg).

Table 1 - Characteristics of the study population

	Female	Male	Total
<b>Total (N=75342)</b>	39157 (52.0%)	36185 (48.0%)	75342 (100.0 %)
<b>Patient Characteristics</b>			
<b>Ethnicity</b>			
White	30274	26580	56854 (75.5 %)
Mixed	263	261	524 (0.7 %)
Asian or Asian British	942	836	1778 (2.4 %)
Black or Black British	388	363	751 (1.0 %)
Other	361	341	702 (0.9 %)
Not known or stated	6929	7804	14733 (19.6 %)
<b>Age</b>			
<20	1082	918	2000 (2.7 %)
20-29	4137	3456	7593 (10.1 %)
30-39	4401	3391	7792 (10.3 %)
40-49	4995	4131	9126 (12.1 %)
50-59	5706	5676	11382 (15.1 %)
60-69	5815	6538	12353 (16.4 %)
70-79	6081	6674	12755 (16.9 %)
80-89	5084	4412	9496 (12.6 %)
>89	1856	989	2845 (3.8 %)

Median Age (IQR)	58 (40-75)	60 (43 – 74)	59 (41 - 74)
Admission Characteristics			
Main Specialty			
Medical	17023	13027	30050 (39.9 %)
Surgical	21202	22014	43216 (57.4 %)
Other	932	1144	2076 (2.8 %)
Admission Method			
Emergency	21542	19586	41383 (54.9 %)
Elective	17323	16596	33919 (45.0 %)
Other	37	3	40 (0.1 %)
Hypertension Code			
Yes	9622	10047	19669 (26.1 %)
No	29535	26138	55673 (73.9 %)

Figure 2b shows that median male DBP peaked at age 50 (76 (CI: 75.5-75.9) mmHg) with lower median DBP at age 20 (66 (CI: 65.0 – 66.0) mmHg) and age 90 (68 (CI: 67.9-68.4) mmHg). In the female cohort, the median DBP was 65 (CI: 64.6-65.0) mmHg, 69 (CI: 69.0-69.4) mmHg, and 68 (CI: 67.6-68.2) mmHg at ages 20, 50 and 90 respectively.

For males, there was a modest reduction in median PP between the ages of 20 and 40 from 55 mmHg (CI: 54.6-55.9) to 50 mmHg (CI: 49.2-50.0), whereas for females PP remained constant at 47mmHg (Figure 2c). Median PP increases for both sexes between the ages of 40 and 90, from 50mmHg (CI: 49.2-50.0) to 63mmHg for males, and 48mmHg (CI: 47.6-48.0)

to 66mmHg (CI: 65.8.6-67.2) for females. Bootstrapped confidence intervals for SBP, DBP and PP are tabulated in supplementary material (Appendix A).

Figure 3 shows the differences in medians for SBP, DBP and PP between the ages of 20 and 90 for the whole study population in comparison to the subset without an ICD-10 diagnostic code for hypertension.

Figure 4 shows SBP centiles for the Emergency vs Elective sub-populations. DBP and PP centiles are included in Appendix B. In the 24 hours prior to discharge the 95<sup>th</sup> centile for systolic blood pressure for emergency male admissions at 50 years was 163 mmHg versus 155 mmHg for elective male admissions. Similarly the 95<sup>th</sup> centile for systolic blood pressure for emergency female admissions at 50 years was 160 mmHg versus 152 mmHg for elective female admissions.

### **Proportion of patients with blood pressure below published alert thresholds**

Table 2 shows the cumulative percentages of male and female patients who had SBP less than 90, 100, and 110 mmHg. These values correspond to the NEWS2 thresholds for hypotension.[7] 100mmHg is also a threshold used to assist in identifying sepsis.[8] For the 100mmHg threshold, 2.3% of younger (20-30yrs) men and 3.5% of older men (81-90yrs) fell below the threshold using their final reading in the 24 hours prior to discharge. In comparison, the criterion was met by 9.7% of younger women and 2.6% of older women.

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Table 2 – percentages of male (N = 36185) and female (N=39157) patients with low systolic blood pressure within each decade

SBP	Gender (N,%)	Age (decade)								
		18-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-90	>90
<90	Male (120, 0.3%)	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.8
	Female (218, 0.6%)	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
<100	Male (1063, 2.9%)	2.9	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.6	3.2	3.5	3.5	4.6
	Female (2060, 5.3%)	11.1	9.7	9.4	6.5	4.4	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.0
<110	Male (4817, 13.3%)	16.2	13.2	13.6	12.7	12.9	13.1	12.7	14.5	15.7
	Female (8081, 20.6%)	37.7	35.7	34.7	25.8	18.7	13.2	11.1	10.4	10.8

DISCUSSION

We have generated blood pressure centiles for age and sex from a large multi-hospital patient database.

Discharge blood pressures (SBP, DBP, PP) showed clinically significant differences across age ranges and by sex. SBP progressively increased with age for both sexes, but progression was greater in females. DBP increased and then decreased across the life course for both sexes. The fluctuation in DBP was greater for males than for females. These overall trends were visible in both the whole population, and for the cohort that did not have a diagnostic code for hypertension.

In populations outside hospital these patterns are known to exist.[18-20] The Framingham studies showed that, for a healthy adult population, the mean arterial blood pressure

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3 increases throughout adulthood and that DBP decreases over the age of 50 as SBP continues  
4 to rise.[21] Similar trends in both SBP and DBP have been shown in large cross-sectional  
5 cohorts from multiple countries.[22-24]  
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12 outside hospital, we believe that this is the first time that centiles have been derived from  
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### 18 19 **Limitations**

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22 Vital signs were recorded as part of standard clinical practice, so the conditions for data  
23 recording were not controlled. This may have directly impacted the measured values. For  
24 instance, the state of wakefulness of the patient, which is known to be associated with  
25 blood pressure and pulse rate, was unknown.[25] However, it seems likely that such effects  
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35 We used the last recorded blood pressure in the 24 hours prior to discharge. Whilst this  
36 lessens many biases in comparison to other methods, and may represent the blood pressure  
37 recording when the patient is most stable, there may be other patterns at different points  
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46 Finally, this study uses a cross-sectional cohort so the derived centiles may be affected by  
47 survival bias and birth cohort effects.[26-27] While the influence of these effects cannot be  
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**Interpretation**

The differences in normal vital sign ranges due to age and sex could have substantial implications for hospital practice. For example, Table 2 showed that current Systolic Blood Pressure criteria for identifying sepsis (SBP<100 mmHg) would be met by women much more frequently than by men up to age 50. Despite this, current evidence shows that males are more prone to develop sepsis than women.[29] A more accurate identification of patients at risk of sepsis may be possible through sex and age-stratified criteria.

Another important application for age and sex stratification is Early Warning Scores (EWS). In these systems, integer scores are assigned to each vital sign according to deviation from normality. The aggregate score is then used to guide appropriate clinical care. One such EWS, the National Early Warning Score (NEWS), has been validated in a large in-hospital population and is widely used in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.[30]

Based on the results presented, an age-stratified score could strongly affect the quality of care a patient receives. For instance, from Table 2, we see that 34.7% of women aged 31-40 years have a NEWS score of 1 or greater due to low SBP ( $SBP \leq 110$ ). In comparison, only 11.1% of women aged 71-80 years would meet the same blood pressure criterion. In contrast, 13.6% of men aged 31-40 and 12.7% of men aged 71-80 would have a NEWS score of 1 or more. These difference suggest it may be possible to improve discrimination between stability and deterioration by taking account of age and sex.

Until now, age and sex have not been included within any adult EWS, despite evidence indicating its limitations in predicting deterioration of elderly patients.[6-7] An update to the NEWS score to include these additional variables may be difficult to achieve in practice. In

particular, the NEWS score was validated using in-hospital mortality. Adequate validation of the stratified score would require reasonable numbers of in-hospital mortality for each combination of sex and age-range, where death is relatively rare in younger cohorts. One alternative approach may be to derive a model that directly uses the representative centiles for each vital sign to provide EWS scores.[31]

### Generalisability

The data set was collected from all four hospitals, but we note that there are high proportions of white Caucasian patients. Previous studies have shown correlation between ethnicity and differences in blood pressure trajectory.[32] Whether inclusion of ethnicity could also improve discrimination requires further research.

Our work shows for the first time that meeting current criteria for sepsis or early warning system alerts is substantially more likely in younger women than in all other groups in the 24 hours prior to discharge. Exploration of this finding is needed to determine whether adjustment for age and sex can improve discrimination and prevent overdiagnosis.

### CONCLUSION

Substantial variations in the final blood pressure recorded in the 24 hours prior to hospital discharge occur with age and sex. These result in large differences in the proportions of patients meeting blood pressure criterion for sepsis and early warning score alerts. These factors should be examined to understand whether these factors could be used to improve discrimination between stability and deterioration.

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***Patients considered  
for inclusion***(83004)

***Excluded:***

Died in hospital (1559)  
No recorded vital signs 24 hours prior to  
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Readmitted within 168 hours of discharge (2659)  
Sex unknown (1)  
No blood pressure recorded (885)

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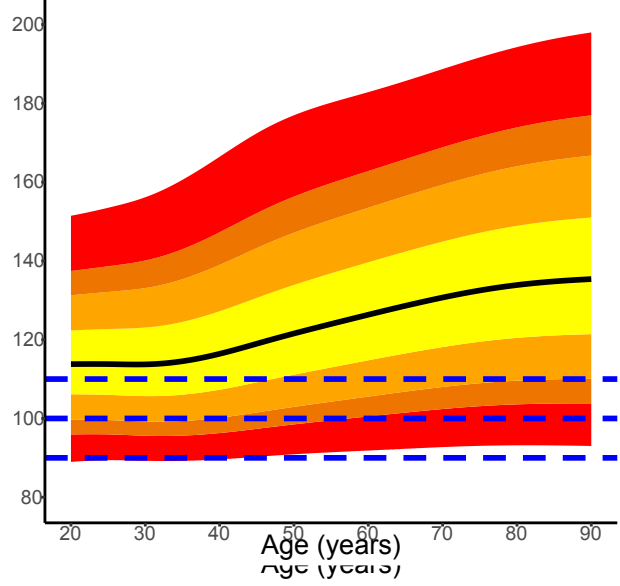
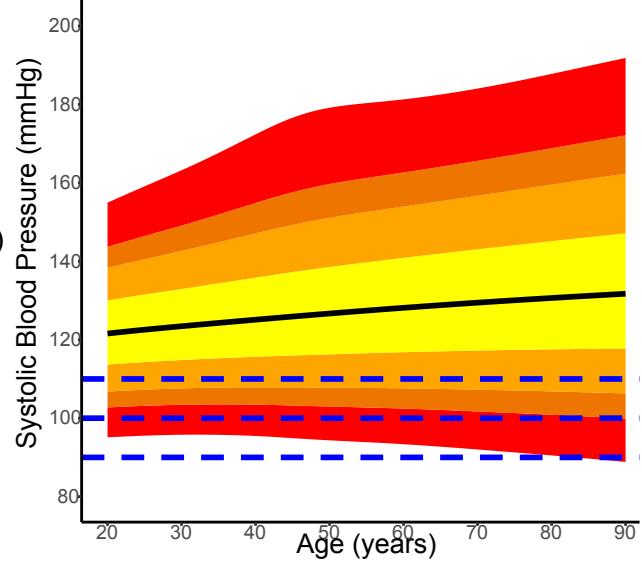


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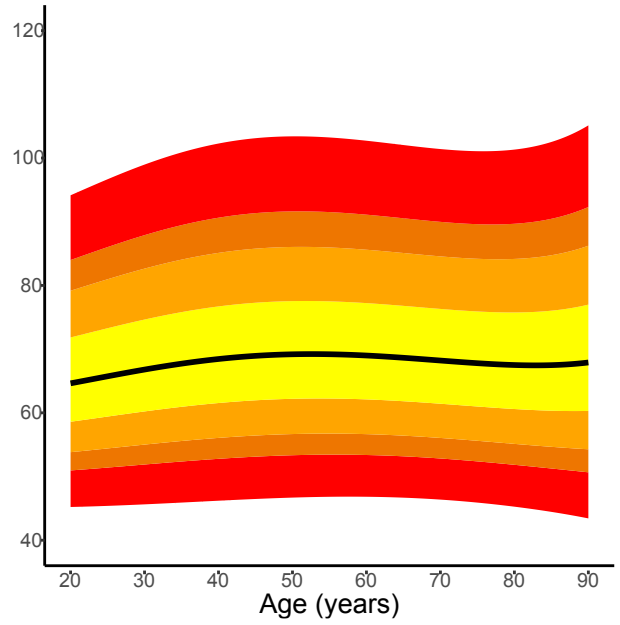
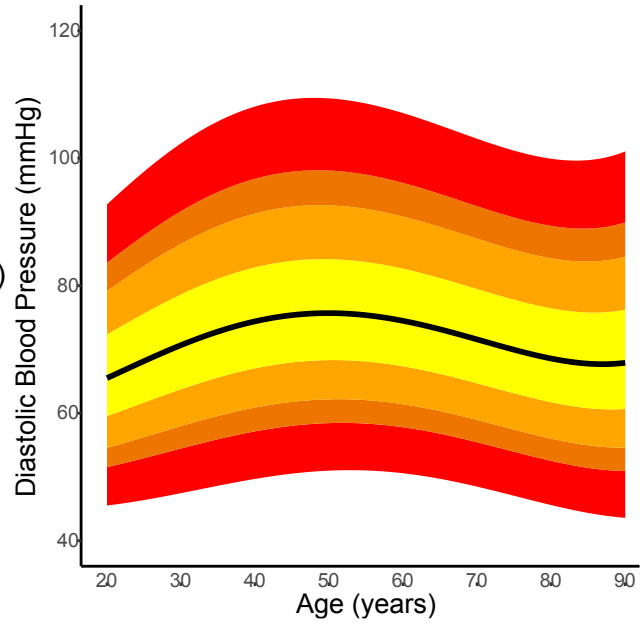
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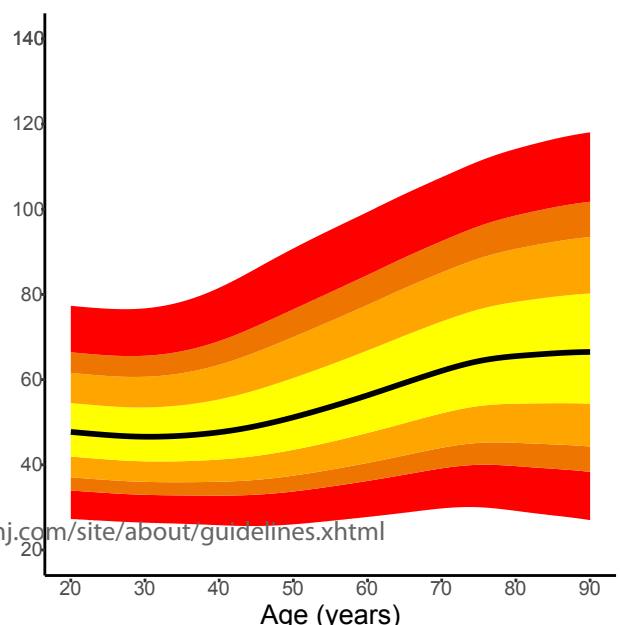
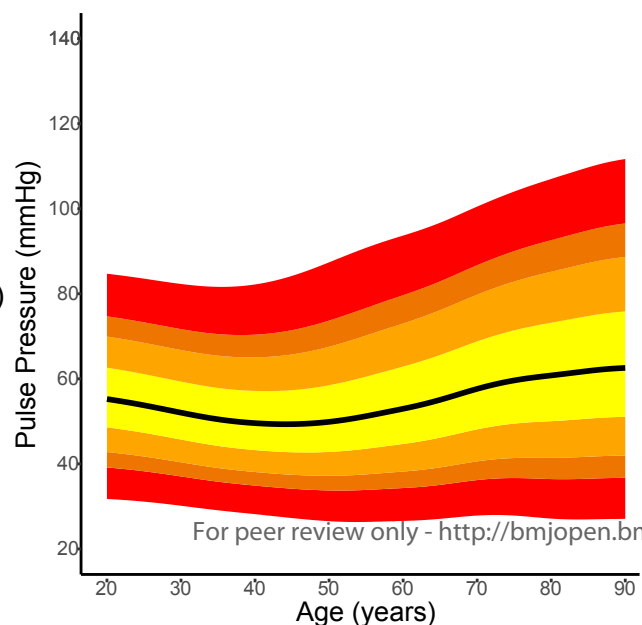
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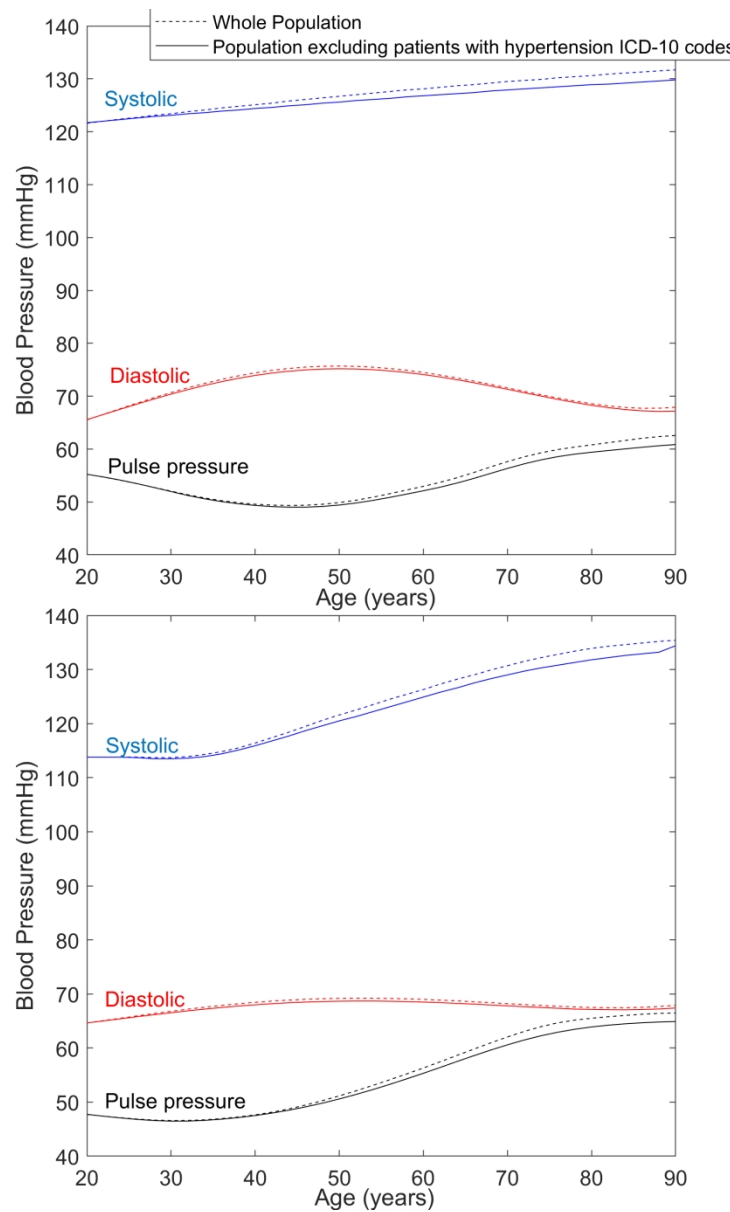
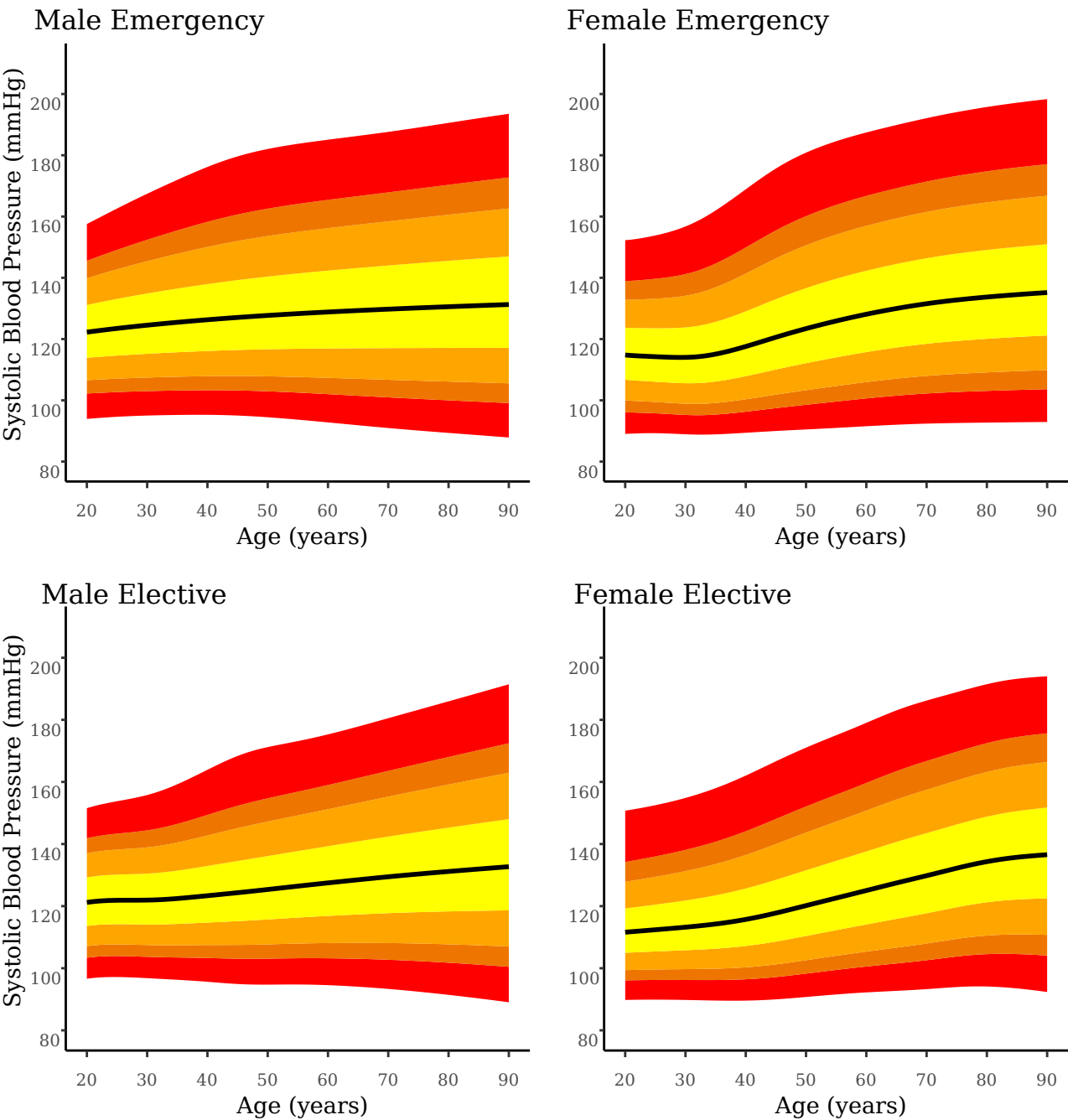


Figure 3. Medians of systolic, diastolic and pulse blood pressure for all males and females between the ages of 20 and 90 (dashed lines) and the sub-group excluding patients with ICD codes for hypertension (solid lines).

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# Supplementary Material

## Appendix A – centiles and confidence intervals

### Male systolic blood pressure centiles with 95% CI

	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
1	20	95.12 (93.60, 96.65)	102.73 (101.90, 103.6)	106.8 (106.1, 107.5)	113.7 (113.1, 114.2)	121.6 (121.1, 122.1)	130.0 (129.4, 130.6)	138.3 (137.5, 139.1)	143.7 (142.7, 144.7)	154.9 (152.9, 157.0)
2	22	95.30 (94.02, 96.57)	102.91 (102.22, 103.6)	107.0 (106.4, 107.6)	113.9 (113.5, 114.4)	122.0 (121.6, 122.4)	130.6 (130.2, 131.1)	139.2 (138.6, 139.8)	144.8 (144.1, 145.5)	156.6 (154.9, 158.3)
3	24	95.46 (94.34, 96.58)	103.08 (102.48, 103.7)	107.2 (106.7, 107.7)	114.2 (113.8, 114.6)	122.4 (122.0, 122.7)	131.2 (130.9, 131.6)	140.1 (139.6, 140.6)	145.9 (145.2, 146.6)	158.3 (156.6, 160.0)
4	26	95.60 (94.56, 96.65)	103.22 (102.67, 103.8)	107.3 (106.9, 107.8)	114.4 (114.1, 114.8)	122.7 (122.5, 123.0)	131.8 (131.5, 132.2)	140.9 (140.4, 141.5)	147.0 (146.2, 147.8)	159.9 (158.0, 161.9)
5	28	95.71 (94.73, 96.69)	103.33 (102.78, 103.9)	107.5 (107.0, 107.9)	114.6 (114.2, 115.0)	123.1 (122.7, 123.5)	132.4 (131.9, 132.9)	141.8 (141.1, 142.5)	148.0 (147.1, 149.0)	161.6 (159.5, 163.6)
6	30	95.78 (94.85, 96.71)	103.42 (102.83, 104.0)	107.6 (107.1, 108.1)	114.8 (114.3, 115.3)	123.4 (122.9, 123.9)	132.9 (132.3, 133.6)	142.6 (141.8, 143.5)	149.1 (148.0, 150.2)	163.2 (161.1, 165.3)
7	32	95.80 (94.90, 96.69)	103.48 (102.88, 104.1)	107.7 (107.1, 108.2)	115.0 (114.5, 115.5)	123.8 (123.2, 124.3)	133.5 (132.8, 134.2)	143.5 (142.6, 144.4)	150.2 (149.0, 151.4)	164.9 (162.8, 167.1)
8	34	95.78 (94.91, 96.65)	103.51 (102.94, 104.1)	107.8 (107.2, 108.3)	115.2 (114.7, 115.7)	124.1 (123.6, 124.6)	134.1 (133.4, 134.8)	144.4 (143.5, 145.3)	151.4 (150.2, 152.5)	166.7 (164.5, 168.9)
9	36	95.72 (94.85, 96.58)	103.52 (102.98, 104.1)	107.8 (107.4, 108.3)	115.4 (114.9, 115.8)	124.5 (124.0, 124.9)	134.7 (134.1, 135.3)	145.3 (144.4, 146.2)	152.5 (151.3, 153.7)	168.6 (166.4, 170.7)
10	38	95.62 (94.74, 96.49)	103.50 (102.97, 104.0)	107.9 (107.4, 108.3)	115.5 (115.1, 115.9)	124.8 (124.4, 125.2)	135.3 (134.7, 135.8)	146.2 (145.3, 147.1)	153.7 (152.5, 154.9)	170.5 (168.2, 172.7)
11	40	95.47 (94.57, 96.36)	103.46 (102.92, 104.0)	107.9 (107.4, 108.3)	115.7 (115.3, 116.0)	125.1 (124.7, 125.5)	135.8 (135.3, 136.4)	147.1 (146.2, 148.0)	154.9 (153.7, 156.0)	172.4 (170.1, 174.6)
12	42	95.27 (94.33, 96.20)	103.38 (102.84, 103.9)	107.9 (107.4, 108.3)	115.8 (115.4, 116.2)	125.4 (125.1, 125.8)	136.4 (135.9, 137.0)	148.0 (147.2, 148.8)	156.0 (154.9, 157.1)	174.2 (172.0, 176.4)

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13	44	95.03 (93.99, 96.07)	103.28 (102.72, 103.8)	107.9 (107.4, 108.3)	115.9 (115.6, 116.3)	125.8 (125.4, 126.1)	137.0 (136.5, 137.5)	148.9 (148.1, 149.6)	157.1 (156.0, 158.2)	175.9 (173.5, 178.2)
14	46	94.79 (93.62, 95.96)	103.18 (102.59, 103.8)	107.8 (107.4, 108.3)	116.0 (115.7, 116.4)	126.1 (125.7, 126.4)	137.5 (137.0, 138.0)	149.7 (148.9, 150.4)	158.1 (157.0, 159.1)	177.3 (174.7, 179.8)
15	48	94.56 (93.36, 95.76)	103.07 (102.48, 103.7)	107.8 (107.4, 108.2)	116.2 (115.8, 116.5)	126.4 (126.1, 126.7)	138.1 (137.6, 138.5)	150.4 (149.7, 151.1)	158.9 (157.9, 160.0)	178.4 (175.7, 181.0)
16	50	94.35 (93.26, 95.44)	102.97 (102.42, 103.5)	107.8 (107.4, 108.2)	116.3 (116.0, 116.6)	126.7 (126.4, 127.0)	138.6 (138.1, 139.0)	151.1 (150.4, 151.8)	159.7 (158.7, 160.7)	179.1 (176.7, 181.6)
17	52	94.16 (93.22, 95.10)	102.87 (102.37, 103.4)	107.8 (107.4, 108.1)	116.4 (116.1, 116.7)	127.0 (126.7, 127.3)	139.0 (138.6, 139.5)	151.7 (151.0, 152.4)	160.4 (159.4, 161.3)	179.7 (177.6, 181.9)
18	54	93.98 (93.14, 94.82)	102.78 (102.29, 103.3)	107.7 (107.3, 108.1)	116.5 (116.2, 116.8)	127.3 (127.0, 127.6)	139.5 (139.1, 139.9)	152.3 (151.6, 152.9)	161.0 (160.1, 161.9)	180.1 (178.2, 182.1)
19	56	93.79 (92.98, 94.60)	102.68 (102.19, 103.2)	107.7 (107.3, 108.1)	116.6 (116.3, 116.9)	127.6 (127.3, 127.8)	140.0 (139.6, 140.4)	152.8 (152.2, 153.5)	161.5 (160.6, 162.4)	180.5 (178.6, 182.4)
20	58	93.58 (92.79, 94.38)	102.57 (102.09, 103.0)	107.7 (107.3, 108.0)	116.7 (116.4, 117.0)	127.9 (127.6, 128.1)	140.4 (140.1, 140.8)	153.4 (152.8, 154.0)	162.1 (161.2, 163.0)	180.9 (179.0, 182.7)
21	60	93.36 (92.60, 94.13)	102.45 (101.98, 102.9)	107.6 (107.2, 108.0)	116.8 (116.5, 117.1)	128.1 (127.8, 128.4)	140.9 (140.5, 141.3)	153.9 (153.3, 154.5)	162.7 (161.8, 163.5)	181.3 (179.5, 183.1)
22	62	93.12 (92.40, 93.85)	102.31 (101.88, 102.7)	107.6 (107.2, 107.9)	116.9 (116.6, 117.2)	128.4 (128.1, 128.7)	141.3 (141.0, 141.7)	154.5 (153.9, 155.1)	163.2 (162.4, 164.1)	181.7 (180.0, 183.5)
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24	66	92.59 (91.89, 93.30)	102.03 (101.60, 102.4)	107.4 (107.1, 107.8)	117.1 (116.8, 117.4)	128.9 (128.6, 129.3)	142.2 (141.8, 142.6)	155.6 (155.0, 156.2)	164.4 (163.6, 165.2)	182.8 (181.2, 184.4)
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26	70	92.02 (91.25, 92.79)	101.71 (101.24, 102.2)	107.3 (106.9, 107.7)	117.2 (116.9, 117.6)	129.5 (129.1, 129.8)	143.1 (142.7, 143.5)	156.7 (156.1, 157.3)	165.6 (164.8, 166.4)	184.0 (182.5, 185.6)
27	72	91.72 (90.91, 92.54)	101.55 (101.04, 102.1)	107.2 (106.8, 107.6)	117.3 (116.9, 117.7)	129.7 (129.3, 130.1)	143.5 (143.1, 143.9)	157.3 (156.7, 157.9)	166.2 (165.4, 167.1)	184.7 (183.2, 186.3)

	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
28	74	91.42 (90.58, 92.27)	101.39 (100.85, 101.9)	107.1 (106.7, 107.5)	117.4 (117.0, 117.8)	129.9 (129.6, 130.3)	143.9 (143.5, 144.3)	157.8 (157.2, 158.4)	166.9 (166.1, 167.7)	185.4 (183.9, 187.0)
29	76	91.12 (90.27, 91.97)	101.22 (100.68, 101.8)	107.0 (106.6, 107.5)	117.4 (117.1, 117.8)	130.2 (129.8, 130.6)	144.3 (143.9, 144.8)	158.4 (157.8, 159.0)	167.5 (166.7, 168.4)	186.2 (184.7, 187.7)
30	78	90.82 (89.99, 91.64)	101.05 (100.51, 101.6)	106.9 (106.5, 107.4)	117.5 (117.1, 117.9)	130.4 (130.0, 130.8)	144.7 (144.2, 145.2)	159.0 (158.3, 159.7)	168.2 (167.3, 169.1)	187.0 (185.4, 188.5)
31	80	90.51 (89.70, 91.31)	100.87 (100.33, 101.4)	106.8 (106.4, 107.3)	117.5 (117.2, 117.9)	130.6 (130.2, 131.1)	145.1 (144.6, 145.7)	159.5 (158.8, 160.3)	168.8 (167.8, 169.8)	187.8 (186.1, 189.5)
32	82	90.19 (89.39, 91.00)	100.70 (100.14, 101.3)	106.7 (106.3, 107.2)	117.6 (117.2, 118.0)	130.9 (130.4, 131.3)	145.5 (145.0, 146.1)	160.1 (159.3, 161.0)	169.5 (168.4, 170.6)	188.6 (186.7, 190.5)
33	84	89.87 (89.05, 90.68)	100.51 ( 99.94, 101.1)	106.6 (106.1, 107.1)	117.6 (117.2, 118.1)	131.1 (130.6, 131.6)	145.9 (145.3, 146.6)	160.7 (159.7, 161.6)	170.1 (168.9, 171.4)	189.4 (187.3, 191.5)
34	86	89.54 (88.70, 90.37)	100.32 ( 99.71, 100.9)	106.5 (106.0, 107.1)	117.7 (117.1, 118.2)	131.3 (130.7, 131.9)	146.3 (145.6, 147.0)	161.2 (160.2, 162.2)	170.8 (169.5, 172.1)	190.2 (187.9, 192.5)
35	88	89.20 (88.31, 90.08)	100.13 ( 99.44, 100.8)	106.4 (105.8, 107.1)	117.7 (117.1, 118.4)	131.5 (130.8, 132.2)	146.7 (146.0, 147.5)	161.8 (160.7, 162.9)	171.5 (170.0, 172.9)	191.0 (188.5, 193.6)
36	90	88.85 (87.84, 89.86)	99.93 ( 99.11, 100.7)	106.3 (105.5, 107.1)	117.8 (117.0, 118.5)	131.7 (130.9, 132.5)	147.1 (146.2, 148.0)	162.3 (161.1, 163.6)	172.1 (170.5, 173.7)	191.8 (189.0, 194.6)

### Female systolic blood pressure centiles with 95% CI

	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
1	20	88.97 (87.67, 90.27)	95.95 ( 95.19, 96.70)	99.69 ( 99.04, 100.34)	106.1 (105.5, 106.7)	113.8 (113.1, 114.4)	122.3 (121.6, 123.1)	131.3 (130.4, 132.1)	137.4 (136.5, 138.4)	151.4 (149.5, 153.4)
2	22	89.22 (88.16, 90.28)	95.99 ( 95.37, 96.62)	99.69 ( 99.17, 100.21)	106.1 (105.7, 106.6)	113.8 (113.3, 114.3)	122.5 (121.9, 123.1)	131.6 (130.9, 132.4)	137.9 (137.0, 138.8)	152.2 (150.6, 153.8)
3	24	89.37 (88.44, 90.30)	95.99 ( 95.40, 96.58)	99.64 ( 99.13, 100.15)	106.0 (105.6, 106.5)	113.8 (113.3, 114.3)	122.6 (122.0, 123.3)	132.0 (131.1, 132.8)	138.4 (137.4, 139.4)	153.0 (151.2, 154.9)
4	26	89.41 (88.60, 90.22)	95.91 ( 95.37, 96.45)	99.53 ( 99.03, 100.02)	105.9 (105.5, 106.4)	113.8 (113.3, 114.3)	122.8 (122.1, 123.4)	132.3 (131.4, 133.1)	138.9 (137.9, 139.9)	153.9 (152.0, 155.9)

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5	28	89.35 (88.64, 90.06)	95.76 ( 95.31, 96.20)	99.36 ( 98.95, 99.76)	105.8 (105.4, 106.2)	113.7 (113.3, 114.2)	122.9 (122.3, 123.5)	132.6 (131.8, 133.4)	139.4 (138.4, 140.4)	154.9 (153.0, 156.9)
6	30	89.26 (88.58, 89.93)	95.61 ( 95.22, 96.01)	99.22 ( 98.84, 99.59)	105.7 (105.3, 106.1)	113.7 (113.3, 114.2)	123.1 (122.5, 123.7)	133.1 (132.3, 133.9)	140.1 (139.1, 141.1)	156.2 (154.1, 158.2)
7	32	89.20 (88.51, 89.88)	95.55 ( 95.13, 95.96)	99.17 ( 98.78, 99.55)	105.7 (105.3, 106.1)	113.9 (113.4, 114.4)	123.5 (122.9, 124.1)	133.8 (133.0, 134.6)	141.0 (140.0, 142.1)	157.7 (155.5, 159.8)
8	34	89.21 (88.52, 89.89)	95.59 ( 95.17, 96.01)	99.25 ( 98.87, 99.63)	105.9 (105.5, 106.3)	114.3 (113.8, 114.7)	124.1 (123.5, 124.7)	134.8 (134.0, 135.6)	142.3 (141.2, 143.3)	159.5 (157.3, 161.7)
9	36	89.28 (88.61, 89.95)	95.73 ( 95.33, 96.14)	99.45 ( 99.09, 99.81)	106.2 (105.9, 106.6)	114.8 (114.4, 115.2)	125.0 (124.5, 125.5)	136.0 (135.2, 136.7)	143.7 (142.7, 144.8)	161.7 (159.4, 163.9)
10	38	89.42 (88.77, 90.07)	95.97 ( 95.58, 96.36)	99.77 ( 99.42, 100.11)	106.7 (106.3, 107.1)	115.5 (115.1, 116.0)	126.0 (125.5, 126.5)	137.4 (136.7, 138.1)	145.4 (144.4, 146.5)	164.0 (161.7, 166.3)
11	40	89.61 (88.97, 90.25)	96.29 ( 95.91, 96.68)	100.18 ( 99.84, 100.53)	107.3 (106.9, 107.7)	116.4 (116.0, 116.8)	127.2 (126.7, 127.7)	139.0 (138.2, 139.7)	147.3 (146.2, 148.3)	166.4 (164.1, 168.8)
12	42	89.85 (89.20, 90.49)	96.69 ( 96.29, 97.09)	100.68 (100.32, 101.04)	108.0 (107.6, 108.4)	117.4 (116.9, 117.8)	128.5 (128.0, 129.1)	140.7 (139.9, 141.5)	149.2 (148.1, 150.3)	168.9 (166.6, 171.2)
13	44	90.12 (89.45, 90.79)	97.13 ( 96.70, 97.56)	101.23 (100.84, 101.62)	108.8 (108.4, 109.2)	118.4 (118.0, 118.9)	129.9 (129.3, 130.5)	142.4 (141.6, 143.2)	151.2 (150.1, 152.2)	171.3 (169.0, 173.5)
14	46	90.40 (89.70, 91.09)	97.60 ( 97.14, 98.06)	101.81 (101.40, 102.22)	109.6 (109.2, 110.0)	119.5 (119.1, 119.9)	131.3 (130.7, 131.9)	144.1 (143.3, 144.9)	153.0 (152.0, 154.1)	173.4 (171.3, 175.6)
15	48	90.66 (89.97, 91.36)	98.06 ( 97.57, 98.54)	102.38 (101.95, 102.81)	110.4 (109.9, 110.8)	120.6 (120.1, 121.0)	132.6 (132.1, 133.2)	145.7 (144.9, 146.4)	154.8 (153.8, 155.7)	175.3 (173.3, 177.4)
16	50	90.91 (90.23, 91.58)	98.50 ( 98.01, 98.98)	102.94 (102.50, 103.38)	111.1 (110.7, 111.5)	121.6 (121.1, 122.0)	133.9 (133.4, 134.4)	147.1 (146.4, 147.9)	156.3 (155.4, 157.3)	177.0 (175.0, 178.9)
17	52	91.13 (90.48, 91.77)	98.92 ( 98.45, 99.39)	103.48 (103.03, 103.93)	111.9 (111.4, 112.3)	122.5 (122.0, 123.1)	135.1 (134.5, 135.7)	148.5 (147.8, 149.2)	157.8 (156.8, 158.7)	178.4 (176.6, 180.2)
18	54	91.32 (90.69, 91.96)	99.32 ( 98.86, 99.79)	104.00 (103.55, 104.45)	112.6 (112.1, 113.1)	123.5 (123.0, 124.0)	136.3 (135.7, 136.9)	149.8 (149.1, 150.6)	159.1 (158.2, 160.0)	179.6 (177.8, 181.4)
19	56	91.51 (90.83, 92.19)	99.72 ( 99.24, 100.21)	104.52 (104.07, 104.98)	113.3 (112.9, 113.8)	124.5 (124.0, 125.0)	137.4 (136.9, 138.0)	151.1 (150.4, 151.8)	160.4 (159.5, 161.3)	180.7 (178.9, 182.5)

	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
20	58	91.68 (90.92, 92.45)	100.12 (99.60, 100.64)	105.04 (104.58, 105.50)	114.0 (113.6, 114.5)	125.4 (124.9, 125.9)	138.5 (138.0, 139.0)	152.3 (151.7, 152.9)	161.6 (160.7, 162.5)	181.8 (179.9, 183.7)
21	60	91.86 (91.01, 92.71)	100.52 (99.95, 101.08)	105.56 (105.07, 106.04)	114.8 (114.3, 115.2)	126.3 (125.9, 126.7)	139.7 (139.2, 140.1)	153.5 (152.9, 154.1)	162.8 (162.0, 163.7)	182.8 (180.8, 184.8)
22	62	92.04 (91.15, 92.92)	100.91 (100.32, 101.50)	106.07 (105.56, 106.59)	115.5 (115.0, 115.9)	127.3 (126.8, 127.7)	140.7 (140.4, 141.1)	154.7 (154.1, 155.2)	164.0 (163.2, 164.9)	183.9 (181.9, 186.0)
23	64	92.22 (91.31, 93.12)	101.30 (100.69, 101.91)	106.58 (106.03, 107.12)	116.2 (115.7, 116.7)	128.2 (127.7, 128.6)	141.8 (141.4, 142.3)	155.9 (155.3, 156.5)	165.2 (164.4, 166.1)	185.1 (183.1, 187.1)
24	66	92.39 (91.43, 93.36)	101.68 (101.06, 102.30)	107.07 (106.50, 107.64)	116.8 (116.3, 117.4)	129.0 (128.5, 129.5)	142.9 (142.4, 143.4)	157.1 (156.4, 157.7)	166.4 (165.6, 167.3)	186.3 (184.3, 188.2)
25	68	92.57 (91.56, 93.58)	102.05 (101.41, 102.69)	107.54 (106.95, 108.13)	117.5 (116.9, 118.1)	129.9 (129.3, 130.4)	143.9 (143.3, 144.5)	158.2 (157.5, 158.9)	167.6 (166.7, 168.6)	187.5 (185.5, 189.4)
26	70	92.73 (91.78, 93.68)	102.39 (101.77, 103.02)	107.99 (107.40, 108.58)	118.1 (117.5, 118.7)	130.7 (130.1, 131.3)	144.9 (144.3, 145.5)	159.3 (158.6, 160.1)	168.8 (167.9, 169.7)	188.7 (186.9, 190.5)
27	72	92.88 (92.07, 93.68)	102.71 (102.13, 103.29)	108.40 (107.83, 108.97)	118.7 (118.1, 119.3)	131.5 (130.9, 132.0)	145.8 (145.2, 146.5)	160.4 (159.6, 161.2)	170.0 (169.0, 170.9)	189.9 (188.3, 191.5)
28	74	93.00 (92.30, 93.69)	102.99 (102.44, 103.54)	108.77 (108.23, 109.32)	119.2 (118.7, 119.8)	132.2 (131.6, 132.7)	146.7 (146.1, 147.4)	161.4 (160.6, 162.3)	171.1 (170.0, 172.1)	191.1 (189.4, 192.8)
29	76	93.09 (92.40, 93.77)	103.23 (102.69, 103.77)	109.10 (108.57, 109.63)	119.7 (119.2, 120.2)	132.8 (132.2, 133.4)	147.5 (146.9, 148.2)	162.4 (161.5, 163.2)	172.1 (171.0, 173.2)	192.2 (190.4, 194.1)
30	78	93.15 (92.39, 93.91)	103.43 (102.86, 103.99)	109.37 (108.84, 109.90)	120.1 (119.6, 120.6)	133.4 (132.8, 133.9)	148.3 (147.6, 148.9)	163.2 (162.4, 164.1)	173.0 (171.9, 174.2)	193.3 (191.3, 195.3)
31	80	93.18 (92.34, 94.01)	103.58 (102.98, 104.17)	109.59 (109.06, 110.12)	120.5 (120.0, 120.9)	133.9 (133.4, 134.4)	148.9 (148.3, 149.5)	164.0 (163.2, 164.9)	173.9 (172.7, 175.0)	194.3 (192.2, 196.3)
32	82	93.18 (92.35, 94.02)	103.69 (103.09, 104.28)	109.76 (109.24, 110.28)	120.7 (120.3, 121.2)	134.3 (133.8, 134.8)	149.5 (148.9, 150.0)	164.7 (163.9, 165.5)	174.7 (173.5, 175.8)	195.2 (193.2, 197.2)
33	84	93.17 (92.34, 93.99)	103.76 (103.16, 104.36)	109.89 (109.36, 110.42)	121.0 (120.5, 121.5)	134.6 (134.1, 135.1)	149.9 (149.3, 150.5)	165.3 (164.5, 166.2)	175.3 (174.2, 176.5)	196.0 (194.0, 198.0)
34	86	93.13 (92.30, 93.96)	103.81 (103.18, 104.43)	109.98 (109.42, 110.55)	121.1 (120.6, 121.7)	134.9 (134.3, 135.5)	150.4 (149.6, 151.1)	165.8 (164.9, 166.8)	175.9 (174.7, 177.2)	196.7 (194.7, 198.8)



	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
35	88	93.08 (92.23, 93.92)	103.82 (103.19, 104.46)	110.05 (109.44, 110.65)	121.3 (120.7, 121.9)	135.2 (134.4, 135.9)	150.7 (149.8, 151.6)	166.3 (165.2, 167.4)	176.5 (175.1, 177.9)	197.4 (195.1, 199.7)
36	90	93.01 (92.14, 93.88)	103.82 (103.16, 104.48)	110.08 (109.44, 110.72)	121.4 (120.7, 122.1)	135.4 (134.5, 136.2)	151.0 (150.0, 152.0)	166.7 (165.4, 168.0)	176.9 (175.3, 178.6)	198.0 (195.3, 200.7)

Male diastolic blood pressure centiles with 95% CI

	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
1	20	45.53 (44.75, 46.31)	51.56 (50.97, 52.14)	54.58 (54.06, 55.10)	59.55 (59.08, 60.02)	65.51 (65.02, 65.99)	72.36 (71.77, 72.95)	79.18 (78.42, 79.94)	83.60 (82.70, 84.49)	92.75 ( 91.48, 94.02)
2	22	45.83 (45.20, 46.46)	52.09 (51.66, 52.53)	55.23 (54.85, 55.60)	60.39 (60.06, 60.72)	66.58 (66.23, 66.92)	73.69 (73.25, 74.13)	80.78 (80.20, 81.35)	85.36 (84.67, 86.05)	94.87 ( 93.85, 95.89)
3	24	46.18 (45.62, 46.75)	52.66 (52.29, 53.03)	55.90 (55.59, 56.22)	61.25 (60.98, 61.51)	67.65 (67.37, 67.92)	75.00 (74.65, 75.36)	82.33 (81.85, 82.81)	87.08 (86.50, 87.66)	96.91 ( 96.03, 97.79)
4	26	46.58 (46.02, 47.14)	53.26 (52.88, 53.63)	56.60 (56.28, 56.91)	62.10 (61.83, 62.37)	68.70 (68.42, 68.97)	76.28 (75.93, 76.62)	83.83 (83.37, 84.28)	88.72 (88.17, 89.26)	98.85 ( 98.02, 99.67)
5	28	47.01 (46.43, 47.59)	53.86 (53.46, 54.26)	57.29 (56.95, 57.64)	62.94 (62.64, 63.24)	69.71 (69.41, 70.02)	77.49 (77.13, 77.86)	85.24 (84.78, 85.71)	90.26 (89.71, 90.81)	100.66 ( 99.85, 101.47)
6	30	47.47 (46.87, 48.07)	54.47 (54.05, 54.89)	57.98 (57.61, 58.35)	63.76 (63.43, 64.09)	70.68 (70.35, 71.01)	78.64 (78.25, 79.02)	86.56 (86.08, 87.04)	91.69 (91.14, 92.25)	102.33 ( 101.52, 103.14)
7	32	47.93 (47.32, 48.54)	55.07 (54.63, 55.50)	58.64 (58.26, 59.03)	64.53 (64.19, 64.88)	71.59 (71.24, 71.93)	79.69 (79.30, 80.09)	87.77 (87.29, 88.26)	93.00 (92.44, 93.56)	103.84 ( 103.03, 104.65)
8	34	48.40 (47.80, 49.00)	55.65 (55.22, 56.08)	59.28 (58.89, 59.66)	65.26 (64.91, 65.60)	72.42 (72.08, 72.77)	80.66 (80.27, 81.05)	88.86 (88.38, 89.34)	94.17 (93.62, 94.72)	105.18 ( 104.38, 105.97)
9	36	48.85 (48.27, 49.43)	56.19 (55.78, 56.61)	59.87 (59.50, 60.24)	65.92 (65.59, 66.26)	73.17 (72.84, 73.51)	81.51 (81.14, 81.89)	89.82 (89.36, 90.27)	95.19 (94.66, 95.72)	106.34 ( 105.56, 107.11)
10	38	49.29 (48.73, 49.84)	56.70 (56.31, 57.09)	60.41 (60.06, 60.76)	66.52 (66.20, 66.83)	73.84 (73.53, 74.15)	82.25 (81.91, 82.60)	90.64 (90.21, 91.06)	96.06 (95.57, 96.56)	107.31 ( 106.56, 108.06)
11	40	49.70 (49.17, 50.22)	57.15 (56.79, 57.52)	60.89 (60.57, 61.21)	67.04 (66.75, 67.33)	74.41 (74.13, 74.69)	82.88 (82.57, 83.19)	91.32 (90.93, 91.71)	96.78 (96.32, 97.24)	108.10 ( 107.38, 108.82)

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12	42	50.06 (49.56, 50.56)	57.55 (57.21, 57.89)	61.30 (61.00, 61.60)	67.48 (67.21, 67.74)	74.88 (74.62, 75.13)	83.38 (83.10, 83.66)	91.85 (91.50, 92.21)	97.34 (96.91, 97.77)	108.71 (108.01, 109.40)
13	44	50.38 (49.90, 50.86)	57.88 (57.56, 58.21)	61.64 (61.36, 61.92)	67.83 (67.58, 68.07)	75.24 (75.01, 75.47)	83.76 (83.51, 84.01)	92.25 (91.92, 92.57)	97.74 (97.34, 98.14)	109.13 (108.45, 109.80)
14	46	50.65 (50.18, 51.12)	58.15 (57.84, 58.46)	61.90 (61.63, 62.18)	68.09 (67.85, 68.33)	75.50 (75.28, 75.71)	84.02 (83.79, 84.24)	92.50 (92.20, 92.80)	97.99 (97.61, 98.37)	109.38 (108.71, 110.04)
15	48	50.85 (50.39, 51.31)	58.34 (58.03, 58.65)	62.08 (61.81, 62.36)	68.26 (68.01, 68.50)	75.65 (75.44, 75.86)	84.15 (83.93, 84.37)	92.62 (92.33, 92.91)	98.10 (97.73, 98.47)	109.46 (108.79, 110.12)
16	50	50.99 (50.53, 51.45)	58.45 (58.13, 58.77)	62.18 (61.90, 62.47)	68.33 (68.08, 68.58)	75.70 (75.48, 75.92)	84.16 (83.94, 84.39)	92.60 (92.31, 92.89)	98.06 (97.69, 98.43)	109.38 (108.71, 110.05)
17	52	51.06 (50.60, 51.52)	58.48 (58.15, 58.81)	62.19 (61.89, 62.49)	68.31 (68.04, 68.57)	75.64 (75.41, 75.87)	84.07 (83.83, 84.30)	92.46 (92.16, 92.76)	97.89 (97.52, 98.27)	109.15 (108.48, 109.83)
18	54	51.05 (50.59, 51.52)	58.43 (58.09, 58.76)	62.12 (61.81, 62.43)	68.20 (67.92, 68.48)	75.48 (75.24, 75.73)	83.86 (83.62, 84.10)	92.20 (91.90, 92.51)	97.60 (97.22, 97.99)	108.80 (108.12, 109.48)
19	56	50.97 (50.50, 51.44)	58.29 (57.95, 58.64)	61.96 (61.64, 62.28)	68.00 (67.71, 68.29)	75.23 (74.98, 75.49)	83.55 (83.30, 83.81)	91.84 (91.53, 92.15)	97.20 (96.81, 97.59)	108.32 (107.63, 109.00)
20	58	50.81 (50.35, 51.28)	58.08 (57.73, 58.43)	61.72 (61.40, 62.04)	67.72 (67.42, 68.01)	74.90 (74.63, 75.16)	83.15 (82.89, 83.41)	91.38 (91.06, 91.70)	96.70 (96.31, 97.10)	107.74 (107.05, 108.42)
21	60	50.58 (50.13, 51.04)	57.79 (57.45, 58.14)	61.41 (61.09, 61.72)	67.35 (67.06, 67.64)	74.48 (74.22, 74.74)	82.67 (82.41, 82.93)	90.83 (90.52, 91.15)	96.12 (95.72, 96.51)	107.06 (106.37, 107.76)
22	62	50.28 (49.84, 50.73)	57.44 (57.11, 57.77)	61.02 (60.72, 61.33)	66.92 (66.64, 67.20)	73.99 (73.74, 74.25)	82.12 (81.87, 82.38)	90.22 (89.90, 90.54)	95.46 (95.07, 95.85)	106.32 (105.64, 107.01)
23	64	49.91 (49.48, 50.35)	57.02 (56.70, 57.33)	60.57 (60.28, 60.86)	66.43 (66.17, 66.69)	73.45 (73.21, 73.68)	81.51 (81.27, 81.75)	89.55 (89.24, 89.86)	94.75 (94.36, 95.14)	105.53 (104.85, 106.22)
24	66	49.49 (49.06, 49.91)	56.54 (56.24, 56.84)	60.07 (59.80, 60.34)	65.88 (65.64, 66.13)	72.85 (72.63, 73.07)	80.86 (80.63, 81.09)	88.84 (88.54, 89.14)	94.00 (93.62, 94.39)	104.71 (104.02, 105.39)
25	68	49.01 (48.59, 49.42)	56.01 (55.73, 56.29)	59.52 (59.27, 59.77)	65.30 (65.07, 65.52)	72.22 (72.02, 72.42)	80.18 (79.96, 80.39)	88.10 (87.81, 88.40)	93.24 (92.85, 93.62)	103.87 (103.19, 104.55)
26	70	48.48 (48.07, 48.89)	55.45 (55.18, 55.72)	58.94 (58.70, 59.17)	64.68 (64.48, 64.89)	71.57 (71.38, 71.75)	79.48 (79.27, 79.69)	87.37 (87.07, 87.66)	92.47 (92.09, 92.85)	103.04 (102.37, 103.72)

	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
27	72	47.92 (47.51, 48.34)	54.86 (54.59, 55.13)	58.33 (58.10, 58.56)	64.05 (63.85, 64.25)	70.91 (70.73, 71.09)	78.79 (78.58, 79.00)	86.64 (86.34, 86.94)	91.72 (91.34, 92.10)	102.25 (101.57, 102.93)
28	74	47.34 (46.92, 47.76)	54.26 (53.99, 54.53)	57.72 (57.49, 57.96)	63.43 (63.22, 63.63)	70.26 (70.07, 70.46)	78.12 (77.90, 78.34)	85.95 (85.64, 86.26)	91.01 (90.62, 91.41)	101.51 (100.84, 102.19)
29	76	46.75 (46.31, 47.19)	53.66 (53.37, 53.95)	57.12 (56.87, 57.37)	62.82 (62.59, 63.04)	69.64 (69.43, 69.86)	77.49 (77.25, 77.74)	85.31 (84.99, 85.64)	90.37 (89.97, 90.78)	100.86 (100.18, 101.54)
30	78	46.16 (45.71, 46.62)	53.08 (52.77, 53.38)	56.54 (56.27, 56.81)	62.24 (61.99, 62.49)	69.08 (68.83, 69.32)	76.93 (76.66, 77.20)	84.76 (84.41, 85.10)	89.82 (89.40, 90.24)	100.32 ( 99.63, 101.00)
31	80	45.59 (45.12, 46.07)	52.53 (52.20, 52.85)	56.00 (55.71, 56.29)	61.72 (61.45, 61.99)	68.57 (68.30, 68.85)	76.45 (76.15, 76.76)	84.30 (83.93, 84.67)	89.38 (88.94, 89.82)	99.91 ( 99.22, 100.60)
32	82	45.06 (44.56, 45.55)	52.03 (51.69, 52.37)	55.52 (55.21, 55.83)	61.27 (60.98, 61.57)	68.16 (67.87, 68.46)	76.09 (75.75, 76.42)	83.98 (83.57, 84.38)	89.08 (88.61, 89.55)	99.67 ( 98.95, 100.39)
33	84	44.57 (44.05, 45.09)	51.60 (51.24, 51.97)	55.12 (54.80, 55.45)	60.92 (60.61, 61.23)	67.87 (67.55, 68.19)	75.85 (75.49, 76.22)	83.81 (83.36, 84.26)	88.96 (88.44, 89.48)	99.63 ( 98.86, 100.40)
34	86	44.16 (43.59, 44.72)	51.27 (50.87, 51.66)	54.83 (54.48, 55.17)	60.69 (60.36, 61.01)	67.71 (67.36, 68.06)	75.79 (75.37, 76.20)	83.83 (83.30, 84.35)	89.03 (88.42, 89.65)	99.83 ( 98.94, 100.71)
35	88	43.83 (43.18, 44.47)	51.04 (50.59, 51.49)	54.65 (54.25, 55.04)	60.59 (60.23, 60.95)	67.72 (67.32, 68.11)	75.91 (75.40, 76.41)	84.06 (83.42, 84.71)	89.35 (88.58, 90.11)	100.29 ( 99.22, 101.36)
36	90	43.60 (42.81, 44.39)	50.94 (50.37, 51.50)	54.61 (54.12, 55.10)	60.66 (60.22, 61.10)	67.91 (67.43, 68.40)	76.25 (75.61, 76.88)	84.55 (83.72, 85.39)	89.92 (88.94, 90.91)	101.06 ( 99.70, 102.43)

Female diastolic blood pressure centiles with 95% CI

	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
1	20	45.22 (44.71, 45.73)	50.96 (50.58, 51.33)	53.83 (53.49, 54.16)	58.60 (58.29, 58.92)	64.63 (64.29, 64.97)	71.84 (71.40, 72.28)	79.17 (78.57, 79.78)	83.99 (83.25, 84.73)	94.15 ( 93.05, 95.26)
2	22	45.28 (44.83, 45.73)	51.13 (50.80, 51.46)	54.05 (53.76, 54.35)	58.92 (58.64, 59.21)	65.07 (64.77, 65.37)	72.42 (72.05, 72.79)	79.90 (79.39, 80.40)	84.81 (84.19, 85.42)	95.17 ( 94.23, 96.11)
3	24	45.35 (44.93, 45.77)	51.31 (51.02, 51.61)	54.29 (54.03, 54.56)	59.25 (59.00, 59.51)	65.51 (65.25, 65.78)	73.00 (72.68, 73.32)	80.62 (80.19, 81.05)	85.62 (85.09, 86.15)	96.18 ( 95.34, 97.01)

	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
4	26	45.44 (45.04, 45.84)	51.50 (51.23, 51.77)	54.53 (54.29, 54.77)	59.58 (59.36, 59.81)	65.95 (65.72, 66.19)	73.57 (73.28, 73.85)	81.32 (80.94, 81.70)	86.41 (85.94, 86.89)	97.15 (96.38, 97.92)
5	28	45.53 (45.14, 45.92)	51.69 (51.44, 51.95)	54.77 (54.56, 54.99)	59.91 (59.70, 60.11)	66.38 (66.17, 66.59)	74.12 (73.86, 74.38)	82.00 (81.64, 82.36)	87.17 (86.73, 87.62)	98.09 (97.35, 98.82)
6	30	45.63 (45.24, 46.02)	51.89 (51.64, 52.13)	55.01 (54.81, 55.21)	60.22 (60.04, 60.40)	66.79 (66.59, 66.99)	74.65 (74.39, 74.90)	82.64 (82.30, 82.99)	87.89 (87.46, 88.33)	98.97 (98.25, 99.69)
7	32	45.74 (45.35, 46.13)	52.08 (51.84, 52.32)	55.25 (55.06, 55.44)	60.52 (60.35, 60.69)	67.18 (66.99, 67.37)	75.14 (74.90, 75.38)	83.24 (82.91, 83.58)	88.57 (88.14, 88.99)	99.79 (99.09, 100.49)
8	34	45.85 (45.46, 46.25)	52.27 (52.03, 52.50)	55.47 (55.29, 55.66)	60.81 (60.65, 60.97)	67.55 (67.36, 67.73)	75.60 (75.36, 75.84)	83.80 (83.46, 84.13)	89.18 (88.77, 89.59)	100.54 (99.85, 101.23)
9	36	45.97 (45.58, 46.37)	52.45 (52.21, 52.68)	55.68 (55.50, 55.87)	61.08 (60.91, 61.24)	67.88 (67.70, 68.07)	76.01 (75.78, 76.25)	84.29 (83.97, 84.62)	89.73 (89.33, 90.14)	101.20 (100.53, 101.88)
10	38	46.09 (45.69, 46.48)	52.62 (52.38, 52.86)	55.88 (55.69, 56.07)	61.32 (61.15, 61.49)	68.18 (68.00, 68.37)	76.38 (76.15, 76.62)	84.73 (84.42, 85.05)	90.22 (89.83, 90.61)	101.78 (101.13, 102.44)
11	40	46.20 (45.81, 46.60)	52.78 (52.54, 53.02)	56.07 (55.87, 56.26)	61.54 (61.37, 61.72)	68.45 (68.26, 68.64)	76.70 (76.47, 76.94)	85.11 (84.80, 85.42)	90.63 (90.25, 91.01)	102.28 (101.64, 102.92)
12	42	46.32 (45.91, 46.72)	52.93 (52.68, 53.18)	56.23 (56.03, 56.43)	61.73 (61.55, 61.92)	68.68 (68.48, 68.87)	76.98 (76.74, 77.21)	85.42 (85.12, 85.73)	90.98 (90.60, 91.35)	102.68 (102.05, 103.31)
13	44	46.43 (46.02, 46.83)	53.06 (52.80, 53.32)	56.37 (56.16, 56.59)	61.90 (61.71, 62.09)	68.87 (68.67, 69.06)	77.19 (76.96, 77.43)	85.67 (85.38, 85.97)	91.24 (90.88, 91.61)	102.99 (102.36, 103.62)
14	46	46.53 (46.11, 46.94)	53.17 (52.91, 53.44)	56.50 (56.28, 56.71)	62.03 (61.83, 62.23)	69.01 (68.81, 69.22)	77.36 (77.13, 77.59)	85.86 (85.56, 86.16)	91.44 (91.08, 91.80)	103.21 (102.59, 103.84)
15	48	46.62 (46.20, 47.04)	53.27 (53.00, 53.54)	56.59 (56.37, 56.82)	62.13 (61.93, 62.33)	69.12 (68.92, 69.33)	77.48 (77.24, 77.71)	85.98 (85.68, 86.28)	91.57 (91.20, 91.93)	103.35 (102.72, 103.98)
16	50	46.69 (46.27, 47.12)	53.34 (53.07, 53.62)	56.67 (56.44, 56.90)	62.20 (62.00, 62.41)	69.19 (68.99, 69.40)	77.54 (77.31, 77.77)	86.04 (85.74, 86.34)	91.63 (91.26, 92.00)	103.41 (102.76, 104.05)
17	52	46.76 (46.33, 47.18)	53.40 (53.12, 53.67)	56.72 (56.49, 56.95)	62.24 (62.04, 62.45)	69.22 (69.02, 69.43)	77.56 (77.32, 77.79)	86.05 (85.74, 86.35)	91.62 (91.25, 92.00)	103.38 (102.73, 104.04)
18	54	46.80 (46.38, 47.23)	53.43 (53.16, 53.70)	56.74 (56.51, 56.97)	62.25 (62.05, 62.46)	69.21 (69.01, 69.42)	77.53 (77.30, 77.77)	86.00 (85.69, 86.31)	91.56 (91.18, 91.95)	103.30 (102.63, 103.96)

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19	56	46.83 (46.41, 47.25)	53.44 (53.17, 53.70)	56.74 (56.51, 56.96)	62.23 (62.04, 62.43)	69.17 (68.97, 69.37)	77.46 (77.23, 77.70)	85.91 (85.60, 86.22)	91.45 (91.06, 91.84)	103.15 (102.47, 103.83)
20	58	46.84 (46.43, 47.25)	53.42 (53.16, 53.68)	56.71 (56.49, 56.92)	62.19 (61.99, 62.38)	69.10 (68.90, 69.30)	77.36 (77.13, 77.60)	85.77 (85.46, 86.09)	91.30 (90.90, 91.69)	102.95 (102.27, 103.64)
21	60	46.82 (46.43, 47.22)	53.38 (53.13, 53.63)	56.65 (56.45, 56.86)	62.11 (61.92, 62.30)	69.00 (68.80, 69.19)	77.23 (76.99, 77.46)	85.61 (85.29, 85.92)	91.11 (90.71, 91.51)	102.72 (102.02, 103.41)
22	62	46.79 (46.40, 47.17)	53.32 (53.08, 53.55)	56.58 (56.38, 56.77)	62.01 (61.83, 62.19)	68.87 (68.68, 69.06)	77.07 (76.83, 77.30)	85.41 (85.09, 85.73)	90.89 (90.49, 91.30)	102.45 (101.76, 103.15)
23	64	46.72 (46.35, 47.09)	53.23 (53.00, 53.45)	56.48 (56.29, 56.66)	61.89 (61.72, 62.06)	68.72 (68.53, 68.91)	76.89 (76.65, 77.12)	85.20 (84.88, 85.52)	90.66 (90.26, 91.07)	102.18 (101.48, 102.88)
24	66	46.63 (46.28, 46.99)	53.12 (52.90, 53.33)	56.35 (56.18, 56.53)	61.75 (61.58, 61.92)	68.56 (68.37, 68.75)	76.70 (76.46, 76.93)	84.98 (84.66, 85.31)	90.43 (90.02, 90.83)	101.90 (101.20, 102.61)
25	68	46.52 (46.17, 46.87)	52.98 (52.78, 53.19)	56.21 (56.04, 56.38)	61.60 (61.43, 61.76)	68.39 (68.20, 68.58)	76.50 (76.26, 76.74)	84.77 (84.44, 85.09)	90.19 (89.78, 90.61)	101.64 (100.93, 102.35)
26	70	46.38 (46.03, 46.73)	52.83 (52.63, 53.04)	56.06 (55.89, 56.22)	61.43 (61.27, 61.59)	68.21 (68.02, 68.40)	76.31 (76.07, 76.56)	84.56 (84.23, 84.90)	89.98 (89.56, 90.40)	101.41 (100.69, 102.13)
27	72	46.21 (45.85, 46.57)	52.66 (52.45, 52.87)	55.89 (55.71, 56.06)	61.26 (61.09, 61.42)	68.03 (67.85, 68.22)	76.13 (75.89, 76.38)	84.38 (84.04, 84.72)	89.80 (89.37, 90.23)	101.23 (100.50, 101.95)
28	74	46.02 (45.65, 46.38)	52.48 (52.25, 52.70)	55.70 (55.52, 55.88)	61.08 (60.92, 61.25)	67.87 (67.68, 68.06)	75.98 (75.73, 76.23)	84.24 (83.89, 84.58)	89.66 (89.23, 90.10)	101.10 (100.37, 101.84)
29	76	45.79 (45.40, 46.18)	52.28 (52.04, 52.51)	55.51 (55.32, 55.71)	60.91 (60.74, 61.08)	67.72 (67.53, 67.91)	75.86 (75.61, 76.11)	84.14 (83.79, 84.50)	89.59 (89.14, 90.03)	101.07 (100.32, 101.81)
30	78	45.54 (45.13, 45.96)	52.06 (51.80, 52.32)	55.32 (55.11, 55.53)	60.75 (60.57, 60.92)	67.60 (67.41, 67.78)	75.78 (75.53, 76.03)	84.11 (83.76, 84.47)	89.59 (89.14, 90.04)	101.13 (100.38, 101.88)
31	80	45.27 (44.83, 45.71)	51.84 (51.56, 52.13)	55.13 (54.89, 55.36)	60.60 (60.41, 60.79)	67.51 (67.32, 67.69)	75.76 (75.51, 76.00)	84.16 (83.81, 84.51)	89.68 (89.24, 90.13)	101.32 (100.57, 102.08)
32	82	44.96 (44.49, 45.44)	51.61 (51.30, 51.93)	54.94 (54.68, 55.19)	60.47 (60.27, 60.67)	67.46 (67.27, 67.65)	75.81 (75.56, 76.05)	84.31 (83.96, 84.66)	89.89 (89.45, 90.33)	101.67 (100.92, 102.41)
33	84	44.63 (44.12, 45.14)	51.38 (51.03, 51.73)	54.75 (54.47, 55.04)	60.37 (60.15, 60.59)	67.46 (67.27, 67.66)	75.94 (75.69, 76.18)	84.57 (84.22, 84.91)	90.23 (89.79, 90.67)	102.19 (101.45, 102.92)

	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
34	86	44.27 (43.72, 44.81)	51.14 (50.76, 51.53)	54.58 (54.26, 54.90)	60.31 (60.06, 60.55)	67.53 (67.31, 67.75)	76.17 (75.91, 76.43)	84.96 (84.60, 85.32)	90.73 (90.29, 91.18)	102.91 (102.18, 103.65)
35	88	43.87 (43.27, 44.46)	50.90 (50.47, 51.34)	54.42 (54.06, 54.79)	60.28 (59.99, 60.57)	67.67 (67.42, 67.93)	76.51 (76.21, 76.81)	85.51 (85.11, 85.90)	91.42 (90.93, 91.90)	103.88 (103.12, 104.64)
36	90	43.43 (42.76, 44.10)	50.66 (50.17, 51.16)	54.28 (53.86, 54.70)	60.30 (59.96, 60.64)	67.90 (67.59, 68.22)	76.99 (76.61, 77.36)	86.24 (85.75, 86.73)	92.32 (91.73, 92.90)	105.13 (104.27, 105.99)

### Male pulse pressure centiles with 95% CI

	Age	1st	5th	10th	25th	50th	75th	90th	95th	99th
1	20	31.75 (30.29, 33.22)	39.16 (38.33, 39.99)	42.78 (42.07, 43.49)	48.59 (47.94, 49.25)	55.24 (54.63, 55.85)	62.62 (62.06, 63.19)	69.94 (69.29, 70.58)	74.70 (73.92, 75.48)	84.71 ( (83.29, 86.13)
2	22	31.54 (30.33, 32.75)	38.84 (38.21, 39.48)	42.40 (41.87, 42.93)	48.12 (47.62, 48.61)	54.69 (54.21, 55.18)	62.06 (61.55, 62.56)	69.38 (68.77, 69.99)	74.17 (73.44, 74.90)	84.28 ( (83.02, 85.54)
3	24	31.28 (30.24, 32.32)	38.47 (37.96, 38.99)	41.97 (41.55, 42.38)	47.59 (47.19, 47.99)	54.09 (53.67, 54.51)	61.43 (60.94, 61.93)	68.78 (68.12, 69.43)	73.59 (72.79, 74.39)	83.81 ( (82.46, 85.15)
4	26	30.95 (29.96, 31.95)	38.04 (37.51, 38.57)	41.47 (41.04, 41.91)	47.00 (46.59, 47.41)	53.43 (53.00, 53.87)	60.75 (60.22, 61.29)	68.12 (67.41, 68.82)	72.96 (72.10, 73.82)	83.29 ( (81.85, 84.74)
5	28	30.57 (29.63, 31.52)	37.56 (37.05, 38.06)	40.93 (40.52, 41.35)	46.37 (45.99, 46.74)	52.74 (52.34, 53.14)	60.05 (59.56, 60.54)	67.43 (66.77, 68.09)	72.31 (71.49, 73.14)	82.78 ( (81.31, 84.24)
6	30	30.16 (29.32, 30.99)	37.05 (36.62, 37.47)	40.37 (40.02, 40.72)	45.72 (45.38, 46.06)	52.04 (51.66, 52.41)	59.34 (58.88, 59.80)	66.76 (66.15, 67.38)	71.69 (70.89, 72.49)	82.30 ( (80.80, 83.80)
7	32	29.72 (28.96, 30.48)	36.53 (36.12, 36.94)	39.81 (39.44, 40.18)	45.08 (44.69, 45.47)	51.36 (50.93, 51.80)	58.68 (58.18, 59.18)	66.15 (65.50, 66.80)	71.13 (70.31, 71.96)	81.92 ( (80.35, 83.49)
8	34	29.29 (28.56, 30.02)	36.04 (35.64, 36.43)	39.28 (38.93, 39.62)	44.49 (44.14, 44.84)	50.75 (50.37, 51.13)	58.10 (57.65, 58.54)	65.64 (65.04, 66.24)	70.69 (69.90, 71.47)	81.67 ( (80.10, 83.24)
9	36	28.89 (28.17, 29.62)	35.60 (35.19, 36.02)	38.81 (38.45, 39.17)	43.98 (43.65, 44.31)	50.24 (49.90, 50.58)	57.64 (57.24, 58.04)	65.27 (64.72, 65.83)	70.40 (69.65, 71.14)	81.62 ( (80.09, 83.15)
10	38	28.53 (27.82, 29.25)	35.23 (34.78, 35.67)	38.42 (38.04, 38.81)	43.57 (43.22, 43.92)	49.85 (49.50, 50.21)	57.32 (56.91, 57.74)	65.07 (64.51, 65.63)	70.29 (69.56, 71.03)	81.79 ( (80.31, 83.26)



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11	40	28.18 (27.51, 28.85)	34.89 (34.44, 35.34)	38.09 (37.69, 38.49)	43.24 (42.87, 43.61)	49.57 (49.19, 49.96)	57.15 (56.70, 57.60)	65.04 (64.44, 65.64)	70.38 (69.62, 71.14)	82.18 (80.74, 83.63)
12	42	27.82 (27.18, 28.45)	34.58 (34.13, 35.03)	37.79 (37.38, 38.20)	42.98 (42.59, 43.37)	49.40 (48.98, 49.81)	57.11 (56.62, 57.61)	65.18 (64.54, 65.82)	70.66 (69.86, 71.46)	82.82 (81.38, 84.26)
13	44	27.44 (26.81, 28.07)	34.29 (33.84, 34.75)	37.54 (37.13, 37.96)	42.79 (42.40, 43.18)	49.33 (48.91, 49.74)	57.22 (56.72, 57.72)	65.50 (64.85, 66.15)	71.14 (70.33, 71.94)	83.69 (82.25, 85.13)
14	46	27.09 (26.43, 27.74)	34.05 (33.59, 34.51)	37.35 (36.94, 37.76)	42.69 (42.32, 43.06)	49.38 (48.99, 49.77)	57.49 (57.02, 57.96)	66.00 (65.39, 66.62)	71.81 (71.04, 72.58)	84.77 (83.35, 86.19)
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21	60	26.58 (25.90, 27.26)	34.32 (33.88, 34.76)	38.19 (37.82, 38.56)	44.68 (44.36, 45.00)	52.95 (52.61, 53.29)	62.88 (62.44, 63.32)	73.01 (72.41, 73.61)	79.66 (78.91, 80.42)	93.68 (92.38, 94.98)
22	62	26.71 (26.04, 27.39)	34.54 (34.09, 34.99)	38.51 (38.13, 38.89)	45.20 (44.87, 45.52)	53.71 (53.38, 54.05)	63.89 (63.46, 64.33)	74.18 (73.58, 74.79)	80.88 (80.13, 81.63)	94.79 (93.54, 96.04)
23	64	26.94 (26.28, 27.60)	34.86 (34.41, 35.32)	38.93 (38.54, 39.32)	45.82 (45.49, 46.15)	54.58 (54.26, 54.91)	65.01 (64.59, 65.42)	75.46 (74.88, 76.04)	82.21 (81.49, 82.93)	96.03 (94.86, 97.20)
24	66	27.24 (26.62, 27.86)	35.28 (34.84, 35.73)	39.45 (39.07, 39.84)	46.55 (46.21, 46.88)	55.57 (55.24, 55.89)	66.23 (65.84, 66.63)	76.86 (76.31, 77.40)	83.66 (82.98, 84.33)	97.42 (96.33, 98.52)
25	68	27.58 (26.98, 28.18)	35.76 (35.33, 36.19)	40.04 (39.66, 40.41)	47.35 (47.02, 47.68)	56.62 (56.30, 56.94)	67.53 (67.14, 67.92)	78.33 (77.81, 78.86)	85.19 (84.55, 85.84)	98.95 (97.89, 100.01)

	Age	1st	5th	10th	25th	50th	75th	90th	95th	99th
26	70	27.85 (27.23, 28.47)	36.19 (35.76, 36.62)	40.59 (40.21, 40.96)	48.11 (47.79, 48.44)	57.63 (57.31, 57.95)	68.80 (68.41, 69.18)	79.78 (79.25, 80.31)	86.71 (86.05, 87.37)	100.50 (99.41, 101.59)
27	72	27.98 (27.30, 28.65)	36.50 (36.04, 36.96)	41.01 (40.62, 41.40)	48.76 (48.43, 49.10)	58.54 (58.20, 58.87)	69.94 (69.53, 70.35)	81.11 (80.55, 81.67)	88.13 (87.43, 88.82)	101.97 (100.83, 103.12)
28	74	27.93 (27.22, 28.63)	36.65 (36.17, 37.13)	41.29 (40.88, 41.70)	49.27 (48.90, 49.64)	59.29 (58.92, 59.67)	70.95 (70.51, 71.39)	82.32 (81.73, 82.90)	89.42 (88.70, 90.15)	103.37 (102.17, 104.56)
29	76	27.72 (27.03, 28.42)	36.65 (36.18, 37.12)	41.42 (41.01, 41.82)	49.62 (49.25, 50.00)	59.91 (59.52, 60.29)	71.82 (71.37, 72.26)	83.38 (82.78, 83.98)	90.60 (89.84, 91.35)	104.67 (103.41, 105.92)
30	78	27.42 (26.71, 28.12)	36.54 (36.05, 37.04)	41.43 (41.01, 41.85)	49.86 (49.47, 50.24)	60.38 (59.98, 60.78)	72.54 (72.07, 73.02)	84.32 (83.65, 84.99)	91.64 (90.78, 92.50)	105.86 (104.46, 107.27)
31	80	27.13 (26.35, 27.91)	36.43 (35.85, 37.00)	41.42 (40.91, 41.93)	50.04 (49.57, 50.50)	60.79 (60.32, 61.26)	73.19 (72.63, 73.75)	85.17 (84.39, 85.95)	92.60 (91.61, 93.59)	106.99 (105.41, 108.57)
32	82	26.96 (26.14, 27.78)	36.40 (35.77, 37.02)	41.47 (40.91, 42.04)	50.25 (49.73, 50.77)	61.21 (60.69, 61.73)	73.83 (73.23, 74.42)	86.00 (85.18, 86.83)	93.54 (92.50, 94.58)	108.10 (106.45, 109.75)
33	84	26.93 (26.07, 27.78)	36.46 (35.83, 37.09)	41.60 (41.04, 42.16)	50.50 (49.98, 51.03)	61.63 (61.11, 62.16)	74.46 (73.86, 75.05)	86.82 (86.00, 87.64)	94.46 (93.43, 95.49)	109.19 (107.55, 110.82)
34	86	26.97 (25.99, 27.95)	36.57 (35.90, 37.24)	41.76 (41.19, 42.33)	50.76 (50.23, 51.29)	62.04 (61.49, 62.59)	75.05 (74.41, 75.69)	87.58 (86.70, 88.47)	95.32 (94.21, 96.44)	110.21 (108.50, 111.92)
35	88	27.03 (25.79, 28.27)	36.67 (35.88, 37.45)	41.89 (41.26, 42.51)	50.95 (50.42, 51.49)	62.35 (61.79, 62.92)	75.52 (74.80, 76.24)	88.20 (87.15, 89.25)	96.02 (94.71, 97.34)	111.05 (109.09, 113.02)
36	90	27.07 (25.45, 28.70)	36.72 (35.70, 37.74)	41.96 (41.18, 42.74)	51.07 (50.45, 51.69)	62.56 (61.94, 63.18)	75.85 (75.03, 76.66)	88.65 (87.41, 89.89)	96.54 (94.96, 98.11)	111.68 (109.35, 114.00)

### Female PP centiles with 95% CI

	Age	1st	5th	10th	25th	50th	75th	90th	95th	99th
1	20	27.29 (26.29, 28.28)	33.96 (33.35, 34.58)	37.06 (36.57, 37.55)	41.94 (41.54, 42.34)	47.71 (47.21, 48.21)	54.50 (53.81, 55.19)	61.58 (60.71, 62.45)	66.42 (65.43, 67.42)	77.33 (75.64, 79.01)
2	22	27.09 (26.25, 27.93)	33.72 (33.20, 34.24)	36.80 (36.38, 37.22)	41.65 (41.32, 41.98)	47.40 (47.04, 47.76)	54.18 (53.70, 54.65)	61.26 (60.63, 61.88)	66.10 (65.34, 66.86)	77.01 (75.55, 78.46)



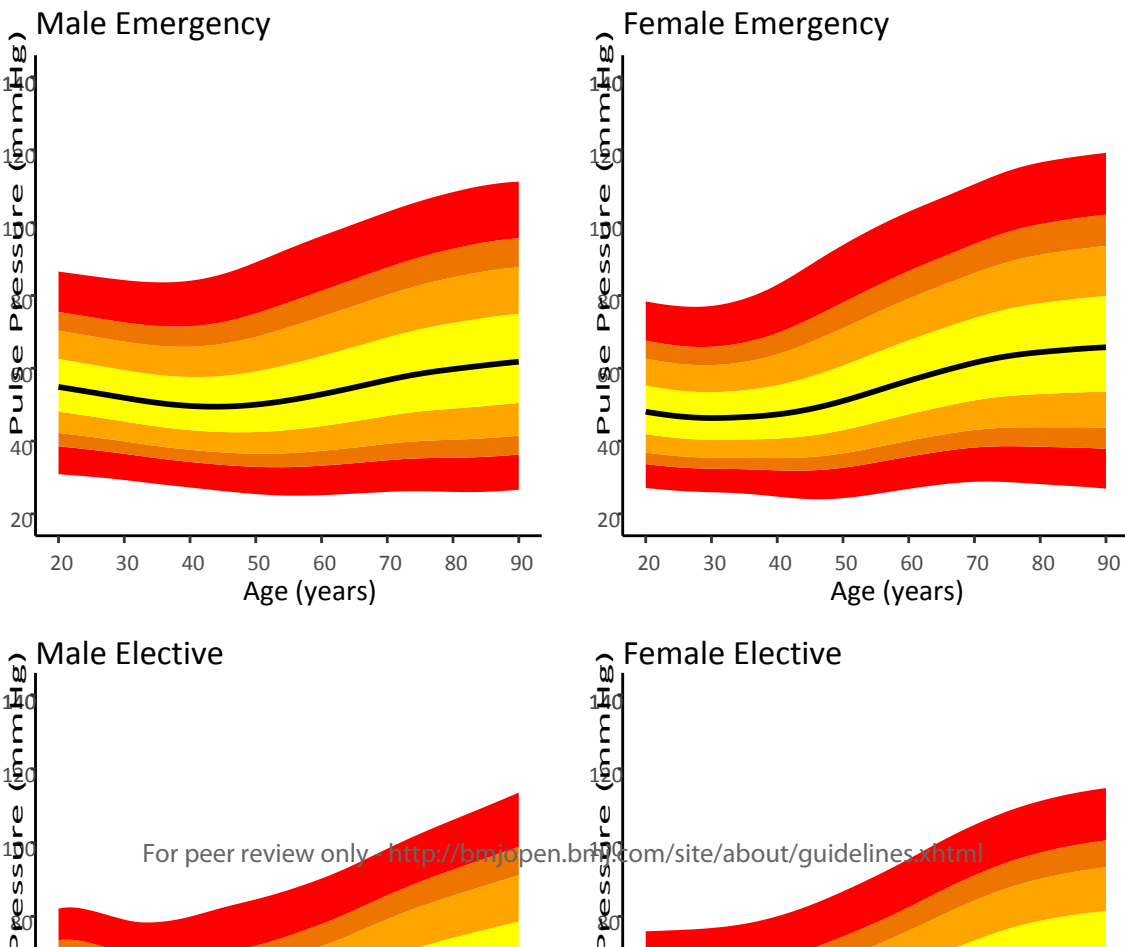
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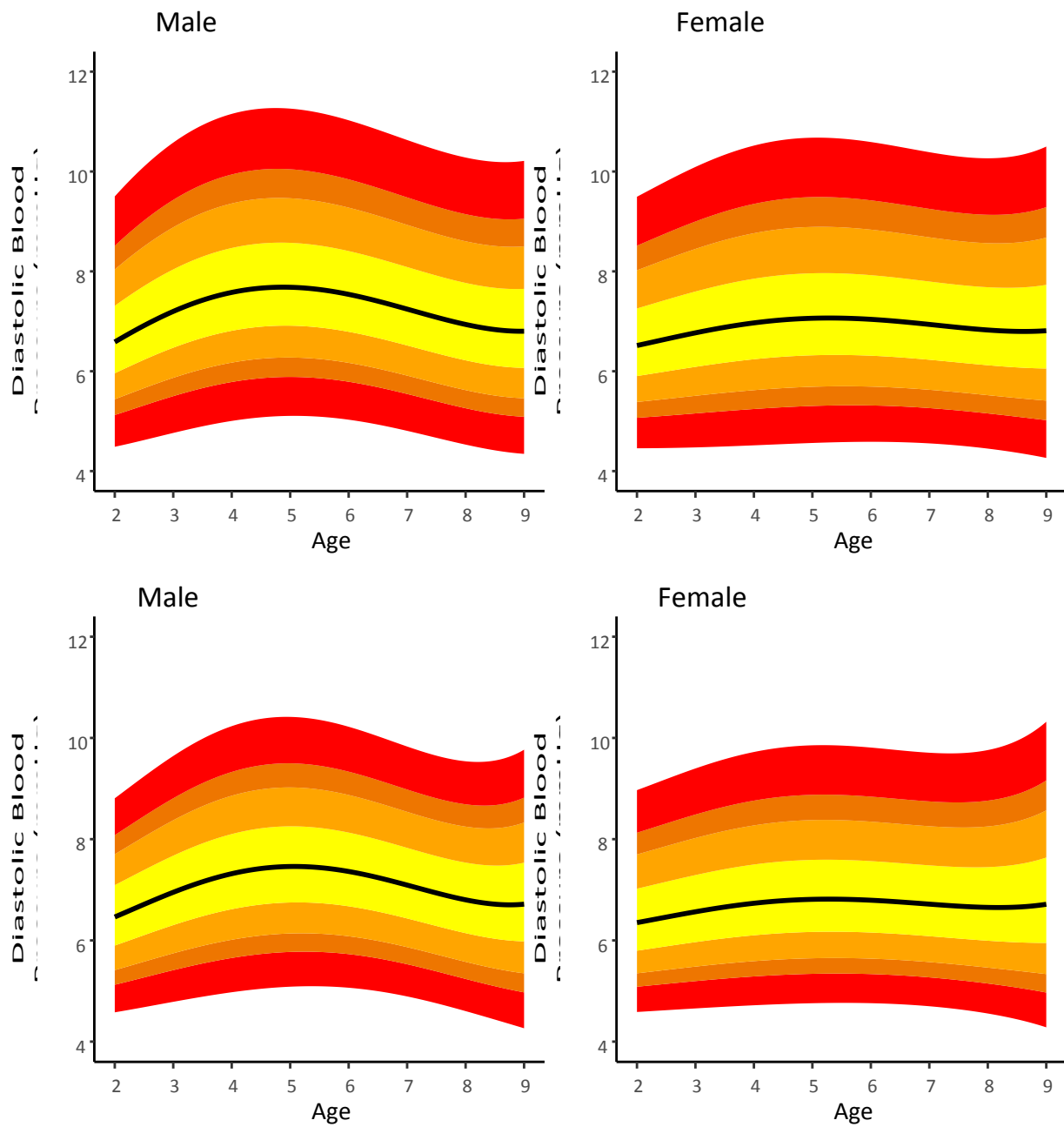
	Age	1st	5th	10th	25th	50th	75th	90th	95th	99th
3	24	26.89 (26.14, 27.64)	33.48 (33.02, 33.94)	36.54 (36.17, 36.91)	41.37 (41.08, 41.66)	47.11 (46.82, 47.40)	53.88 (53.52, 54.25)	60.97 (60.45, 61.49)	65.82 ( 65.14, 66.49)	76.74 ( 75.40, 78.09)
4	26	26.70 (26.00, 27.40)	33.26 (32.84, 33.68)	36.31 (35.97, 36.65)	41.12 (40.85, 41.39)	46.86 (46.59, 47.13)	53.64 (53.30, 53.98)	60.74 (60.23, 61.25)	65.61 ( 64.92, 66.29)	76.57 ( 75.26, 77.88)
5	28	26.54 (25.86, 27.21)	33.08 (32.68, 33.48)	36.12 (35.80, 36.43)	40.93 (40.66, 41.19)	46.67 (46.40, 46.94)	53.49 (53.13, 53.84)	60.63 (60.09, 61.16)	65.52 ( 64.81, 66.23)	76.54 ( 75.25, 77.84)
6	30	26.41 (25.75, 27.07)	32.95 (32.56, 33.34)	35.99 (35.68, 36.30)	40.81 (40.55, 41.07)	46.59 (46.32, 46.86)	53.46 (53.10, 53.82)	60.67 (60.12, 61.21)	65.60 ( 64.88, 66.32)	76.73 ( 75.46, 78.01)
7	32	26.30 (25.66, 26.95)	32.87 (32.48, 33.26)	35.92 (35.61, 36.24)	40.77 (40.50, 41.04)	46.61 (46.34, 46.88)	53.57 (53.23, 53.91)	60.87 (60.35, 61.39)	65.88 ( 65.19, 66.57)	77.17 ( 75.91, 78.43)
8	34	26.20 (25.58, 26.83)	32.82 (32.43, 33.21)	35.90 (35.57, 36.23)	40.80 (40.51, 41.09)	46.73 (46.45, 47.01)	53.81 (53.49, 54.14)	61.26 (60.77, 61.74)	66.36 ( 65.71, 67.01)	77.86 ( 76.62, 79.11)
9	36	26.09 (25.46, 26.71)	32.79 (32.39, 33.18)	35.91 (35.57, 36.26)	40.89 (40.57, 41.20)	46.94 (46.65, 47.23)	54.19 (53.88, 54.51)	61.82 (61.37, 62.27)	67.05 ( 66.44, 67.66)	78.83 ( 77.56, 80.11)
10	38	25.96 (25.29, 26.62)	32.77 (32.36, 33.17)	35.95 (35.59, 36.31)	41.03 (40.70, 41.36)	47.25 (46.95, 47.54)	54.71 (54.41, 55.01)	62.56 (62.15, 62.98)	67.95 ( 67.35, 68.55)	80.07 ( 78.66, 81.49)
11	40	25.81 (25.07, 26.55)	32.76 (32.35, 33.17)	36.02 (35.65, 36.38)	41.23 (40.90, 41.56)	47.64 (47.35, 47.94)	55.36 (55.06, 55.66)	63.48 (63.05, 63.92)	69.05 ( 68.38, 69.71)	81.56 ( 79.84, 83.29)
12	42	25.68 (24.86, 26.51)	32.79 (32.37, 33.21)	36.13 (35.77, 36.49)	41.50 (41.18, 41.82)	48.14 (47.85, 48.43)	56.14 (55.82, 56.47)	64.57 (64.05, 65.09)	70.33 ( 69.52, 71.15)	83.27 ( 81.15, 85.39)
13	44	25.62 (24.75, 26.50)	32.89 (32.47, 33.31)	36.33 (35.98, 36.68)	41.86 (41.56, 42.17)	48.74 (48.45, 49.03)	57.06 (56.69, 57.43)	65.80 (65.19, 66.42)	71.77 ( 70.82, 72.72)	85.12 ( 82.74, 87.50)
14	46	25.65 (24.75, 26.55)	33.08 (32.65, 33.52)	36.61 (36.26, 36.96)	42.33 (42.03, 42.62)	49.46 (49.15, 49.76)	58.09 (57.67, 58.51)	67.15 (66.47, 67.83)	73.32 ( 72.30, 74.33)	87.04 ( 84.66, 89.43)
15	48	25.79 (24.85, 26.72)	33.37 (32.89, 33.84)	36.99 (36.62, 37.36)	42.88 (42.58, 43.18)	50.27 (49.94, 50.59)	59.21 (58.74, 59.67)	68.56 (67.83, 69.30)	74.91 ( 73.89, 75.94)	88.95 ( 86.75, 91.16)
16	50	26.01 (25.03, 27.00)	33.73 (33.21, 34.26)	37.45 (37.05, 37.84)	43.51 (43.21, 43.82)	51.15 (50.81, 51.48)	60.38 (59.88, 60.89)	70.01 (69.23, 70.79)	76.51 ( 75.47, 77.55)	90.80 ( 88.81, 92.78)
17	52	26.31 (25.27, 27.35)	34.16 (33.59, 34.73)	37.97 (37.55, 38.39)	44.22 (43.91, 44.52)	52.09 (51.76, 52.43)	61.61 (61.08, 62.14)	71.48 (70.66, 72.30)	78.12 ( 77.06, 79.17)	92.58 ( 90.77, 94.38)

	Age	1st	5th	10th	25th	50th	75th	90th	95th	99th
18	54	26.65 (25.59, 27.71)	34.64 (34.03, 35.24)	38.54 (38.09, 38.99)	44.97 (44.65, 45.29)	53.09 (52.76, 53.42)	62.87 (62.34, 63.40)	72.98 (72.15, 73.80)	79.72 (78.67, 80.78)	94.31 (92.64, 95.97)
19	56	27.01 (25.99, 28.03)	35.14 (34.54, 35.74)	39.15 (38.69, 39.60)	45.77 (45.43, 46.11)	54.13 (53.79, 54.46)	64.17 (63.64, 64.69)	74.48 (73.66, 75.30)	81.33 (80.30, 82.36)	96.00 (94.44, 97.56)
20	58	27.38 (26.43, 28.33)	35.66 (35.10, 36.23)	39.78 (39.33, 40.22)	46.60 (46.24, 46.96)	55.20 (54.85, 55.55)	65.49 (64.97, 66.00)	76.00 (75.21, 76.79)	82.94 (81.94, 83.93)	97.66 (96.17, 99.16)
21	60	27.76 (26.88, 28.63)	36.21 (35.68, 36.73)	40.43 (40.00, 40.87)	47.47 (47.10, 47.84)	56.31 (55.94, 56.68)	66.84 (66.34, 67.35)	77.55 (76.81, 78.28)	84.57 (83.65, 85.49)	99.34 (97.93, 100.75)
22	62	28.14 (27.32, 28.96)	36.78 (36.28, 37.28)	41.12 (40.70, 41.55)	48.38 (47.99, 48.77)	57.46 (57.08, 57.85)	68.24 (67.75, 68.73)	79.13 (78.45, 79.80)	86.23 (85.40, 87.05)	101.05 (99.76, 102.35)
23	64	28.54 (27.74, 29.34)	37.37 (36.88, 37.86)	41.84 (41.42, 42.26)	49.31 (48.92, 49.70)	58.64 (58.24, 59.03)	69.64 (69.16, 70.12)	80.70 (80.07, 81.33)	87.87 (87.12, 88.63)	102.75 (101.55, 103.94)
24	66	28.96 (28.17, 29.76)	37.99 (37.51, 38.47)	42.58 (42.17, 42.98)	50.26 (49.88, 50.63)	59.80 (59.42, 60.19)	71.01 (70.55, 71.47)	82.22 (81.64, 82.81)	89.47 (88.78, 90.15)	104.37 (103.28, 105.46)
25	68	29.38 (28.58, 30.19)	38.60 (38.12, 39.07)	43.30 (42.91, 43.69)	51.19 (50.84, 51.54)	60.95 (60.58, 61.31)	72.35 (71.92, 72.79)	83.71 (83.16, 84.26)	91.01 (90.37, 91.65)	105.95 (104.93, 106.96)
26	70	29.75 (28.92, 30.58)	39.16 (38.68, 39.65)	43.99 (43.59, 44.39)	52.08 (51.73, 52.44)	62.05 (61.68, 62.42)	73.65 (73.20, 74.10)	85.15 (84.59, 85.72)	92.52 (91.85, 93.18)	107.50 (106.43, 108.58)
27	72	30.01 (29.12, 30.89)	39.63 (39.10, 40.16)	44.57 (44.13, 45.02)	52.88 (52.47, 53.30)	63.07 (62.64, 63.51)	74.88 (74.37, 75.38)	86.54 (85.90, 87.18)	93.98 (93.22, 94.74)	109.05 (107.74, 110.35)
28	74	30.08 (29.12, 31.04)	39.92 (39.34, 40.51)	45.00 (44.50, 45.50)	53.53 (53.06, 54.01)	63.96 (63.47, 64.46)	75.99 (75.42, 76.56)	87.84 (87.11, 88.56)	95.37 (94.48, 96.26)	110.55 (108.98, 112.12)
29	76	29.93 (28.92, 30.95)	40.01 (39.37, 40.65)	45.22 (44.68, 45.76)	53.99 (53.50, 54.47)	64.66 (64.15, 65.17)	76.93 (76.33, 77.53)	88.97 (88.19, 89.74)	96.60 (95.65, 97.56)	111.93 (110.29, 113.57)
30	78	29.60 (28.51, 30.70)	39.90 (39.18, 40.63)	45.25 (44.65, 45.85)	54.24 (53.75, 54.73)	65.16 (64.65, 65.66)	77.67 (77.05, 78.28)	89.90 (89.10, 90.71)	97.65 (96.65, 98.64)	113.13 (111.50, 114.76)
31	80	29.18 (27.99, 30.36)	39.69 (38.87, 40.50)	45.15 (44.48, 45.83)	54.35 (53.83, 54.88)	65.51 (65.00, 66.03)	78.26 (77.64, 78.87)	90.69 (89.88, 91.50)	98.54 (97.55, 99.53)	114.18 (112.57, 115.79)
32	82	28.73 (27.53, 29.93)	39.43 (38.58, 40.28)	45.01 (44.30, 45.71)	54.40 (53.86, 54.95)	65.79 (65.28, 66.29)	78.75 (78.17, 79.34)	91.38 (90.63, 92.13)	99.33 (98.41, 100.25)	115.12 (113.58, 116.66)

	Age	1st	5th	10th	25th	50th	75th	90th	95th	99th
33	84	28.31 (27.16, 29.47)	39.18 (38.36, 40.01)	44.86 (44.17, 45.55)	54.44 (53.91, 54.98)	66.03 (65.55, 66.51)	79.21 (78.67, 79.75)	92.02 (91.31, 92.72)	100.06 (99.19, 100.93)	116.00 (114.50, 117.51)
34	86	27.92 (26.76, 29.07)	38.94 (38.14, 39.74)	44.72 (44.04, 45.39)	54.46 (53.93, 55.00)	66.25 (65.76, 66.74)	79.62 (79.06, 80.19)	92.60 (91.85, 93.35)	100.73 (99.80, 101.67)	116.81 (115.23, 118.39)
35	88	27.50 (26.22, 28.78)	38.67 (37.81, 39.53)	44.53 (43.81, 45.26)	54.44 (53.84, 55.05)	66.41 (65.84, 66.98)	79.97 (79.31, 80.62)	93.09 (92.22, 93.96)	101.31 (100.24, 102.38)	117.50 (115.72, 119.27)
36	90	27.00 (25.48, 28.51)	38.33 (37.33, 39.33)	44.28 (43.44, 45.12)	54.35 (53.63, 55.07)	66.49 (65.80, 67.18)	80.22 (79.47, 80.96)	93.48 (92.50, 94.46)	101.76 (100.54, 102.98)	118.05 (116.04, 120.07)

Appendix B - Diastolic and Pulse Pressure Centiles for  
Emergency/Elective cohorts





The RECORD statement – checklist of items, extended from the STROBE statement, that should be reported in observational studies using routinely collected health data.

	Item No.	STROBE items	Location in manuscript where items are reported	RECORD items	Location in manuscript where items are reported
Title and abstract					
	1	(a) Indicate the study’s design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract (b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found	yes	RECORD 1.1: The type of data used should be specified in the title or abstract. When possible, the name of the databases used should be included.  RECORD 1.2: If applicable, the geographic region and time frame within which the study took place should be reported in the title or abstract.  RECORD 1.3: If linkage between databases was conducted for the study, this should be clearly stated in the title or abstract.	yes  Abstract  N/A
Introduction					
Background rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported			Introduction
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## Abstract

**objectives:** National guidelines for identifying physiological deterioration and sepsis in hospitals depend on thresholds for blood pressure that do not account for age or sex. In populations outside hospital, differences in blood pressure are known to occur with both variables. Whether these differences remain in the hospitalised population is unknown. This database analysis study aims to generate representative centiles to quantify variations in blood pressure by age and sex in hospitalised patients.

**design:** retrospective cross-sectional observational database analysis.

**setting:** four near-sea-level hospitals between April 2015 and April 2017

**participants:** 75342 adult patients who were admitted to the hospitals and had at least one set of documented vital sign observations within 24 hours before discharge were eligible for inclusion. Patients were excluded if they died in hospital, had no vital signs 24 hours prior to discharge, were readmitted within 7 days of discharge, had missing age or sex or had no blood pressure recorded.

**results:** Systolic blood pressure for hospitalised patients increases with age for both sexes. Median systolic blood pressure increases from 122 (CI: 121.1 – 122.1) mmHg to 132 (CI: 130.9 – 132.2) mmHg in men, and 114 (CI: 113.1-114.4) mmHg to 135 (CI: 134.5-136.2) mmHg for women, between the ages of 20 and 90. Diastolic blood pressure peaked around 50 years for men 76 (CI: 75.5-75.9)mmHg and women 69 (CI: 69.0-69.4) mmHg. The blood pressure criterion for sepsis, systolic < 100mmHg, was met by 2.3% of younger (20-30yrs) men and 3.5% of older men (81-90yrs). In comparison, the criterion was met by 9.7% of younger women and 2.6% of older women.

**Conclusion:** We have quantified variations in blood pressure by age and sex in hospitalised patients that have implications for recognition of deterioration. Nearly 10% of younger women met the blood pressure criterion for sepsis at hospital discharge

**Key Words:** Blood Pressure; Hospitals; Ageing; Physiology

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**Strengths and Limitations of this study**

- Changes in Blood Pressure by age and sex are currently unknown for the hospitalised population
- A large cross-sectional database of 75342 patients were used to derive blood pressure centiles
- Results have implications on how sepsis and other in-hospital deterioration are detected in routine care
- Though patterns match those seen in out-of-hospital longitudinal studies, cross-sectional analysis can be affected by survival bias and birth cohort effects.



## INTRODUCTION

Routine measurement of blood pressure is a key component of patient surveillance and diagnosis in hospitals worldwide. Currently, in-hospital assessment of blood pressure is undertaken by comparison to generic population normal ranges.

The ability to use an individual's physiology to monitor them for signs of deterioration may be improved by taking into account factors that affect these normal ranges.[1] For instance, in paediatric medicine, it is accepted that the normal ranges of vital signs vary with age and patients are managed in light of their age-specific normal ranges.[2-3] However, none of the published physiology-based systems for recognising deterioration in hospitalised adults take account of variations in vital signs by age or sex,[4] despite growing evidence that these factors may provide additional information for accurately identifying deterioration.[5-6] As examples, the National Early Warning Score (NEWS2)[7] scores systolic blood pressure below 90 mmHg as requiring emergency attention and current sepsis guidelines blood pressure criterion are met when systolic blood pressure is less than 100 mmHg,[8] both regardless of age or sex.

In populations outside hospital, differences in blood pressure are known to occur with both age and sex.[9] If clinically significant differences also exist in hospitalised adult populations, opportunities for earlier identification and management of patient deterioration may be being missed.

To quantify these differences, our objective was to define representative centiles of the stable hospitalized population for systolic, diastolic and pulse pressure by age and sex via an analysis of a large near-sea-level database of routinely-collected vital signs. Description of

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this group allows inference about unstable patients via one class classification (novelty detection), which has previously been used when a clinical outcome of interest is relatively uncommon.

**METHODS**

This paper is reported according to RECORD guidelines. Approval for obtaining the data used in this study was obtained from the Oxford Research Ethics Committee (REC ref: 16/SC/0264). We conducted a cross-sectional analysis from a database collated at Oxford University Hospitals (OUH) NHS foundation trust group of hospitals. The OUH consists of four hospitals: an urban teaching hospital, a general district hospital, and two specialist hospitals. Our data set included patients admitted to the OUH between April 2015 and April 2017.

All adult patients who were admitted to OUH and had at least one set of documented vital sign observations within 24 hours prior to discharge were eligible for inclusion. Patients were excluded from the analysis if they (1) died in hospital, (2) had no recorded vital signs 24 hours prior to discharge, (3) were readmitted within 7 days of discharge, (4) had missing recordings for age or sex or (5) had no blood pressure recorded.

We collected the final recorded set of blood pressure observations from a patient’s first attendance to the OUH hospital group during the study period. This ensured that the centiles were not biased towards repeat attenders or patients with longer hospital stays. Blood pressure was measured using automated devices ratified for clinical use as part of routine clinical care and electronically documented using the SEND e-Obs software.[10] Data were validated for plausible range at the point of entry. Hospital admission time, discharge

time, discharge status, ethnicity, Admission Method and Main Specialty were also collected for each patient from the hospital electronic patient record (Cerner Millennium, Cerner, Kansas City, MO). One investigator (PW) had access to a small proportion of the database population as part of routine clinical care responsibilities.

Admissions were typed as either Elective, Emergency or Other, according to Admission Method code. Codes are defined in full within the NHS data dictionary.[11] The set of ICD-10 codes {I10, I11, I12, I13, I14, I15} were used to determine patients with a primary diagnosis of hypertension.[12]

## Analysis

The characteristics of the study population were described using medians and quartiles for the continuous variables, and frequencies otherwise. We calculated median and representative centiles (1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup>, 99<sup>th</sup>) for blood pressure at all ages between 20 and 90, for males and females. Systolic blood pressure (SBP) and diastolic blood pressure (DBP) are presented separately. One further measure, the pulse pressure (PP) was derived as the arithmetic difference between SBP and DBP and was also analysed using the same methods.

In subgroup analyses, we produced separate representative centiles by age and sex for Emergency and Elective Admissions, and for patients without a diagnostic code for hypertension.

Centiles were estimated using the Generalised Additive Models for Location, Scale, and Shape framework (GAMLSS).[13] This semi-parametric method provides various options for fitting non-normal distributions to the data. To create smooth centiles across the age range,

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penalised splines and fractional polynomials were used as smoothing functions. For each vital sign, we assessed six different distributions within the GAMLSS framework: Box-Cox Cole and Green, Box-Cox Power Exponential, Box-Cox-t, Skew Power Exponential type 3, Skew t type 3, and Power Exponential. The best fitting distribution was chosen based on a combination of model fit (Akaike information criterion and Bayesian information criterion)[14-15] and a comparison of fitted versus empirical centiles. Box-Cox t distribution was the best fit for male and female SBP, the Skew t type 3 distribution was chosen for male DBP and male and female PP, and the Skew power exponential distribution was chosen for female DBP. SBP and PP models used penalised-splines as a smoother, whilst the DBP models used fractional polynomials as a smoother. To ensure fair comparison, the same distribution was chosen for all subgroups within any given vital sign.

All analyses were undertaken using R and the GAMLSS package.[16]

**Sample size**

We used all the available data and therefore no formal sample size calculation was undertaken. To ensure that the sample was sufficient, the precision of the centiles was estimated via a bootstrapping procedure, whereby the dataset was sampled with replacement to create a new dataset and the analysis was carried out.[17] This was repeated 50 times. The standard deviation of these bootstrapped estimates was used to calculate the 95% confidence interval for each centile at two-yearly intervals. Full details of centile values and confidence intervals are provided in Appendix A.

## Patient and Public Involvement

Patients or the public were not involved in the design, or conduct, or reporting, or dissemination plans of our research

## RESULTS

83004 patients were admitted to the hospital trust during the period of study and received at least one observation on the SEND e-Obs system. In total, 75342 patients were included in the study. Blood pressure was missing in 885 (1.17%) records. Other reasons for exclusion are shown in Figure 1. Patient and hospital descriptors are shown in Table 1.

### Blood pressure centiles

Centiles by age for SBP, DBP and PP are shown in Figure 2 for each sex. Figure 2a shows progressive increase in median SBP from 122 (CI: 121.1 – 122.1) mmHg to 132 (CI: 130.9 – 132.2) mmHg for males between the ages of 20 and 90 years. Younger females had a lower median SBP than younger males (114 (CI: 113.1-114.4) mmHg at age 20). By the age of 90, median SBP was higher for females than for males (135 (CI: 134.5-136.2) mmHg).

Table 1 - Characteristics of the study population

	Female	Male	Total
<b>Total (N=75342)</b>	39157 (52.0%)	36185 (48.0%)	75342 (100.0 %)
<b>Patient Characteristics</b>			
<b>Ethnicity</b>			
White	30274	26580	56854 (75.5 %)
Mixed	263	261	524 (0.7 %)

Asian or Asian British	942	836	1778 (2.4 %)
Black or Black British	388	363	751 (1.0 %)
Other	361	341	702 (0.9 %)
Not known or stated	6929	7804	14733 (19.6 %)
<b>Age</b>			
<20	1082	918	2000 (2.7 %)
20-29	4137	3456	7593 (10.1 %)
30-39	4401	3391	7792 (10.3 %)
40-49	4995	4131	9126 (12.1 %)
50-59	5706	5676	11382 (15.1 %)
60-69	5815	6538	12353 (16.4 %)
70-79	6081	6674	12755 (16.9 %)
80-89	5084	4412	9496 (12.6 %)
>89	1856	989	2845 (3.8 %)
Median Age (IQR)	58 (40-75)	60 (43 – 74)	59 (41 - 74)
<b>Admission Characteristics</b>			
<b>Main Specialty</b>			
Medical	17023	13027	30050 (39.9 %)
Surgical	21202	22014	43216 (57.4 %)
Other	932	1144	2076 (2.8 %)
<b>Admission Method</b>			
Emergency	21542	19586	41383 (54.9 %)
Elective	17323	16596	33919 (45.0 %)

Other	37	3	40 (0.1 %)
<b>Hypertension Code</b>			
Yes	9622	10047	19669 (26.1 %)
No	29535	26138	55673 (73.9 %)

Figure 2b shows that median male DBP peaked at age 50 (76 (CI: 75.5-75.9) mmHg) with lower median DBP at age 20 (66 (CI: 65.0 – 66.0) mmHg) and age 90 (68 (CI: 67.9-68.4) mmHg). In the female cohort, the median DBP was 65 (CI: 64.6-65.0) mmHg, 69 (CI: 69.0-69.4) mmHg, and 68 (CI: 67.6-68.2) mmHg at ages 20, 50 and 90 respectively.

For males, there was a modest reduction in median PP between the ages of 20 and 40 from 55 mmHg (CI: 54.6-55.9) to 50 mmHg (CI: 49.2-50.0), whereas for females PP remained constant at 47mmHg (Figure 2c). Median PP increases for both sexes between the ages of 40 and 90, from 50mmHg (CI: 49.2-50.0) to 63mmHg for males, and 48mmHg (CI: 47.6-48.0) to 66mmHg (CI: 65.8-67.2) for females. Bootstrapped confidence intervals for SBP, DBP and PP are tabulated in supplementary material (Appendix A).

Figure 3 shows the differences in medians for SBP, DBP and PP between the ages of 20 and 90 for the whole study population in comparison to the subset without an ICD-10 diagnostic code for hypertension.

19669 patients had an ICD-10 diagnostic code for hypertension. Of these, 24.0 % (4711) an SBP of <120 mmHg and 2.3% (453) had a low SBP of <100 mmHg at the time of discharge. Per-decade percentages were not calculated due as small numbers of patients means that confidence intervals are wider than any differences between decades.

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Figure 4 shows SBP centiles for the Emergency vs Elective sub-populations. DBP and PP centiles are included in Appendix B. In the 24 hours prior to discharge the 95<sup>th</sup> centile for systolic blood pressure for emergency male admissions at 50 years was 163 mmHg versus 155 mmHg for elective male admissions. Similarly, the 95<sup>th</sup> centile for systolic blood pressure for emergency female admissions at 50 years was 160 mmHg versus 152 mmHg for elective female admissions.

**Proportion of patients with blood pressure below published alert thresholds**

Table 2 shows the cumulative percentages of male and female patients who had SBP less than 90, 100, and 110 mmHg. These values correspond to the NEWS2 thresholds for hypotension.[7] 100mmHg is also a threshold used to assist in identifying sepsis.[8] For the 100mmHg threshold, 2.3% of younger (20-30yrs) men and 3.5% of older men (81-90yrs) fell below the threshold using their final reading in the 24 hours prior to discharge. In comparison, the criterion was met by 9.7% of younger women and 2.6% of older women.

*Table 2 – percentages of male (N = 36185) and female (N=39157) patients with low systolic blood pressure within each decade*

SBP	Gender (N,%)	Age (decade)								
		18-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-90	>90



<b>&lt;90</b>	<b>Male</b> (120, 0.3%)	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.8
	<b>Female</b> (218, 0.6%)	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
<b>&lt;100</b>	<b>Male</b> (1063, 2.9%)	2.9	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.6	3.2	3.5	3.5	4.6
	<b>Female</b> (2060, 5.3%)	11.1	9.7	9.4	6.5	4.4	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.0
<b>&lt;110</b>	<b>Male</b> (4817, 13.3%)	16.2	13.2	13.6	12.7	12.9	13.1	12.7	14.5	15.7
	<b>Female</b> (8081, 20.6%)	37.7	35.7	34.7	25.8	18.7	13.2	11.1	10.4	10.8

## DISCUSSION

We have generated blood pressure centiles for age and sex from a large multi-hospital patient database.

Discharge blood pressures (SBP, DBP, PP) showed clinically significant differences across age ranges and by sex. SBP progressively increased with age for both sexes, but progression was greater in females. DBP increased and then decreased across the life course for both sexes. The fluctuation in DBP was greater for males than for females. These overall trends were visible in both the whole population, and for the cohort that did not have a diagnostic code for hypertension.

In populations outside hospital these patterns are known to exist.[18-20] The Framingham studies showed that, for a healthy adult population, the mean arterial blood pressure increases throughout adulthood and that DBP decreases over the age of 60 as SBP continues to rise.[21] Similar trends in both SBP and DBP have been shown in large cross-sectional cohorts from multiple countries.[22-24]

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While the overall patterns for blood pressure are known to exist for the general population outside hospital, we believe that this is the first time that centiles have been derived from an in-hospital setting.

**Limitations**

Vital signs were recorded as part of standard clinical practice, so the conditions for data recording were not controlled. This may have directly impacted the measured values. For instance, the state of wakefulness of the patient, which is known to be associated with blood pressure and pulse rate, was unknown.[25] However, it seems likely that such effects will be averaged out in a data set of this size.

We used the last recorded blood pressure in the 24 hours prior to discharge. Whilst this lessens many biases in comparison to other methods and may represent the blood pressure recording when the patient is most stable, there may be other patterns at different points during a hospital admission.

Finally, this study uses a cross-sectional cohort so the derived centiles may be affected by survival bias and birth cohort effects.[26-27] While the influence of these effects cannot be determined, we note that the overall trends follow those previously seen for longitudinal data in healthy populations.[28]

**Interpretation**

The differences in normal vital sign ranges due to age and sex could have substantial implications for hospital practice. For example, Table 2 showed that current Systolic Blood

Pressure criteria for identifying sepsis (SBP<100 mmHg) would be met by women much more frequently than by men up to age 50. Despite this, current evidence shows that males are more prone to develop sepsis than women.[29] A more accurate identification of patients at risk of sepsis may be possible through sex and age-stratified criteria.

19669 of patients diagnosed with hypertension had normal or low SBP immediately prior to discharge. This cohort may be reasonably assumed to be prescribed with anti-hypertensives for the purpose of managing blood pressure. Whilst we do not have information on blood pressure medication following discharge, this group may be considered an estimate of the upper-bound of those at risk of medication withdrawal. Inappropriate blood pressure medication withdrawal has been associated with higher risk of further complications. [30]

Another important application for age and sex stratification is Early Warning Scores (EWS). In these systems, integer scores are assigned to each vital sign according to deviation from normality. The aggregate score is then used to guide appropriate clinical care. One such EWS, the National Early Warning Score (NEWS), has been validated in a large in-hospital population and is widely used in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.[31]

Based on the results presented, an age-stratified score could strongly affect the quality of care a patient receives. For instance, from Table 2, we see that 34.7% of women aged 31-40 years have a NEWS score of 1 or greater due to low SBP ( $SBP \leq 110$ ). In comparison, only 11.1% of women aged 71-80 years would meet the same blood pressure criterion. In contrast, 13.6% of men aged 31-40 and 12.7% of men aged 71-80 would have a NEWS score of 1 or more. These differences suggest it may be possible to improve discrimination between stability and deterioration by taking account of age and sex.

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Until now, age and sex have not been included within any adult EWS, despite evidence indicating its limitations in predicting deterioration of elderly patients.[6-7] An update to the NEWS score to include these additional variables may be difficult to achieve in practice. In particular, the NEWS score was validated using in-hospital mortality. Adequate validation of the stratified score would require reasonable numbers of in-hospital mortality for each combination of sex and age-range, where death is relatively rare in younger cohorts. One alternative approach may be to derive a model that directly uses the representative centiles for each vital sign to provide EWS scores.[32]

**Generalisability**

The data set was collected from all four hospitals, but we note that there are high proportions of white Caucasian patients. Previous studies have shown correlation between ethnicity and differences in blood pressure trajectory.[33] Whether inclusion of ethnicity could also improve discrimination requires further research.

Our work shows for the first time that meeting current blood pressure criteria for sepsis or early warning system alerts is substantially more likely in younger women than in all other groups in the 24 hours prior to discharge. Exploration of this finding is needed to determine whether adjustment for age and sex can improve discrimination and prevent overdiagnosis.

**CONCLUSION**

Substantial variations in the final blood pressure recorded in the 24 hours prior to hospital discharge occur with age and sex. These result in large differences in the proportions of patients meeting blood pressure criterion for sepsis and early warning score alerts. These

factors should be examined to understand whether these factors could be used to improve discrimination between stability and deterioration.

## COMPETING INTERESTS

DW and PW co-developed the SEND e-Obs system (for which Sensyne Health has purchased sole license) from which the study database was collected. and. The company has a research agreement with the University of Oxford and royalty agreements with Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust and the University of Oxford. DAC is Research Director of Sensyne Health. PW is employed part-time and holds shares in Sensyne Health. DW undertakes consultancy for Sensyne Health.

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**DATA SHARING STATEMENT**

The raw data for this research are not openly available. Researchers who present a sound analysis plan for any valid research can apply to [ccrg@ndcn.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ccrg@ndcn.ox.ac.uk). Proposals considered valid by the Kadoorie Critical Care Research Group Data Access Committee (which comprises independent researchers, clinicians, patient and public representatives) will be provided with data using the group’s current system that complies with data governance requirements. R code and results in csv format are available at [https://github.com/davcom2/BP\\_centiles](https://github.com/davcom2/BP_centiles).

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Legends to Figures

Figure 1. Consort diagram showing analysis inclusion criteria

Table 1. Characteristics of the study population

Figure 2. 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup> and 99<sup>th</sup> centiles of systolic, diastolic and pulse blood pressure for males and females between the ages of 20 and 90. Dashed lines in (a) denote SBP = {90, 100, 110} mmHg

Figure 3. Medians of systolic, diastolic and pulse blood pressure for all males and females between the ages of 20 and 90 (dashed lines) and the sub-group excluding patients with ICD codes for hypertension (solid lines).

Figure 4. 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup> and 99<sup>th</sup> Systolic blood pressure centiles for Emergency and Elective sub-groups.

Table 2 – percentage of male and female patients with low systolic blood pressure

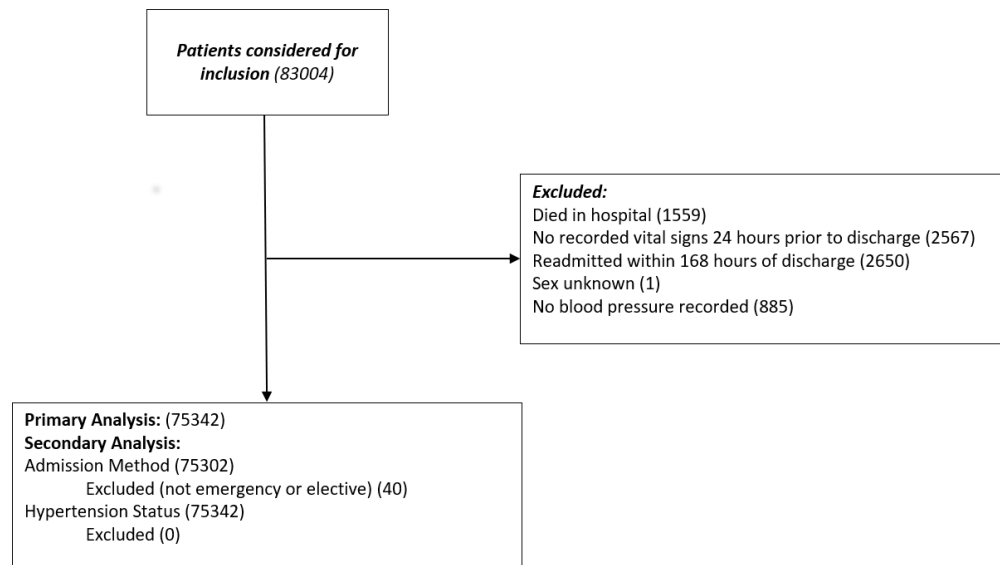


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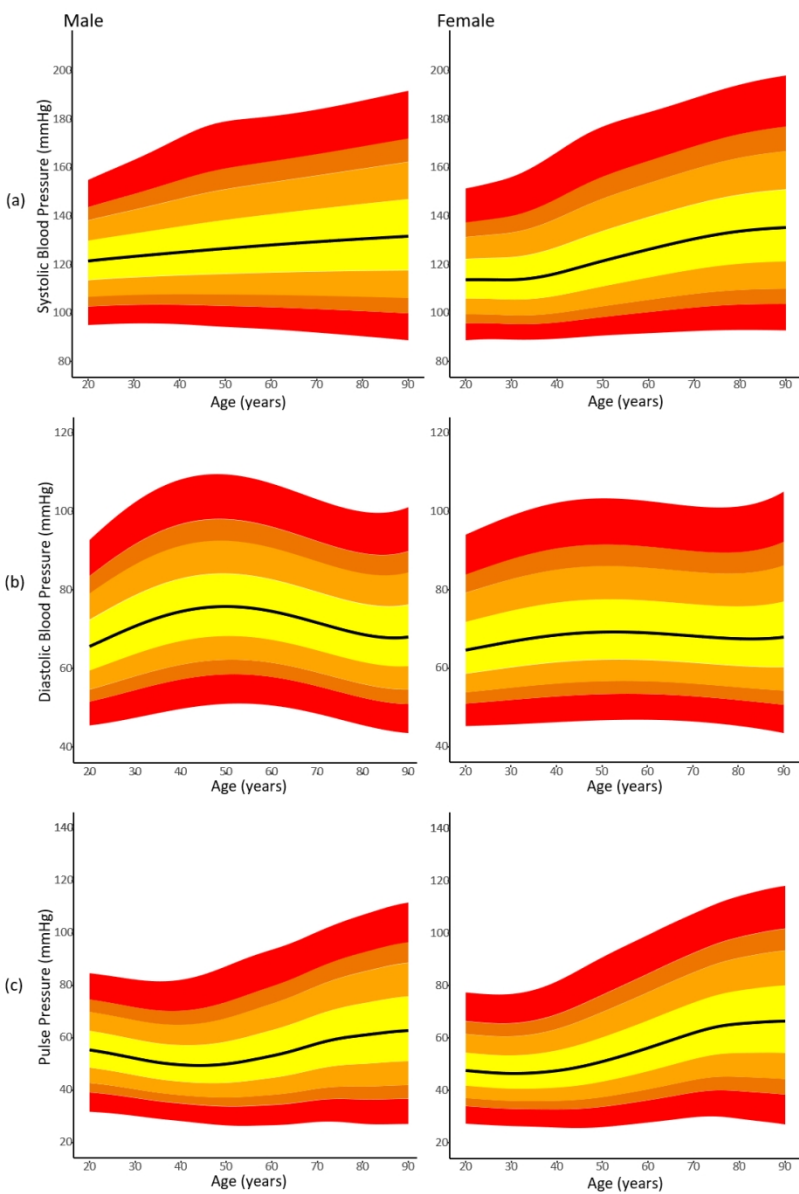


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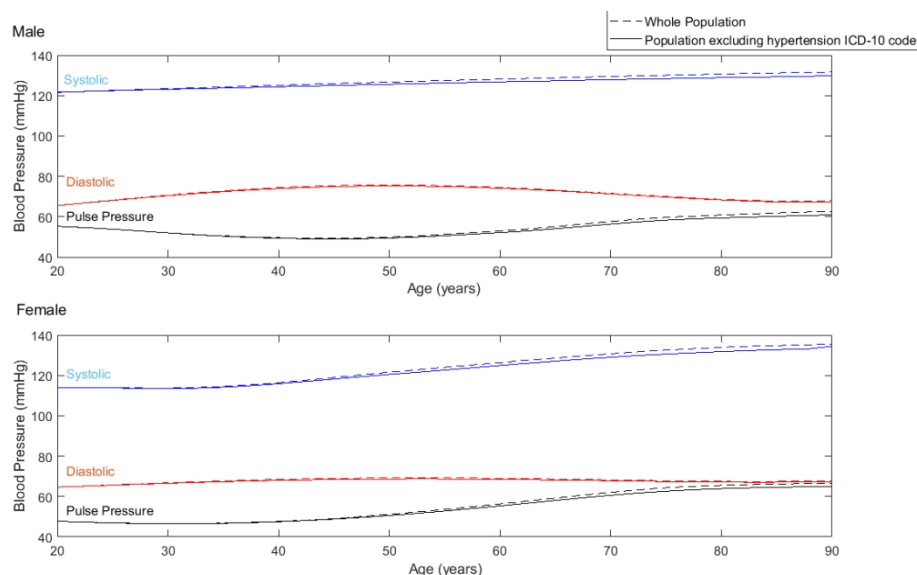


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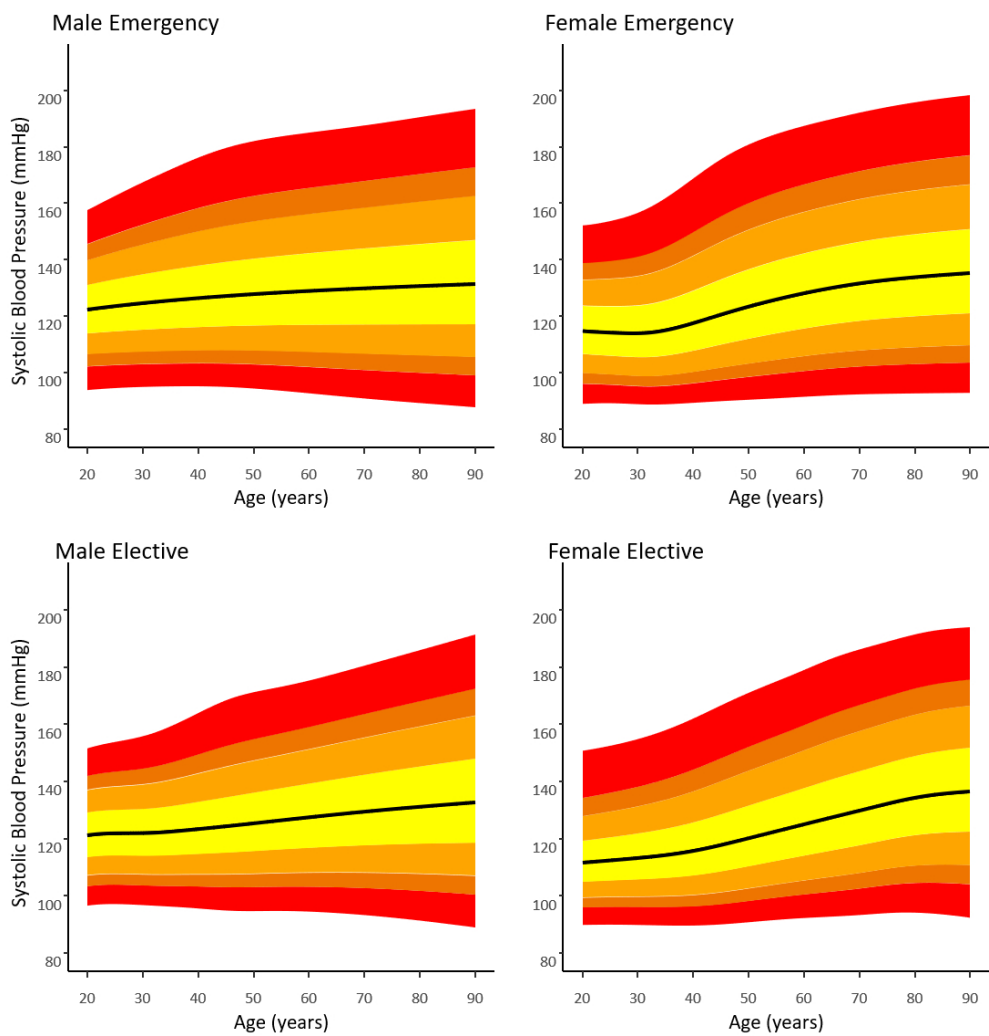


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# Supplementary Material

## Appendix A – centiles and confidence intervals

### Male systolic blood pressure centiles with 95% CI

	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
1	20	95.12 (93.60, 96.65)	102.73 (101.90, 103.6)	106.8 (106.1, 107.5)	113.7 (113.1, 114.2)	121.6 (121.1, 122.1)	130.0 (129.4, 130.6)	138.3 (137.5, 139.1)	143.7 (142.7, 144.7)	154.9 (152.9, 157.0)
2	22	95.30 (94.02, 96.57)	102.91 (102.22, 103.6)	107.0 (106.4, 107.6)	113.9 (113.5, 114.4)	122.0 (121.6, 122.4)	130.6 (130.2, 131.1)	139.2 (138.6, 139.8)	144.8 (144.1, 145.5)	156.6 (154.9, 158.3)
3	24	95.46 (94.34, 96.58)	103.08 (102.48, 103.7)	107.2 (106.7, 107.7)	114.2 (113.8, 114.6)	122.4 (122.0, 122.7)	131.2 (130.9, 131.6)	140.1 (139.6, 140.6)	145.9 (145.2, 146.6)	158.3 (156.6, 160.0)
4	26	95.60 (94.56, 96.65)	103.22 (102.67, 103.8)	107.3 (106.9, 107.8)	114.4 (114.1, 114.8)	122.7 (122.5, 123.0)	131.8 (131.5, 132.2)	140.9 (140.4, 141.5)	147.0 (146.2, 147.8)	159.9 (158.0, 161.9)
5	28	95.71 (94.73, 96.69)	103.33 (102.78, 103.9)	107.5 (107.0, 107.9)	114.6 (114.2, 115.0)	123.1 (122.7, 123.5)	132.4 (131.9, 132.9)	141.8 (141.1, 142.5)	148.0 (147.1, 149.0)	161.6 (159.5, 163.6)
6	30	95.78 (94.85, 96.71)	103.42 (102.83, 104.0)	107.6 (107.1, 108.1)	114.8 (114.3, 115.3)	123.4 (122.9, 123.9)	132.9 (132.3, 133.6)	142.6 (141.8, 143.5)	149.1 (148.0, 150.2)	163.2 (161.1, 165.3)
7	32	95.80 (94.90, 96.69)	103.48 (102.88, 104.1)	107.7 (107.1, 108.2)	115.0 (114.5, 115.5)	123.8 (123.2, 124.3)	133.5 (132.8, 134.2)	143.5 (142.6, 144.4)	150.2 (149.0, 151.4)	164.9 (162.8, 167.1)
8	34	95.78 (94.91, 96.65)	103.51 (102.94, 104.1)	107.8 (107.2, 108.3)	115.2 (114.7, 115.7)	124.1 (123.6, 124.6)	134.1 (133.4, 134.8)	144.4 (143.5, 145.3)	151.4 (150.2, 152.5)	166.7 (164.5, 168.9)
9	36	95.72 (94.85, 96.58)	103.52 (102.98, 104.1)	107.8 (107.4, 108.3)	115.4 (114.9, 115.8)	124.5 (124.0, 124.9)	134.7 (134.1, 135.3)	145.3 (144.4, 146.2)	152.5 (151.3, 153.7)	168.6 (166.4, 170.7)
10	38	95.62 (94.74, 96.49)	103.50 (102.97, 104.0)	107.9 (107.4, 108.3)	115.5 (115.1, 115.9)	124.8 (124.4, 125.2)	135.3 (134.7, 135.8)	146.2 (145.3, 147.1)	153.7 (152.5, 154.9)	170.5 (168.2, 172.7)
11	40	95.47 (94.57, 96.36)	103.46 (102.92, 104.0)	107.9 (107.4, 108.3)	115.7 (115.3, 116.0)	125.1 (124.7, 125.5)	135.8 (135.3, 136.4)	147.1 (146.2, 148.0)	154.9 (153.7, 156.0)	172.4 (170.1, 174.6)
12	42	95.27 (94.33, 96.20)	103.38 (102.84, 103.9)	107.9 (107.4, 108.3)	115.8 (115.4, 116.2)	125.4 (125.1, 125.8)	136.4 (135.9, 137.0)	148.0 (147.2, 148.8)	156.0 (154.9, 157.1)	174.2 (172.0, 176.4)
13	44	95.03 (93.99, 96.07)	103.28 (102.72, 103.8)	107.9 (107.4, 108.3)	115.9 (115.6, 116.3)	125.8 (125.4, 126.1)	137.0 (136.5, 137.5)	148.9 (148.1, 149.6)	157.1 (156.0, 158.2)	175.9 (173.5, 178.2)

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15	48	94.56 (93.36, 95.76)	103.07 (102.48, 103.7)	107.8 (107.4, 108.2)	116.2 (115.8, 116.5)	126.4 (126.1, 126.7)	138.1 (137.6, 138.5)	150.4 (149.7, 151.1)	158.9 (157.9, 160.0)	178.4 (175.7, 181.0)
16	50	94.35 (93.26, 95.44)	102.97 (102.42, 103.5)	107.8 (107.4, 108.2)	116.3 (116.0, 116.6)	126.7 (126.4, 127.0)	138.6 (138.1, 139.0)	151.1 (150.4, 151.8)	159.7 (158.7, 160.7)	179.1 (176.7, 181.6)
17	52	94.16 (93.22, 95.10)	102.87 (102.37, 103.4)	107.8 (107.4, 108.1)	116.4 (116.1, 116.7)	127.0 (126.7, 127.3)	139.0 (138.6, 139.5)	151.7 (151.0, 152.4)	160.4 (159.4, 161.3)	179.7 (177.6, 181.9)
18	54	93.98 (93.14, 94.82)	102.78 (102.29, 103.3)	107.7 (107.3, 108.1)	116.5 (116.2, 116.8)	127.3 (127.0, 127.6)	139.5 (139.1, 139.9)	152.3 (151.6, 152.9)	161.0 (160.1, 161.9)	180.1 (178.2, 182.1)
19	56	93.79 (92.98, 94.60)	102.68 (102.19, 103.2)	107.7 (107.3, 108.1)	116.6 (116.3, 116.9)	127.6 (127.3, 127.8)	140.0 (139.6, 140.4)	152.8 (152.2, 153.5)	161.5 (160.6, 162.4)	180.5 (178.6, 182.4)
20	58	93.58 (92.79, 94.38)	102.57 (102.09, 103.0)	107.7 (107.3, 108.0)	116.7 (116.4, 117.0)	127.9 (127.6, 128.1)	140.4 (140.1, 140.8)	153.4 (152.8, 154.0)	162.1 (161.2, 163.0)	180.9 (179.0, 182.7)
21	60	93.36 (92.60, 94.13)	102.45 (101.98, 102.9)	107.6 (107.2, 108.0)	116.8 (116.5, 117.1)	128.1 (127.8, 128.4)	140.9 (140.5, 141.3)	153.9 (153.3, 154.5)	162.7 (161.8, 163.5)	181.3 (179.5, 183.1)
22	62	93.12 (92.40, 93.85)	102.31 (101.88, 102.7)	107.6 (107.2, 107.9)	116.9 (116.6, 117.2)	128.4 (128.1, 128.7)	141.3 (141.0, 141.7)	154.5 (153.9, 155.1)	163.2 (162.4, 164.1)	181.7 (180.0, 183.5)
23	64	92.86 (92.16, 93.56)	102.17 (101.76, 102.6)	107.5 (107.1, 107.8)	117.0 (116.7, 117.3)	128.7 (128.4, 129.0)	141.8 (141.4, 142.1)	155.0 (154.5, 155.6)	163.8 (163.0, 164.6)	182.2 (180.6, 183.9)
24	66	92.59 (91.89, 93.30)	102.03 (101.60, 102.4)	107.4 (107.1, 107.8)	117.1 (116.8, 117.4)	128.9 (128.6, 129.3)	142.2 (141.8, 142.6)	155.6 (155.0, 156.2)	164.4 (163.6, 165.2)	182.8 (181.2, 184.4)
25	68	92.31 (91.58, 93.04)	101.87 (101.43, 102.3)	107.3 (107.0, 107.7)	117.2 (116.8, 117.5)	129.2 (128.9, 129.5)	142.6 (142.3, 143.0)	156.2 (155.6, 156.7)	165.0 (164.2, 165.8)	183.4 (181.8, 185.0)
26	70	92.02 (91.25, 92.79)	101.71 (101.24, 102.2)	107.3 (106.9, 107.7)	117.2 (116.9, 117.6)	129.5 (129.1, 129.8)	143.1 (142.7, 143.5)	156.7 (156.1, 157.3)	165.6 (164.8, 166.4)	184.0 (182.5, 185.6)
27	72	91.72 (90.91, 92.54)	101.55 (101.04, 102.1)	107.2 (106.8, 107.6)	117.3 (116.9, 117.7)	129.7 (129.3, 130.1)	143.5 (143.1, 143.9)	157.3 (156.7, 157.9)	166.2 (165.4, 167.1)	184.7 (183.2, 186.3)
28	74	91.42 (90.58, 92.27)	101.39 (100.85, 101.9)	107.1 (106.7, 107.5)	117.4 (117.0, 117.8)	129.9 (129.6, 130.3)	143.9 (143.5, 144.3)	157.8 (157.2, 158.4)	166.9 (166.1, 167.7)	185.4 (183.9, 187.0)



	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
29	76	91.12 (90.27, 91.97)	101.22 (100.68, 101.8)	107.0 (106.6, 107.5)	117.4 (117.1, 117.8)	130.2 (129.8, 130.6)	144.3 (143.9, 144.8)	158.4 (157.8, 159.0)	167.5 (166.7, 168.4)	186.2 (184.7, 187.7)
30	78	90.82 (89.99, 91.64)	101.05 (100.51, 101.6)	106.9 (106.5, 107.4)	117.5 (117.1, 117.9)	130.4 (130.0, 130.8)	144.7 (144.2, 145.2)	159.0 (158.3, 159.7)	168.2 (167.3, 169.1)	187.0 (185.4, 188.5)
31	80	90.51 (89.70, 91.31)	100.87 (100.33, 101.4)	106.8 (106.4, 107.3)	117.5 (117.2, 117.9)	130.6 (130.2, 131.1)	145.1 (144.6, 145.7)	159.5 (158.8, 160.3)	168.8 (167.8, 169.8)	187.8 (186.1, 189.5)
32	82	90.19 (89.39, 91.00)	100.70 (100.14, 101.3)	106.7 (106.3, 107.2)	117.6 (117.2, 118.0)	130.9 (130.4, 131.3)	145.5 (145.0, 146.1)	160.1 (159.3, 161.0)	169.5 (168.4, 170.6)	188.6 (186.7, 190.5)
33	84	89.87 (89.05, 90.68)	100.51 ( 99.94, 101.1)	106.6 (106.1, 107.1)	117.6 (117.2, 118.1)	131.1 (130.6, 131.6)	145.9 (145.3, 146.6)	160.7 (159.7, 161.6)	170.1 (168.9, 171.4)	189.4 (187.3, 191.5)
34	86	89.54 (88.70, 90.37)	100.32 ( 99.71, 100.9)	106.5 (106.0, 107.1)	117.7 (117.1, 118.2)	131.3 (130.7, 131.9)	146.3 (145.6, 147.0)	161.2 (160.2, 162.2)	170.8 (169.5, 172.1)	190.2 (187.9, 192.5)
35	88	89.20 (88.31, 90.08)	100.13 ( 99.44, 100.8)	106.4 (105.8, 107.1)	117.7 (117.1, 118.4)	131.5 (130.8, 132.2)	146.7 (146.0, 147.5)	161.8 (160.7, 162.9)	171.5 (170.0, 172.9)	191.0 (188.5, 193.6)
36	90	88.85 (87.84, 89.86)	99.93 ( 99.11, 100.7)	106.3 (105.5, 107.1)	117.8 (117.0, 118.5)	131.7 (130.9, 132.5)	147.1 (146.2, 148.0)	162.3 (161.1, 163.6)	172.1 (170.5, 173.7)	191.8 (189.0, 194.6)

### Female systolic blood pressure centiles with 95% CI

	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
1	20	88.97 (87.67, 90.27)	95.95 ( 95.19, 96.70)	99.69 ( 99.04, 100.34)	106.1 (105.5, 106.7)	113.8 (113.1, 114.4)	122.3 (121.6, 123.1)	131.3 (130.4, 132.1)	137.4 (136.5, 138.4)	151.4 (149.5, 153.4)
2	22	89.22 (88.16, 90.28)	95.99 ( 95.37, 96.62)	99.69 ( 99.17, 100.21)	106.1 (105.7, 106.6)	113.8 (113.3, 114.3)	122.5 (121.9, 123.1)	131.6 (130.9, 132.4)	137.9 (137.0, 138.8)	152.2 (150.6, 153.8)
3	24	89.37 (88.44, 90.30)	95.99 ( 95.40, 96.58)	99.64 ( 99.13, 100.15)	106.0 (105.6, 106.5)	113.8 (113.3, 114.3)	122.6 (122.0, 123.3)	132.0 (131.1, 132.8)	138.4 (137.4, 139.4)	153.0 (151.2, 154.9)
4	26	89.41 (88.60, 90.22)	95.91 ( 95.37, 96.45)	99.53 ( 99.03, 100.02)	105.9 (105.5, 106.4)	113.8 (113.3, 114.3)	122.8 (122.1, 123.4)	132.3 (131.4, 133.1)	138.9 (137.9, 139.9)	153.9 (152.0, 155.9)
5	28	89.35 (88.64, 90.06)	95.76 ( 95.31, 96.20)	99.36 ( 98.95, 99.76)	105.8 (105.4, 106.2)	113.7 (113.3, 114.2)	122.9 (122.3, 123.5)	132.6 (131.8, 133.4)	139.4 (138.4, 140.4)	154.9 (153.0, 156.9)
6	30	89.26 (88.58, 89.93)	95.61 ( 95.22, 96.01)	99.22 ( 98.84, 99.59)	105.7 (105.3, 106.1)	113.7 (113.3, 114.2)	123.1 (122.5, 123.7)	133.1 (132.3, 133.9)	140.1 (139.1, 141.1)	156.2 (154.1, 158.2)

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	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
7	32	89.20 (88.51, 89.88)	95.55 ( 95.13, 95.96)	99.17 ( 98.78, 99.55)	105.7 (105.3, 106.1)	113.9 (113.4, 114.4)	123.5 (122.9, 124.1)	133.8 (133.0, 134.6)	141.0 (140.0, 142.1)	157.7 (155.5, 159.8)
8	34	89.21 (88.52, 89.89)	95.59 ( 95.17, 96.01)	99.25 ( 98.87, 99.63)	105.9 (105.5, 106.3)	114.3 (113.8, 114.7)	124.1 (123.5, 124.7)	134.8 (134.0, 135.6)	142.3 (141.2, 143.3)	159.5 (157.3, 161.7)
9	36	89.28 (88.61, 89.95)	95.73 ( 95.33, 96.14)	99.45 ( 99.09, 99.81)	106.2 (105.9, 106.6)	114.8 (114.4, 115.2)	125.0 (124.5, 125.5)	136.0 (135.2, 136.7)	143.7 (142.7, 144.8)	161.7 (159.4, 163.9)
10	38	89.42 (88.77, 90.07)	95.97 ( 95.58, 96.36)	99.77 ( 99.42, 100.11)	106.7 (106.3, 107.1)	115.5 (115.1, 116.0)	126.0 (125.5, 126.5)	137.4 (136.7, 138.1)	145.4 (144.4, 146.5)	164.0 (161.7, 166.3)
11	40	89.61 (88.97, 90.25)	96.29 ( 95.91, 96.68)	100.18 ( 99.84, 100.53)	107.3 (106.9, 107.7)	116.4 (116.0, 116.8)	127.2 (126.7, 127.7)	139.0 (138.2, 139.7)	147.3 (146.2, 148.3)	166.4 (164.1, 168.8)
12	42	89.85 (89.20, 90.49)	96.69 ( 96.29, 97.09)	100.68 (100.32, 101.04)	108.0 (107.6, 108.4)	117.4 (116.9, 117.8)	128.5 (128.0, 129.1)	140.7 (139.9, 141.5)	149.2 (148.1, 150.3)	168.9 (166.6, 171.2)
13	44	90.12 (89.45, 90.79)	97.13 ( 96.70, 97.56)	101.23 (100.84, 101.62)	108.8 (108.4, 109.2)	118.4 (118.0, 118.9)	129.9 (129.3, 130.5)	142.4 (141.6, 143.2)	151.2 (150.1, 152.2)	171.3 (169.0, 173.5)
14	46	90.40 (89.70, 91.09)	97.60 ( 97.14, 98.06)	101.81 (101.40, 102.22)	109.6 (109.2, 110.0)	119.5 (119.1, 119.9)	131.3 (130.7, 131.9)	144.1 (143.3, 144.9)	153.0 (152.0, 154.1)	173.4 (171.3, 175.6)
15	48	90.66 (89.97, 91.36)	98.06 ( 97.57, 98.54)	102.38 (101.95, 102.81)	110.4 (109.9, 110.8)	120.6 (120.1, 121.0)	132.6 (132.1, 133.2)	145.7 (144.9, 146.4)	154.8 (153.8, 155.7)	175.3 (173.3, 177.4)
16	50	90.91 (90.23, 91.58)	98.50 ( 98.01, 98.98)	102.94 (102.50, 103.38)	111.1 (110.7, 111.5)	121.6 (121.1, 122.0)	133.9 (133.4, 134.4)	147.1 (146.4, 147.9)	156.3 (155.4, 157.3)	177.0 (175.0, 178.9)
17	52	91.13 (90.48, 91.77)	98.92 ( 98.45, 99.39)	103.48 (103.03, 103.93)	111.9 (111.4, 112.3)	122.5 (122.0, 123.1)	135.1 (134.5, 135.7)	148.5 (147.8, 149.2)	157.8 (156.8, 158.7)	178.4 (176.6, 180.2)
18	54	91.32 (90.69, 91.96)	99.32 ( 98.86, 99.79)	104.00 (103.55, 104.45)	112.6 (112.1, 113.1)	123.5 (123.0, 124.0)	136.3 (135.7, 136.9)	149.8 (149.1, 150.6)	159.1 (158.2, 160.0)	179.6 (177.8, 181.4)
19	56	91.51 (90.83, 92.19)	99.72 ( 99.24, 100.21)	104.52 (104.07, 104.98)	113.3 (112.9, 113.8)	124.5 (124.0, 125.0)	137.4 (136.9, 138.0)	151.1 (150.4, 151.8)	160.4 (159.5, 161.3)	180.7 (178.9, 182.5)
20	58	91.68 (90.92, 92.45)	100.12 ( 99.60, 100.64)	105.04 (104.58, 105.50)	114.0 (113.6, 114.5)	125.4 (124.9, 125.9)	138.5 (138.0, 139.0)	152.3 (151.7, 152.9)	161.6 (160.7, 162.5)	181.8 (179.9, 183.7)
21	60	91.86 (91.01, 92.71)	100.52 ( 99.95, 101.08)	105.56 (105.07, 106.04)	114.8 (114.3, 115.2)	126.3 (125.9, 126.7)	139.7 (139.2, 140.1)	153.5 (152.9, 154.1)	162.8 (162.0, 163.7)	182.8 (180.8, 184.8)

	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
22	62	92.04 (91.15, 92.92)	100.91 (100.32, 101.50)	106.07 (105.56, 106.59)	115.5 (115.0, 115.9)	127.3 (126.8, 127.7)	140.7 (140.4, 141.1)	154.7 (154.1, 155.2)	164.0 (163.2, 164.9)	183.9 (181.9, 186.0)
23	64	92.22 (91.31, 93.12)	101.30 (100.69, 101.91)	106.58 (106.03, 107.12)	116.2 (115.7, 116.7)	128.2 (127.7, 128.6)	141.8 (141.4, 142.3)	155.9 (155.3, 156.5)	165.2 (164.4, 166.1)	185.1 (183.1, 187.1)
24	66	92.39 (91.43, 93.36)	101.68 (101.06, 102.30)	107.07 (106.50, 107.64)	116.8 (116.3, 117.4)	129.0 (128.5, 129.5)	142.9 (142.4, 143.4)	157.1 (156.4, 157.7)	166.4 (165.6, 167.3)	186.3 (184.3, 188.2)
25	68	92.57 (91.56, 93.58)	102.05 (101.41, 102.69)	107.54 (106.95, 108.13)	117.5 (116.9, 118.1)	129.9 (129.3, 130.4)	143.9 (143.3, 144.5)	158.2 (157.5, 158.9)	167.6 (166.7, 168.6)	187.5 (185.5, 189.4)
26	70	92.73 (91.78, 93.68)	102.39 (101.77, 103.02)	107.99 (107.40, 108.58)	118.1 (117.5, 118.7)	130.7 (130.1, 131.3)	144.9 (144.3, 145.5)	159.3 (158.6, 160.1)	168.8 (167.9, 169.7)	188.7 (186.9, 190.5)
27	72	92.88 (92.07, 93.68)	102.71 (102.13, 103.29)	108.40 (107.83, 108.97)	118.7 (118.1, 119.3)	131.5 (130.9, 132.0)	145.8 (145.2, 146.5)	160.4 (159.6, 161.2)	170.0 (169.0, 170.9)	189.9 (188.3, 191.5)
28	74	93.00 (92.30, 93.69)	102.99 (102.44, 103.54)	108.77 (108.23, 109.32)	119.2 (118.7, 119.8)	132.2 (131.6, 132.7)	146.7 (146.1, 147.4)	161.4 (160.6, 162.3)	171.1 (170.0, 172.1)	191.1 (189.4, 192.8)
29	76	93.09 (92.40, 93.77)	103.23 (102.69, 103.77)	109.10 (108.57, 109.63)	119.7 (119.2, 120.2)	132.8 (132.2, 133.4)	147.5 (146.9, 148.2)	162.4 (161.5, 163.2)	172.1 (171.0, 173.2)	192.2 (190.4, 194.1)
30	78	93.15 (92.39, 93.91)	103.43 (102.86, 103.99)	109.37 (108.84, 109.90)	120.1 (119.6, 120.6)	133.4 (132.8, 133.9)	148.3 (147.6, 148.9)	163.2 (162.4, 164.1)	173.0 (171.9, 174.2)	193.3 (191.3, 195.3)
31	80	93.18 (92.34, 94.01)	103.58 (102.98, 104.17)	109.59 (109.06, 110.12)	120.5 (120.0, 120.9)	133.9 (133.4, 134.4)	148.9 (148.3, 149.5)	164.0 (163.2, 164.9)	173.9 (172.7, 175.0)	194.3 (192.2, 196.3)
32	82	93.18 (92.35, 94.02)	103.69 (103.09, 104.28)	109.76 (109.24, 110.28)	120.7 (120.3, 121.2)	134.3 (133.8, 134.8)	149.5 (148.9, 150.0)	164.7 (163.9, 165.5)	174.7 (173.5, 175.8)	195.2 (193.2, 197.2)
33	84	93.17 (92.34, 93.99)	103.76 (103.16, 104.36)	109.89 (109.36, 110.42)	121.0 (120.5, 121.5)	134.6 (134.1, 135.1)	149.9 (149.3, 150.5)	165.3 (164.5, 166.2)	175.3 (174.2, 176.5)	196.0 (194.0, 198.0)
34	86	93.13 (92.30, 93.96)	103.81 (103.18, 104.43)	109.98 (109.42, 110.55)	121.1 (120.6, 121.7)	134.9 (134.3, 135.5)	150.4 (149.6, 151.1)	165.8 (164.9, 166.8)	175.9 (174.7, 177.2)	196.7 (194.7, 198.8)
35	88	93.08 (92.23, 93.92)	103.82 (103.19, 104.46)	110.05 (109.44, 110.65)	121.3 (120.7, 121.9)	135.2 (134.4, 135.9)	150.7 (149.8, 151.6)	166.3 (165.2, 167.4)	176.5 (175.1, 177.9)	197.4 (195.1, 199.7)
36	90	93.01 (92.14, 93.88)	103.82 (103.16, 104.48)	110.08 (109.44, 110.72)	121.4 (120.7, 122.1)	135.4 (134.5, 136.2)	151.0 (150.0, 152.0)	166.7 (165.4, 168.0)	176.9 (175.3, 178.6)	198.0 (195.3, 200.7)

Male diastolic blood pressure centiles with 95% CI

	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
1	20	45.53 (44.75, 46.31)	51.56 (50.97, 52.14)	54.58 (54.06, 55.10)	59.55 (59.08, 60.02)	65.51 (65.02, 65.99)	72.36 (71.77, 72.95)	79.18 (78.42, 79.94)	83.60 (82.70, 84.49)	92.75 ( 91.48, 94.02)
2	22	45.83 (45.20, 46.46)	52.09 (51.66, 52.53)	55.23 (54.85, 55.60)	60.39 (60.06, 60.72)	66.58 (66.23, 66.92)	73.69 (73.25, 74.13)	80.78 (80.20, 81.35)	85.36 (84.67, 86.05)	94.87 ( 93.85, 95.89)
3	24	46.18 (45.62, 46.75)	52.66 (52.29, 53.03)	55.90 (55.59, 56.22)	61.25 (60.98, 61.51)	67.65 (67.37, 67.92)	75.00 (74.65, 75.36)	82.33 (81.85, 82.81)	87.08 (86.50, 87.66)	96.91 ( 96.03, 97.79)
4	26	46.58 (46.02, 47.14)	53.26 (52.88, 53.63)	56.60 (56.28, 56.91)	62.10 (61.83, 62.37)	68.70 (68.42, 68.97)	76.28 (75.93, 76.62)	83.83 (83.37, 84.28)	88.72 (88.17, 89.26)	98.85 ( 98.02, 99.67)
5	28	47.01 (46.43, 47.59)	53.86 (53.46, 54.26)	57.29 (56.95, 57.64)	62.94 (62.64, 63.24)	69.71 (69.41, 70.02)	77.49 (77.13, 77.86)	85.24 (84.78, 85.71)	90.26 (89.71, 90.81)	100.66 ( 99.85, 101.47)
6	30	47.47 (46.87, 48.07)	54.47 (54.05, 54.89)	57.98 (57.61, 58.35)	63.76 (63.43, 64.09)	70.68 (70.35, 71.01)	78.64 (78.25, 79.02)	86.56 (86.08, 87.04)	91.69 (91.14, 92.25)	102.33 ( 101.52, 103.14)
7	32	47.93 (47.32, 48.54)	55.07 (54.63, 55.50)	58.64 (58.26, 59.03)	64.53 (64.19, 64.88)	71.59 (71.24, 71.93)	79.69 (79.30, 80.09)	87.77 (87.29, 88.26)	93.00 (92.44, 93.56)	103.84 ( 103.03, 104.65)
8	34	48.40 (47.80, 49.00)	55.65 (55.22, 56.08)	59.28 (58.89, 59.66)	65.26 (64.91, 65.60)	72.42 (72.08, 72.77)	80.66 (80.27, 81.05)	88.86 (88.38, 89.34)	94.17 (93.62, 94.72)	105.18 ( 104.38, 105.97)
9	36	48.85 (48.27, 49.43)	56.19 (55.78, 56.61)	59.87 (59.50, 60.24)	65.92 (65.59, 66.26)	73.17 (72.84, 73.51)	81.51 (81.14, 81.89)	89.82 (89.36, 90.27)	95.19 (94.66, 95.72)	106.34 ( 105.56, 107.11)
10	38	49.29 (48.73, 49.84)	56.70 (56.31, 57.09)	60.41 (60.06, 60.76)	66.52 (66.20, 66.83)	73.84 (73.53, 74.15)	82.25 (81.91, 82.60)	90.64 (90.21, 91.06)	96.06 (95.57, 96.56)	107.31 ( 106.56, 108.06)
11	40	49.70 (49.17, 50.22)	57.15 (56.79, 57.52)	60.89 (60.57, 61.21)	67.04 (66.75, 67.33)	74.41 (74.13, 74.69)	82.88 (82.57, 83.19)	91.32 (90.93, 91.71)	96.78 (96.32, 97.24)	108.10 ( 107.38, 108.82)
12	42	50.06 (49.56, 50.56)	57.55 (57.21, 57.89)	61.30 (61.00, 61.60)	67.48 (67.21, 67.74)	74.88 (74.62, 75.13)	83.38 (83.10, 83.66)	91.85 (91.50, 92.21)	97.34 (96.91, 97.77)	108.71 ( 108.01, 109.40)
13	44	50.38 (49.90, 50.86)	57.88 (57.56, 58.21)	61.64 (61.36, 61.92)	67.83 (67.58, 68.07)	75.24 (75.01, 75.47)	83.76 (83.51, 84.01)	92.25 (91.92, 92.57)	97.74 (97.34, 98.14)	109.13 ( 108.45, 109.80)
14	46	50.65 (50.18, 51.12)	58.15 (57.84, 58.46)	61.90 (61.63, 62.18)	68.09 (67.85, 68.33)	75.50 (75.28, 75.71)	84.02 (83.79, 84.24)	92.50 (92.20, 92.80)	97.99 (97.61, 98.37)	109.38 ( 108.71, 110.04)
15	48	50.85 (50.39, 51.31)	58.34 (58.03, 58.65)	62.08 (61.81, 62.36)	68.26 (68.01, 68.50)	75.65 (75.44, 75.86)	84.15 (83.93, 84.37)	92.62 (92.33, 92.91)	98.10 (97.73, 98.47)	109.46 ( 108.79, 110.12)

	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
16	50	50.99 (50.53, 51.45)	58.45 (58.13, 58.77)	62.18 (61.90, 62.47)	68.33 (68.08, 68.58)	75.70 (75.48, 75.92)	84.16 (83.94, 84.39)	92.60 (92.31, 92.89)	98.06 (97.69, 98.43)	109.38 (108.71, 110.05)
17	52	51.06 (50.60, 51.52)	58.48 (58.15, 58.81)	62.19 (61.89, 62.49)	68.31 (68.04, 68.57)	75.64 (75.41, 75.87)	84.07 (83.83, 84.30)	92.46 (92.16, 92.76)	97.89 (97.52, 98.27)	109.15 (108.48, 109.83)
18	54	51.05 (50.59, 51.52)	58.43 (58.09, 58.76)	62.12 (61.81, 62.43)	68.20 (67.92, 68.48)	75.48 (75.24, 75.73)	83.86 (83.62, 84.10)	92.20 (91.90, 92.51)	97.60 (97.22, 97.99)	108.80 (108.12, 109.48)
19	56	50.97 (50.50, 51.44)	58.29 (57.95, 58.64)	61.96 (61.64, 62.28)	68.00 (67.71, 68.29)	75.23 (74.98, 75.49)	83.55 (83.30, 83.81)	91.84 (91.53, 92.15)	97.20 (96.81, 97.59)	108.32 (107.63, 109.00)
20	58	50.81 (50.35, 51.28)	58.08 (57.73, 58.43)	61.72 (61.40, 62.04)	67.72 (67.42, 68.01)	74.90 (74.63, 75.16)	83.15 (82.89, 83.41)	91.38 (91.06, 91.70)	96.70 (96.31, 97.10)	107.74 (107.05, 108.42)
21	60	50.58 (50.13, 51.04)	57.79 (57.45, 58.14)	61.41 (61.09, 61.72)	67.35 (67.06, 67.64)	74.48 (74.22, 74.74)	82.67 (82.41, 82.93)	90.83 (90.52, 91.15)	96.12 (95.72, 96.51)	107.06 (106.37, 107.76)
22	62	50.28 (49.84, 50.73)	57.44 (57.11, 57.77)	61.02 (60.72, 61.33)	66.92 (66.64, 67.20)	73.99 (73.74, 74.25)	82.12 (81.87, 82.38)	90.22 (89.90, 90.54)	95.46 (95.07, 95.85)	106.32 (105.64, 107.01)
23	64	49.91 (49.48, 50.35)	57.02 (56.70, 57.33)	60.57 (60.28, 60.86)	66.43 (66.17, 66.69)	73.45 (73.21, 73.68)	81.51 (81.27, 81.75)	89.55 (89.24, 89.86)	94.75 (94.36, 95.14)	105.53 (104.85, 106.22)
24	66	49.49 (49.06, 49.91)	56.54 (56.24, 56.84)	60.07 (59.80, 60.34)	65.88 (65.64, 66.13)	72.85 (72.63, 73.07)	80.86 (80.63, 81.09)	88.84 (88.54, 89.14)	94.00 (93.62, 94.39)	104.71 (104.02, 105.39)
25	68	49.01 (48.59, 49.42)	56.01 (55.73, 56.29)	59.52 (59.27, 59.77)	65.30 (65.07, 65.52)	72.22 (72.02, 72.42)	80.18 (79.96, 80.39)	88.10 (87.81, 88.40)	93.24 (92.85, 93.62)	103.87 (103.19, 104.55)
26	70	48.48 (48.07, 48.89)	55.45 (55.18, 55.72)	58.94 (58.70, 59.17)	64.68 (64.48, 64.89)	71.57 (71.38, 71.75)	79.48 (79.27, 79.69)	87.37 (87.07, 87.66)	92.47 (92.09, 92.85)	103.04 (102.37, 103.72)
27	72	47.92 (47.51, 48.34)	54.86 (54.59, 55.13)	58.33 (58.10, 58.56)	64.05 (63.85, 64.25)	70.91 (70.73, 71.09)	78.79 (78.58, 79.00)	86.64 (86.34, 86.94)	91.72 (91.34, 92.10)	102.25 (101.57, 102.93)
28	74	47.34 (46.92, 47.76)	54.26 (53.99, 54.53)	57.72 (57.49, 57.96)	63.43 (63.22, 63.63)	70.26 (70.07, 70.46)	78.12 (77.90, 78.34)	85.95 (85.64, 86.26)	91.01 (90.62, 91.41)	101.51 (100.84, 102.19)
29	76	46.75 (46.31, 47.19)	53.66 (53.37, 53.95)	57.12 (56.87, 57.37)	62.82 (62.59, 63.04)	69.64 (69.43, 69.86)	77.49 (77.25, 77.74)	85.31 (84.99, 85.64)	90.37 (89.97, 90.78)	100.86 (100.18, 101.54)
30	78	46.16 (45.71, 46.62)	53.08 (52.77, 53.38)	56.54 (56.27, 56.81)	62.24 (61.99, 62.49)	69.08 (68.83, 69.32)	76.93 (76.66, 77.20)	84.76 (84.41, 85.10)	89.82 (89.40, 90.24)	100.32 ( 99.63, 101.00)

	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
31	80	45.59 (45.12, 46.07)	52.53 (52.20, 52.85)	56.00 (55.71, 56.29)	61.72 (61.45, 61.99)	68.57 (68.30, 68.85)	76.45 (76.15, 76.76)	84.30 (83.93, 84.67)	89.38 (88.94, 89.82)	99.91 ( 99.22, 100.60)
32	82	45.06 (44.56, 45.55)	52.03 (51.69, 52.37)	55.52 (55.21, 55.83)	61.27 (60.98, 61.57)	68.16 (67.87, 68.46)	76.09 (75.75, 76.42)	83.98 (83.57, 84.38)	89.08 (88.61, 89.55)	99.67 ( 98.95, 100.39)
33	84	44.57 (44.05, 45.09)	51.60 (51.24, 51.97)	55.12 (54.80, 55.45)	60.92 (60.61, 61.23)	67.87 (67.55, 68.19)	75.85 (75.49, 76.22)	83.81 (83.36, 84.26)	88.96 (88.44, 89.48)	99.63 ( 98.86, 100.40)
34	86	44.16 (43.59, 44.72)	51.27 (50.87, 51.66)	54.83 (54.48, 55.17)	60.69 (60.36, 61.01)	67.71 (67.36, 68.06)	75.79 (75.37, 76.20)	83.83 (83.30, 84.35)	89.03 (88.42, 89.65)	99.83 ( 98.94, 100.71)
35	88	43.83 (43.18, 44.47)	51.04 (50.59, 51.49)	54.65 (54.25, 55.04)	60.59 (60.23, 60.95)	67.72 (67.32, 68.11)	75.91 (75.40, 76.41)	84.06 (83.42, 84.71)	89.35 (88.58, 90.11)	100.29 ( 99.22, 101.36)
36	90	43.60 (42.81, 44.39)	50.94 (50.37, 51.50)	54.61 (54.12, 55.10)	60.66 (60.22, 61.10)	67.91 (67.43, 68.40)	76.25 (75.61, 76.88)	84.55 (83.72, 85.39)	89.92 (88.94, 90.91)	101.06 ( 99.70, 102.43)

Female diastolic blood pressure centiles with 95% CI

	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
1	20	45.22 (44.71, 45.73)	50.96 (50.58, 51.33)	53.83 (53.49, 54.16)	58.60 (58.29, 58.92)	64.63 (64.29, 64.97)	71.84 (71.40, 72.28)	79.17 (78.57, 79.78)	83.99 (83.25, 84.73)	94.15 ( 93.05, 95.26)
2	22	45.28 (44.83, 45.73)	51.13 (50.80, 51.46)	54.05 (53.76, 54.35)	58.92 (58.64, 59.21)	65.07 (64.77, 65.37)	72.42 (72.05, 72.79)	79.90 (79.39, 80.40)	84.81 (84.19, 85.42)	95.17 ( 94.23, 96.11)
3	24	45.35 (44.93, 45.77)	51.31 (51.02, 51.61)	54.29 (54.03, 54.56)	59.25 (59.00, 59.51)	65.51 (65.25, 65.78)	73.00 (72.68, 73.32)	80.62 (80.19, 81.05)	85.62 (85.09, 86.15)	96.18 ( 95.34, 97.01)
4	26	45.44 (45.04, 45.84)	51.50 (51.23, 51.77)	54.53 (54.29, 54.77)	59.58 (59.36, 59.81)	65.95 (65.72, 66.19)	73.57 (73.28, 73.85)	81.32 (80.94, 81.70)	86.41 (85.94, 86.89)	97.15 ( 96.38, 97.92)
5	28	45.53 (45.14, 45.92)	51.69 (51.44, 51.95)	54.77 (54.56, 54.99)	59.91 (59.70, 60.11)	66.38 (66.17, 66.59)	74.12 (73.86, 74.38)	82.00 (81.64, 82.36)	87.17 (86.73, 87.62)	98.09 ( 97.35, 98.82)
6	30	45.63 (45.24, 46.02)	51.89 (51.64, 52.13)	55.01 (54.81, 55.21)	60.22 (60.04, 60.40)	66.79 (66.59, 66.99)	74.65 (74.39, 74.90)	82.64 (82.30, 82.99)	87.89 (87.46, 88.33)	98.97 ( 98.25, 99.69)
7	32	45.74 (45.35, 46.13)	52.08 (51.84, 52.32)	55.25 (55.06, 55.44)	60.52 (60.35, 60.69)	67.18 (66.99, 67.37)	75.14 (74.90, 75.38)	83.24 (82.91, 83.58)	88.57 (88.14, 88.99)	99.79 ( 99.09, 100.49)
8	34	45.85 (45.46, 46.25)	52.27 (52.03, 52.50)	55.47 (55.29, 55.66)	60.81 (60.65, 60.97)	67.55 (67.36, 67.73)	75.60 (75.36, 75.84)	83.80 (83.46, 84.13)	89.18 (88.77, 89.59)	100.54 ( 99.85, 101.23)



	Age	_1st	_5th	_10th	_25th	_50th	_75th	_90th	_95th	_99th
9	36	45.97 (45.58, 46.37)	52.45 (52.21, 52.68)	55.68 (55.50, 55.87)	61.08 (60.91, 61.24)	67.88 (67.70, 68.07)	76.01 (75.78, 76.25)	84.29 (83.97, 84.62)	89.73 (89.33, 90.14)	101.20 (100.53, 101.88)
10	38	46.09 (45.69, 46.48)	52.62 (52.38, 52.86)	55.88 (55.69, 56.07)	61.32 (61.15, 61.49)	68.18 (68.00, 68.37)	76.38 (76.15, 76.62)	84.73 (84.42, 85.05)	90.22 (89.83, 90.61)	101.78 (101.13, 102.44)
11	40	46.20 (45.81, 46.60)	52.78 (52.54, 53.02)	56.07 (55.87, 56.26)	61.54 (61.37, 61.72)	68.45 (68.26, 68.64)	76.70 (76.47, 76.94)	85.11 (84.80, 85.42)	90.63 (90.25, 91.01)	102.28 (101.64, 102.92)
12	42	46.32 (45.91, 46.72)	52.93 (52.68, 53.18)	56.23 (56.03, 56.43)	61.73 (61.55, 61.92)	68.68 (68.48, 68.87)	76.98 (76.74, 77.21)	85.42 (85.12, 85.73)	90.98 (90.60, 91.35)	102.68 (102.05, 103.31)
13	44	46.43 (46.02, 46.83)	53.06 (52.80, 53.32)	56.37 (56.16, 56.59)	61.90 (61.71, 62.09)	68.87 (68.67, 69.06)	77.19 (76.96, 77.43)	85.67 (85.38, 85.97)	91.24 (90.88, 91.61)	102.99 (102.36, 103.62)
14	46	46.53 (46.11, 46.94)	53.17 (52.91, 53.44)	56.50 (56.28, 56.71)	62.03 (61.83, 62.23)	69.01 (68.81, 69.22)	77.36 (77.13, 77.59)	85.86 (85.56, 86.16)	91.44 (91.08, 91.80)	103.21 (102.59, 103.84)
15	48	46.62 (46.20, 47.04)	53.27 (53.00, 53.54)	56.59 (56.37, 56.82)	62.13 (61.93, 62.33)	69.12 (68.92, 69.33)	77.48 (77.24, 77.71)	85.98 (85.68, 86.28)	91.57 (91.20, 91.93)	103.35 (102.72, 103.98)
16	50	46.69 (46.27, 47.12)	53.34 (53.07, 53.62)	56.67 (56.44, 56.90)	62.20 (62.00, 62.41)	69.19 (68.99, 69.40)	77.54 (77.31, 77.77)	86.04 (85.74, 86.34)	91.63 (91.26, 92.00)	103.41 (102.76, 104.05)
17	52	46.76 (46.33, 47.18)	53.40 (53.12, 53.67)	56.72 (56.49, 56.95)	62.24 (62.04, 62.45)	69.22 (69.02, 69.43)	77.56 (77.32, 77.79)	86.05 (85.74, 86.35)	91.62 (91.25, 92.00)	103.38 (102.73, 104.04)
18	54	46.80 (46.38, 47.23)	53.43 (53.16, 53.70)	56.74 (56.51, 56.97)	62.25 (62.05, 62.46)	69.21 (69.01, 69.42)	77.53 (77.30, 77.77)	86.00 (85.69, 86.31)	91.56 (91.18, 91.95)	103.30 (102.63, 103.96)
19	56	46.83 (46.41, 47.25)	53.44 (53.17, 53.70)	56.74 (56.51, 56.96)	62.23 (62.04, 62.43)	69.17 (68.97, 69.37)	77.46 (77.23, 77.70)	85.91 (85.60, 86.22)	91.45 (91.06, 91.84)	103.15 (102.47, 103.83)
20	58	46.84 (46.43, 47.25)	53.42 (53.16, 53.68)	56.71 (56.49, 56.92)	62.19 (61.99, 62.38)	69.10 (68.90, 69.30)	77.36 (77.13, 77.60)	85.77 (85.46, 86.09)	91.30 (90.90, 91.69)	102.95 (102.27, 103.64)
21	60	46.82 (46.43, 47.22)	53.38 (53.13, 53.63)	56.65 (56.45, 56.86)	62.11 (61.92, 62.30)	69.00 (68.80, 69.19)	77.23 (76.99, 77.46)	85.61 (85.29, 85.92)	91.11 (90.71, 91.51)	102.72 (102.02, 103.41)
22	62	46.79 (46.40, 47.17)	53.32 (53.08, 53.55)	56.58 (56.38, 56.77)	62.01 (61.83, 62.19)	68.87 (68.68, 69.06)	77.07 (76.83, 77.30)	85.41 (85.09, 85.73)	90.89 (90.49, 91.30)	102.45 (101.76, 103.15)
23	64	46.72 (46.35, 47.09)	53.23 (53.00, 53.45)	56.48 (56.29, 56.66)	61.89 (61.72, 62.06)	68.72 (68.53, 68.91)	76.89 (76.65, 77.12)	85.20 (84.88, 85.52)	90.66 (90.26, 91.07)	102.18 (101.48, 102.88)

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24	66	46.63 (46.28, 46.99)	53.12 (52.90, 53.33)	56.35 (56.18, 56.53)	61.75 (61.58, 61.92)	68.56 (68.37, 68.75)	76.70 (76.46, 76.93)	84.98 (84.66, 85.31)	90.43 (90.02, 90.83)	101.90 (101.20, 102.61)
25	68	46.52 (46.17, 46.87)	52.98 (52.78, 53.19)	56.21 (56.04, 56.38)	61.60 (61.43, 61.76)	68.39 (68.20, 68.58)	76.50 (76.26, 76.74)	84.77 (84.44, 85.09)	90.19 (89.78, 90.61)	101.64 (100.93, 102.35)
26	70	46.38 (46.03, 46.73)	52.83 (52.63, 53.04)	56.06 (55.89, 56.22)	61.43 (61.27, 61.59)	68.21 (68.02, 68.40)	76.31 (76.07, 76.56)	84.56 (84.23, 84.90)	89.98 (89.56, 90.40)	101.41 (100.69, 102.13)
27	72	46.21 (45.85, 46.57)	52.66 (52.45, 52.87)	55.89 (55.71, 56.06)	61.26 (61.09, 61.42)	68.03 (67.85, 68.22)	76.13 (75.89, 76.38)	84.38 (84.04, 84.72)	89.80 (89.37, 90.23)	101.23 (100.50, 101.95)
28	74	46.02 (45.65, 46.38)	52.48 (52.25, 52.70)	55.70 (55.52, 55.88)	61.08 (60.92, 61.25)	67.87 (67.68, 68.06)	75.98 (75.73, 76.23)	84.24 (83.89, 84.58)	89.66 (89.23, 90.10)	101.10 (100.37, 101.84)
29	76	45.79 (45.40, 46.18)	52.28 (52.04, 52.51)	55.51 (55.32, 55.71)	60.91 (60.74, 61.08)	67.72 (67.53, 67.91)	75.86 (75.61, 76.11)	84.14 (83.79, 84.50)	89.59 (89.14, 90.03)	101.07 (100.32, 101.81)
30	78	45.54 (45.13, 45.96)	52.06 (51.80, 52.32)	55.32 (55.11, 55.53)	60.75 (60.57, 60.92)	67.60 (67.41, 67.78)	75.78 (75.53, 76.03)	84.11 (83.76, 84.47)	89.59 (89.14, 90.04)	101.13 (100.38, 101.88)
31	80	45.27 (44.83, 45.71)	51.84 (51.56, 52.13)	55.13 (54.89, 55.36)	60.60 (60.41, 60.79)	67.51 (67.32, 67.69)	75.76 (75.51, 76.00)	84.16 (83.81, 84.51)	89.68 (89.24, 90.13)	101.32 (100.57, 102.08)
32	82	44.96 (44.49, 45.44)	51.61 (51.30, 51.93)	54.94 (54.68, 55.19)	60.47 (60.27, 60.67)	67.46 (67.27, 67.65)	75.81 (75.56, 76.05)	84.31 (83.96, 84.66)	89.89 (89.45, 90.33)	101.67 (100.92, 102.41)
33	84	44.63 (44.12, 45.14)	51.38 (51.03, 51.73)	54.75 (54.47, 55.04)	60.37 (60.15, 60.59)	67.46 (67.27, 67.66)	75.94 (75.69, 76.18)	84.57 (84.22, 84.91)	90.23 (89.79, 90.67)	102.19 (101.45, 102.92)
34	86	44.27 (43.72, 44.81)	51.14 (50.76, 51.53)	54.58 (54.26, 54.90)	60.31 (60.06, 60.55)	67.53 (67.31, 67.75)	76.17 (75.91, 76.43)	84.96 (84.60, 85.32)	90.73 (90.29, 91.18)	102.91 (102.18, 103.65)
35	88	43.87 (43.27, 44.46)	50.90 (50.47, 51.34)	54.42 (54.06, 54.79)	60.28 (59.99, 60.57)	67.67 (67.42, 67.93)	76.51 (76.21, 76.81)	85.51 (85.11, 85.90)	91.42 (90.93, 91.90)	103.88 (103.12, 104.64)
36	90	43.43 (42.76, 44.10)	50.66 (50.17, 51.16)	54.28 (53.86, 54.70)	60.30 (59.96, 60.64)	67.90 (67.59, 68.22)	76.99 (76.61, 77.36)	86.24 (85.75, 86.73)	92.32 (91.73, 92.90)	105.13 (104.27, 105.99)



## Male pulse pressure centiles with 95% CI

	Age	1st	5th	10th	25th	50th	75th	90th	95th	99th
1	20	31.75 (30.29, 33.22)	39.16 (38.33, 39.99)	42.78 (42.07, 43.49)	48.59 (47.94, 49.25)	55.24 (54.63, 55.85)	62.62 (62.06, 63.19)	69.94 (69.29, 70.58)	74.70 (73.92, 75.48)	84.71 (83.29, 86.13)
2	22	31.54 (30.33, 32.75)	38.84 (38.21, 39.48)	42.40 (41.87, 42.93)	48.12 (47.62, 48.61)	54.69 (54.21, 55.18)	62.06 (61.55, 62.56)	69.38 (68.77, 69.99)	74.17 (73.44, 74.90)	84.28 (83.02, 85.54)
3	24	31.28 (30.24, 32.32)	38.47 (37.96, 38.99)	41.97 (41.55, 42.38)	47.59 (47.19, 47.99)	54.09 (53.67, 54.51)	61.43 (60.94, 61.93)	68.78 (68.12, 69.43)	73.59 (72.79, 74.39)	83.81 (82.46, 85.15)
4	26	30.95 (29.96, 31.95)	38.04 (37.51, 38.57)	41.47 (41.04, 41.91)	47.00 (46.59, 47.41)	53.43 (53.00, 53.87)	60.75 (60.22, 61.29)	68.12 (67.41, 68.82)	72.96 (72.10, 73.82)	83.29 (81.85, 84.74)
5	28	30.57 (29.63, 31.52)	37.56 (37.05, 38.06)	40.93 (40.52, 41.35)	46.37 (45.99, 46.74)	52.74 (52.34, 53.14)	60.05 (59.56, 60.54)	67.43 (66.77, 68.09)	72.31 (71.49, 73.14)	82.78 (81.31, 84.24)
6	30	30.16 (29.32, 30.99)	37.05 (36.62, 37.47)	40.37 (40.02, 40.72)	45.72 (45.38, 46.06)	52.04 (51.66, 52.41)	59.34 (58.88, 59.80)	66.76 (66.15, 67.38)	71.69 (70.89, 72.49)	82.30 (80.80, 83.80)
7	32	29.72 (28.96, 30.48)	36.53 (36.12, 36.94)	39.81 (39.44, 40.18)	45.08 (44.69, 45.47)	51.36 (50.93, 51.80)	58.68 (58.18, 59.18)	66.15 (65.50, 66.80)	71.13 (70.31, 71.96)	81.92 (80.35, 83.49)
8	34	29.29 (28.56, 30.02)	36.04 (35.64, 36.43)	39.28 (38.93, 39.62)	44.49 (44.14, 44.84)	50.75 (50.37, 51.13)	58.10 (57.65, 58.54)	65.64 (65.04, 66.24)	70.69 (69.90, 71.47)	81.67 (80.10, 83.24)
9	36	28.89 (28.17, 29.62)	35.60 (35.19, 36.02)	38.81 (38.45, 39.17)	43.98 (43.65, 44.31)	50.24 (49.90, 50.58)	57.64 (57.24, 58.04)	65.27 (64.72, 65.83)	70.40 (69.65, 71.14)	81.62 (80.09, 83.15)
10	38	28.53 (27.82, 29.25)	35.23 (34.78, 35.67)	38.42 (38.04, 38.81)	43.57 (43.22, 43.92)	49.85 (49.50, 50.21)	57.32 (56.91, 57.74)	65.07 (64.51, 65.63)	70.29 (69.56, 71.03)	81.79 (80.31, 83.26)
11	40	28.18 (27.51, 28.85)	34.89 (34.44, 35.34)	38.09 (37.69, 38.49)	43.24 (42.87, 43.61)	49.57 (49.19, 49.96)	57.15 (56.70, 57.60)	65.04 (64.44, 65.64)	70.38 (69.62, 71.14)	82.18 (80.74, 83.63)
12	42	27.82 (27.18, 28.45)	34.58 (34.13, 35.03)	37.79 (37.38, 38.20)	42.98 (42.59, 43.37)	49.40 (48.98, 49.81)	57.11 (56.62, 57.61)	65.18 (64.54, 65.82)	70.66 (69.86, 71.46)	82.82 (81.38, 84.26)
13	44	27.44 (26.81, 28.07)	34.29 (33.84, 34.75)	37.54 (37.13, 37.96)	42.79 (42.40, 43.18)	49.33 (48.91, 49.74)	57.22 (56.72, 57.72)	65.50 (64.85, 66.15)	71.14 (70.33, 71.94)	83.69 (82.25, 85.13)
14	46	27.09 (26.43, 27.74)	34.05 (33.59, 34.51)	37.35 (36.94, 37.76)	42.69 (42.32, 43.06)	49.38 (48.99, 49.77)	57.49 (57.02, 57.96)	66.00 (65.39, 66.62)	71.81 (71.04, 72.58)	84.77 (83.35, 86.19)

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	Age	1st	5th	10th	25th	50th	75th	90th	95th	99th
15	48	26.77 (26.09, 27.46)	33.86 (33.40, 34.32)	37.23 (36.83, 37.63)	42.69 (42.34, 43.05)	49.56 (49.20, 49.93)	57.91 (57.47, 58.35)	66.69 (66.11, 67.26)	72.67 (71.95, 73.40)	86.02 (84.64, 87.40)
16	50	26.52 (25.81, 27.23)	33.75 (33.30, 34.21)	37.20 (36.81, 37.59)	42.80 (42.46, 43.15)	49.88 (49.52, 50.24)	58.49 (58.06, 58.93)	67.54 (66.98, 68.09)	73.69 (73.00, 74.38)	87.38 (86.02, 88.74)
17	52	26.37 (25.65, 27.09)	33.73 (33.29, 34.18)	37.26 (36.89, 37.64)	43.03 (42.69, 43.36)	50.33 (49.97, 50.69)	59.21 (58.77, 59.66)	68.52 (67.96, 69.08)	74.83 (74.14, 75.52)	88.79 (87.43, 90.15)
18	54	26.33 (25.62, 27.04)	33.81 (33.37, 34.24)	37.42 (37.05, 37.79)	43.36 (43.03, 43.68)	50.90 (50.54, 51.26)	60.06 (59.60, 60.51)	69.61 (69.03, 70.18)	76.05 (75.34, 76.75)	90.15 (88.78, 91.52)
19	56	26.39 (25.70, 27.09)	33.96 (33.53, 34.39)	37.66 (37.30, 38.02)	43.78 (43.46, 44.09)	51.56 (51.20, 51.91)	60.98 (60.53, 61.43)	70.74 (70.16, 71.33)	77.28 (76.55, 78.00)	91.43 (90.06, 92.79)
20	58	26.49 (25.80, 27.17)	34.14 (33.71, 34.58)	37.93 (37.57, 38.30)	44.23 (43.91, 44.55)	52.25 (51.91, 52.60)	61.93 (61.49, 62.37)	71.89 (71.30, 72.48)	78.49 (77.75, 79.23)	92.59 (91.25, 93.93)
21	60	26.58 (25.90, 27.26)	34.32 (33.88, 34.76)	38.19 (37.82, 38.56)	44.68 (44.36, 45.00)	52.95 (52.61, 53.29)	62.88 (62.44, 63.32)	73.01 (72.41, 73.61)	79.66 (78.91, 80.42)	93.68 (92.38, 94.98)
22	62	26.71 (26.04, 27.39)	34.54 (34.09, 34.99)	38.51 (38.13, 38.89)	45.20 (44.87, 45.52)	53.71 (53.38, 54.05)	63.89 (63.46, 64.33)	74.18 (73.58, 74.79)	80.88 (80.13, 81.63)	94.79 (93.54, 96.04)
23	64	26.94 (26.28, 27.60)	34.86 (34.41, 35.32)	38.93 (38.54, 39.32)	45.82 (45.49, 46.15)	54.58 (54.26, 54.91)	65.01 (64.59, 65.42)	75.46 (74.88, 76.04)	82.21 (81.49, 82.93)	96.03 (94.86, 97.20)
24	66	27.24 (26.62, 27.86)	35.28 (34.84, 35.73)	39.45 (39.07, 39.84)	46.55 (46.21, 46.88)	55.57 (55.24, 55.89)	66.23 (65.84, 66.63)	76.86 (76.31, 77.40)	83.66 (82.98, 84.33)	97.42 (96.33, 98.52)
25	68	27.58 (26.98, 28.18)	35.76 (35.33, 36.19)	40.04 (39.66, 40.41)	47.35 (47.02, 47.68)	56.62 (56.30, 56.94)	67.53 (67.14, 67.92)	78.33 (77.81, 78.86)	85.19 (84.55, 85.84)	98.95 (97.89, 100.01)
26	70	27.85 (27.23, 28.47)	36.19 (35.76, 36.62)	40.59 (40.21, 40.96)	48.11 (47.79, 48.44)	57.63 (57.31, 57.95)	68.80 (68.41, 69.18)	79.78 (79.25, 80.31)	86.71 (86.05, 87.37)	100.50 (99.41, 101.59)
27	72	27.98 (27.30, 28.65)	36.50 (36.04, 36.96)	41.01 (40.62, 41.40)	48.76 (48.43, 49.10)	58.54 (58.20, 58.87)	69.94 (69.53, 70.35)	81.11 (80.55, 81.67)	88.13 (87.43, 88.82)	101.97 (100.83, 103.12)
28	74	27.93 (27.22, 28.63)	36.65 (36.17, 37.13)	41.29 (40.88, 41.70)	49.27 (48.90, 49.64)	59.29 (58.92, 59.67)	70.95 (70.51, 71.39)	82.32 (81.73, 82.90)	89.42 (88.70, 90.15)	103.37 (102.17, 104.56)
29	76	27.72 (27.03, 28.42)	36.65 (36.18, 37.12)	41.42 (41.01, 41.82)	49.62 (49.25, 50.00)	59.91 (59.52, 60.29)	71.82 (71.37, 72.26)	83.38 (82.78, 83.98)	90.60 (89.84, 91.35)	104.67 (103.41, 105.92)

	Age	1st	5th	10th	25th	50th	75th	90th	95th	99th
30	78	27.42 (26.71, 28.12)	36.54 (36.05, 37.04)	41.43 (41.01, 41.85)	49.86 (49.47, 50.24)	60.38 (59.98, 60.78)	72.54 (72.07, 73.02)	84.32 (83.65, 84.99)	91.64 (90.78, 92.50)	105.86 (104.46, 107.27)
31	80	27.13 (26.35, 27.91)	36.43 (35.85, 37.00)	41.42 (40.91, 41.93)	50.04 (49.57, 50.50)	60.79 (60.32, 61.26)	73.19 (72.63, 73.75)	85.17 (84.39, 85.95)	92.60 (91.61, 93.59)	106.99 (105.41, 108.57)
32	82	26.96 (26.14, 27.78)	36.40 (35.77, 37.02)	41.47 (40.91, 42.04)	50.25 (49.73, 50.77)	61.21 (60.69, 61.73)	73.83 (73.23, 74.42)	86.00 (85.18, 86.83)	93.54 (92.50, 94.58)	108.10 (106.45, 109.75)
33	84	26.93 (26.07, 27.78)	36.46 (35.83, 37.09)	41.60 (41.04, 42.16)	50.50 (49.98, 51.03)	61.63 (61.11, 62.16)	74.46 (73.86, 75.05)	86.82 (86.00, 87.64)	94.46 (93.43, 95.49)	109.19 (107.55, 110.82)
34	86	26.97 (25.99, 27.95)	36.57 (35.90, 37.24)	41.76 (41.19, 42.33)	50.76 (50.23, 51.29)	62.04 (61.49, 62.59)	75.05 (74.41, 75.69)	87.58 (86.70, 88.47)	95.32 (94.21, 96.44)	110.21 (108.50, 111.92)
35	88	27.03 (25.79, 28.27)	36.67 (35.88, 37.45)	41.89 (41.26, 42.51)	50.95 (50.42, 51.49)	62.35 (61.79, 62.92)	75.52 (74.80, 76.24)	88.20 (87.15, 89.25)	96.02 (94.71, 97.34)	111.05 (109.09, 113.02)
36	90	27.07 (25.45, 28.70)	36.72 (35.70, 37.74)	41.96 (41.18, 42.74)	51.07 (50.45, 51.69)	62.56 (61.94, 63.18)	75.85 (75.03, 76.66)	88.65 (87.41, 89.89)	96.54 (94.96, 98.11)	111.68 (109.35, 114.00)

#### Female PP centiles with 95% CI

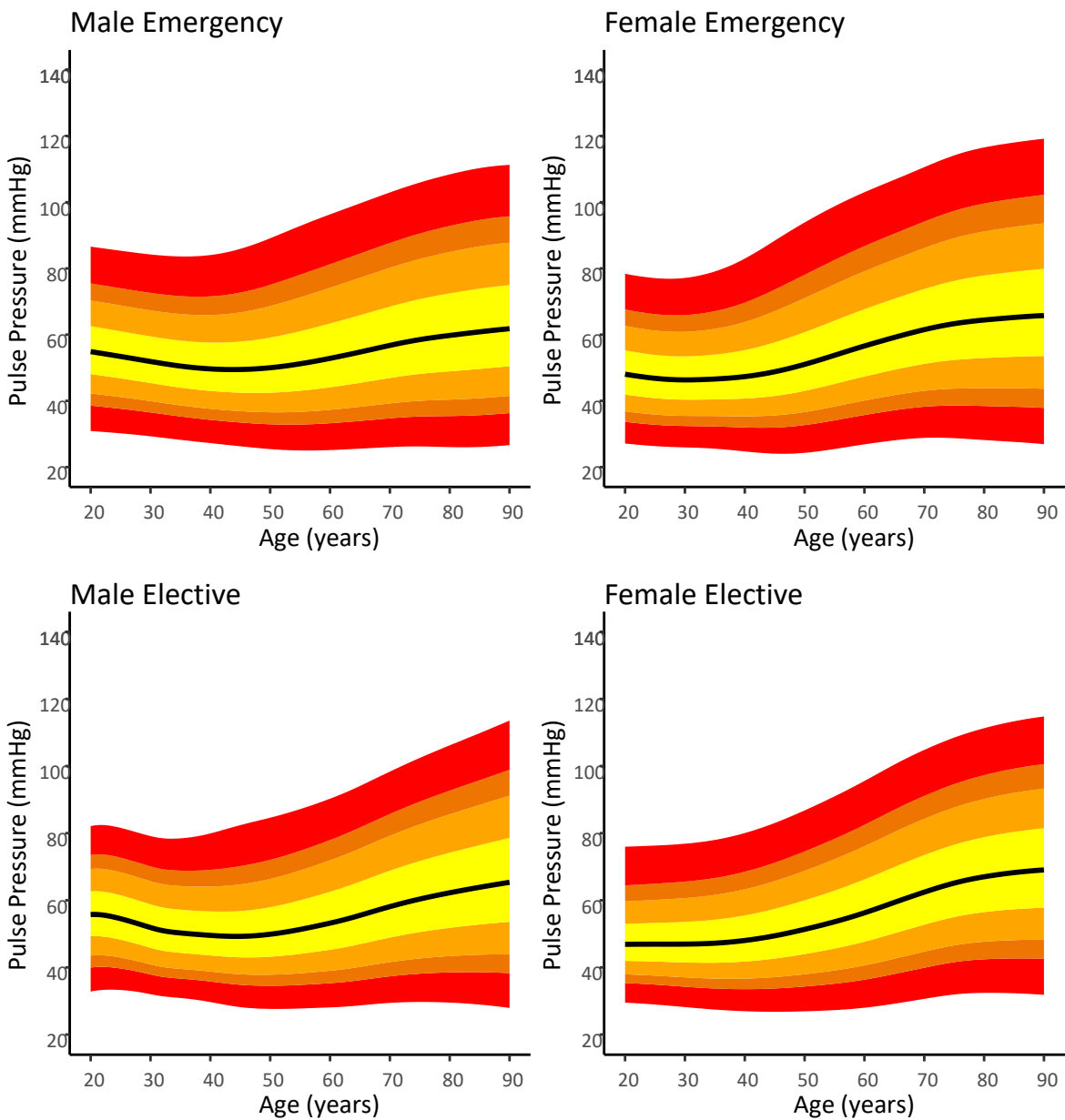
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3	24	26.89 (26.14, 27.64)	33.48 (33.02, 33.94)	36.54 (36.17, 36.91)	41.37 (41.08, 41.66)	47.11 (46.82, 47.40)	53.88 (53.52, 54.25)	60.97 (60.45, 61.49)	65.82 (	76.74 (
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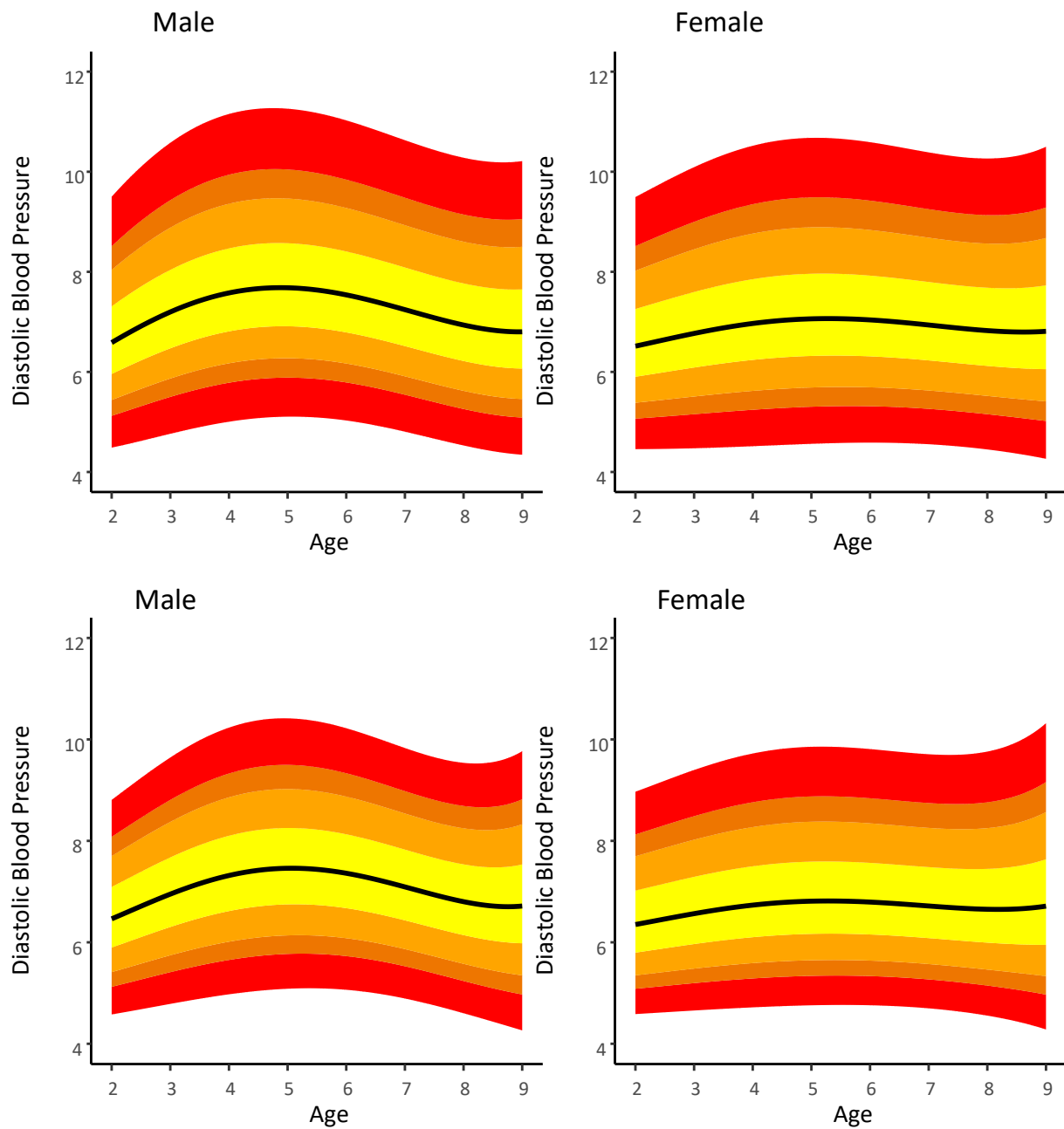
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8	34	26.20 (25.58, 26.83)	32.82 (32.43, 33.21)	35.90 (35.57, 36.23)	40.80 (40.51, 41.09)	46.73 (46.45, 47.01)	53.81 (53.49, 54.14)	61.26 (60.77, 61.74)	66.36 ( 65.71, 67.01)	77.86 ( 76.62, 79.11)
9	36	26.09 (25.46, 26.71)	32.79 (32.39, 33.18)	35.91 (35.57, 36.26)	40.89 (40.57, 41.20)	46.94 (46.65, 47.23)	54.19 (53.88, 54.51)	61.82 (61.37, 62.27)	67.05 ( 66.44, 67.66)	78.83 ( 77.56, 80.11)
10	38	25.96 (25.29, 26.62)	32.77 (32.36, 33.17)	35.95 (35.59, 36.31)	41.03 (40.70, 41.36)	47.25 (46.95, 47.54)	54.71 (54.41, 55.01)	62.56 (62.15, 62.98)	67.95 ( 67.35, 68.55)	80.07 ( 78.66, 81.49)
11	40	25.81 (25.07, 26.55)	32.76 (32.35, 33.17)	36.02 (35.65, 36.38)	41.23 (40.90, 41.56)	47.64 (47.35, 47.94)	55.36 (55.06, 55.66)	63.48 (63.05, 63.92)	69.05 ( 68.38, 69.71)	81.56 ( 79.84, 83.29)
12	42	25.68 (24.86, 26.51)	32.79 (32.37, 33.21)	36.13 (35.77, 36.49)	41.50 (41.18, 41.82)	48.14 (47.85, 48.43)	56.14 (55.82, 56.47)	64.57 (64.05, 65.09)	70.33 ( 69.52, 71.15)	83.27 ( 81.15, 85.39)
13	44	25.62 (24.75, 26.50)	32.89 (32.47, 33.31)	36.33 (35.98, 36.68)	41.86 (41.56, 42.17)	48.74 (48.45, 49.03)	57.06 (56.69, 57.43)	65.80 (65.19, 66.42)	71.77 ( 70.82, 72.72)	85.12 ( 82.74, 87.50)
14	46	25.65 (24.75, 26.55)	33.08 (32.65, 33.52)	36.61 (36.26, 36.96)	42.33 (42.03, 42.62)	49.46 (49.15, 49.76)	58.09 (57.67, 58.51)	67.15 (66.47, 67.83)	73.32 ( 72.30, 74.33)	87.04 ( 84.66, 89.43)
15	48	25.79 (24.85, 26.72)	33.37 (32.89, 33.84)	36.99 (36.62, 37.36)	42.88 (42.58, 43.18)	50.27 (49.94, 50.59)	59.21 (58.74, 59.67)	68.56 (67.83, 69.30)	74.91 ( 73.89, 75.94)	88.95 ( 86.75, 91.16)
16	50	26.01 (25.03, 27.00)	33.73 (33.21, 34.26)	37.45 (37.05, 37.84)	43.51 (43.21, 43.82)	51.15 (50.81, 51.48)	60.38 (59.88, 60.89)	70.01 (69.23, 70.79)	76.51 ( 75.47, 77.55)	90.80 ( 88.81, 92.78)
17	52	26.31 (25.27, 27.35)	34.16 (33.59, 34.73)	37.97 (37.55, 38.39)	44.22 (43.91, 44.52)	52.09 (51.76, 52.43)	61.61 (61.08, 62.14)	71.48 (70.66, 72.30)	78.12 ( 77.06, 79.17)	92.58 ( 90.77, 94.38)
18	54	26.65 (25.59, 27.71)	34.64 (34.03, 35.24)	38.54 (38.09, 38.99)	44.97 (44.65, 45.29)	53.09 (52.76, 53.42)	62.87 (62.34, 63.40)	72.98 (72.15, 73.80)	79.72 ( 78.67, 80.78)	94.31 ( 92.64, 95.97)
19	56	27.01 (25.99, 28.03)	35.14 (34.54, 35.74)	39.15 (38.69, 39.60)	45.77 (45.43, 46.11)	54.13 (53.79, 54.46)	64.17 (63.64, 64.69)	74.48 (73.66, 75.30)	81.33 ( 80.30, 82.36)	96.00 ( 94.44, 97.56)
20	58	27.38 (26.43, 28.33)	35.66 (35.10, 36.23)	39.78 (39.33, 40.22)	46.60 (46.24, 46.96)	55.20 (54.85, 55.55)	65.49 (64.97, 66.00)	76.00 (75.21, 76.79)	82.94 ( 81.94, 83.93)	97.66 ( 96.17, 99.16)
21	60	27.76 (26.88, 28.63)	36.21 (35.68, 36.73)	40.43 (40.00, 40.87)	47.47 (47.10, 47.84)	56.31 (55.94, 56.68)	66.84 (66.34, 67.35)	77.55 (76.81, 78.28)	84.57 ( 83.65, 85.49)	99.34 ( 97.93, 100.75)
22	62	28.14 (27.32, 28.96)	36.78 (36.28, 37.28)	41.12 (40.70, 41.55)	48.38 (47.99, 48.77)	57.46 (57.08, 57.85)	68.24 (67.75, 68.73)	79.13 (78.45, 79.80)	86.23 ( 85.40, 87.05)	101.05 ( 99.76, 102.35)

	Age	1st	5th	10th	25th	50th	75th	90th	95th	99th
23	64	28.54 (27.74, 29.34)	37.37 (36.88, 37.86)	41.84 (41.42, 42.26)	49.31 (48.92, 49.70)	58.64 (58.24, 59.03)	69.64 (69.16, 70.12)	80.70 (80.07, 81.33)	87.87 (87.12, 88.63)	102.75 (101.55, 103.94)
24	66	28.96 (28.17, 29.76)	37.99 (37.51, 38.47)	42.58 (42.17, 42.98)	50.26 (49.88, 50.63)	59.80 (59.42, 60.19)	71.01 (70.55, 71.47)	82.22 (81.64, 82.81)	89.47 (88.78, 90.15)	104.37 (103.28, 105.46)
25	68	29.38 (28.58, 30.19)	38.60 (38.12, 39.07)	43.30 (42.91, 43.69)	51.19 (50.84, 51.54)	60.95 (60.58, 61.31)	72.35 (71.92, 72.79)	83.71 (83.16, 84.26)	91.01 (90.37, 91.65)	105.95 (104.93, 106.96)
26	70	29.75 (28.92, 30.58)	39.16 (38.68, 39.65)	43.99 (43.59, 44.39)	52.08 (51.73, 52.44)	62.05 (61.68, 62.42)	73.65 (73.20, 74.10)	85.15 (84.59, 85.72)	92.52 (91.85, 93.18)	107.50 (106.43, 108.58)
27	72	30.01 (29.12, 30.89)	39.63 (39.10, 40.16)	44.57 (44.13, 45.02)	52.88 (52.47, 53.30)	63.07 (62.64, 63.51)	74.88 (74.37, 75.38)	86.54 (85.90, 87.18)	93.98 (93.22, 94.74)	109.05 (107.74, 110.35)
28	74	30.08 (29.12, 31.04)	39.92 (39.34, 40.51)	45.00 (44.50, 45.50)	53.53 (53.06, 54.01)	63.96 (63.47, 64.46)	75.99 (75.42, 76.56)	87.84 (87.11, 88.56)	95.37 (94.48, 96.26)	110.55 (108.98, 112.12)
29	76	29.93 (28.92, 30.95)	40.01 (39.37, 40.65)	45.22 (44.68, 45.76)	53.99 (53.50, 54.47)	64.66 (64.15, 65.17)	76.93 (76.33, 77.53)	88.97 (88.19, 89.74)	96.60 (95.65, 97.56)	111.93 (110.29, 113.57)
30	78	29.60 (28.51, 30.70)	39.90 (39.18, 40.63)	45.25 (44.65, 45.85)	54.24 (53.75, 54.73)	65.16 (64.65, 65.66)	77.67 (77.05, 78.28)	89.90 (89.10, 90.71)	97.65 (96.65, 98.64)	113.13 (111.50, 114.76)
31	80	29.18 (27.99, 30.36)	39.69 (38.87, 40.50)	45.15 (44.48, 45.83)	54.35 (53.83, 54.88)	65.51 (65.00, 66.03)	78.26 (77.64, 78.87)	90.69 (89.88, 91.50)	98.54 (97.55, 99.53)	114.18 (112.57, 115.79)
32	82	28.73 (27.53, 29.93)	39.43 (38.58, 40.28)	45.01 (44.30, 45.71)	54.40 (53.86, 54.95)	65.79 (65.28, 66.29)	78.75 (78.17, 79.34)	91.38 (90.63, 92.13)	99.33 (98.41, 100.25)	115.12 (113.58, 116.66)
33	84	28.31 (27.16, 29.47)	39.18 (38.36, 40.01)	44.86 (44.17, 45.55)	54.44 (53.91, 54.98)	66.03 (65.55, 66.51)	79.21 (78.67, 79.75)	92.02 (91.31, 92.72)	100.06 (99.19, 100.93)	116.00 (114.50, 117.51)
34	86	27.92 (26.76, 29.07)	38.94 (38.14, 39.74)	44.72 (44.04, 45.39)	54.46 (53.93, 55.00)	66.25 (65.76, 66.74)	79.62 (79.06, 80.19)	92.60 (91.85, 93.35)	100.73 (99.80, 101.67)	116.81 (115.23, 118.39)
35	88	27.50 (26.22, 28.78)	38.67 (37.81, 39.53)	44.53 (43.81, 45.26)	54.44 (53.84, 55.05)	66.41 (65.84, 66.98)	79.97 (79.31, 80.62)	93.09 (92.22, 93.96)	101.31 (100.24, 102.38)	117.50 (115.72, 119.27)
36	90	27.00 (25.48, 28.51)	38.33 (37.33, 39.33)	44.28 (43.44, 45.12)	54.35 (53.63, 55.07)	66.49 (65.80, 67.18)	80.22 (79.47, 80.96)	93.48 (92.50, 94.46)	101.76 (100.54, 102.98)	118.05 (116.04, 120.07)

Appendix B - Diastolic and Pulse Pressure Centiles for  
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Title and abstract					
	1	(a) Indicate the study’s design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract (b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found	yes	RECORD 1.1: The type of data used should be specified in the title or abstract. When possible, the name of the databases used should be included.  RECORD 1.2: If applicable, the geographic region and time frame within which the study took place should be reported in the title or abstract.  RECORD 1.3: If linkage between databases was conducted for the study, this should be clearly stated in the title or abstract.	yes  Abstract  N/A
Introduction					
Background rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported			Introduction
Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses			Introduction
Methods					
Study Design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper			Methods – paragraph 1
Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection			Methods – paragraph 1, 3



Participants	6	<p>(a) <i>Cohort study</i> - Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants. Describe methods of follow-up</p> <p><i>Case-control study</i> - Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of case ascertainment and control selection. Give the rationale for the choice of cases and controls</p> <p><i>Cross-sectional study</i> - Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants</p> <p>(b) <i>Cohort study</i> - For matched studies, give matching criteria and number of exposed and unexposed</p> <p><i>Case-control study</i> - For matched studies, give matching criteria and the number of controls per case</p>	Methods – paragraph 2	<p>RECORD 6.1: The methods of study population selection (such as codes or algorithms used to identify subjects) should be listed in detail. If this is not possible, an explanation should be provided.</p> <p>RECORD 6.2: Any validation studies of the codes or algorithms used to select the population should be referenced. If validation was conducted for this study and not published elsewhere, detailed methods and results should be provided.</p> <p>RECORD 6.3: If the study involved linkage of databases, consider use of a flow diagram or other graphical display to demonstrate the data linkage process, including the number of individuals with linked data at each stage.</p>	<p>Methods – paragraph 2, 4</p> <p>Method – paragraph 4 (ref 12)</p> <p>N/A</p>
Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable.		RECORD 7.1: A complete list of codes and algorithms used to classify exposures, outcomes, confounders, and effect modifiers should be provided. If these cannot be reported, an explanation should be provided.	Methods paragraph 3-4 (no codes required for blood pressure, as retrieved from curated system, which was itself taken from our own in-house system, SEND)
Data sources/ measurement	8	For each variable of interest, give sources of data and details of methods of assessment (measurement).			Methods Paragraph 3

		Describe comparability of assessment methods if there is more than one group			
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias			N/A – whole population is used (no sampling)
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at			Methods -> sample size
Quantitative variables	11	Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen, and why			Methods -> Analysis
Statistical methods	12	(a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding (b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions (c) Explain how missing data were addressed (d) <i>Cohort study</i> - If applicable, explain how loss to follow-up was addressed <i>Case-control study</i> - If applicable, explain how matching of cases and controls was addressed <i>Cross-sectional study</i> - If applicable, describe analytical methods taking account of sampling strategy (e) Describe any sensitivity analyses			Methods -> Analysis
Data access and cleaning methods		..		RECORD 12.1: Authors should describe the extent to which the investigators had access to the database	Methods: Paragraph 3

				population used to create the study population.	
				RECORD 12.2: Authors should provide information on the data cleaning methods used in the study.	Methods: Paragraph 3
Linkage		..		RECORD 12.3: State whether the study included person-level, institutional-level, or other data linkage across two or more databases. The methods of linkage and methods of linkage quality evaluation should be provided.	N/A
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Participants	13	(a) Report the numbers of individuals at each stage of the study ( <i>e.g.</i> , numbers potentially eligible, examined for eligibility, confirmed eligible, included in the study, completing follow-up, and analysed) (b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage. (c) Consider use of a flow diagram		RECORD 13.1: Describe in detail the selection of the persons included in the study ( <i>i.e.</i> , study population selection) including filtering based on data quality, data availability and linkage. The selection of included persons can be described in the text and/or by means of the study flow diagram.	Figure 1
Descriptive data	14	(a) Give characteristics of study participants ( <i>e.g.</i> , demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders (b) Indicate the number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest (c) <i>Cohort study</i> - summarise follow-up time ( <i>e.g.</i> , average and total amount)			Table 1

Outcome data	15	<i>Cohort study</i> - Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures over time <i>Case-control study</i> - Report numbers in each exposure category, or summary measures of exposure <i>Cross-sectional study</i> - Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures			N/A (one measurement per admission)  Primary result: Fig 1
Main results	16	(a) Give unadjusted estimates and, if applicable, confounder-adjusted estimates and their precision (e.g., 95% confidence interval). Make clear which confounders were adjusted for and why they were included (b) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized (c) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a meaningful time period			(a) 95CIs reported throughout Results for pertinent values. Full table of CIs in supplementary material (b) No categorisation for centile plots (c) N/A
Other analyses	17	Report other analyses done—e.g., analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses			Results Fig 3, 4
Discussion					
Key results	18	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives			Discussion
Limitations	19	Discuss limitations of the study, taking into account sources of		RECORD 19.1: Discuss the implications of using data that were not	Discussion -> Limitations

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Interpretation	20	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence			Discussion -> Interpretation
Generalisability	21	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results			Discussion -> Generalisability
<b>Other Information</b>					
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# Prevalence of Multimorbidity with Frailty and Associations with Socioeconomic Position in an Adult Population: Findings from the Cross-sectional HUNT Study in Norway

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**ABSTRACT**

**Objectives:** To explore prevalences and occupational group inequalities of two measures of multimorbidity with frailty.

**Design:** Cross-sectional study.

**Setting:** The Nord-Trøndelag Health Study (HUNT), Norway, a total county population health survey, 2006-2008.

**Participants:** Participants older than 25 years, with complete questionnaires, measurements and occupation data, were included.

**Outcomes:**  $\geq 2$  of 51 multimorbid conditions with  $\geq 1$  of 4 frailty measures (poor health, mental illness, physical impairment or social impairment) and  $\geq 3$  of 51 multimorbid conditions with  $\geq 2$  of 4 frailty measures.

**Analysis:** Logistic regression models with age and occupational group, were specified for each sex separately.

**Results:** Of 41193 adults, 38027 (55% women; 25-100 years old) were included. 39% had  $\geq 2$  multimorbid conditions with  $\geq 1$  frailty measure, and 17% had  $\geq 3$  multimorbid conditions with  $\geq 2$  frailty measures. Prevalence differences in percentage points of those in high vs low occupational group with  $\geq 2$  multimorbid conditions and  $\geq 1$  frailty measure, were 17 (95% CI, 14 to 20) in women and 5 (1 to 9) in men at 30 years; 15 (13 to 17) in both sexes at 55 years; and 3 (-3 to 9) in women and 14 (9 to 18) in men at 80 years. In those with  $\geq 3$  multimorbid conditions and  $\geq 2$  frailty measures, prevalence differences were 8 (6 to 10) in women and 2 (0 to 4) in men at 30 years; 10 (8 to 11) in women and 9 (8 to 11) in men at 55 years, and 4 (-1 to 10) in women and 6 (1 to 10) in men at 80 years.

**Conclusion:** Multimorbidity with frailty is common and social inequalities persist until age 80 years in women and throughout the lifespan in men. To manage complex multimorbidity, strategies for proportionate universalism in medical education, health care, public health prevention and promotion seem necessary.

**ARTICLE SUMMARY**

**Strengths and limitations of this study**

1. The HUNT Study is a large total county population general health survey with a multitude of variables, suitable to estimate prevalences of multimorbidity and frailty by self-reports and clinical measurements.
2. Occupation is used as a marker for socioeconomic position, enabling international comparison.
3. Sex-specific occupational group differences in multimorbidity with frailty are reported as both absolute and relative measures of inequality
4. As a secondary analysis, the measures in this study need to be adjusted to fit previously collected data.
5. In particular, the original data lacked information of chronicity of conditions, which may lead to overestimation of multimorbidity.

## INTRODUCTION

Multimorbidity, the co-occurrence of multiple, chronic conditions, where none is more central,<sup>1</sup> is increasingly prevalent and becoming the norm.<sup>2-4</sup> Multimorbidity is associated with high health care utilization<sup>5</sup> and challenges clinicians in a fragmented health care system, aided by single disease guidelines.<sup>6</sup> The treatment burden to patients is often substantial including lowered ability to self-care.<sup>6</sup> Ways to harmonize guidelines to fit multimorbidity<sup>7 8</sup> and manage patients with multimorbidity in clinical practice<sup>6</sup> have been explored, and specific multimorbidity care guidelines are emerging.<sup>9 10</sup>

Multimorbidity alone may not imply a need for complex, multidisciplinary care.<sup>1</sup> Sociodemographic characteristics, individual health and social experiences, and mental and somatic health characteristics,<sup>11</sup> increase patient complexity. The British National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guideline,<sup>10</sup> defines multimorbidity as two or more long-term, single-count health conditions and recommends a multimorbid approach to care in various contexts, including mixed mental and somatic multimorbidity and multimorbidity with frailty.

Frailty increases the vulnerability for adverse outcomes. It has been understood as characterized by loss of biophysical reserves in elderly,<sup>12</sup> operationalized as the frailty phenotype.<sup>12</sup> Another approach is the frailty index,<sup>13</sup> which calculate a ratio of accumulation of numerous deficits in several domains. An opinion of experts, further emphasize the latter multidimensional view and defines frailty as a dynamic state of multicausality, involving loss of function in spheres such as physical, psychological, and social domains.<sup>14</sup> This can be regarded as a biopsychosocial frailty model.<sup>15</sup> The NICE guideline proposes identification of frailty through observation of a low gait speed or poor self-rated health or by scoring a frailty scale combining demographic characteristics and multidimensional impairments.<sup>10</sup>

Social health inequalities are established; low socioeconomic position is associated with poorer health outcomes in Nordic countries<sup>16</sup> and globally.<sup>17</sup> Multimorbidity and frailty are no exception. Common determinants are socioeconomic deprivation,<sup>18 19</sup> female sex,<sup>18 20</sup> and higher age.<sup>18 20</sup> In descriptive studies, any indicator of socioeconomic position will detect occurring differences.<sup>21</sup> Socioeconomic gradients in prevalence of multimorbidity and frailty, has been explored by education,<sup>18 19 22 23</sup> income,<sup>22 23</sup> occupation,<sup>3</sup> and deprivation indexes.<sup>18 19</sup> Occupation is associated with education and income and may have an impact on health outcomes through biopsychosocial work exposures.<sup>21</sup> Although proportions with multimorbidity and frailty increase with higher age, more multimorbid are young and middle aged than old<sup>4 24</sup> and frailty is associated with multimorbidity and mortality from middle age.<sup>25</sup> The NICE guideline emphasizes assessment of a multimorbid approach to care for adults of all ages but does not take into account social position.

There are numerous operational definitions of both multimorbidity and frailty and prevalence vary by setting, definitions and methods.<sup>18 26-28</sup> The literature suggests that multimorbidity, defined as three or more single health conditions, increases specificity especially in older age groups.<sup>26 29</sup> Common frailty scales require multidimensional loss of function to identify frail individuals<sup>20</sup> and share ability to show associations to age, sex and mortality.<sup>20</sup>

The overall purpose of this study is to identify how many in a general adult population is likely to need complex, multidisciplinary care as given by one of the contexts suggested by the NICE guideline; multimorbidity with frailty. Two measures will be assessed, one in line

with the guideline (two conditions of multimorbidity plus one dimension of frailty) and the other with expected increased specificity (three conditions of multimorbidity plus two dimensions of frailty). The second aim is to examine associations of these measures according to age, sex, and socioeconomic position.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

**Reporting statement**

The STROBE cross sectional reporting guidelines<sup>30</sup> were used for reporting of this observational study.

**Study design and population**

This cross-sectional study use data from the third wave in the Norwegian HUNT Study (the HUNT3 Survey, 2006-2008). Details on data collection and the cohort profile of this total county population health survey was published previously.<sup>31</sup> In brief, 93860 residents older than 20 years were invited. 54% (n=50807 of 93860) completed the main questionnaire, meeting the minimum requirement for HUNT3 Survey attendance.<sup>31</sup> Figure 1 presents the sample selection for this analysis.

81% (41193 of 50807) eligible participants completed all major parts of the HUNT3 Survey; the main, age- and sex-specific questionnaires; interviews; and measurements. Incomplete participation excluded 9610 individuals, while four missed complete information on participation. 1569 respondents were younger than 25 years and were excluded on the assumption that the highest level of occupational group may not yet be obtained by those in this age category. One missed information on age. 1571 individuals missed information on occupation, while 25 people had “unspecified occupation” and was excluded. 38027 of 41193 (92%) participants were included in the final sample.

Overall, lower socioeconomic position was associated with lower participation rate in the HUNT3 Survey.<sup>32</sup> In this study, the distribution of occupational groups was 24% (high), 27% (middle) and 49% (low) in the sample and 17% (high), 20% (middle), 52% (low) and 11% (missing) among non-eligible. 100% of the missing were due to missing classifiable occupational data. Women constituted 55%, 51% and 81%, of the sample, non-eligible and missing, respectively. The mean (standard deviation) age was 55 (14) years in the sample, 44 (18) years among non-eligible and 66 (18) years among those missing data.

**Demographic and Sociodemographic Characteristics**

Sex and age at participation in the HUNT3 Survey was constructed by the HUNT Databank. Occupational group was used as indicator of socioeconomic position.<sup>21</sup> In the HUNT3 Survey interview, all participants were asked, “What is/was the title of your main occupation?” Free-text answers were manually categorized corresponding to Standard Classifications of Occupations by Statistics Norway,<sup>33</sup> which is based on the International Standard Classification of Occupations-88.<sup>34</sup> Occupational socioeconomic position was operationalized using occupation only, corresponding to a simplified version of the European Socio-economic Classification scheme.<sup>35</sup> The scheme aims to differentiate occupational groups on employment relationships and is not hierarchical per se. Still, the higher occupational groups are likely to have higher and more secure income.<sup>35</sup> Collapsed to a 3-class version, the high level represents large employers, higher-grade and lower-grade professionals, administrative and managerial occupations, and higher-grade technician and

supervisory occupations. The middle group consist of small employers, self-employed individuals, and lower-grade supervisory and technician occupations. The low level contains lower-grade service positions, sales and clerical occupations, and lower-grade technical and routine occupations. Details are provided in appendix A.

## Outcomes

### Multimorbidity

The construction of 51 single, chronic conditions from the HUNT3 Survey data, is described in appendix B. Table 1 lists the 51 conditions by 14 ICD-10 chapters, a disease classification system in major organized by organ systems. In this study, a simple, non-weighted summary score was generated and two multimorbidity variables created, with cutoff values of at least 2 of 51 and 3 of 51 conditions.

Table 1. Conditions grouped by ICD-10 chapter.

ICD-10 chapter	ICD-10 chapter
Conditions	Conditions
<b>II Neoplasms</b>	<b>X Respiratory system</b>
Cancer	Chronic bronchitis, emphysema or COPD <sup>1,2</sup>
<b>III Blood/blood-forming organs/immune mechanism</b>	Asthma
Sarcoidosis	<b>XI Digestive system</b>
<b>IV Endocrine/nutritional/metabolic</b>	Dental health status
Obesity	Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease
Hypercholesterolemia	Irritable bowel syndrome
Diabetes	<b>XII Skin/subcutaneous tissue</b>
Hypothyroidism	Hand eczema
Hyperthyroidism	Psoriasis
<b>V Mental/behavioural</b>	<b>XIII Musculoskeletal/connective tissue</b>
Alcohol problem	Rheumatoid arthritis
Depression	Osteoarthritis
Anxiety	Ankylosing spondylitis
Insomnia	Fibromyalgia
<b>VI Nervous system</b>	Osteoporosis
Epilepsy	Local musculoskeletal pain/stiffness in:
Migraine	- Neck
Chronic headache, other	- Upper back
<b>VII Eye/adnexa</b>	- Lower back
Cataract	- Shoulder
Macula degeneration	- Elbow
Glaucoma	- Hand
<b>VIII Ear/mastoid</b>	- Hip
Hearing impairment	- Knee
<b>IX Circulatory system</b>	- Foot/ankle
Hypertension	<b>XIV Genitourinary system</b>
Angina pectoris	Kidney disease
Myocardial infarction	Urine incontinence
Heart failure	Prostate symptoms
Other heart disease <sup>1</sup>	Menopausal hot flashes
Stroke or brain haemorrhage <sup>1</sup>	<b>XVIII Symptoms/signs/abnormal clinical/laboratory findings</b>
	Nocturia
	Chronic widespread pain

<sup>1</sup> = Exception to single entity.

<sup>2</sup>COPD = Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

Frailty

Original data did not match any exact frailty scale. A qualitative judgement of available data was undertaken and general, mental, physical and social dimensions<sup>10 14 20</sup> of frailty were operationalized from six original variables:

1. General health status, defined as those reporting the answers “poor” or “not so good” (vs “good” and “very good”) to the single question “How is your health at the moment?”
2. Mental health status, included those reporting symptoms of anxiety and/or depression, on the Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale. The HUNT Databank calculated a total score for subscales of anxiety and depression, if all items for anxiety and depression, respectively, were answered. In this study, cutoff was set at 8/21 points for both conditions<sup>36</sup> and a combined variable was created.
3. Physical impairment was identified by combining those reporting “yes” (vs “no”) in response to the question, “Do you suffer from any long-term (at least 1 year) illness or injury of a physical or psychological nature that impairs your functioning in your daily life?” and reporting either motor ability, vision, or hearing impairment to a moderate or severe degree.
4. Social impairment was derived from answers to the single question, “To what extent has your physical health or emotional problems limited you in your usual socializing with family or friends during the last 4 weeks?” Included were those reporting “much” and “not able to socialize” (vs “not at all,” “very little,” or “somewhat”).

A summary score was generated and two frailty variables created, with cutoff values of at least 1 of 4 and 2 of 4 frailty measures with impairment.

#### Multimorbidity with frailty

The two final outcome variables, were created by combining self-reported multimorbidity and frailty as at least 2 of 51 chronic health conditions plus impairment in 1 of 4 dimensions of frailty and 3 of 51 chronic health conditions plus impairments in 2 of 4 dimensions of frailty.

#### Statistical analysis

We used cross-tables to identify sociodemographic characteristics by occupational group (table 2) and by multimorbidity with frailty, stratified by sex (table 3).

Associations between occupational group and the two measures of multimorbidity with frailty were analyzed using logistic regression, adjusted for age and sex. All models were stratified by sex and included occupational group, continuous age, age squared, and an interaction term between occupational group and age. Likelihood ratio tests were used to compare models.

Given the high prevalence of multimorbidity with frailty and the knowledge that odds ratios will deviate from relative risks,<sup>37</sup> we used postestimation commands to obtain prevalence differences and prevalence ratios<sup>38</sup> between the occupational groups with high occupational group as the reference category. The prevalence difference is the difference in mean predicted probability, and prevalence ratio is the ratio between the mean predicted probabilities while holding other covariates constant.<sup>38</sup> Prevalence difference and prevalence ratio between occupational groups were calculated at age 25 to 100 years in 5-year intervals (appendix C). Calculations (with 95% confidence intervals) are presented at the ages 30, 55 and 80 to reflect young adults, middle aged and elderly (table 4).

We performed complete case analysis and used Stata version 15.1 (StataCorp. College Station, TX, USA) to analyze the data.



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**Patient and public involvement**

During the preparation of the HUNT3 Survey, there was a wide citizen and stakeholder participation. This study is a secondary analysis of data collected in 2006-2008. Multimorbidity is a universal topic, not represented by any particular patient group, thus no patient or public representative were involved in designing the study.

**RESULTS**

38027 individuals, older than 25 years, who had completed all major parts of the HUNT3 Survey and had data on occupation, comprised the final sample for this study (fig. 1). Further sociodemographic characteristics is presented in table 2.

Table 2. Sex and age distribution by occupational group.

	Occupational group							
	High		Middle		Low		Total	
	Frequency	(%)	Frequency	(%)	Frequency	(%)	Frequency	(%)
<b>Total</b>	8 970	(100)	10 243	(100)	18 814	(100)	38 027	(100)
<b>Sex</b>								
Female	4 505	(50)	5 386	(53)	10 922	(58)	20 813	(55)
Male	4 465	(50)	4 857	(47)	7 892	(42)	17 214	(45)
<b>Age, years</b>								
25-44	2 837	(32)	2 600	(25)	4 487	(24)	9 924	(26)
45-64	4 468	(50)	4 787	(47)	8 951	(48)	18 206	(48)
65-74	1 118	(12)	1 846	(18)	3 297	(18)	6 261	(16)
75-100	547	(6)	1 010	(10)	2 079	(11)	3 636	(10)

Most participants, 49% (n=18814 of 38027), are categorized as low occupational group, which is comprised of 58% (n=10922 of 18814) women, while women constitute 55% (n=20813 of 38027) of the total sample.

Table 3. Frequency distribution of two definitions of multimorbidity with frailty across occupational groups and age categories, stratified by sex.

Women							Men						
Two conditions of multimorbidity and one dimension of frailty*							Two conditions of multimorbidity and one dimension of frailty*						
	No, freq.	(%)	Yes, freq.	(%)	Total, freq.	(%)	No, freq.	(%)	Yes, freq.	(%)	Total, freq.	(%)	
Total	12 304	(59)	8 482	(41)	20 813	(100)	10 826	(63)	6 378	(37)	17 214	(100)	
Occupational group													
High	3 222	(72)	1 282	(28)	4 505	(100)	3 220	(72)	1 242	(28)	4 465	(100)	
Middle	3 370	(63)	2 009	(37)	5 386	(100)	2 995	(62)	1 860	(38)	4 857	(100)	
Low	5 712	(52)	5 191	(48)	10 922	(100)	4 611	(58)	3 276	(42)	7 892	(100)	
Age, years													
25-44	4 298	(72)	1 680	(28)	5 981	(100)	3 075	(78)	867	(22)	3 943	(100)	
45-64	5 712	(58)	4 122	(42)	9 840	(100)	5 398	(65)	2 967	(35)	8 366	(100)	
65-74	1 615	(51)	1 548	(49)	3 168	(100)	1 681	(54)	1 409	(46)	3 093	(100)	
75-100	679	(37)	1 132	(62)	1 824	(100)	672	(37)	1 135	(63)	1 812	(100)	
Mean (SD)	52	(14)	58	(14)	54	(14)	54	(14)	61	(14)	56	(14)	
Three conditions of multimorbidity and two dimensions of frailty*							Three conditions of multimorbidity and two dimensions of frailty*						
	No, freq.	(%)	Yes, freq.	(%)	Total, freq.	(%)	No, freq.	(%)	Yes, freq.	(%)	Total, freq.	(%)	
Total	16 983	(82)	3 803	(18)	20 813	(100)	14 367	(83)	2 837	(16)	17 214	(100)	
Occupational group													
High	4 029	(89)	475	(11)	4 505	(100)	3 977	(89)	485	(11)	4 465	(100)	
Middle	4 491	(83)	888	(16)	5 386	(100)	3 995	(82)	860	(18)	4 857	(100)	
Low	8 463	(77)	2 440	(22)	10 922	(100)	6 395	(81)	1 492	(19)	7 892	(100)	
Age, years													
25-44	5 378	(90)	600	(10)	5 981	(100)	3 651	(93)	291	(7)	3 943	(100)	
45-64	7 920	(80)	1 914	(19)	9 840	(100)	7 024	(84)	1 341	(16)	8 366	(100)	
65-74	2 449	(77)	714	(23)	3 168	(100)	2 472	(80)	618	(20)	3 093	(100)	
75-100	1 236	(68)	575	(32)	1 824	(100)	1 220	(67)	587	(32)	1 812	(100)	
Mean (SD)	53	(14)	60	(14)	54	(14)	55	(14)	63	(13)	56	(14)	

Abbreviations: freq., frequency; SD, standard deviation

\*In total, 27 women and 10 men miss data on both measures of multimorbidity with frailty.



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In total, 77% reported more than two and 62% more than three conditions of multimorbidity. Frailty with one impairment was identified in 41% and with two impairments in 18%. Table 3 shows the distribution of the combined measures across occupational groups stratified by sex.

Overall, 39% met the criteria of having at least two conditions of multimorbidity with one dimension of frailty (41% [n=8482 of 20813] of women, 37% [n=6378 of 17214] of men) and 17% met the criteria of three-condition multimorbidity with two dimensions of frailty (18% [n=3803 of 20813] of women, 16% [n=2837 of 17214] of men).

Proportions of multimorbidity with frailty increased with lower occupational rank and increasing age, in both sexes, regardless of definition. Most individuals with any definition of multimorbidity with frailty, were younger than 64 years.

Table 4. Prevalence ratios (PR) and prevalence differences (PD) with 95% confidence intervals (CI) between occupational groups and multimorbidity with frailty, stratified by sex.

		Women				Men			
Age, years	Occupational group	Two conditions of multimorbidity and one dimension of frailty							
		PR	(95% CI)	PD	(95% CI)	PR	(95% CI)	PD	(95% CI)
30	High	1.00	(Ref.)	0.00	(Ref.)	1.00	(Ref.)	0.00	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.36	(1.11, 1.65)	0.06	(0.02, 0.09)	0.93	(0.70, 1.23)	-0.01	(-0.06, 0.03)
	Low	2.09	(1.76, 2.47)	0.17	(0.14, 0.20)	1.32	(1.04, 1.67)	0.05	(0.01, 0.09)
55	High	1.00	(Ref.)	0.00	(Ref.)	1.00	(Ref.)	0.00	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.22	(1.13, 1.31)	0.07	(0.04, 0.09)	1.34	(1.23, 1.45)	0.08	(0.06, 0.11)
	Low	1.48	(1.38, 1.58)	0.15	(0.13, 0.17)	1.60	(1.48, 1.72)	0.15	(0.13, 0.17)
80	High	1.00	(Ref.)	0.00	(Ref.)	1.00	(Ref.)	0.00	(Ref.)
	Middle	0.96	(0.86, 1.08)	-0.02	(-0.09, 0.05)	1.23	(1.12, 1.35)	0.12	(0.06, 0.17)
	Low	1.05	(0.95, 1.16)	0.03	(-0.03, 0.09)	1.27	(1.15, 1.39)	0.14	(0.09, 0.18)
Age, years	Occupational group	Three conditions of multimorbidity and two dimensions of frailty							
		PR	(95% CI)	PD	(95% CI)	PR	(95% CI)	PD	(95% CI)
30	High	1.00	(Ref.)	0.00	(Ref.)	1.00	(Ref.)	0.00	(Ref.)
	Middle	2.31	(1.56, 3.40)	0.04	(0.02, 0.06)	1.29	(0.77, 2.17)	0.01	(-0.01, 0.03)
	Low	3.59	(2.53, 5.08)	0.08	(0.06, 0.10)	1.60	(1.02, 2.51)	0.02	(0.00, 0.04)
55	High	1.00	(Ref.)	0.00	(Ref.)	1.00	(Ref.)	0.00	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.31	(1.14, 1.50)	0.04	(0.02, 0.06)	1.62	(1.40, 1.87)	0.06	(0.04, 0.07)
	Low	1.78	(1.59, 2.00)	0.10	(0.08, 0.11)	2.05	(1.80, 2.33)	0.09	(0.08, 0.11)
80	High	1.00	(Ref.)	0.00	(Ref.)	1.00	(Ref.)	0.00	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.17	(0.94, 1.47)	0.05	(-0.02, 0.11)	1.26	(1.06, 1.50)	0.07	(0.02, 0.11)
	Low	1.16	(0.94, 1.42)	0.04	(-0.01, 0.10)	1.22	(1.04, 1.44)	0.06	(0.01, 0.10)

Table 4 shows prevalence differences and prevalence ratios for each definition of multimorbidity with frailty between occupational groups for women and men at the ages 30, 55, and 80 years.

Prevalence differences in percentage points (pp) for two-condition multimorbidity with one dimension of frailty between high and low occupational groups were largest in women at 30 years, 17 (14 to 20) pp and 55 years, 15 (13 to 17) pp, and for men at 55 years, 15 (13 to 17) pp and 80 years 14 (9 to 18) pp. The prevalence ratio for the low occupational group compared with the high occupational group, for two-condition multimorbidity with one dimension of frailty, was greatest in women at 30 years, 2.09 (1.76 to 2.47) and in men at 55 years, 1.60 (1.48 to 1.72). The prevalence ratio decreased in both sexes in high age and was at 80 years 1.05 (0.95 to 1.16) for women and 1.27 (1.15 to 1.39) for men.

Correspondingly, prevalence differences in percentage points between high and low occupational groups for three-condition multimorbidity with two dimensions of frailty, were largest in women at 30 years, 8 (CI: 6 to 10) pp and 55 years, 10 (CI: 8 to 11) pp and in men at 55 years 9 (CI: 8 to 11) pp and 80 years 6 (CI: 1 to 10) pp. Prevalence ratio, comparing the low

occupational group with the highest occupational group for three-conditions multimorbidity with two conditions of frailty, was greatest in women at 30 years, 3.59 (1.43 to 5.08) and in men at 55 years 2.05 (1.80 to 2.33). The prevalence ratio decreased in both sexes in high age and was at 80 years 1.16 (0.94 to 1.42) for women and 1.22 (1.04 to 1.44) for men.

**DISCUSSION**

**Main results**

In this adult population health study, multimorbidity with frailty was common as 39% met the criteria of two-condition multimorbidity plus one dimension of frailty and 17% met the criteria of three-condition multimorbidity plus two dimensions of frailty. Proportions increased with lower occupational group, higher age and female sex from 25 to 74 years, but was common across age groups in both sexes. Occupational inequalities were consistent in both sexes until high age, diminishing in women, while still present in men at age 80 years.

**Comparison with existing literature**

Investigating two measures of multimorbidity with frailty in one sample offers a unique direct comparison of occurrences and socioeconomic gradients. Lower overall prevalence for the stricter measure three-condition multimorbidity with two dimensions of frailty, is expected. Defining multimorbidity by three or more conditions differentiates into older age.<sup>26 29</sup> The joint measure multimorbidity and frailty, show the same tendency, as 62% of 75- to 100-year-olds met the criteria of at least two-condition multimorbidity with one dimension of frailty, while 32% reported three-condition multimorbidity with two dimensions of frailty. In line with individual studies on multimorbidity<sup>4 24</sup> and frailty,<sup>25</sup> most individuals with co-present multimorbidity and frailty are younger than 64 years.

A recent commentary<sup>1</sup> emphasized exploring multimorbidity guidelines and frailty as part of multimorbidity's complexity and overlap of multimorbidity and frailty has newly been reviewed.<sup>28</sup> A pooled prevalence of 16% (95% CI 12-21%) was reported for two conditions multimorbidity with the frailty phenotype among elderly,<sup>28</sup> while 39% in our study reported at least two conditions of multimorbidity with one dimension of frailty. The prevalence differences are likely explained by differences in methods. The articles included in the review studied age 60 years and older. Still, the prevalence of multimorbidity are low. All but one defined multimorbidity from lists of less than 12 conditions and prevalences are probably underestimated.<sup>26 29</sup> Frailty too was only operationalized with the biophysical model, while more people are expected to be detected using a multidimensional measure.

We have not identified studies on prevalence and social determinants of multimorbidity with frailty. Low social position,<sup>18 19</sup> older age,<sup>18 20</sup> and female sex<sup>18 20</sup> are known common determinants of multimorbidity and frailty. We therefore argue that the direction of the sociodemographic determinants in this study are as expected. The magnitudes of these gradients, however, have not been comparable with other studies.

**Mechanisms to explain findings**

The aggregation of ill health, multimorbidity and frailty included, in lower socioeconomic positions is explained by numerous theories. Overall, unequal distribution of power, income and

resources, result in fundamental different conditions of daily life yielding inequalities in health.<sup>17</sup> With regards to occupation, several mechanisms can explain associations to health outcomes. The higher occupational group is expected to have higher, more stable income,<sup>35 39</sup> more beneficial social networks,<sup>39</sup> and more autonomy and control<sup>35 39</sup> at work. Adverse working conditions such as exposure to toxic work environments<sup>21</sup> or demanding physical requirements<sup>39</sup> tend to cluster in lower occupational groups.<sup>17</sup> Persisting health inequalities in assumed egalitarian Nordic countries, is partly understood as mortality selection, where, given the well-developed health care and welfare systems, frail individuals survive, but likely end up in a low social position.<sup>16</sup> Further, smoking, overall morbidity and mortality decreases at a higher rate among higher than lower social groups.<sup>16</sup> In this study, the demographic age distribution explain the high number of 45- to 64-years old with co-present multimorbidity and frailty. Additionally, incidence of new conditions, is associated with count of conditions at baseline,<sup>4</sup> as well as age,<sup>4</sup> thus individuals in lower occupational groups may aggregate conditions faster. The bidirectional association of health and occupation, may explain higher occupational group prevalence ratios in younger individuals,<sup>21</sup> while lower ratios by increasing age are expected, since multimorbidity with frailty is more common<sup>40</sup> with advancing age. Finally, survival bias justifies diminishing occupational differences at age 80 years.

## Strengths and limitations

Materials and methods meet the standards of studies on multimorbidity, frailty, and social health inequalities, strengthening this study. In multimorbidity studies, population-based health surveys are the most frequent study design,<sup>41</sup> and prevalence estimates from self-reports are justified when studying large samples.<sup>26</sup> Deriving the condition count multimorbidity measures from a complete list of single-entity conditions, is shown to yield proper prevalence estimates.<sup>29</sup> A multidimensional frailty measure agrees with an holistic, unrestricted on age, conceptual definition of frailty<sup>14</sup> and with common frailty scales, which share ability to show associations to age, sex and mortality.<sup>20</sup> In descriptive studies, any measure of socioeconomic position will reveal health inequalities, if such exists.<sup>21</sup> Occupation is an established marker for socioeconomic position,<sup>21</sup> in which this study had individual data classified to facilitate international comparison. Finally, socioeconomic differences are explored as both absolute and relative measures<sup>16</sup> and presented by sex.<sup>18</sup>

There are always limitations in secondary analysis of data collected a priori and not for the purpose of the current study. Measures of multimorbidity and frailty are also manifold, and operationalizations were adjusted to fit the available data. This challenges the external validity and comparability between studies, however, is sought reduced through transparency of morbidities included and construction of variables. A majority of included multimorbidity conditions do not contain information regarding duration. Thus, reported prevalence of multimorbidity may be overestimated and not represent true chronicity. It is recognized that frailty scales may differ in accuracy of detecting frailty in younger age groups,<sup>10 20</sup> however, frailty symptoms are of great clinical value regardless of age.<sup>10 42</sup> The accuracy of the frailty variables were not explored and frailty was measured solely as self-report, an approach that may underestimate overall prevalence<sup>43</sup> and overestimate proportion among women compared to men.<sup>43</sup>

Lastly, in the HUNT3 Survey participants were asked for their “main” occupation, which is not necessarily the current or longest lasting occupation, more commonly studied.<sup>39</sup> Younger than middle-aged may to some extent be misclassified in the lower occupational group, which will underestimate social differences in health among younger subjects. Occupational data may obscure current social context,<sup>39</sup> and underestimate socioeconomic inequalities. Thus, the study would have benefitted from exploring socioeconomic position with several indicators,<sup>44</sup> such as individual education and income or a household measure.

Attendance in the HUNT3 Survey varied by age, sex, and social position,<sup>32</sup> still, the HUNT study is considered representative for Norway as a whole<sup>45</sup> and the cohort follows trends in health development in western high-income countries.<sup>46-48</sup> Depression hindered participation,<sup>32</sup> which may yield underestimation of both multimorbidity and frailty. An overall bias towards healthy elders is probable, since eligibility depended on attendance at a screening station.

**Implications for clinical practice and policy makers**

This study aimed to quantify the total prevalence of adults in the general population who might need complex, multidisciplinary care assessed as the joint measure multimorbidity with frailty. In a clinical context, the definition of at least three-condition multimorbidity with two dimensions of frailty to detect individuals for whom to initiate a multimorbid approach to care, seems more feasible. Despite acknowledgement of the association of multimorbidity and frailty with age, sex, and socioeconomic position, guidelines and interventions have yet to take this into account in assessment and management for multimorbidity.<sup>49</sup> Based on literature and reproduction of social gradients in our study, we suggest that clinicians consider evaluation of multimorbidity and frailty in younger age groups with social context in mind. Further research on implementation of the multimorbid approach to care model and mortality is needed before recommending changing inclusion criteria in a guideline. Since multimorbidity is becoming the norm, the organization of health care should reform to fit person-centred, coordinated, multidisciplinary care.<sup>6 10 50</sup> To prevent cases of multimorbidity and frailty and minimize social discrepancies, both universal and targeted life cycle approaches seem necessary.<sup>51</sup> Frailty is independently associated with mortality, adjusted for multimorbidity,<sup>25</sup> and is reversible.<sup>52</sup> Thus detection of frailty is relevant for both public health and clinical purposes.

**Future research**

Some forms of biases are possible for both multimorbidity, frailty and social position, and a careful interpretation of findings is warranted. However, multimorbidity with frailty is common in this general population and with occupational inequalities throughout adulthood, even with stricter definitions. This adds knowledge to the public health literature about the sociodemographic distribution of multimorbidity with frailty in younger age groups, as well as very old individuals. On this background, we recommend exploring the sociodemographic distribution of alternative measures on multimorbidity, including patterns, aiming to detect individuals suspected in high need of complex, multidisciplinary health care. Furthermore, such measurements can be compared as prognostic factors for health care utilization and mortality.



## CONCLUSION

Multimorbidity with frailty are common from young adulthood onward, with consistent socioeconomic inequalities until 80 years old. Prevention will require a proportionate universal approach on social determinants of health throughout the entire life span. The crucial need for person-centered multimorbid approach to care that acknowledges social context, demands reforms in health care organizational structure, medical education, and treatment. Further research on competing measures of high-need multimorbidity and the association of these factors with health care utilization and mortality should be explored by socioeconomic position, age and sex.

## FIGURES

Figure 1: Flowchart for sample selection: inclusion and exclusion criteria and missing data.

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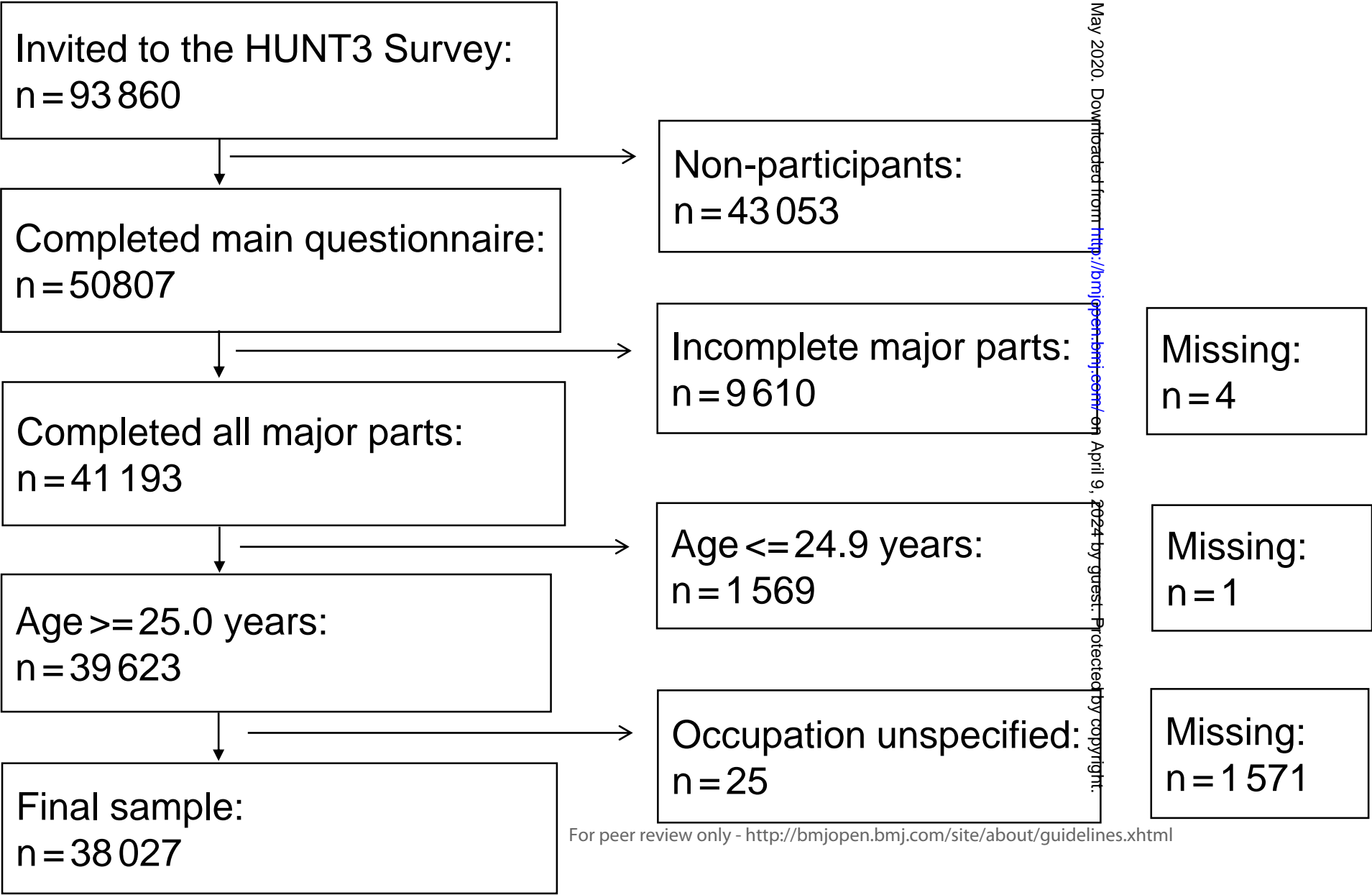
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Fig. 1. Flowchart sample selection: inclusion and exclusion criteria and missing data.



# Appendix A

## Operationalizing socioeconomic position using occupation.

In the HUNT3 Survey interview, all participants were asked: “What is/was the title of your main occupation?” Free-text answers were manually classified according to the *Standard Classifications of Occupations* by Statistics Norway,<sup>1</sup> which is based on the European Union’s version of the *International Standard Classification of Occupations-88*.<sup>2</sup>

The standard categorize occupations according to skill level and specialization, degree of independence, and manual labor but not social position.<sup>1</sup> Occupations are coded with up to four digits, with increasing detail. One digit indicates major groups; two digits, submajor groups; three digits, minor groups; and four digits, unit groups. The minor occupational group was the highest level of detail available in the HUNT3 Survey.

Occupational socioeconomic position was operationalized using the European Socio-economic Classification scheme.<sup>3</sup> The full version of the scheme requires employment status and size of organization in addition to occupation to assign a class position. We used the simplified class scheme, based on minor occupational group only<sup>3</sup>, as the HUNT3 Survey did not have data corresponding to employment status and size of organization. It is shown that the agreement between three-digit full and simplified version of this scheme is 79.7% for the total workforce.<sup>3</sup>

The syntax is available from <https://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/archives/esec/matrices-and-syntax>. It was performed using SPSS 25.0 (SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL, USA).

Table 1 gives details of transformation of data, discrepancies between the Norwegian and European Union standard and the allocated position in the full classification scheme. 2179 individuals had alterations to their occupational data to fit the syntax, 5.7% (2179/38027) of the total sample.

In the HUNT3 Survey data, the minor occupational group was a string variable. To perform the syntax, it had to be altered to a numeric variable. The string “011” changed to numeric value “11,” which was manually corrected in the syntax. In the 3-digit variable, some participants were classified with 1 digit and 2 digits only. These were transformed to the corresponding 3-digit minor group, at the lowest level of detail, by manually adding suffix digits 0 or 00. This is in line with operationalizing of European Socio-economic Classification (see footnote table 1).<sup>3</sup>

Norwegian minor groups, which were not found in the European Union standard, were altered to the level of detail in which corresponding groups could be identified. These were *Standard Classifications of Occupations* by Statistics Norway codes: 112 (corresponding to 2 digits), 25 (corresponding to 1 digit), 251-6 (corresponding to 1 digit), 349 (corresponding to 2 digits), 631 (corresponding to 1 digit), 641 (corresponding to 1 digit), 735 (corresponding to 2 digits), and 745 (corresponding to 2 digits).

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In total, 9 classes were created. To increase power and simplify interpretation, the full scheme was collapsed into a 3-class version, with “high” combining class 1 and 2, “middle” combining 3 to 6, and “low” combining 7 to 9.<sup>3</sup> The high occupational class represents large employers, higher-grade and lower-grade professionals, administrative and managerial occupations, higher-grade technician occupations, and supervisory occupations. The middle occupational class consist of small employers, self-employed individuals, lower supervisory occupations, and lower technician occupations. The low occupational class contain lower services, sales and clerical occupations, lower technical occupations, and routine occupations.

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Table A1. The distribution of transformed occupational data and discrepancies between the Norwegian and International Standard Classifications of Occupations, and allocation in the European Socio-economic Classification scheme.

Standard Classifications of Occupations			European Socio-economic Classification scheme		
Norwegian	International			n	%
1	100	1	262	(0.69)	
011 (=num 11)	011=11	3	134	(0.35)	
112*	→ 11=110	1	31	(0.08)	
12	120	1	73	(0.19)	
13	130	4	20	(0.05)	
2	200	1	10	(0.03)	
21	210	1	10	(0.03)	
22	220	1	1	(0.00)	
23	230	2	27	(0.07)	
24	240	1	9	(0.02)	
25	→ 2=200	1	4	(0.01)	
251*	→ 2=200	1	296	(0.78)	
252*	→ 2=200	1	48	(0.13)	
253*	→ 2=200	1	20	(0.05)	
254*	→ 2=200	1	138	(0.36)	
255*	→ 2=200	1	64	(0.17)	
256*	→ 2=200	1	46	(0.12)	
3	300	3	39	(0.10)	
31	310	2	37	(0.10)	
33	330	3	241	(0.63)	
34	340	3	45	(0.12)	
349*	→ 34=340	3	160	(0.42)	
4	400	3	1	(0.00)	
41	410	3	1	(0.00)	
42	420	3	1	(0.00)	
5	500	7	1	(0.00)	
51	510	7	8	(0.02)	
61	610	5	4	(0.01)	
631*	→ 6=600	5	93	(0.24)	
641*	→ 6=600	5	99	(0.26)	
7	700	8	20	(0.05)	
71	710	8	1	(0.00)	
72	720	8	6	(0.02)	
73	730	6	1	(0.00)	
735*	→ 73=730	6	38	(0.10)	
74	740	8	1	(0.00)	
745*	→ 74=740	8	46	(0.12)	
8	800	9	62	(0.16)	
81	810	9	38	(0.10)	
82	820	9	35	(0.09)	
83	830	9	6	(0.02)	
9	900	9	1	(0.00)	
93	930	9	1	(0.00)	
Sum			2179	(5.73)	

Bold\* = Divergence of *Standard Classifications of Occupations* by Statistics Norway from the European Union's version of *The International Standard Classification of Occupations-88*.

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# Appendix B

## Construction of chronic, single-entities conditions from data in the HUNT3 Survey, by questionnaires and measurements.

### ORIGINAL QUESTIONNAIRE, ENGLISH VERSION

#### Main questionnaire

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#### Sex- and age-specific questionnaire

[https://www.ntnu.edu/c/document\\_library/get\\_file?uuid=35ae2816-4155-4b64-a259-770946fa46d4&groupId=140075](https://www.ntnu.edu/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=35ae2816-4155-4b64-a259-770946fa46d4&groupId=140075)

### GENERAL COMMENTS

#### Chronicity

Chronicity was defined by either 1: duration (3 months or longer), 2: causing functional limitation (physical, mental, social) or 3: requiring health care management (pharmacological or not, primary or specialist care),<sup>1</sup> or 4: chronicity was assumed based on medical knowledge and clinical experience.

#### Missing

In variables with index questions and cluster text, missing was in general corrected for affirmed index question and regarded as “no” if replied to any alternative to any of the other questions in the block. Information on missing is also collected from the HUNT Databank.

### MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE

#### Hearing impairment

Index question: “Do you suffer from longstanding (at least 1 year) illness or injury of a physical or psychological nature that impairs your functioning in your daily life?” Yes, no. Options on follow-up question combined condition type (motor, vision, hearing, somatic, and psychiatric) and severity (slight, moderate, and severe).



Included with hearing impairment were those who reported chronic disease and moderate to severe hearing impairment.

**“20 Diseases”: Myocardial infarction, angina pectoris, heart failure, other heart disease, stroke or brain haemorrhage, kidney disease, asthma, chronic bronchitis, emphysema or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, psoriasis, eczema on hands, cancer, epilepsy, rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, sarcoidosis, osteoporosis, fibromyalgia and osteoarthritis**

Cluster text: “Have you had or do you have any of the following: Myocardial infarction, angina pectoris, heart failure, other heart disease, stroke or brain haemorrhage, kidney disease, asthma, chronic bronchitis, emphysema or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, psoriasis, eczema on hands, cancer, epilepsy, rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, sarcoidosis, osteoporosis, fibromyalgia and osteoarthritis?”

Separate tick boxes for each diagnosis: Yes, no.

For each diagnosis, included were those who affirmed to have or have had the diagnosis. Chronicity is assumed based on medical knowledge and clinical experience.

**Sex- and age-differentiated questionnaire**

**Headache**

Seven questions in one block. Question 1: “Have you had headaches in the last year?” Yes/no.

Migraine without aura

Of those who affirmed headache last year, migraine without aura was constructed from three of seven questions:

1. “What is the average strength of your headaches?” 1=Mild, 2=Moderate, 3=Strong.  
Recoded to dichotomous variable, where 1=Moderate/Strong.
2. “How long does the headache usually last?” 1=Less than 4 hours, 2=4 hours - 1 day, 3=1 - 3 days, 4= More than 3 days.  
Recoded to dichotomous variable, where 1= Less than 4 hours – 3 days.
3. Cluster text: “Are the headaches usually characterized or accompanied by
  - Throbbing/thumping pain?” Yes, no.
  - Pain on one side of the head?” Yes, no.
  - Worsening with physical activity?” Yes, no.
  - Nausea and/or vomiting?” Yes, no.
  - Hypersensitivity to light and/or noise?” Yes, no.

Included with migraine: were those who affirmed to headache lasting 0 to 72 hours and at least two of four characteristics (pulsating quality, unilateral location, moderate/severe pain intensity, or aggravation by physical activity) and during headache having at least one of two accompanying symptoms (nausea and/or vomiting or increased sensitivity to light and/or noise).<sup>2</sup>

Chronicity is assumed based on medical knowledge and clinical experience.

## Chronic headache

Of those who affirmed headache last year, chronic headache was constructed from two of seven questions:

1. "If yes (headache in the last year): What type of headache? Migraine, other."  
The HUNT Databank created two variables with range 1: 1) migraine and 2) other headache.
2. "Average number of days a month with headaches:"  
1=Less than 1 day, 2=1-6 days, 3=7-14 days, 4=More than 14 days.

Recoded to dichotomous variable, where 1= More than 14 days.

Included as case with chronic headache were those reporting "other" type of headache and an average frequency of more than 14 days per month.

Chronicity is assumed based on medical knowledge and clinical experience.

## Pain

Index question: "In the last year, have you had pain or stiffness in muscles or joints that has lasted at least 3 consecutive months?" Yes, no.

The follow-up question "If yes: Where have you had this pain or stiffness?" was combined with a figure with arrows and tick boxes at nine locations (neck, upper back, lower back, shoulder, elbow, hand, hip, knee and ankle/foot).

### Chronic widespread pain

Dichotomous variables were made for each major body area: 1) Trunk (neck, upper and lower back),

2) Upper limb (shoulder, elbow, hand), and 3) Lower limb (hip, knee, foot/ankle), where 1=At least one painful location. A sum (row total) score variable was made for the major body areas and dichotomized, where 1=3, that is one pain in each major body area.

Of those who affirmed to pain or stiffness that has lasted more than three consecutive months, chronic widespread pain was defined as pain at more than three sites in all major body areas (trunk, upper and lower limbs) for more than three months in the last year.<sup>3</sup>

### Chronic, local pain

Of those who affirmed to pain or stiffness that has lasted more than three consecutive months,

chronic, local pain was defined as pain in the neck or upper back or lower back or shoulder or elbow or hand or hip or knee or ankle/foot, excluding presence of chronic widespread pain, generating nine dichotomous variables.

## Thyroidal disease

Cluster text: "Has it ever been verified that you have/have had hypothyroidism or hyperthyroidism?" Separate tick boxes for each condition (yes, no), generating two dichotomous variables, 1=Yes.

For each diagnosis, included were those who affirmed to have or have had the diagnosis.

Chronicity is assumed based on medical knowledge and clinical experience.

**Irritable bowel syndrome**

Index question: “Have you had stomach pain or discomfort in the last 12 months?” Answers: Yes, much; yes, a little; no. Irritable bowel syndrome was further constructed from four of six follow-up questions: “If yes:

“In the last 3 months, have you had this as often as 1 day a week for at least 3 weeks?” Yes, no.

“Is the pain/discomfort relieved by having a bowel movement?” Yes, no.

“Is the pain/discomfort related to more frequent or less frequent bowel movements than normal?” Yes, no.

“Is the pain/discomfort related to the stool being softer or harder than usual?” Yes, no.

Included with irritable bowel syndrome were those who affirmed little or much stomach pain or discomfort in the last year, who for as often as 1 day a week for at least 3 weeks in the last 3 months have had at least two of the following: pain/discomfort relieved by having a bowel movement, related to altered frequency of bowel movements, or related to altered stool appearance, resembling a modified version of the Rome criteria.<sup>4 5</sup>

**Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease**

Cluster text: “To what degree have you had the following problems in the last 12 months?”

Options combined type (nausea, heartburn/acid regurgitation, diarrhea, constipation, alternating constipation and diarrhea, and bloating) and frequency (never, a little, or much). Generated one dichotomous variable, heartburn, where 1=Much.

Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease is defined as much heartburn/acid regurgitation in the last 12 months.<sup>6</sup>

**Anxiety**

Instrument variable: Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale.<sup>7</sup> Every other statement of 14 statements covers symptoms on anxiety and depression and is scored 0-3. The HUNT Databank constructed a total score for anxiety (HADS-A), if all 7 anxiety items were answered.

Anxiety was defined as HADS-A score  $\geq 8/21$ , indicating mild or possible anxiety.<sup>8-10</sup>

Chronicity is assumed based on medical knowledge and clinical experience.

**Depression**

Instrument variable: Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale.<sup>7</sup> Every other statement of 14 statements covers symptoms on anxiety and depression and is scored 0-3. The HUNT Databank constructed total score depression (HADS-D), if all 7 depression items were answered.

Depression was defined as HADS-D score  $\geq 8/21$ , indicating mild or possible depression.<sup>8-10</sup>

Chronicity is assumed based on medical knowledge and clinical experience.

**Chronic insomnia**

There were nine questions on sleeping pattern in one cluster, including three concerning insomnia. Initial text: “How often in the last 3 months have you

“Had difficulty falling asleep at night?” Never/seldom, sometimes, several times a week.

“Woken up repeatedly during the night?” Never/seldom, sometimes, several times a week.

“Woken too early and couldn’t get back to sleep?” Never/seldom, sometimes, several times a week.

Chronic insomnia was defined as in the last 3 months, several times a week, having difficulty falling asleep at night and waking up repeatedly during the night, and waking up too early. A modified version of the diagnostic criteria for insomnia in the International Classification of Sleep Disorders.<sup>11</sup>

### **Alcohol use disorder**

Instrument variable: Cut down/Annoyed/Guilty/Eye-opener, also known as the CAGE questionnaire.<sup>12</sup> The CAGE questionnaire is a 4-item scale with scores of 0-1. A summary variable was created and dichotomized in which a score of 1 indicates  $\geq 2$  positive answers. Alcohol use disorder was defined as CAGE score greater than 2.<sup>13</sup>

Chronicity is assumed based on medical knowledge and clinical experience.

### **Dental health problem**

“How would you say your dental health is?” Very, bad, ok, good, very good.

Dental health problems were defined as self-reported bad or very bad dental health.

Chronicity is assumed based on medical knowledge and clinical experience.

### **Menopausal hot flashes**

Asked to women older than 30 years only.

Two questions were used to define menopausal illness:

“Do you have/have you had hot flashes due to menopause?” During the day, during the night, day and night, haven’t had any.

“If you have had hot flashes, how would you describe them?” Very intense, moderately intense, hardly noticeable.

Included with menopausal hot flashes were those who reported hot flashes occurring daily and/or nightly and of at least moderate severity.

Chronicity is assumed based on medical knowledge and clinical experience.

### **Nocturia**

Age group 20-29 years were excluded.

One question on nocturia, identical to that of the International Prostate Symptom Scale (IPSS), was asked to men and women older than 30 years.

“How many times do you get up during the night to urinate?” None, 1 time, 2 times, 3 times, 4 times, 5 times or more.

Nocturia was defined as two or more voids per night.<sup>14</sup>

Chronicity is assumed based on medical knowledge and clinical experience.

### **Urine incontinence**

Men 20-29 years were excluded.

Instrument variable: The Epidemiology of Incontinence in the County of Nord-Trøndelag (EPINCONT) questionnaire.<sup>15</sup>

Index question: Do you have involuntary loss of urine? Yes, no.

Urine incontinence was constructed from two of six follow up questions. “If yes”:

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“How often do you have involuntary loss of urine?” Less than once a month, once or more per month, once or more per week, every day and/or night  
“How much urine do you leak each time?” Drops or little, small amount, large amounts.

Self-reported frequency and volume of leakage were multiplied to obtain the validated 4-level Sandvik Severity Index, categorizing incontinence as slight, moderate, severe, and very severe.<sup>15</sup>  
Urine incontinence were included if severe to very severe.  
Chronicity is assumed based on medical knowledge and clinical experience.

**Prostate symptoms**

Asked of men older than 30 years only.  
Instrument variable: The International Prostate Symptom Scale <sup>16</sup> was slightly modified in HUNT3,<sup>17</sup> becoming a 7-item scale with scores of 0-5 per question.  
Included were prostate symptoms of at least moderate severity, i.e. summary score  $\geq 8$  points.<sup>16</sup>  
Chronicity is assumed based on medical knowledge and clinical experience.

**Eye diseases**

The age group 20-29 years were excluded.  
Cluster text: “Do you have any of the following eye conditions?” Cataract, glaucoma, and macula degeneration. Separate tick boxes, yes, no.  
For each diagnosis, included were those who affirmed to have or have had the diagnosis.

**Measurements**

**Obesity**

HUNT Databank constructed the BMI variable, defined as (weight in kg)/(height in m<sup>2</sup>).  
Obesity was defined as either BMI  $\geq 35$  or a BMI 25-34.9 and an increased waist circumference ( $\geq 88$  cm for females;  $\geq 102$  cm for males).<sup>18 19</sup>  
Chronicity is assumed based on medical knowledge and clinical experience.

**Hypertension**

Blood pressure in HUNT3 is measured three times at one consultation. The mean of measurement 2 and 3 is calculated by HUNT Databank.  
Hypertension was defined as measured mean systolic BP  $\geq 180$  mmHg or diastolic BP  $\geq 110$  mmHg or reporting use of antihypertensive medications, excluding self-reported cardiovascular disease, diabetes, or kidney disease, and excluding extreme measures.  
Chronicity is assumed based on medical knowledge and clinical experience.

**Hypercholesterolemia**

Hypercholesterolemia was defined as total-cholesterol  $\geq 8$  mmol/L.<sup>20</sup>  
Chronicity is assumed based on medical knowledge and clinical experience.

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1   **Appendix C**  
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3   Table C1. Prevalence ratios (PR) and prevalence differences (PD) with 95% confidence  
4   intervals (CI) for the association between occupational group and multimorbidity with frailty,  
5   stratified by sex, age 25 to 100 years in 5-year intervals.  
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Age, years	Occup.* group	Female				Men			
		PR	95% CI	PD	95% CI	PR	95% CI	PD	95% CI
25	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.34	(1.01, 1.79)	0.05	(0.00, 0.09)	0.81	(0.55, 1.20)	-0.03	(-0.08, 0.03)
	Low	2.20	(1.73, 2.81)	0.17	(0.12, 0.21)	1.19	(0.86, 1.65)	0.03	(-0.02, 0.08)
30	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.36	(1.11, 1.65)	0.06	(0.02, 0.09)	0.93	(0.70, 1.23)	-0.01	(-0.06, 0.03)
	Low	2.09	(1.76, 2.47)	0.17	(0.14, 0.20)	1.32	(1.04, 1.67)	0.05	(0.01, 0.09)
35	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.36	(1.19, 1.55)	0.06	(0.04, 0.09)	1.04	(0.85, 1.27)	0.01	(-0.03, 0.04)
	Low	1.97	(1.75, 2.20)	0.17	(0.15, 0.20)	1.43	(1.22, 1.68)	0.07	(0.04, 0.10)
40	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.34	(1.22, 1.47)	0.07	(0.05, 0.09)	1.14	(0.99, 1.31)	0.03	(0.00, 0.05)
	Low	1.84	(1.70, 2.00)	0.17	(0.15, 0.19)	1.52	(1.35, 1.70)	0.09	(0.07, 0.12)
45	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.31	(1.21, 1.42)	0.07	(0.05, 0.09)	1.23	(1.11, 1.36)	0.04	(0.02, 0.07)
	Low	1.72	(1.60, 1.84)	0.17	(0.15, 0.19)	1.58	(1.44, 1.72)	0.11	(0.09, 0.13)
50	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.27	(1.17, 1.37)	0.07	(0.05, 0.10)	1.29	(1.18, 1.41)	0.06	(0.04, 0.09)
	Low	1.59	(1.49, 1.70)	0.16	(0.14, 0.18)	1.60	(1.48, 1.73)	0.13	(0.11, 0.15)
55	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.22	(1.13, 1.31)	0.07	(0.04, 0.09)	1.34	(1.23, 1.45)	0.08	(0.06, 0.11)
	Low	1.48	(1.38, 1.58)	0.15	(0.13, 0.17)	1.60	(1.48, 1.72)	0.15	(0.13, 0.17)
60	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.16	(1.08, 1.25)	0.06	(0.03, 0.09)	1.35	(1.25, 1.46)	0.10	(0.08, 0.13)
	Low	1.37	(1.29, 1.46)	0.13	(0.11, 0.16)	1.56	(1.46, 1.68)	0.16	(0.14, 0.18)
65	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.11	(1.03, 1.19)	0.04	(0.02, 0.07)	1.35	(1.26, 1.45)	0.11	(0.09, 0.14)
	Low	1.27	(1.20, 1.35)	0.11	(0.09, 0.14)	1.51	(1.41, 1.61)	0.17	(0.14, 0.19)
70	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.05	(0.98, 1.14)	0.03	(-0.01, 0.06)	1.32	(1.24, 1.42)	0.12	(0.09, 0.15)
	Low	1.19	(1.11, 1.27)	0.09	(0.06, 0.12)	1.43	(1.35, 1.53)	0.16	(0.14, 0.19)
75	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.01	(0.92, 1.10)	0.00	(-0.05, 0.05)	1.28	(1.19, 1.38)	0.12	(0.09, 0.16)
	Low	1.11	(1.03, 1.21)	0.06	(0.02, 0.10)	1.35	(1.25, 1.45)	0.15	(0.12, 0.19)
80	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	0.96	(0.86, 1.08)	-0.02	(-0.09, 0.05)	1.23	(1.12, 1.35)	0.12	(0.06, 0.17)
	Low	1.05	(0.95, 1.16)	0.03	(-0.03, 0.09)	1.27	(1.15, 1.39)	0.14	(0.09, 0.18)
85	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	0.93	(0.81, 1.06)	-0.05	(-0.14, 0.04)	1.17	(1.04, 1.32)	0.10	(0.03, 0.17)
	Low	1.00	(0.89, 1.13)	0.00	(-0.08, 0.08)	1.19	(1.06, 1.33)	0.11	(0.04, 0.18)
90	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	0.90	(0.77, 1.05)	-0.07	(-0.18, 0.04)	1.12	(0.98, 1.29)	0.08	(-0.01, 0.17)
	Low	0.96	(0.85, 1.10)	-0.03	(-0.12, 0.07)	1.12	(0.98, 1.27)	0.08	(-0.01, 0.16)
95	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	0.88	(0.74, 1.05)	-0.09	(-0.22, 0.03)	1.08	(0.93, 1.24)	0.06	(-0.05, 0.16)
	Low	0.94	(0.82, 1.08)	-0.05	(-0.15, 0.06)	1.06	(0.93, 1.22)	0.05	(-0.06, 0.15)
100	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	0.86	(0.72, 1.04)	-0.11	(-0.25, 0.03)	1.04	(0.90, 1.20)	0.03	(-0.08, 0.15)
	Low	0.92	(0.80, 1.06)	-0.07	(-0.18, 0.05)	1.02	(0.89, 1.17)	0.02	(-0.09, 0.13)



# Three conditions of multimorbidity and two dimensions of frailty

Age, years	Occup.* group	Female				Men			
		PR	95% CI	PD	95% CI	PR	95% CI	PD	95% CI
25	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	2.74	(1.60, 4.71)	0.04	(0.02, 0.06)	1.15	(0.57, 2.32)	0.01	(-0.02, 0.03)
	Low	4.24	(2.61, 6.89)	0.07	(0.05, 0.10)	1.36	(0.74, 2.51)	0.01	(-0.01, 0.04)
30	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	2.31	(1.56, 3.40)	0.04	(0.02, 0.06)	1.29	(0.77, 2.17)	0.01	(-0.01, 0.03)
	Low	3.59	(2.53, 5.08)	0.08	(0.06, 0.10)	1.60	(1.02, 2.51)	0.02	(0.00, 0.04)
35	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.98	(1.51, 2.59)	0.04	(0.03, 0.06)	1.41	(0.97, 2.05)	0.02	(0.00, 0.04)
	Low	3.06	(2.41, 3.90)	0.09	(0.07, 0.11)	1.81	(1.31, 2.50)	0.04	(0.02, 0.05)
40	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.73	(1.43, 2.09)	0.04	(0.03, 0.06)	1.51	(1.16, 1.96)	0.03	(0.01, 0.04)
	Low	2.63	(2.23, 3.11)	0.10	(0.08, 0.11)	1.97	(1.57, 2.47)	0.05	(0.04, 0.07)
45	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.55	(1.33, 1.79)	0.04	(0.03, 0.06)	1.58	(1.30, 1.91)	0.04	(0.02, 0.05)
	Low	2.29	(2.01, 2.60)	0.10	(0.09, 0.11)	2.07	(1.75, 2.44)	0.07	(0.05, 0.08)
50	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.41	(1.23, 1.61)	0.04	(0.02, 0.06)	1.62	(1.38, 1.89)	0.05	(0.03, 0.06)
	Low	2.01	(1.78, 2.26)	0.10	(0.09, 0.11)	2.09	(1.82, 2.40)	0.08	(0.07, 0.09)
55	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.31	(1.14, 1.50)	0.04	(0.02, 0.06)	1.62	(1.40, 1.87)	0.06	(0.04, 0.07)
	Low	1.78	(1.59, 2.00)	0.10	(0.08, 0.11)	2.05	(1.80, 2.33)	0.09	(0.08, 0.11)
60	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.24	(1.09, 1.41)	0.04	(0.01, 0.06)	1.59	(1.39, 1.83)	0.07	(0.05, 0.08)
	Low	1.60	(1.43, 1.79)	0.09	(0.07, 0.11)	1.94	(1.71, 2.20)	0.10	(0.09, 0.12)
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	Low	1.45	(1.30, 1.62)	0.08	(0.06, 0.10)	1.79	(1.59, 2.01)	0.11	(0.09, 0.13)
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	Middle	1.17	(1.02, 1.34)	0.04	(0.01, 0.06)	1.46	(1.29, 1.65)	0.08	(0.05, 0.10)
	Low	1.33	(1.18, 1.50)	0.07	(0.04, 0.10)	1.61	(1.44, 1.80)	0.10	(0.08, 0.12)
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	Middle	1.16	(0.98, 1.37)	0.04	(0.00, 0.08)	1.36	(1.19, 1.56)	0.07	(0.04, 0.11)
	Low	1.23	(1.06, 1.44)	0.06	(0.02, 0.09)	1.41	(1.25, 1.60)	0.09	(0.06, 0.11)
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	Middle	1.17	(0.94, 1.47)	0.05	(-0.02, 0.11)	1.26	(1.06, 1.50)	0.07	(0.02, 0.11)
	Low	1.16	(0.94, 1.42)	0.04	(-0.01, 0.10)	1.22	(1.04, 1.44)	0.06	(0.01, 0.10)
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	Middle	1.19	(0.88, 1.61)	0.06	(-0.04, 0.15)	1.16	(0.92, 1.46)	0.05	(-0.03, 0.13)
	Low	1.09	(0.83, 1.44)	0.03	(-0.05, 0.11)	1.05	(0.83, 1.31)	0.01	(-0.06, 0.09)
90	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.23	(0.83, 1.82)	0.07	(-0.06, 0.21)	1.06	(0.79, 1.43)	0.02	(-0.09, 0.14)
	Low	1.04	(0.72, 1.50)	0.01	(-0.10, 0.13)	0.89	(0.66, 1.19)	-0.04	(-0.15, 0.07)
95	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.28	(0.77, 2.10)	0.09	(-0.09, 0.27)	0.97	(0.68, 1.40)	-0.01	(-0.18, 0.15)
	Low	1.00	(0.63, 1.59)	0.00	(-0.16, 0.16)	0.76	(0.53, 1.09)	-0.11	(-0.27, 0.04)
100	High	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)	1.0	(Ref.)	0.0	(Ref.)
	Middle	1.34	(0.72, 2.47)	0.12	(-0.12, 0.35)	0.90	(0.60, 1.36)	-0.05	(-0.27, 0.16)
	Low	0.96	(0.54, 1.73)	-0.01	(-0.22, 0.19)	0.65	(0.42, 0.99)	-0.19	(-0.39, 0.01)

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