

Long-term outcomes after sepsis

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Overview

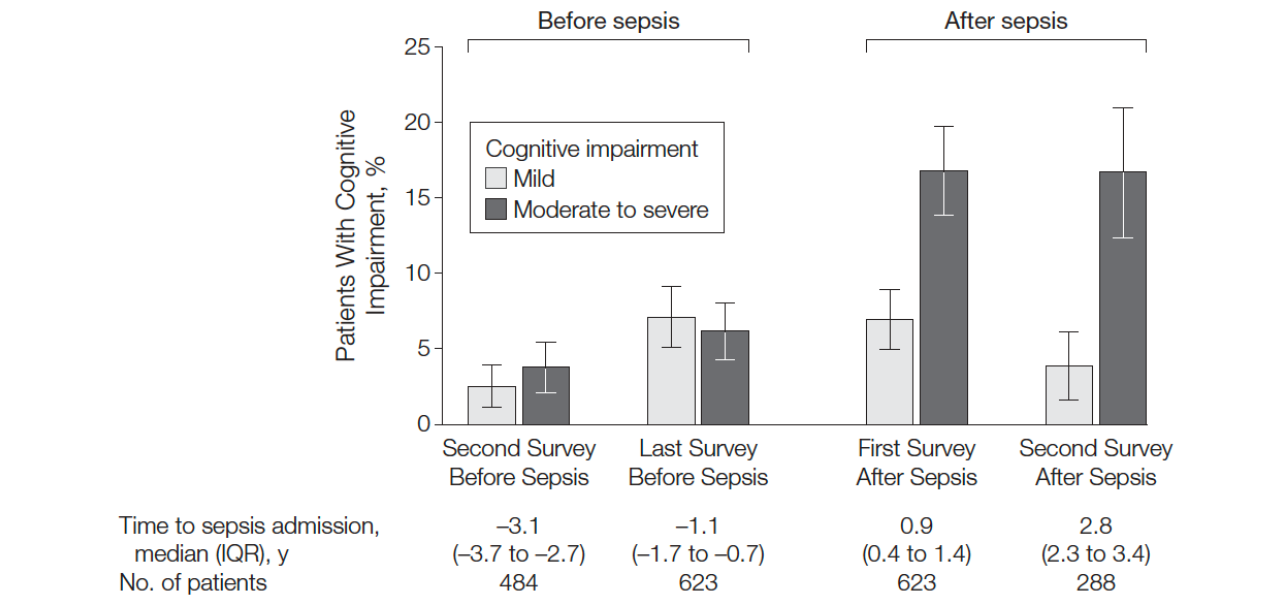
- What are the problems people experience following sepsis?
- Who is most at risk of poor outcomes?
- What can we do to help/prevent problems?
- What next?

What can happen following hospitalisation with sepsis?

Cognitive and Physical Outcomes

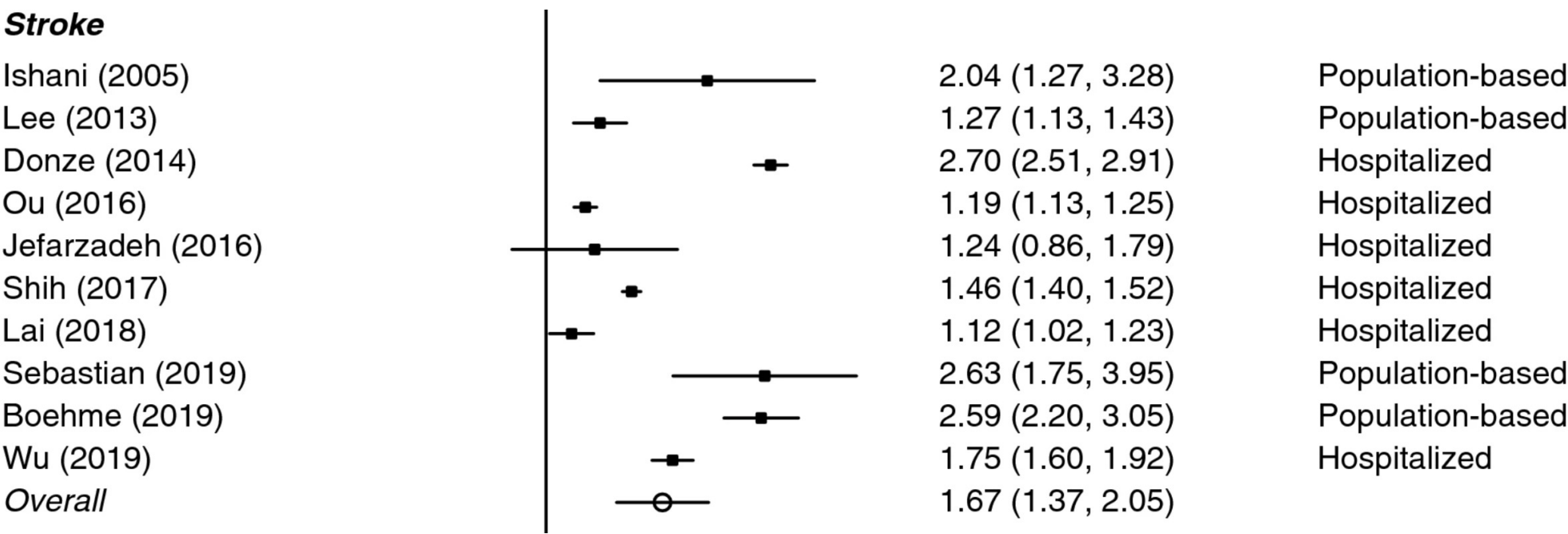
- US Health and Retirement Study
- 516 surviving respondents
- Mean age was 76.9 years
- The prevalence of moderate to severe cognitive impairment increased following severe sepsis
- In those with no functional limitations before sepsis, a mean 1.57 new limitations were found
- Non-sepsis hospitalisations were associated with no change in moderate/severe cognition and there were fewer functional limitations

Figure 2. Cognitive Impairment Among Survivors of Severe Sepsis at Each Survey Time Point



Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals (CIs); IQR, interquartile range.

Cardiovascular Outcomes



- Meta-analysis, 27 studies
- Sepsis was associated with a higher long-term risk of myocardial infarction (aHR 1.77 [95% CI 1.26 to 2.48]), stroke (aHR 1.67 [95% CI 1.37 to 2.05]), and congestive heart failure (aHR 1.65 [95% CI 1.46 to 1.86]) compared to non-sepsis controls
- Late cardiovascular events which may persist for at least 5 years following hospital discharge

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

Prevalence of post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms in adult critical care survivors: a systematic review and meta-analysis

[Cássia Righy](#), [Regis Goulart Rosa](#) , [Rodrigo Teixeira Amancio da Silva](#), [Renata Kochhann](#), [Celina Borges Migliavaca](#), [Caroline Cabral Robinson](#), [Stefania Pigatto Teche](#), [Cassiano Teixeira](#), [Fernando Augusto Bozza](#) & [Maicon Falavigna](#)

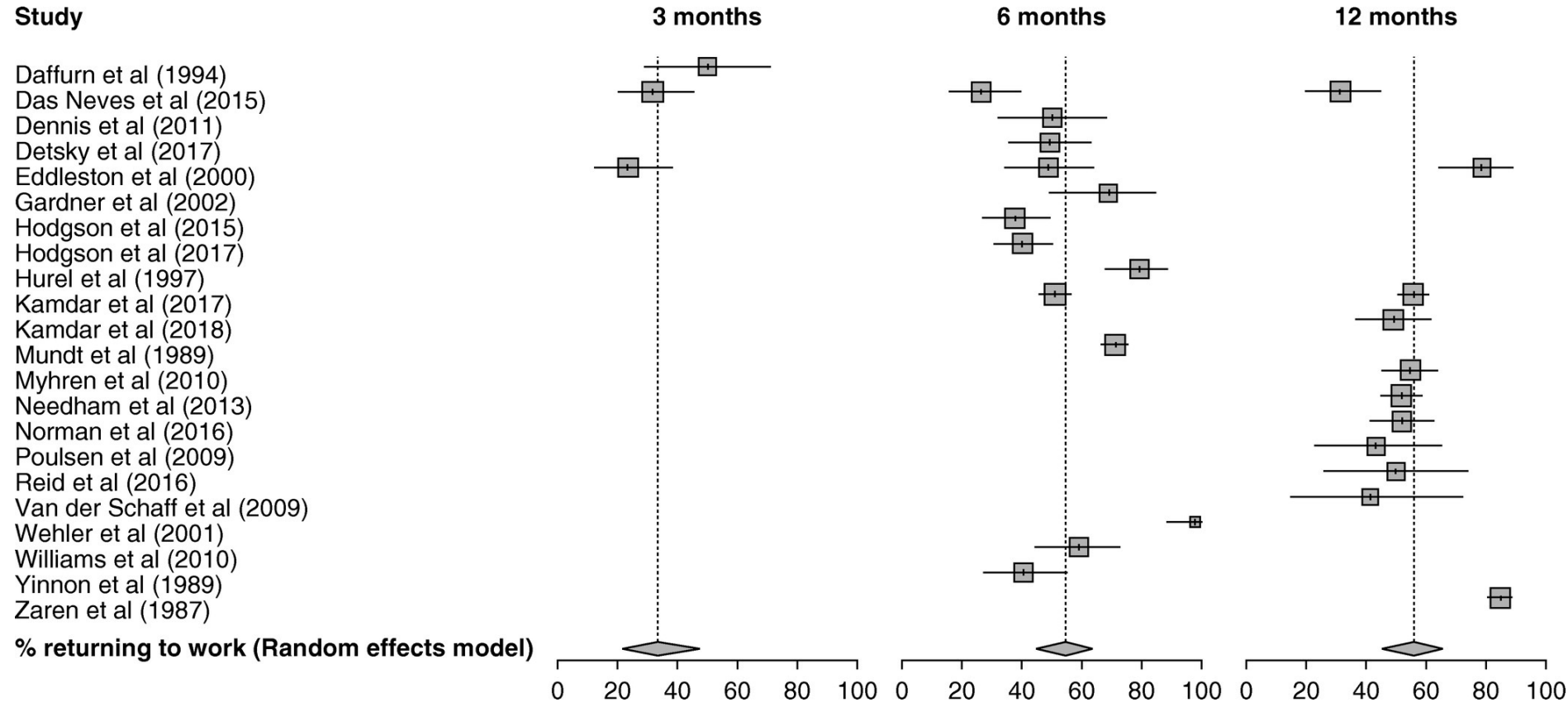
- Meta-analysis
- Diagnosis based on individual study definition
- 48 studies
- 7152 patients
- 3 months: prevalence 15.9%
- 6 months: prevalence 16.8%
- 12 months: prevalence 19%

Stress Disorders Following Prolonged Critical Illness in Survivors of Severe Sepsis

Wintermann, Gloria-Beatrice PhD^{1,2,3}; Brunkhorst, Frank Martin MD^{3,4,5}; Petrowski, Katja PhD²; Strauss, Bernhard PhD¹; Oehmichen, Frank MD⁶; Pohl, Marcus MD⁶; Rosendahl, Jenny PhD^{1,3}

- Prospective, longitudinal
- European
- 4 assessment points across 12 months
- 90 patients (ICU stay greater than 5 days)
- Sepsis a significant predictor of PTSD

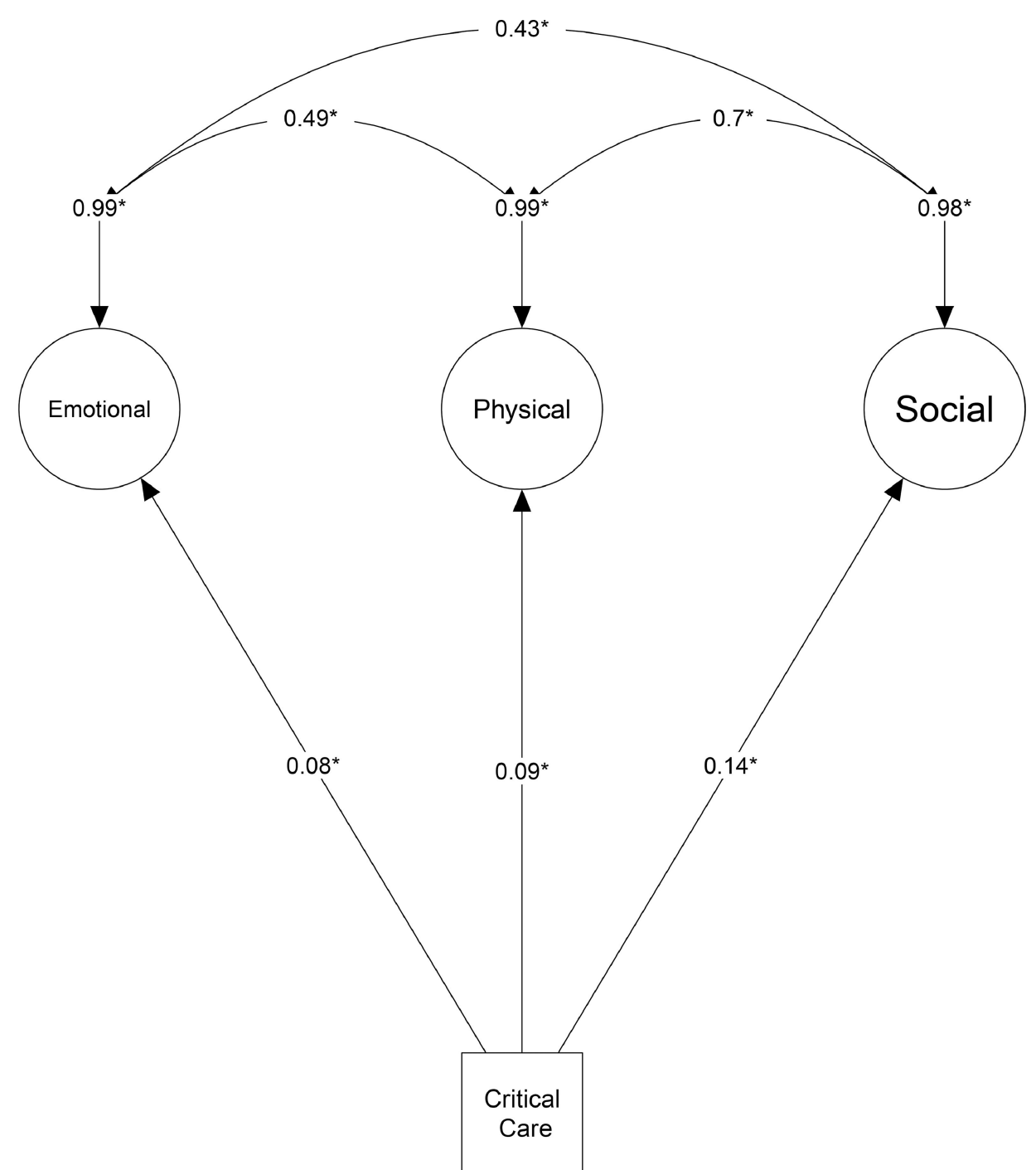
Social Outcomes: Return to Employment



- 22 studies included in the meta-analysis
- **Return to employment**
- At one year following critical illness, pooled estimate for return to work at 12 months was 56% (95% CI: 45-66)
- Positive association with psychosocial health if patients returned to work

Global Quality of Life

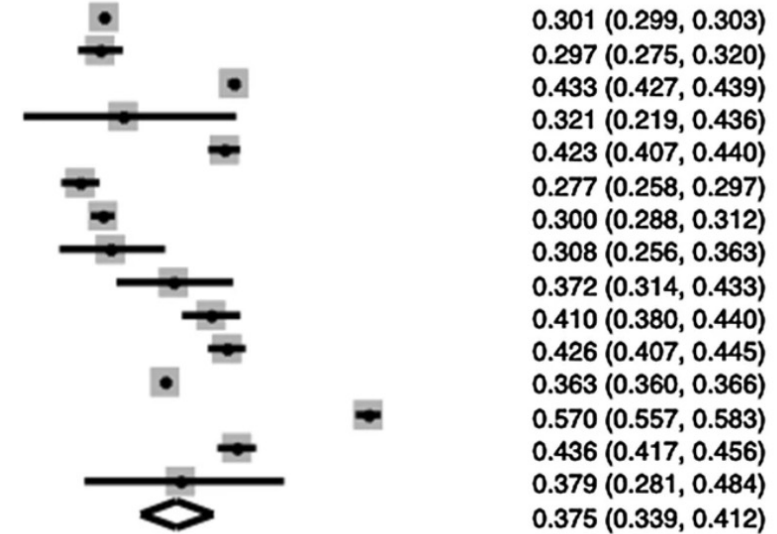
- 809 UK Biobank participants who had been admitted to critical care, alongside 809 hospital controls (n=1618)
- Patients exposed to critical care-more likely to experience mental health issues and **social isolation** following hospital discharge
- Critical care patients more likely to require **government funded welfare** support
- Social, physical and emotional health closely correlated**



Readmission

90-day rehospitalisation

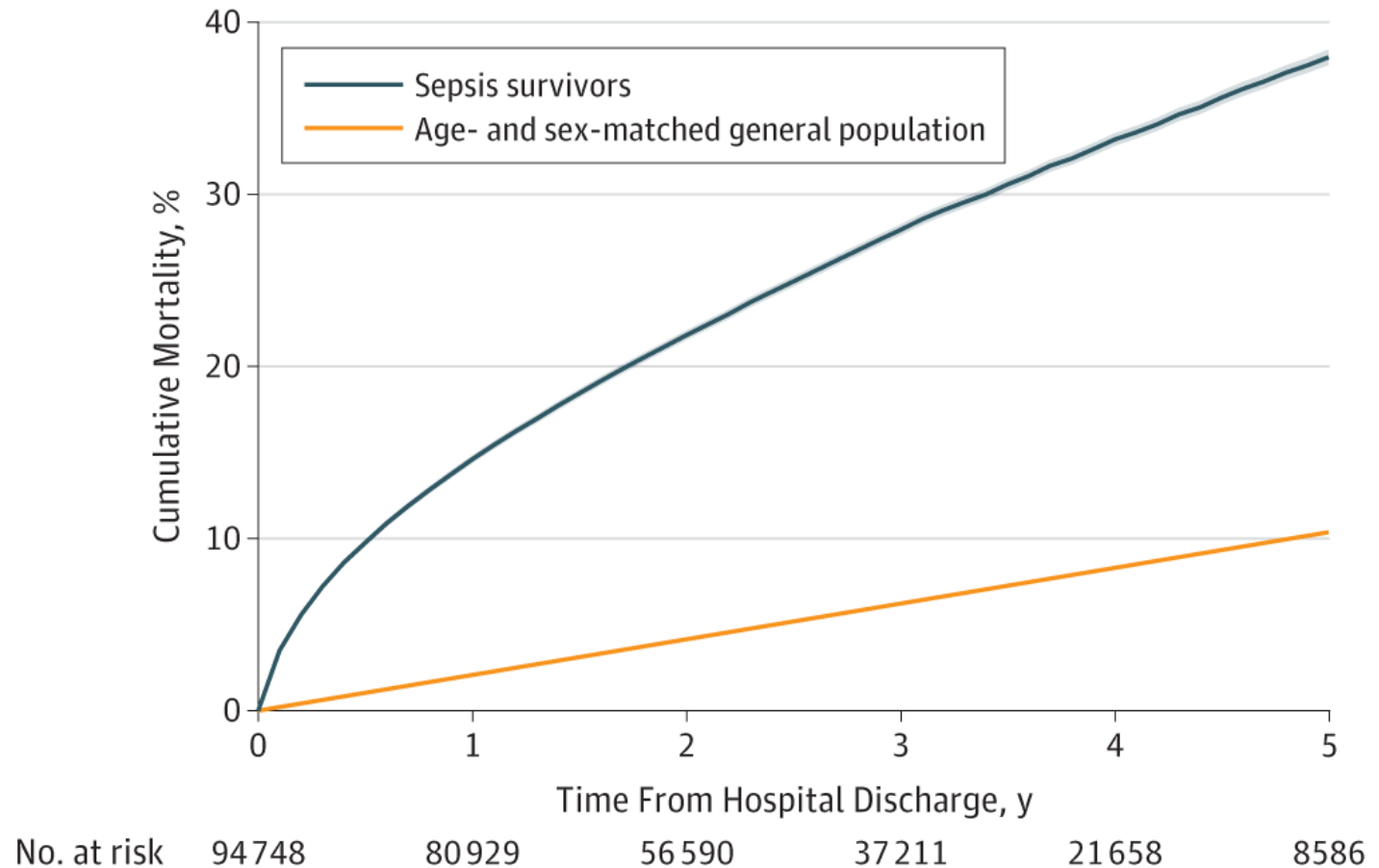
Chang DW (2015)	29	Full paper	240198	72300
DeMerle K (2017)	32	Full paper	1588	472
DeMerle K (2017)	31	Full paper	26561	11504
Guirgis FW (2016)	37	Full paper	78	25
Jones TK (2015)	39	Full paper	3620	1533
Kim JS (2019)	40	Full paper	2062	571
Liu V (2014)	41	Full paper	5479	1643
Nkemdirim Okere A (2015)	44	Full paper	299	92
Ortego A (2015)	48	Full paper	269	100
Prescott HC (2014)	49	Full paper	1083	444
Prescott HC (2015)	9	Full paper	2617	1115
Prescott HC (2016)	13	Full paper	95843	34820
Demiralp B* (2017)	62	Conf Abstract	5769	3288
Prescott HC (2015)	71	Conf Abstract	2483	1083
Rico Cresencio (2012)	74	Conf Abstract	95	36
Subtotal (I ² = 99.683%, p = 0.000)				



- 56 studies included (all non-randomised)
- Mean rehospitalisation proportion at 90 days was 38.1%
- Infection most common rehospitalisation diagnosis
- Risk factors: Older age, comorbidities and sepsis characteristics

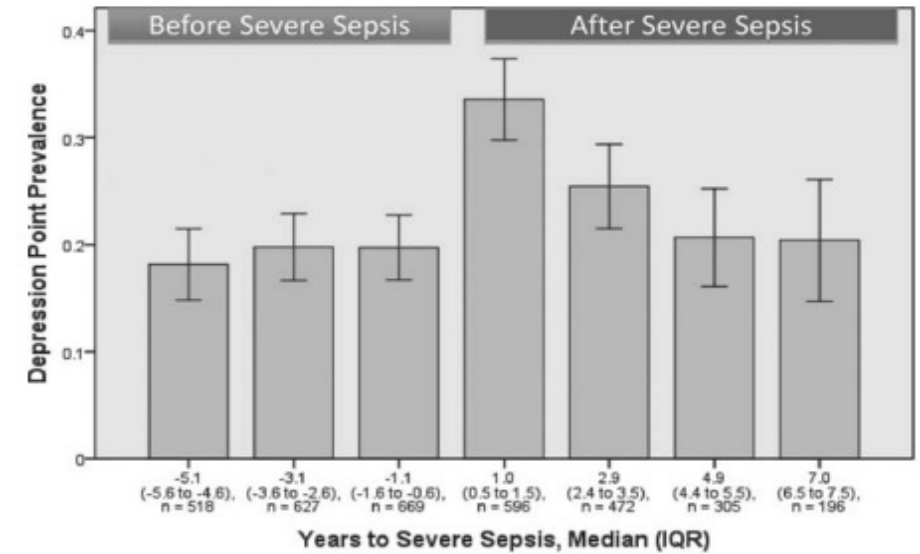
Mortality

- 94,748 sepsis survivors from 192 UK critical care units
- Long-term mortality (post hospital)
- By one year following hospital discharge, 15% of survivors had died
- 6-8% dying per year over the subsequent 5 years
- **Risk factors:** Age, gender, ethnicity/race, comorbidities, site of infection and non-surgical admission category



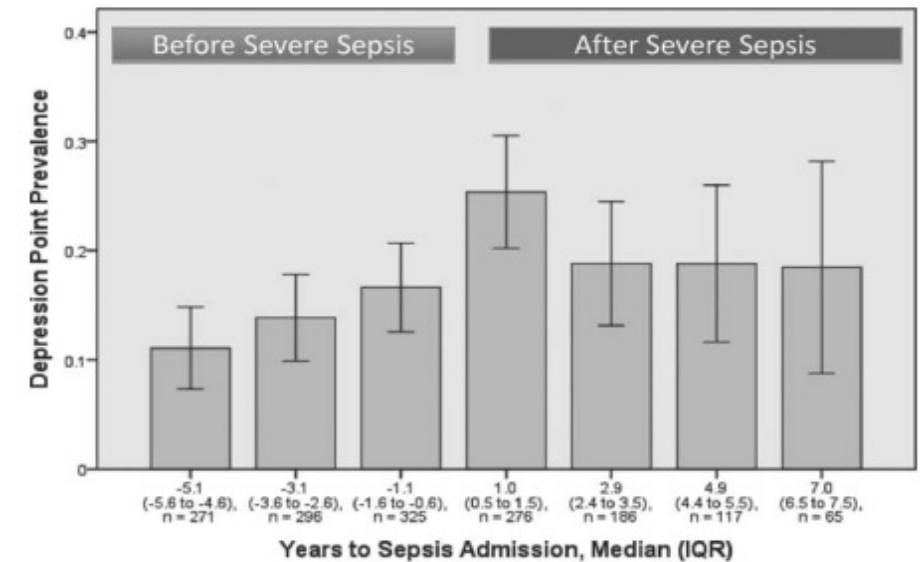
Family members and caregivers

- Health and Retirement study in the US
- 929 patient/spouse dyads, representing 1212 hospital admissions for severe sepsis
- Depression was assessed with a modified version of the Centre for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale
- Spouses (wives) were at increased risk of developing depression
- 20% had depressive symptoms before sepsis vs 34% following hospital discharge



Error bars: 95% CI

Figure 2. Prevalence of substantial depressive symptoms among wives of patients with severe sepsis. *IQR*, interquartile range; *CI*, confidence interval.

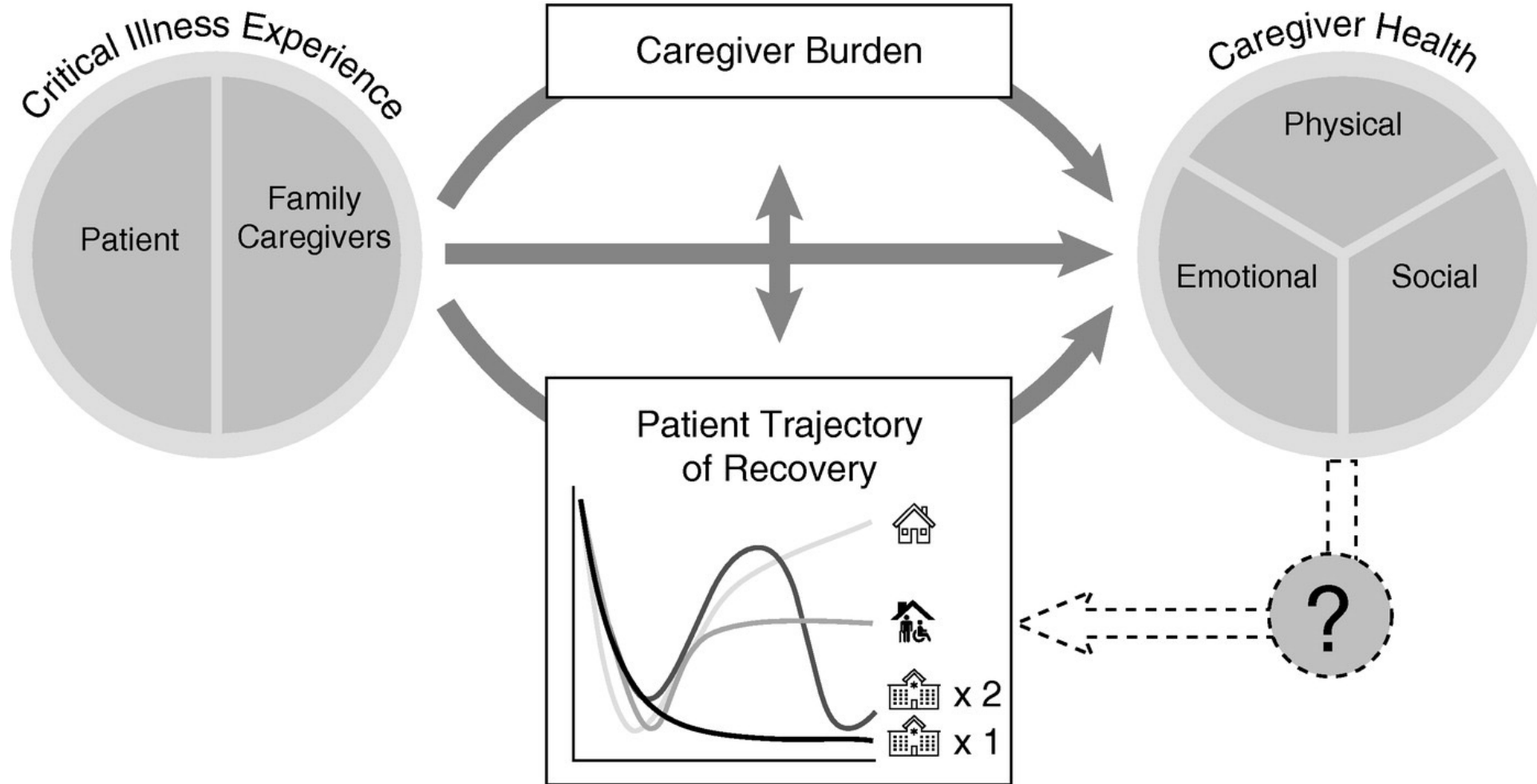


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Figure 3. Prevalence of substantial depressive symptoms among husbands of patients with severe sepsis. *IQR*, interquartile range; *CI*, confidence interval.

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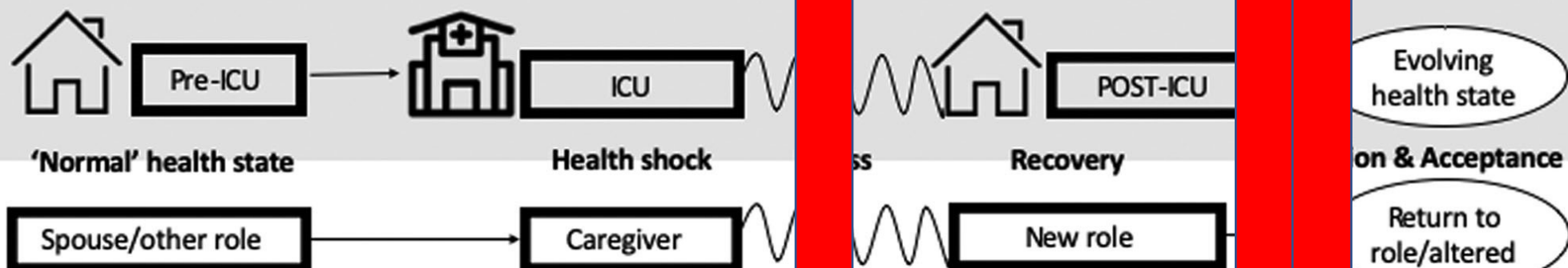
Conceptual model for family caregiver long-term outcomes



What can we do?

PATIENT

Challenges: Interacting with the health system and gaps in care; Managing others expectations of illness and recovery



CAREGIVER

Challenges: Health system shortfalls and communication issues; Managing others expectations of illness and recovery; Lack of support for caregivers

CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE

Back to basics

Medication-related Problems in Intensive Care Unit Survivors: Learning from a Multicenter Program

Pamela MacTavish ^{1*}, Tara Quasim ^{1,2*}, Colin Purdie ², Morna Ball ¹, Lesley Barker ³, Sarah Connelly ⁴, Helen Devine ¹, Philip Henderson ², Lucy A. Hogg ⁵, Rakesh Kishore ¹, Phil Lucie ⁶, [Show All...](#)

- Multi-centre cohort study
- Prevalence of medication related problems (MRP) in ICU survivors
- Over 60% of patients had at least one MRP
- Over 80% MRPs were classified as clinically significant
- Drug class most frequently associated with MRP was neurological (**analgesic and psychiatric medications**)

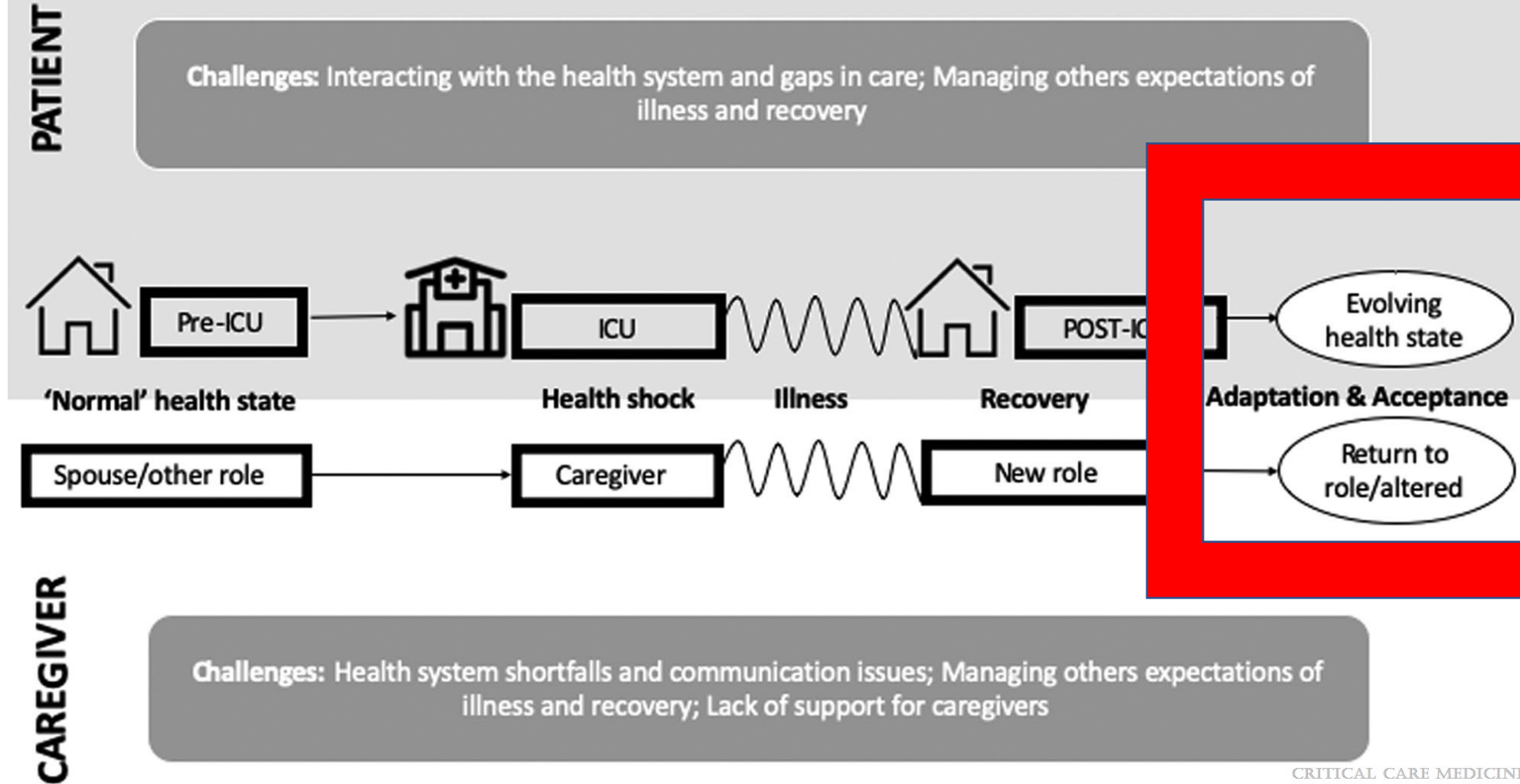
Adverse Events After Transition From ICU to Hospital Ward: A Multicenter Cohort Study*

Sauro, Khara M. PhD^{1,2}; Soo, Andrea PhD¹; de Grood, Chloe BSc^{1,2}; Yang, Michael M. H. MD³; Wierstra, Benjamin MD¹; Benoit, Luc MD¹; Couillard, Philippe MD^{1,3}; Lamontagne, François MD, MSc⁴; Turgeon, Alexis F. MD, MSc^{5,6}; Forster, Alan J. MD, MSc⁷; Fowler, Robert A. MD, MSc⁸; Dodek, Peter M. MD, MHSc⁹; Bagshaw, Sean M. MD, MSc¹⁰; Stelfox, Henry T. MD, PhD^{1,2}

- Multi-centre cohort study
- 451 Canadian patients
- 19% experienced an adverse event (AE) during transition
- 36% of these AEs were thought to be preventable
- Patients with an AE more likely to be readmitted to ICU and spend longer in hospital.

Transitional care intervention (STAR program)

- Multi-centre RCT
- Nurse navigator-led, multicomponent Sepsis Transition And Recovery program improved 30-day mortality and readmission outcomes after sepsis hospitalization. **Facilitate the delivery of best practice**
- Intervention included: post-discharge medication review, evaluation for new impairments or symptoms, monitoring comorbidities, palliative care approach when appropriate, 'promote care planning'
- The primary outcome was a composite of mortality or hospital readmission at 30 days
- Lower percentage of patients in the intervention group experienced the primary outcome compared with the usual care group (28.7% vs 33.3%).
- Benefits sustained at 12 months in relation to readmission



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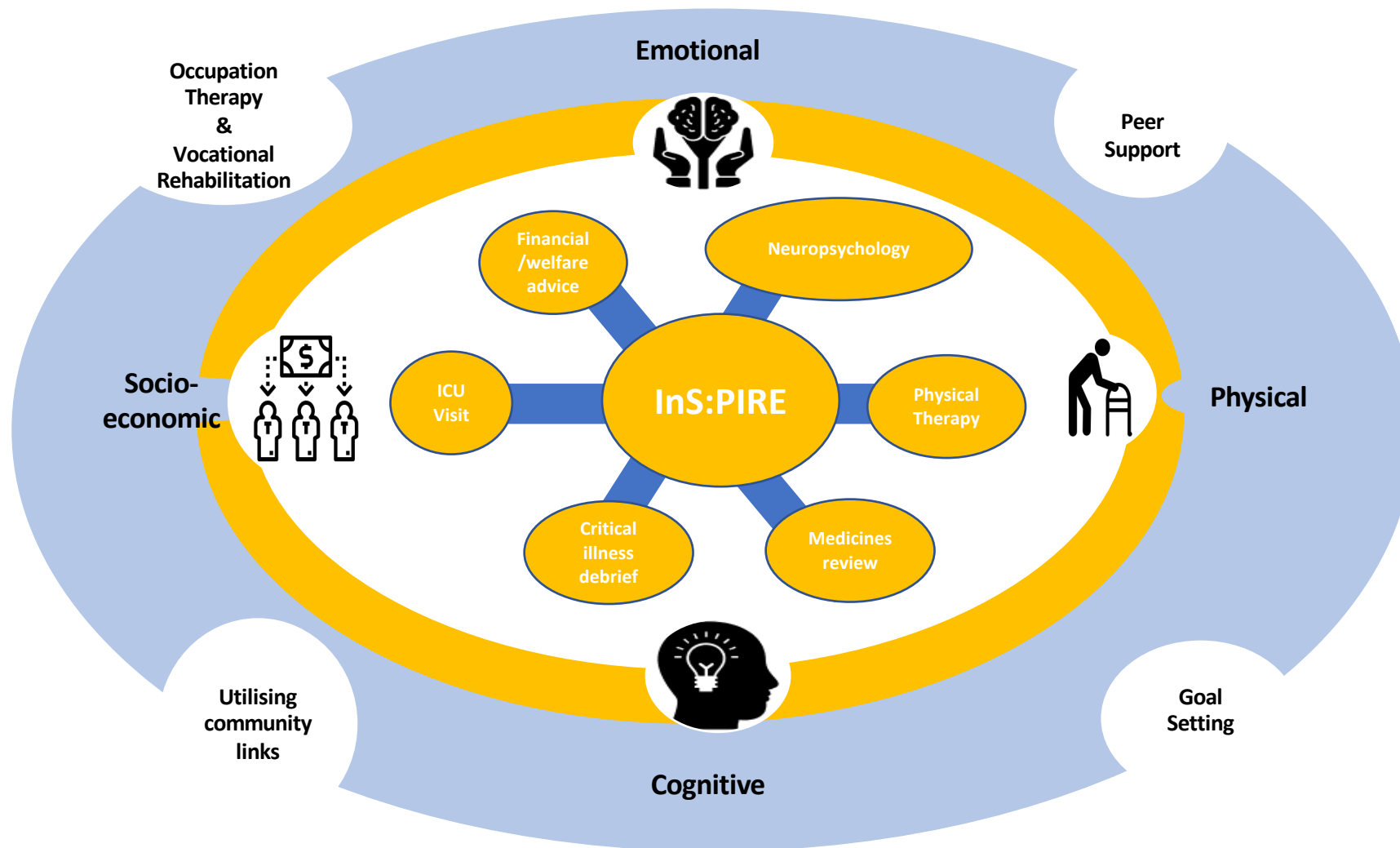
The PRaCTICaL study of nurse led, intensive care follow-up programmes for improving long term outcomes from critical illness: a pragmatic randomised controlled trial

BMJ 2009 ; 339 doi: <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.b3723> (Published 16 October 2009)

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Effect of a Primary Care Management Intervention on Mental Health-Related Quality of Life Among Survivors of Sepsis A Randomized Clinical Trial

Konrad Schmidt, MD^{1,2}; Susanne Worrack, MSc^{1,2}; Michael Von Korff, ScD³; et al



Effectiveness

- QI intervention
- InS:PIRE patients (intervention) compared with a usual care cohort at 12 months.
- Sepsis cohort
- 9 hospital sites in Scotland (5 intervention vs 4 usual care)
- 137 intervention patients vs 115 in the usual care cohort
- Covariates for adjustment were chosen a priori and included in hospital characteristics as well as patient specific characteristics

InS:PIRE 12 month outcomes

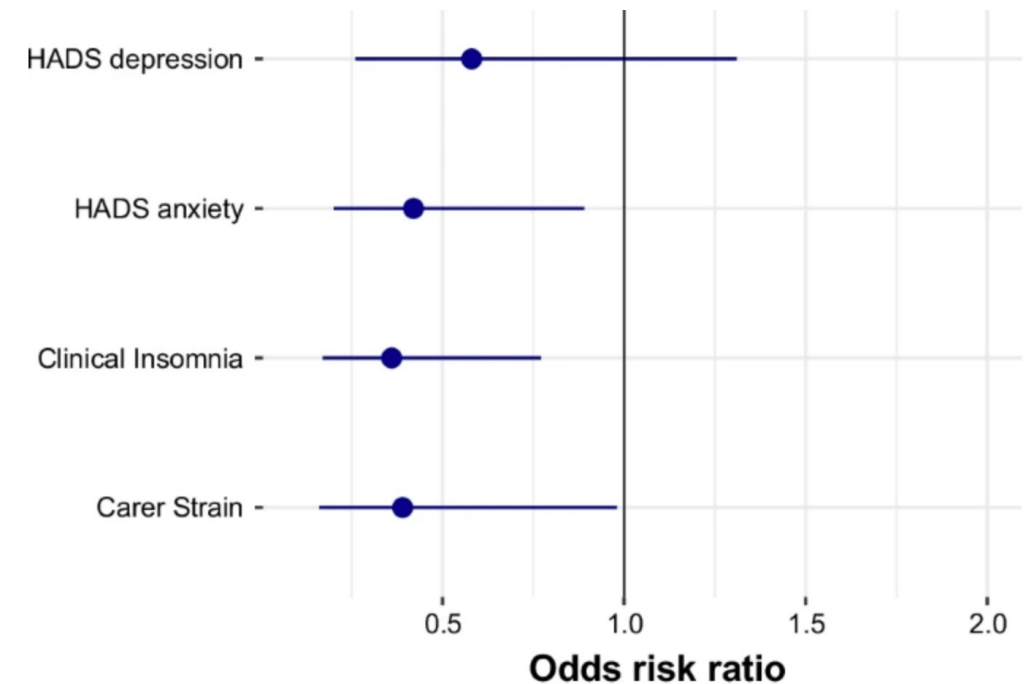


- After adjustment, there was a significant absolute increase in HRQoL in the intervention cohort in relation to the usual care cohort (0.12 (95% CI: 0.04-0.20), $p=0.01$)
- The intervention cohort had a **62% adjusted odds reduction** of screening for **depression** compared to the usual care cohort (OR 0.38, 95% CI: 0.19-0.76, $p=0.01$) at 12 months
- The intervention cohort had an adjusted absolute increase in self-efficacy of 2.32 points (95% CI: 0.32-4.31, $p=0.02$)

What about family members?



- 170 caregivers had data available at 12 months
- 81 intervention caregivers vs 89 in the usual care cohort
- **58% adjusted odds reduction** of screening for anxiety in the intervention cohort
- **61% reduction in the odds of carer strain** in those who received the InS:PIRE intervention



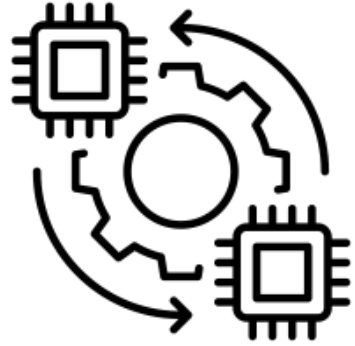
What next?

Long-term Host Immune Response Trajectories Among Hospitalized Patients With Sepsis

Sachin Yende, MD, MS^{1,2}; John A. Kellum, MD³; Victor B. Talisa, MS²; et al

- Prospective cohort study, 483 patients in 12 US hospitals, US
- **Clinical phenotyping during recovery**
- To assess the host immune response following persist after discharge.
- Circulating levels of inflammation (interleukin 6 and high-sensitivity C-reactive protein [hs-CRP]), immunosuppression (soluble programmed death ligand 1 [sPD-L1]) were measured at 5 timepoints
- Compared with normal phenotype, those with the hyperinflammation and immunosuppression phenotype had higher 1-year mortality, 6-month all-cause readmission or mortality
- Associations were adjusted for demographic characteristics

Future Research: Long-term outcomes



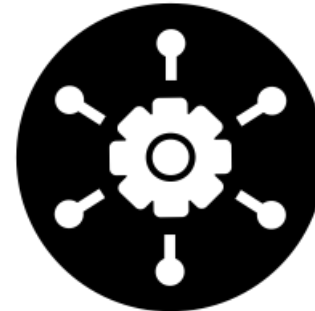
**Operationalisation of
observational research**



**Innovation in
methodology**



**Health and Social Care
Integration**



**Clinical Phenotyping
with PROMs integration**

Conclusion

- Survivors of sepsis encounter multiple challenges following hospitalisation
- Transitions of care are fracture points in the patient journey
- Support is needed across the recovery arc, including a consistent approach to fundamental care
- Future research should integrate biological measurement and PROMs
- Understanding the wider social context is key