

## Waste Not: Want Not

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# ***Primum Non Nocere***

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1. Do the patient no (net) harm
2. Do the staff no harm
3. Do the environment not too much harm
4. Minimise the harm to the budget

# Institute of Medicine Components of quality

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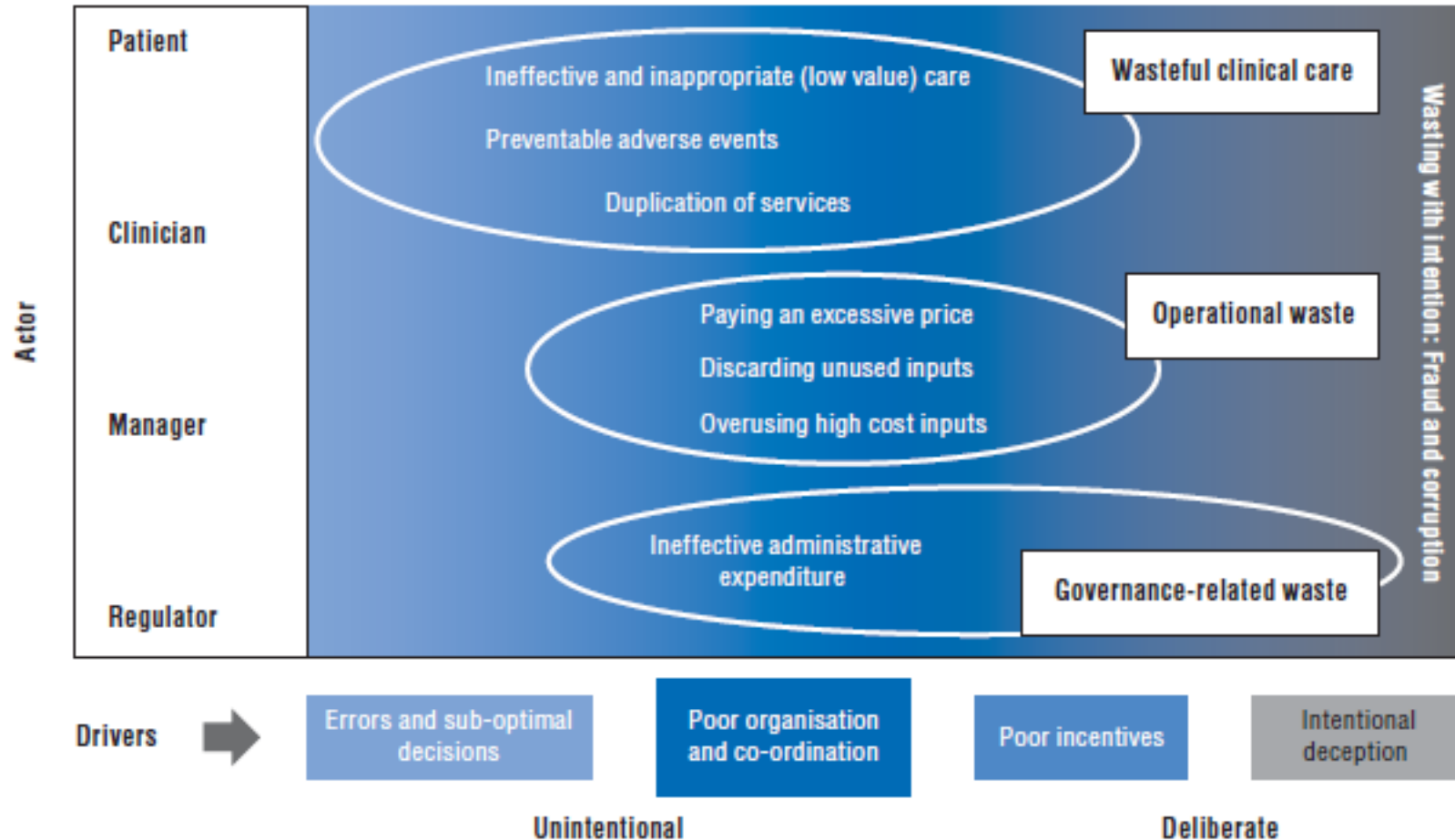
In an efficient health care system, resources are used to get the best value for the money spent. The opposite of efficiency is waste, the use of resources without benefit to the patients a system is intended to help. There are at least two ways to improve efficiency:

1. reduce quality waste, and
2. reduce administrative or production costs.

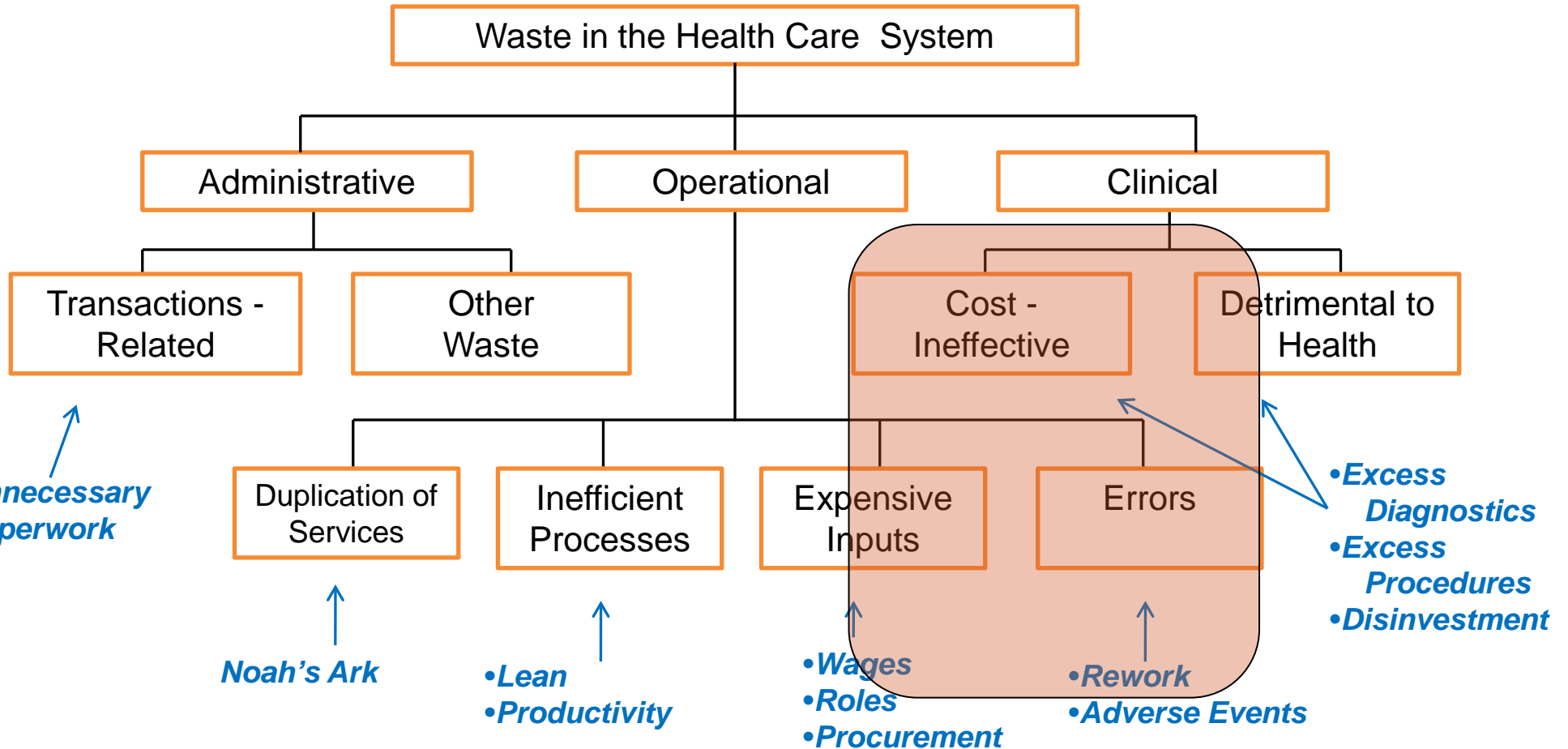
Institute of Medicine (2001), *Crossing the quality chasm. A new health system for the 21st century* (Washington, DC,: National Academy Press).

# Waste framework - 1

Figure 1.1. Three categories of waste mapped to actors involved and drivers

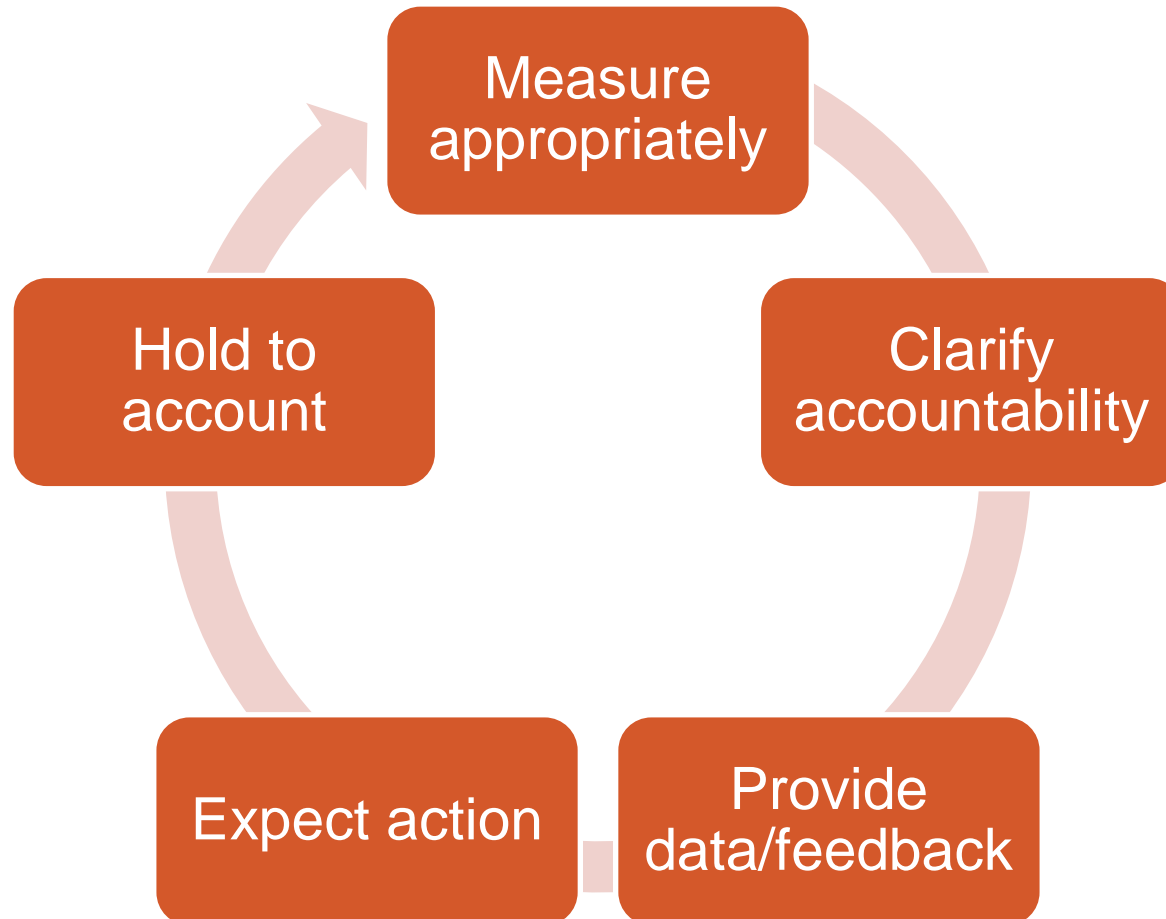


# Waste framework - 2



# Waste *action* framework

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# We need to improve the data we have (but we can use it in the meantime)

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## Accurate

- Complete elementary data cleaning before release
- Link and analyse admissions (and readmissions) for the same patient
- Invest in regular, independent and published audits of the quality of routine data

## Relevant

- Add diagnostic results to the data sets over time
- Link state collections of routine data regularly with PBS and Medicare data (every six months) and death registrations (every month)

## Accessible

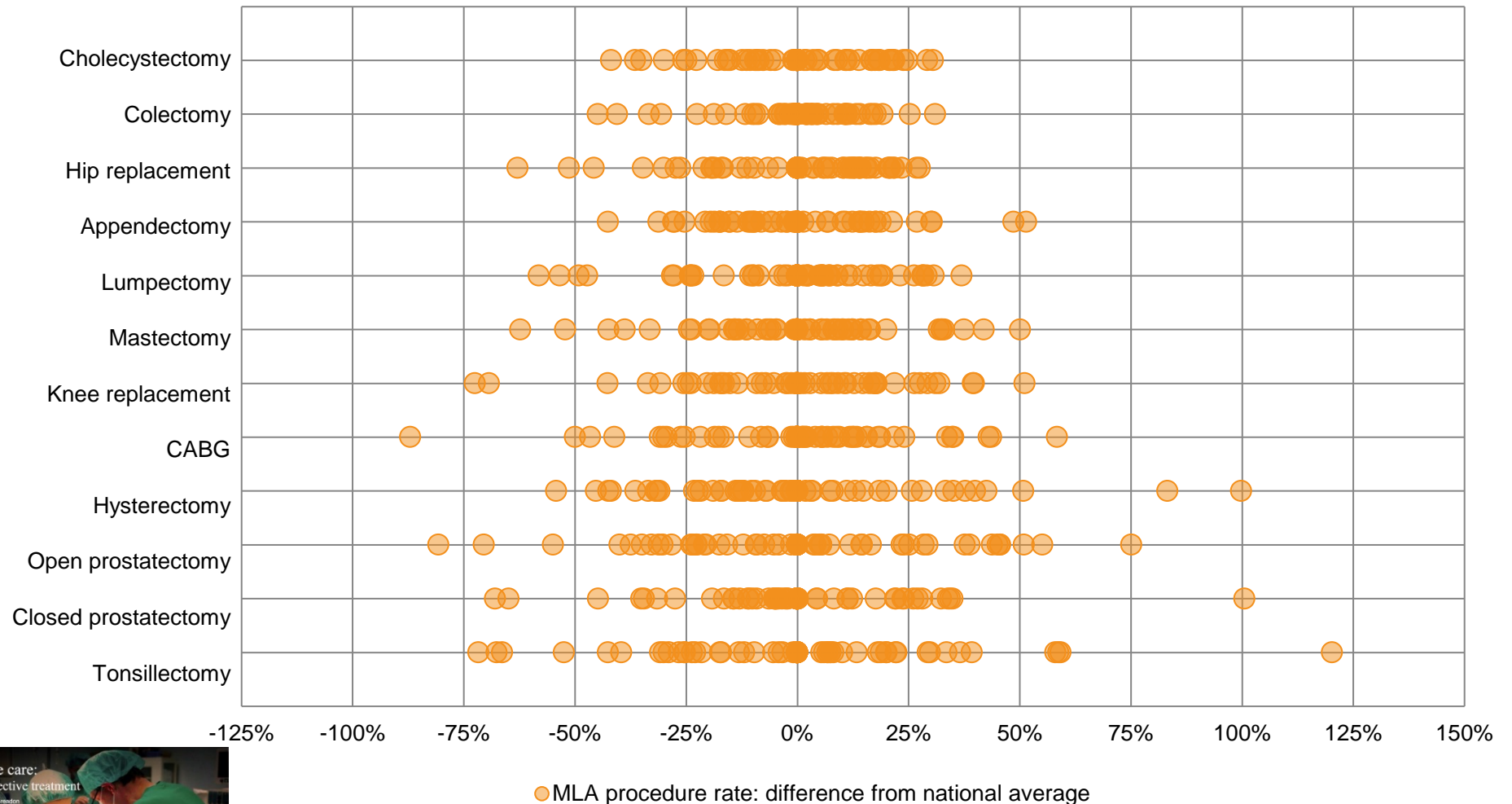
- Publish reports on complications in both public and private hospitals

## Understandable

- Create and include in the data set grouping variables, such as CHADx, HACs and DRGs
- Use data aids to enhance the transparency of reporting for consumers and health professionals



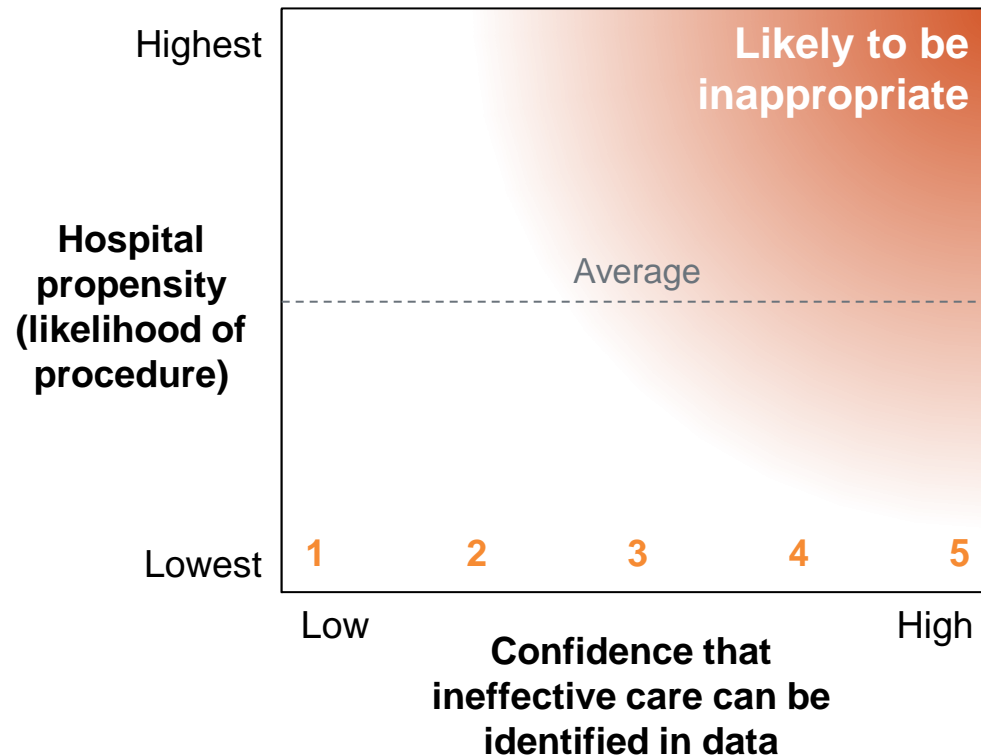
# Most variation analyses look at geographic variation and find large disparities ...



Source: Grattan Institute analysis, 2010-11 data



# We combine variation and clinical effectiveness to identify troubling patterns of care

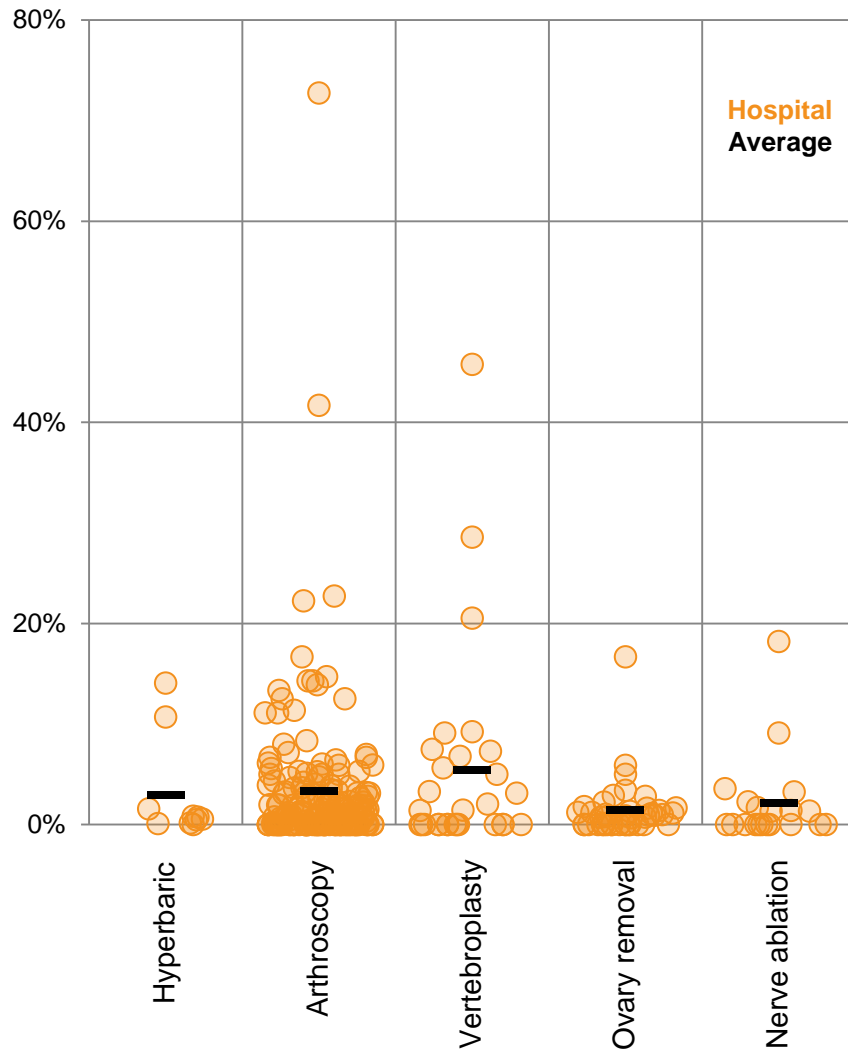


- 1 Procedures w/o diagnosis codes
- 2 Procedures w. diagnosis codes
- 3 Do-not-do routinely (some patients)
- 4 Do-not-do (some patients)
- 5 Do-not-do (all patients)

- Unit of analysis is hospitals (not patient geography)
- Compare hospitals that do the procedure and treat the diagnostic group (not all hospitals)
- Compare procedure rates among patients with relevant diagnosis (not all admissions)

# There are outliers with troubling patterns of care

Proportion of relevant patients getting do-not-do procedure



Proportion of relevant patients getting do-not-do routinely procedure



## Some of our choices

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- How much 'benefit of doubt' to give?
  - Is a 'Do Not Do' a 'Never Do'?
- Who should initiate investigation for potentially inappropriate care?
- Is it OK for private hospital to be the focus (vs surgeon)
- When should private insurers be able to deny payment?
  - When ACSQHC makes a determination?
  - When clinical review makes a determination?
  - When hospital fails to respond to external review?

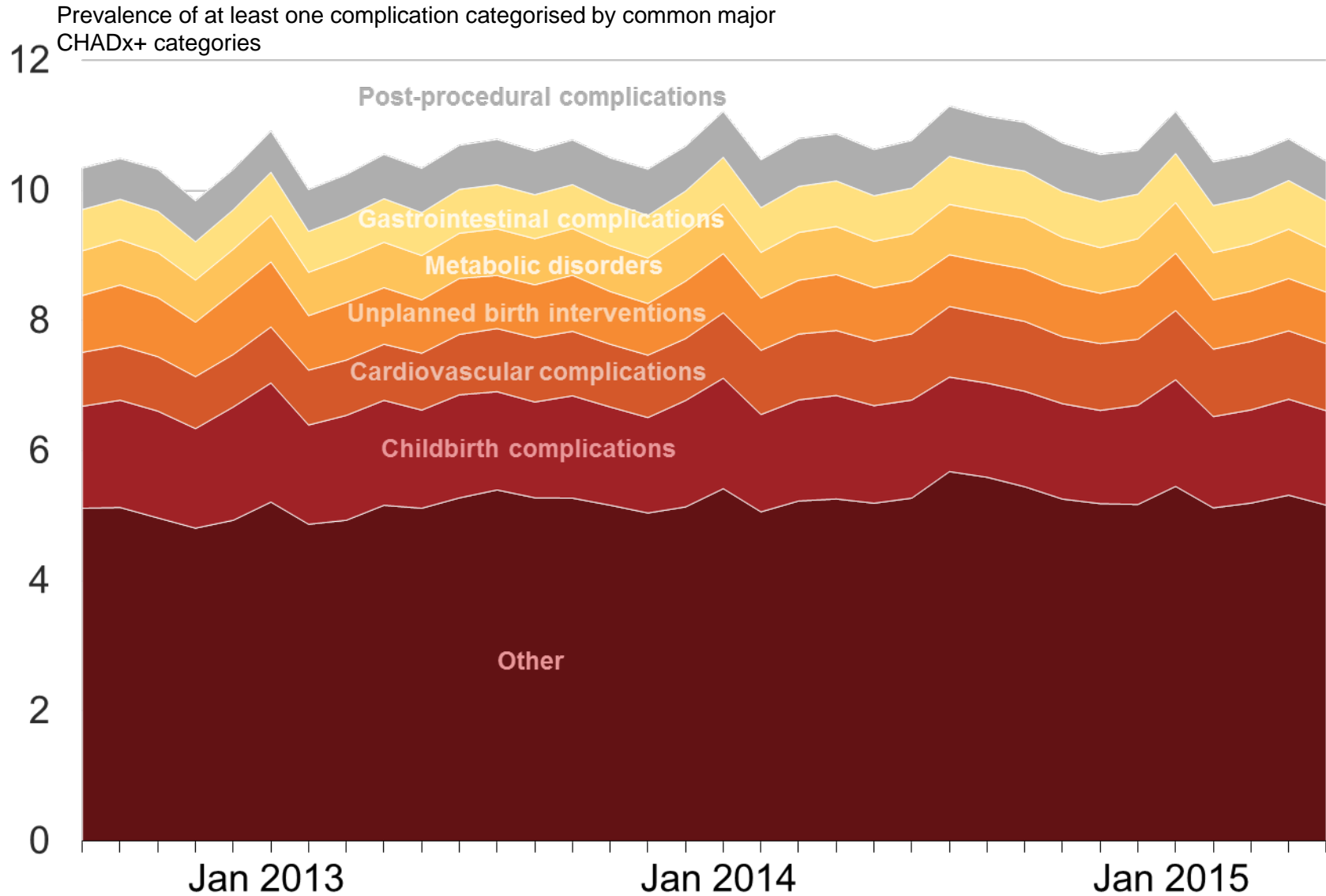


## What hospitals might do:

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- Table the Grattan report (or like) for discussion with the relevant clinical governance group:
  - Do they think any of the DNDs or DNDRs are an issue in your hospital?
  - There are other issues we didn't look at which are prominent in the public debate (e.g. diagnostic test use). Are they relevant?
  
- How robust are your clinical governance processes?
  - Is appropriateness of care being systematically monitored?
  - What are the accountability mechanisms for clinical choices?
  
- NB: I don't think there are big savings for hospitals here
- NB: I do think this will be an increasing clinical governance issue

# The safety of hospital care is not improving over time



# The long and winding road .....

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Review of Professional Indemnity Arrangements  
for Health Care Professionals

**Compensation and  
Professional Indemnity  
in Health Care**

**FINAL REPORT**

**November 1995**

Australian Government Publishing Service  
Canberra

**Implementing safety and quality  
enhancement in health care**

National actions to support quality and  
safety improvement in Australian health care

Final Report to Health Ministers from  
the National Expert Advisory Group on  
Safety and Quality in Australian Health Care

July 1999

# Different ambitions

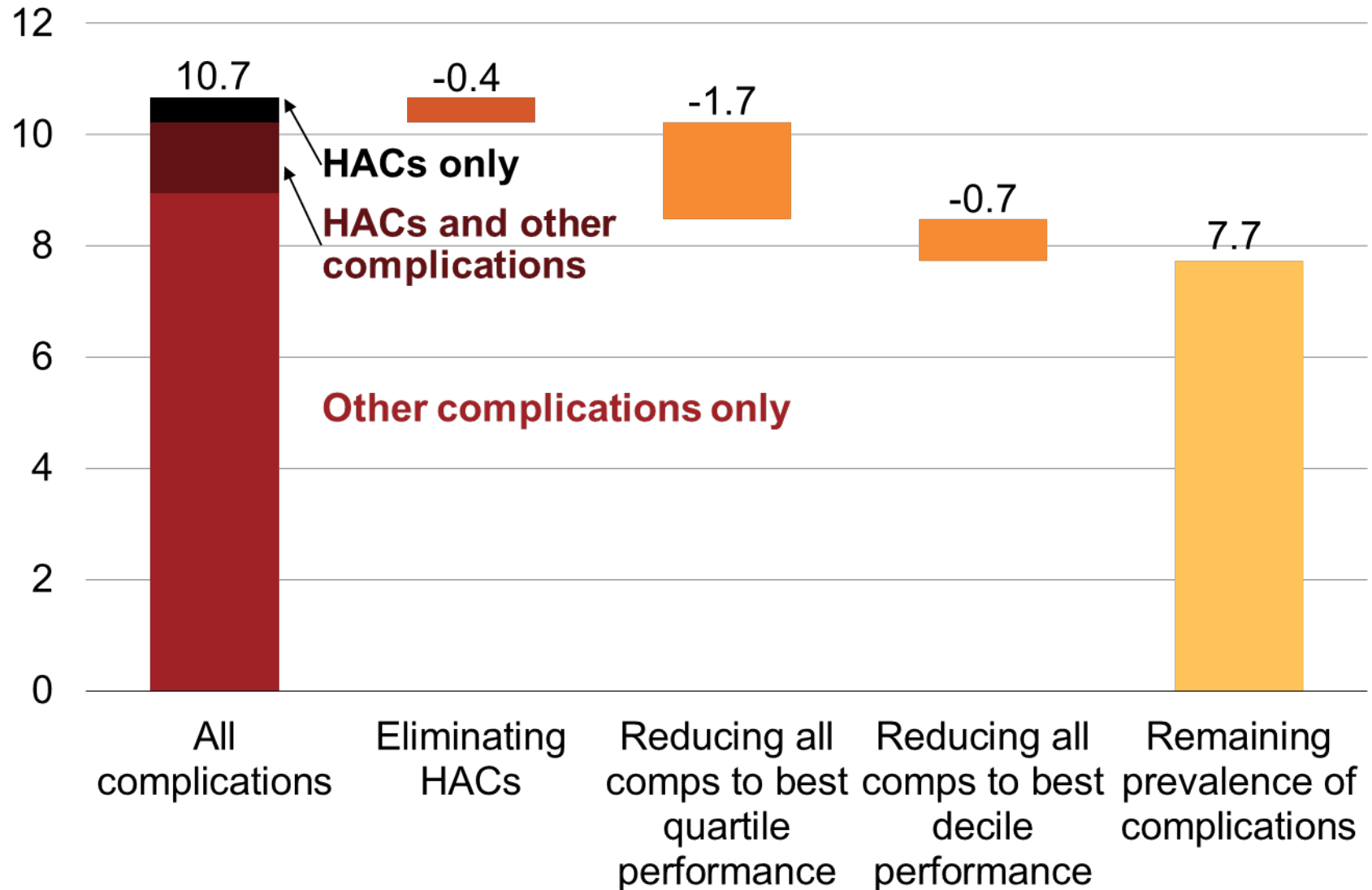
	All admissions	Same day admissions	Multiday admissions
Sentinel events	0.0012%	Not published	Not published
Designated 'Hospital Acquired Complications' (HACs)	2%	0.001%	5%
All complications	11%	3%	27%



All complications should count  
Using our data to make hospitals safer

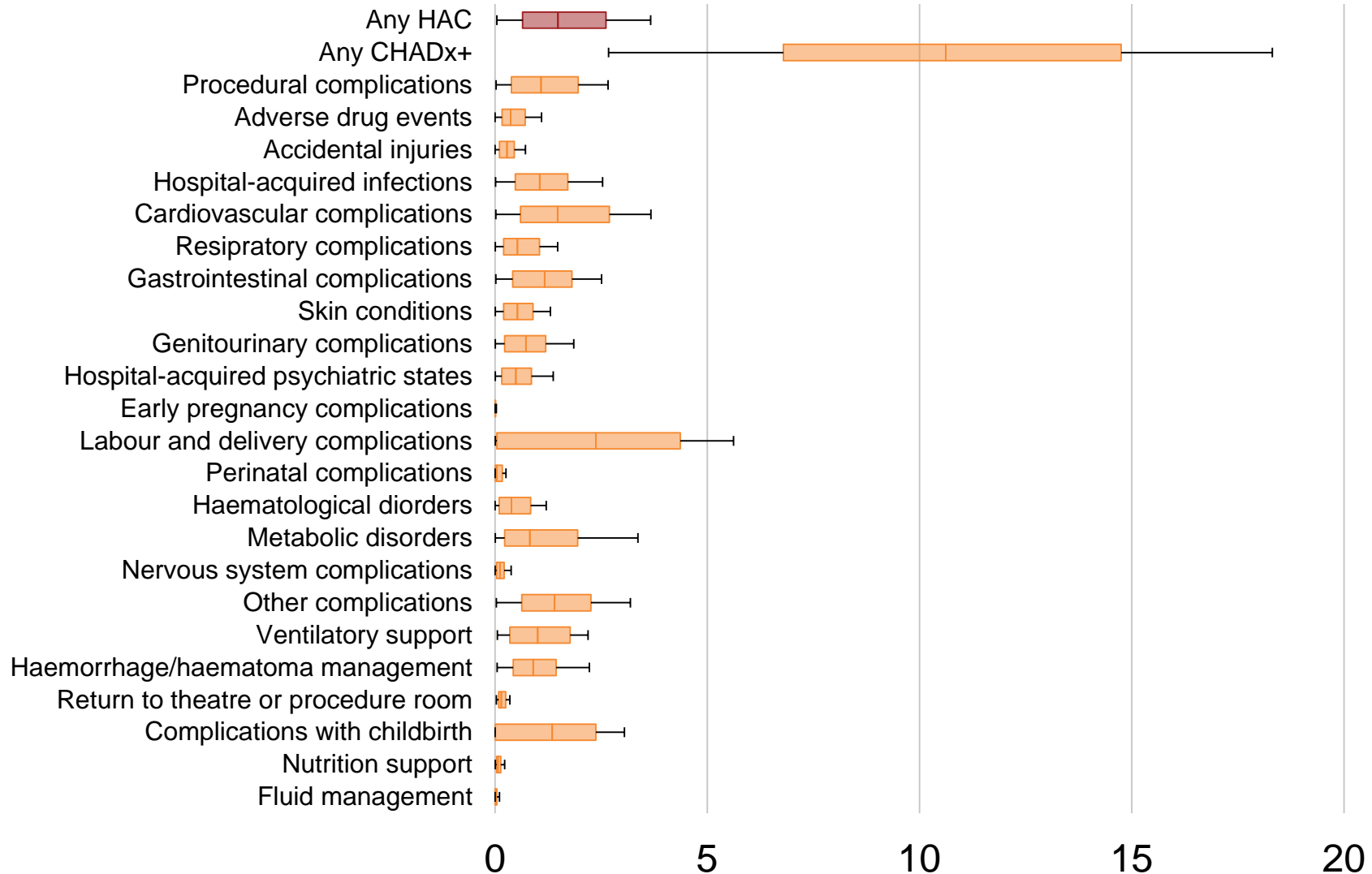
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# What should be our ambition?

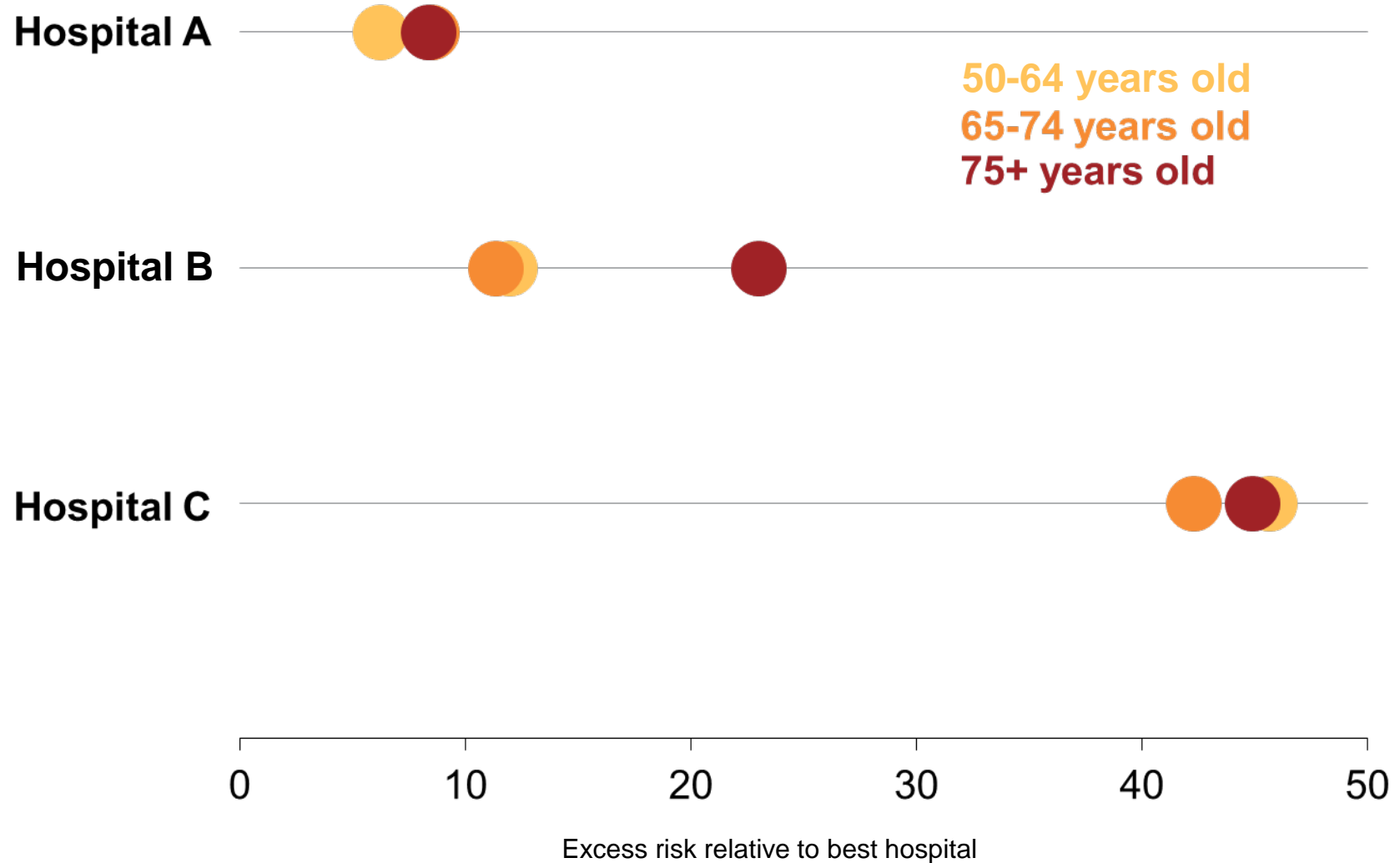




# There is considerable variability in rates of complications across hospitals

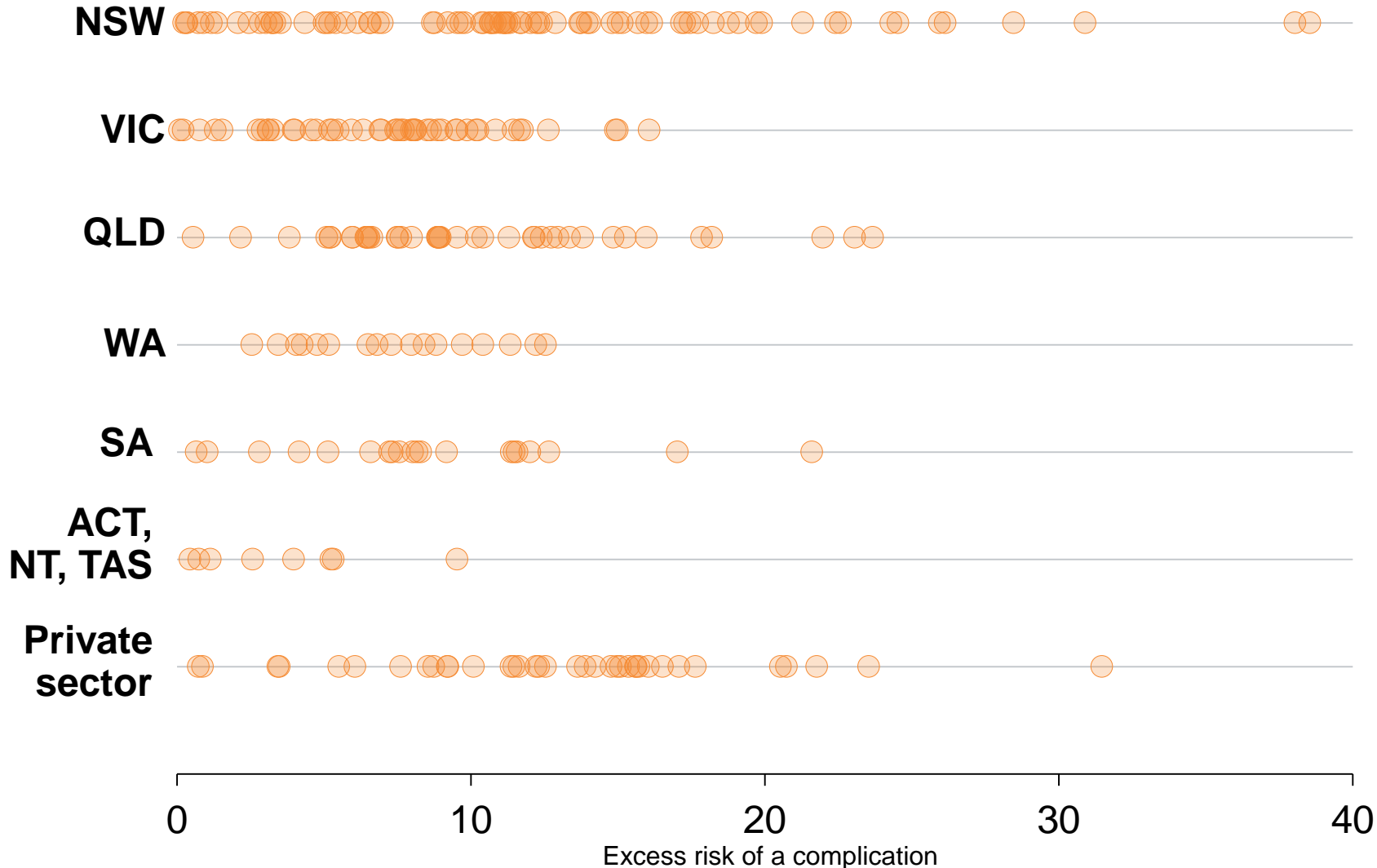


## And some hospitals are better than others for some patients

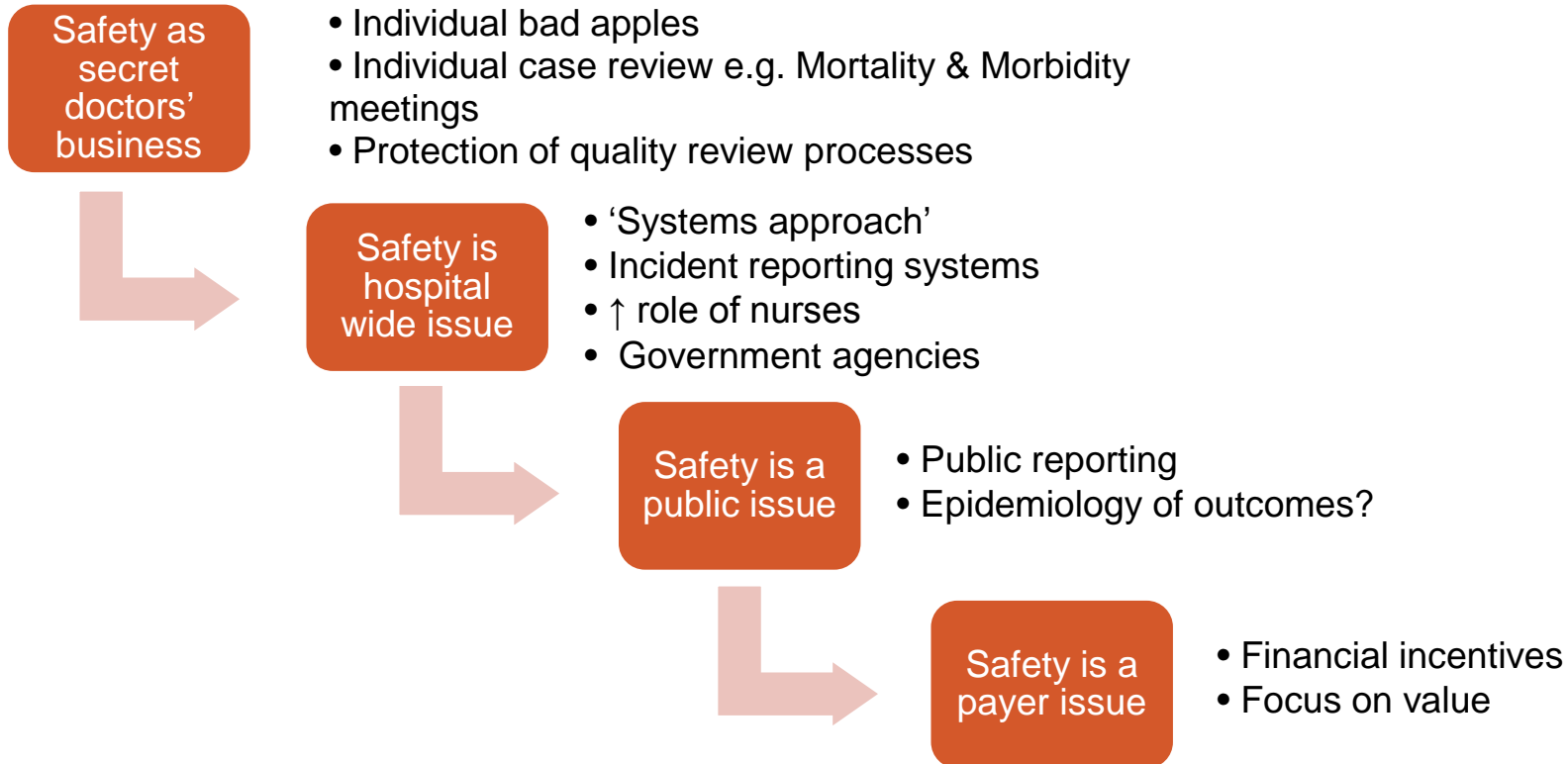


# Performance varies within states, and within sectors

Excess risk of a complication for all multiday admissions by hospital  
(excluding obstetric admissions)

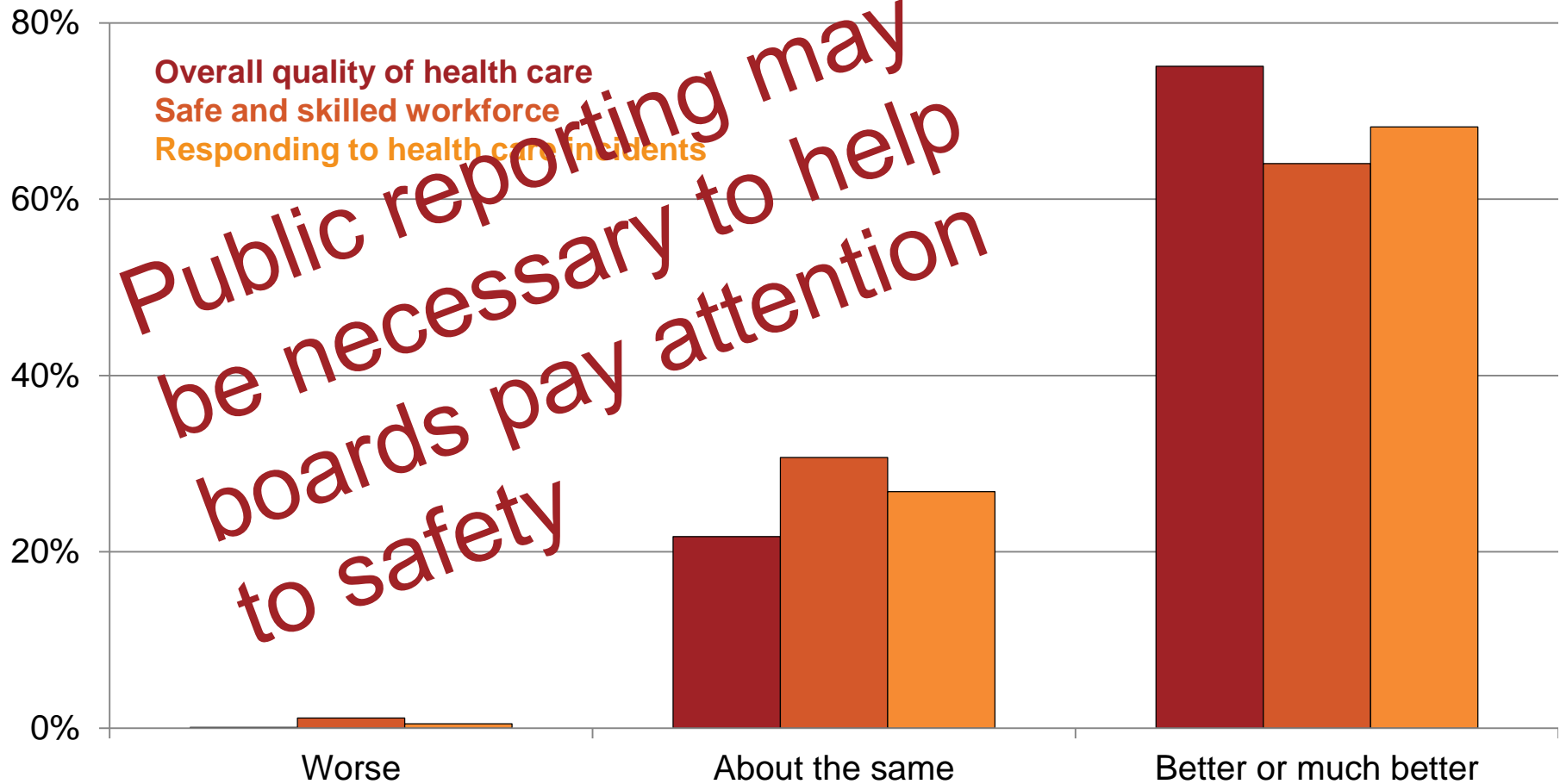


# The evolution of safety thinking



# Lake Wobegone effect

Proportion of board members Victorian LHNs, views on own network relative to average Victorian network



Notes: n = 233, 70% response rate, 96% of networks included

Source: Bismark, M. et al (2013). "The role of boards in clinical governance: activities and attitudes among members of public health service boards in Victoria." *Australian Health Review* 37(5): 682-687

# Transparency for whom?

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- Professionals:
  - Necessary but not sufficient
  - Not enough (in Victoria at least)
  - Will be increasingly expected e.g. as part of revalidation
- Boards and management
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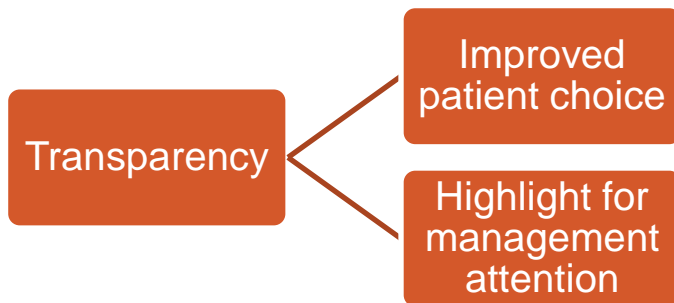
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- Public

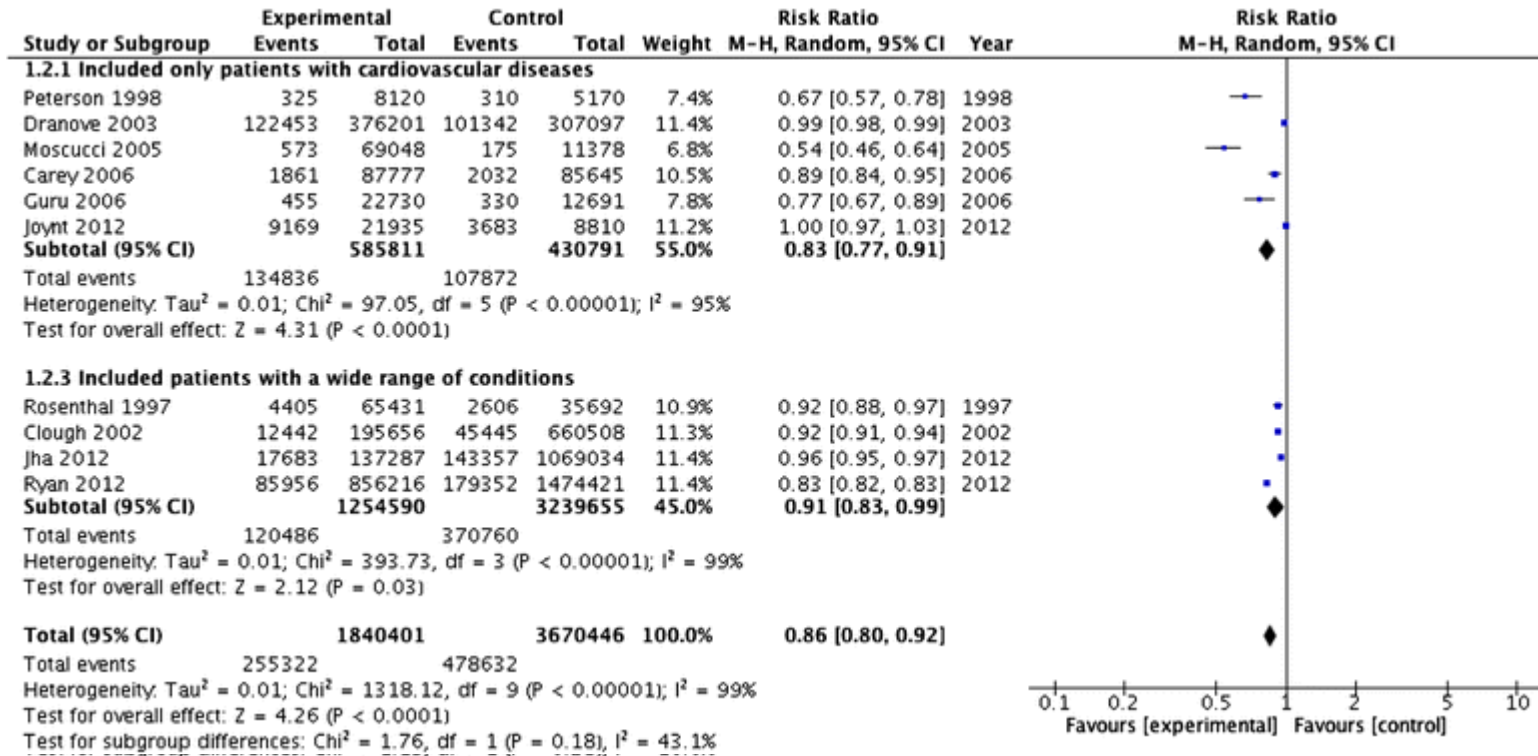
Public reporting is more likely to be associated with changes in health care provider behaviours than with selection of health services providers by patients or families.

Totten, A. M., et al. (2012) 'Closing the quality gap: revisiting the state of the science (vol. 5: public reporting as a quality improvement strategy)', *Evidence Reports/Technology Assessments*(208.5).

- vs GP



# Public reporting works



Campanella, P., et al. (2016) 'The impact of Public Reporting on clinical outcomes: a systematic review and meta-analysis', *BMC Health Services Research*, 16(296),



## CHADx+ classes with highest incremental cost per episode (Minimum 10 episodes)

CHADx+	Description	Average incremental cost per episode	Number of episodes with this CHADx+
4.19	Hospital-acquired abscesses	\$33,700	198
1.13	Complications of transplants	\$31,300	490
4.03	Sepsis due to staph	\$24,000	519
3.01	Falls with fractured femur	\$20,400	42
3.05	Injury due to assault	\$20,000	166
8.02	Pressure injury Stages 3 & 4	\$19,200	1,083
1.08	Disruption of wound	\$18,300	2,034
10.06	Patient self harm	\$15,200	868

These are dramatic, but rare

## The total costs of Major CHADx+ classes

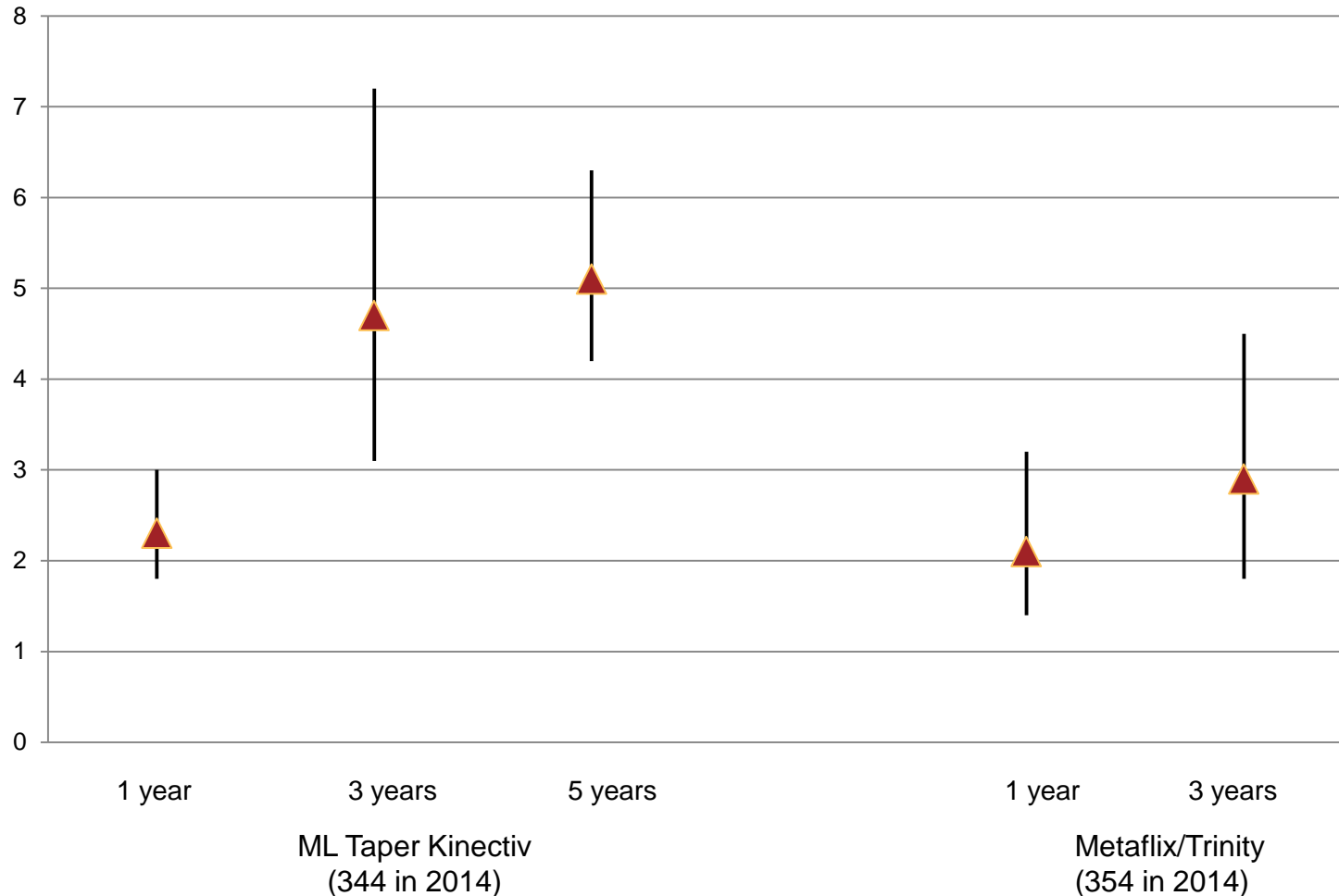
1	Post-procedural complications	\$207m	11	Early pregnancy complications	-\$2m
2	Adverse drug events	\$58m	12	Labour, delivery and postpartum complications	\$70m
3	Accidental injuries	\$58m	13	Perinatal complications	\$155m
4	Specific infections	\$140m	14	Haematological disorders	\$87m
5	Cardiovascular complications	\$206m	15	Metabolic disorders	\$118m
6	Respiratory complications	\$122m	16	Nervous system complications	\$37m
7	Gastrointestinal complications	\$105m	17	Other complications	\$143m
8	Skin conditions	\$136m		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2.16b</b>
9	Genitourinary complications	\$59m		<i>as a share of all costs</i>	<i>13%</i>
10	Hospital-acquired psychiatric states	\$63m			

Notes: 2014-15, public hospitals, acute and newborn care, multiday episodes

# Some prostheses have higher revision rates than others

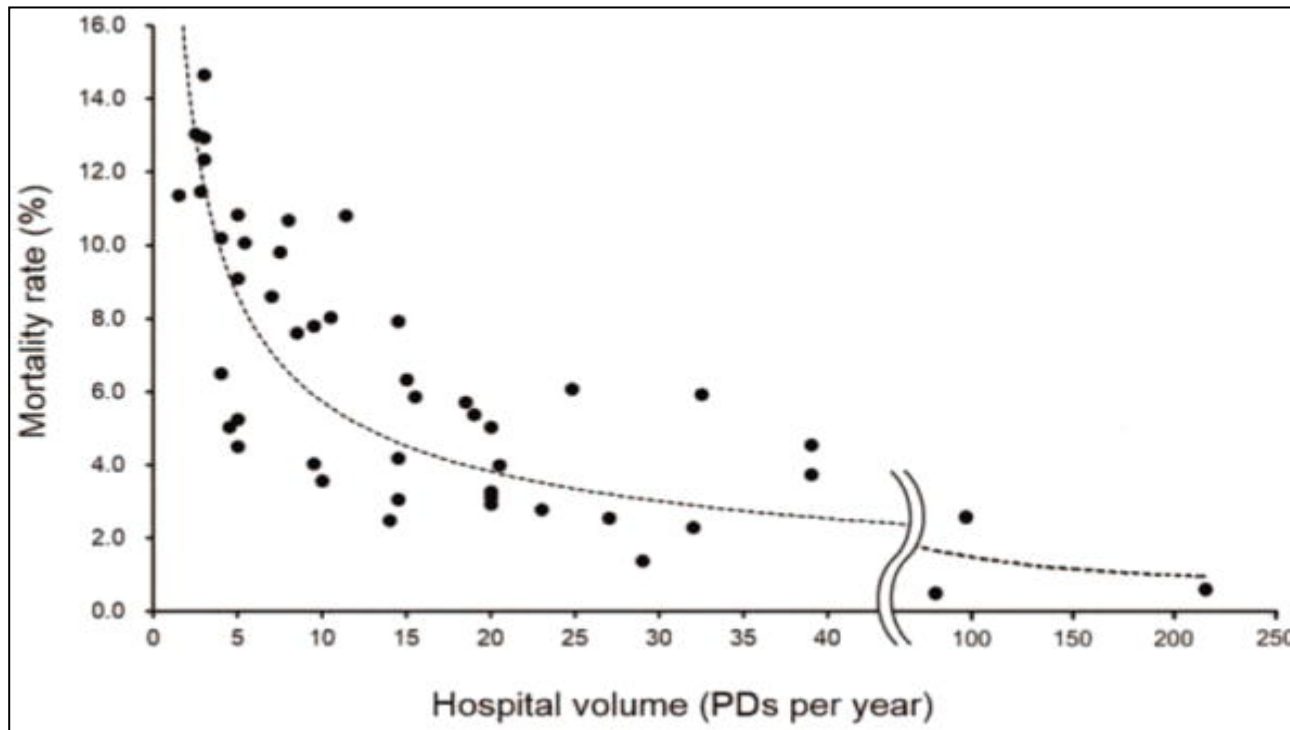
(Total Conventional Hip Prostheses)

Hazard ratio (compared to average)



# Issue of low volume

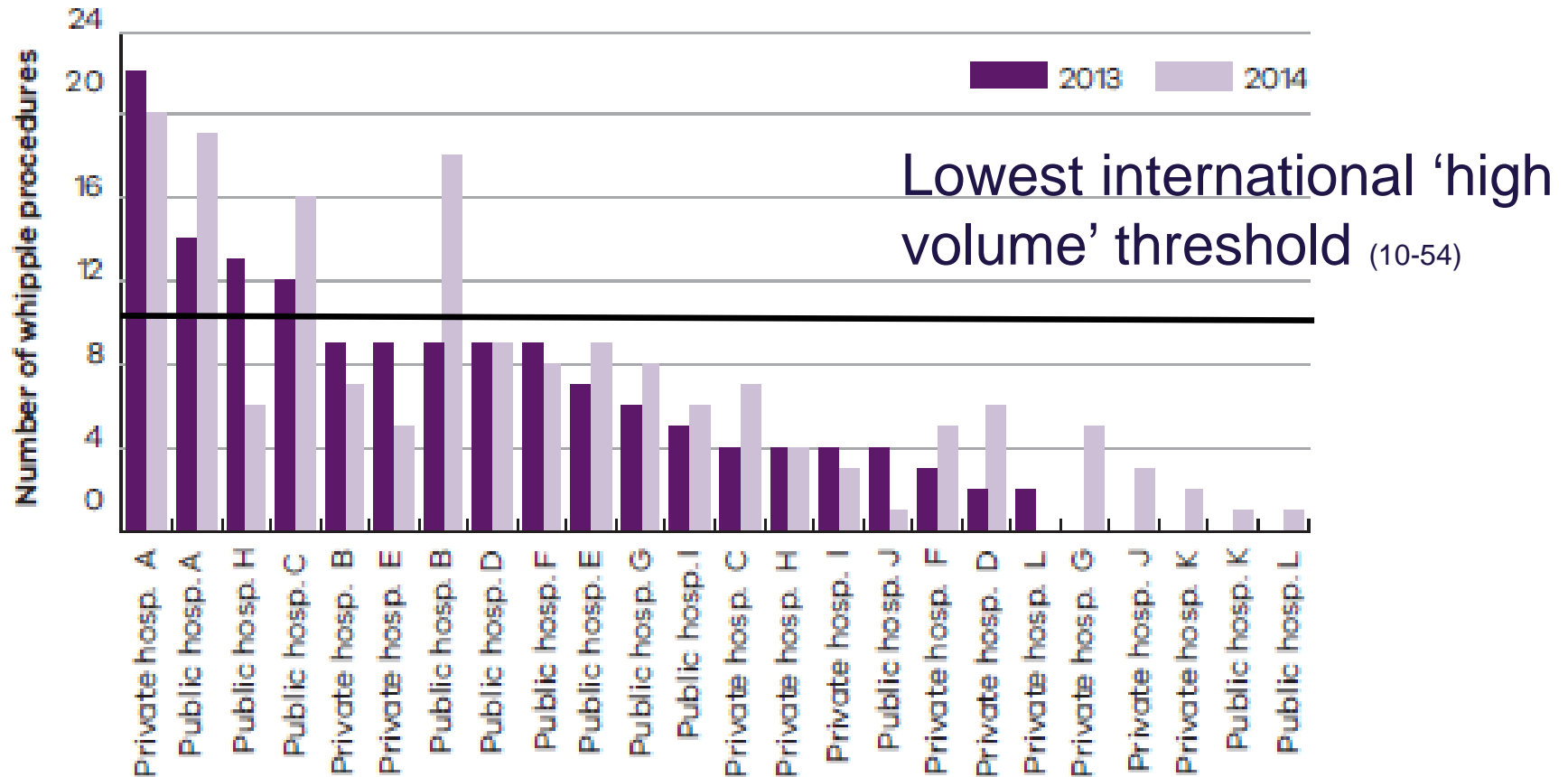
FIGURE 3 . Scatter plot of hospitals according to the median values of each included hospital group and postoperative mortality rates. PD indicates pancreaticoduodenectomy.



**Effect of Hospital Volume on Surgical Outcomes After Pancreaticoduodenectomy: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis.**  
 Hata, Tatsuo; Motoi, Fuyuhiko; MD, PhD; Ishida, Masaharu; MD, PhD; Naitoh, Takeshi; MD, PhD; Katayose, Yu; MD, PhD; Egawa, Shinichi; MD, PhD; Unno, Michiaki; MD, PhD  
 Annals of Surgery. 263(4):664-672, April 2016.  
 DOI: 10.1097/SLA.0000000000001437

# Using data to examine hospitals doing low volumes (Pancreaticoduodenectomy example)

Figure 4: Many hospitals are performing very low volumes of whipple procedures



Of 20 hospitals < 10, 4 rural

# Recommendations

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- ‘Actionability’ of existing data collections needs to be improved
- Publish comparative data for public and private hospitals
- Give clinical teams the tools to use the data to improve their performance
- Get hospital accreditation to pay some attention to complications
- Put financial incentives on hospital management to pay attention to complication rates