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Il percorso di salute respiratoria lungo tutto l'arco della vita

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1. Traiettorie di salute respiratoria
2. Prematurità, BPD e meccanismi di malattia
3. Altri fattori di rischio (modificabili)
4. Trattamento e prevenzione

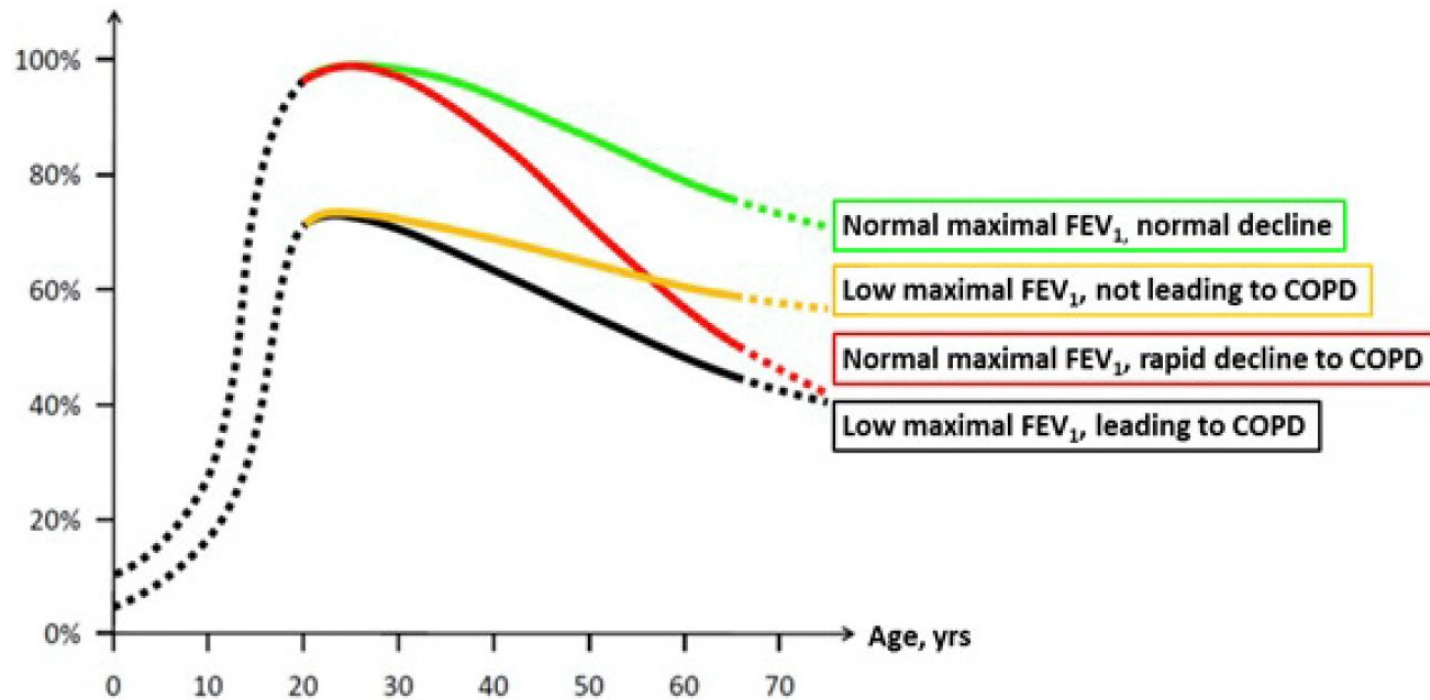


Recent advances in understanding lung function development

Melén E & Guerra S. F1000Res 2017;6:726



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COPD is estimated by the WHO to become the third leading cause of death worldwide by 2030

25 August 2007
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- Three trajectories contributed 75% of COPD burden and were associated with modifiable early-life exposures whose impact was aggravated by adult factors

Bui DS, et al. *Lancet Respir Med*. 2018;6:535-44

Plasticity of Individual Lung Function States from Childhood to Adulthood



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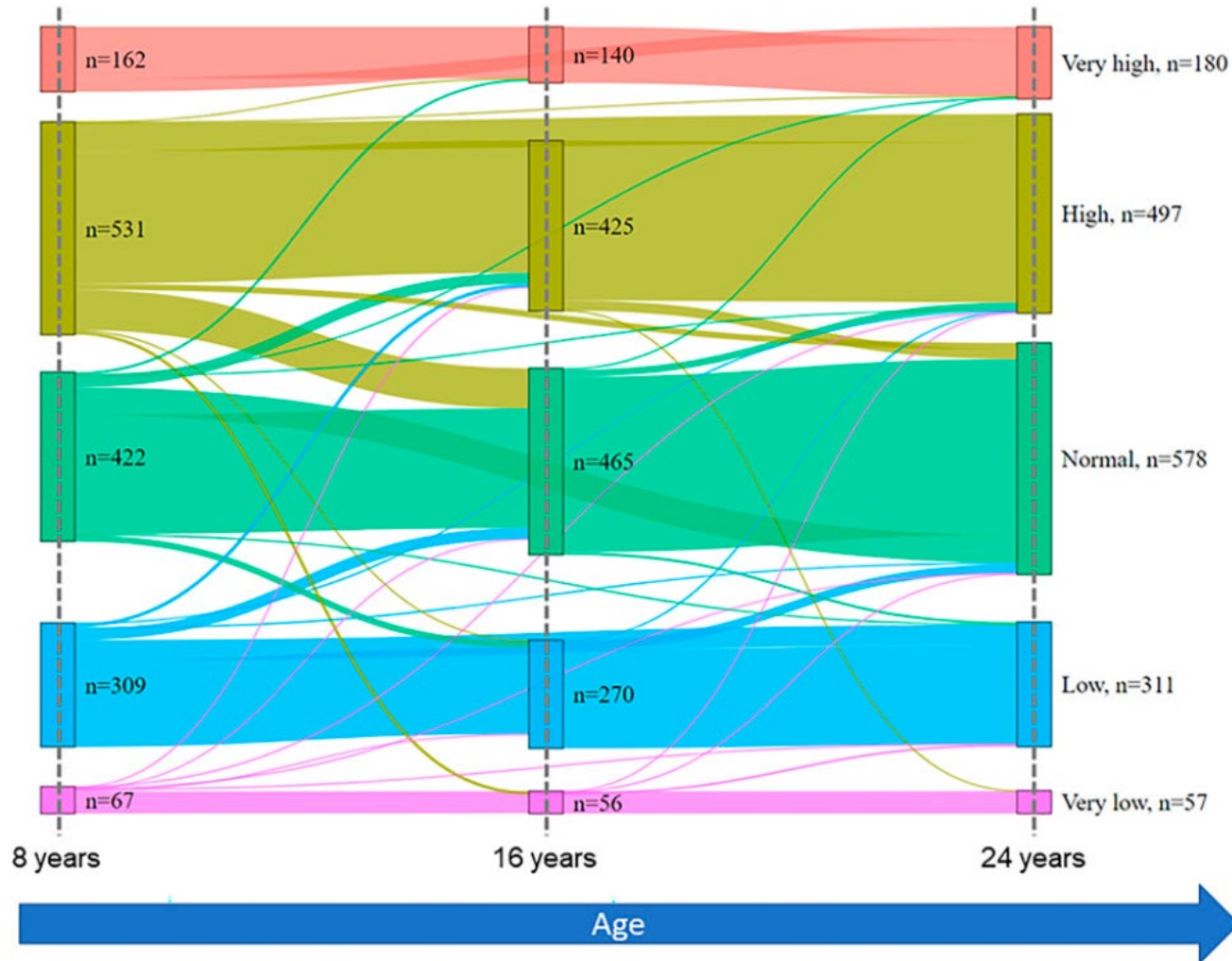


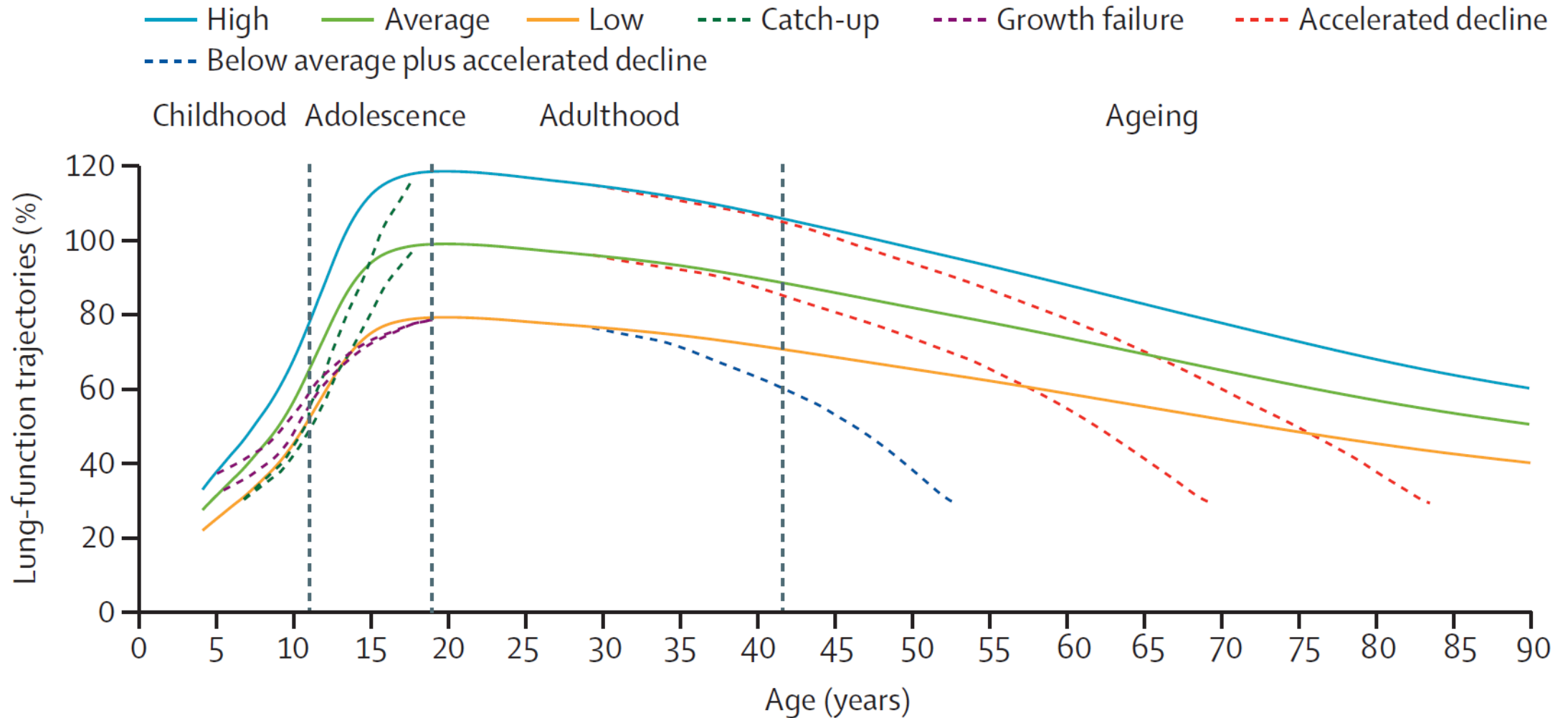
Figure 1. Alluvial plot that illustrates transition of lung function states from childhood to early adulthood. Participants with two or more lung function measures recorded were included. The width of each line is proportional to the number of participants included. The numbers behind Figure 1 are available in Table E6.

Salute respiratoria lungo tutto l'arco della vita

Traiettorie di Salute Respiratoria



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Agusti A, et al. *Lancet Respir Med* 2019; 7: 358–64
Melén E, et al. *Lancet* 2024; 403: 1494–503

Lung-function trajectories: relevance and implementation in clinical practice

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Lung Function Tracker tool
<https://gli-calculator.ersnet.org>

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 Male
 Female

Ethnicity
 Caucasian

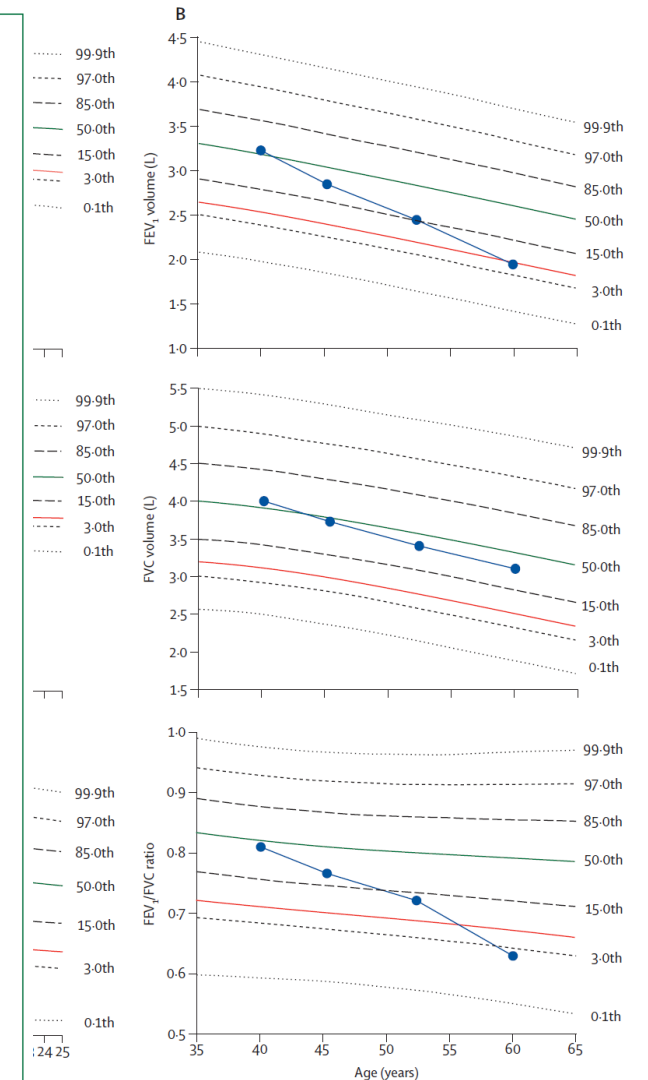
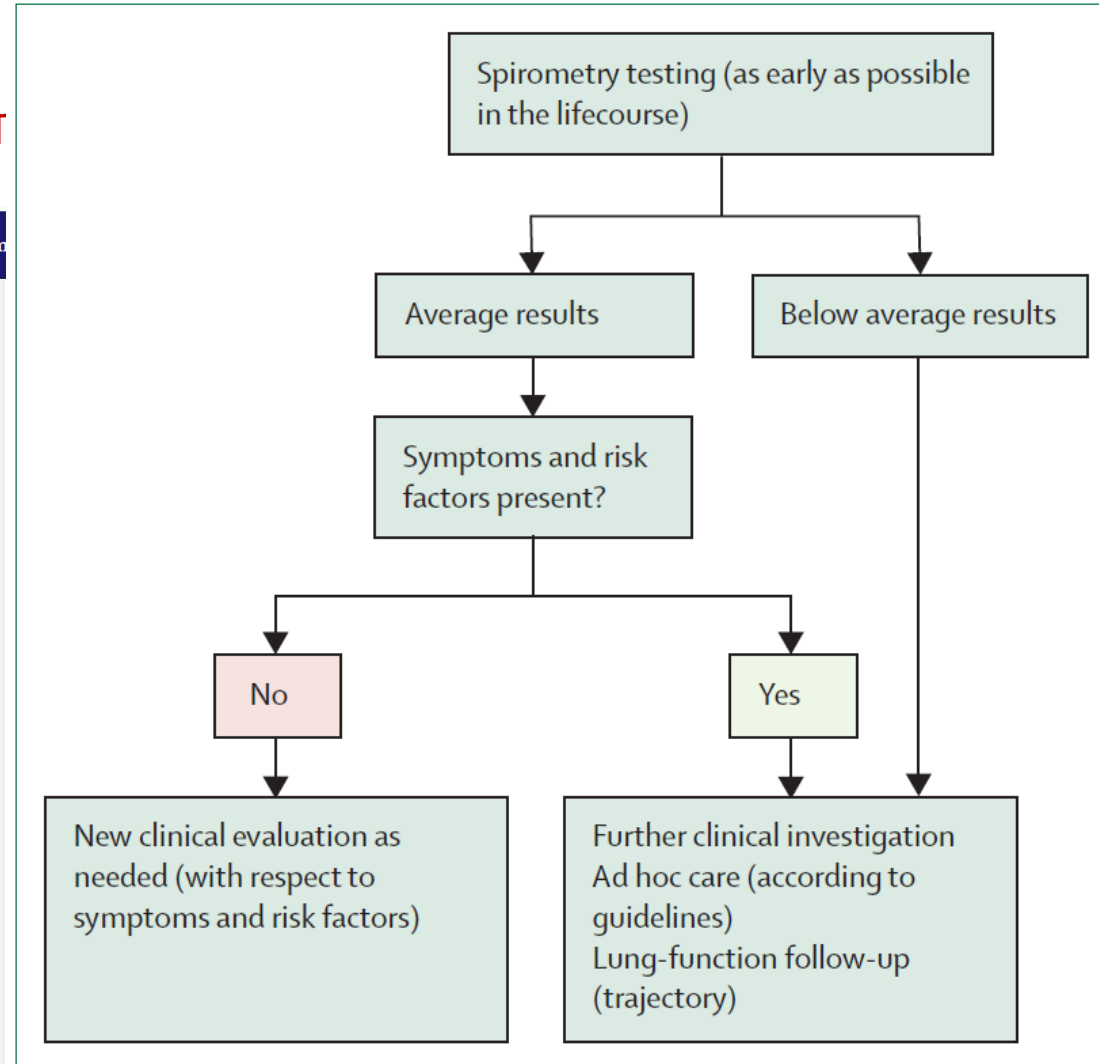
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Spirometry data - PRE or POST bronchodilator measured values

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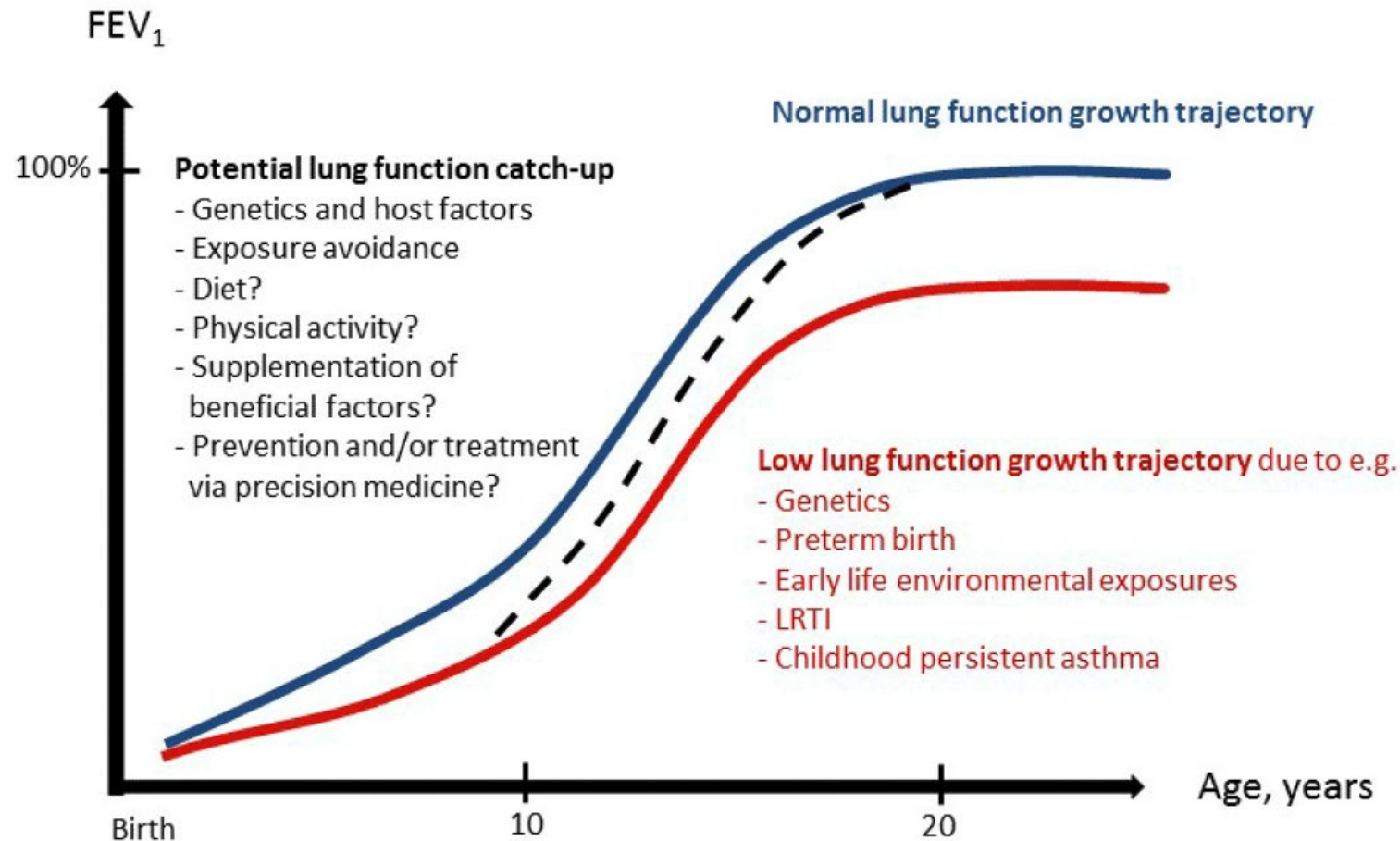


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- Worldwide, about **15 million (10%)** infants are born prematurely **each year (<37 weeks' gestation)**
- More than 80% of preterm births are **moderate-to-late preterm** (32 to ≤ 37 weeks' gestation)
- Fewer are **very preterm** (28 to <32 weeks' gestation), even fewer are **extremely preterm** (<28 weeks' gestation)

Bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD)

- For the past two decades, supplemental O₂ therapy for more than 28 days after birth and **respiratory support at 36 weeks' postmenstrual age** (PMA) has been used to define BPD and its severity
- More recently, other investigators have suggested using respiratory support at 36 weeks' PMA or oxygen or respiratory support at 40 weeks' PMA as alternative criteria for the diagnosis of BPD and its severity

Simpson S, et al. *Lancet Respir Med* 2024;12:167-80

Pijnenburg M, et al. *Pediatr Pulmonol* 2024 Oct 3 online ahead of print

Global, Regional, and National Incidence and Mortality of Neonatal Preterm Birth, 1990-2019

Figure 1. Global Trends in the Incidence of Neonatal Preterm Birth in 204 Countries and Territories

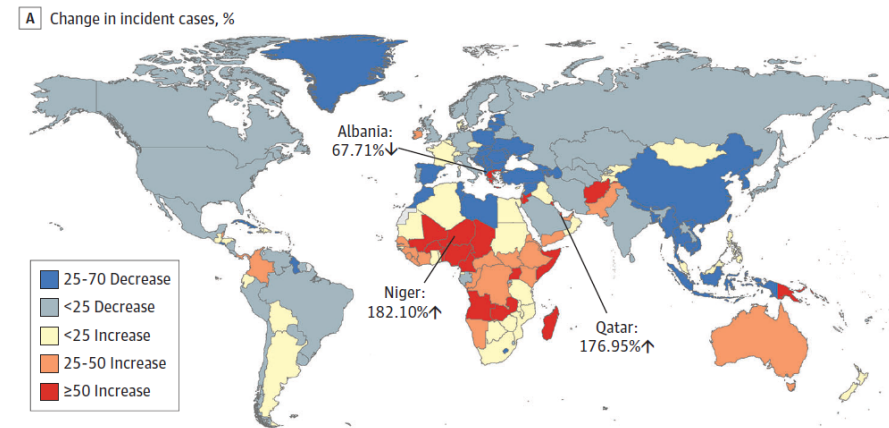
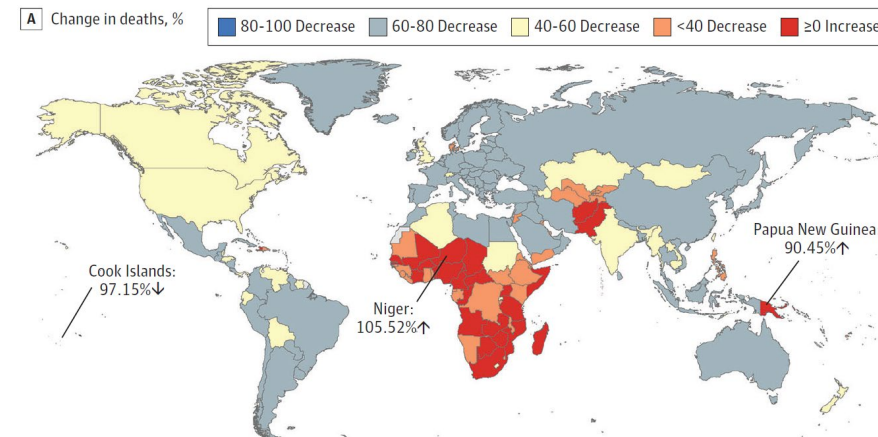


Figure 2. Global Trends in the Mortality of Neonatal Preterm Birth in 204 Countries and Territories



Simpson S, et al.
JAMA Pediatr
2022;176:787-96



PELICAN
Prematurity's Effects on the Lungs
In Children and Adults Network

The PELICAN (Prematurity's Effect on the Lungs In Children and Adults Network) ERS Clinical Research Collaboration: understanding the impact of preterm birth on lung health throughout life

- PELICAN was launched in 2020 as the fourth CRC within the ERS Paediatric Assembly

Simpson SJ & Hallberg J, on behalf of the PELICAN CRC
Eur Respir J 2021;57:2004387

Unravelling the respiratory health path across the lifespan for survivors of preterm birth

Shannon J Simpson, Cassidy Du Berry, Denby J Evans, James T D Gibbons, Maria Vollsæter, Thomas Halvorsen, Karl Gruber, Enrico Lombardi, Sanja Stanojevic, John R Hurst, Petra Um-Bergström, Jenny Hallberg, Lex W Doyle, Sailesh Kotecha, on behalf of PELICAN

Prematurity-associated lung disease

A chronic lung disease that has occurred following preterm birth, characterised by abnormal structural, physiological, clinical, or inflammatory respiratory phenotypes; the term prematurity-associated lung disease encompasses the broad implications of preterm birth on later-life respiratory health irrespective of BPD diagnosis during infancy

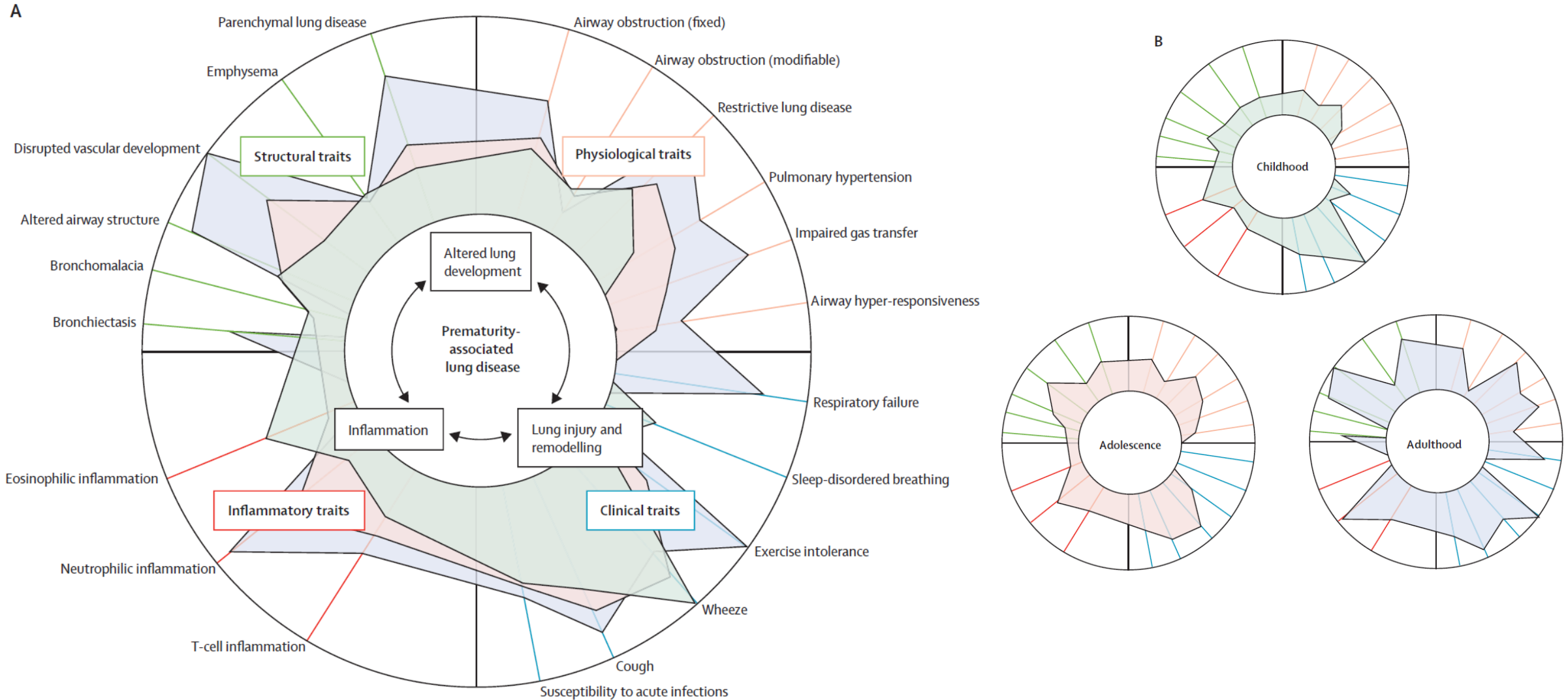
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Chronic Lung Disease after Premature Birth



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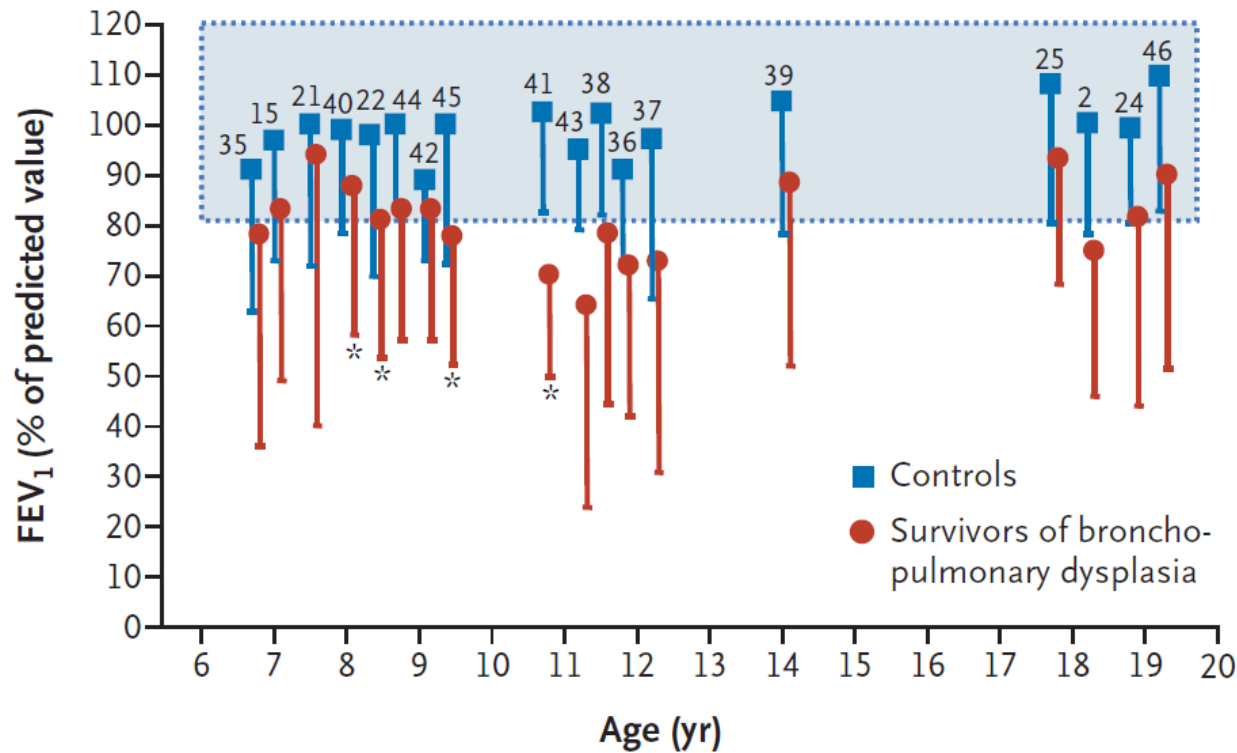


Figure 3. FEV₁ Values in Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults Who Were Born Prematurely and Had Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia, as Compared with Controls Born at Term.

Data (presented as means \pm 2 SD) are from 18 studies, reported since 1990, in which survivors of bronchopulmonary dysplasia who were 6 to 19 years of age were compared with a reference population born at term. In all but two studies, the mean forced expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV₁) was significantly lower in the patients with bronchopulmonary dysplasia than in the healthy controls. Eighty percent of the predicted FEV₁ value is the accepted lower limit of the normal range. An asterisk indicates that the study was performed after the introduction of surfactant therapy. The studies were conducted in the United States,^{2,15,35-37} Australia,^{22,24,38,39} Finland,^{21,40,41} Canada,^{42,43} Italy,^{44,45} Norway,²⁵ and the Netherlands.⁴⁶ The numbers within the graph refer to the reference numbers of the studies.

Baraldi E & Filippone M. N Engl J Med 2007;357:1946-55

Increasing airway obstruction through life following bronchopulmonary dysplasia: a meta-analysis



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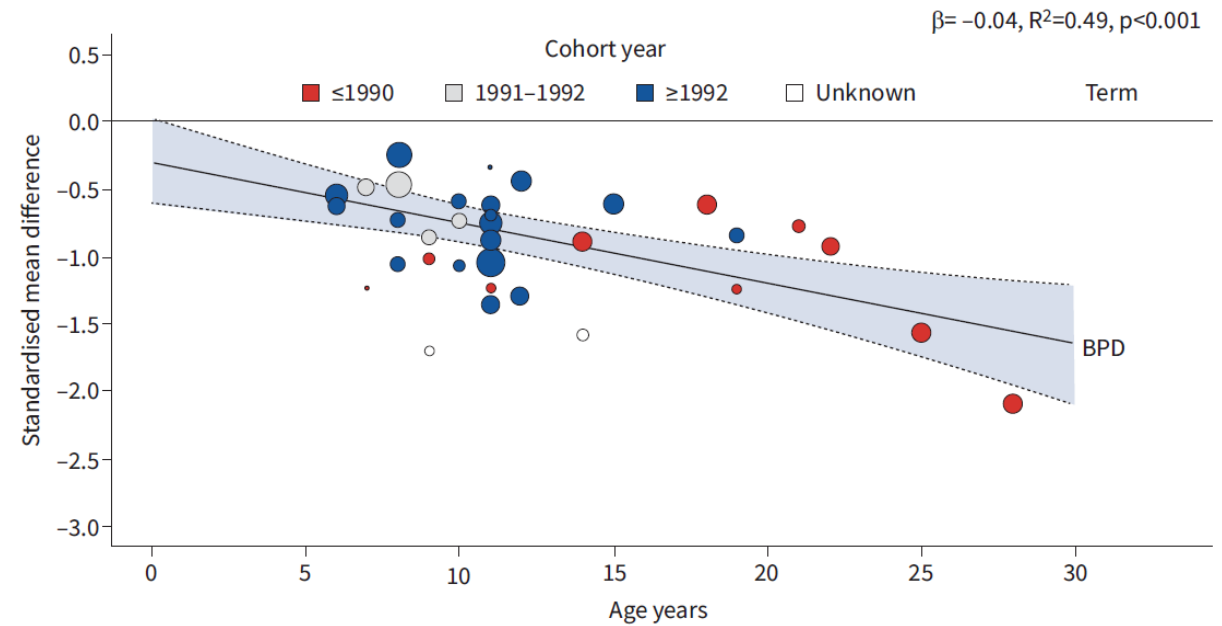
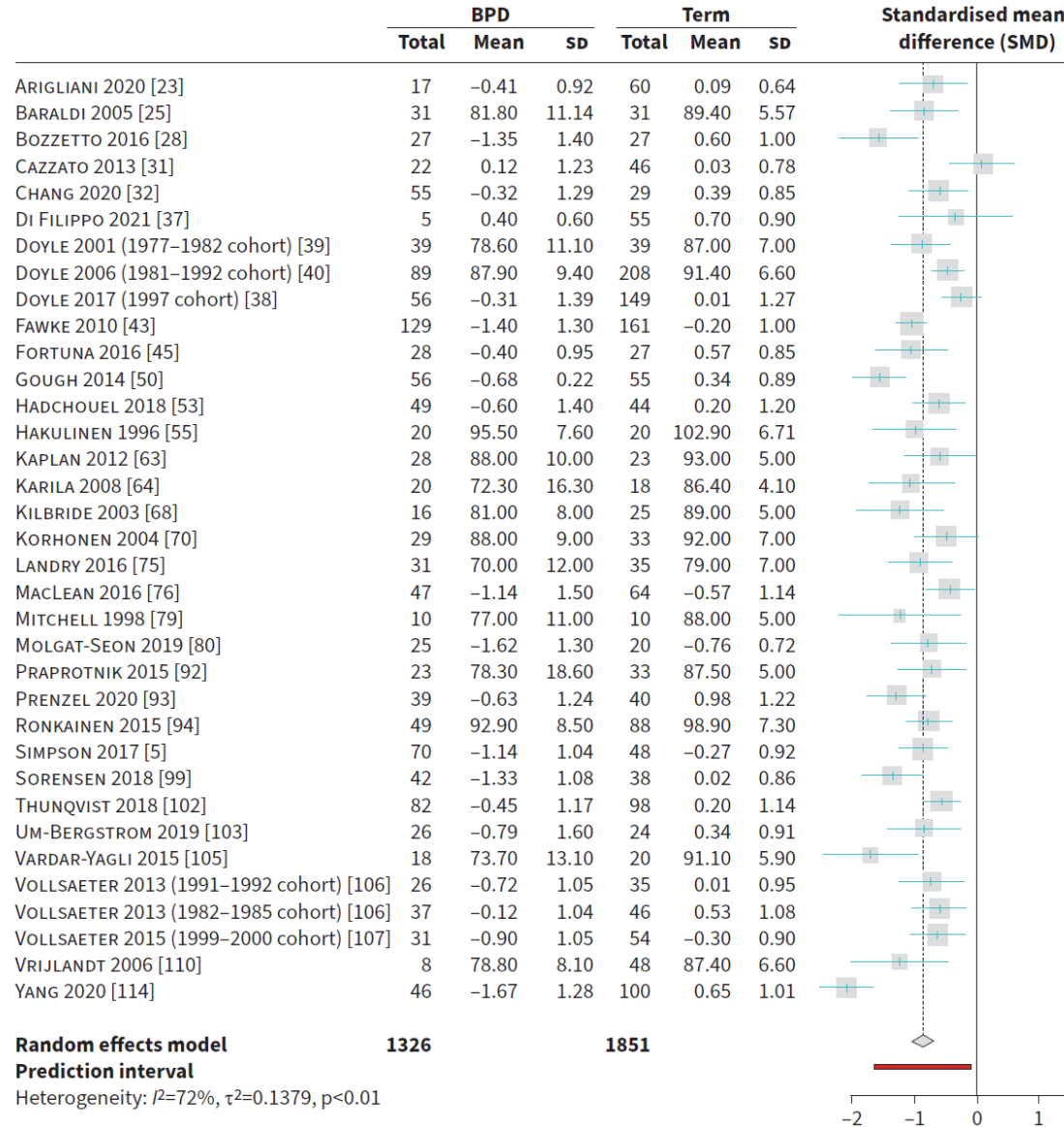


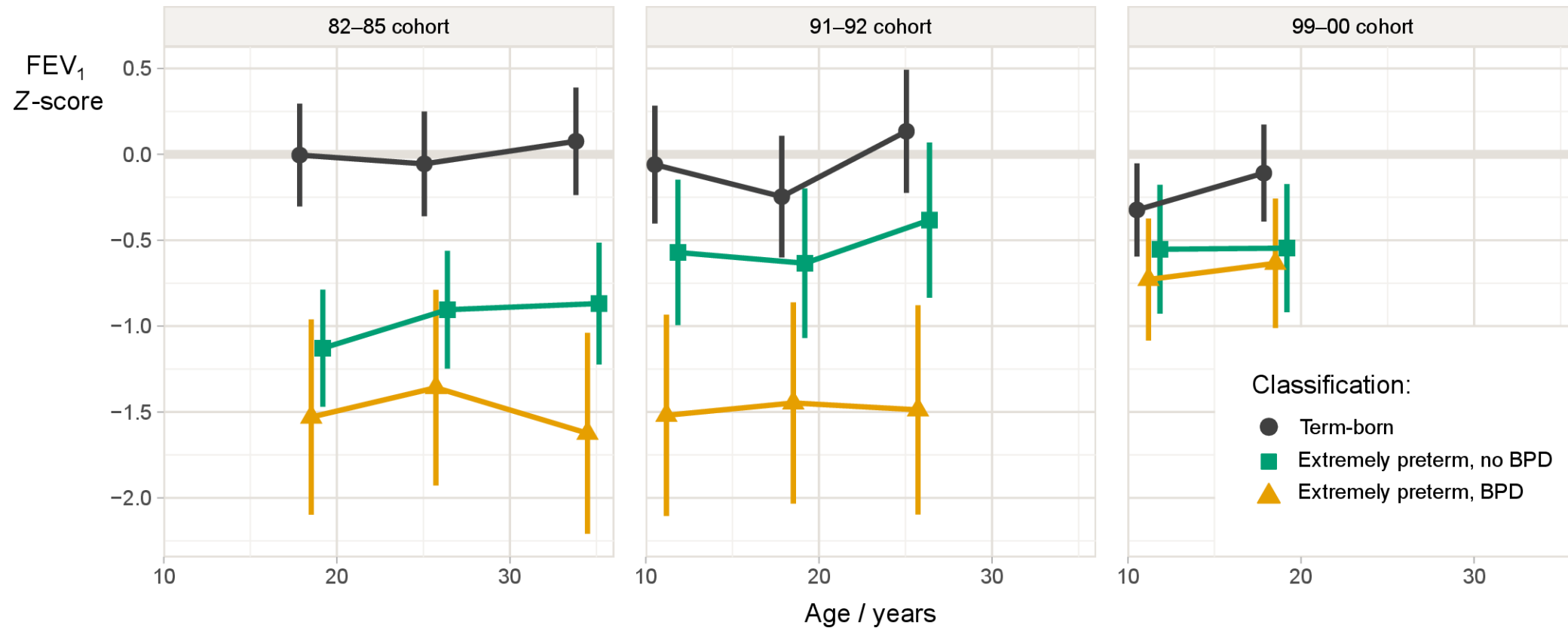
FIGURE 2 Meta-regression of forced expiratory volume in 1s/forced vital capacity moderating for age: bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD) versus Term.

Gibbons JTD, et al. *ERJ Open Res* 2023;9:00046-2023

Tracking of lung function from 10 to 35 years after being born extremely preterm or with extremely low birth weight






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Bardsen T, et al. *Thorax* 2022;77:790-8

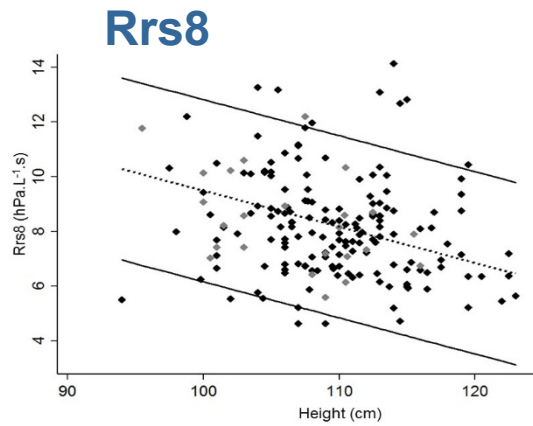
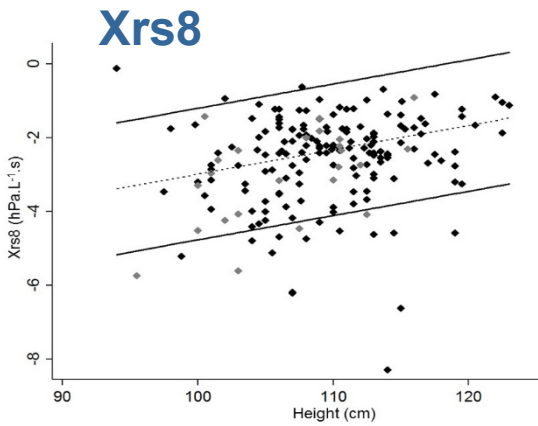
Lung function in a cohort of 5-year-old children born very preterm

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- A cohort of infants born **22-31 weeks of gestational age** in Tuscany (Italy)
- A total of **194 children** tested at **mean age 5.2 yr**

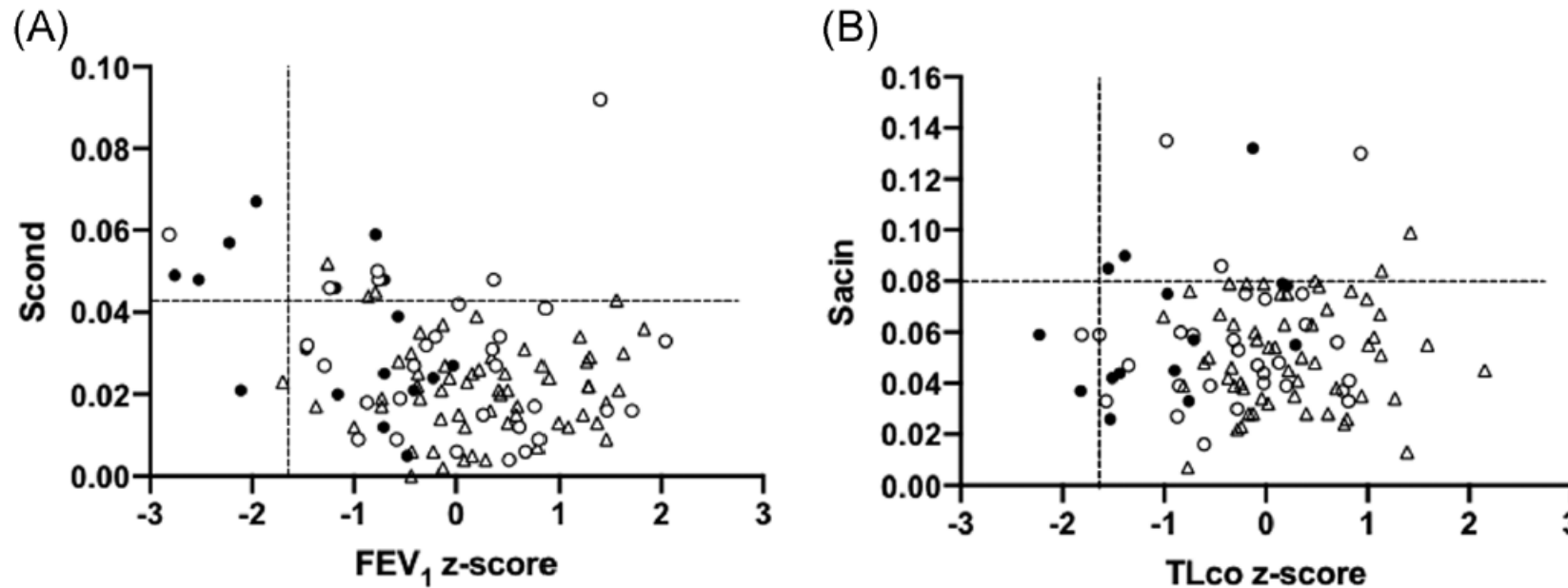


	Measured values baseline	Predicted values	P ^a
Rint	n = 194		
kPa.L⁻¹.s	0.90 (0.23)	0.76 (0.07)	<0.001
Z-score	0.72 (1.13)		
Rrs8	n = 185		
hPa.L⁻¹.s	8.20 (1.85)	8.26 (0.73)	0.663
Z-score	-0.03 (1.08)		
Xrs8	n = 185		
hPa.L⁻¹.s	-2.62 (1.25)	-2.37 (0.36)	0.005
Z-score	-0.28 (1.34)		
AX	n = 185		
hPa.L⁻¹	41.41 (27.81)	32.49 (0.14)	<0.001
Z-score	0.29 (1.41)		

Regional ventilation inhomogeneity in survivors of extremely preterm birth



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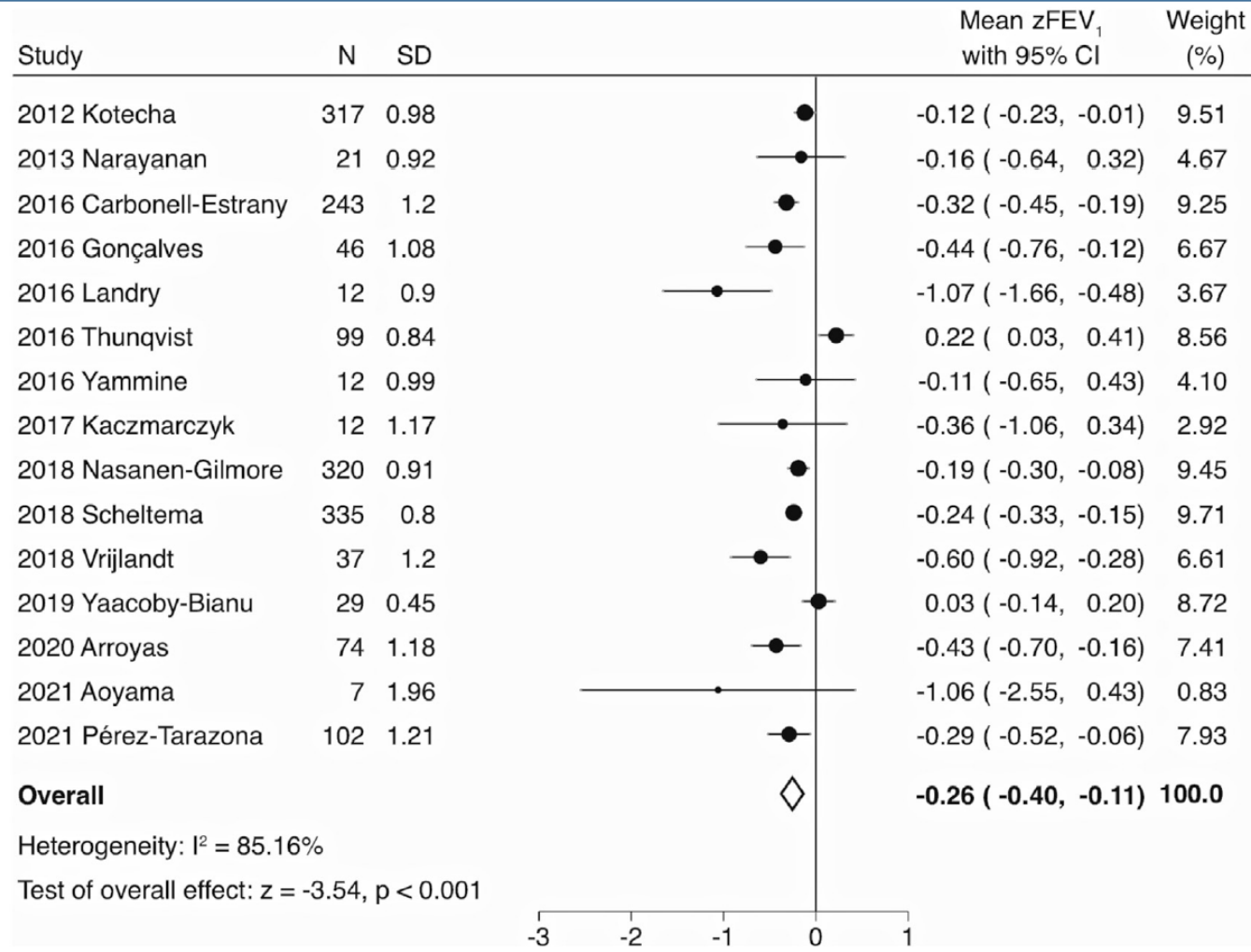


Conclusion: Almost a third of extremely preterm children at school age showed Scand alterations that affected also children without BPD. Longitudinal studies should clarify the prognostic meaning of Scand abnormalities in this group.

Long-term expiratory airflow of infants born moderate-late preterm: A systematic review and meta-analysis



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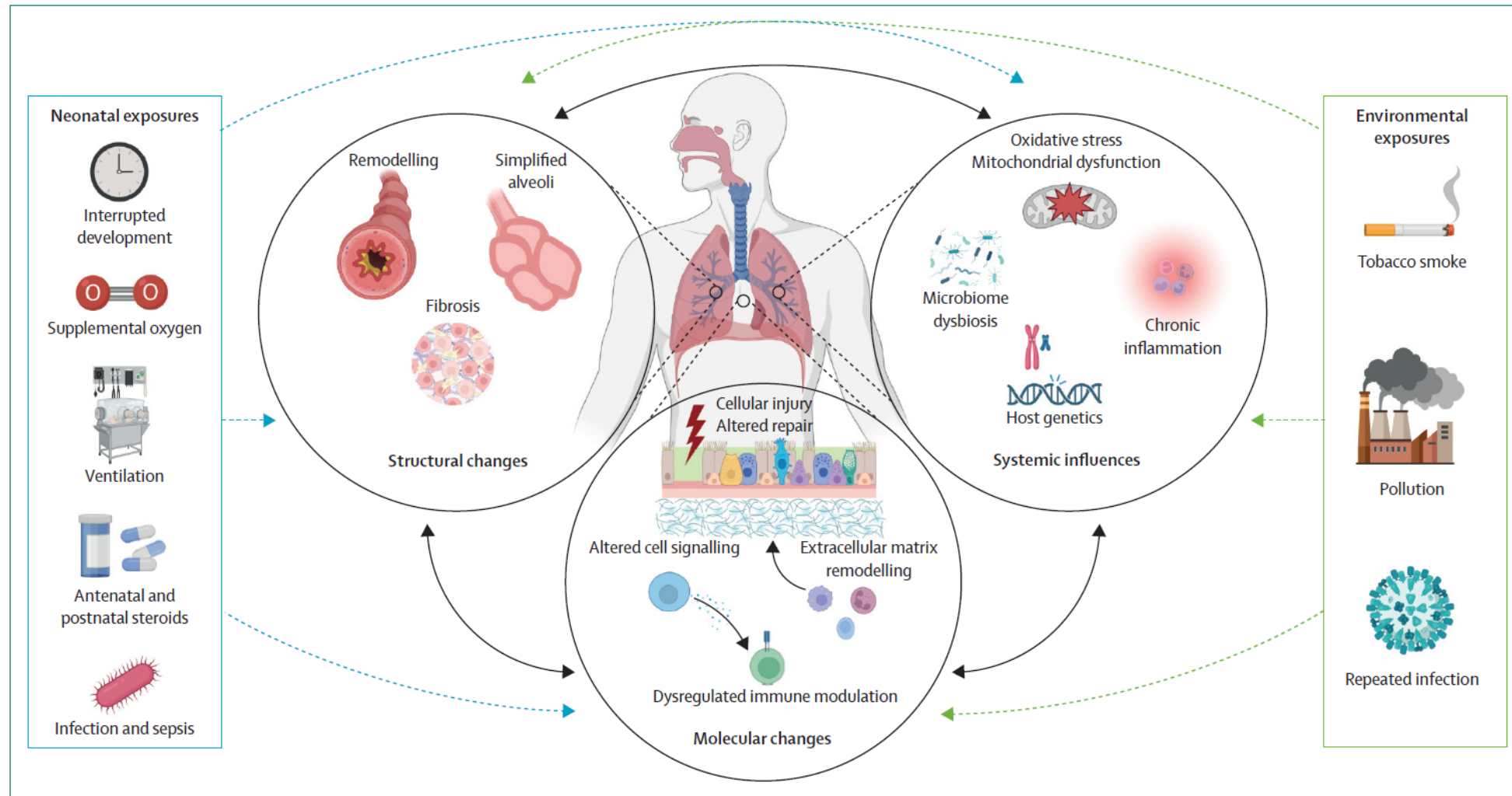


Du Berry C, et al.
EClinicalMedicine 2022;52:101597

Figure 4. Forced expiratory volume in 1 second z-score (zFEV₁) of the moderate-late preterm group compared with a z-score of 0. A mean zFEV₁ less than 0 indicates individuals born MLP are performing worse than population norms, as derived from relevant reference equations, on average.

Malattia polmonare associata a prematurità

Meccanismi di Malattia



The role of growth and nutrition in the early origins of spirometric restriction in adult life: a longitudinal, multicohort, population-based study



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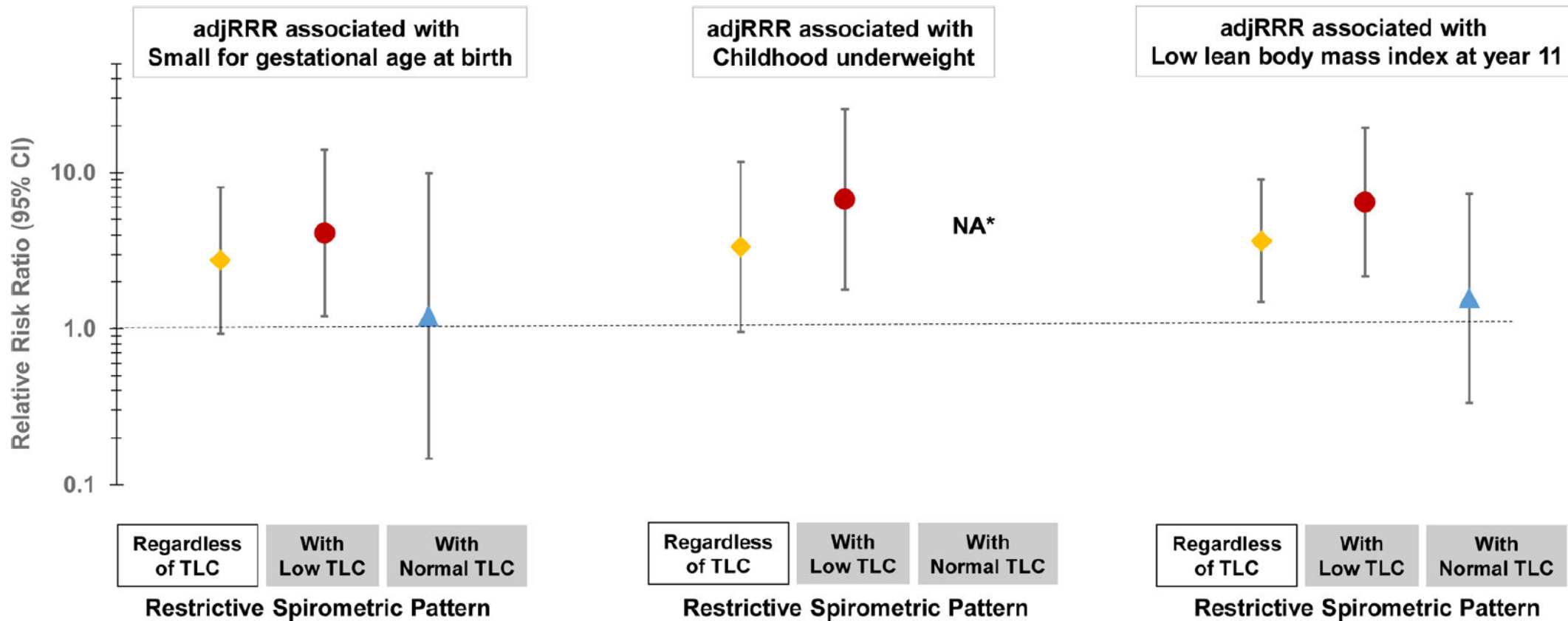


Figure 4: Associations of small for gestational age at birth, childhood underweight, and low lean body mass index at year 11 with spirometric restriction with and without low total lung capacity (TLC) at year 18 in MAAS

Voraphani N, et al. *Lancet Respir Med* 2022;10:59–71

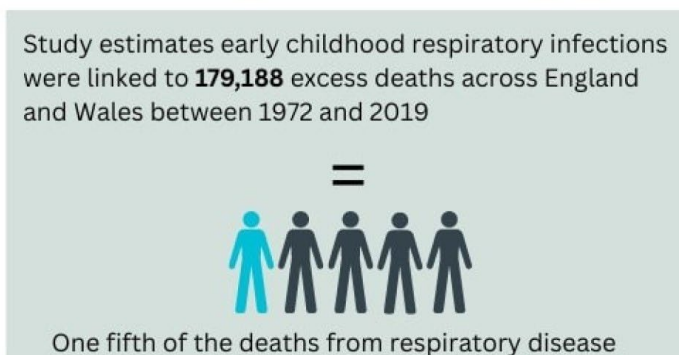
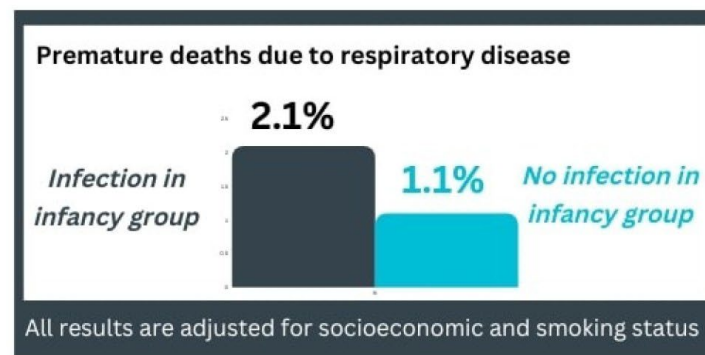
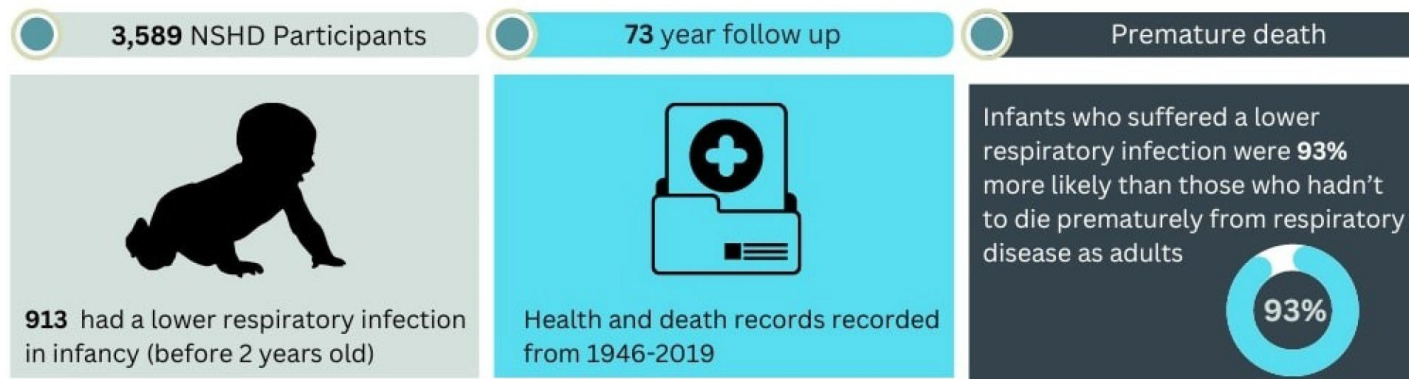
Early childhood lower respiratory tract infection and premature adult death from respiratory disease in Great Britain: a national birth cohort study

Allinson JP, et al.
Lancet 2023;401:1183-93



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IMPACT OF INFANT RESPIRATORY HEALTH ON LATER LIFE MORTALITY



Contracting a respiratory disease in early childhood is associated with a higher risk of dying from respiratory disease as an adult

Early-life respiratory tract infections and the risk of school-age lower lung function and asthma: a meta-analysis of 150 000 European children



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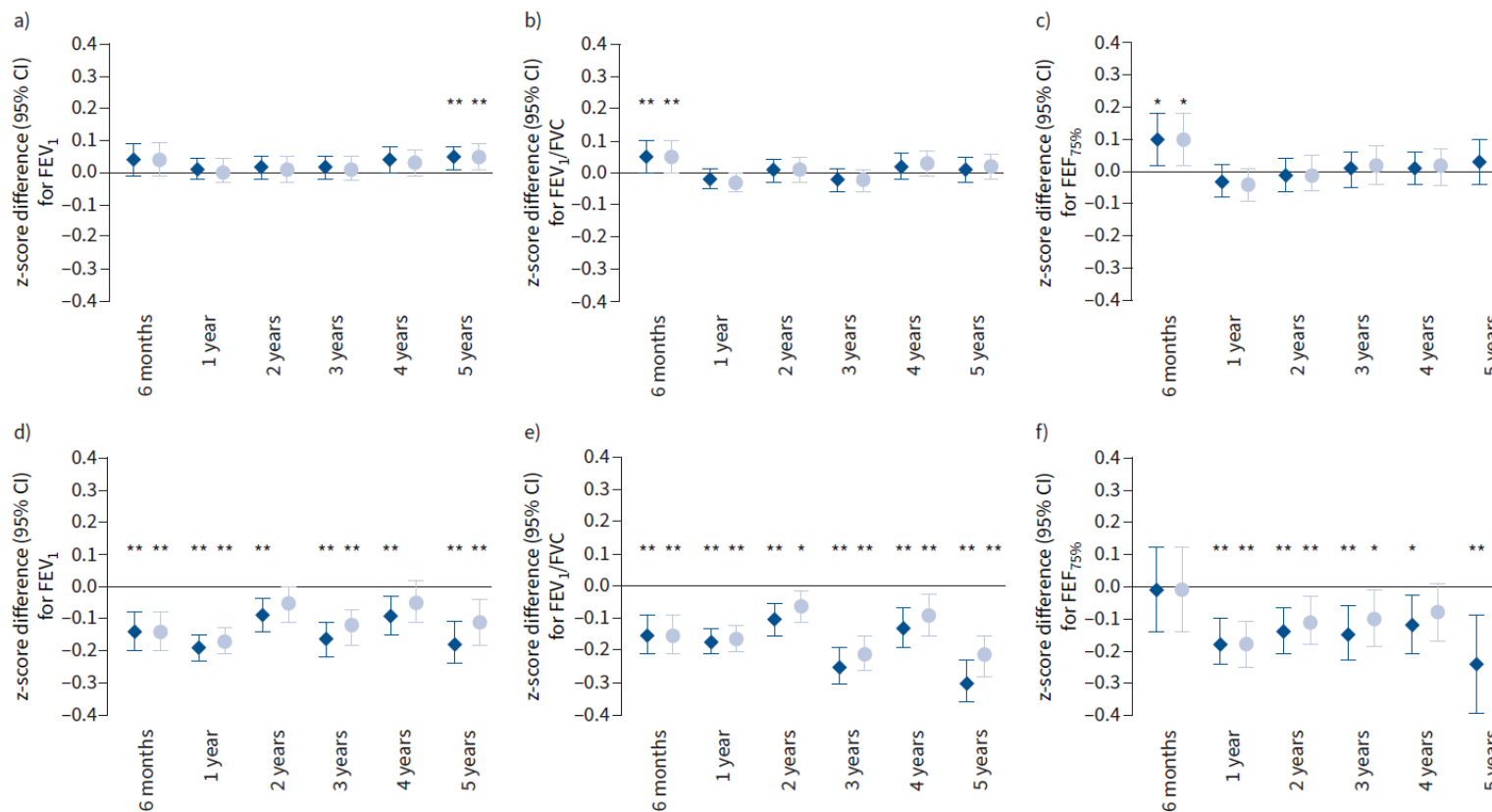


FIGURE 1 Associations of early-life a-c) upper and d-f) lower respiratory tract infections with school age: a, d) forced expiratory volume in 1 s (FEV₁), b, e) FEV₁/forced vital capacity (FVC) and c, f) forced expiratory flow at 75% of FVC (FEF_{75%}). Data are presented as change in z-score (95% confidence interval), derived from multilevel linear regression models. The dark blue diamonds represent models adjusted for maternal history of asthma and atopy, ethnicity, education level, smoking during pregnancy, parity and pet keeping, and child's sex, gestational age at birth, birthweight, season of birth, breastfeeding, and daycare attendance. The light blue circles represent models additionally adjusted for preceding a-c) upper or d-f) lower respiratory tract infections. *: p<0.05; **: p<0.01.

Associations of improved air quality with lung function growth from childhood to adulthood: the BAMSE study



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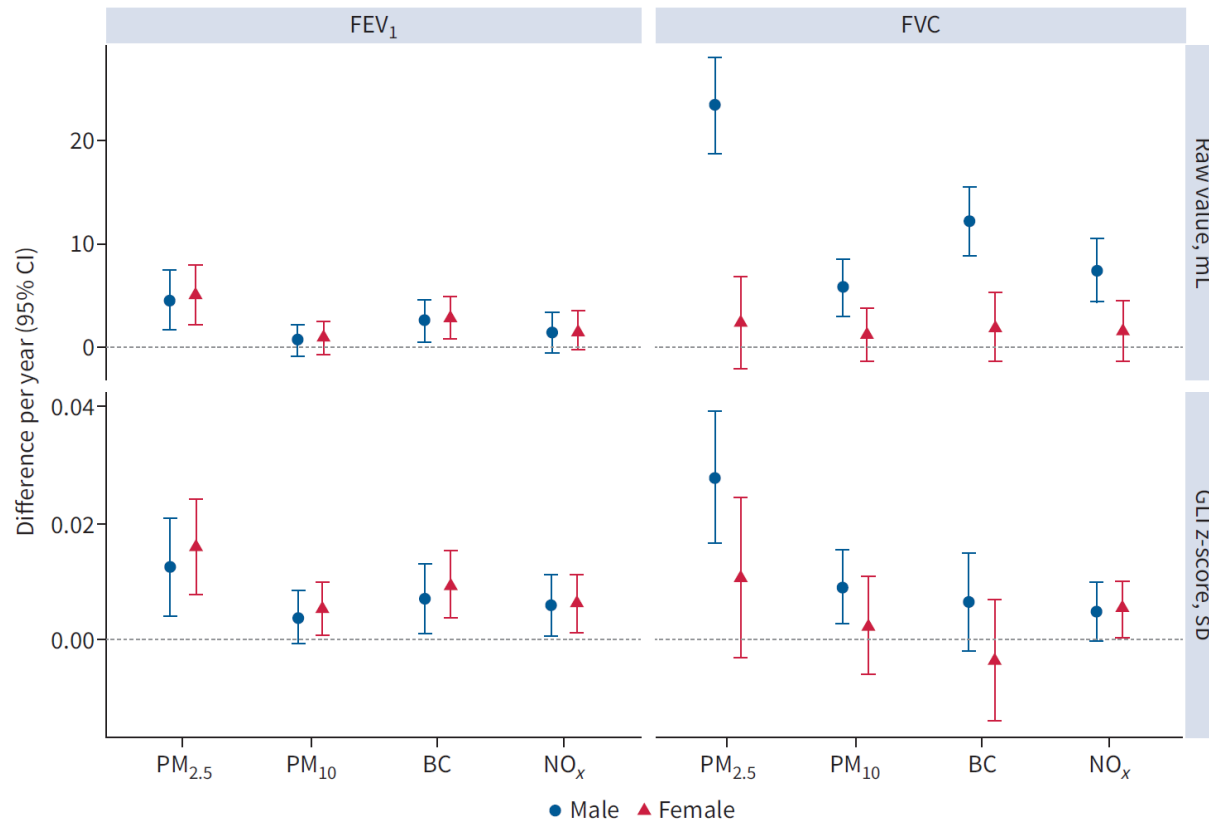


FIGURE 1 Sex-specific associations between improvement of air quality and differences in forced expiratory volume in 1 s (FEV₁) and forced vital capacity (FVC) growth from age 8 to 24 years. Results were adjusted for age, height, body mass index (BMI) at age 8 years, municipality at birth, parental education level at birth, parental occupation at birth, maternal smoking during pregnancy, environmental tobacco smoke at 8 years, air pollution exposure during the first year of life, BMI at 16 and 24 years, active smoking at 16 and 24 years, and education level at 24 years. Estimates were interpreted as the difference in 1-year growth (95% CI) in FEV₁ and FVC for per unit improvement of air pollution concentrations, with positive values indicating positive associations between improved air quality and increased rate of FEV₁ or FVC growth. GLI: Global Lung Initiative; PM_{2.5}: particulate matter with diameter ≤2.5 μm; PM₁₀: particulate matter with diameter ≤10 μm; BC: black carbon; NO_x: nitrogen oxides.

Predictors of lung function trajectories in population-based studies: A systematic review



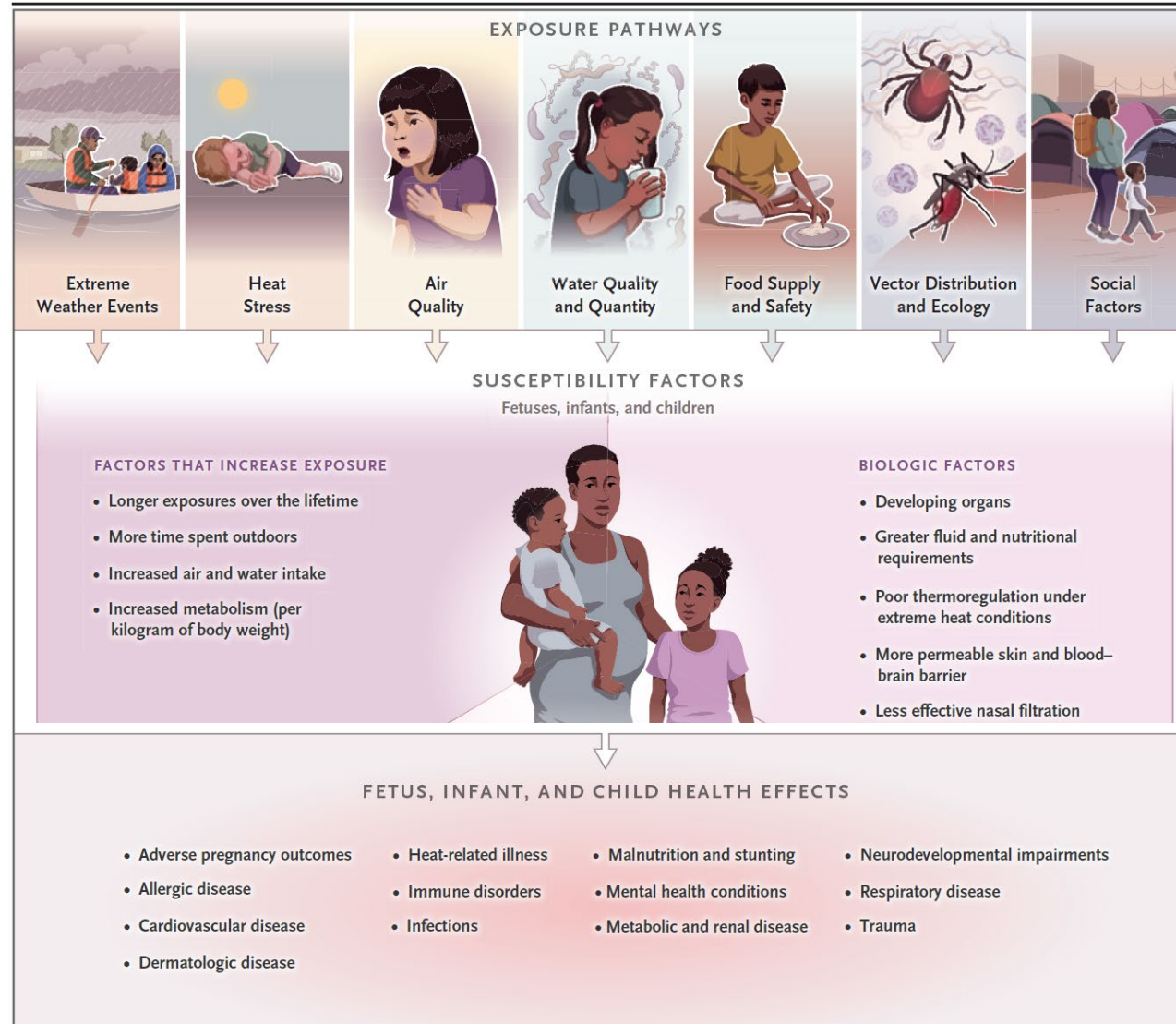
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Risk factors/age (years)	Studies investigated	Evidence of adverse association	Associated lung function trajectory	Timepoint of lung function measurement (years)
Childhood and adolescent environmental characteristics				
SHS exposure (infants 3, 7)	TAHS ³	✓	Persistently low FEV ₁ trajectories	7–53
	MAAS ¹⁸	✓	Persistently low FEV ₁ trajectories	5–16
	ALSPAC ¹⁸	✓	Below average FEV ₁ trajectories	8–24
	IOW ¹⁹	×		10–26
	Pelotas 1993 birth cohort ²¹	×		15–22

Climate Change, Fossil-Fuel Pollution, and Children's Health



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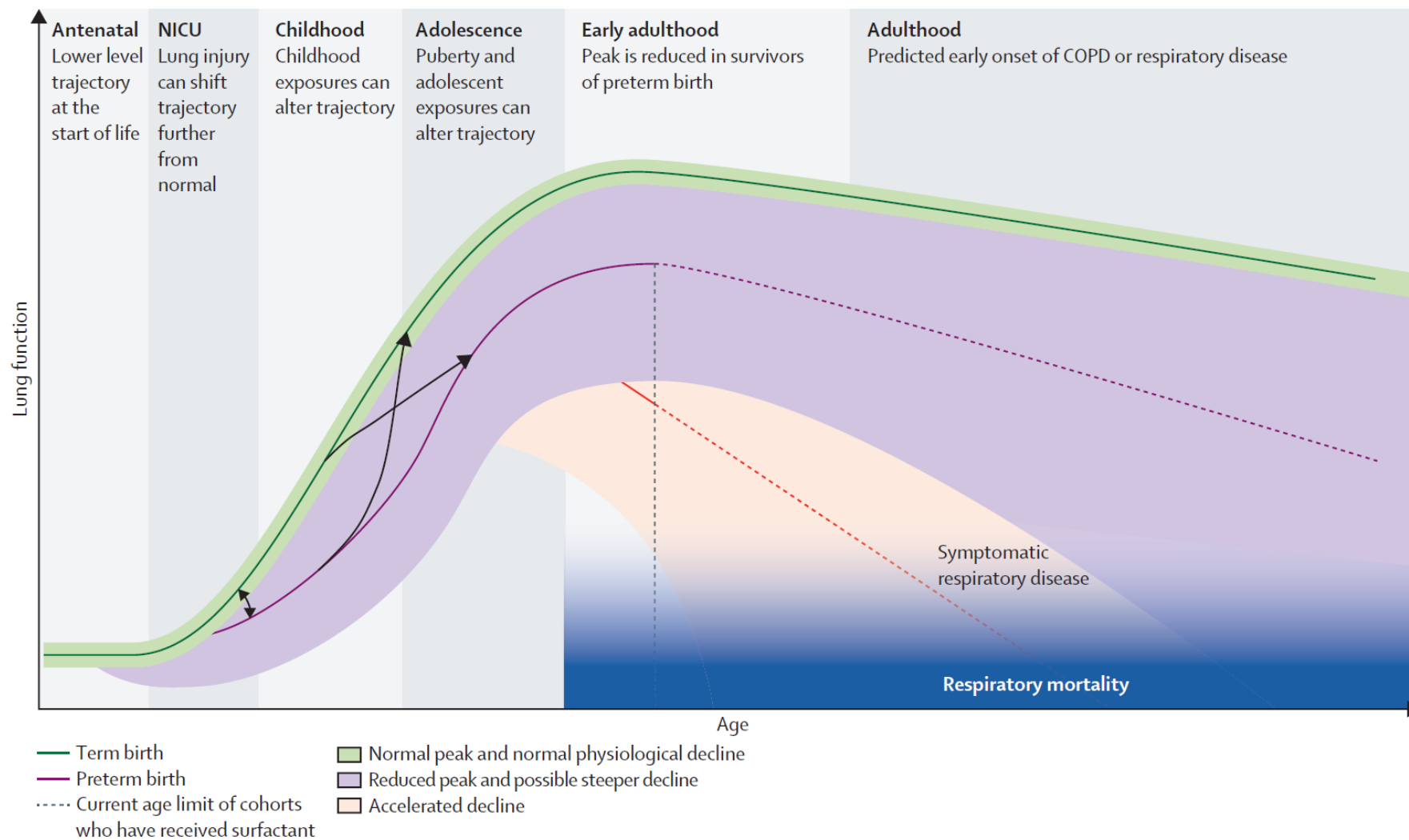
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N Engl J Med 2022;386:2303-14

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Cosa possiamo fare?



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- Changes in BPD pathology were brought about by substantial improvements in clinical practice during the 1980s and 1990s, including **antenatal maternal administration of corticosteroids**, the introduction of **exogenous surfactant after birth** to treat respiratory distress, and use of **gentler forms of mechanical ventilation**
- A recent **Lancet Series on small vulnerable newborns** puts forward approaches to prevent preterm birth in low-income and middle-income countries
- Preventing BPD through the use of **gentler techniques of respiratory support**, such as reduced duration of invasive mechanical ventilation, for infants born prematurely is a priority for neonatal paediatricians. However, so far, there is **little evidence of success**.
- Several treatments given soon after birth, including **caffeine** and **postnatal corticosteroids** have been shown to prevent BPD and also improve expiratory airflow in later childhood. However, **studies** of expiratory airflow **into adulthood** to determine the longevity of these benefits are **not available**. Moreover, other complications, such as **neurodevelopmental impairment**, have been associated with the use of postnatal corticosteroids to prevent BPD, thus limiting their applicability.
- Both the ERS and ATS guidelines recommend the use of **inhaled short-acting bronchodilators or inhaled steroids only in the subgroup of patients with asthma-like symptoms, recurrent hospital visits, or both**

Inhaled Corticosteroids Alone and in Combination With Long-Acting β_2 Receptor Agonists to Treat Reduced Lung Function in Preterm-Born Children

A Randomized Clinical Trial

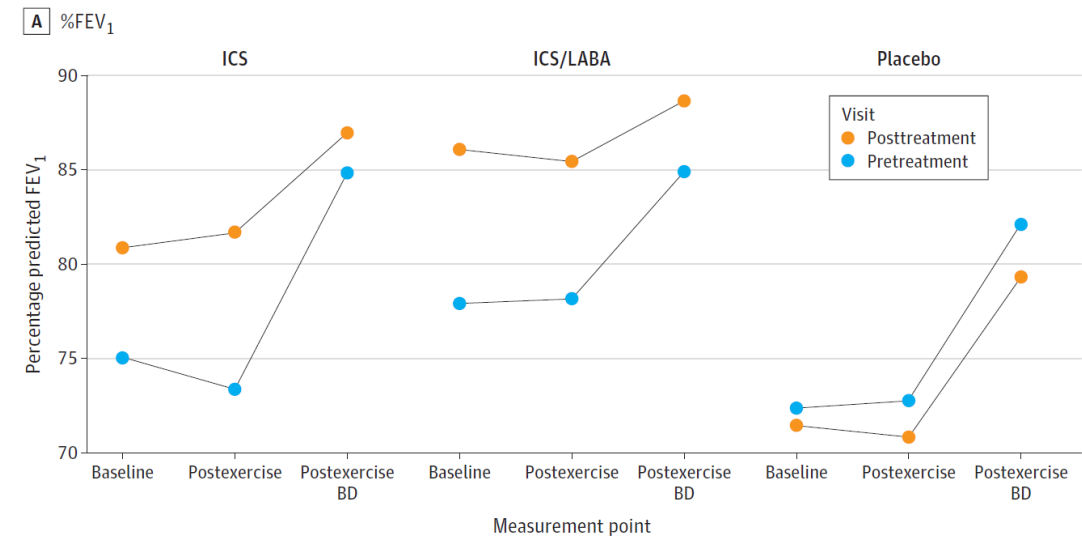


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eTable 4: Results of ANCOVA of spirometry measures

	Coefficient	SE	t	P	95% CI	
					Lower	Upper
Group (placebo vs ICS)	5.98	43.44	0.14	0.89	-82.10	94.07
Group (placebo vs ICS/LABA)	159.02	48.78	3.26	0.002	60.13	257.91
Corticosteroids (Not weaned vs weaned)	3.79	3.88	0.98	0.34	-4.07	11.66
Sex (Female vs Male)	1.62	3.12	0.52	0.61	-4.72	7.96
BPD (None vs BPD28 days)	2.04	5.62	0.36	0.72	-9.41	13.49
BPD (None vs BPD36 weeks)	4.10	4.51	0.91	0.37	-5.07	13.27
IUGR (No IUGR vs IUGR)	-1.76	3.90	-0.45	0.65	-9.74	6.21
Pre-treatment value	0.61	0.26	2.37	0.02	0.09	1.14
Gestation	0.22	0.15	1.46	0.15	-0.09	0.54
Group (ICS vs placebo) * Pre value	-0.02	0.39	-0.05	0.96	-0.81	0.77
Group (ICS/LABA vs placebo) * Pre value	-0.97	0.40	-2.40	0.02	-1.78	-0.15
Group (ICS vs placebo) * gestation	0.02	0.18	0.09	0.93	-0.35	0.38
Group (ICS/LABA vs placebo) * gestation	-0.34	0.18	-1.89	0.07	-0.71	0.02

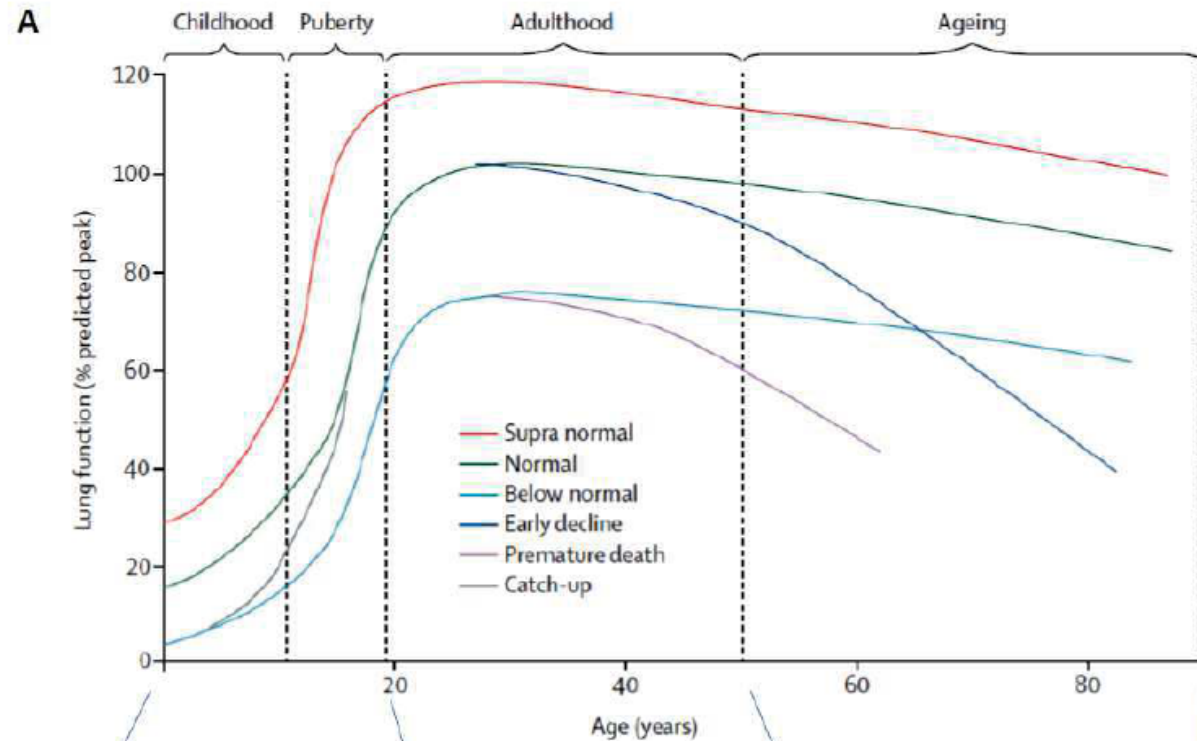
Figure 2. Percent Predicted Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 Second (%FEV₁) Spirometry Data



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Childhood and puberty	Adulthood	Ageing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirometry check-up • Avoid smoking exposure • Avoiding infections (i.e. RSV vaccination) • Understanding and treating catchup (i.e. vitamin supplementation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirometry check-up • Avoid active smoking • Reduce detrimental exposures • Regular exercise • Adequate nutrition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirometry check-up • Avoid active smoking • Reduce detrimental exposures • Regular exercise • Adequate nutrition

Agusti A, et al.
Lancet Respir Med 2022;10:512-24

Challenges, uncertainties, and considerations

Prevention of prematurity-associated lung disease

Prevention of preterm birth
Long-term evaluation of interventions to prevent BPD

Preterm birth rates have not fallen in high-income countries in the past three decades
 Current studies have outcomes that are too short, with primary endpoints sometimes assessed only minutes, hours, or days after birth
 Not only pulmonary outcomes, but also non-pulmonary outcomes such as adverse effects on neurological, cardiovascular, or metabolic function, need to be included to enable evaluation of the long-term benefits versus risks of such treatments

Surveillance of prematurity-associated lung disease

Establishment of respiratory (or multidisciplinary) clinics for routine and coordinated surveillance or follow-up of survivors of preterm birth across the lifespan

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Assessment of other aspects of pulmonary health, such as gas diffusion, oscillometry, lung volumes, ventilation inhomogeneity, exercise capacity, pulmonary vascular abnormalities, lung structure (advanced lung imaging), or lung-related quality of life

New clinics would be expensive and resource-intensive for the health sector; if a lung function deficit is identified, optimal treatment options in this patient population are uncertain
 Adequate transitions and handover to paediatric and then to adult services are mostly non-existent currently
 Current regulations make international data sharing challenging
 Funding needs to be obtained for extant cohort studies
 Maintenance of sufficiently high follow-up rates for extant cohorts is challenging

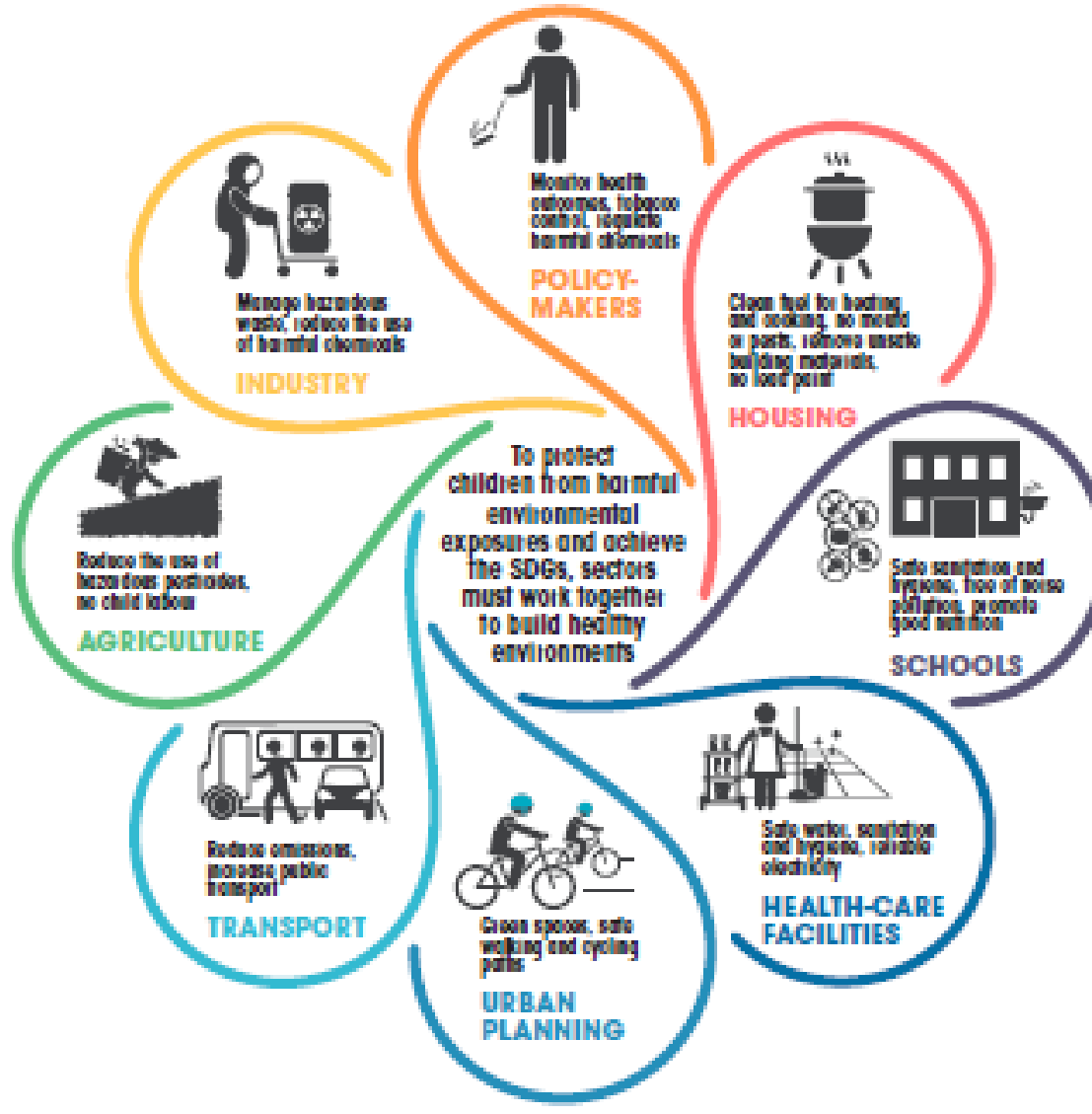
Management of prematurity-associated lung disease

Use of randomised controlled trials to assess various treatments and non-pharmaceutical interventions (eg, exercise)
 (eg, exercise training and other interventions to increase overall physical activity)

Some techniques are invasive, or involve radiation exposure, and are hence hard to justify for research; the techniques that are of particular benefit or predict long-term pulmonary outcomes in this population are not yet known

Sufficient sample sizes of different phenotypes need to be obtained to address research questions
 The potentially treatable traits that are important in the long-term prognosis and management of prematurity-associated lung disease are yet to be determined
 Funding needs to be obtained for studies large enough to provide clear answers; multicentre studies are needed to provide adequate sample sizes; clinical trials networks are not yet established; the choice of treatment regimens might need to be based on the phenotype or underlying mechanisms of prematurity-associated lung disease

Table: Future directions for research, policy, and clinical practice



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