



*Hidden Phosphorus: It's  
Impact on the Renal and  
General Populations*

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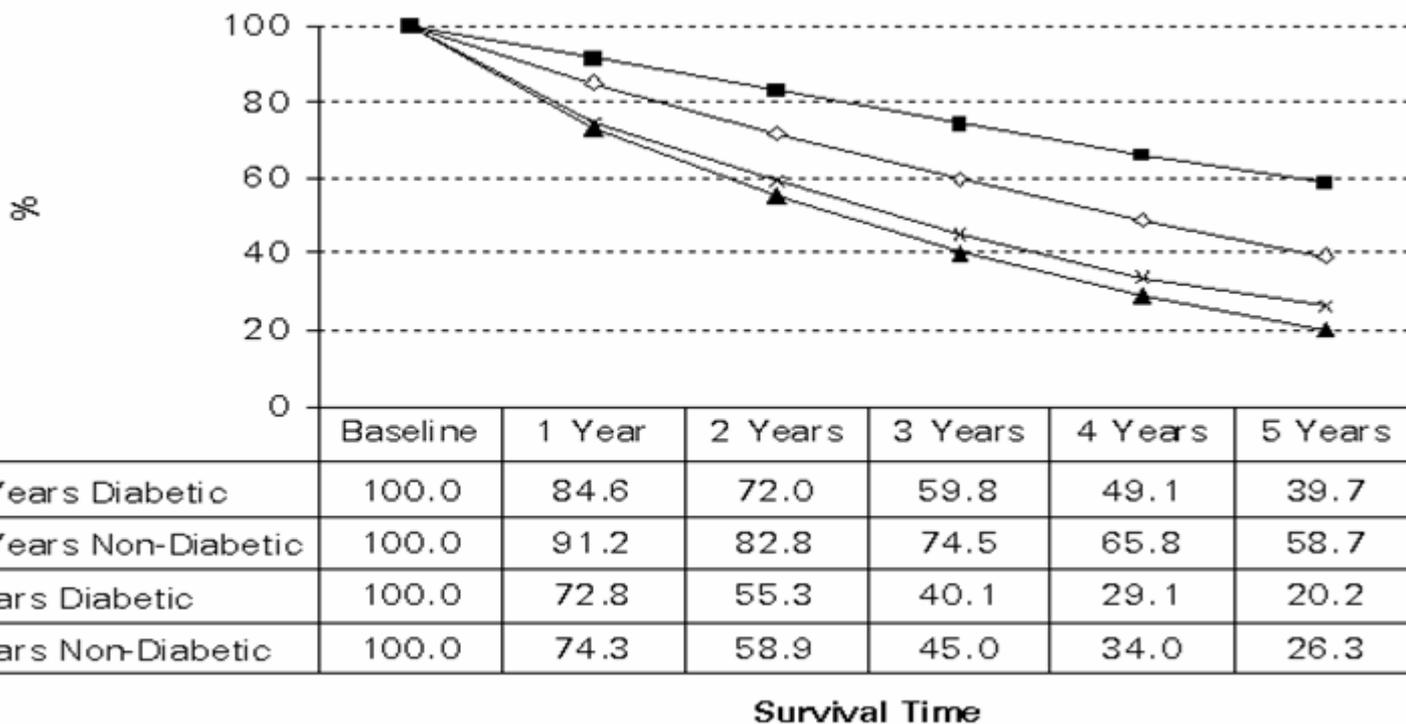
# *Today's Discussion*

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- ★ Discuss the consequences of hyperphosphatemia in the general and Chronic Kidney (CKD) population
- ★ Identify the uses for phosphate additives in foods and the foods containing phosphate additives
- ★ Suggest ways to improve phosphate control.
- ★ Introduce the concept of the Kidney Friendly shelf



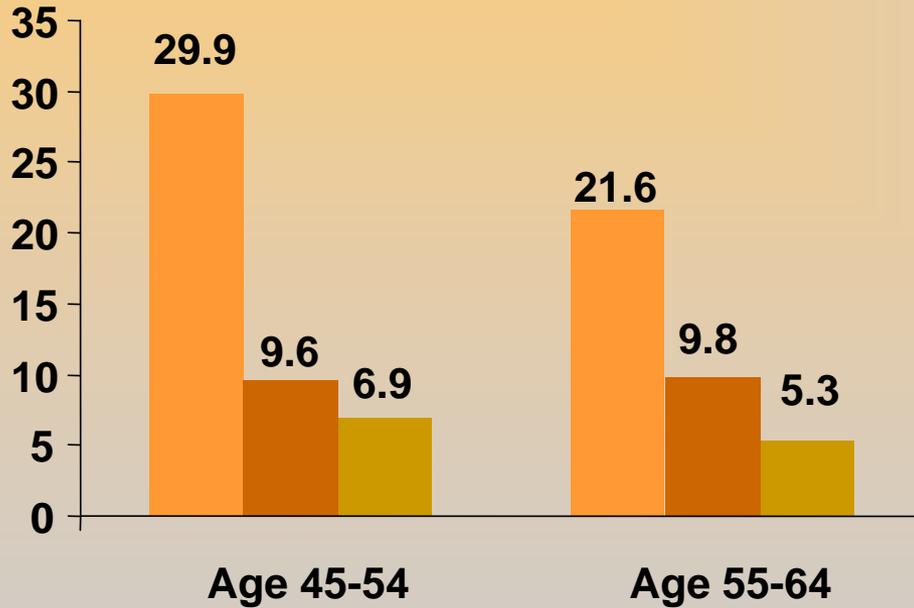
# *Unadjusted 5-Yr Survival in ESRD Pts on Dialysis (1995-1999)*



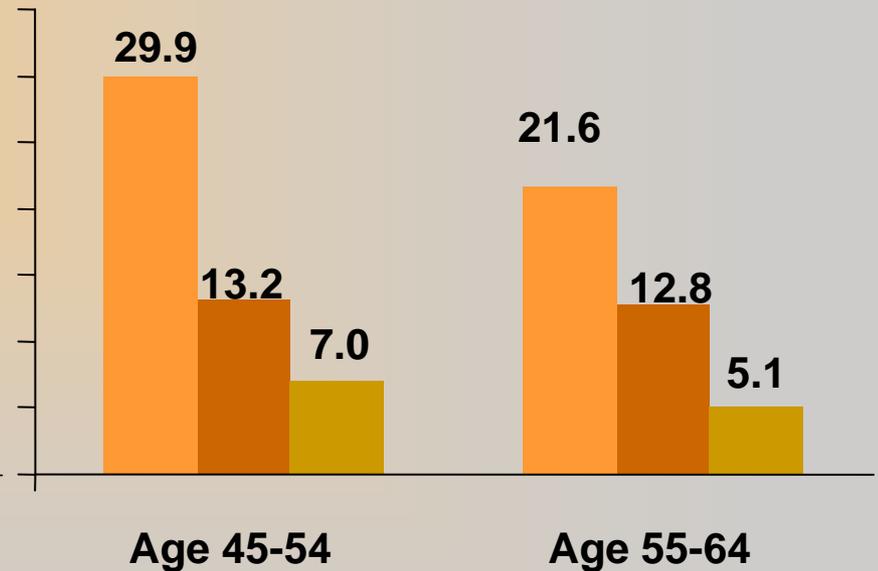
**Source:** Canadian Organ Replacement Register, CIHI.

# *Expected Remaining Lifetimes (years)*

## USRDS 1995

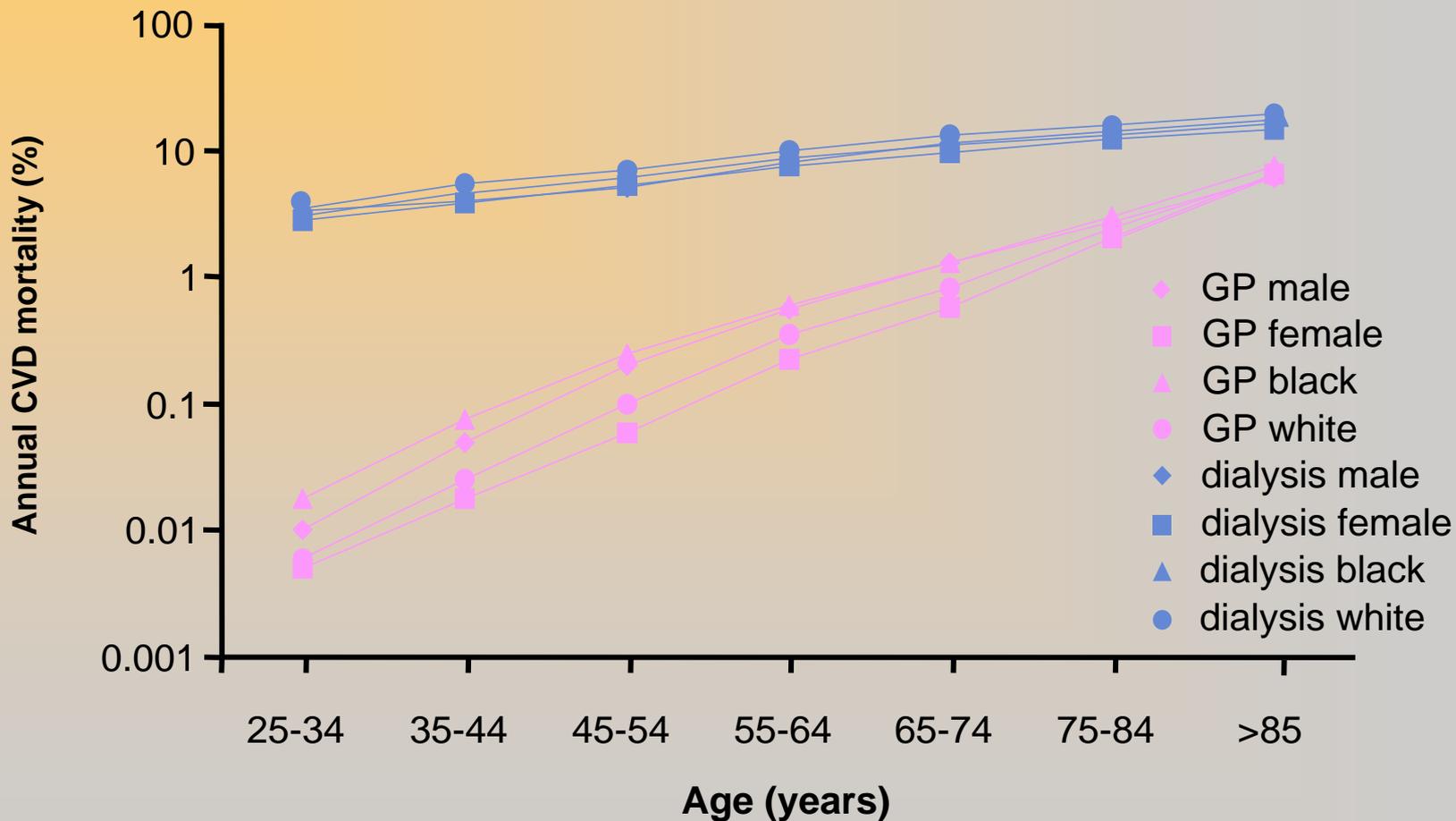


## USRDS 2002



**US Resident** **Colon Cancer** **ESRD**

# Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Mortality General Population vs ESRD Patients



GP=general population



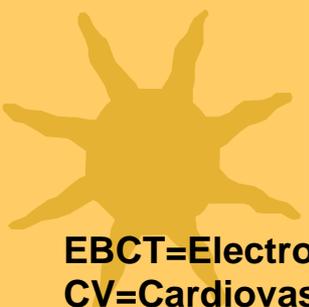
*Cardiovascular Calcification  
in Stage 5 Chronic Kidney  
Disease Patients on Dialysis*

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Identification, Prevalence  
and Outcomes



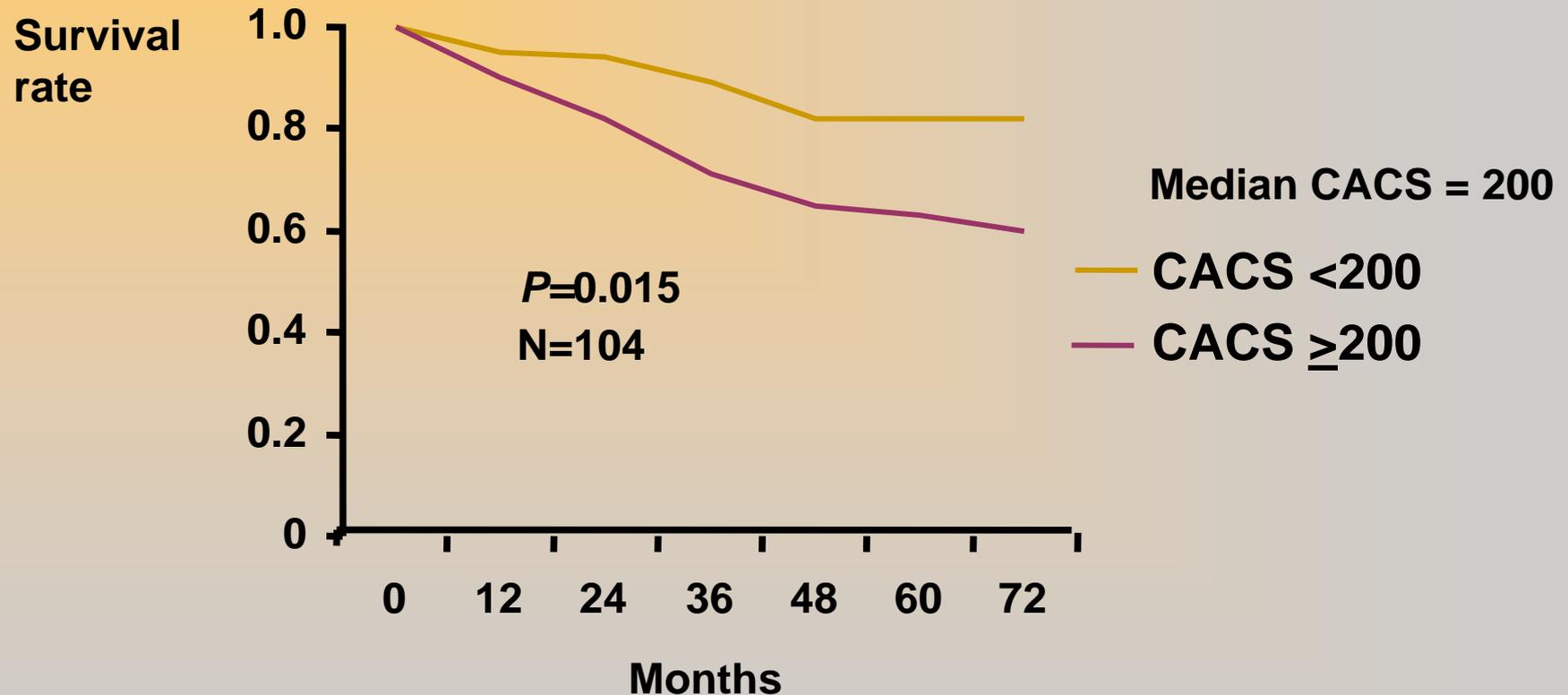
# *EBCT Scores and Cardiovascular Risk in the General Population*



<b>EBCT Score</b>	<b>Plaque Burden</b>	<b>Implication for CV Risk</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
<b>&lt;10</b>	<b>Minimal</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Reassurance, education</b>
<b>11-100</b>	<b>Definite, mild</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Counseling for primary prevention; daily ASA</b>
<b>101-400</b>	<b>Definite, moderate</b>	<b>Moderately high</b>	<b>Institute risk factor modification and secondary prevention</b>
<b>&gt;400</b>	<b>Extensive</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Institute aggressive risk factor modification</b>

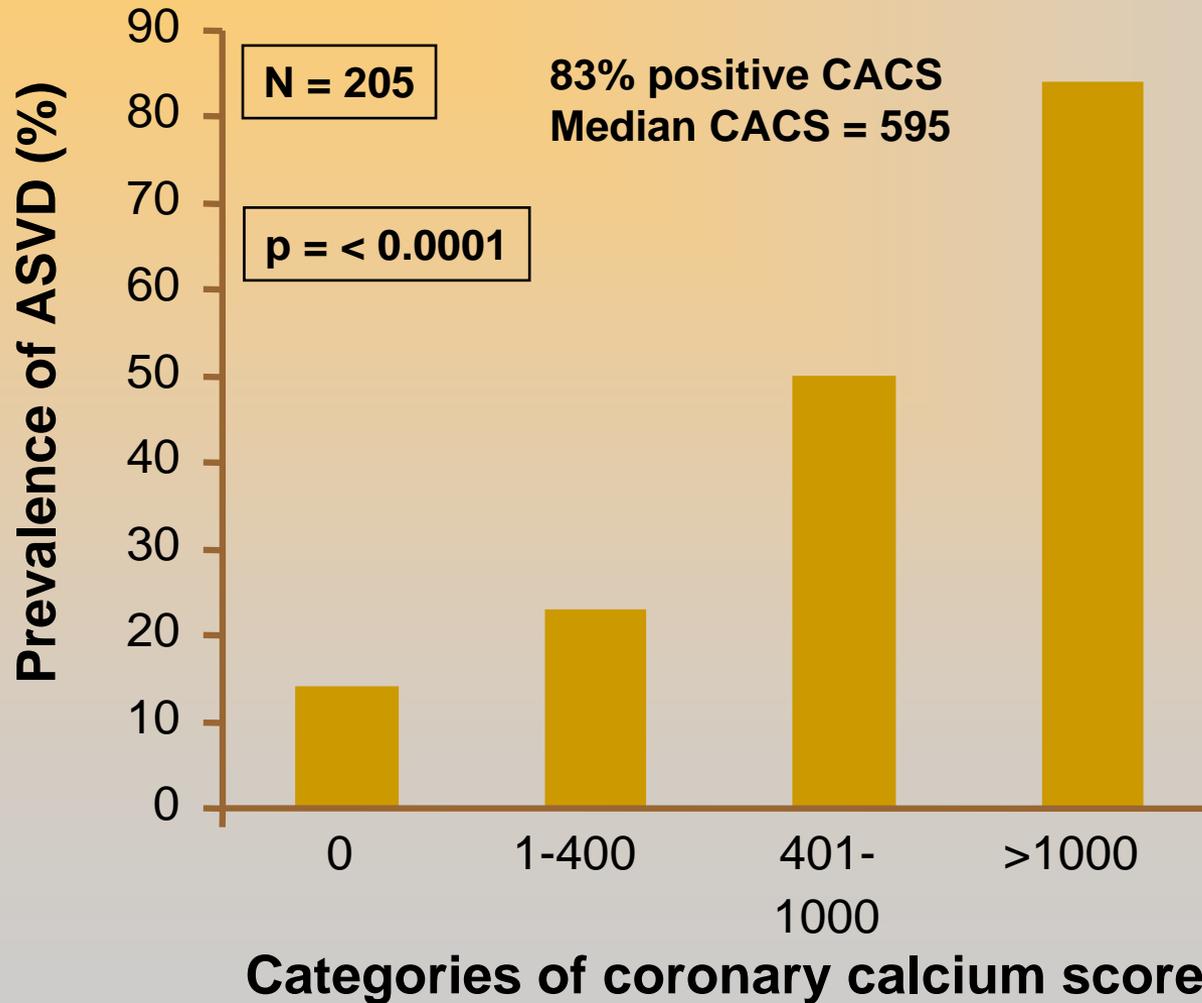
**EBCT=Electron Beam Computed Tomography**  
**CV=Cardiovascular**

# Coronary Artery Calcification Score and Survival in Chronic Hemodialysis



CACS=Coronary Artery Calcification Score

# Cardiac Calcification in Adult Hemodialysis Patients

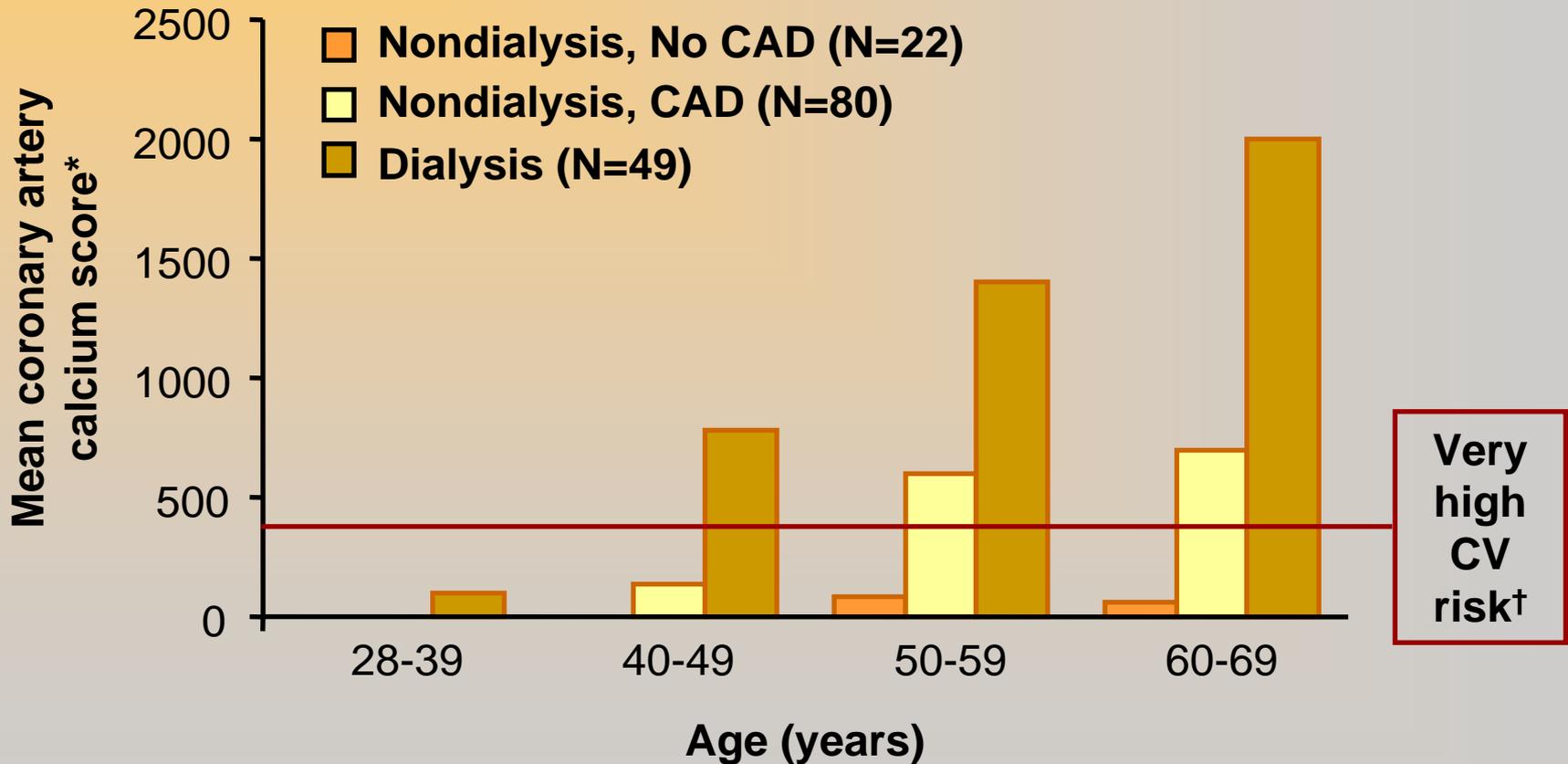


**Figure 2.**

The prevalence of atherosclerotic vascular disease by coronary artery calcium score category

ASVD = atherosclerotic vascular disease

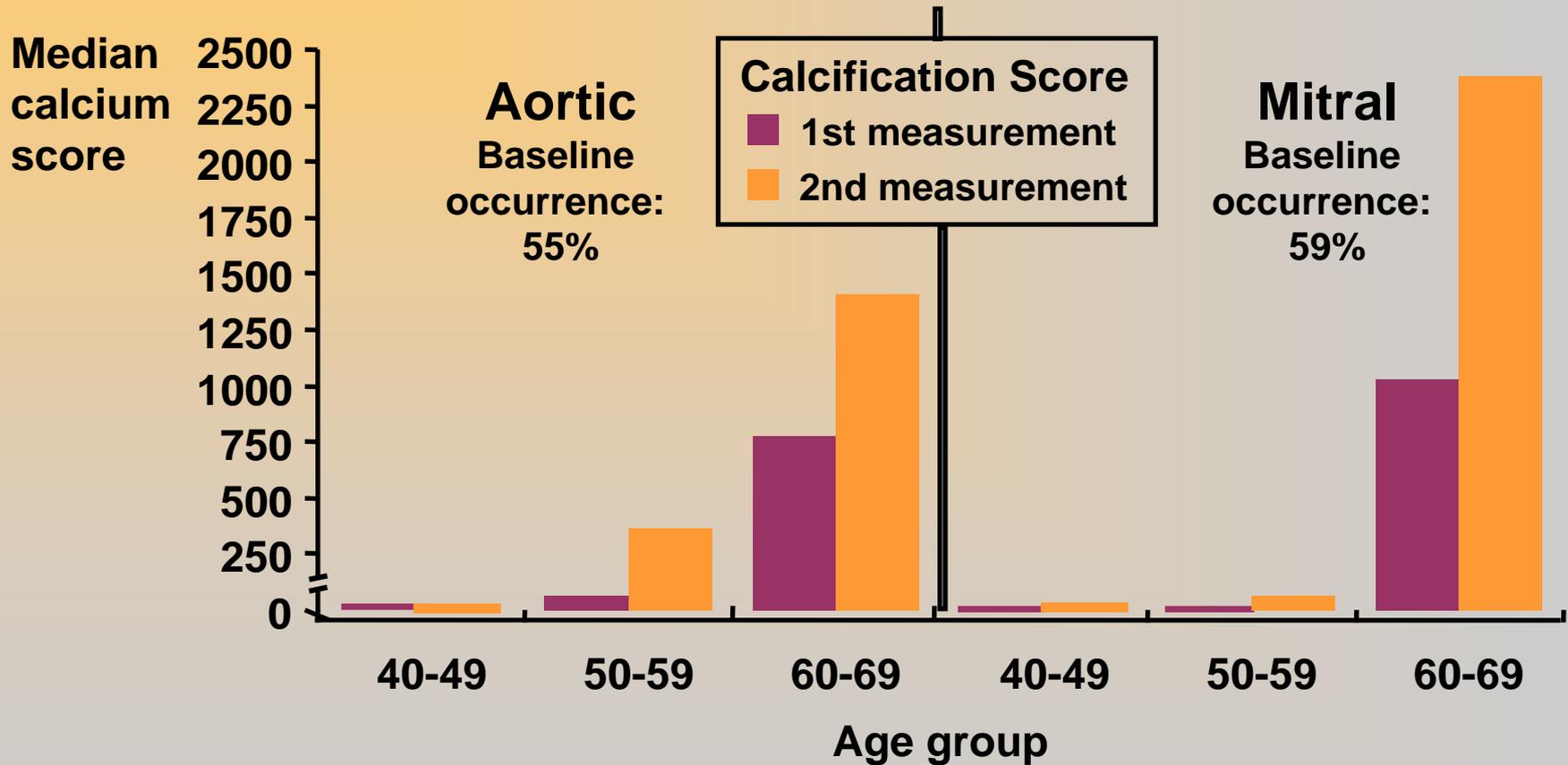
# *Risk of Cardiovascular Calcification is Increased in Dialysis Patients*



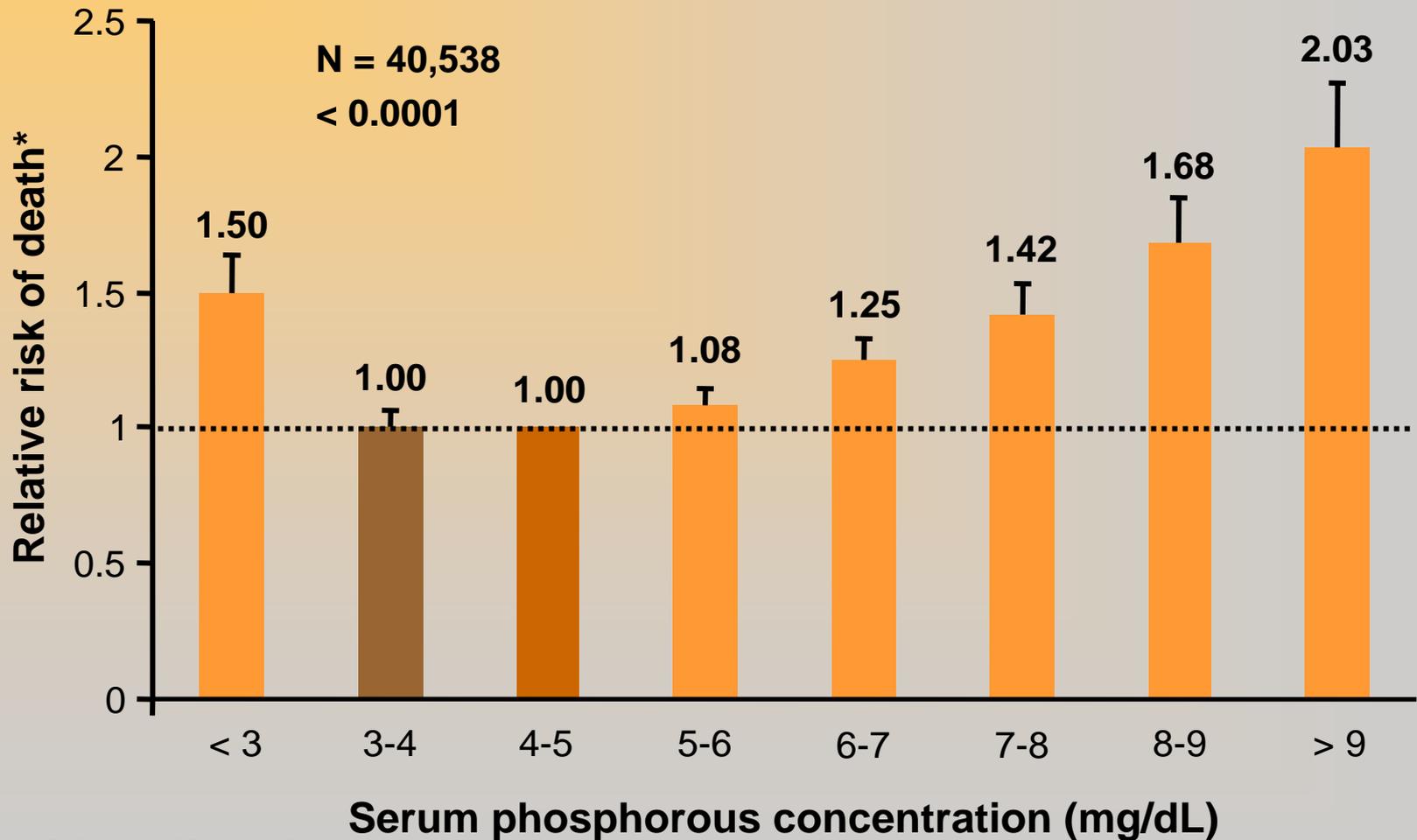
\*Determined by EBT  
CAD=coronary artery disease

†Rumberger JA et al. Mayo Clin Proc 1999;74:243-252  
Braun J et al. Am J Kidney Dis 1996;27:394-401

# Rapid (<1Year) Progression of Valvular Calcification in Dialysis Patients

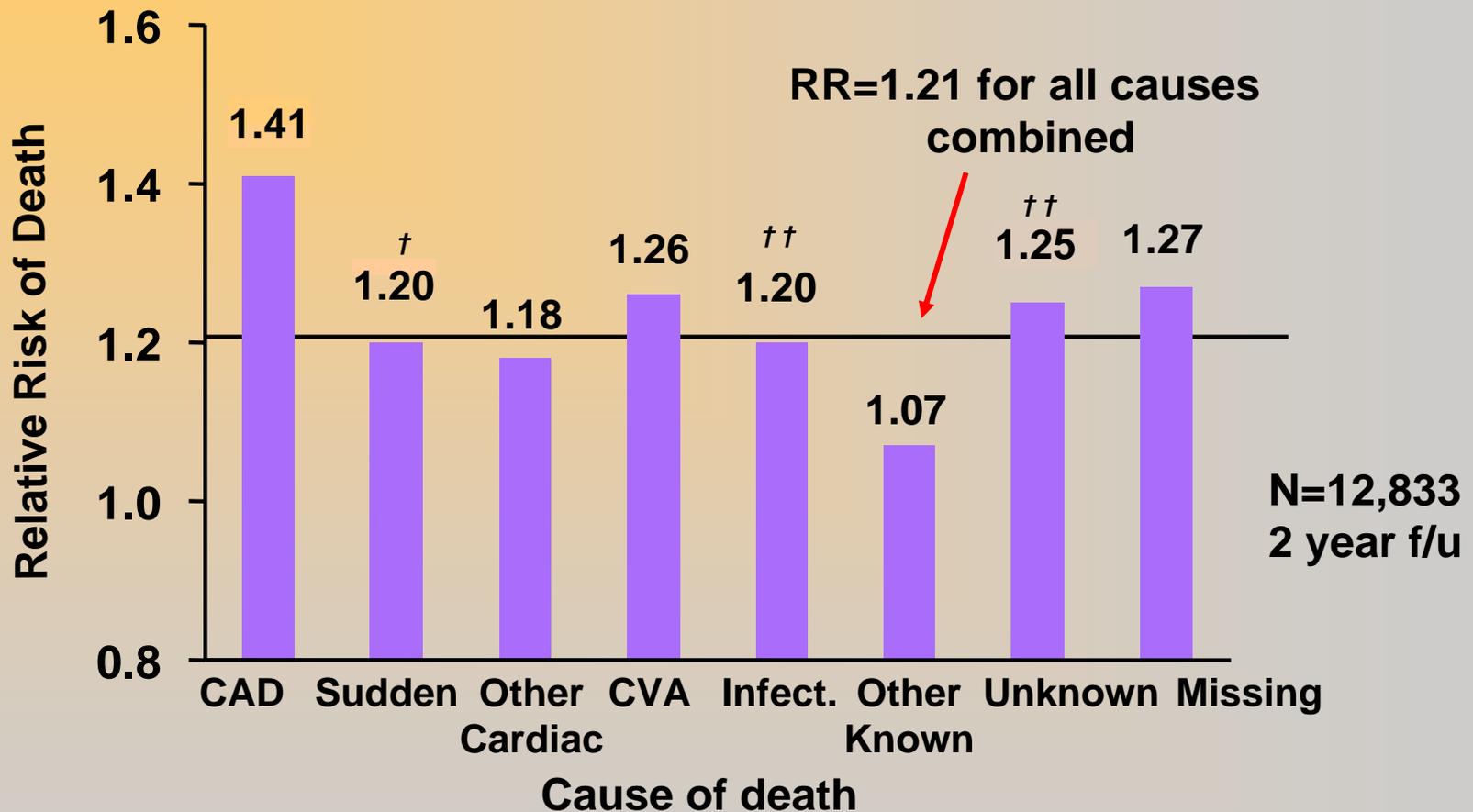


# *Elevated Serum Phosphorus Increases Mortality Risk*



\*Multivariable adjusted

# Association of Elevated Serum $PO_4$ with Cardiac Mortality Risk in Chronic Hemodialysis Patients



\* $P < 0.0005$ ; † $P < 0.005$ ; †† $P < 0.05$  compared with RR of 1.0

CAD=coronary artery disease; CVA=cerebrovascular accident

RR=relative risk of mortality (for serum  $PO_4 > 6.5$  mg/dL vs. 2.4-6.5 mg/dL; eight Cox models)



# *Current Strategies for PO<sub>4</sub> control*

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## ★ **Phosphate binders**

- Aluminum based
- Calcium based
- Lanthanum carbonate
- Sevelamer hydrochloride

## ★ **Education:**

- Avoid high phosphorus foods: dairy, legumes, nuts, cola, “pepper” style beverages
- Choose low PO<sub>4</sub> protein sources





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# *Phosphate Salt Additives*



# *Common Phosphate Additives*

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## ★ **Phosphoric Acid**

– Beverages



## ★ **Calcium Phosphate**

– Calcium supplement



## ★ **Sodium Phosphate**

– Polyphosphates have many uses



# *Phosphate Salt Additives*

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## ★ **Stabilizer**

- Adjusts pH: buffer and acid
- Emulsifies

## ★ **Protectant**

- Flavor
- Color
- Spoilage
- Product integrity
- Prevents and promotes coagulation



# *Phosphate Salt Additives*

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★ **Leavening agent**

★ **Conditioner**

– Meltability and pliability

★ **Enhancer**

– Flavor

– Distinctive flavors associated with a brand

– Color





# *Phosphate Salt Additives*

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★ **Tenderizer**



★ **Supplement**

– Calcium, Phosphorus, Magnesium





# *Food Sources*

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- ✦ Beverages: canned and plastic-bottled iced teas, fruit drinks, punch drinks, flavored waters, bottled lemonade
- ✦ Restructured meats: chicken patties/nuggets
- ✦ “Instant” products: sauces and puddings
- ✦ Refrigerated bakery products
- ✦ Breakfast cereals and breakfast bars
- ✦ Enhanced meat products



# *Phosphate Additives Impact on the Renal Population*

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- ★ **Additives are HIGHLY absorbable**

- Normal diet only 60% of PO<sub>4</sub> is absorbed
- Additives are close to 100% absorbed



- ★ **Increased need for binders**

- Diet high in PO<sub>4</sub> additives, more PO<sub>4</sub> absorbed



- ★ **Limits food choices**



# *Strategies for PO<sub>4</sub> control: Phosphate Load*

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- ★ **Binder dosing**

- Based on Serum level or phosphate load?
- Individualized for meals?

- ★ **Better control with calculating phosphate load and individualizing binder needs/ meal**



# *Strategies for PO<sub>4</sub> control: Phosphate Load*

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## ★ Binder capacity:

- **CaCO<sub>3</sub>**

- 39 mg PO<sub>4</sub>/1 gm CaCO<sub>3</sub>

- **CaAcetate**

- 45 mg PO<sub>4</sub>/1 gm CaAcetate

- **Mg**

- Unknown

- **Al**

- 22.3 mg PO<sub>4</sub>/5 ml

- **Sevelamer**

- 64 mg PO<sub>4</sub>/800 mg

- **Lanthanum Carbonate**





# *Strategies for PO4 control: Education*

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- ★ READ LABELS!
- ★ “Do Not Buy” Poster
- ★ Detailed Diet Recalls: Include where food is purchased and brands used.
- ★ Grassroots effort to bring more attention to Kidney Friendly foods and the “Kidney Friendly Shelf”



# *The Kidney Friendly Shelf*

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- ★ Grassroots effort started by Dr. William Pordy and other nephrologist to bring “Kidney Friendly” food to the millions who have CKD
- ★ Had advantage to both the consumer and the grocer
- ★ Increase demand in Kidney Friendly foods may help reduce PO4 additive containing foods





# *Strategies for PO<sub>4</sub> Control: Dialysis*

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★ Average HD session removes 800 mg PO<sub>4</sub>

★ Daily dialysis increases PO<sub>4</sub> removal



★ Nocturnal Dialysis remove the most PO<sub>4</sub>  
with the need for additional PO<sub>4</sub>  
supplementation





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*Alterations in Ca:P ratio in  
the General Population*



# *Effect of Phosphorus on the General Population*

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★ 1988:

MS Calvo, R Kumar, H Heath 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> study : 8 men, 8 women
- 8 days of 820 mg Ca, 930 mg P diet
- Test diet: 420 mg Ca, 1660 mg P
- Used common grocery store foods
- RESULTS: For test diet: increase in PTH, PO<sub>4</sub>, plasma 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D, and urinary hydroxyproline.





# *Effect of Phosphorus on the General Population*

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★ 1990:

MS Calvo, R Kumar, H Heath 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 2nd study: 15 young women
- Basal diet: 800 mg Ca, 900 mg P for 28 days
- 10 Test diet: 400 mg Ca, 1700 mg PO<sub>4</sub> for 28 days
- RESULTS: significant increase in PTH levels of Test diet subjects.



## *Effects on the General Population*

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- ★ Stephen Onufrak, et al, Phosphorus levels are associated with subclinical atherosclerosis in the general population, *Atherosclerosis* (2007)



- ★ Analyzed data from Atherosclerosis Research in Community (ARIC) study to investigate relationship between serum P levels and carotid intima-media thickness (cIMT)





## *Subclinical Atherosclerosis*

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★ Subjects 45-64 years of age from 4 regions of US between 1987-1989

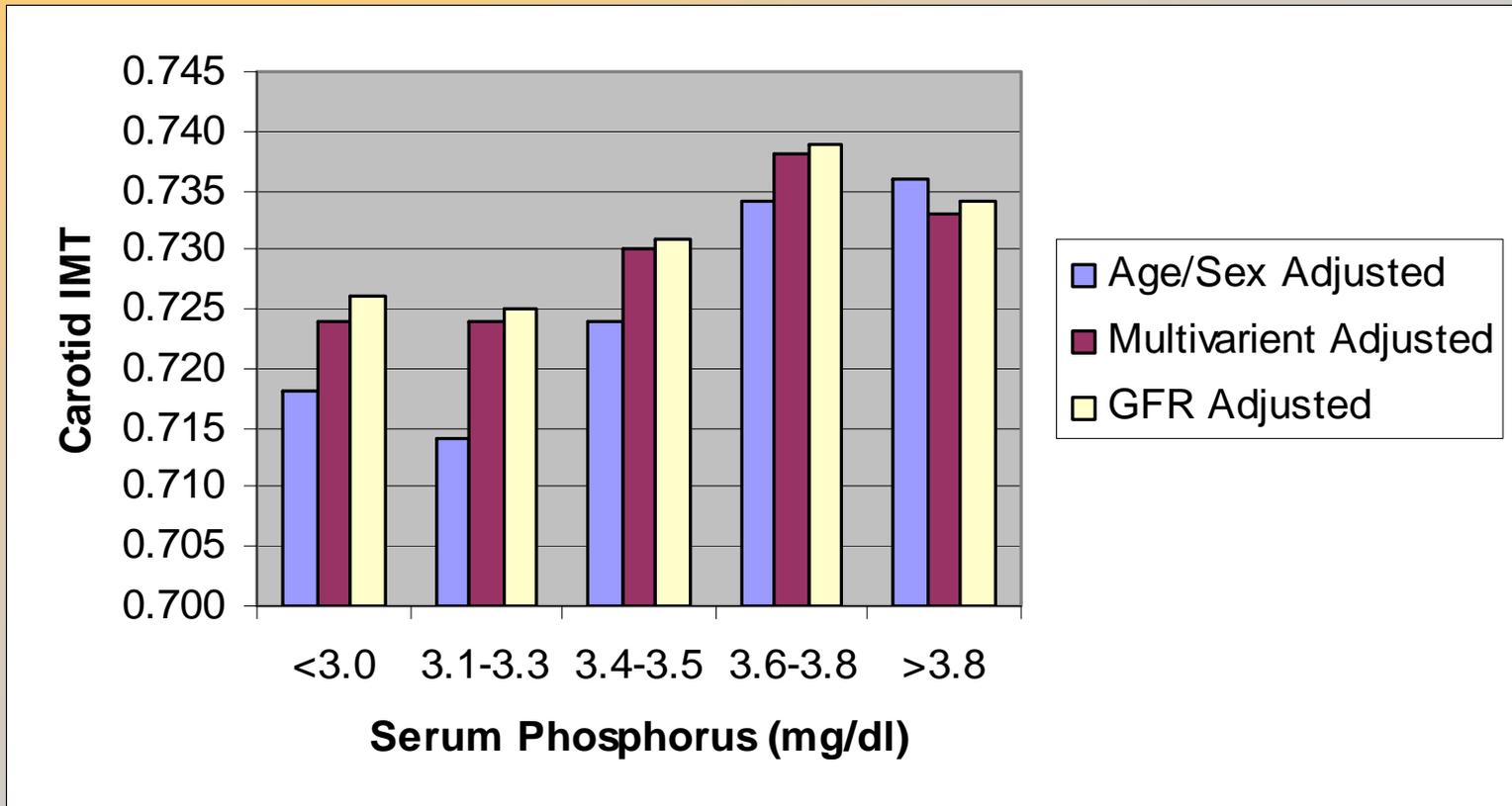


★ In this analysis, 10,688 subjects with normal renal fxn and dietary intake data



★ Prior studies have shown that as cIMT increases, the risks for MI and stroke also increase

# *Carotid Intima-media Thickness*





# *Conclusions*



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- ★ Phosphorus is not only a problem for the Renal population, but there is growing evidence that alterations in C:P intake may also cause long term problems in the general population
- ★ The increase use of phosphate additives makes it harder for the patient and clinician to know which foods to limit in the renal population and increases the general population's exposure to excess phosphorus





# *Conclusions*

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- ★ Strategies for improving PO<sub>4</sub> control
  - incorporate all of the healthcare team
    - Detailed diet recalls
    - Adjusting binder dose for PO<sub>4</sub> load
    - Utilizing the multiple binders if necessary
    - Increasing the frequency of dialysis if necessary





# *Conclusions*

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- ★ Not enough can be said about reading labels!!





# *QUESTIONS?*

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