



# Survival analysis in PD: is there a center effect?

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# Methodological aspects

# Survival

## Concept

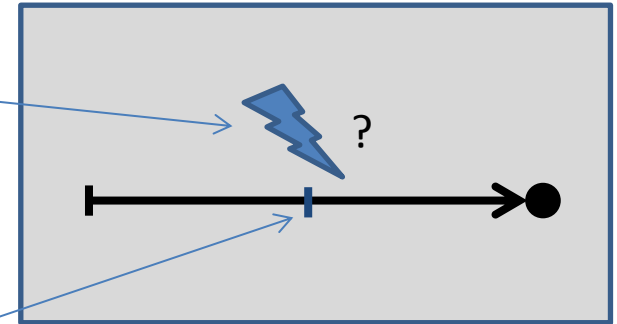
Two questions:

- Did the event of interest occur?

→ yes/no

- When did it occur?

→ date



# Survival

## Definition

- Time to event:
  - Survival time refers to a variable which measures the time from a particular starting time (e.g., time initiated the treatment) to a particular endpoint of interest
- Events of interest in PD
  - Transfer to HD
  - Peritonitis
  - Transplantation
  - Death
  - ...
- Survival function:  $S(t) = P(T > t)$

# Center effect

Context

- **Patients' characteristics**

Age  
Sex  
Diabetes,  
...



Level 1

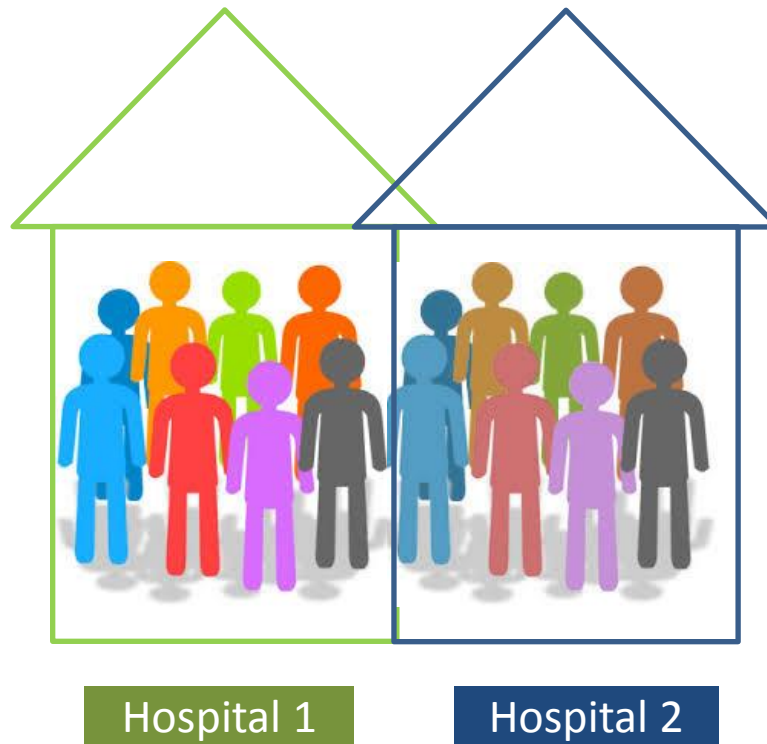
# Center effect

Context

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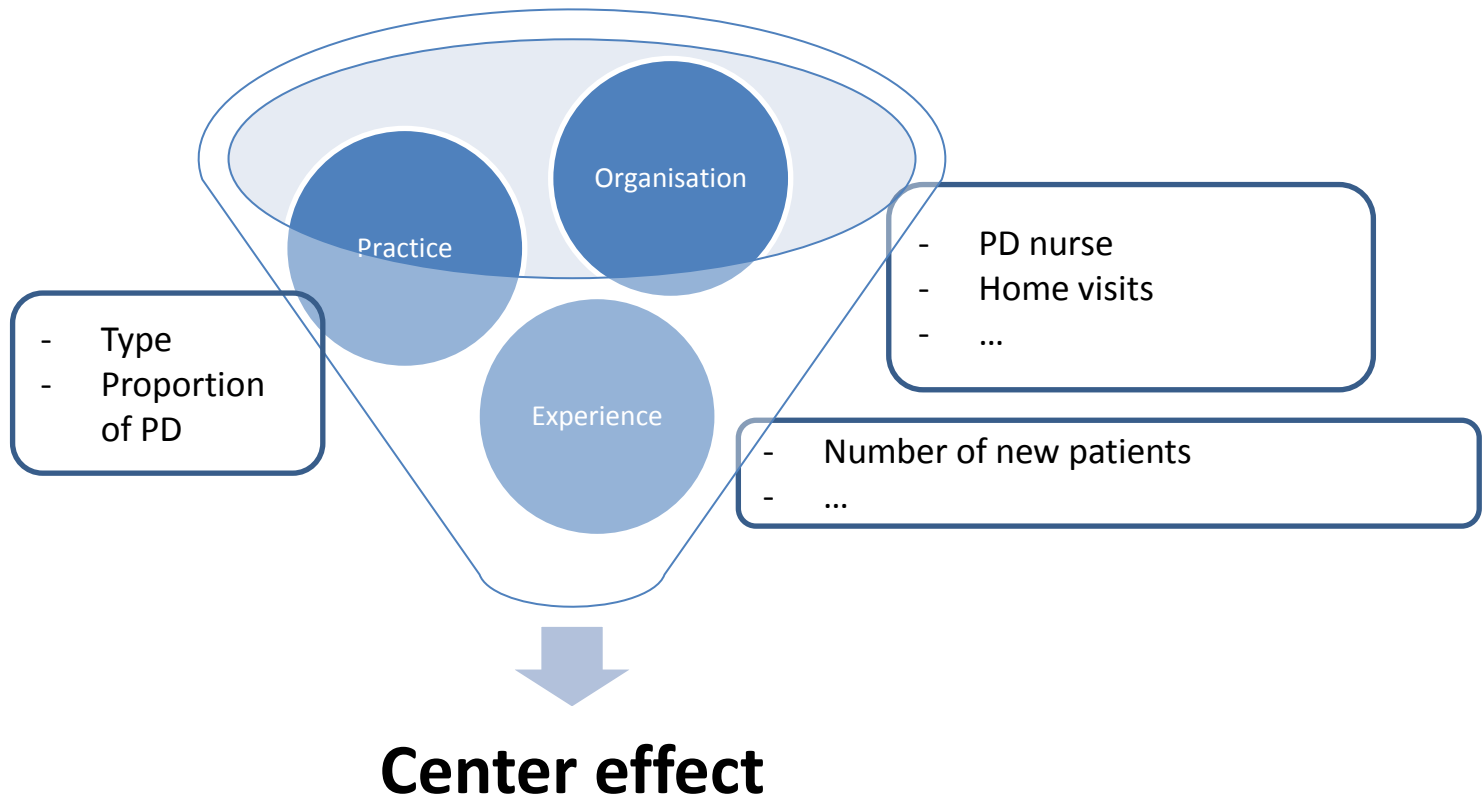
Size,  
Type,  
...

Level 2



# Center effect

## Definition

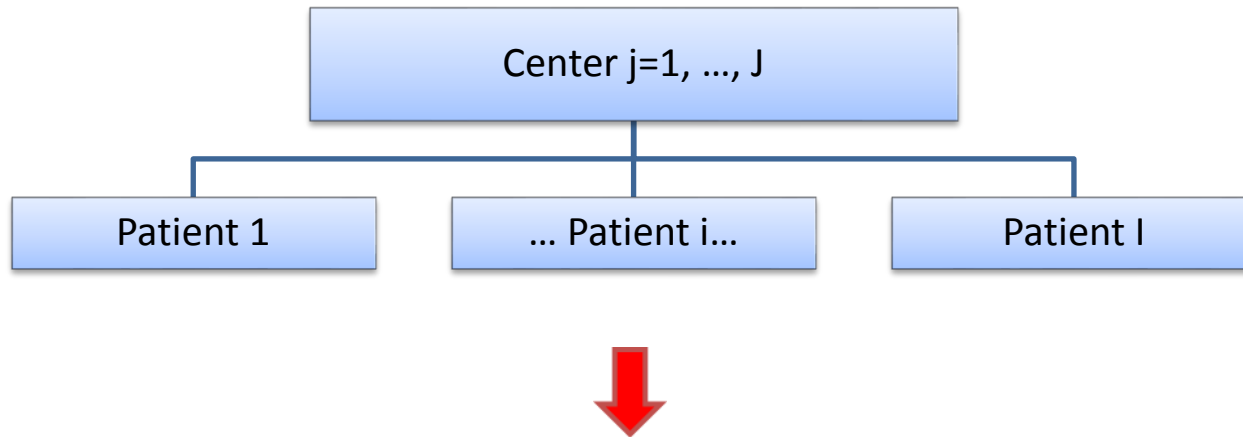


# Center effect

## Multilevel structure

- **Multilevel structure of the explanatory variables**

« *Nested data* »



→ Need for specific models: **Hierarchical models**

- What does it change compared to «one-level » analysis?
  - Proportion of the center effect
  - Less biased estimates

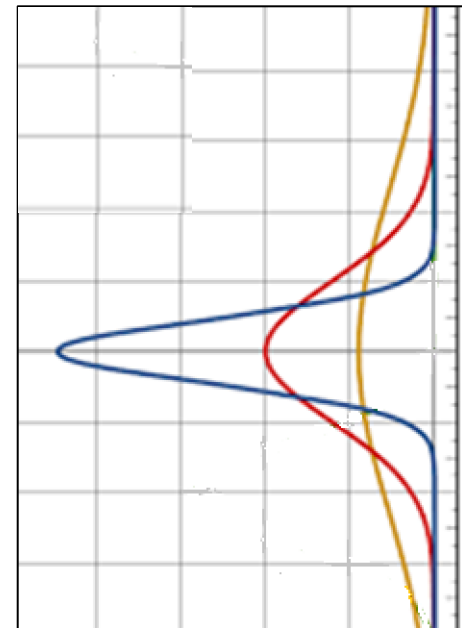
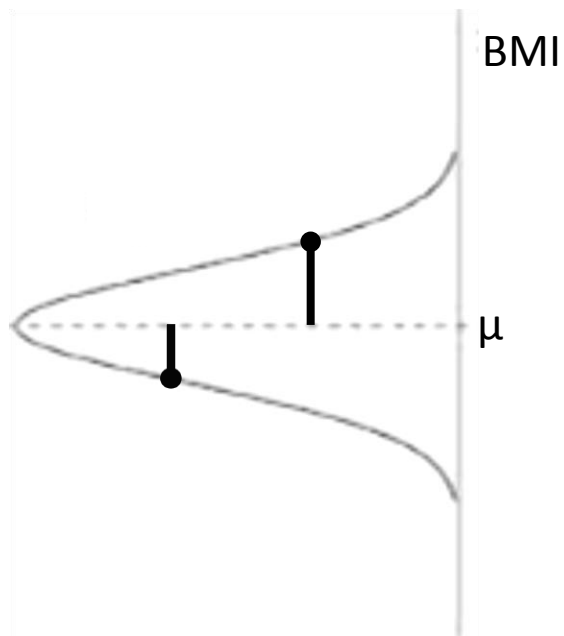


# Hierarchical model

## Variance

- Variance measures how far a data set is spread out
- Definition : the average of the squared differences from the mean
- Example: BMI of PD patients

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum(x - \mu)^2}{N}$$

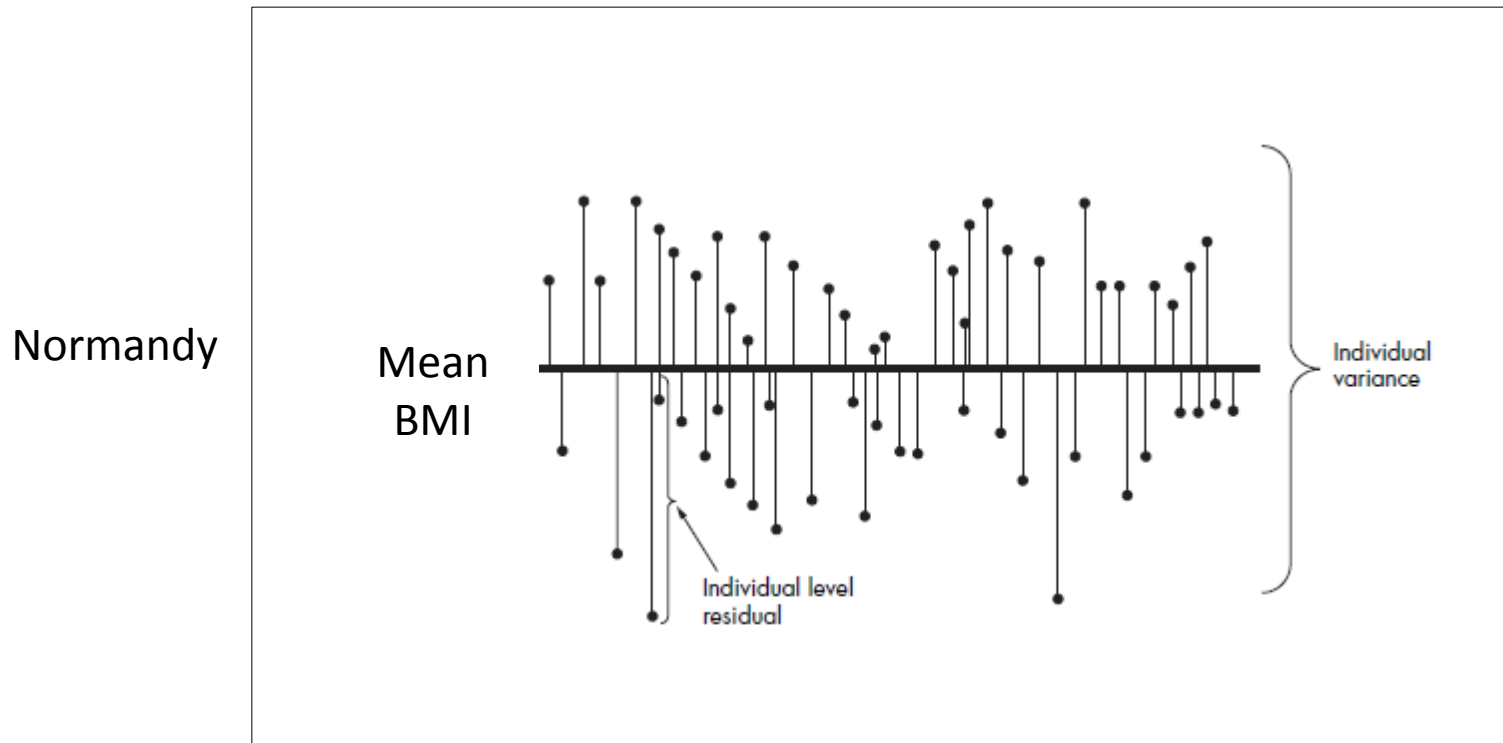


# Hierarchical model

## Variance

- **Single level individual information**

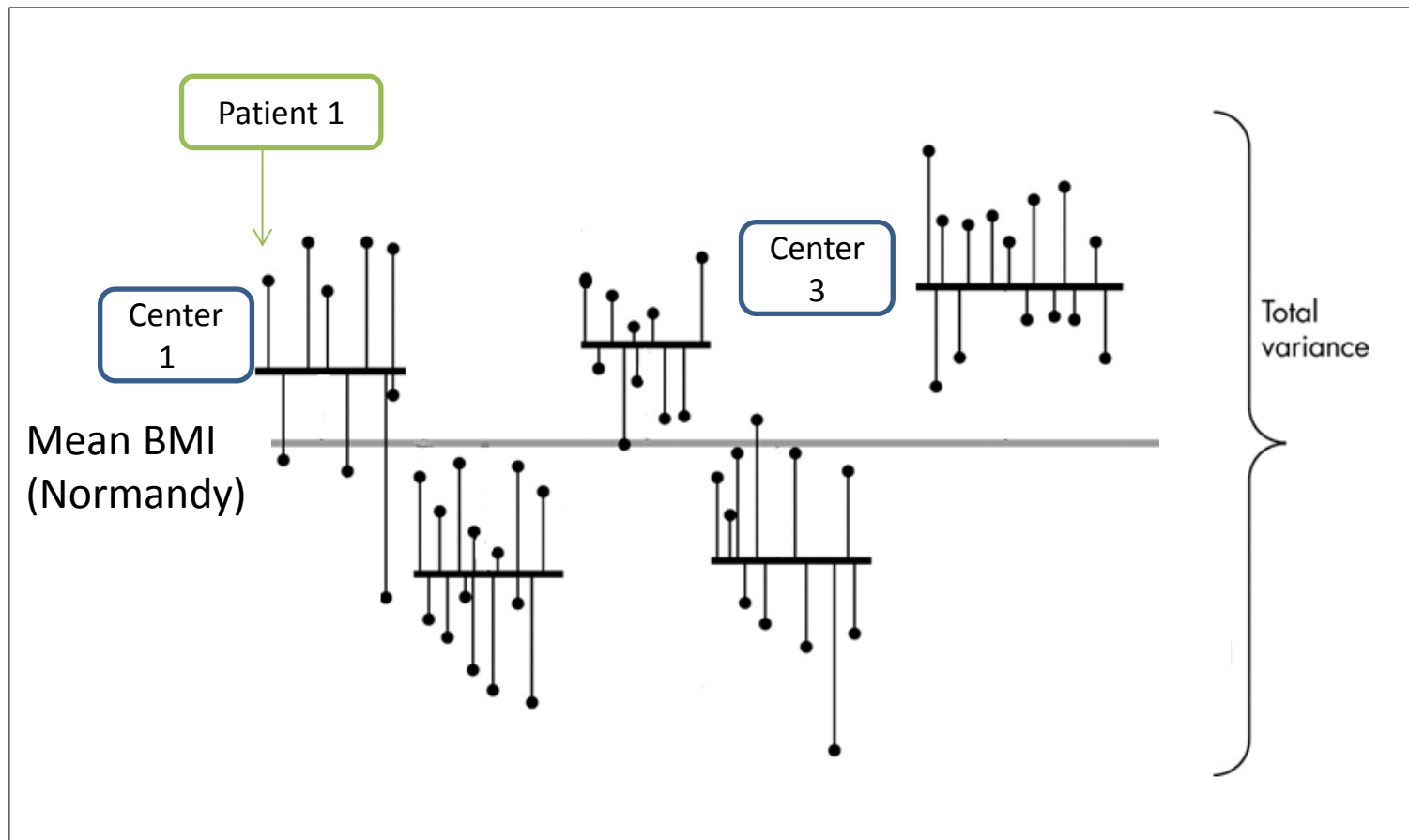
Distribution of a continuous variable (BMI) between the individuals of a region



# Hierarchical model

Variance

- **Multilevel information**

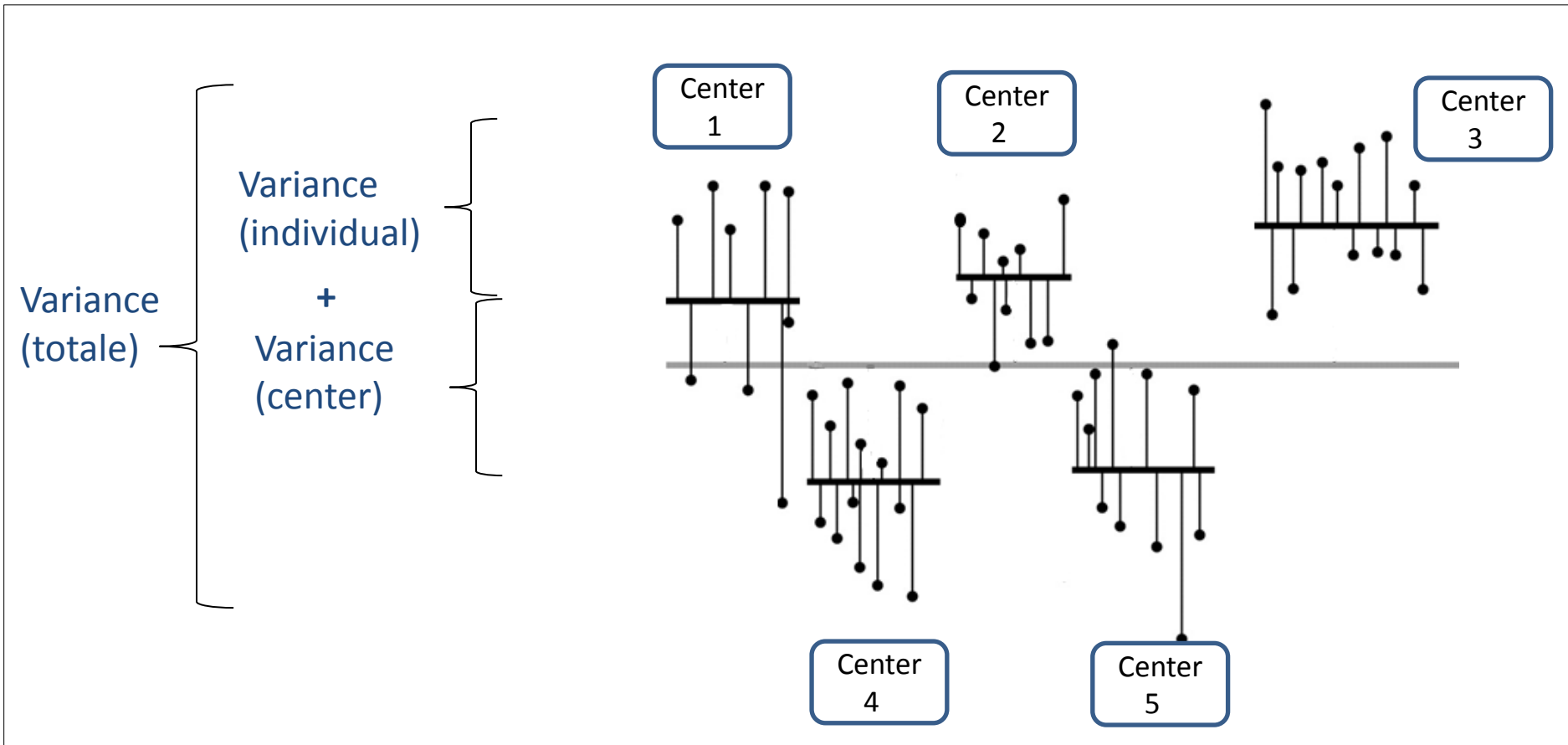


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# Hierarchical model

Variance

- **Multilevel information**



# Center effect

Why is it important?

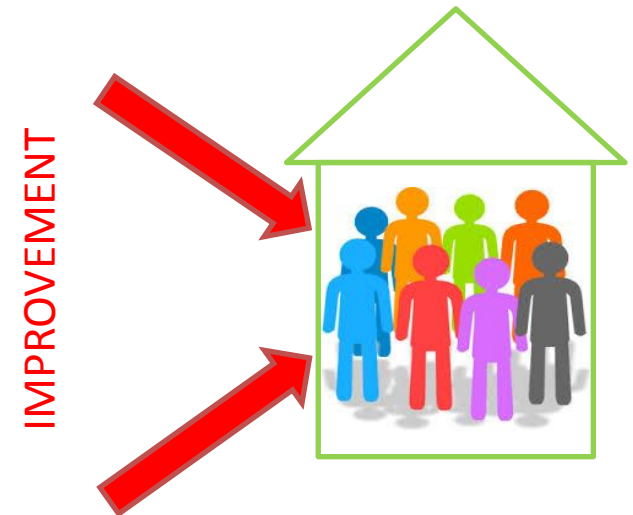
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### Are Peritoneal Dialysis Center Characteristics a Modifiable Risk Factor to Improve Peritoneal Dialysis Outcomes?

Mark Lambie and Simon J. Davies

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- Modifiable factors
- Targeted strategies



# Peritonitis

# Center effect and the risk of peritonitis

## Peritonitis

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### *Original Articles*

## Centre characteristics associated with the risk of peritonitis in peritoneal dialysis: a hierarchical modelling approach based on the data of the French Language Peritoneal Dialysis Registry

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# Center effect and the risk of peritonitis

## Materials and methods

- Objective:

To estimate whether center characteristics could explain the center effects on the peritonitis risk, using hierarchical model

- Incident PD patients between 01/01/2008 and 31/12/2012
- End of the observation period: 01/01/2014
- Exclusion criteria:
  - Age < 18
  - Center with <5 new patients during the study period



- Event of interest: **first peritonitis episode**





# Center effect and the risk of peritonitis

## Materials and methods

### Level 1

#### Patients' characteristics

- Age
- Sex
- Diabetes
- Nephropathy
- PD modality
- Assistance
- Transplantation failure

### Level 2

#### Centers' characteristics

- Type  
(academic/community/non-profit, private)
- Experience
- Full-time nurse specialized in PD
- Nephrologist specialized in PD
- Home visit by nurse before PD
- Home visit by nurse at PD start
- Home visit by nurse at M3
- Home visit by nurse at M6
- Caregiver ratio



# Center effect and the risk of peritonitis

## Results



**5017 patients**

**127 centers**

**3190 episodes of peritonitis**

# Center effect and the risk of peritonitis

## Results

- Patients characteristics

Covariates	N = 5017 patients	
<b>Age at PD initiation (median, IQR)</b>	70 (55-80)	
<b>Modified CCI (median, IQR)</b>	3 (2-5)	
<b>Gender (Male)</b>	2986	59%
<b>Diabetes</b>	1614	32%
<b>Underlying nephropathy</b>		
Unknown	521	11%
Interstitial nephritis	265	5%
Glomerulonephritis	770	15%
Diabetic	929	18%
PKR	343	7%
Miscellaneous	202	4%
Uropathy	177	3%
Vascular	1685	34%
Systemic disease	125	2%
<b>PD modality at 3 months (CAPD)</b>	3172	76%
<b>Modality of assistance</b>		
Self-care PD	2447	49%
Family assisted PD	443	9%
Nurse-assisted PD	2127	42%
<b>Naive at PD start (not on HD or transplanted)</b>	4249	85%

# Center effect and the risk of peritonitis

## Results

- Centers characteristics

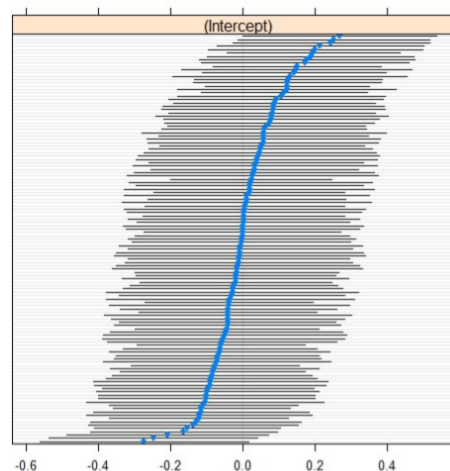
Covariates	N = 127 centers	
Nurse specialized in PD	2185	43%
Nephrologist specialized in PD	3301	66%
Home visit before starting PD	3309	66%
Home visit at PD initiation	4317	86%
Home visit at 3 months	736	14%
Home visit at 6 months	1032	20%

# Center effect and the risk of peritonitis

## Materials and methods

- Hierarchical model:
  - **Step 1:** empty model
    - Without any adjustment
    - Event=peritonitis
    - random effect=center

**=« Is there any difference between centers for the event peritonitis, prior to any adjustment, ie without considering patients/centers characteristics»**



# Center effect and the risk of peritonitis

## Materials and methods

- Hierarchical model:
  - **Step 2:** adjustment on variables from level 1

Level 1

= « Are there any patients' characteristics considered as risk factors for peritonitis »  
**AND**  
« Does adjustment on these covariates lead to a reduction in the disparity observed  
between centers »  
?

variance of the center effect decreased by 9%

# Center effect and the risk of peritonitis

## Materials and methods

- Hierarchical model:
  - **Step 3:** adjustment on variables from level 1 and level 2

Level 1

Level 2

= « Are there any patients' and centers' characteristics considered as risk factors for peritonitis »  
AND  
« Does adjustment on these covariates lead to a reduction in the disparity observed between centers »  
?



variance of the center effect decreased by 35%

# Center effect and the risk of peritonitis

## Materials and methods

	Model 0 Empty model	Model 1 HR [95%CI]	Model 2 HR [95%CI]
<b>LEVEL 1 COVARIATES</b>			
Age	-	0.99 [0.99-1.00]	0.99 [0.99-1.00]
Gender	-	1.05 [0.96-1.17]	1.05 [0.95-1.17]
Diabetes	-	1.34 [1.17-1.59]	1.36 [1.16-1.59]
Modified CCI [unit]	-	1.00 [0.97-1.04]	1.00 [0.98-1.04]
PD modality at 3 months (CAPD)	-	1.10 [0.98-1.24]	1.09 [0.98-1.24]
Modality of assistance			
Self PD	-	Ref	Ref
Family assisted PD	-	1.02 [0.83-1.22]	1.01 [0.84-1.20]
Nurse assisted PD	-	0.97 [0.84-1.13]	0.97 [0.85-1.12]
Treatment before PD	-		
Naïve on PD (not on HD or transplanted)	-	0.99 [0.86-1.16]	0.99 [0.86-1.15]
<b>LEVEL 2 COVARIATES</b>			
Home visits			
Before starting peritoneal dialysis	-	-	0.87 [0.76-0.97]
At peritoneal dialysis initiation			0.90 [0.78-1.07]
Specialization of the peritoneal dialysis team			
Nephrologists specialized on peritoneal dialysis	-	-	0.91 [0.80-1.00]
Nurse specialized on peritoneal dialysis	-	-	0.75 [0.67-0.83]



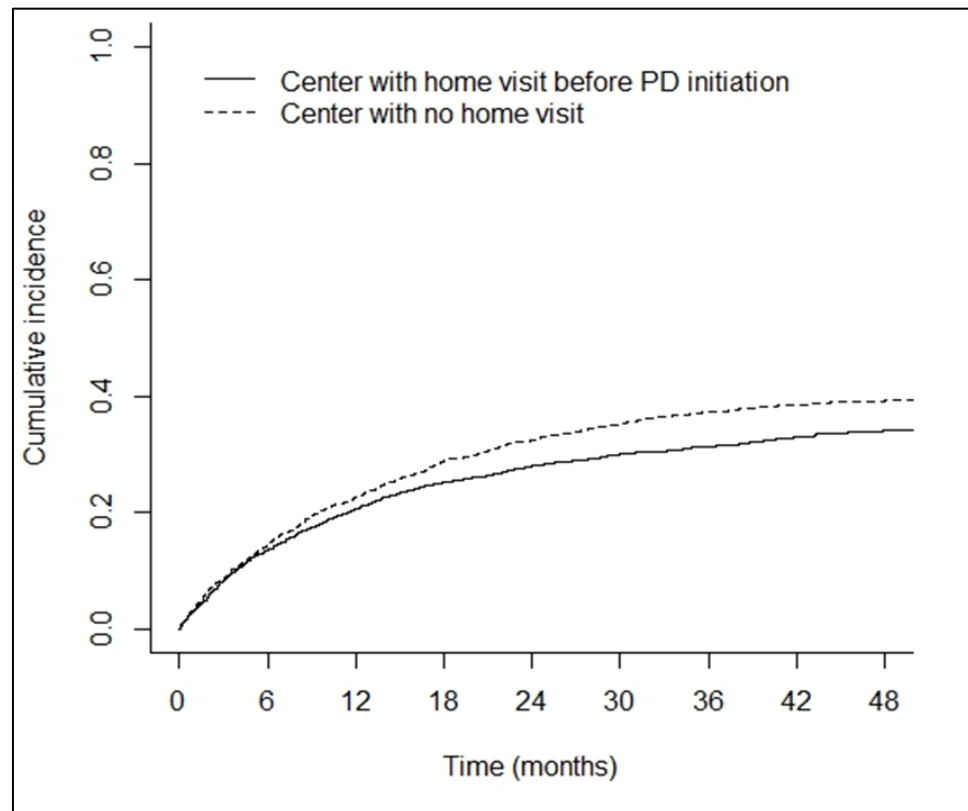
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  - **Step 3:** adjustment on variables from level 1 and level 2

Level 1

Level 2



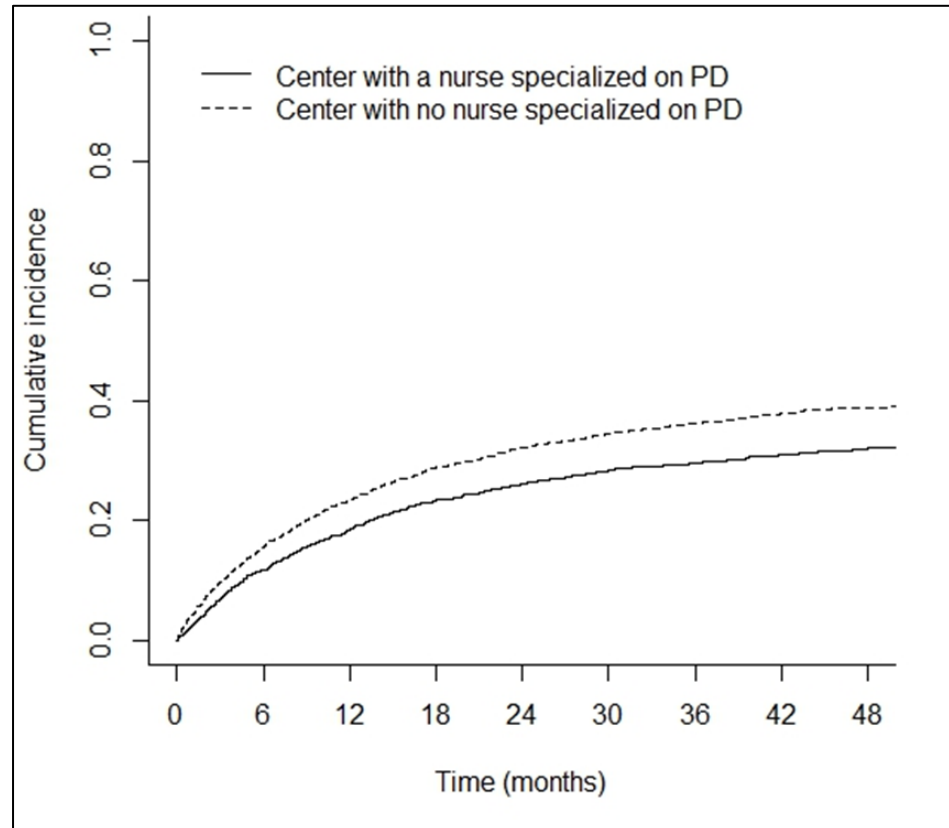
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# Center effect and the risk of peritonitis

## Peritonitis

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Original Investigation

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### Center Effects and Peritoneal Dialysis Peritonitis Outcomes: Analysis of a National Registry

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- Event of interest: **cure of peritonitis with antibiotic alone**  
defined as an episode not complicated by relapse, recurrence, catheter removal or transfer to HD >30 days

# Center effect and the risk of peritonitis

## Materials and methods

### Level 1

#### Patients' characteristics

- Age
- Sex
- Race
- BMI
- Diabetes
- Cardiovascular disease
- Chronic lung disease
- Nephropathy
- PD modality
- Smoking status
- Initial RRT modality
- Types of causative microorganisms

### Level 2

#### Centers' characteristics

- Transplant center status
- Center size
- PD proportion
- APD exposure
- PET performance
- Icodextrin exposure
- Proportion of culture negative peritonitis
- Proportion of peritonitis episodes requiring hospitalization
- Proportion of peritonitis episodes receiving complete antibiotic therapy
- Proportion of peritonitis treated with antifungal prophylaxis

# Center effect and the risk of peritonitis

## Results



**4428 patients**

**51 centers**

**9100 episodes of peritonitis**

# Center effect and technique survival

## Results

- Predictors of peritonitis cure**

Center-level characteristics

Level 1

Level 2

Variables	OR (95% CI)	P
Center-level characteristics		
PD proportion		0.04
<18%	1.03 (0.90-1.17)	0.7
18-29%	1.00 (reference)	
>29%	1.21 (1.04-1.40)	0.01
Complete antibiotic cover <sup>a</sup>		0.03
<83%	1.07 (0.93-1.23)	0.4
83%-91%	1.00 (reference)	
>91%	1.22 (1.06-1.42)	0.007

Technique survival

# Center effect and technique survival

## Technique survival

- **What is the definition of technique failure?**
  - Transfer to HDor
  - Composite end-point:
    - Transfer to HD
    - Death in DP
  
- Our opinion?
  - Not the same event!

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**ESTIMATION OF THE CENTER EFFECT ON EARLY PERITONEAL DIALYSIS  
FAILURE: A MULTILEVEL MODELLING APPROACH**

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# Center effect and technique survival

## Technique survival

### **Multicenter Registry Analysis of Center Characteristics Associated with Technique Failure in Patients on Incident Peritoneal Dialysis**

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# Center effect and technique survival

## Materials and methods

- All incident PD patients
- 2004 to 2014

- **Event of interest: technique failure**

Defined as transfer to HD for >30days or death (including death within 30 days after transfer to HD)

# Center effect and technique survival

## Materials and methods

### Level 1

#### Patients' characteristics

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- Sex
- Race
- BMI
- Diabetes
- Cardiovascular disease
- Chronic lung disease
- Nephropathy
- PD modality
- Smoking status
- Initial RRT modality

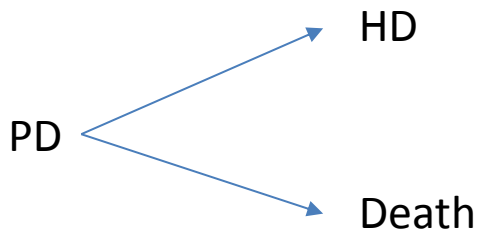
### Level 2

#### Centers' characteristics

- Transplant center status
- Center size
- PD proportion
- APD exposure
- PET performance
- Icodextrin exposure
- Target serum phosphate
- Target hemoglobin

# Center effect and technique survival

## Results



**9362 patients**

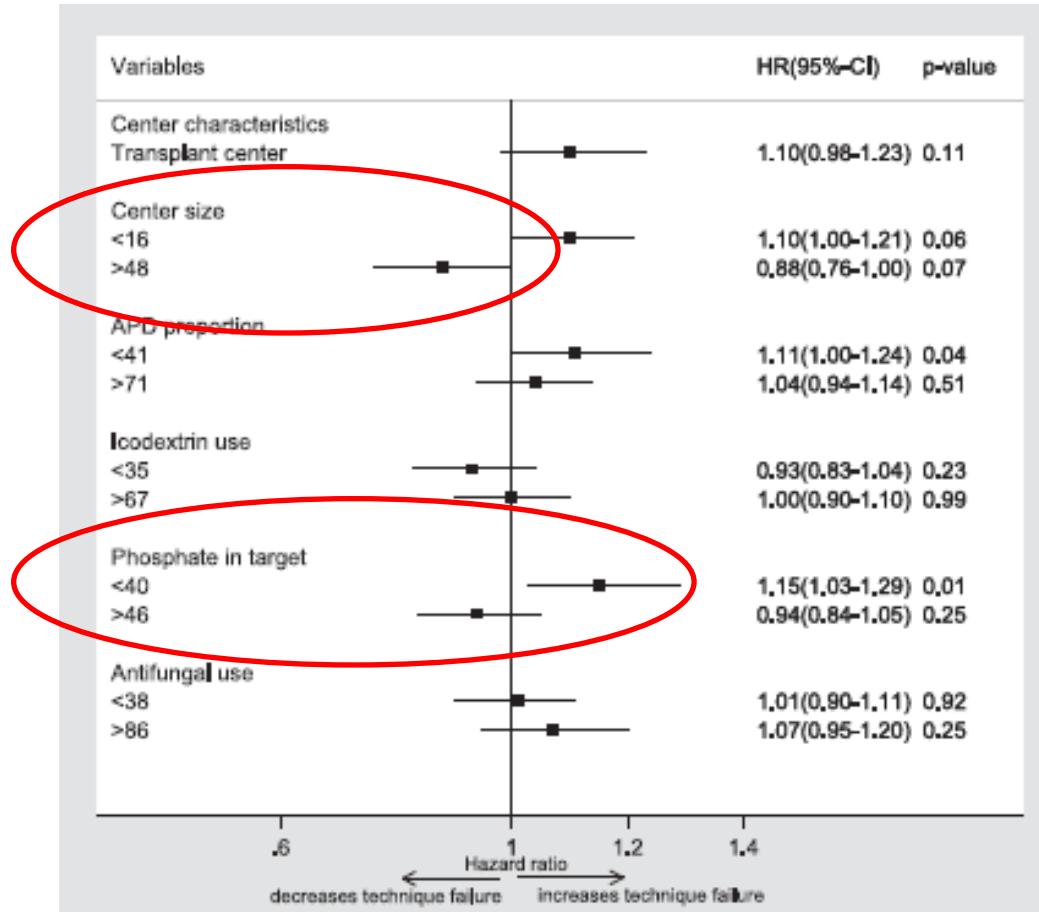
**51 centers**

**5813 episodes of PD failure**

# Center effect and technique survival

## Results

- Technique failure



To conclude

# Conclusion

## Perspective

- Which covariates to describe centers?
  - Studies based on registry data
  - Evolution of the data collected?
- Causality?
  - Clusters of practice

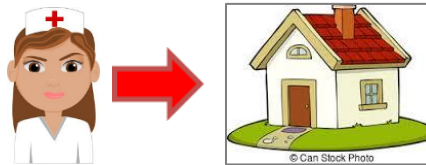


Dr Lanot!

# Conclusion

## Take home message

- Multilevel information : Hierarchical model
- Have a look not only to patient characteristics but also to center characteristics
- Modify practices!







Thank you all!

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# Center effect and technique survival

## Results

- **Predictors of Peritonitis-Related Catheter Removal**

- Centers with higher proportions of dialysis patients treated with PD (>29% patients receiving PD)  
(OR, 0.78; 95% CI, 0.62-0.97)

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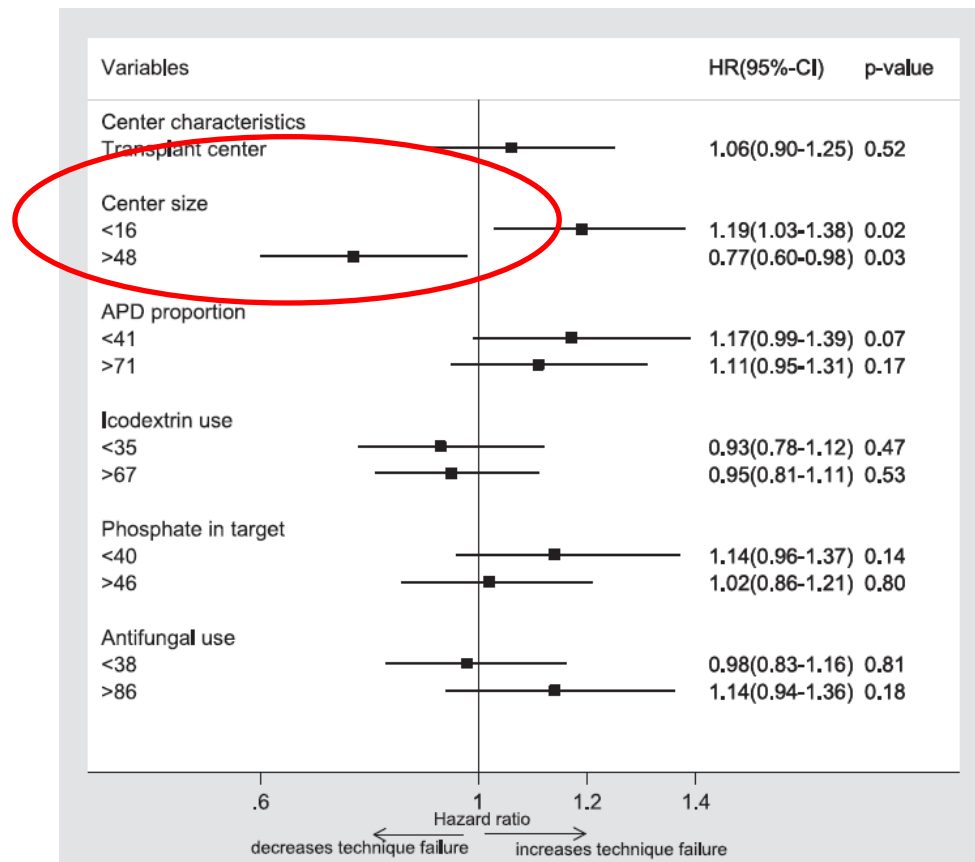
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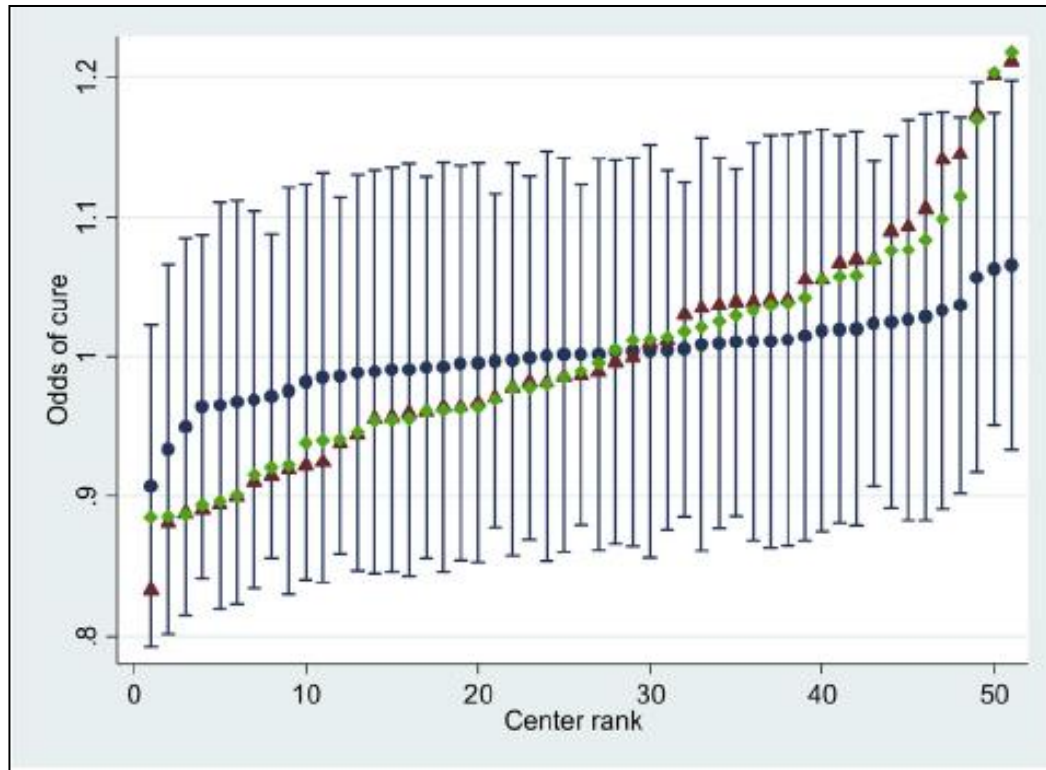
- Death censored technique failure



# Center effect and technique survival

## Results

- Variations in odds for peritonitis cure accross centers



No adjustment

↓ -9%

Adj level 1

↓ -66%

Adj level 1+2

What about death in PD?

# Center effect and death-related peritonitis

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- Event of interest: cure of peritonitis with antibiotic alone
- Secondary outcomes: **death occurring within 30 days of peritonitis onset**

# Center effect and death-related peritonitis

## Results



- **Predictors of Peritonitis-Related Mortality**
  - No center-level characteristics were associated with the odds of peritonitis-related mortality