

Natural History of Asthma

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“Will this child with persistent asthma outgrow his/her disease?”

“If so, what can be done to help this?”

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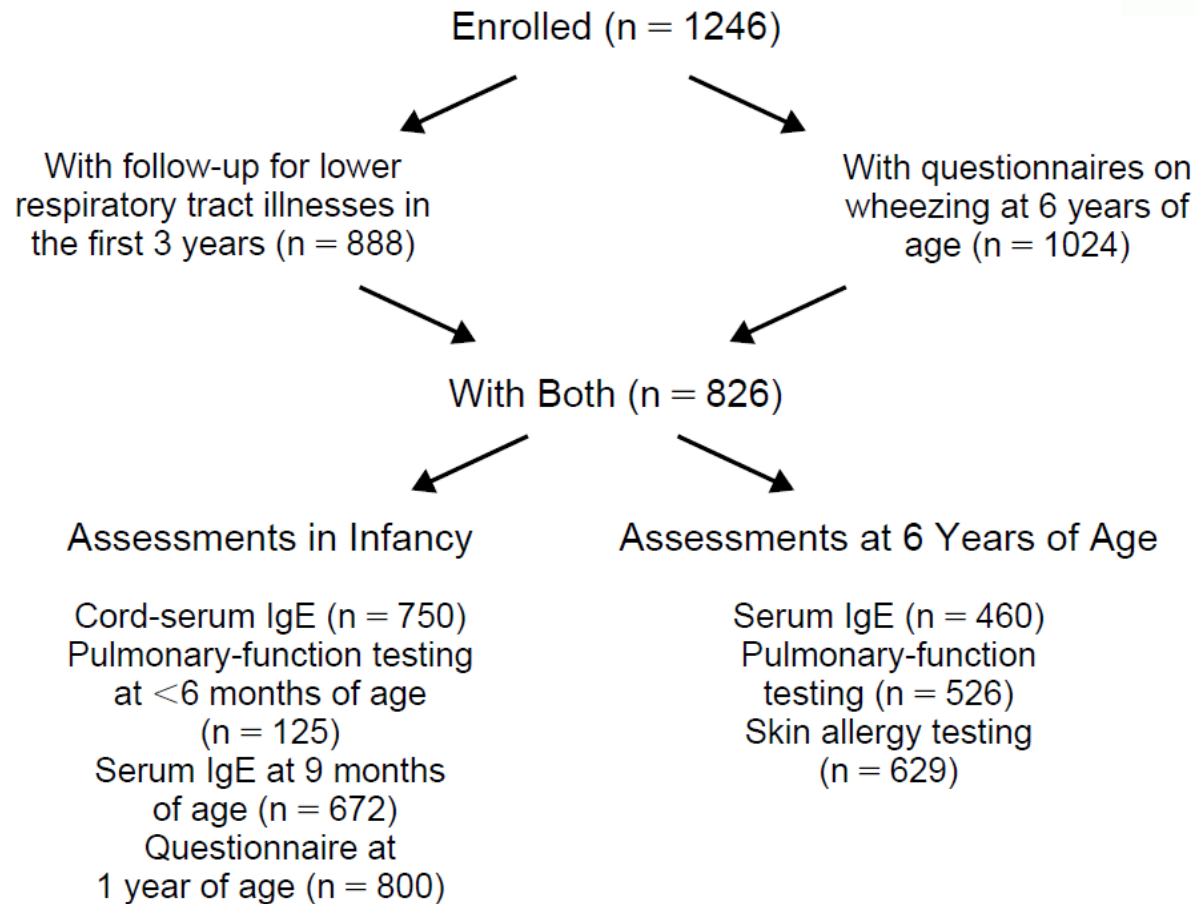
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ASTHMA AND WHEEZING IN THE FIRST SIX YEARS OF LIFE

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Outcome of Asthma and Wheezing in the First 6 Years of Life

Follow-up through Adolescence

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Healthy infants were enrolled at birth

Tucson Children's Respiratory Study in Tucson, Arizona (n=1,246)

≥1 physician-diagnosed wheezing lower respiratory illness (LRI) in the first 3 years of life

≥1 one episode of "parent reported wheeze during the past year for the child at age 6"

Wheeze Phenotype

Enrolled Children (n=1246)

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Children with complete information
for wheezing lower respiratory
illnesses through age 3 and wheeze at
age 6 (n=820)

	n	LRI by Age 3	Wheeze at Age 6
Never Wheeze	425	No	No
Transient Early Wheeze	164	Yes	No
Late Onset Wheeze	124	No	Yes
Persistent Wheeze	113	Yes	Yes

Age 6
V_{max}FRC (n=526)

Age 11
FEF₂₅₋₇₅, FEV₁, FVC
(n=542)
Questionnaire (n=762)
Skin Prick tests (n=609)

Age 16
FEF₂₅₋₇₅, FEV₁, FVC
(n=426)
Questionnaire (n=606)
Skin Prick Tests (n=461)

Risk Factor of Transient Early Wheezing

RISK FACTOR	No (N)	TRANSIENT EARLY WHEEZING (N = 147)	LATE-ONSET WHEEZING (N = 112)	PERSISTENT WHEEZING (N = 100)
Eczema				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	1.3 (0.7–2.5)	0.7 (0.3–1.6)	2.4 (1.3–4.6)
Prevalence (%)	7.7	10.2	6.3	18.0
Rhinitis apart from colds				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	1.1 (0.7–1.7)	1.7 (1.1–2.7)	2.0 (1.2–3.2)
Prevalence (%)	24.8	27.2	35.7	42.0
Maternal asthma				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	1.6 (0.8–3.2)	2.8 (1.4–5.5)	4.1 (2.1–7.9)
Prevalence (%)	6.7	10.2	16.1	22.0
Hispanic ethnic background				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	1.5 (0.9–2.7)	1.7 (0.9–3.1)	3.0 (1.6–5.5)
Prevalence (%)	10.7	13.6	14.3	22.0
Male sex				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	1.0 (0.7–1.5)	2.1 (1.3–3.4)	1.9 (1.2–3.0)
Prevalence (%)	42.7	44.2	61.6	61.0
Maternal smoking				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	2.2 (1.3–3.7)	1.6 (0.9–2.9)	2.3 (1.2–4.4)
Prevalence (%)	11.4	21.2	17.0	21.0

Risk Factor of Late Onset Wheezing

RISK FACTOR	LATE-ONSET WHEEZING (N = 112)			
	NO WHEEZING (N = 403)	TRANSIENT EAR WHEEZING (N = 147)		PERSISTENT WHEEZING (N = 100)
Eczema				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	1.3 (0.7–2.5)	0.7 (0.5–1.0)	2.4 (1.3–4.6)
Prevalence (%)	7.7	10.2	6.3	18.0
Rhinitis apart from colds				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	1.1 (0.7–1.7)	1.7 (1.1–2.7)	2.0 (1.2–3.2)
Prevalence (%)	24.8	27.2	35.7	42.0
Maternal asthma				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	1.6 (0.8–3.2)	2.8 (1.4–5.5)	4.1 (2.1–7.9)
Prevalence (%)	6.7	10.2	16.1	22.0
Hispanic ethnic background				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	1.5 (0.9–2.7)	1.7 (0.9–3.1)	3.0 (1.6–5.5)
Prevalence (%)	10.7	13.6	14.3	22.0
Male sex				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	1.0 (0.7–1.5)	2.1 (1.3–3.4)	1.9 (1.2–3.0)
Prevalence (%)	42.7	44.2	61.6	61.0
Maternal smoking				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	2.2 (1.3–3.7)	1.6 (0.9–2.9)	2.3 (1.2–4.4)
Prevalence (%)	11.4	21.2	17.0	21.0

Risk Factor of Persistent Wheezing

RISK FACTOR	No WHEEZING (N = 403)	TRANSIENT EARLY WHEEZING (N = 147)	LATE-ON WHEEZING (N = 111)	PERSISTENT WHEEZING (N = 100)
Eczema				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	1.3 (0.7–2.5)	0.7 (0.3–1.6)	2.4 (1.3–4.6)
Prevalence (%)	24.8	10.2	6.3	18.0
Rhinitis apart from colds				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	1.1 (0.7–1.7)	1.7 (1.1–2.7)	2.0 (1.2–3.2)
Prevalence (%)	24.8	27.2	35.7	42.0
Maternal asthma				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	1.6 (0.8–3.2)	2.8 (1.4–5.5)	4.1 (2.1–7.9)
Prevalence (%)	6.7	10.2	16.1	22.0
Hispanic ethnic background				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	1.1 (0.7–1.7)	1.7 (0.9–3.1)	3.0 (1.6–5.5)
Prevalence (%)	10.7	13.6	14.3	22.0
Male sex				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	1.0 (0.7–1.5)	2.1 (1.3–3.4)	1.9 (1.2–3.0)
Prevalence (%)	42.7	44.2	61.6	61.0
Maternal smoking				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	2.2 (1.3–3.7)	1.6 (0.9–2.9)	2.3 (1.2–4.4)
Prevalence (%)	11.4	21.2	17.0	21.0

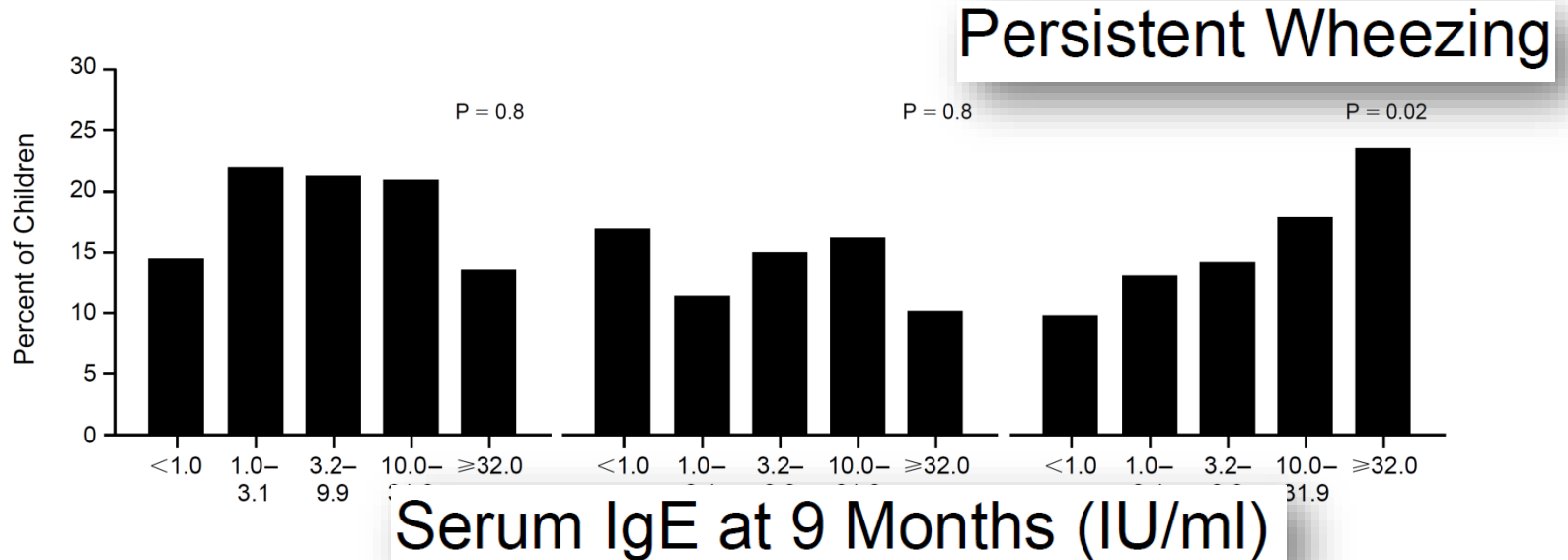
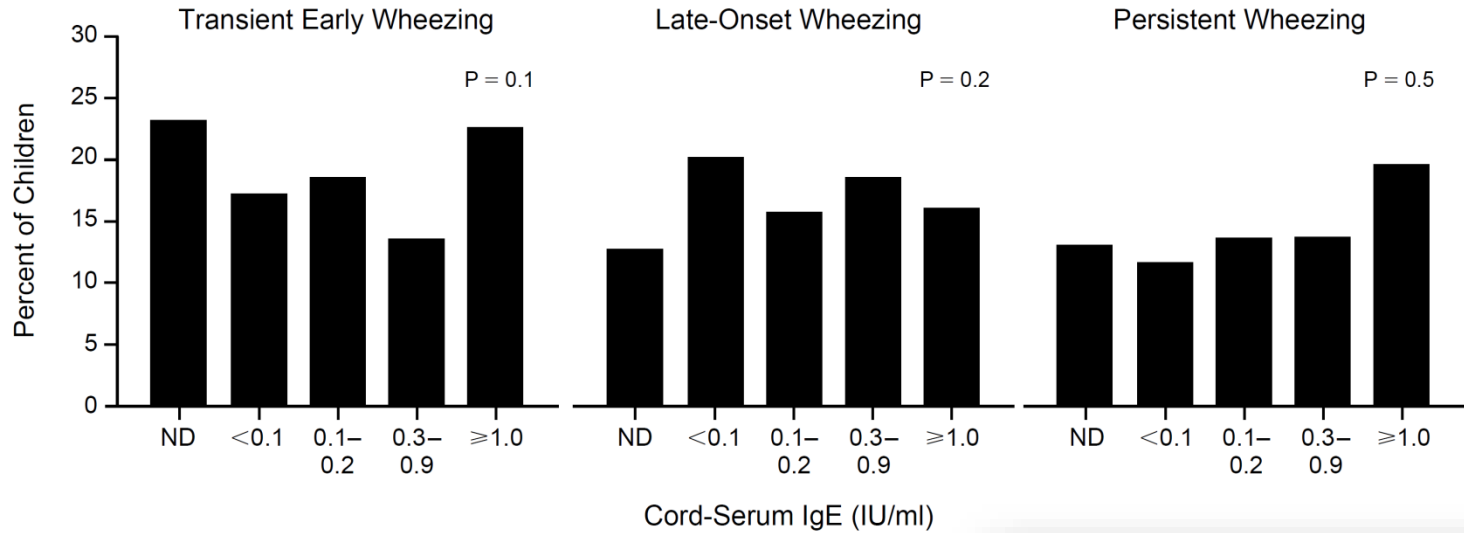
Maximal Exp. Flow at 6 years old

Sixty percent of children with wheezing in the first three years of life had no wheezing at six years of age. But...

AGE	NO WHEEZING		TRANSIENT EARLY WHEEZING		F	P VALUE
	NO.	\dot{V}_{max}^{FRC} <i>ml/sec</i>	NO.	\dot{V}_{max}^{FRC} <i>ml/sec</i>		
<1 year	67	123.3 (110.0–138.0)	21	70.6 (52.2–93.8)†		
6 years	260	1262.1 (1217.4–1308.1)	104	1097.7 (1034.9–1163.5)‡		

AGE	LATE-ONSET WHEEZING		PERSISTENT WHEEZING	
	NO.	\dot{V}_{max}^{FRC} <i>ml/sec</i>	NO.	\dot{V}_{max}^{FRC} <i>ml/sec</i>
<1 year	21	107.1 (87.5–129.6)	16	104.6 (73.6–144.5)
6 years	81	1174.9 (1111.1–1241.1)	81	1069.7 (906.9–1146.5)‡

Serum IgE at 9mo & Persistent Wheezing



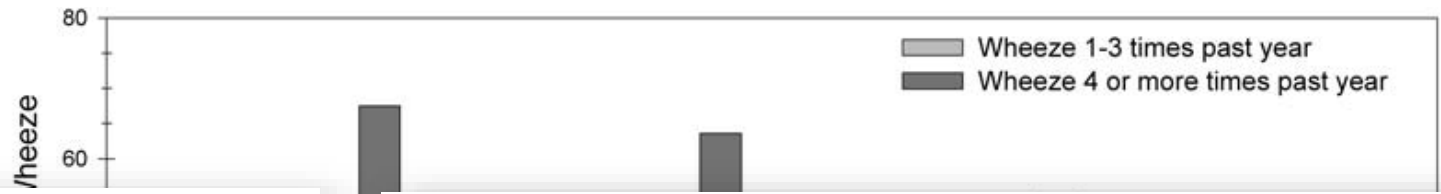
Difference in Transient Early & Late Wheezing

	TRANSIENT EARLY WHEEZING (N = 147)	TRANSIENT EARLY WHEEZING (N = 147)	LATE-ONSET WHEEZING (N = 112)	PERSISTENT WHEEZING (N = 100)
Risk				
Eczema		1.3 (0.7–2.5)	0.7 (0.5–1.6)	2.4 (1.3–4.6)
Rhinitis apart from colds		10.2	6.3	18.0
Maternal smoking				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	1.6 (0.8–3.2)	0.8 (0.4–1.5)	1.1 (0.4–7.9)
Prevalence (%)	6.7	10.2	10.2	10.2
Hispanic ethnic background				
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.0	1.5 (0.9–2.7)	1.7 (0.9–3.1)	3.0 (1.6–5.5)
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Serum IgE, positive skin test at 6 years old

CATEGORY	SERUM IgE†		POSITIVE SKIN TEST	
	NO. TESTED	MEAN (95% CI) <i>IU/ml</i>	NO. TESTED	PREVALENCE %
No wheezing	222	28.1 (22.4–35.3)	317	33.8
Transient early wheezing	95	31.0 (22.3–43.1)	125	38.4
Late-onset wheezing	68	42.1 (26.6–66.0)	97	55.7‡
Persistent wheezing	75	65.6 (45.3–94.4)§	90	51.1¶
		F = 4.94 P = 0.002		$\chi^2 = 19.5$ P < 0.001

Wheeze phenotype established at 6yrs old



Preschool Wheeze Phenotype*	Total Serum IgE (IU/ml) [†]			
	Age 11 yr		Age 16 yr	
	n	GM (95% CI)	n	GM (95% CI)
Never wheeze	252	45 (35–57)	168	63 (49–83)
Transient early wheeze	114	56 (42–78)	74	58 (40–83)
Late-onset wheeze	83	109 (74–158)**	61	96 (66–138)
Persistent wheeze	73	93 (59–148)**	49	83 (51–132)
p Value		0.001 ^{††}		0.2 ^{††}

Preschool Wheeze Phenotype*	Age 11 yr		Age 16 yr		Age 11 yr		Age 16 yr	
	n	% Pos (95% CI)	n	% Pos (95% CI)	n	GM (95% CI)	n	GM (95% CI)
Never wheeze	299	51.2 (45–57)	228	68.4 (62–74)	252	45 (35–57)	168	63 (49–83)
Transient early wheeze	126	51.6 (43–61)	96	62.5 (52–72)	114	56 (42–78)	74	58 (40–83)
Late-onset wheeze	97	64.9 (55–74) ^{‡§}	75	78.7 (68–87) [§]	83	109 (74–158)**	61	96 (66–138)
Persistent wheeze	87	63.2 (52–73) [‡]	62	85.5 (74–93) ^{‡§}	73	93 (59–148)**	49	83 (51–132)
p Value		0.04		0.006		0.001 ^{††}		0.2 ^{††}

Wheezing and bronchial hyper-responsiveness in early childhood as predictors of newly diagnosed asthma in early adulthood: a longitudinal birth-cohort study

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Healthy newborns (n=1246) in the Tucson Children's Respiratory Study

6years old; Parental characteristics early life wheezing phenotypes,
Airway function and bronchial hyperresponsiveness to cold dry air
Sensitization to *Alternaria*

22years old: Physician diagnosed asthma
Both chronic and newly diagnosed
Airway function

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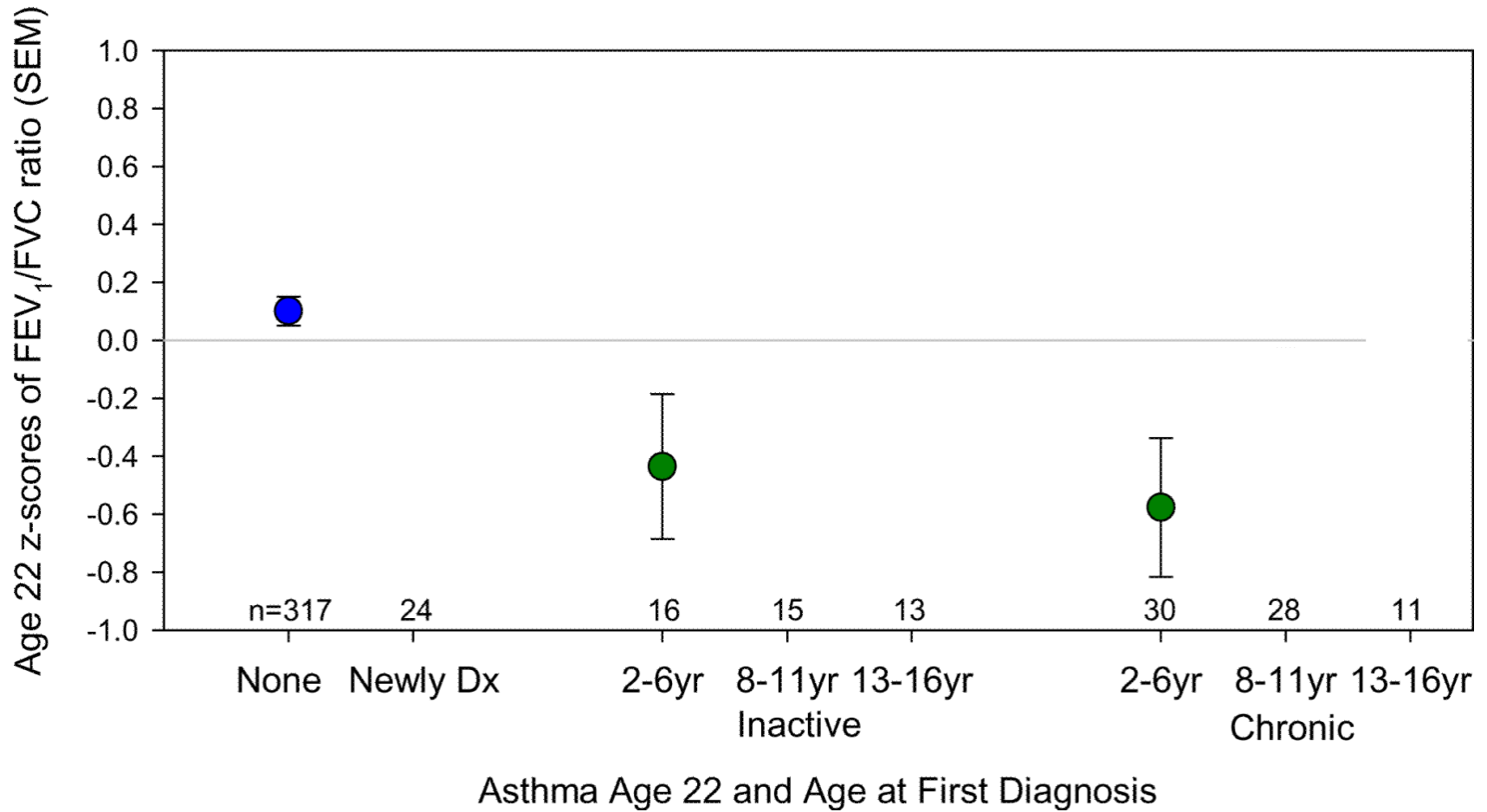
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Physician Diagnosed Asthma and Current Symptoms		Asthma at Age 22 Years
Between 2-16 Years	at 22 Years	
-	-	No Asthma
+	-	Inactive
-	+	Newly Diagnosed
+	+	Chronic

Lung Function Declines in Current Asthma



BHR was already noted at age 6 in newly diagnosed asthma at age 22

Multinomial odds ratio for inactive, newly diagnosed, and chronic asthma at age 22 years by different risk factors in early life

Risk Factors *	Categories	Inactive			Asthma at Age 22 Years Newly Diagnosed			Chronic		
		M-OR [†]	(95%CI)	p	M-OR	(95%CI)	p	M-OR	(95%CI)	p
Parental asthma	Yes	2.0	1.1, 3.6	0.030	2.7	1.4, 5.2	0.004	3.2	1.9, 5.4	<0.0001
Eczema 2yr	Yes	3.8	1.9, 7.8	0.0002	1.1	0.4, 3.3	0.9	2.0	1.0, 4.1	0.047
Early wheezing phenotypes	Never			ref			ref			ref
	Transient Early	1.6	0.7, 3.5	0.3	2.0	0.8, 4.8	0.14	1.4	0.7, 2.9	0.3
	Late Onset	5.4	2.5, 11	<0.0001	4.6	1.7, 12	0.003	7.4	3.9, 14	<0.0001
	Persistent	8.9	4.0, 20	<0.0001	4.0	1.2, 14	0.027	14	6.8, 28	<0.0001
CA-BHR 6yr	Yes	2.0	1.0, 4.0	0.067	6.9	0.2, 2	0.0006	3.6	2.1, 6.4	<0.0001
CA-BHR 6yr	Yes	2.4	0.9, 6.5	0.083	6.9	2.3, 21	0.0006	4.5	1.9, 10	0.0006
VmaxFRC quartiles 6yr	Low	1.1	0.5, 2.4	0.8	2.8	1.1, 6.9	0.029	2.1	1.1, 3.9	0.021

Early childhood respiratory symptoms and the subsequent diagnosis of asthma

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Under 5 years of age at enrollment and

A parent-administered mail survey instrument

Every 1 to 2 years for 3 to 11 years



No respiratory symptom before the age of 1 year was predictive

TABLE II. Cumulative prevalence of asthma in subjects* ages 1 to 11 by symptoms before age 1

Symptom	N†	Percent with later asthma	OR (95% CI)	p Value
Frequent cough	12	25.0	1.6 (0.4-6.5)	0.7
No cough	129	17.1	1	
Wheeze even without colds	14	28.6	1.9 (0.5-6.9)	0.5
Wheeze only with colds	34	11.8	0.6 (0.2-2.1)	0.6
No wheeze	93	17.2	1	
Any SOBWZ	2	50.0	4.8 (0.3-80.0)	0.7
No SOBWZ	140	17.1	1	
One or more chest colds	28	21.4	1.3 (0.5-3.8)	0.7
Frequent cough, wheeze even without colds, or SOBWZ		16.8	1	
		34.8	3.2 (1.2-8.7)	<0.05‡
None of the above	119	14.3	1	

*One subject with asthma diagnosed at age 1 not included.

†Subjects in only one category for each symptom.

‡Significant when group is compared with group without symptoms.

Some respiratory symptoms of the age of 1~2 year was predictive

TABLE III. Cumulative prevalence of asthma in subjects* ages 3 to 11 by symptoms at ages 1 to 2

Symptom	N†	Percent with later asthma	OR (95% CI)	p Value
Chronic cough	18	22.2	1.9 (0.6-6.0)	0.5
Frequent cough	30	23.3	2.0 (0.8-5.0)	0.2
No cough	344	13.1	1	
Wheeze even without colds	26	15.4	1.4 (0.5-4.3)	0.8
Wheeze only with colds	102	21.6	2.1 (1.2-3.9)	<0.05
NO wheeze	261	11.5	1	
Any SOB/WZ	23	30.4	2.9 (1.1-7.3)	<0.05
	371	13.2	1	
Chest colds	167	16.8	1.4 (0.8-2.5)	0.2
Frequent cough, wheeze even without colds, or SOB/WZ		12.4	1	
		20.1	2.1 (1.2-3.8)	<0.01
None of the above	245	10.6	1	

More respiratory symptoms of the age of 3~4 year was predictive

TABLE IV. Cumulative prevalence of asthma in subjects* ages 5 to 11 by symptoms at ages 3 to 4

Symptom	N†	Percent with later asthma	OR (95% CI)	p Value
Chronic cough	35	34.3	5.4 (2.4-12.0)	<0.001
Chronic cough	44	11.4	1.3 (0.5-3.6)	0.7
No cough	305	9.1	1	
Wheeze even without colds	32	31.3	5.7 (2.4-13.5)	<0.001
Wheeze only with colds	80	16.3	2.4 (1.1-5.1)	<0.01
More than one chest cold	269	7.4	1	
Any SOB/WZ	26	42.3	7.2 (3.1-17.0)	<0.0001
No SOB/WZ	359	9.2	1	
Wheeze only with colds	91	15.9	2.1 (1.1-4.0)	<0.05
One or fewer chest colds	292	9.2	1	
Chronic cough, wheeze even without colds,	68	30.9	8.5 (3.8-19.2)	<0.0001
Any SOB/WZ				
only with colds	88	12.5	2.7 (1.1-6.7)	<0.05
More than one chest cold	29	6.9	1.4 (0.3-6.8)	0.9
Frequent cough, wheeze even without colds, or SOB/WZ			1	

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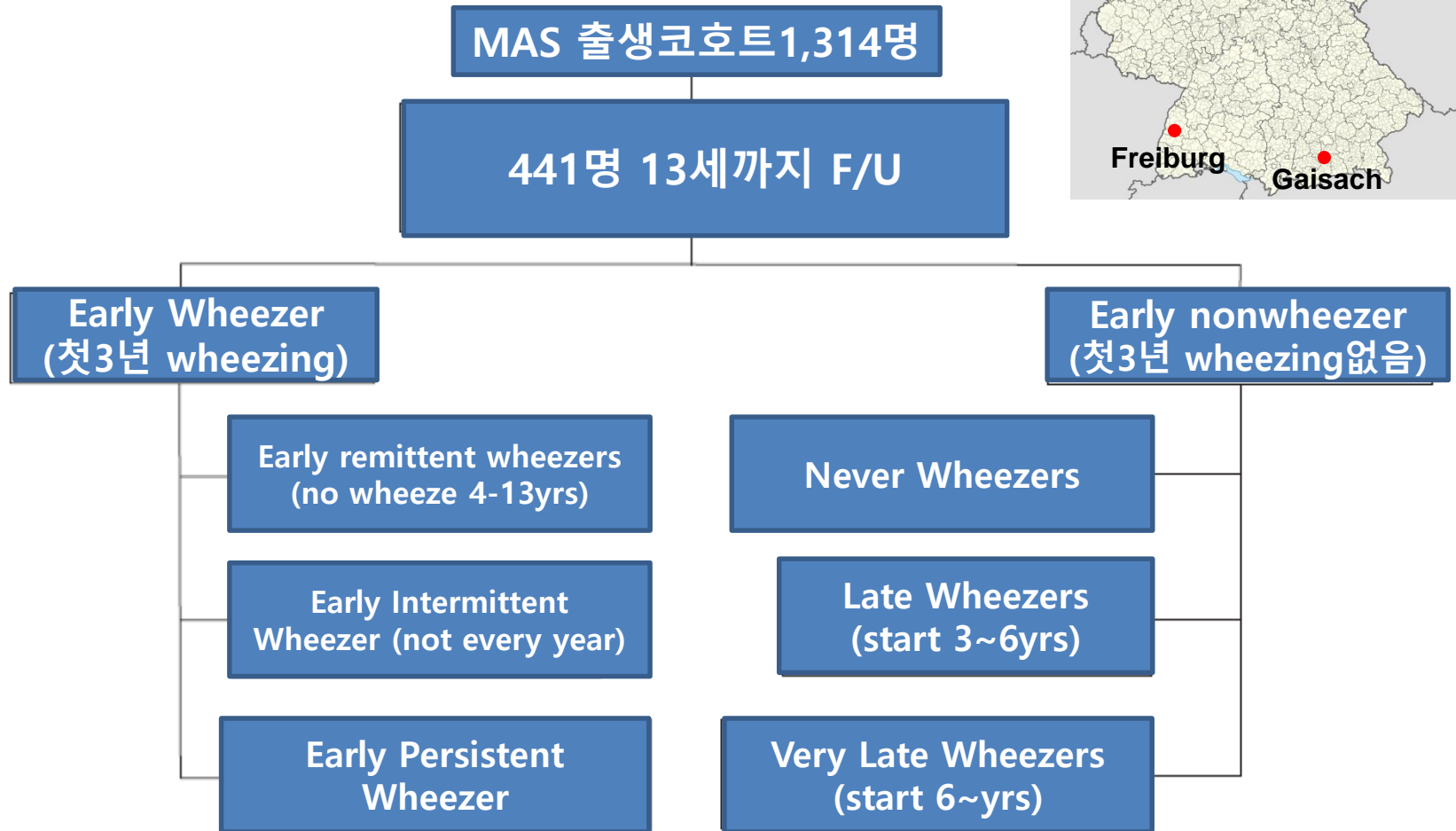
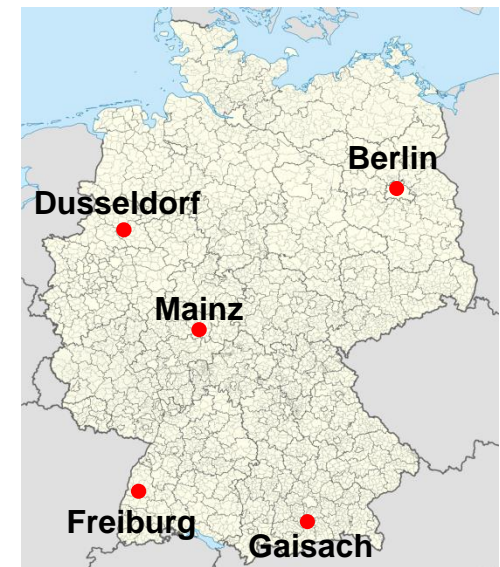
†Subjects in only one category for each symptom.

Symptoms of 3~4 year old increased risk for asthma (5~11 yrs old)

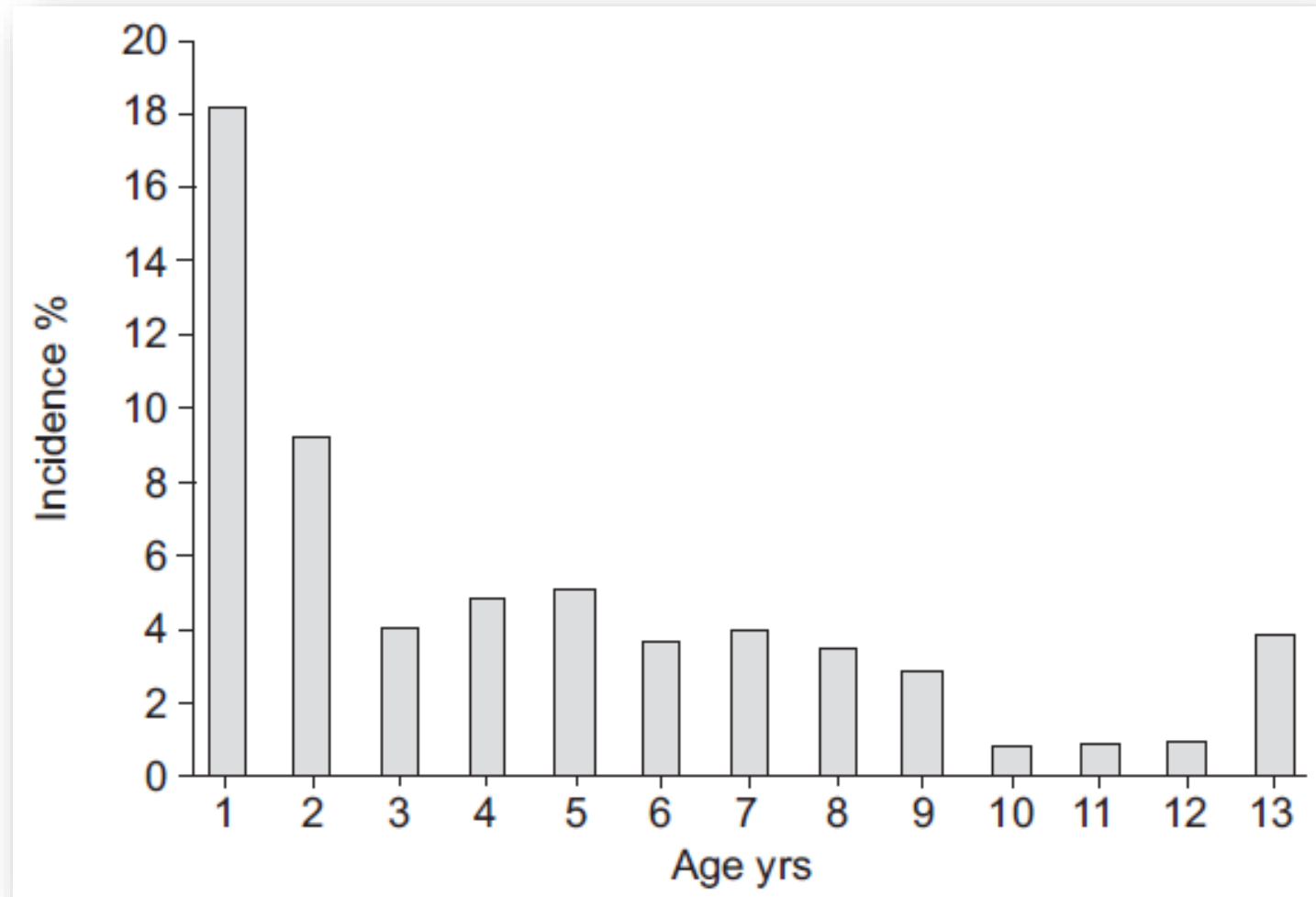
Respiratory symptoms		New asthma at ages 5-11	OR (95% CI)*	Percent with new asthma
Age 1-2	Age 3-4			
Absent (177)†	Absent (148)	8 (5.4%)	1.0	22.2
	Present (29)	10 (34.5%)‡	9.2 (3.2-26.2)	27.8
Present (96)	Absent (45)	4 (8.9%)	1.7 (0.5-6.0)	11.1
	Present (51)	14 (27.5%)	6.6 (2.6-17.0)	38.9

Wheezing in childhood: incidence, longitudinal patterns and factors predicting persistence

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Wheezing decreases over years



Risk Factors: Wheezing at age 11-13 years

TABLE 3 Risk factors for wheezing at age 11–13 yrs by age at onset: results of unadjusted and adjusted[#] generalised estimation equation models

Children with no wheeze before age 3 yrs ^g Children with wheeze before age 3 yrs

	OR (95% CI)	p-value	Adjusted OR [#] (95% CI)	p-value	OR (95% CI)	p-value	Adjusted OR [#] (95% CI)	p-value
Male	0.88 (0.40–1.97)	0.764			2.24 (0.91–5.47)	0.078	2.80 (1.08–7.28)	0.034
Any parental atopy	2.72 (1.12–6.61)		Any parental atopy		10.03–26.70)	<0.001	8.32 (2.74–25.20)	<0.001 ^f
Asthma	2.42 (1.00–5.85)				1.05–5.94)	0.037		
Hay fever	2.67 (1.16–6.16)				1.56)	0.004		
Atopic dermatitis	0.81 (0.17–3.85)		Any sensitisation (≤3 yrs)		1.45)	0.059		
Any sensitisation (≤3 yrs)	2.48 (0.95–6.44)	0.063			4.70 (1.93–11.42)	<0.001		
Food	1.57 (0.45–5.49)	0.484			2.82 (1.08–7.33)			
Perennial	7.44 (1.19–25.25)	0.024			7.44 (2.82–19.60)		Seasonal	11–16.09) <0.001
Seasonal	3.31 (0.91–12.01)	0.069			3.00 (1.07–8.41)	0.037		
Elevated total IgE (3 yrs)	0.76 (0.27–2.17)	0.610			2.94 (1.03–8.41)	0.044		
Early atopic dermatitis (≤2 yrs)	3.71 (1.51–9.13)	0.004	3.35 (1.34–8.33)	0.009	3.19 (1.32–7.71)	0.010		
High allergen exposure[†] (≤3 yrs)	0.47 (0.21–1.05)	0.065			1.88 (0.75–4.69)	0.176		
Interaction of sensitisation /exposure⁺ (≤3 yrs)								
No sensitisation to cat/mite [§]					1.11			
Sensitisation to cat/mite+ low allergen exposure [§]					6.22 (2.11–18.11)		Sensitisation to cat/mite+ high allergen exposure[§]	
Sensitisation to cat/mite+ high allergen exposure [§]					9.70 (2.73–34.55)	<0.001		

The Early Course of Newly Diagnosed Asthma

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A cohort of 13,671 patients in Saskatchewan,
Canada,

Initially 5 and 44 years.

Followed prospectively,

The intensity of asthma therapy was measured
during successive 12-month periods.



Treatment waned over time

a cohort of 13,671 patients in Saskatchewan, Canada
5~44 years old

Characteristics	Mild (n = 6661)	Intermediate (n = 6033)	Severe (n = 977)	All (n = 13 671)
	Number (%) or Mean \pm SD			
Follow-up (years)	4.3 \pm 2.2	4.0 \pm 2.1	3.8 \pm 2.0	4.1 \pm 2.2
Age at entry (years)	19.3 \pm 11.4	21.0 \pm 11.9	23 \pm 12.7	20.3 \pm 11.8
<15 years	3191 (47.9)	2492 (41.3)	360 (36.8)	6043 (44.2)
Male sex	3437 (51.6)	3095 (51.3)	496 (50.8)	7027 (51.4)
Cohort entry				
1975–1987	5082 (76.3)	3451 (57.2)	640 (65.5)	9173 (67.1)
1988–1993	1579 (23.7)	2582 (42.8)	337 (34.5)	4498 (32.9)

Symptom decreased during five-year follow up

Table 2. Number and Cumulative Rates of Changes in Treatment Intensity during 3 and 5 Years of Follow-up, Stratified by Age at Entry (<15 Years Old versus \geq 15 Years Old)

Change in Treatment Intensity	Number of Patients at Baseline	3-Year Follow-up		5-Year Follow-up	
		n (Rate/100 Patients)	<i>P</i> Value*	n (Rate/100 Patients)	<i>P</i> Value*
Mild to severe					
<15 years old	3187	48 (1.9)	0.61	64 (3.3)	0.61
\geq 15 years old	3474	47 (1.7)		64 (2.9)	
Severe to not severe					
<15 years old	359	244 (78.4)	<0.001	246 (80.0)	<0.001
\geq 15 years old	618	318 (57.7)		325 (61.2)	
Severe to mild					
<15 years old	359	66 (23)	<0.001	73 (34)	<0.001
\geq 15 years old	618	54 (10)		59 (13)	0.03
Severe to remission					
<15 years old	359	51 (16)	0.07	56 (23)	0.03
\geq 15 years old	618	63 (12)		66 (14)	

Sex-specific risk factors for childhood wheeze and longitudinal phenotypes of wheeze



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a prospective prebirth cohort study

2128 singleton live-born infants

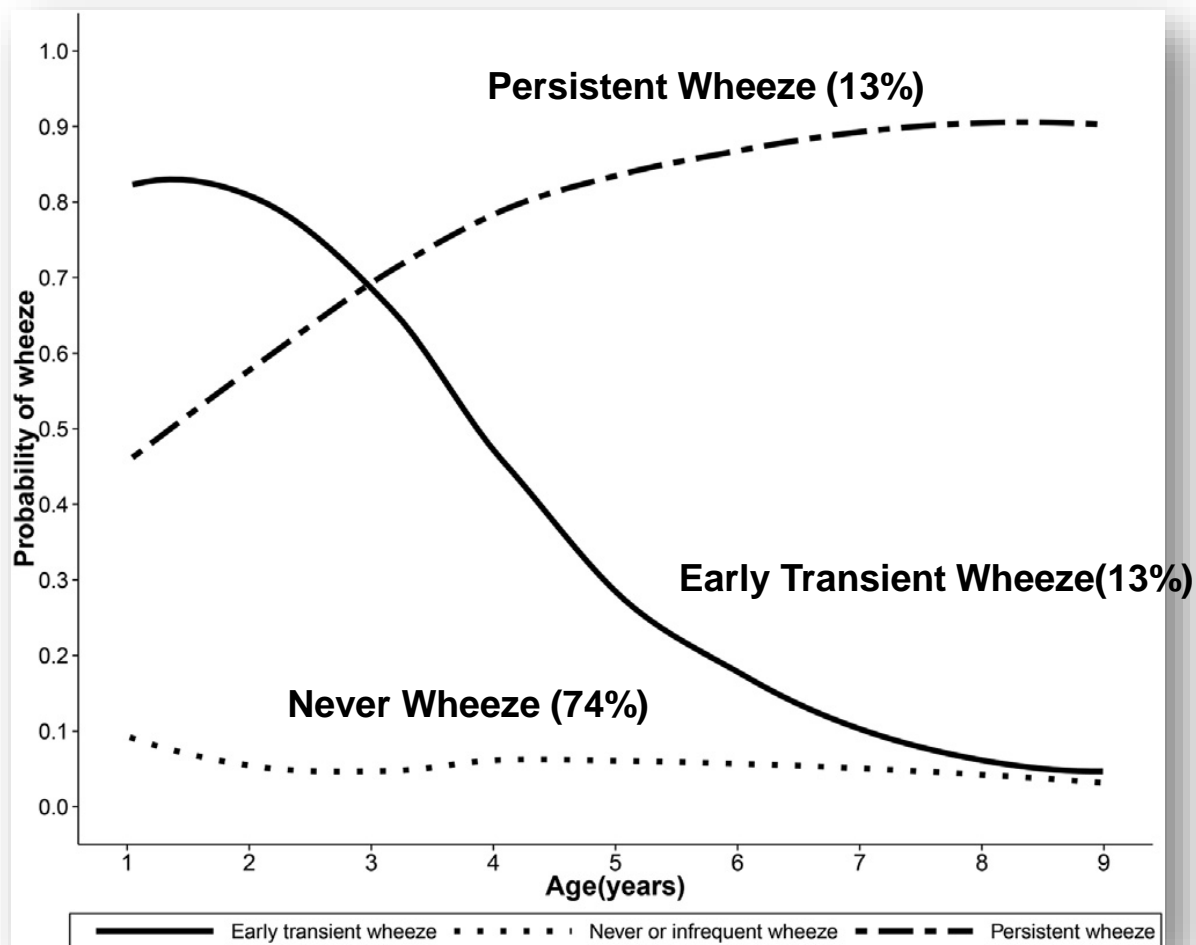
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mothers were invited to respond to a questionnaire about the child's health at birth, 6 months and 1 year of age, and approximately 1-year intervals thereafter

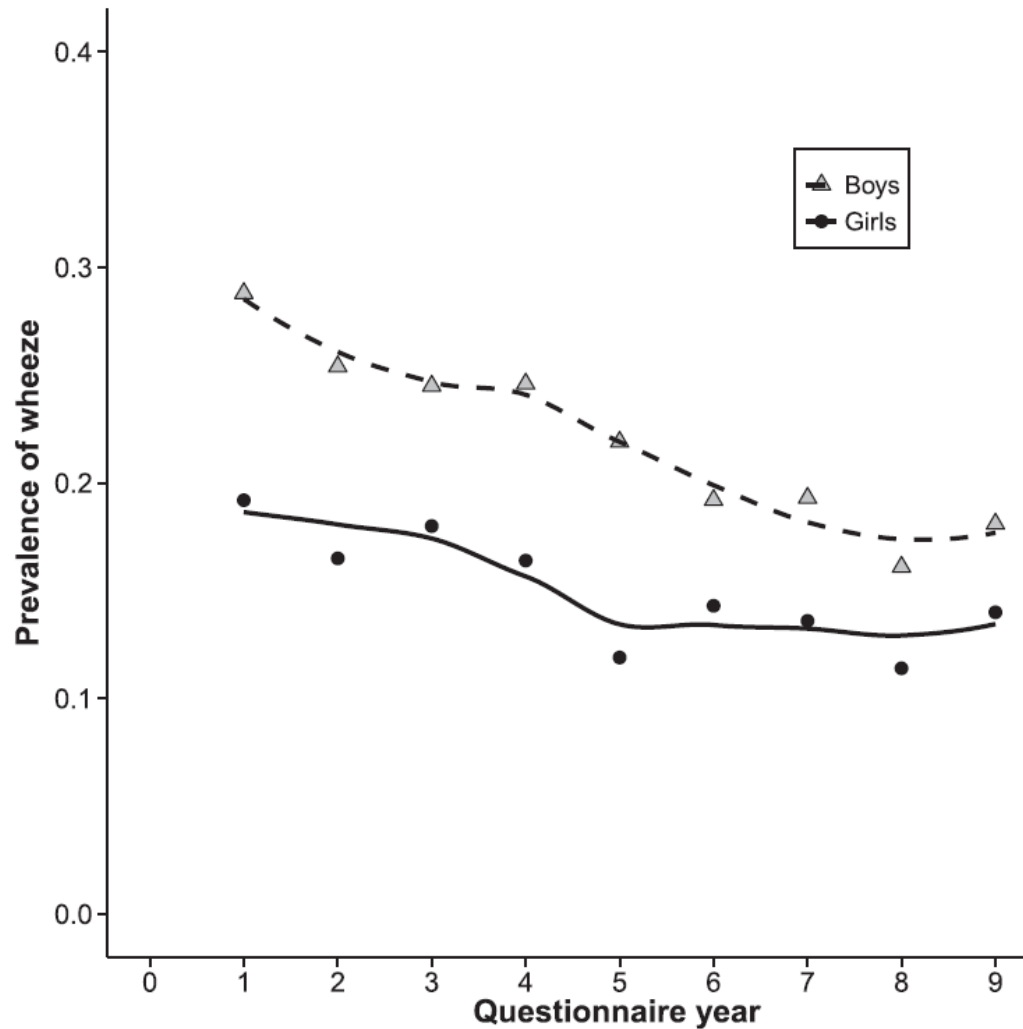
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Wheezing decreases over years



Risk Factor: Parental Asthma, Bronchiolitis before 1yr old

TABLE IV. Multinomial logistic regression for wheeze phenotypes stratified by sex (vs never/infrequent wheeze)*

	Early transient wheeze		Persistent wheeze	
	Girls (n = 64)	Boys (n = 101)	Girls (n = 69)	Boys (n = 101)
Maternal asthma	2.03 (0.97-4.25)	3.59 (1.90-6.75)	2.13 (1.04-4.35)	2.13 (1.04-4.35)
Household income >\$70,000/y	1.29 (0.59-2.83)	0.85 (0.35-2.09)	1.46 (0.68-3.15)	1.46 (0.68-3.15)
Child race/ethnicity (vs white)	0.78 (0.42-1.46)	0.85 (0.48-1.50)	0.72 (0.38-1.36)	0.72 (0.41-1.26)
Black*	0.56 (0.21-1.53)	1.25 (0.57-2.76)	3.23 (1.00-12.17)	1.58 (0.47-4.08)
Hispanic	0.69 (0.13-3.59)	1.11 (0.35-3.53)	3.60 (1.00-12.17)	1.58 (0.47-4.08)
Other	0.83 (0.38-1.82)	1.27 (0.64-2.51)	1.39 (0.63-3.11)	0.96 (0.46-2.01)
Season of birth (vs winter)				
Spring	0.93 (0.46-1.88)	1.74 (0.88-3.43)	0.98 (0.46-2.09)	0.87 (0.45-1.69)
Summer	0.54 (0.25-1.19)	1.36 (0.69-2.70)	0.85 (0.40-1.84)	0.82 (0.43-1.57)
Fall	0.52 (0.23-1.19)	1.30 (0.63-2.70)	0.67 (0.30-1.52)	0.86 (0.44-1.70)
Gestation length (wk)	0.93 (0.81-1.07)	1.05 (0.91-1.21)	0.97 (0.84-1.12)	0.92 (0.81-1.04)
Bronchiolitis before age 1 y	1.55 (0.86-2.83)	1.13 (0.87-1.47)	0.83 (0.61-1.13)	1.11 (0.86-1.42)
Environmental smoke exposure before age 1 y	1.73 (0.67-4.44)	1.02 (0.39-2.64)	1.96 (0.81-4.73)	2.16 (0.96-4.89)
Bronchiolitis before age 1 y	4.84 (2.34-9.98)	10.17 (5.47-18.93)	4.38 (2.03-9.45)	6.49 (3.29-12.79)
Atopic dermatitis before age 1 y	2.06 (1.04-4.09)	1.24 (0.69-2.23)	2.88 (1.54-5.38)	2.01 (1.16-3.49)

*Statistically significant interaction with sex on persistent wheeze.

Remission and Persistence of Asthma Followed From 7 to 19 Years of Age

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adolescence, asthma, longitudinal, remission, sensitization

ABBREVIATIONS

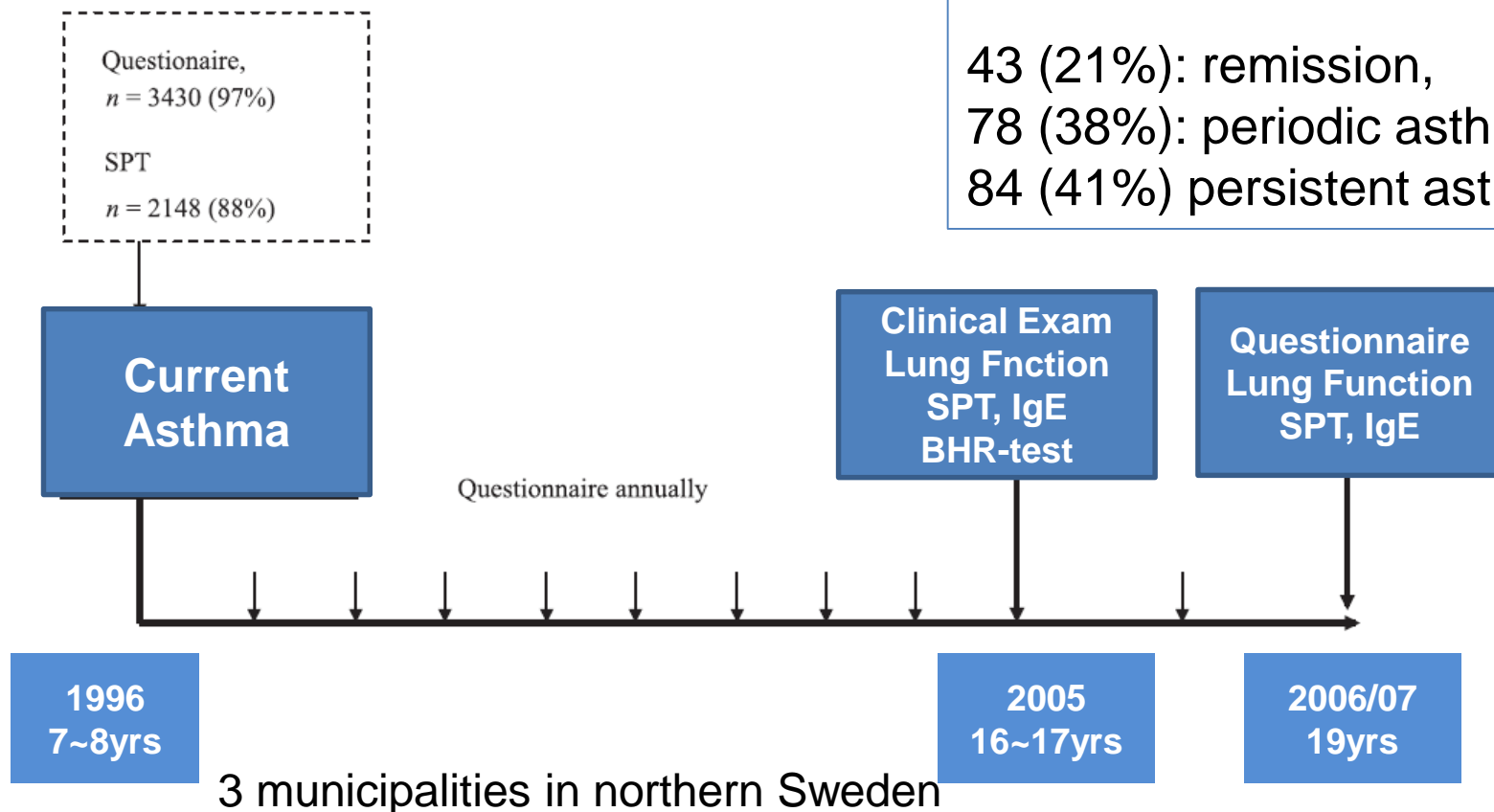


WHAT'S KNOWN ON THIS SUBJECT: The natural history of asthma during adolescence is dynamic because both remission and relapse are common. Remission has consistently been associated with mild asthma and the absence of sensitization.



WHAT THIS STUDY ADDS: One in 5 children with asthma remitted from age 7 to 19. Remission was defined as no wheezing and no medication for ≥ 3 years and was inversely related to female gender, sensitization to furred animals, and asthma severity at baseline.

Of 205 subjects at age 19,
43 (21%): remission,
78 (38%): periodic asthma,
84 (41%) persistent asthma.

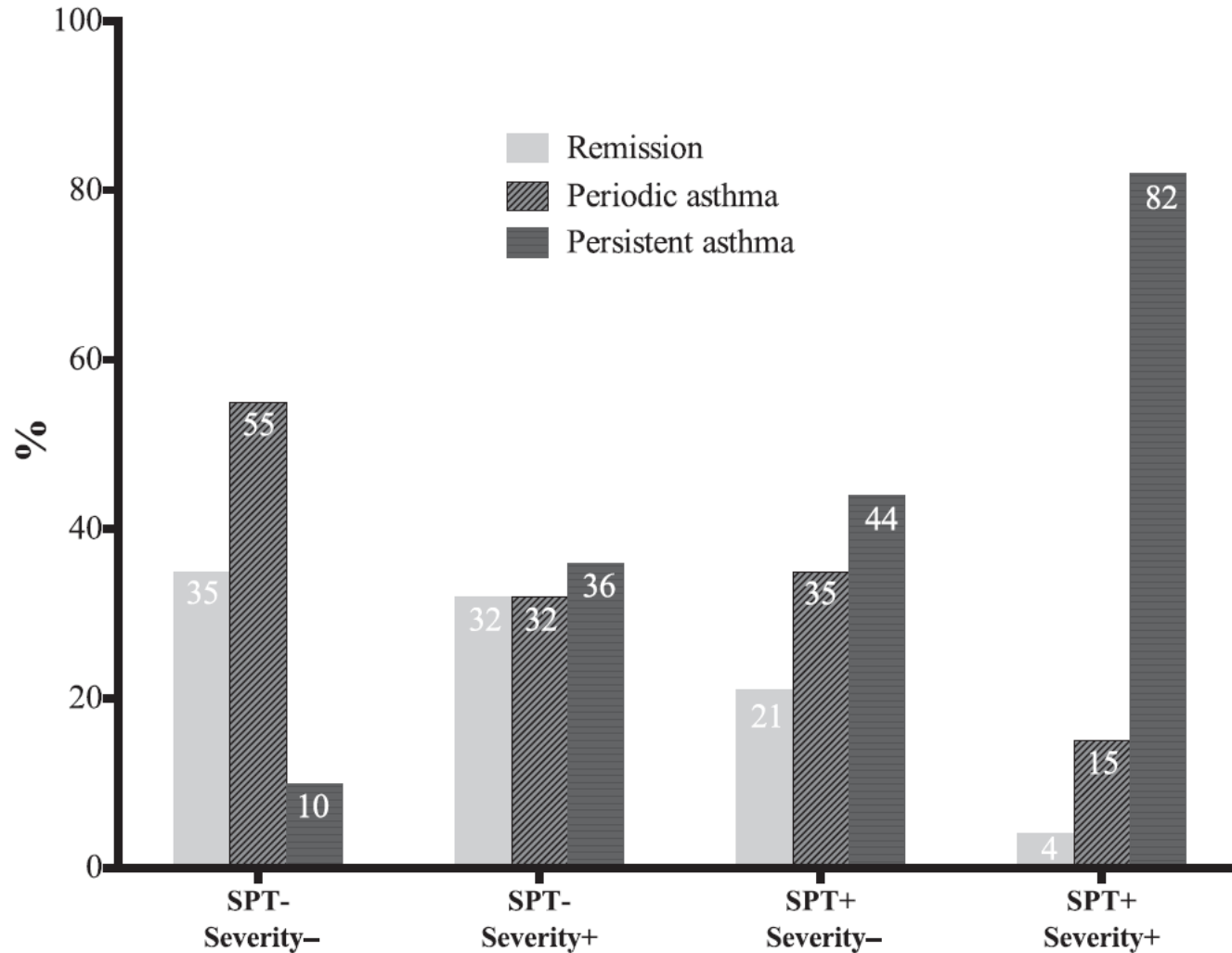


Phenotype at age 7~8yrs to progress persistent Asthma at 19yrs

TABLE 1 Prevalence (%) of Baseline Characteristics at Age 7 to 8 Years Among the Entire Cohort, Among All Participants at Endpoint (19 Years), and by

Characteristic	Participants at Endpoint				<i>P</i> ^a	
	Entire Cohort (n = 205)	Persistent Asthma (n = 84)	Periodic Asthma (n = 78)	Remission (n = 43)		
Positive SPT ^d						
Physician-diagnosed rhinitis	78/146	77% (44/57)	39% (21/54)	37% (13/35)	<.001	
Physician-diagnosed eczema	71/205	49% (41/84)	26% (20/78)	23% (10/43)	.002	
Asthma score ≥ 2 of 5	71/205	50% (42/84)	24% (19/78)	23% (10/43)	.001	
Current ICS use	67/205	49% (41/84)	22% (17/78)	21% (9/43)	<.001	
	102/205	68% (57/84)	44% (34/78)	26% (11/43)	<.001	
Male gender	58% (143/248)	58% (118/205)	55% (46/84)	53% (41/78)	72% (31/43)	.091
Asthma in the family	40% (100/248)	40% (82/205)	44% (37/84)	36% (28/78)	40% (17/43)	.570
Rural living	32% (75/233)	29% (57/194)	32% (25/79)	29% (22/75)	25% (10/40)	.754
Mother smoked during pregnancy		28% (22/79)	45% (34/75)	38% (16/42)	.078	
		18% (15/82)	33% (26/78)	37% (16/43)	.035	
Self-reported traffic exposure	32% (77/241)	30% (60/198)	24% (19/80)	36% (27/76)	33% (14/42)	.248
Ever dampness at home	30% (71/240)	26% (52/199)	23% (18/80)	25% (19/76)	35% (15/43)	.316
Living in an apartment	28% (63/229)	23% (45/192)	17% (13/79)	34% (24/71)	19% (8/42)	.033

Severity and Skin Prick Tests decides the Prognosis



Positive SPT to animal was associated with Persistence

TABLE 2 Prevalence (%) of Allergic Sensitization at Age 7 to 8 Years by Persistent, Periodic, and Remitted Asthma at Age 19 Years

	Persistent Asthma (n = 57)	Periodic Asthma (n = 54)	Remission (n = 35)	<i>p</i> ^a
Any positive SPT pollen	46% (25/55)	20% (11/54)	29% (10/35)	.017
Positive SPT birch	38% (21/55)	19% (10/54)	20% (7/35)	.041
Any positive SPT animals	12/53	11% (6/54)	17% (6/35)	<.001
Positive SPT cat	3/52	2% (1/53)	3% (1/34)	<.001
Positive SPT horse	41/55	35% (19/54)	29% (10/35)	.005
Positive SPT dog	37/55	32% (17/54)	26% (9/35)	.001
Any positive SPT molds	24/54	24% (13/54)	14% (5/35)	.000
Any positive SPT mites	29/55	26% (14/54)	18% (6/34)	.137
	10% (10/54)	2% (1/53)	6% (2/33)	

High-titer IgE to animals were strongly associated with asthma

TABLE I. Univariable analysis of asthma based on a physician's diagnosis for different levels of IgE antibodies to inhalant allergens

	IgE titer by class in students with or without* asthma†		Odds ratios for asthma (based on physician's diagnosis)		
	Class 1-3	Class 4-6	Any IgE antibody, >0.35 IU/mL (≥class 1)	IgE antibody 0.36-17.5 IU/mL (class 1-3)	
Cat dander					4.6 (2.6-8.2)‡
Dog dander					13.2 (6.1-28.7)‡
Dog epithelium	46/119	23/31	3.8 (2.6-5.5)‡	3.2 (2.1-4.8)‡	8.0 (2.5-25.5)‡
Horse	26/46	7/5	4.3 (2.6-6.9)‡	3.7 (2.2-6.2)‡	5.9 (2.7-13.0)‡
Any mammal	35/81	13/13	3.6 (2.4-5.5)‡	3.1 (2.0-4.8)‡	5.7 (3.5-9.4)‡
Alternaria species	45/128	34/40	4.3 (3.0-6.2)‡	3.2 (2.1-4.9)‡	—
Birch tree	12/63	0/0	1.0 (0.5-2.0), <i>P</i> = .88	1.0 (0.5-2.0), <i>P</i> = .88	—
Timothy grass	145/803	4/11	2.0 (0.6-6.4), <i>P</i> = .27	2.0 (0.6-6.4), <i>P</i> = .27	—
	89/661	40/107	2.9 (2.0-4.2)‡	2.8 (1.8-4.2)‡	2.6 (1.5-4.5)‡
	97/647	37/115	2.1 (1.4-3.0)‡	2.1 (1.4-3.3)‡	1.6 (0.9-3.0), <i>P</i> = .10

*Numbers before and after the forward slash indicate students with and without asthma, respectively.

†As indicated by a physician's diagnosis of asthma.

‡*P* < .001.

3 municipalities in northern Sweden

Demographic and clinical characteristics of children and adolescents with severe or difficult-to-treat asthma

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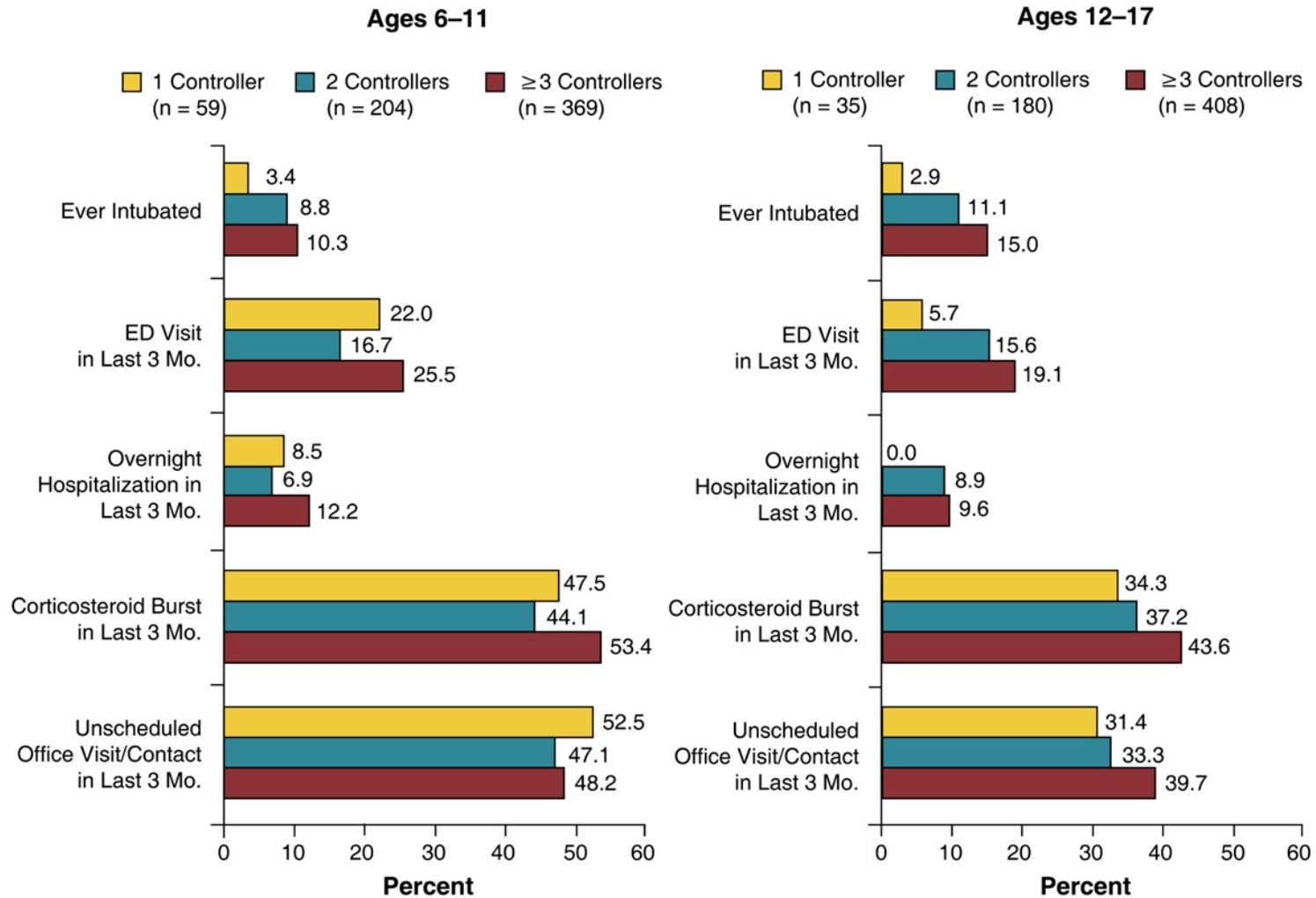
The TENOR study

A prospective, observational, 3-year study (2001-2004)

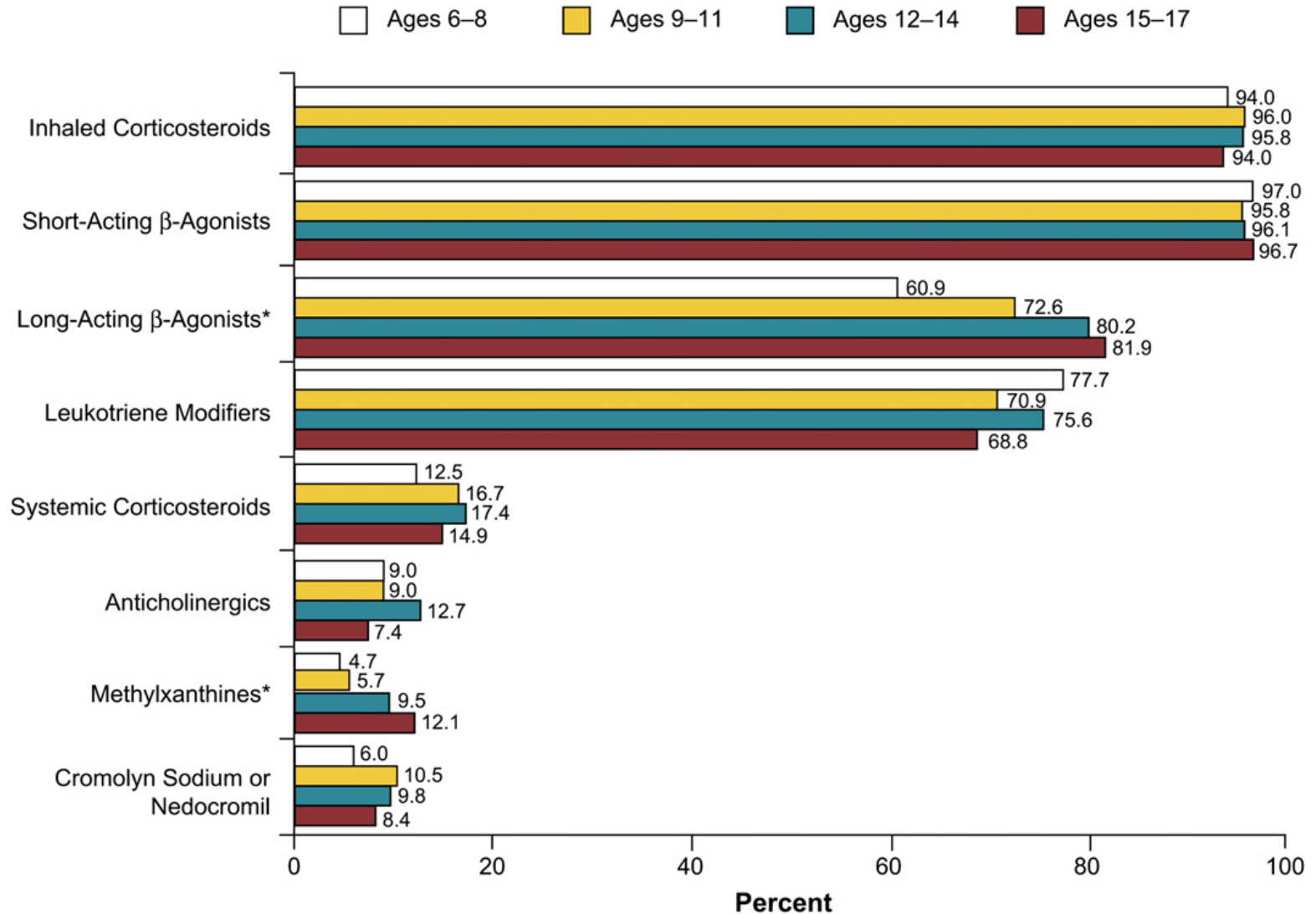
Patients with **severe or difficult-to-treat asthma** who received care from either an allergist or a pulmonologist.

6~17 years old

Health care utilization by long term controller in Severe Asthma

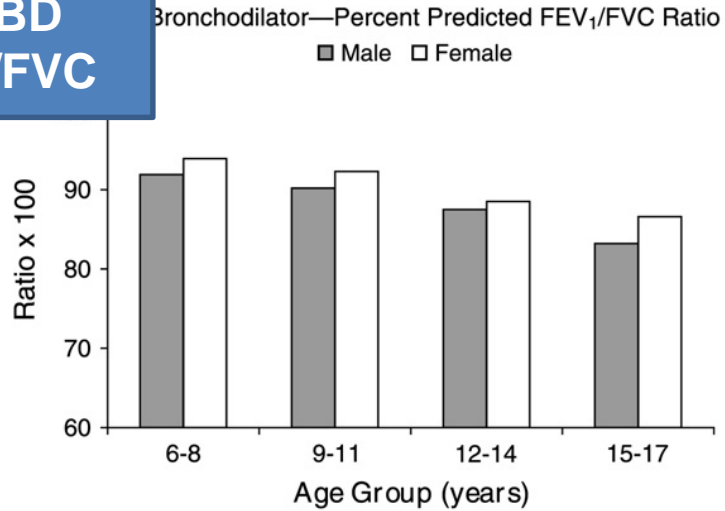


Multiple Medication in Severe Asthma

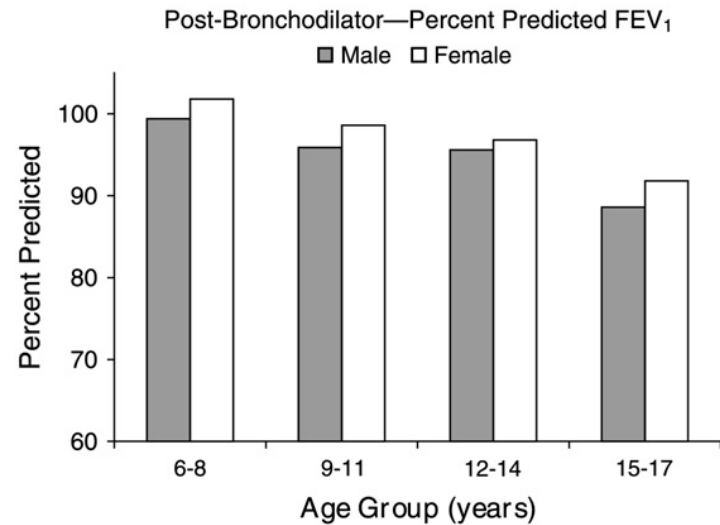
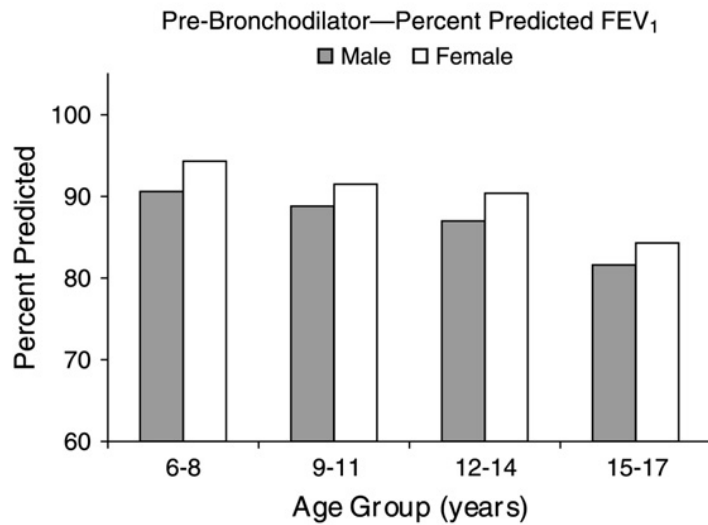
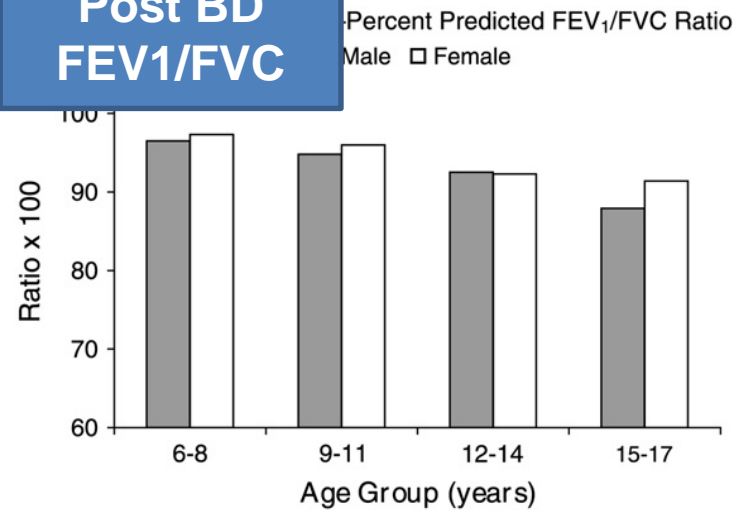


Lung Function Decline despite of multiple treatment

**Pre BD
FEV₁/FVC**



**Post BD
FEV₁/FVC**



Childhood factors associated with asthma remission after 30 year follow up

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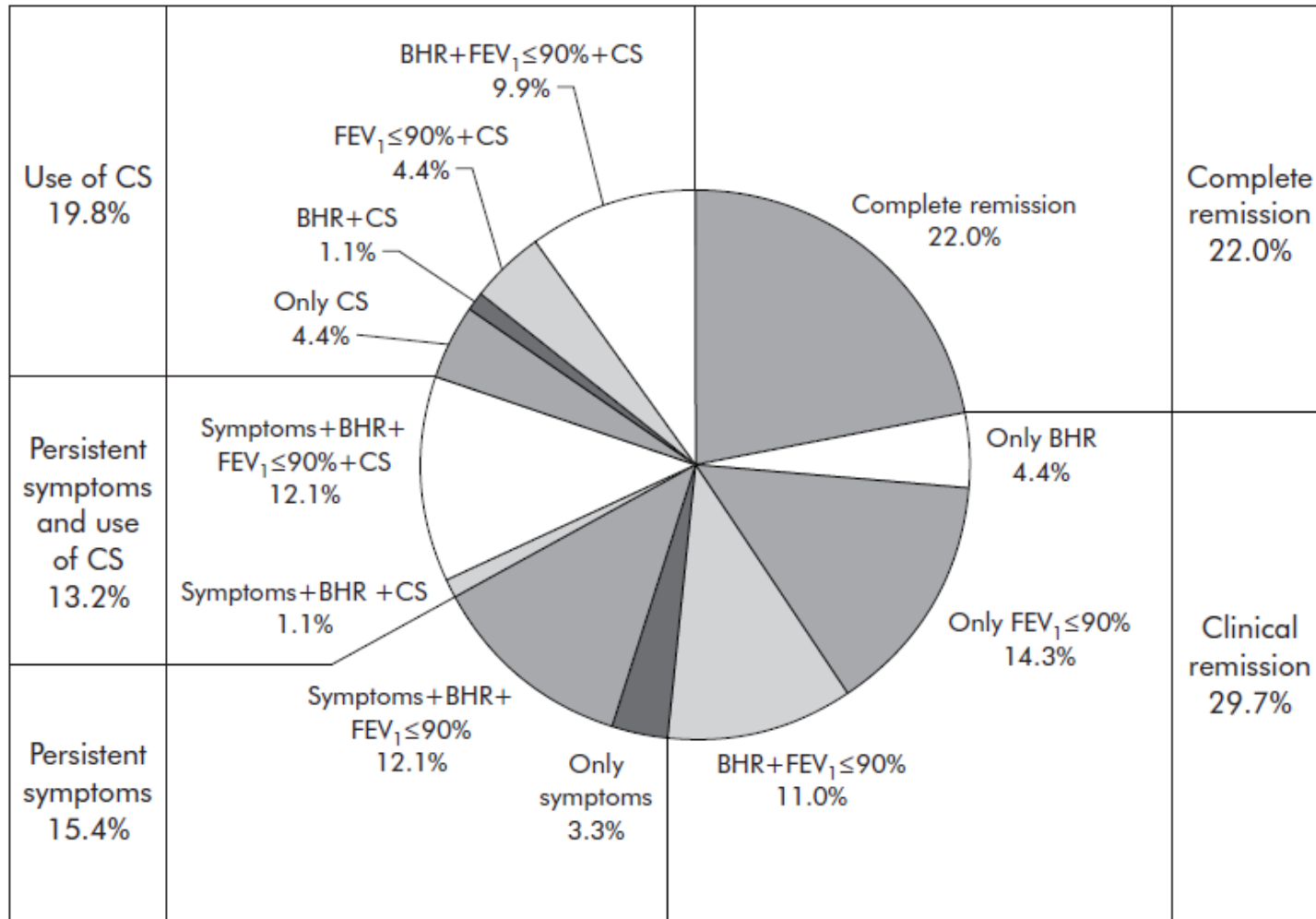
119 allergic asthmatic children
outpatient clinic of the pediatric pulmonology department of the University
Hospital of Groningen

1. 1966 ~1969 (visit 1, age 5–14 years)
2. 1983 ~1986 (visit 2, age 21–33 years)
3. 1995 and 1996 (visit 3, age 32–42 years)

Complete Remission

Sx (-), no ICS use, normal lung function ($FEV_1 > 90\%$), no BHR ($PC_{10} > 16\text{mg/ml}$)

Complete remission 22%, Clinical Remission 30%

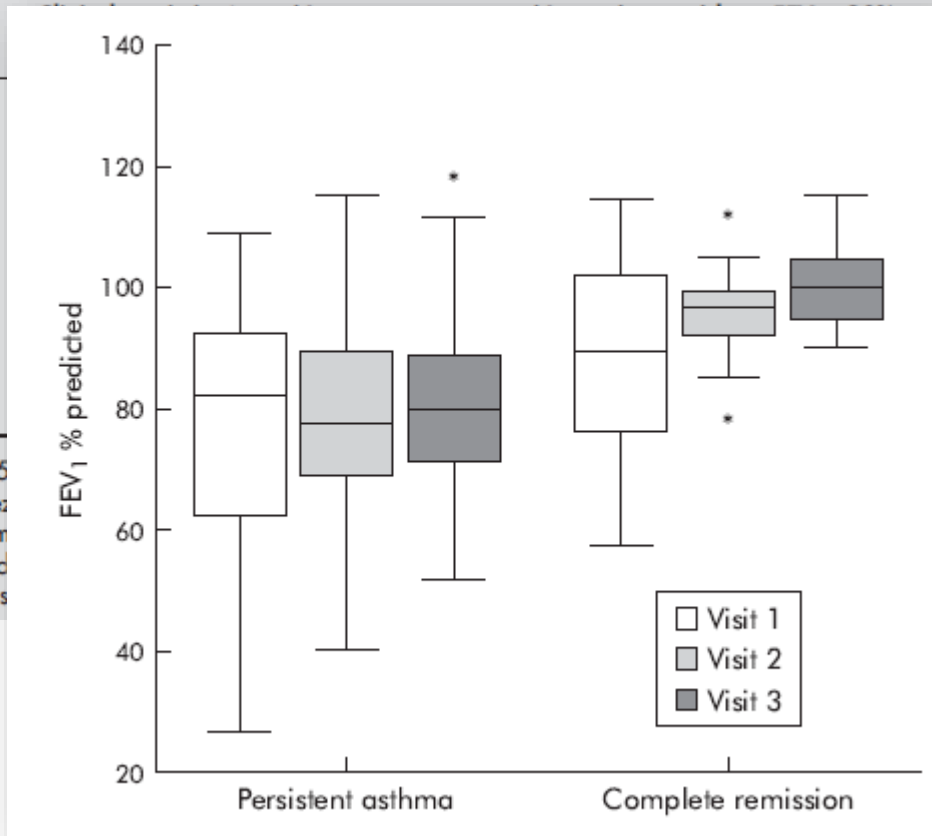


Good Lung Function and Lung Function Improvement

Table 2 Multiple logistic regression analyses on complete and clinical remission of asthma† at visit 3, on no symptoms‡ at visit 3, on no use of corticosteroids at visit 3, on FEV₁ >90% predicted at visit 3, and on no BHR at visit 3 (n=75)

	Complete remission* (n=15 v n=60)	No BHR (n=34 v n=41)
FEV ₁ % pred visit 1 (per 10%)	0.57)	0.3478) 1.85 (1.08 to 3.17)
visit 1 (per 10%)	0.51)	0.531) 1.34 (0.88 to 2.03)
FEV ₁ % pred visit 2 – visit 1 (per 10%)	0.00) 0.54) 0.19) 0.77)	0.70) 2.34 (0.67 to 8.17) 0.53) 1.00 (0.74 to 1.37) 0.86) 0.65 (0.20 to 2.13) 0.38) 0.26 (0.08 to 0.87)
Pack years visit 3	1.00 (0.94 to 1.07)	0.419) 0.83 (0.26 to 2.73) 0.07) 1.03 (0.98 to 1.09)

Values are presented as odds ratios with 95% confidence intervals.
 *Complete remission: no symptoms of wheeze or asthma at visit 3.
 †Symptoms of wheeze and/or asthma attack at visit 3.
 ‡Eosinophilia: 0–5 years: $\geq 500 \times 10^6$ cells/l.



The Melbourne Asthma Study: 1964-1999

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- Randomly selected from the Melbourne community at the age of 7 years in 1964
- These subjects have been followed prospectively at 7-year intervals, with the last review in 1999, when their average age was 42 years

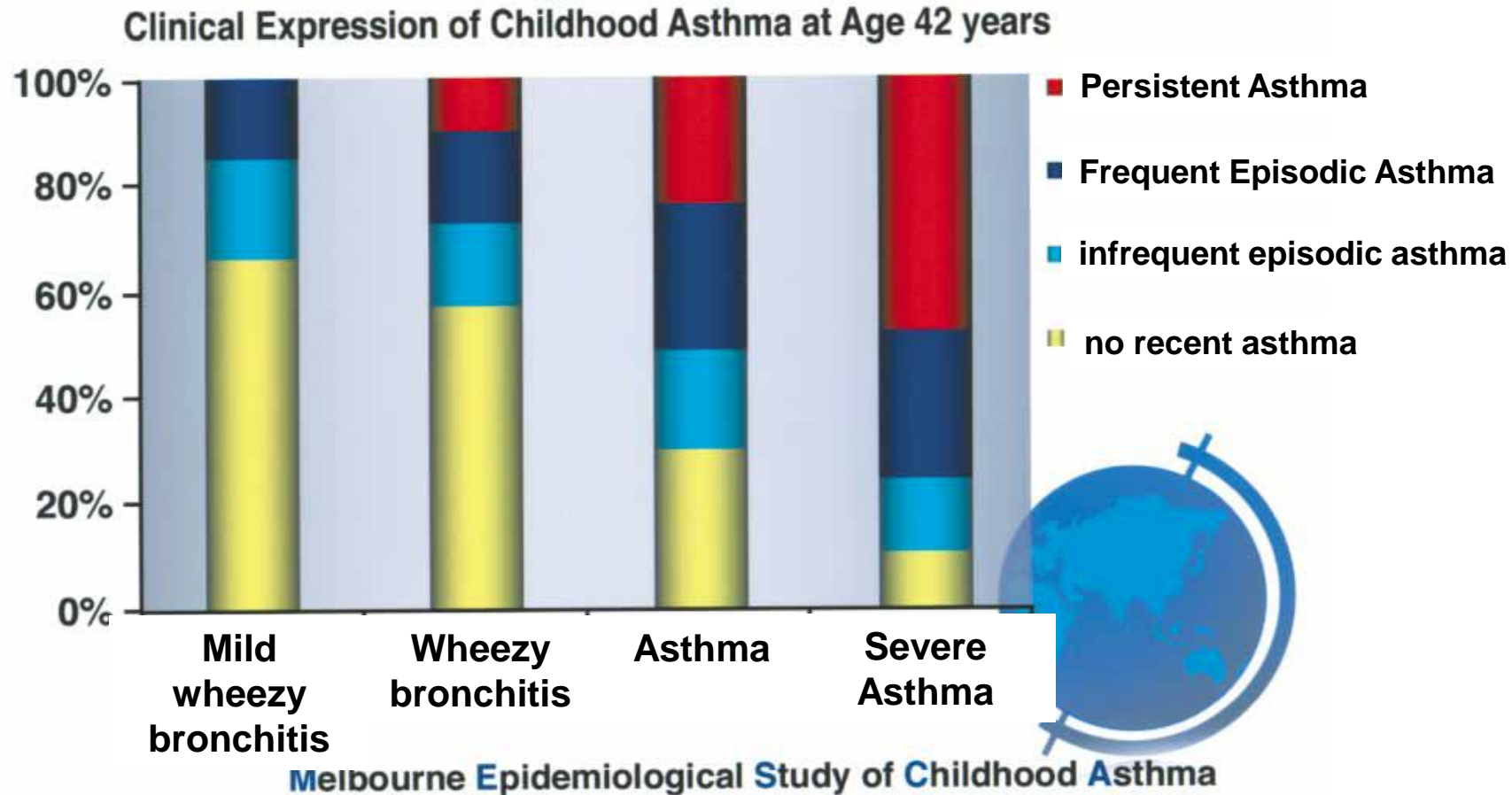


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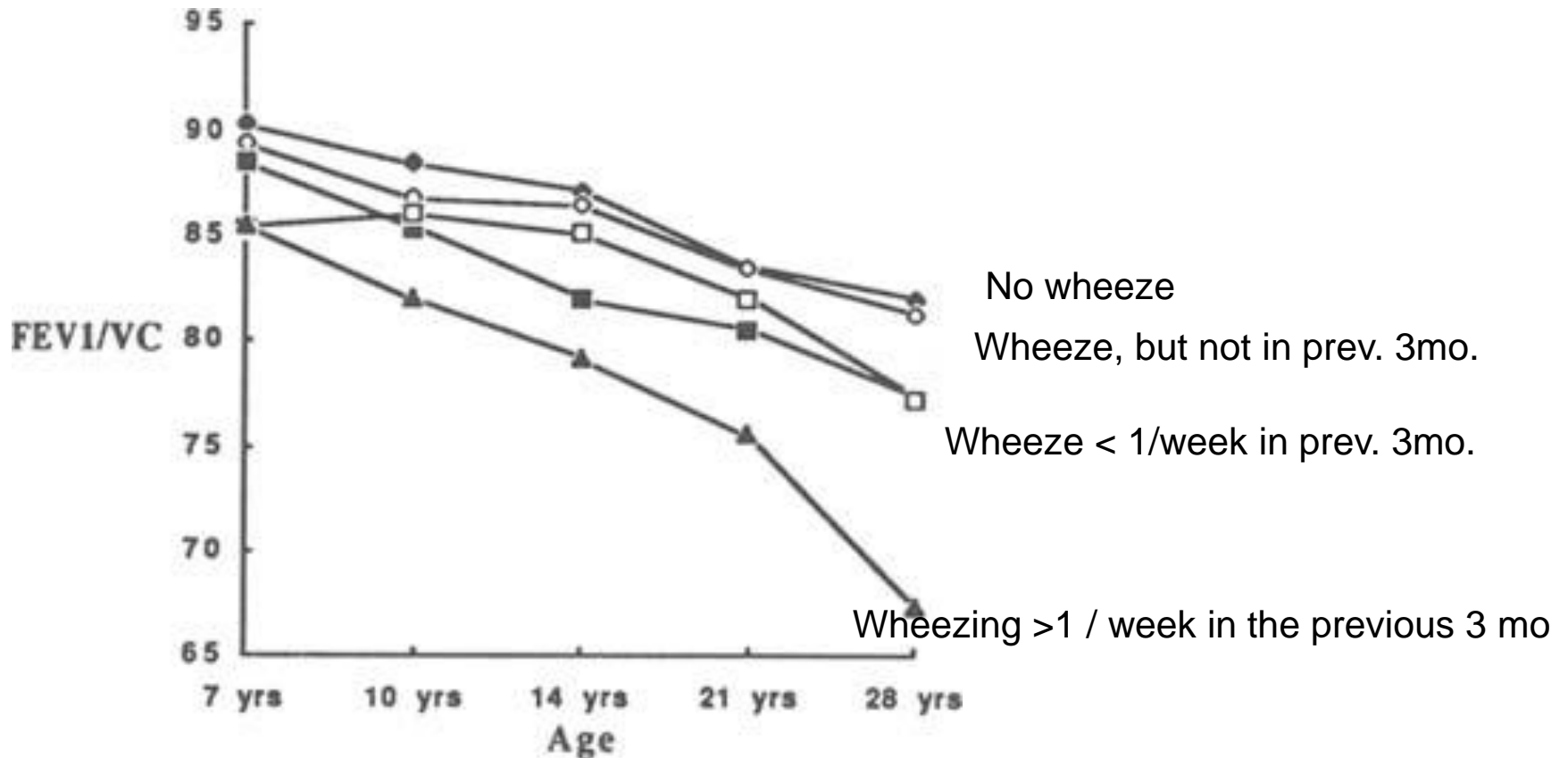
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- **Control** group: 105 children who had never wheezed;
- **Mild wheezy bronchitis** group: 74 children with fewer than 5 episodes of wheezing associated with bronchitis or respiratory tract infection;
- **Wheezy bronchitis** group: 104 children with 5 or more episodes of wheezing associated with bronchitis or respiratory tract infection;
- **Asthma** group: 113 children with wheezing unassociated with respiratory tract infection
- **Severe asthma** group: 83 children with onset of symptoms before 3 years of age, persistent symptoms at 10 years of age, barrel-chest deformity, reduction of FEV1/forced vital capacity to 50% or less, or some combination of these factors.

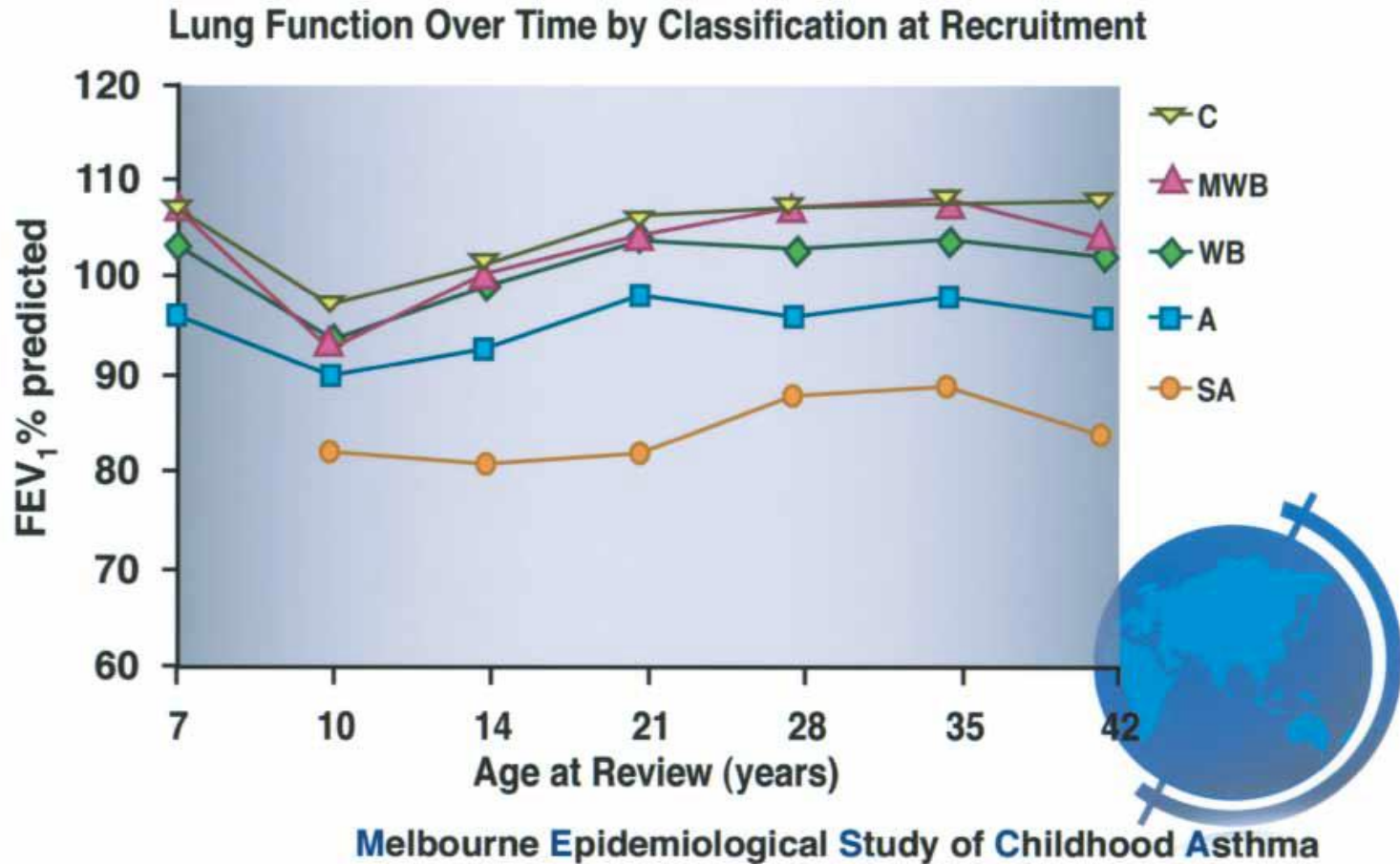
Asthma begins in the first 7 years



Melbourne study: Lung Function Decline according to wheezing frequency



Asthma begins in the first 7 years



Outcomes of childhood asthma to the age of 50 years

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A group of children with a history of wheezing

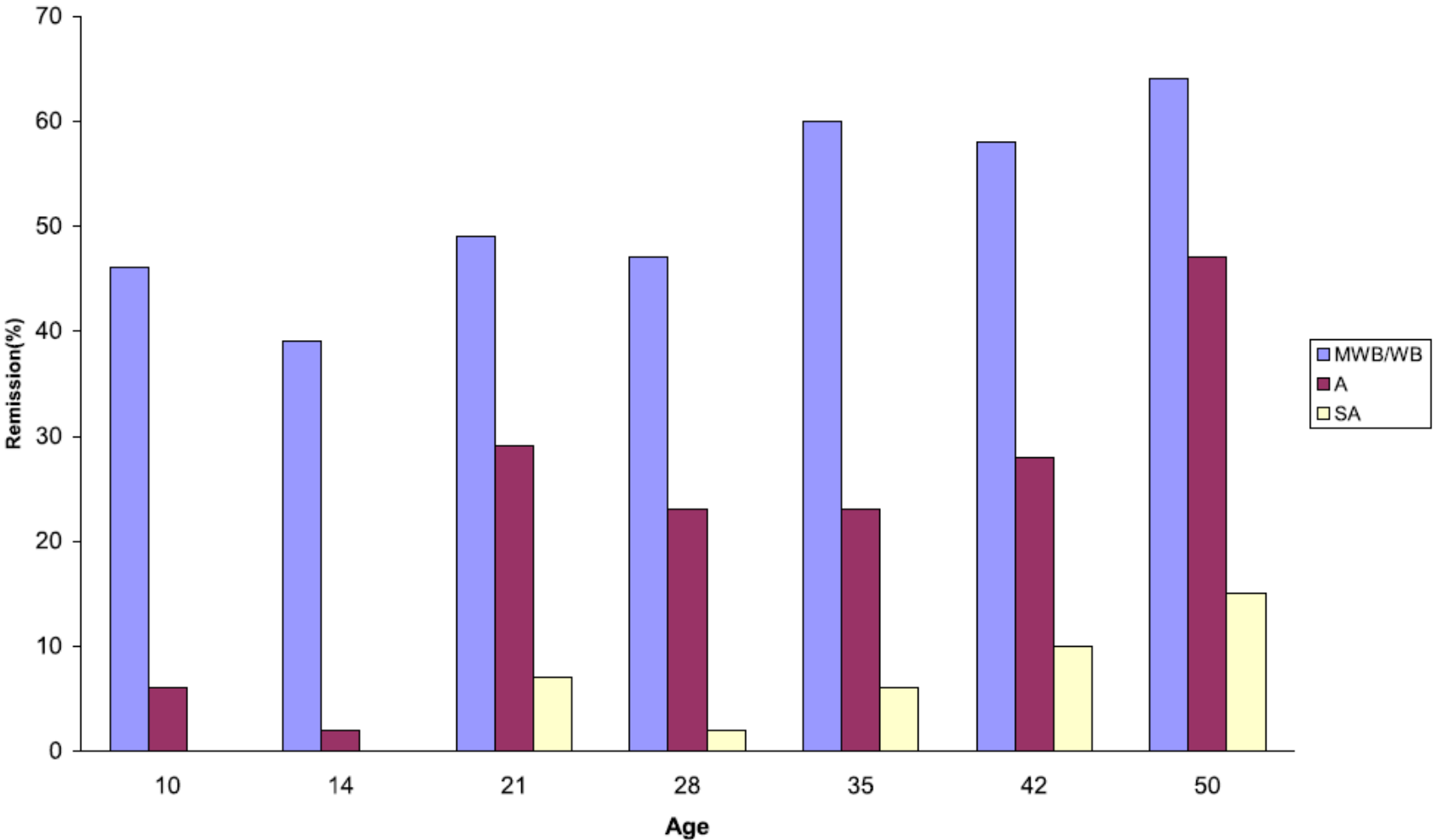
Randomly selected after a survey of 30,000 grade 2 Melbourne primary school children in 1963 to 1964 at the age of 7 years

A further group of children with severe wheezing was selected from the same birth cohort at the age of 10 years.

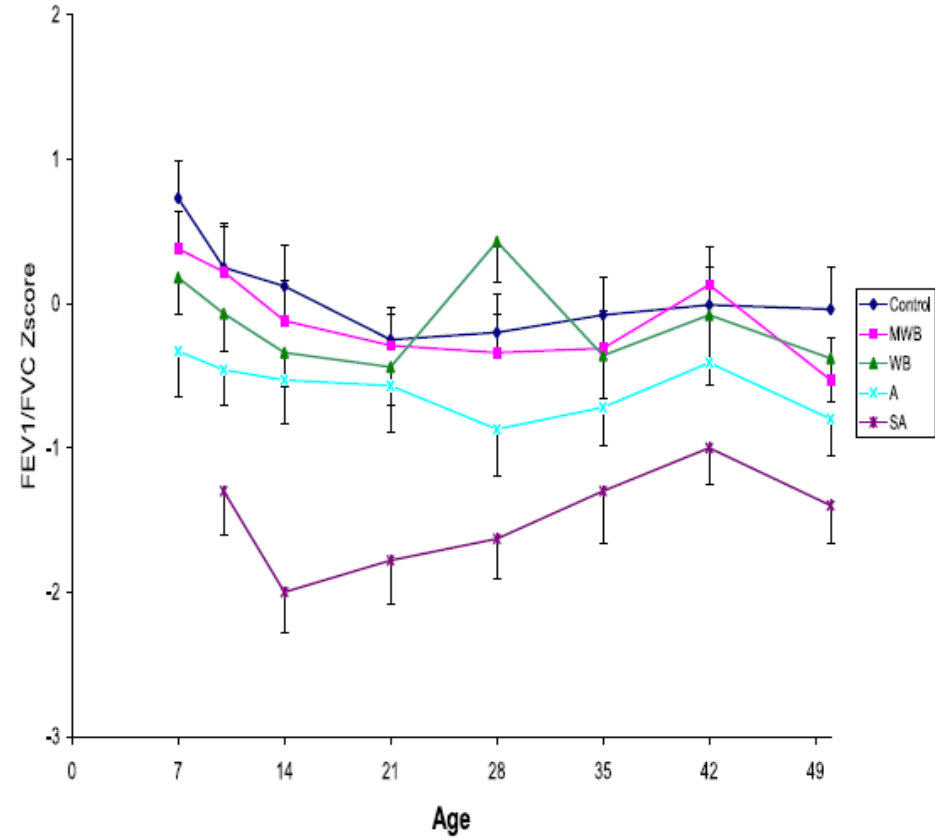
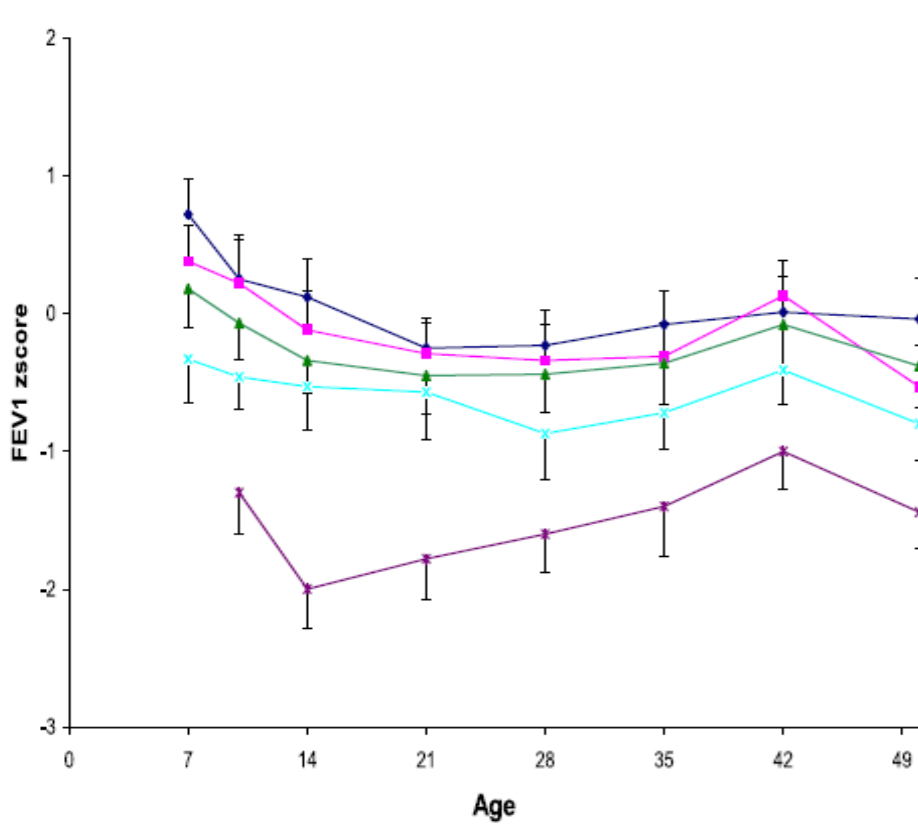
In total, 401 subjects were originally recruited and a further 83 with severe asthma were added to the group.

Reports of wheezing were collected by self report by the parent at recruitment.

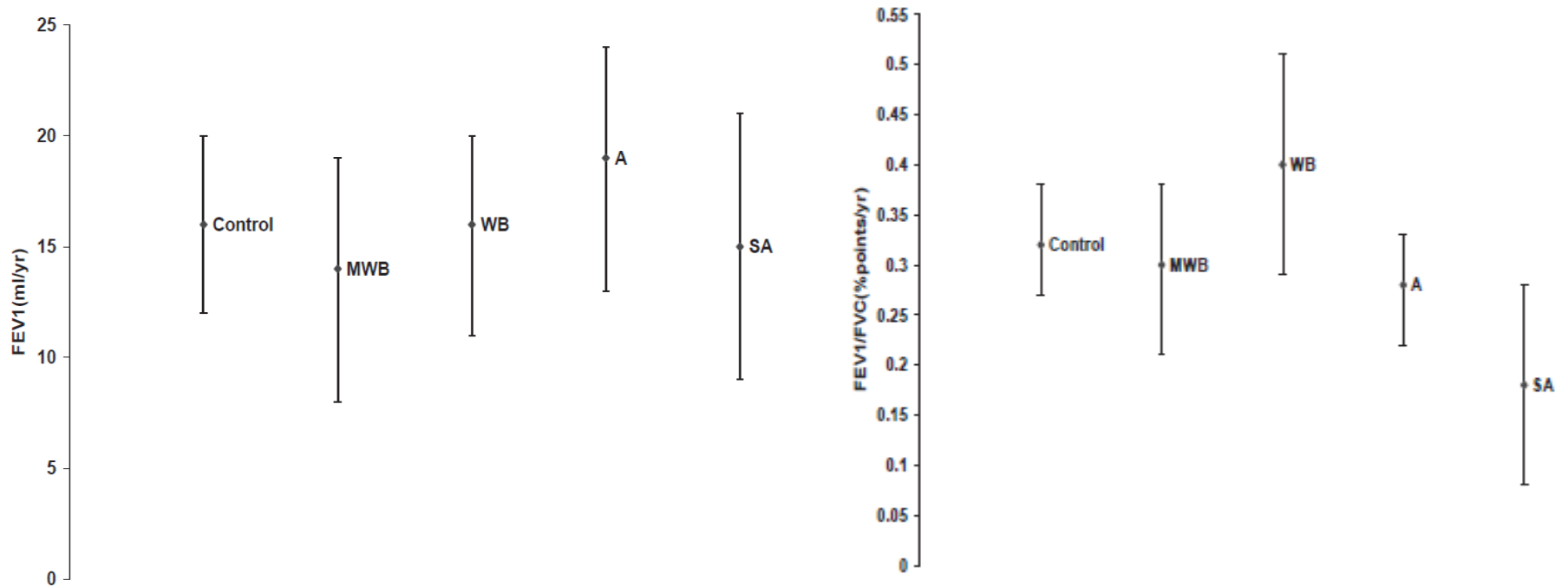
Asthma Remission according to Severity



Lung Function by Classification at recruitment



Lung Function Decline of age 21~50 years old



Mild to moderate asthma affects lung growth in children and adolescents

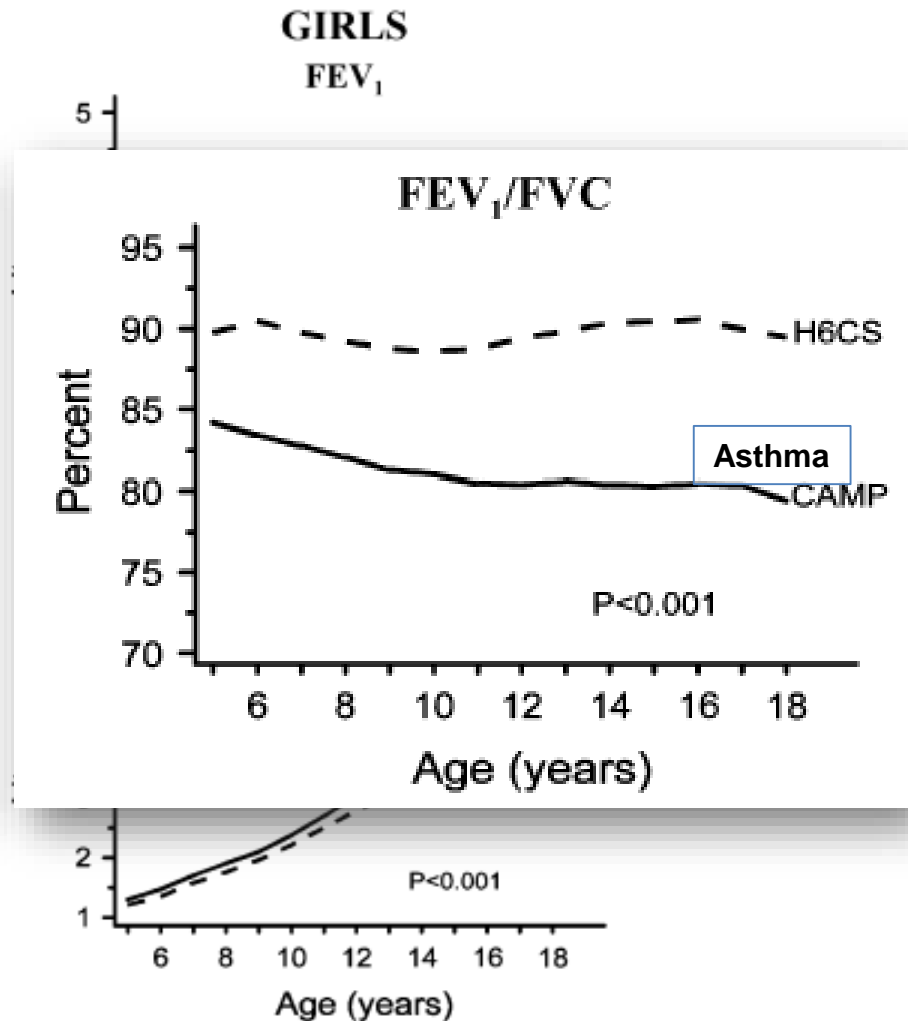
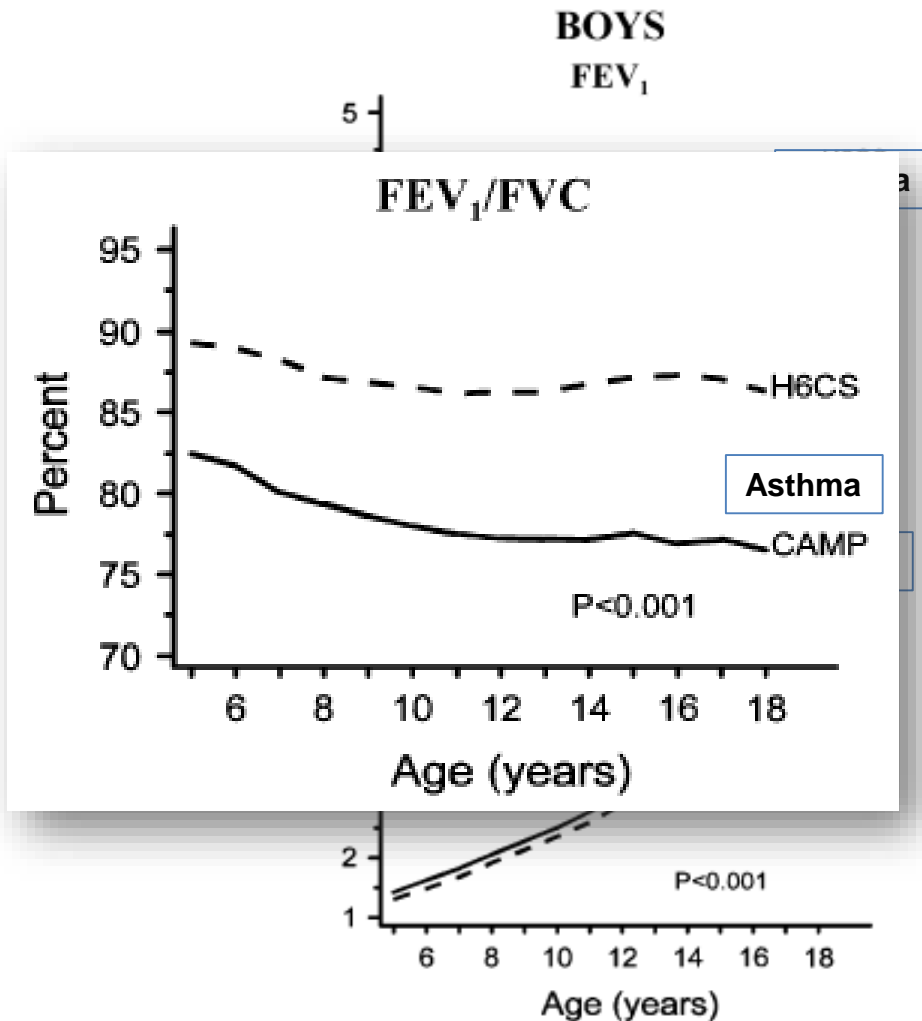
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A total of 1041 children with mild to moderate asthma from the Childhood Asthma Management Program (CAMP)

Denver, CO

5415 children without asthma from the Harvard Six Cities Study (H6CS)

Lung Function Development in mild to moderate Asthma



Participants with FEV₁/FVC < LLN

Age (y)	Boys				Girls			
	No. of tests	Percent abnormal			No. of tests	Percent abnormal		
		FEV ₁	FVC	FEV ₁ /FVC		FEV ₁	FVC	FEV ₁ /FVC
5*	127	NA	NA	NA	73	NA	NA	NA
6	391	12.0	2.6	30.7	304	10.8	1.7	33.8
7	625	15.0	3.4	35.4	406	10.1	1.5	31.3
8	867	14.3	3.3	35.2	571	10.0	1.2	32.1
9	1067	12.9	2.0	35.8	708	11.6	3.5	34.2
10	1226	14.3	1.7	37.6	807	12.1	2.9	36.2
11	1295	12.2	1.6	38.2	902	12.4	2.7	36.6
12	1321	14.2	2.0	40.1	921	13.0	1.7	44.3
13	1222	15.4	2.0	40.7	853	12.8	1.9	44.6
14	1115	17.0	2.2	43.1	771	15.8	1.8	46.4
15	967	15.5	2.1	45.5	650	14.2	2.3	46.2
16	753	17.5	2.0	48.2	526	13.5	1.9	47.5
17	577	17.0	1.2	46.1	383	14.1	1.6	46.5
18	415	18.6	0.7	51.6	299	13.0	1.3	50.8
<i>P</i> trend		.047	.085	<.001		.164	.823	<.001

Predictors of remitting, periodic, and persistent childhood asthma

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The Childhood Asthma Management Program (CAMP)
1041 children, **5 ~12 years old**, 1993 ~ 1995

4.3-year randomized, double-masked, multicenter trial in children with mild to moderate persistent asthma

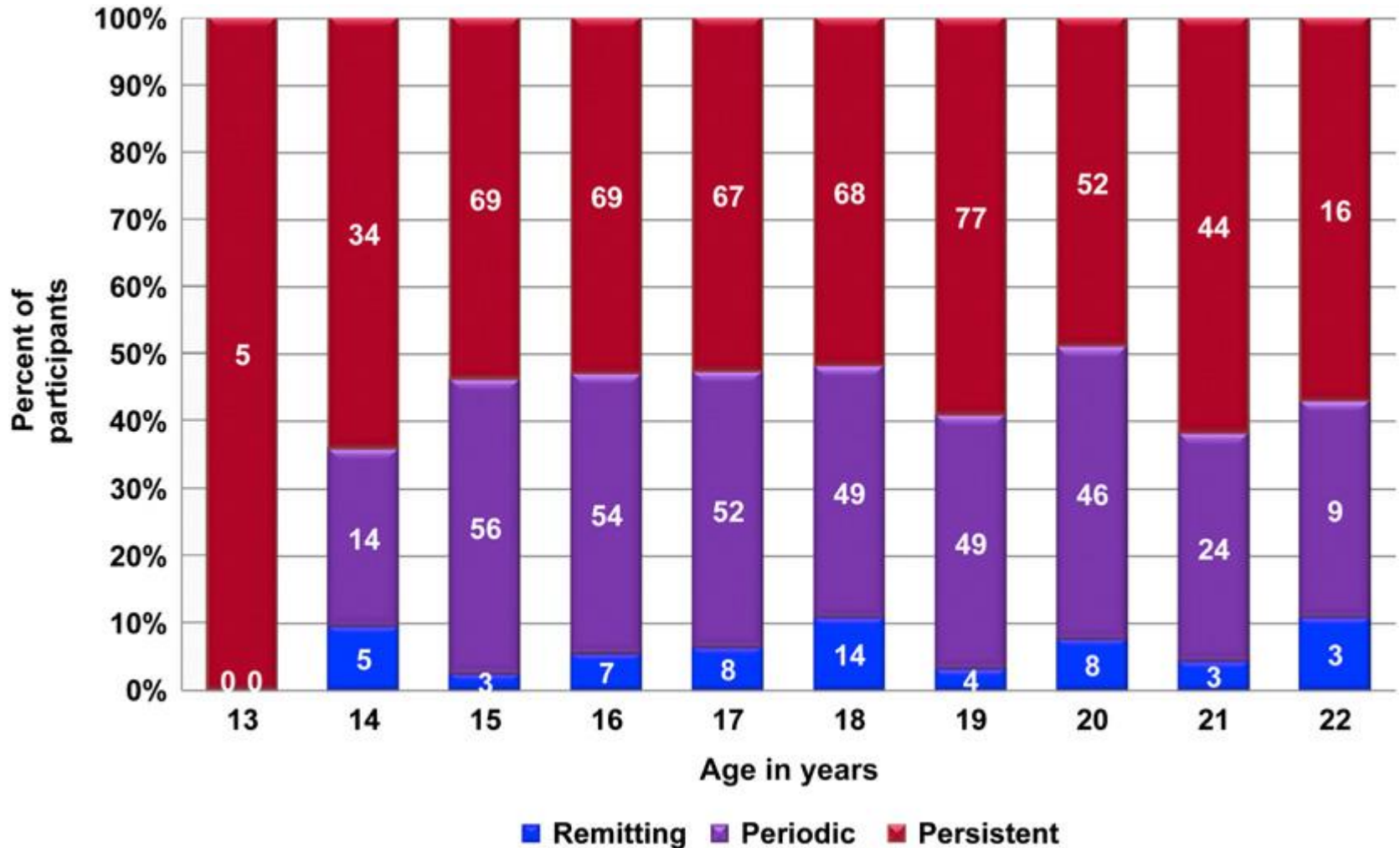
Compared continuous therapy with either budesonide or nedocromil, each to placebo, followed by a 4-year observational follow-up period

Remitting asthma: no asthma activity in the last year

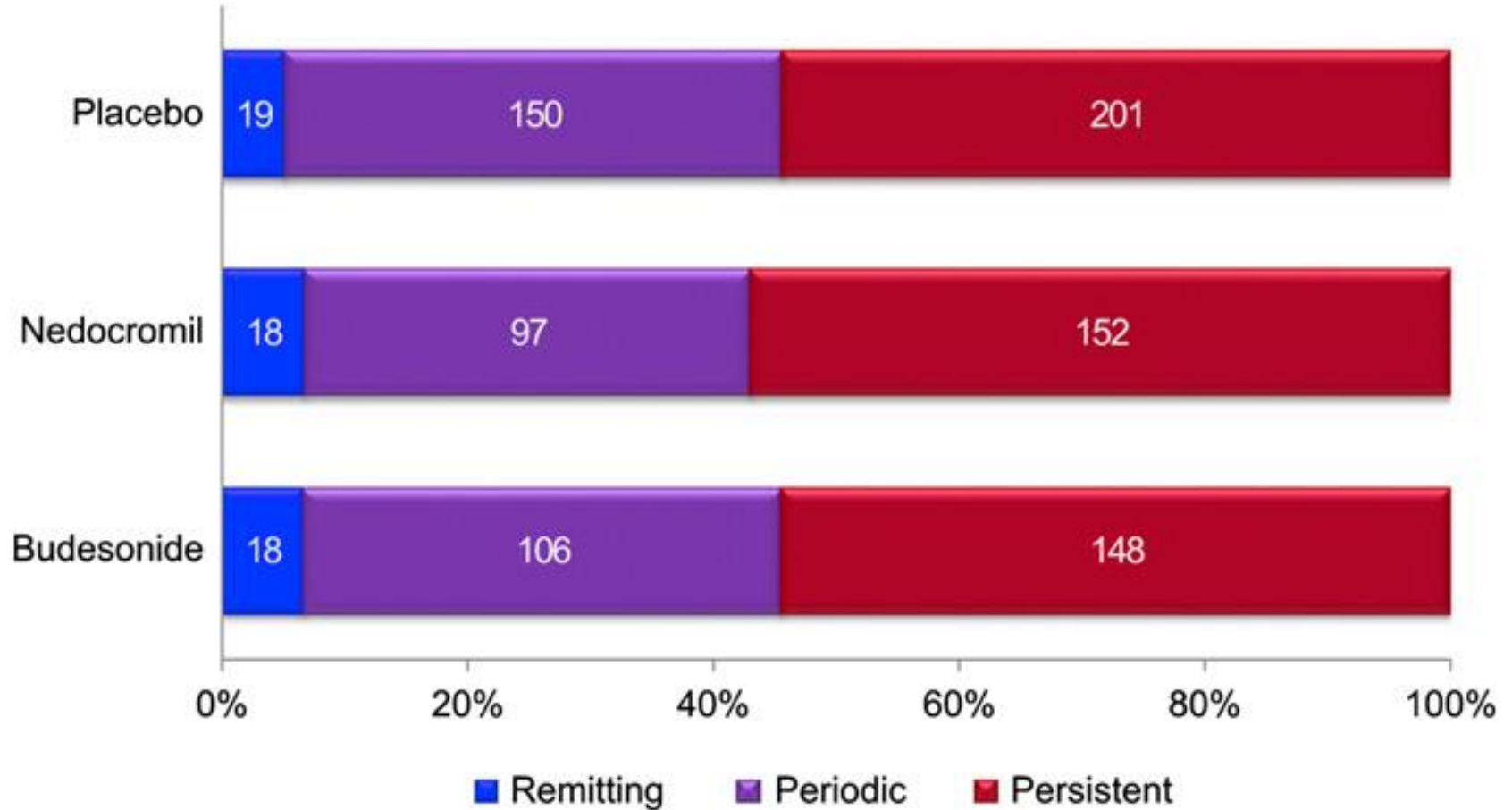
Persistent asthma: asthma activity in every quarter

Periodic asthma: neither remitting nor persistent

Complete remission is infrequent



No effect noted from earlier anti-inflammatory treatment

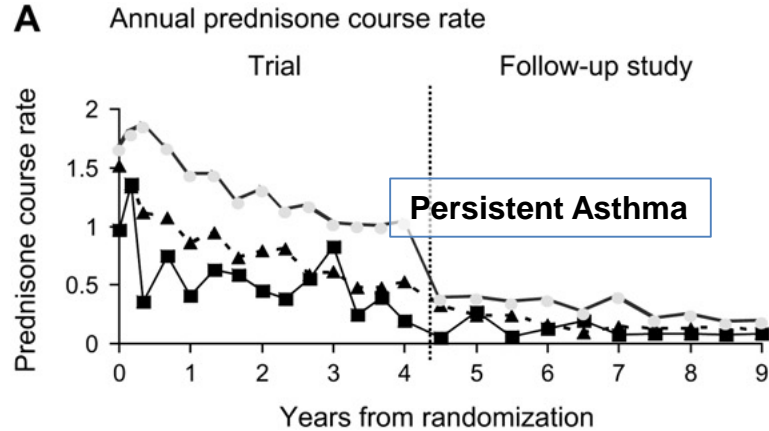


Baseline Characteristics to Progress to Persistent Asthma

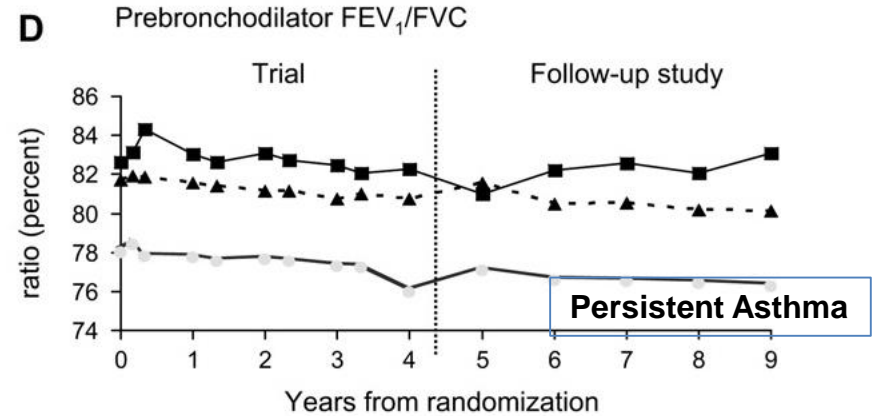
TABLE I. Comparisons of baseline characteristics of the remitting, periodic, and persistent asthma groups

	Periodic (N = 353)	Persistent (N = 501)	P value*	P value*		
				Remitting vs periodic	Remitting vs persistent	Periodic vs persistent
At least 1 positive skin test (%)	8.9 ± 2.0	8.9 ± 2.2	.84	.68	.59	.76
	61.2	59.9	.91	.93	.78	.70
	68.3	69.5	.40	.11	.15	.97
No. of positive skin tests	15.0	14.0				
	9.6	9.2				
	7.1	7.4				
Sensitive and exposed† to indoor allergens (%)	4.5 (2.7-6.4)	5.0 (3.2-6.9)	.12	.50	.84	.04
	4.0 (2.0-6.0)	3.0 (2.0-5.0)	.19	.65	.68	.07
	83.0	92.0	<.0001	.38	.001	<.0001
	4 (1-7)	5 (3-9)	<.0001	.78	.01	<.0001
	64.6	77.1	<.0001	.01	<.0001	<.0001
Eczema (%)	24.1	31.5	.02	.51	.08	.02
	51.6	53.7	.82	.87	.89	.53
	15.9	20.6	.21	1.0	.60	.08
	26.3	26.8	.77	.62	.52	.87
		25.3	.005	.69	.06	.004
			<.001	.17	.002	<.001
		210 (41.9%)				
		291 (58.1%)				
Asthma Biomarkers						
Serum IgE (ng/mL)		91.3 ± 14.4	<.0001	.82	.03	<.0001
Percent at or above median (433 ng/mL)		102.0 ± 12.9	.11	.41	.84	.04
Eosinophil count (cells/μL)		103.7 ± 13.3	.86	.59	.71	.76
Percent at or above median (400 cells/μL)		106.8 ± 12.7	.12	.63	.18	.07
		77.9 ± 8.6	<.0001	.49	<.001	<.0001
		84.4 ± 6.7	<.0001	.83	.01	<.0001
		10.4 (5.5-17.5)	<.0001	.14	<.0001	<.0001
		0.8 ± 3.1	<.0001	.29	<.0001	<.0001
	671 (267-1610)		<.0001	.43	<.001	<.0001
	61.1		<.0001	.66	<.001	<.0001
	471 (261-739)		<.0001	.92	.002	<.0001
	59.8		<.0001	.50	.001	<.0001

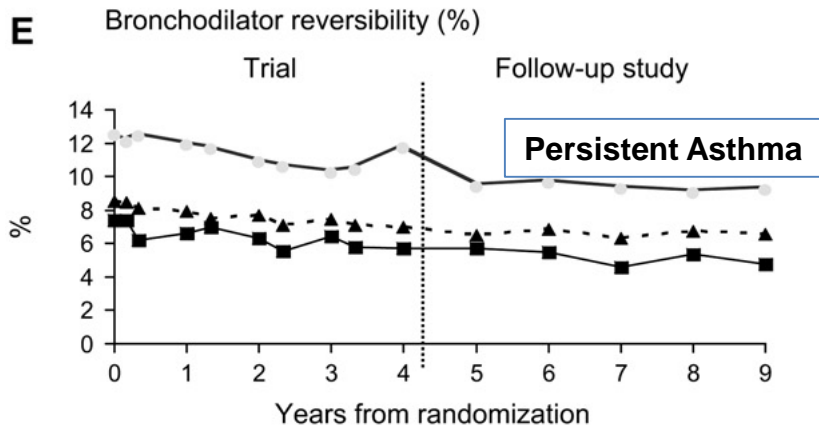
Severe Phenotype in Persistent Asthma



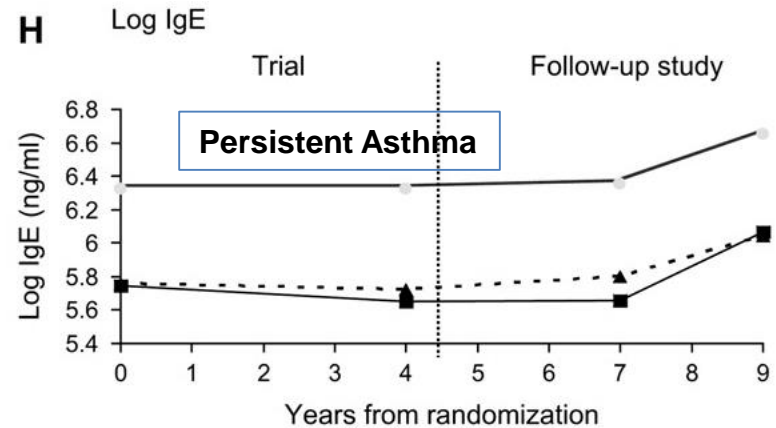
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Remitting vs Periodic: $P = .009$
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Remitting vs Periodic: $P = .05$
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Remitting vs Periodic: $P = .42$
 Remitting vs Persistent: $P = .0001$
 Periodic vs Persistent: $P < .0001$

-■- Remitting -▲- Periodic -●- Persistent

Airway Responsiveness in Mild to Moderate Childhood Asthma

Sex Influences on the Natural History

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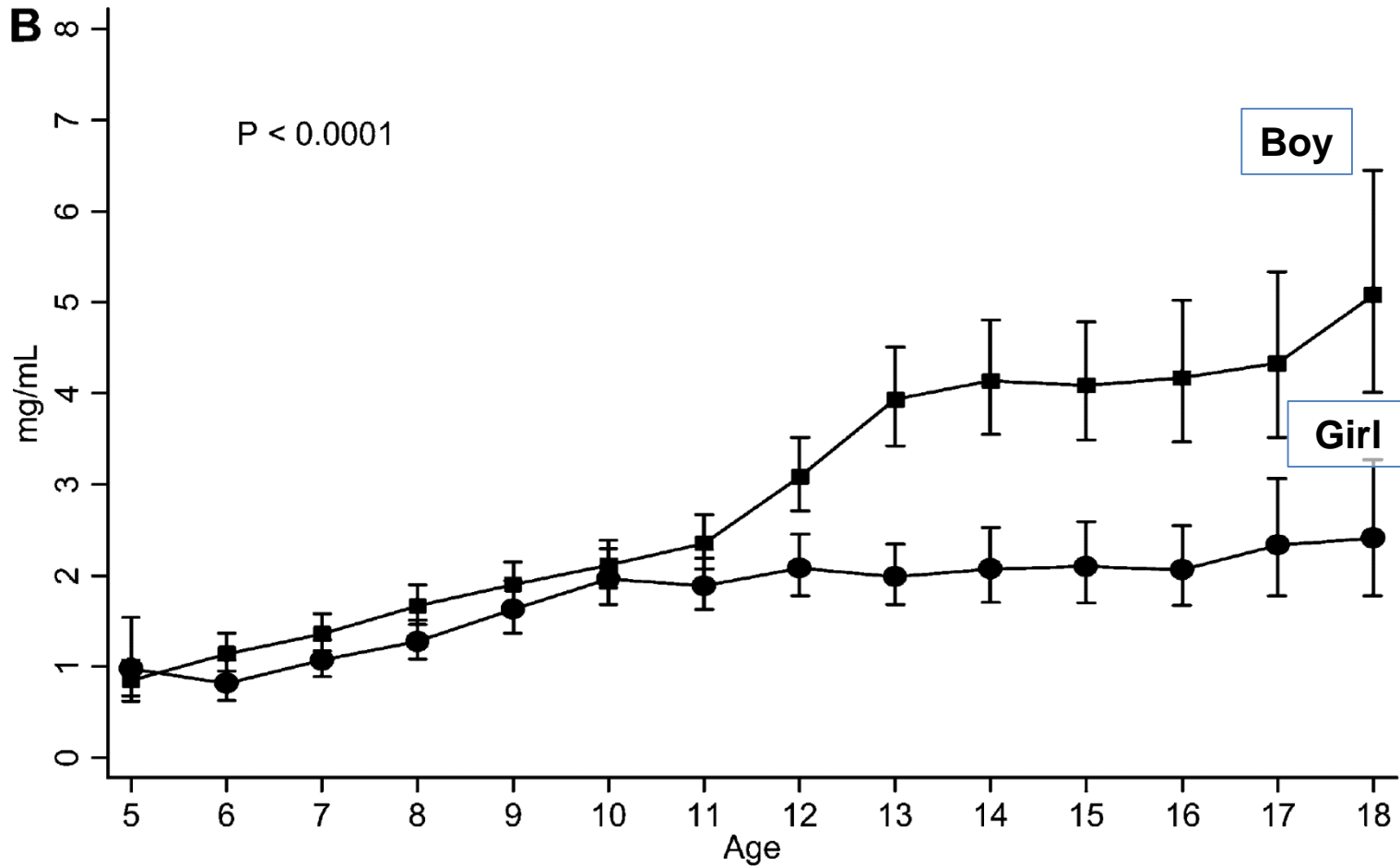
A total of 1,041 children

Aged 5–12 years

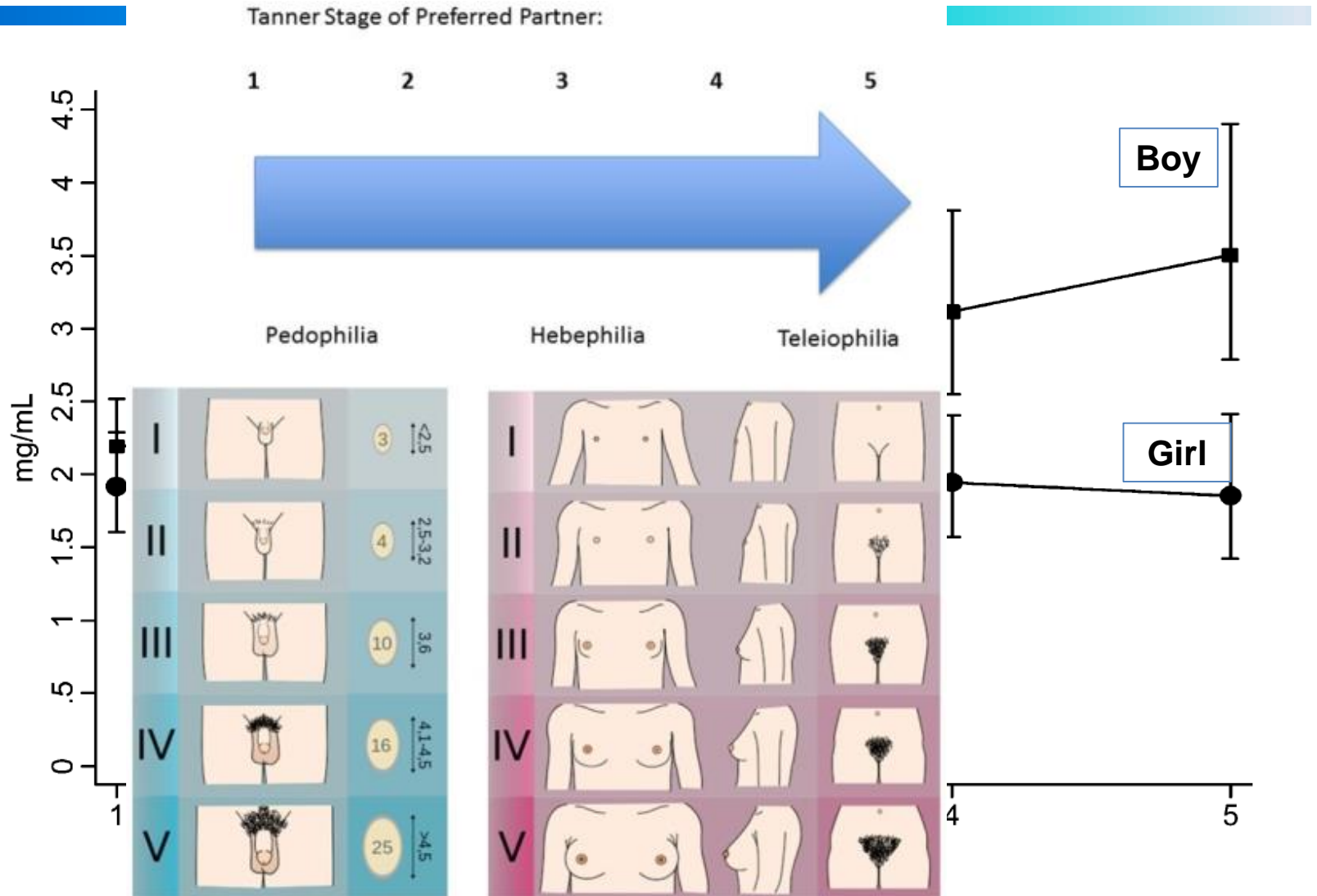
Mild to moderate persistent asthma

Enrolled in the Childhood Asthma Management Program (CAMP)

Boys have greater increase after age 11 years than girls



Postpubertal girls had greater airway responsiveness

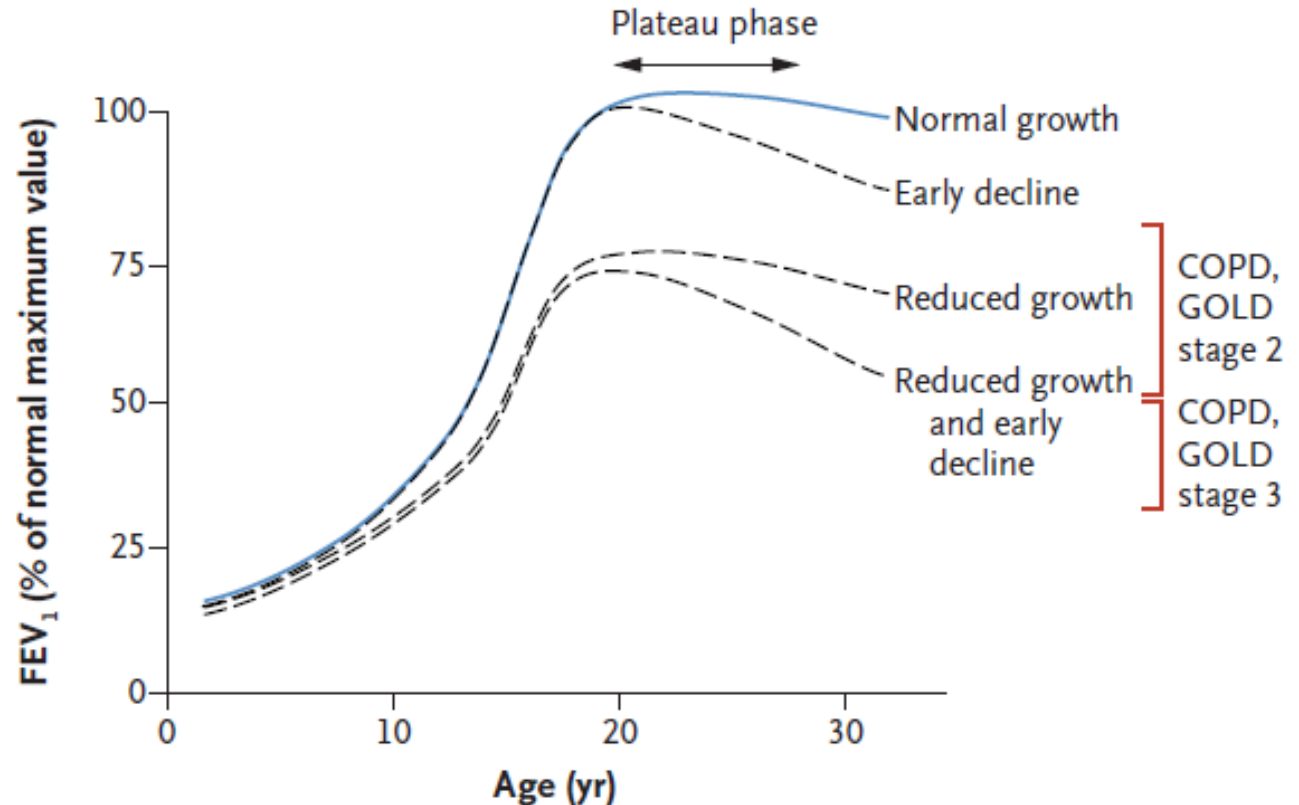


Follow-up study of CAMP: 4 trajectories

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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Follow-up study of CAMP: 4 trajectories

Characteristic	Normal Growth (N=170)	Normal Growth and Early Decline (N=178)	Reduced Growth (N=160)	Reduced Growth and Early Decline (N=176)	P Value†
Maximum lung function attained — no. (%)	45 (26)	178 (100)	30 (19)	176 (100)	<0.001
Age at maximum lung function — yr	22.3±2.2	20.6±2.2	21.9±1.7	20.6±1.8	<0.001
Plateau phase					<0.001
Plateau not attained, maximum lung function not reached — no. (%)	125 (74)	0	130 (81)	0	
No plateau, immediate decline — no. (%)	0	112 (63)	0	106 (60)	
Maximum lung function reached, plateau attained — no. (%)	45 (26)	66 (37)	30 (19)	70 (40)	
Age at plateau reached — yr	22.3±2.2	20.6±2.1	21.9±1.7	20.5±1.6	<0.001
Age at start of decline — yr	1 (1)‡	66 (37)	—	70 (40)	0.60
Age at start of decline — yr	2.0‡	1.5±0.6	—	1.8±0.9	0.03
Age at start of decline — yr	1 (1)‡	178 (100)	0	176 (100)	
Had an early decline — no. (%)	0	178 (100)	0	176 (100)	
Age at start of any decline — yr	24.0‡	21.1±2.3	—	21.3±2.0	0.46
Demographic and physical characteristics					
Sex — no. (%)	109 (64)	114 (64)	114 (71)	109 (62)	<0.001
Age at randomization — yr	11.7	11.7	9.3±1.8	9.9±1.7	0.006
Age at randomization — yr	11.7	11.7	112 (70)	106 (60)	0.04
Body-mass index at randomization — z score	0.50±0.97	0.78±0.94	0.18±1.04	0.44±1.05	<0.001
Interval between diagnosis of asthma and enrollment — no. (%)					0.003
<3 yr	50 (29)	45 (25)	31 (19)	28 (16)	
3–6 yr	85 (50)	84 (47)	81 (51)	79 (45)	
≥7 yr	35 (21)	49 (28)	48 (30)	69 (39)	
Maternal cigarette smoking during gestation — no. (%)	17 (10)	27 (15)	20 (12)	27 (15)	0.40
Lung function at randomization					
Prebronchodilator FEV ₁ — % of predicted value	100.5±13.4	99.7±12.9	87.5±12.6	83.8±12.9	<0.001
Prebronchodilator FEV ₁ :FVC — % of predicted value	81.9±6.9	81.6±7.5	76.5±7.9	76.5±8.4	<0.001
Bronchodilator response — %¶	8.9±7.8	8.2±7.8	12.7±9.9	12.4±11.3	<0.001
Airway responsiveness — log mg/ml	0.3±1.2	0.4±1.1	-0.2±1.1	-0.2±1.1	<0.001
Lifetime smoking — pack-yr**	0.5±1.5	0.4±1.4	0.4±1.1	0.5±1.5	0.97
Age and spirometry at last visit					
Age — yr	25.7±1.7	26.0±1.8	25.8±1.9	26.3±1.7	0.01
Prebronchodilator FEV ₁ — % of predicted value	104.3±7.6	97.7±9.5	87.1±7.9	79.7±10.0	<0.001
Prebronchodilator FEV ₁ :FVC — % of predicted value	80.4±6.4	78.1±7.2	73.0±8.0	71.2±9.6	<0.001

Male sex — no. (%)

Lung function at randomization

A 15-YEAR FOLLOW-UP STUDY OF VENTILATORY FUNCTION IN ADULTS WITH ASTHMA

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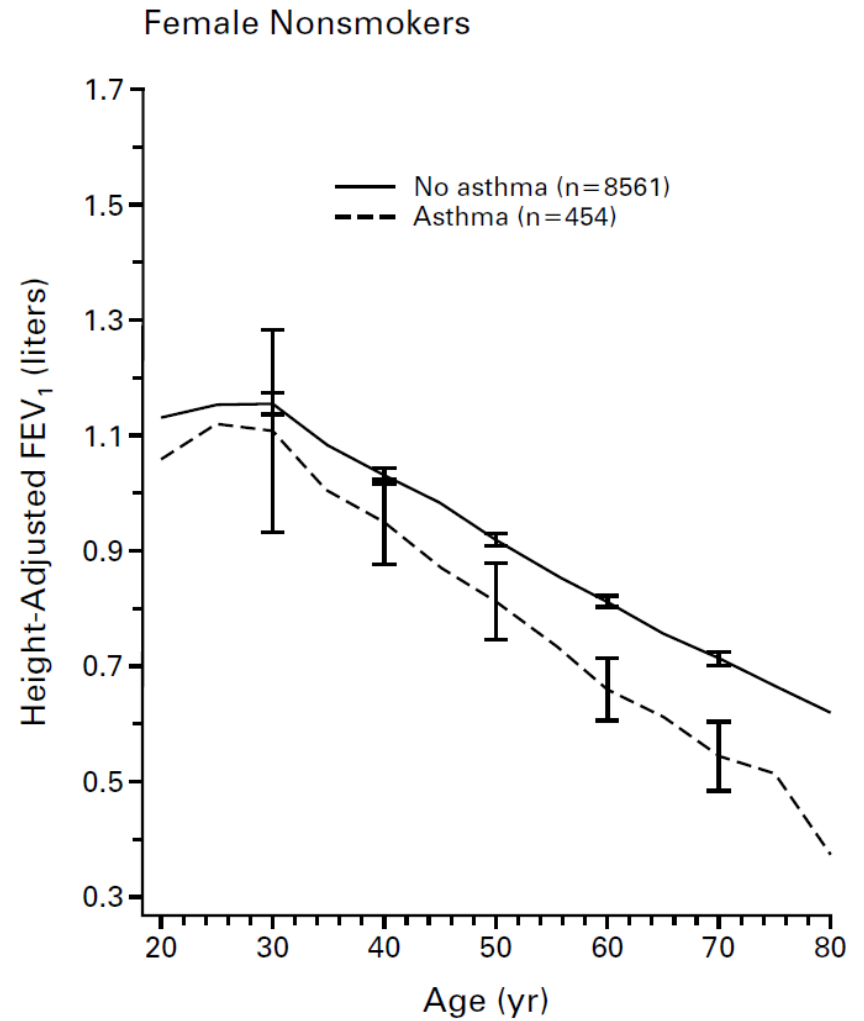
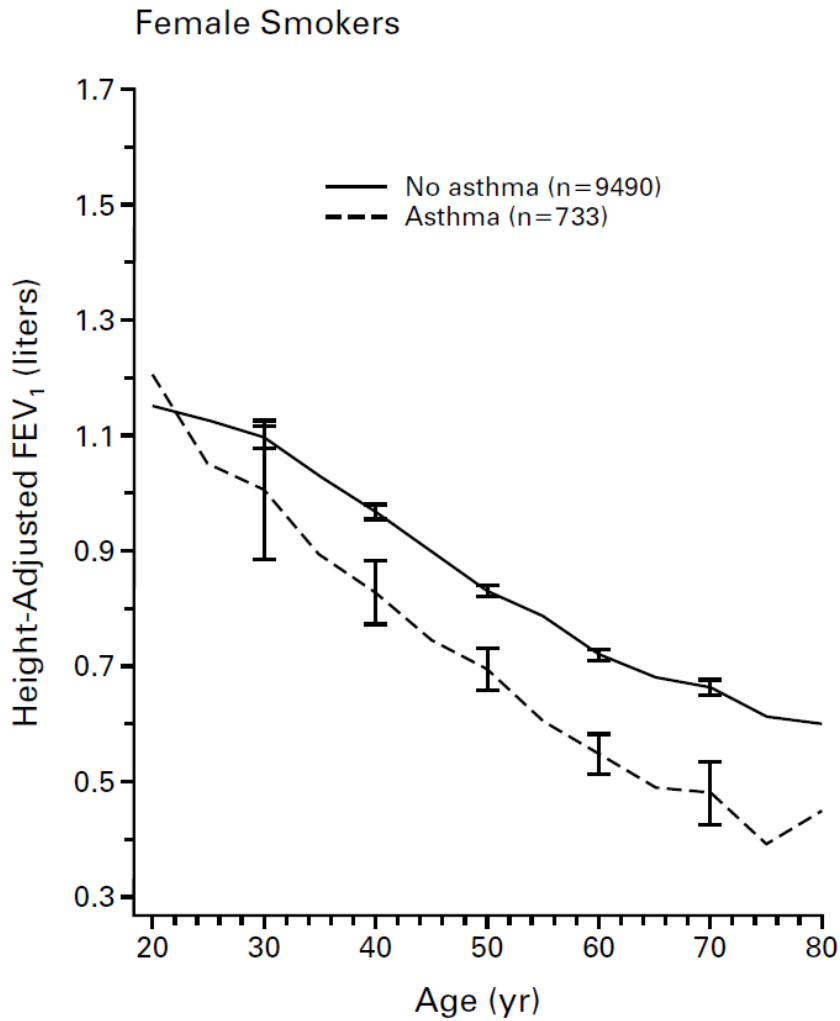
Adults with self-reported asthma and adults without asthma.

The study was conducted between 1976 and 1994

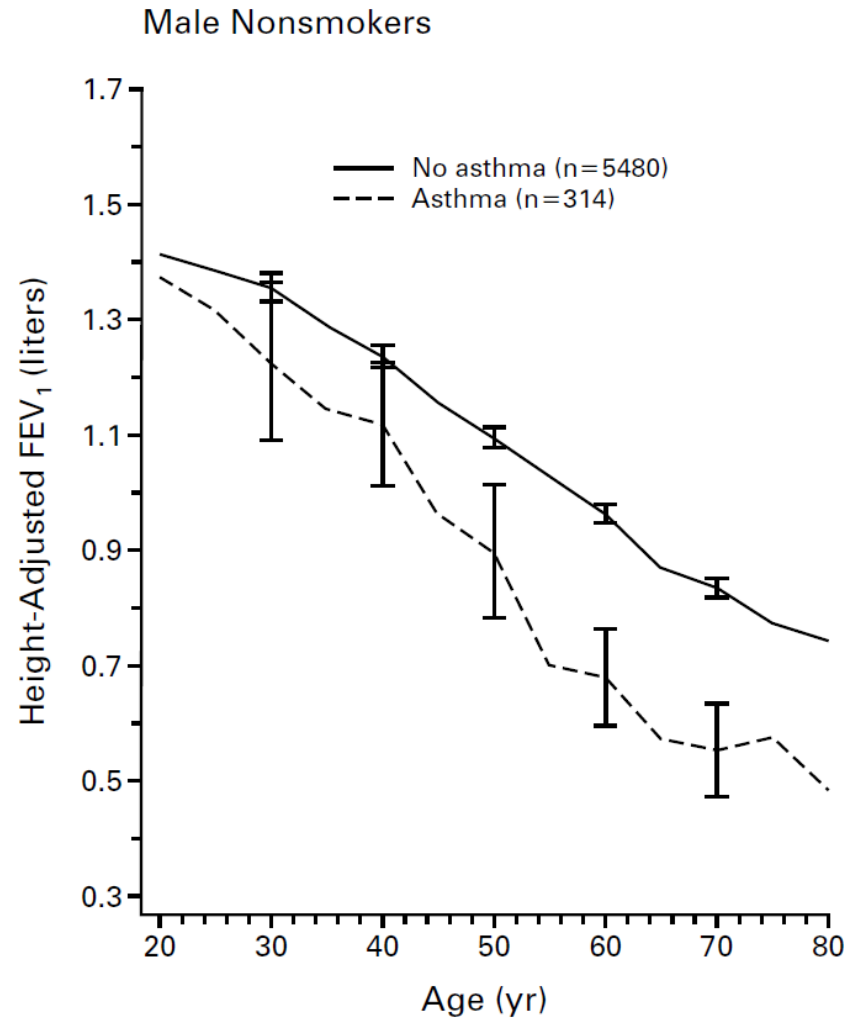
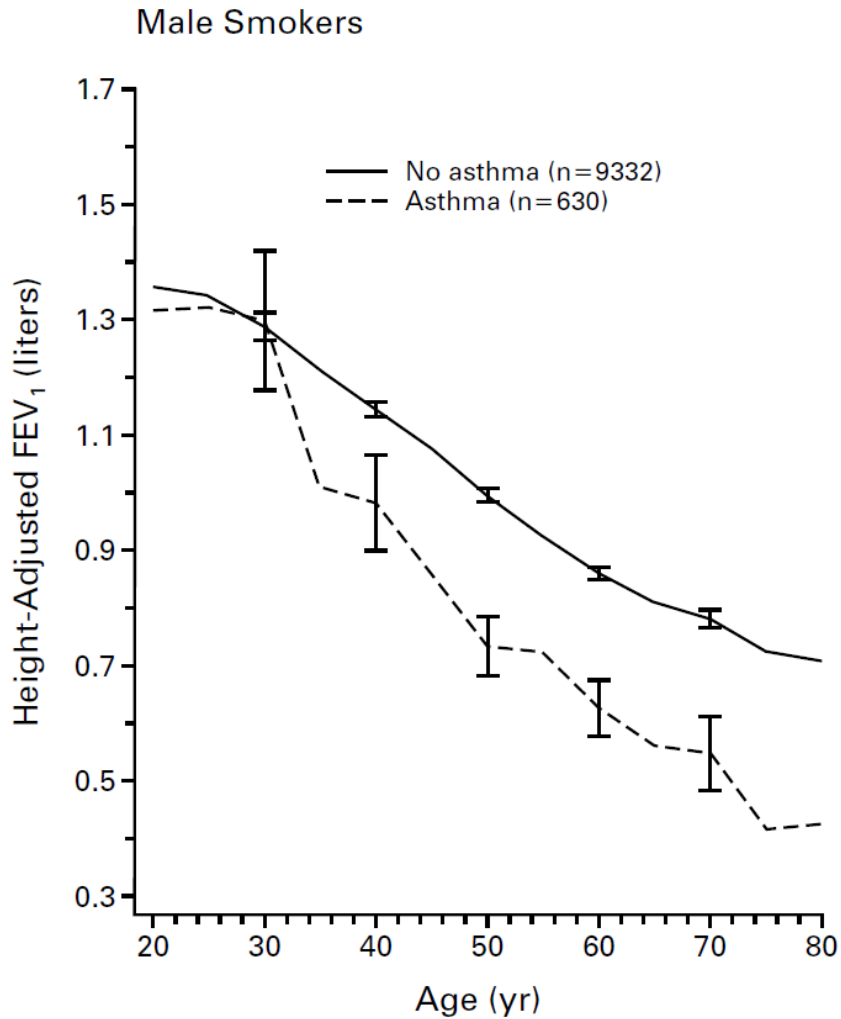
Three measurements of lung function were obtained over a 15-year period.

The final data set consisted of measurements from 17,506 subjects (8136 men and 9370 women), of whom 1095 had asthma.

Substantially greater declines in Asthma



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Summary

- Asthma phenotype was decided around 6 years old.
- Severity, Parental Asthma History and Allergic Phenotype (IgE, Skin test, Eczema) predict persistent asthma.
- Lung function cannot come into full bloom, if persists.
- No definite therapy to remit asthma.