

# IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR THE OLDER SURGICAL PATIENT: AN EVIDENCEBASED APPROACH TO FRAILTY

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# CONFLICTS AND DISCLOSURES

- ▶ None
- ▶ Acknowledgements



# OBJECTIVES

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- ▶ Review the epidemiology of our aging surgical population and impact of frailty
- ▶ Highlight evidence-based approaches to improving outcomes
- ▶ Apply these approaches across the perioperative journey



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# OUR WORKING DEFINITION

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## ► Frailty

- An aggregate expression of risk resulting from accumulation of age-, and disease-related deficits



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# OUR WORKING DEFINITION

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## ► Frailty

- An aggregate expression of risk resulting from accumulation of age-, and disease-related deficits
  - Deficits present across multiple domains
  - Decreased reserve
  - Vulnerable to stressors



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A quick trip ~10 years in  
the past...





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# Optimal Preoperative Assessment of the Geriatric Surgical Patient: A Best Practices Guideline from the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program and the American Geriatrics Society

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## **Table 1.** Checklist for the Optimal Preoperative Assessment of the Geriatric Surgical Patient

In addition to conducting a complete history and physical examination of the patient, the following assessments are strongly recommended:

- Assess the patient's **cognitive ability** and **capacity** to understand the anticipated surgery.
- Screen the patient for **depression**.
- Identify the patient's risk factors for developing postoperative **delirium**.
- Screen for **alcohol** and other **substance abuse/dependence**.
- Perform a preoperative **cardiac** evaluation according to the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association algorithm for patients undergoing noncardiac surgery.
- Identify the patient's risk factors for postoperative **pulmonary** complications and implement appropriate strategies for prevention.
- Document **functional status** and history of **falls**.
- Determine baseline **frailty** score.
- Assess patient's **nutritional status** and consider preoperative interventions if the patient is at severe nutritional risk.
- Take an accurate and detailed **medication history** and consider appropriate perioperative adjustments. Monitor for **polypharmacy**.
- Determine the patient's **treatment goals** and **expectations** in the context of the possible treatment outcomes.
- Determine patient's **family** and **social support** system.
- Order appropriate preoperative **diagnostic tests** focused on elderly patients.



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# Guidelines

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### 1 Minimum components of pre-operative geriatric assessment specific to anaesthesia.

Item	Items to be assessed	Appropriate assessment tools
Medical	Co-morbidity/severity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardiovascular</li> <li>• Respiratory</li> <li>• Haematological</li> <li>• Renal</li> <li>• Nutritional</li> <li>• Musculoskeletal</li> </ul> Previous anaesthesia Anaesthesia-specific Alcohol intake (Pain intensity) Presenting pathology	Vital signs, ECG, shuttle, CPET SpO <sub>2</sub> , (pulmonary function tests) Full blood count Urea and electrolytes, estimated glomerular filtration rate Weight, body mass index, albumin (liver function tests) Assessment of potential nerve block insertion sites
Medication	Medication review Anticoagulant therapy Relevant allergies	NSQIP pre-operative assessment Coagulation screen
Cognitive	Mental capacity Decision-making capacity Communication Risk factors for postoperative delirium	Ask 'Have you or (your carer) noticed a change in your memory?', Abbreviated mental test score Vision, hearing, speech NSQIP pre-operative assessment
Functional capacity	Gait and balance Mobility	6-metre walk Walks unaided/with stick/with frame/does not walk Housebound? (yes/no)
Use of functional aids	Visual Hearing Mobility Dentures	Glasses Hearing aids Walking stick, frame, wheelchair
Risk score	Pathology-specific <u>Frailty</u>	e.g. Nottingham Hip Fracture Score NSQIP pre-operative assessment



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Pathology-specific  
Frailty

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Pathology-specific  
Frailty

e.g. Nottingham Hip Fracture Score  
NSQIP pre-operative assessment



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Review Article

## CLINICAL PRACTICE

# A systematic review of perioperative clinical practice guidelines for care of older adults living with frailty

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Perform multidimensional frailty assessment [Strong Evidence]



# PREOPERATIVE FRAILTY ASSESSMENT

- ▶ For the past 8 to 12 years
  - Clear guidance provided to assess frailty in ALL older patients



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- ▶ Even in 2024
  - This RARELY happens
- ▶ Implications...



# ~10+ YEARS OF PERIOPERATIVE CARE



2012		August				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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# 2012 TO 2024

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- ▶ BIG PICTURE:
- ▶ ~33 million surgeries for older Americans
  - ~13 million with frailty



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# FRAILITY AS A PREDICTOR OF MORBIDITY & MORTALITY



- ▶ Mortality
  - Adjusted 2-fold increase
  - ~1.5% to ~3%
    - 30 days



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# FRAILITY AS A PREDICTOR OF MORBIDITY & MORTALITY



- ▶ Mortality
- ▶ Morbidity
  - Adjusted 2-fold increase
  - ~25% to ~50%
    - In-hospital/30 days



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# POPULATION LEVEL 2012024



- ▶ Deaths: 200,000
- ▶ Complications: 3,300,000



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# FRAILITY AND RESOURCE USE

- ▶ Length of stay
  - 1.5-fold increase
  - \$12,000 extra per case





# POPULATION LEVEL 2012 TO 2024

## ▶ FRAILTY-ATTRIBUTABLE RESOURCE USE

33 million bed days

- \$150 billion



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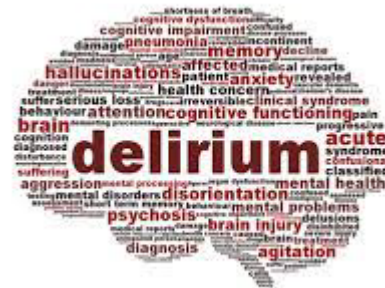
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# PHYSICAL AND COGNITIVE FUNCTION

- ▶ Patient-reported disability
  - 2-fold increase
  
- ▶ Delirium
  - 4-fold increase



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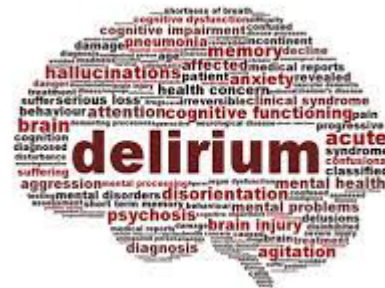
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# POPULATION LEVEL 2012 TO 2024

## ▶ FRAILTY-ATTRIBUTABLE RECOVERY

- ~1,300,000 new cases of patient reported disability
- ~4,000,000 more cases of delirium



**SO... WHAT CAN  
PERIOPERATIVE  
PHYSICIANS DO  
DIFFERENTLY NEXT  
WEEK?**



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▶ 1<sup>st</sup> ...

▶ Let's think about Ida



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▶ 1<sup>st</sup> ...

▶ Let's think about Ida

- And how frailty assessment can help us to optimize her care ...



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## IDA

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- Lower limb bypass planned in 6 weeks
  - Severe claudication



# IDA

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- ▶ 84 y.o. female
- ▶ PMHx
  - Atrial fibrillation
  - HF, preserved ejection fraction
  - Diabetes, type 2
  - HTN
  - GERD
  - Osteoarthritis
  - Osteoporosis
  - Anxiety
- ▶ PSHx
  - Partial gastrectomy
  - Open cholecystectomy
- ▶ PAHx
  - No issues with GA or RA





# IDA

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▶ 84 y.o. female

▶ Meds

- Rivaroxaban
- ASA
- Metformin
- Long acting and correction insulin
- Metoprolol
- Ramipril
- Pantoprazole
- Acetaminophen
- Risedronate
- Vit D and calcium
- Citalopram



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# IDA

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- ▶ 84 y.o. female
- ▶ Allied health
  - Lives in a retirement home
  - Independent in IADLs
  - Needs some help with bathing
  - Uses a walker



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# HOW DO WE SUM THIS UP?



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# HOW DO WE SUM THIS UP?

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- ▶ American Society of Anesthesiologists' Physical Status Score
  - IV?



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# HOW DO WE SUM THIS UP?

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- ▶ American Society of Anesthesiologists' Physical Status Score
  - IV?
  
- ▶ Revised Cardiac Risk Index
  - 2 (>10% risk of death, MI, cardiac arrest)



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# DOES FRAILITY IMPROVE RISK STRATIFICATION?



## Surgical Outcome Risk Tool (SORT)



**Surgical Risk  
Calculator**



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- ▶ Age, Sex, ASA, Procedure *vs* Age, Sex, ASA, Procedure + Frailty



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  - Discrimination (AUC)



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- ▶ Age, Sex, ASA, Procedure + Frailty
  - 1-7% increase in discrimination (death or disability)
  - 2-8% increase in discrimination (nursing home)



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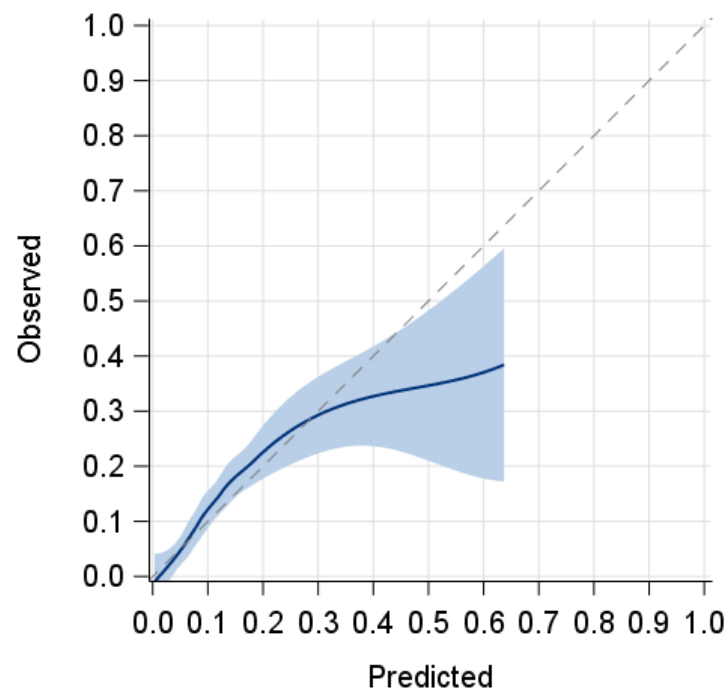
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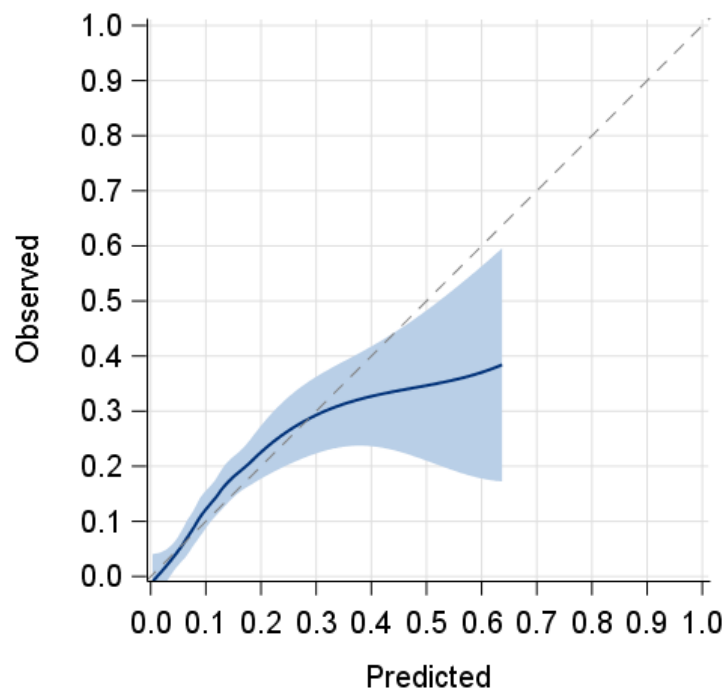
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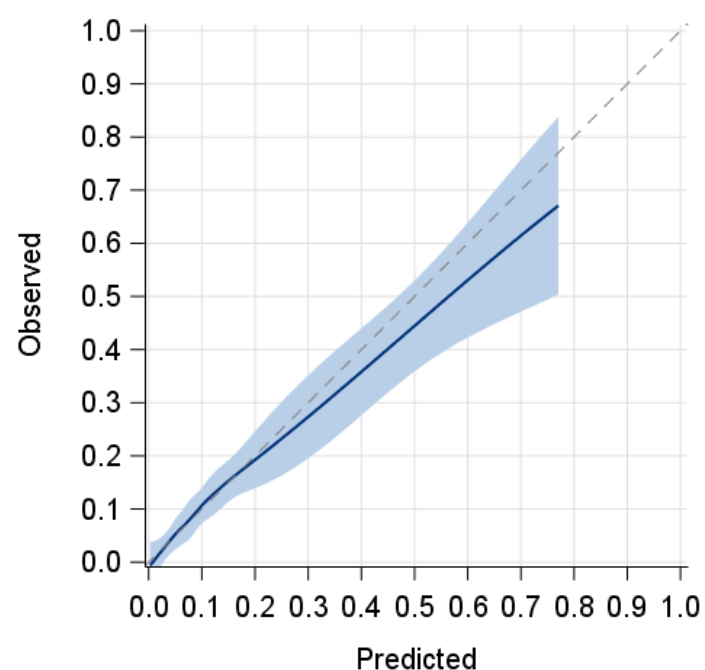
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## ► Age, Sex, ASA, Procedure + Frailty



ORIGINAL CLINICAL RESEARCH REPORT

# A Bayesian Comparison of Frailty Instruments in Noncardiac Surgery: A Cohort Study

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# FRAILITY AND THE UNIVERSAL RISK CALCULATOR

- ▶ NSQIP risk calculator vs NSQIP risk calculator + Frailty (RAI)
  - 30-day mortality
    - >1000x more likely that accuracy is improved



**Surgical Risk  
Calculator**

+



Multidimensional



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## IDA'S GOALS

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- Walk to retirement home dining hall
- Walk outside with friends and family
- Less pain/fewer ulcers



# LONG TERM FUNCTIONAL OUTCOMES



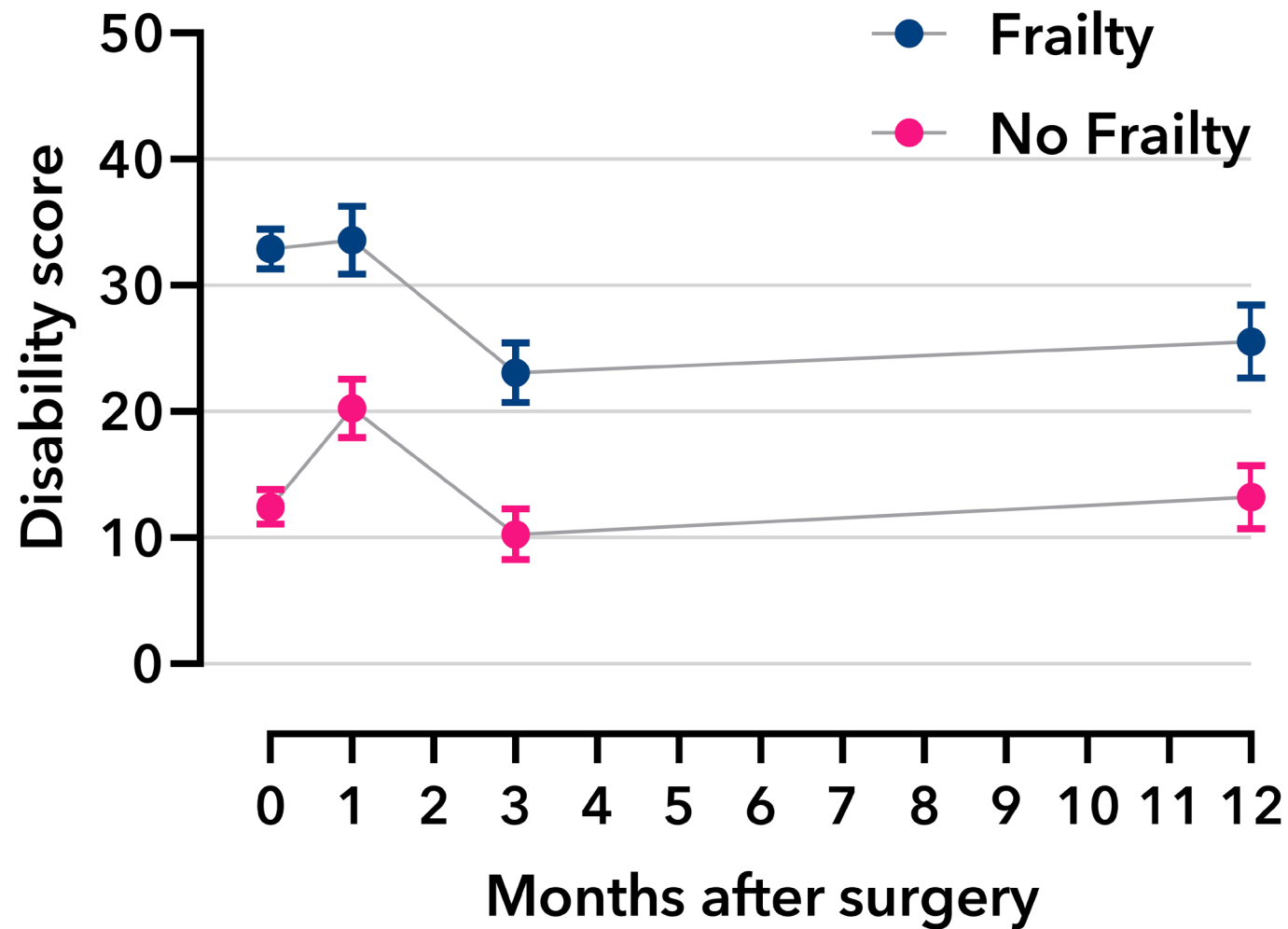
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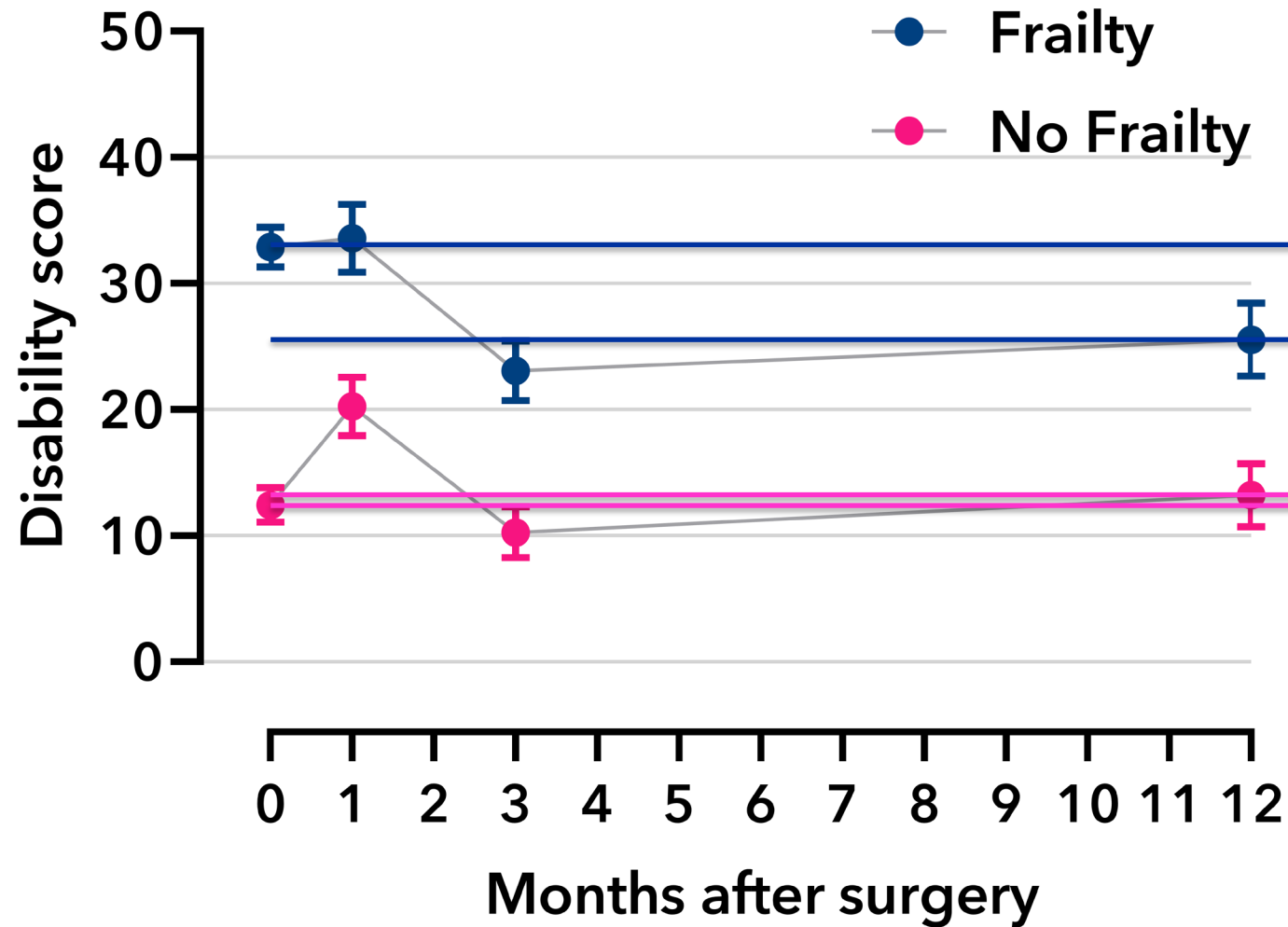


# LONG TERM FUNCTIONAL OUTCOMES





# LONG TERM FUNCTIONAL OUTCOMES



**FRAILITY=**  
**GREATER DECREASE**  
**in disability from baseline**

Adj mean difference  
-8.1 points,  $P < 0.001$

# BENEFITS OF FRAILTY ASSESSMENT

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- ▶ More accurate prognostication of outcomes that...
  - Your patients
  - Your colleagues
  - Your health system

...care about



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# BENEFITS OF FRAILTY ASSESSMENT

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...care about

AND

Identifies patients who *maybe* more likely to benefit from surgery



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# EFFICIENT AND EVIDENCE-BASED FRAILTY ASSESSMENT

## Fried Phenotype



**Resources:** • Hand-held dynamometer • Activity questionnaire  
• Space and timer for a 15-foot walk

## Frailty Index



**Resources:** Does not require extra space or instruments

## Clinical Frailty Scale



**Resources:** Does not require extra space or instruments

## Edmonton Frail Scale



**Resources:** Paper, pen, and assessor needed for clock draw test, space and chair for timed up and go

## Risk Analysis Index



**Resources:** Does not require extra space or instruments

# ANESTHESIOLOGY

## Accuracy and Feasibility of Clinically Applied Frailty Instruments before Surgery

A Systematic Review and  
Meta-analysis

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- ▶ 70 studies
- ▶ 35 Frailty instruments
  - Fried Phenotype
  - Frailty Index
  - Clinical Frailty Scale
  - Edmonton Frail Scale
  - Risk Analysis Index



# CLINICAL FRAILTY SCALE

	<b>1</b>	<b>VERY FIT</b>	People who are robust, active, energetic and motivated. They tend to exercise regularly and are among the fittest for their age.
	<b>2</b>	<b>FIT</b>	People who have <b>no active disease symptoms</b> but are less fit than category 1. Often, they exercise or are very active <b>occasionally</b> , e.g., seasonally.
	<b>3</b>	<b>MANAGING WELL</b>	People whose <b>medical problems are well controlled</b> , even if occasionally symptomatic, but often are <b>not regularly active</b> beyond routine walking.
	<b>4</b>	<b>LIVING WITH VERY MILD FRAILITY</b>	Previously "vulnerable," this category marks early transition from complete independence. While <b>not dependent</b> on others for daily help, often <b>symptoms limit activities</b> . A common complaint is being "slowed up" and/or being tired during the day.
	<b>5</b>	<b>LIVING WITH MILD FRAILITY</b>	People who often have <b>more evident slowing</b> , and need help with <b>high order instrumental activities of daily living</b> (finances, transportation, heavy housework). Typically, mild frailty progressively impairs shopping and walking outside alone, meal preparation, medications and begins to restrict light housework.

	<b>6</b>	<b>LIVING WITH MODERATE FRAILITY</b>	People who need help with <b>all outside activities</b> and with <b>keeping house</b> . Inside, they often have problems with stairs and need <b>help with bathing</b> and might need minimal assistance (cuing, standby) with dressing.
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- Fast
- Accurate
- No Questionnaires
- No Equipment
- Intuitive

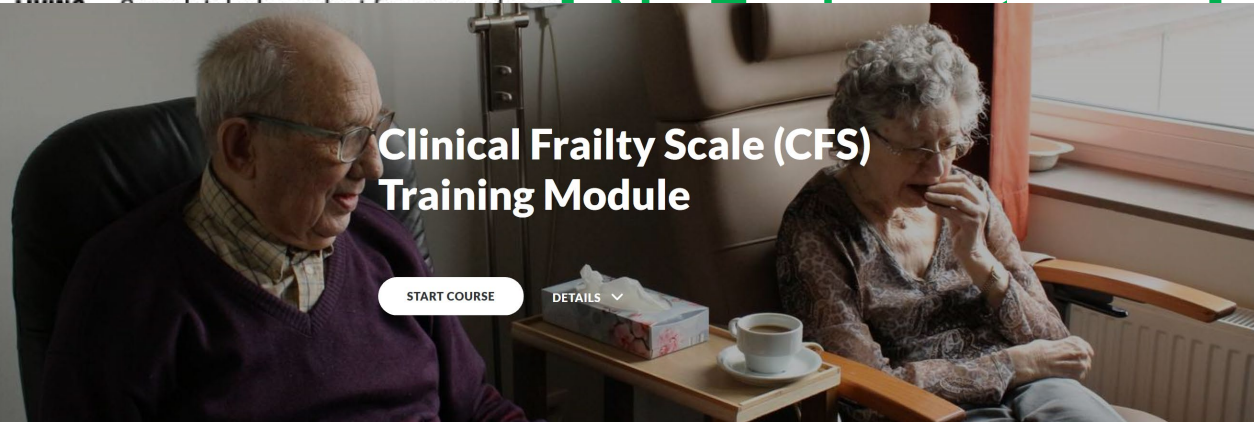
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# FRAILTY ASSESSMENT

## A SUMMARY



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# SUMMARY-FRAILITY ASSESSMENT

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- ▶ Perioperative clinicians need to perform an assessment
  - CFS is fast, accurate and intuitive
  - Risk Analysis Index (RAI) –excellent for automated/EHR use
  - Frailty Index, EFS and Fried Phenotype are reasonable options too



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# SUMMARY-FRAILTY ASSESSMENT

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- ▶ Perioperative clinicians need to perform an assessment
  
- ▶ We will find people living with frailty
  - 25% to >40% of older adults
  - Much higher in surgical patients



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- ▶ We will find people living with frailty
- ▶ Our assessment will provide us and our patients with more accurate information
- ▶ Based on frailty status, optimization can be individualized
  - Nutrition, cognition, function
  - And optimizing the system...



# WHAT CAN WE DO KNOWING IDA LIVES WITH FRAILITY?

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## OPTIMAL PERIOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE GERIATRIC PATIENT:

Best Practices Guideline from ACS  
NSQIP®/American Geriatrics Society



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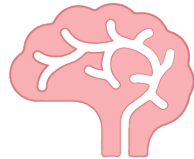
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Optimal Resources for  
**Geriatric Surgery**

## Contributors to frailty



Physical  
performance



Cognition



Malnutrition



Mental health



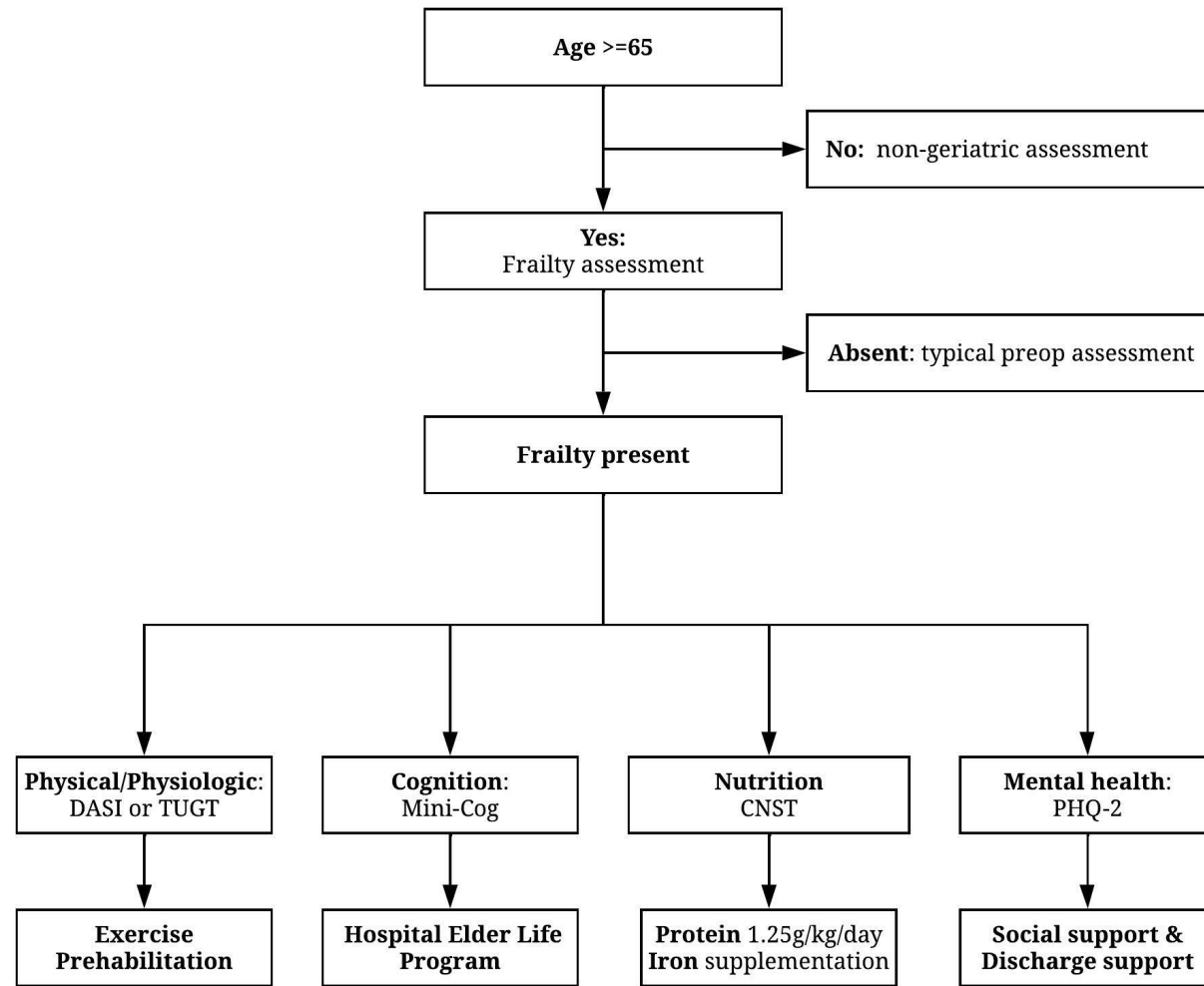
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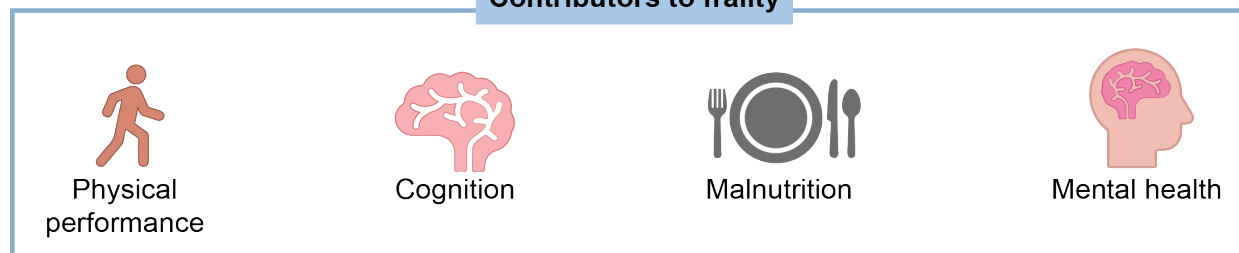
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# PHYSICAL OPTIMIZATION

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# PHYSICAL OPTIMIZATION

- ▶ Exercise prehabilitation
  - Adherence appears to be the key
    - ↓ complications
    - ↓ disability

JAMA Surgery | **Original Investigation**

## Effect of Multimodal Prehabilitation vs Postoperative Rehabilitation on 30-Day Postoperative Complications for Frail Patients Undergoing Resection of Colorectal Cancer A Randomized Clinical Trial

Francesco Carli, MD, MPhil; Guillaume Bousquet-Dion, MD; Rashami Awasthi, MSc; Noha Elsherbini; Sender Liberman, MD; Marylise Boutros, MD; Barry Stein, MD; Patrick Charlebois, MD; Gabriela Ghitulescu, MD; Nancy Morin, MD; Thomas Jagoe, MD; Celena Scheede-Bergdahl, PhD; Enrico Maria Minnella, MD, PhD; Julio F. Fiore Jr, PhD

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Clinical Investigation

### CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

## Home-based prehabilitation with exercise to improve postoperative recovery for older adults with frailty having cancer surgery: the PREHAB randomised clinical trial

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# PHYSICAL OPTIMIZATION

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- **Practical advice**
  - Walk vigorously
    - Pedometer
    - ⬆️ steps 10%/week
    - Eat well (protein!)



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# PHYSICAL OPTIMIZATION



I'm having surgery because I can't walk vigorously!



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# PHYSICAL OPTIMIZATION



I'm having surgery because I can't walk vigorously!



- **Practical advice**
  - Swimming/biking
    - 20 mins
    - 3x/week
  - Increase by 5 mins per week



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# NUTRITIONAL OPTIMIZATION

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# NUTRITIONAL OPTIMIZATION

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- ▶ Key consideration if malnutrition identified
  - Increasing importance if exercising
  
- ▶ Protein: 1.2 – 1.6 g/kg/day



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# NUTRITIONAL OPTIMIZATION

- **Low hanging fruit**
  - Protein > 1 g/kg/day
  - 1 scoop whey powder ~ 25 to 30g
  - High protein shake ~ 15g



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# COGNITIVE OPTIMIZATION

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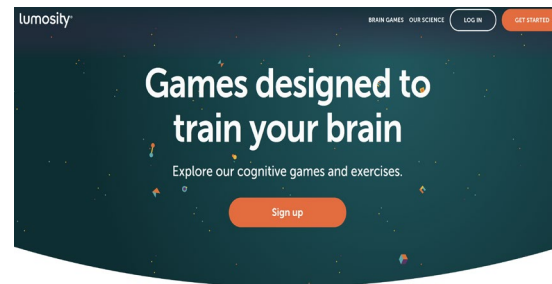
JAMA Surgery | **Original Investigation**

## Effect of Cognitive Prehabilitation on the Incidence of Postoperative Delirium Among Older Adults Undergoing Major Noncardiac Surgery The Neurobics Randomized Clinical Trial

Michelle L. Humeidan, MD, PhD; Joshua-Paolo C. Reyes, BS; Ana Mavarez-Martinez, MD; Cory Roeth, BA; Christopher M. Nguyen, PhD; Elizabeth Sheridan, MPH, MACPR; Alix Zuleta-Alarcon, MD; Andrew Otey, MBA; Mahmoud Abdel-Rasoul, MS, MPH; Sergio D. Bergese, MD

### ► Delirium rate

- Intervention -14%
- Control -23%
- P=0.08



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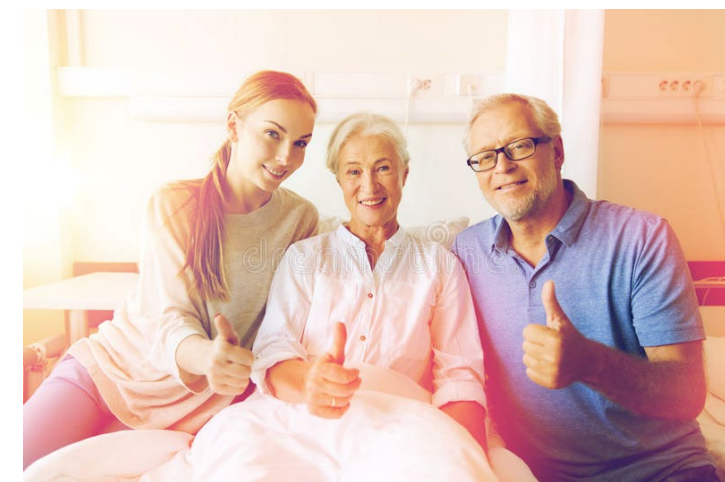
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# COGNITIVE OPTIMIZATION

## ► Delirium prevention bundles

- Orientation
  - Glasses, hearing aids, day light, family members
- Mobilization
  - Physio, in-bed exercise
- Maintain homeostasis
  - Reduce drains and lines, stay hydrated and fed
- Avoid deliriogenic agents
  - Remember: Multimodal analgesia ~ polypharmacy



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# PROCESSED EEG & DEPTH OF ANESTHESIA

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NEUROSCIENCE AND NEUROANAESTHESIA

## Anaesthetic depth and delirium after major surgery: a randomised clinical trial

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- ▶ Target BIS=50 (vs 35)
  - Delirium: 9% ARR ( $P=0.01$ )
  - Poor 1-year cognitive recovery: 11% ARR ( $P<0.001$ )



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# WHAT CAN WE DO NEXT WEEK

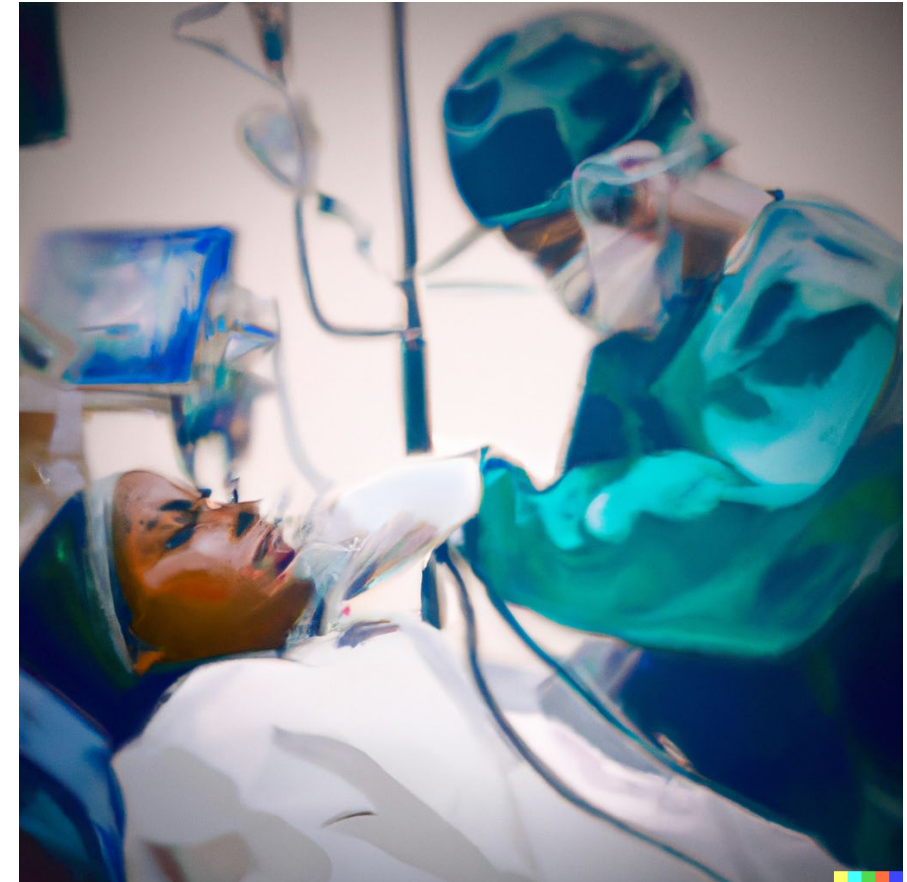
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- ▶ CFS-based frailty assessment for everyone 65+
- ▶ Encourage increase in ambulation week over week
- ▶ Recommend protein supplementation
- ▶ Avoid deliriogenic agents and polypharmacy
- ▶ Consider targeted light GA (BIS=50)



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# SYSTEM OPTIMIZATION



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# SHARING IS CARING

Research

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## Association of Routine Preoperative Frailty Assessment With 1-Year Postoperative Mortality

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Joel B. Nelson, MD; Jonas T. Johnson, MD; Tamra Minnier, MSN, RN; Daniel E. Hall, MD, MDiv, MHSc

- ▶ Routine frailty assessment + communication to periop team
  - 18% *relative* decrease in overall mortality (OR 0.82, 95%CI 0.72 to 0.92)
  - 4% absolute decrease in mortality for those with frailty (-6% to -2%)



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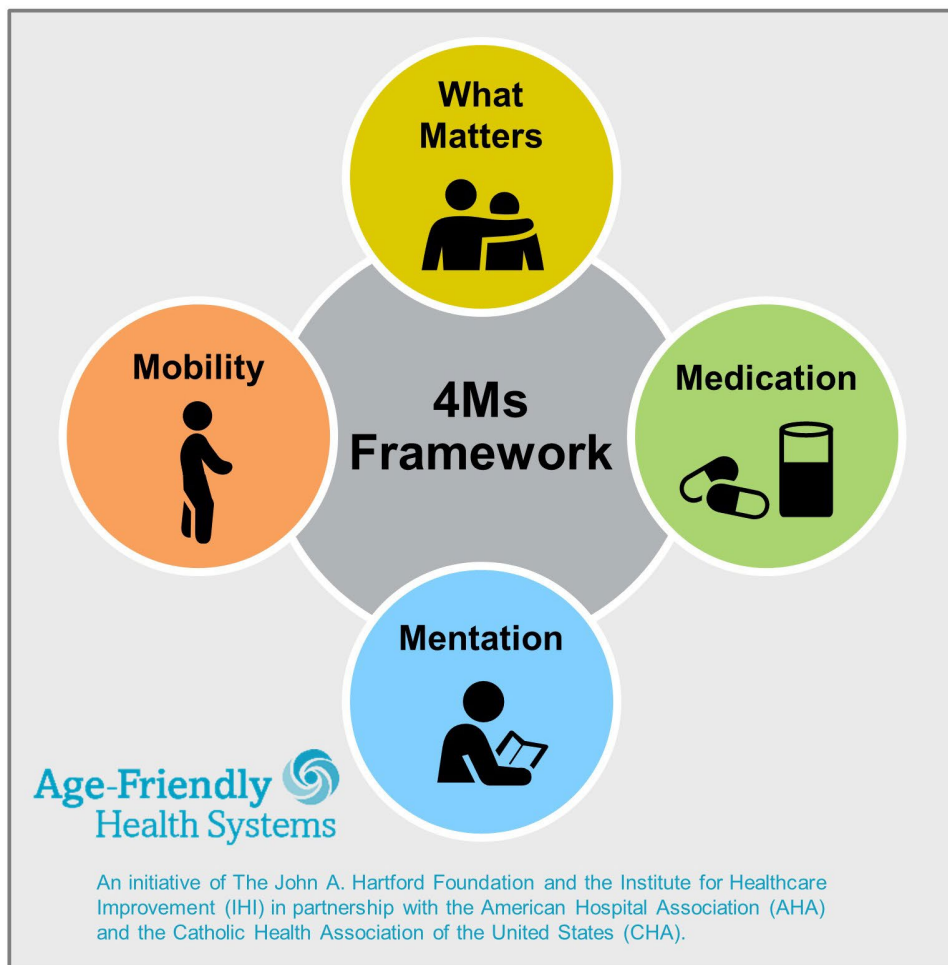
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# THINK DIFFERENTLY



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## ▶ ABCs of acute care

## ▶ 4Ms of geriatrics

### What Matters

Know and align care with each older adult's specific health outcome goals and care preferences including, but not limited to, end-of-life care, and across settings of care.

### Medication

If medication is necessary, use Age-Friendly medication that does not interfere with What Matters to the older adult, Mobility, or Mentation across settings of care.

### Mentation

Prevent, identify, treat, and manage dementia, depression, and delirium across settings of care.

### Mobility

Ensure that older adults move safely every day in order to maintain function and do What Matters.

# CONSULT DIFFERENTLY

Research

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## Association of Preoperative Medical Consultation With Reduction in Adverse Postoperative Outcomes and Use of Processes of Care Among Residents of Ontario, Canada

Weiwei Beckerleg, MD, MPH; Daniel Kobewka, MD, MSc; Duminda N. Wijeyesundera, MD, PhD;  
Manish M. Sood, MD, MSc; Daniel I. Mclsaac, MD, MPH

- ▶ Medicine/cardiology
  - Association with increased mortality
    - OR 1.19 (1.11 to 1.29)



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# CONSULT DIFFERENTLY

Randomized clinical trial

## Randomized clinical trial of comprehensive geriatric assessment and optimization in vascular surgery

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### ► Geriatric consultation

- 2.2 day reduction in LoS
- 13% *absolute* decrease in delirium
- 20% *absolute* decrease in medical complications



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## CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

### Effect of Preoperative Geriatric Evaluation on Outcomes After Elective Surgery: A Population-Based Study

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Duminda N. Wijeyesundera, MD, PhD, †††‡‡\$§ Gregory L. Bryson, MD, MSc, \*† and  
Carl van Walraven, MD, MSc †‡\$¶*

- ▶ Association with decreased mortality
  - HR 0.81 (0.68 to 0.95)



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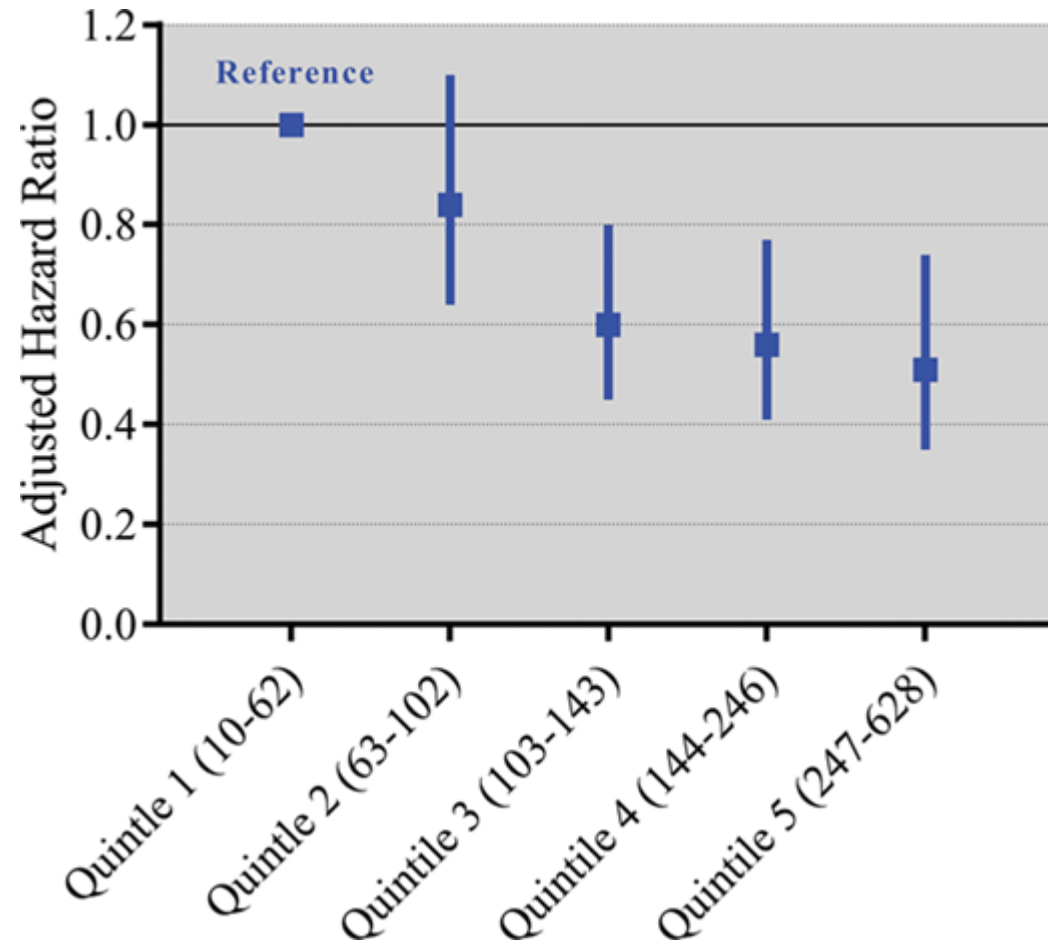
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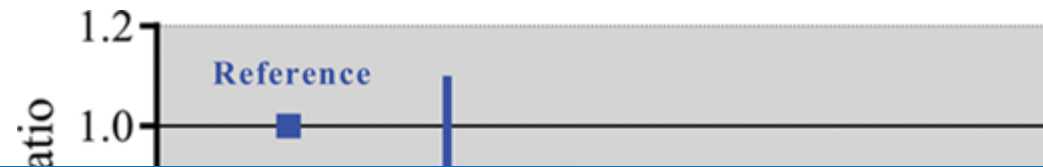
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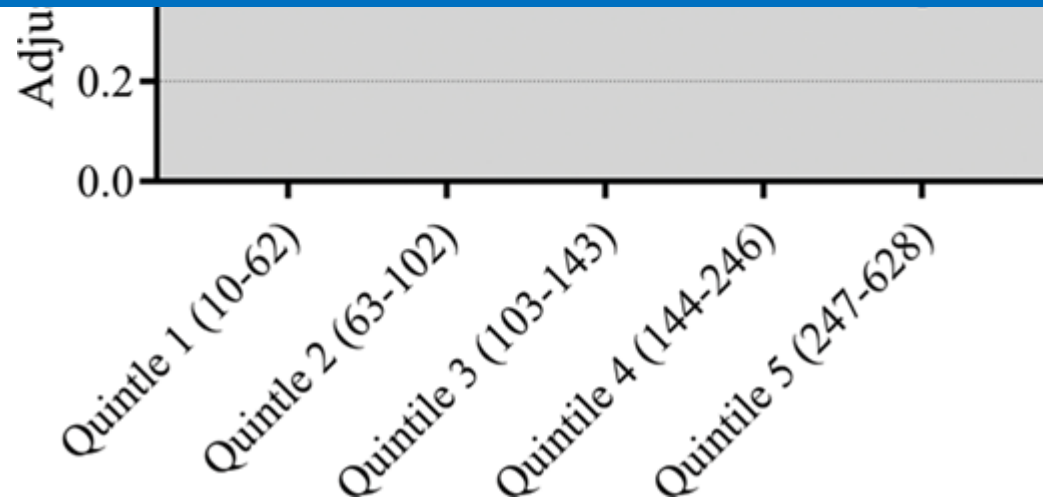


# EXPERIENCE MATTERS

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The more often a center cares for a patient with frailty...  
...the more often they survive



# WRAPPING UP



► Perioperative frailty is:

- Common
- Associated with greater risk & *benefit*
- Modifiable



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# WRAPPING UP



- ▶ Frailty assessment guides optimization
  - Exercise
  - Nutrition
  - Cognition
  - Mental health
  - Health system
  - But...



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# WRAPPING UP



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Only through effective, collaborative multidisciplinary care will outcomes be optimized



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## IDA'S OUTCOME

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- MINS
- Superficial SSI
- LoS=12 days
- Rehab = 21 days



## IDA'S OUTCOME

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- Back home
- Can walk to dinner
- Gets outside with family



THANK YOU

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# Project Big Life

Health Calculators for a Big Life  
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 LIFE EXPECTANCY


YOUR LIFE EXPECTANCY  
**92** Years

Life expectancy for people who answered the same questions is

**92** YEARS

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# NUTRITIONAL OPTIMIZATION



**X** Finds it hard to eat a lot more food

**✓** Enjoys milkshakes



## Recipes

The protein supplement can be enjoyed on its own or can be used in a recipe to suit your taste preferences.

### Ingredients

#### Protein Serving

- **Option 1:** 1 bottle of protein shake
- **Option 2:** 1 scoop of protein powder & 1 cup milk/water

#### Strawberry Banana Smoothie

- 1 protein serving
- 1 cup frozen whole strawberries
- 1 small banana, sliced

#### Peanut Butter Chocolate Smoothie

- 1 protein serving
- 1 banana
- 2 tbsp peanut butter

### Directions

- In a blender, combine all ingredients
- Blend until smooth
- Pour into glasses and serve



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**Procedure:** 35566 - Bypass graft, with vein; femoral-anterior tibial, posterior tibial, peroneal artery or other distal vessels

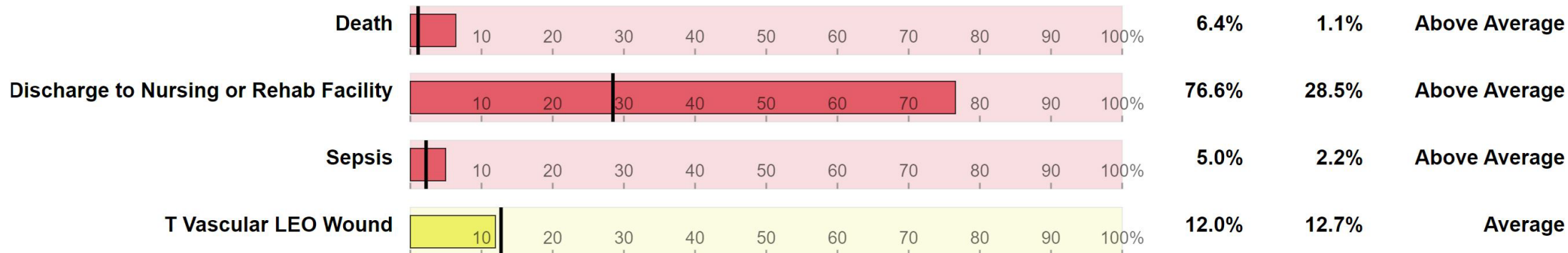
**Risk Factors:** 75-84 years, Partially dependent functional status, Severe systemic disease/constant threat to life, Diabetes (Insulin), HTN, Mobility Aid, Supported at home

[Change Patient Risk Factors](#)

*Note: Your Risk has been rounded to one decimal point.*

**Outcomes** ⓘ

		Your Risk	Average Risk	Chance of Outcome
Serious Complication		35.3%	23.0%	Above Average
Any Complication		41.3%	28.8%	Above Average
Pneumonia		3.9%	1.6%	Above Average
Cardiac Complication		8.3%	3.4%	Above Average
Surgical Site Infection		10.8%	10.7%	Average
Urinary Tract Infection		3.7%	1.2%	Above Average
Venous Thromboembolism		1.0%	0.8%	Above Average



**Predicted Length of Hospital Stay: 10.5 days**

### Geriatric Outcomes i



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# COMPREHENSIVE GERIATRIC ASSESSMENT

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- ▶ Geriatrician-led, multidimensional assessment plus care planning
  - NNT 17 successful home discharge!



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# FRIED PHENOTYPE

► Set of measured characteristics



- low activity
- weight loss
- falls
- grip strength
- gait speed



↑ Equipment  
↑ Time  
↓ Accurate



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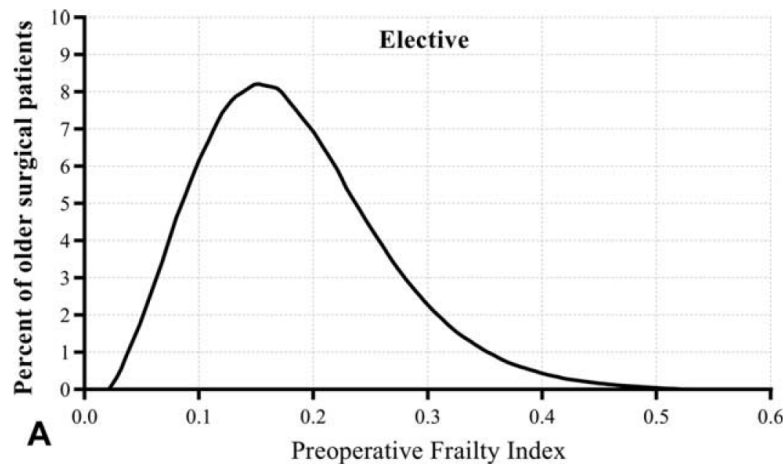


# FRAILITY INDEX

## ► Accumulating deficits framework

- Measure 30+ multidomain variables

- Frailty index score =  $\frac{\text{De ficits present}}{\text{De ficits measured}}$



### Variable

- Anticholinergic risk scale
- Arrhythmia
- Cancer
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary di
- Dementia
- Dental
- Dermatologic
- Diabetes
- Dialysis
- Drug or alcohol abuse
- Heart failure
- Hemiparesis
- History of falls
- Home oxygen
- HOMR Score
- Hypertension
- Injury
- Liver disease
- Multimorbidity
- Myocardial Infarction
- Peripheral vascular disease
- Psychosocial (minor or stable)
- Resource use band 4–5
- Rheumatic disease
- Socioeconomic status
- Ear, nose, throat
- Eye
- Supported living environment
- Weight loss

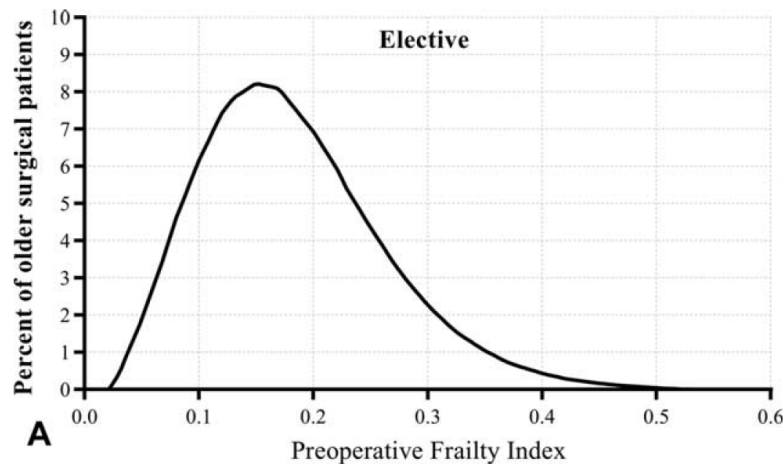
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↑ ↑ Time

# EDMONTON FRAIL SCALE

## ► Compressed Frailty Index (0 to 17)

Domain	Item	0 points	1 point	2 points
Cognition	Clock drawing	No errors	Minor spacing errors	Other errors
Health status	Number of hospital admissions in last year	0	1	>1
	Patient description of overall health	Good	Fair	Poor
Functional dependence	Help needed with number of activities of daily living?	0-1	2-4	5-8
Social Support	Reliable support available?	Always	Sometimes	Never
Medication use	>4 regular medications?	No	Yes	-
	Patient forgets to take medicines?	No	Yes	-
Nutrition	Recent weight loss present?	No	Yes	-
Mood	Often sad or depressed?	No	Yes	-
Continenence	Urinary incontinence present?	No	Yes	-
Functional performance	Timed up-and-go	0-10 s	11-20 s	>20 s or unable



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# RISK ANALYSIS INDEX (RAI)

- ▶ Multivariable, multidomain risk assessment index
- ▶ Points (weights) assigned for combinations
  - 0 to 81 points

- Age
- Sex
- Weight loss
- Poor appetite
- CKD
- CHF
- SOB
- Independence
- ADLs
- Cancer

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↑ ↑ Math



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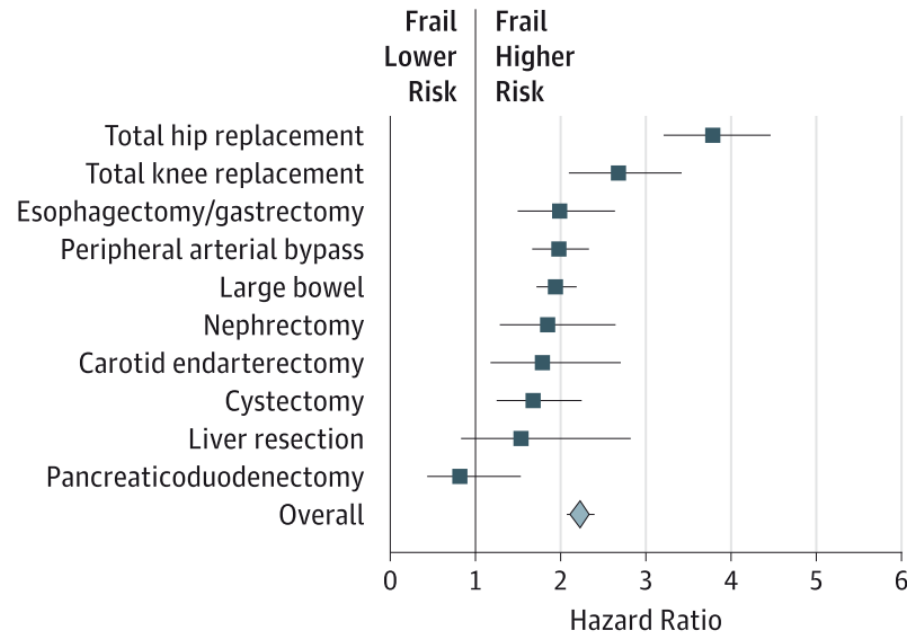
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# MORTALITY

## ▶ Effect modification by surgical risk

- Lower baseline risk surgery = Higher relative risk of frailty



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# MORTALITY

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  - Lower baseline risk surgery = Higher relative risk of frailty
  - Appendectomy/cholecystectomy (2% absolute mortality)
    - Adj HR=2.0
  - Laparotomy/bowel resection (12% absolute mortality)
    - Adj HR=1.5



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# SIMPLE TAKE HOME

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Frailty

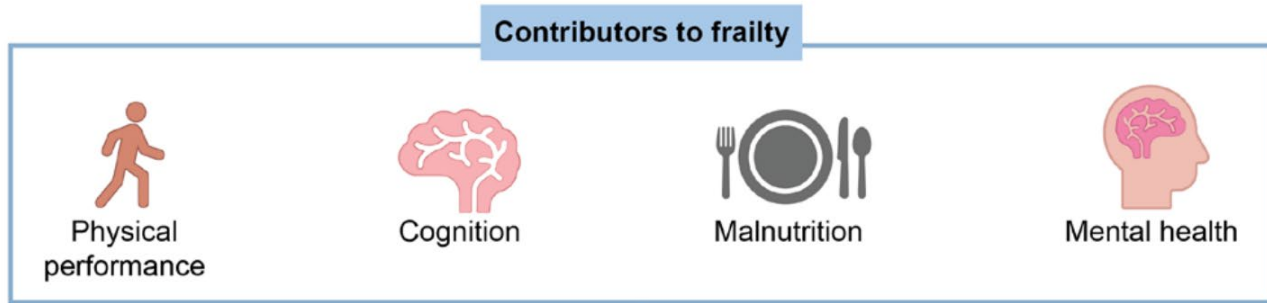


↓ risk procedure  $\neq$  ↓ risk period

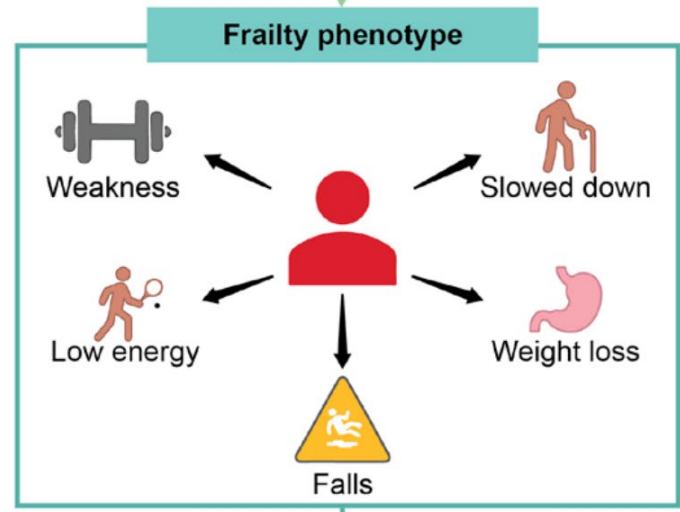


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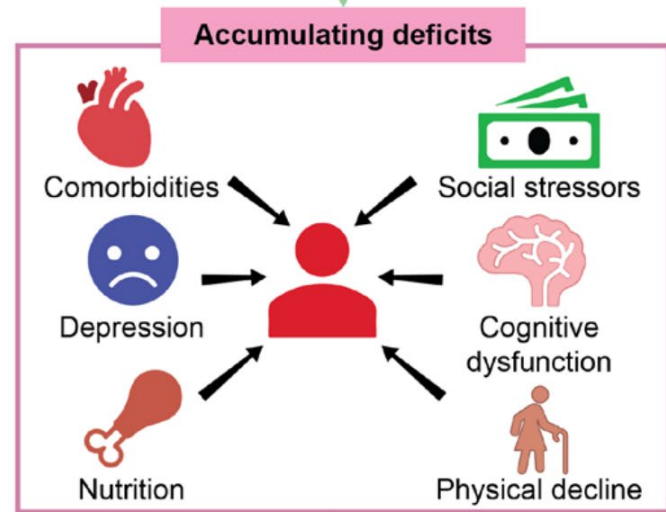
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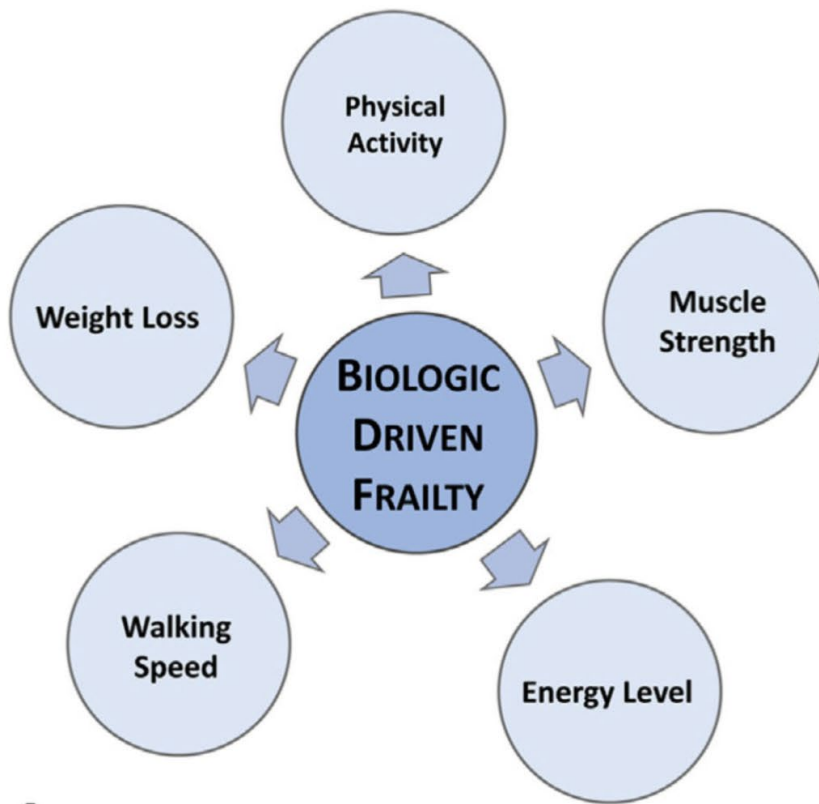


- Assessment tools**
- Fried phenotype
  - FRAIL Scale

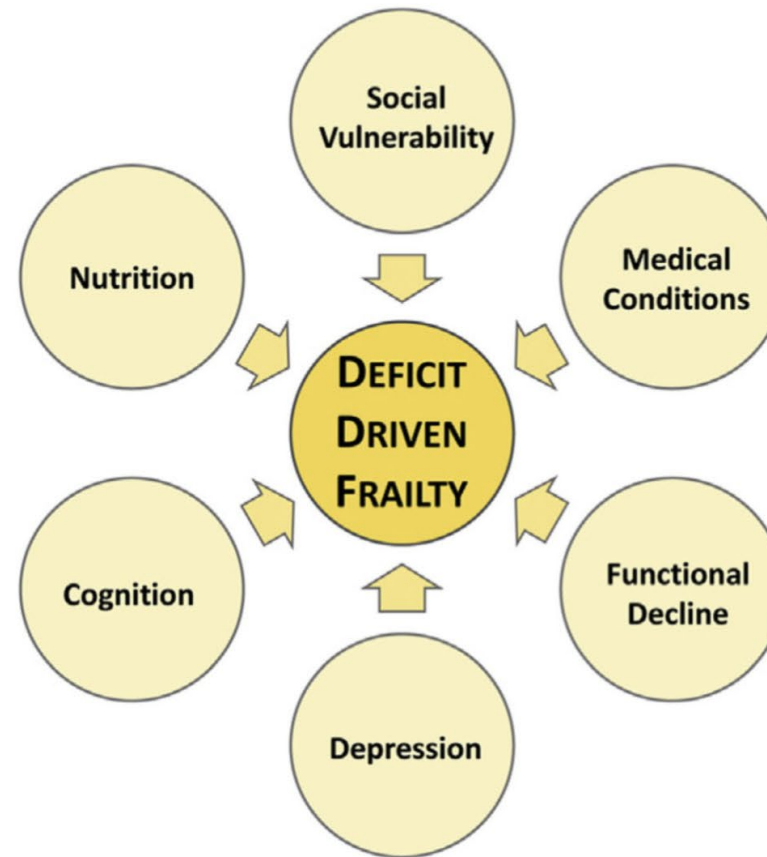


- Assessment tools**
- CSHA Frailty Index
  - Clinical Frailty Scale
  - Edmonton Frail Scale

- Other assessment tools**
- Geriatric 8
  - Kihon Checklist
  - Groningen frailty indicator
  - RAI-C



**A**



**B**



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# FRAILITY INSTRUMENTS AND TIME

- ▶ CFS vs FP
  - 44 secs vs 5 mins ( $P < 0.0001$ )
- ▶ FP reported times SR
  - 5-15 mins
- ▶ Edmonton Frail Scale
  - 5 mins
- ▶ Frailty Index (full)
  - 5-10 mins



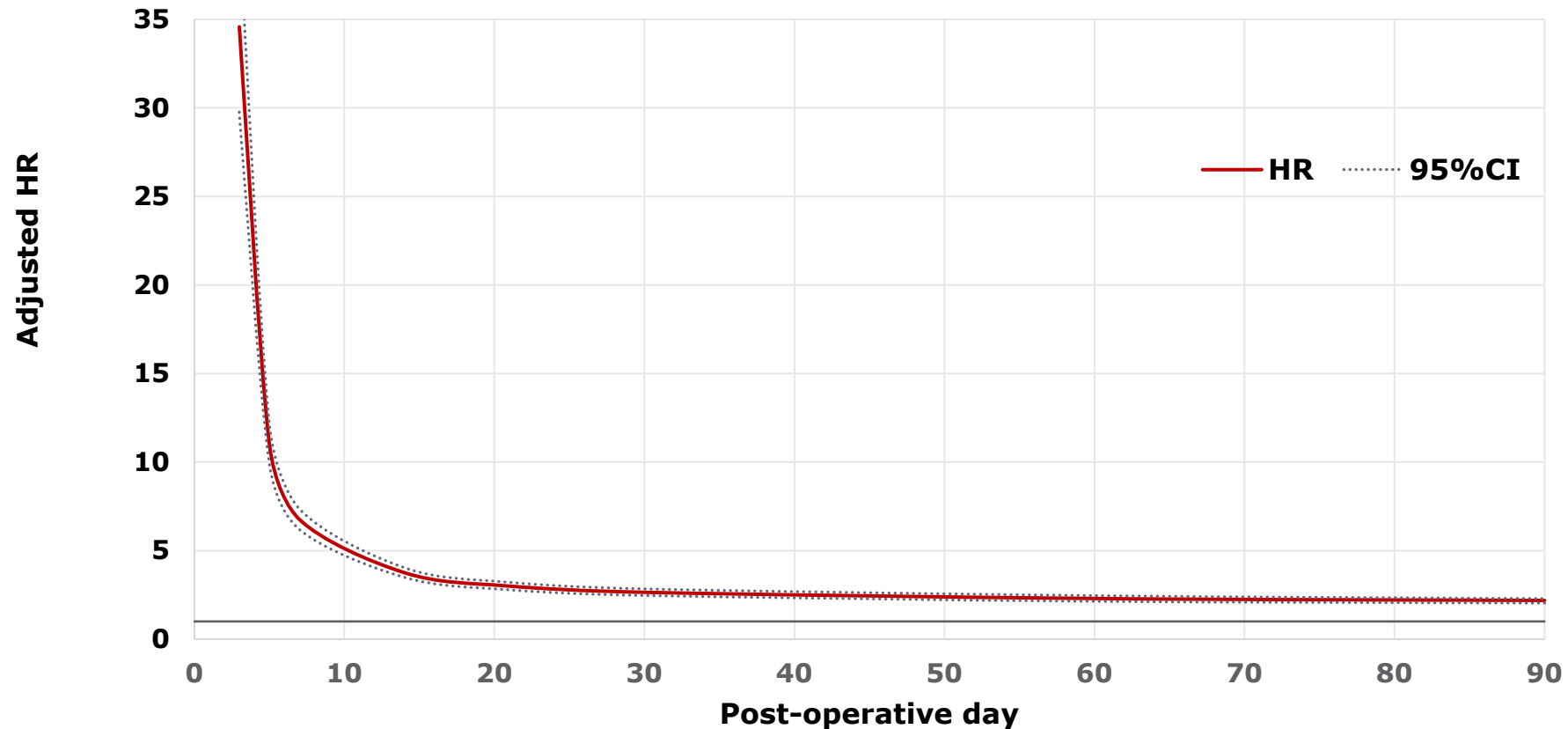
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