

# Improving Ageing with Big Data

He Ora te Wakapiri life course conference

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# Overview

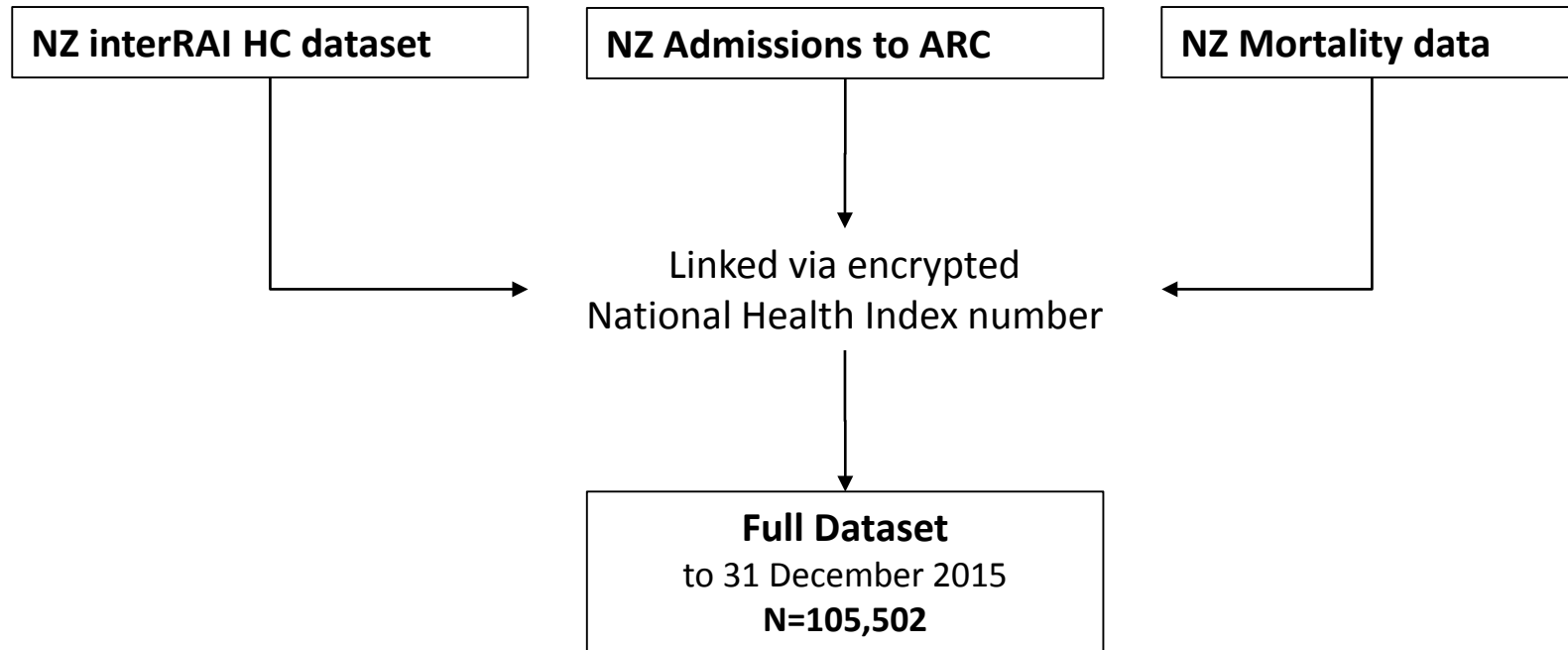
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# interRAI Overview

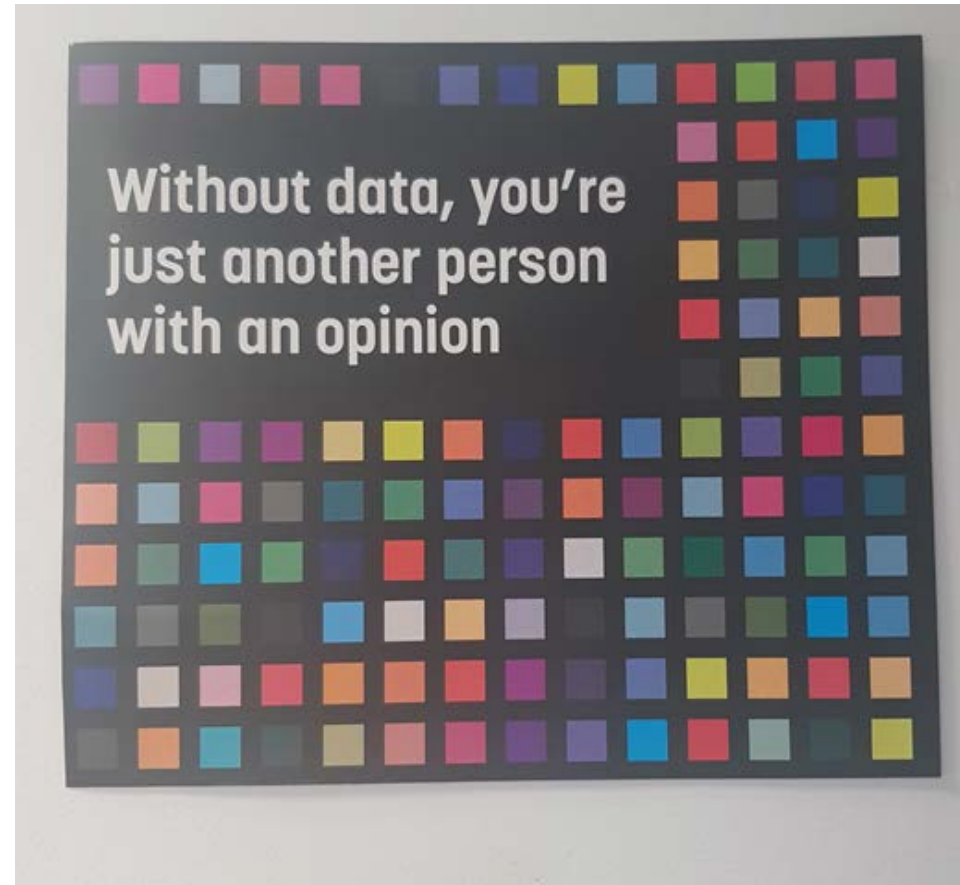
- An international collaboration to improve the quality of life of people across the health care system.
- Large number of interRAI health assessments
- 236 qs, standard electronic, comprehensive older persons, unique id link by NHI, outcomes after interRAI of injuries



# How data is linked



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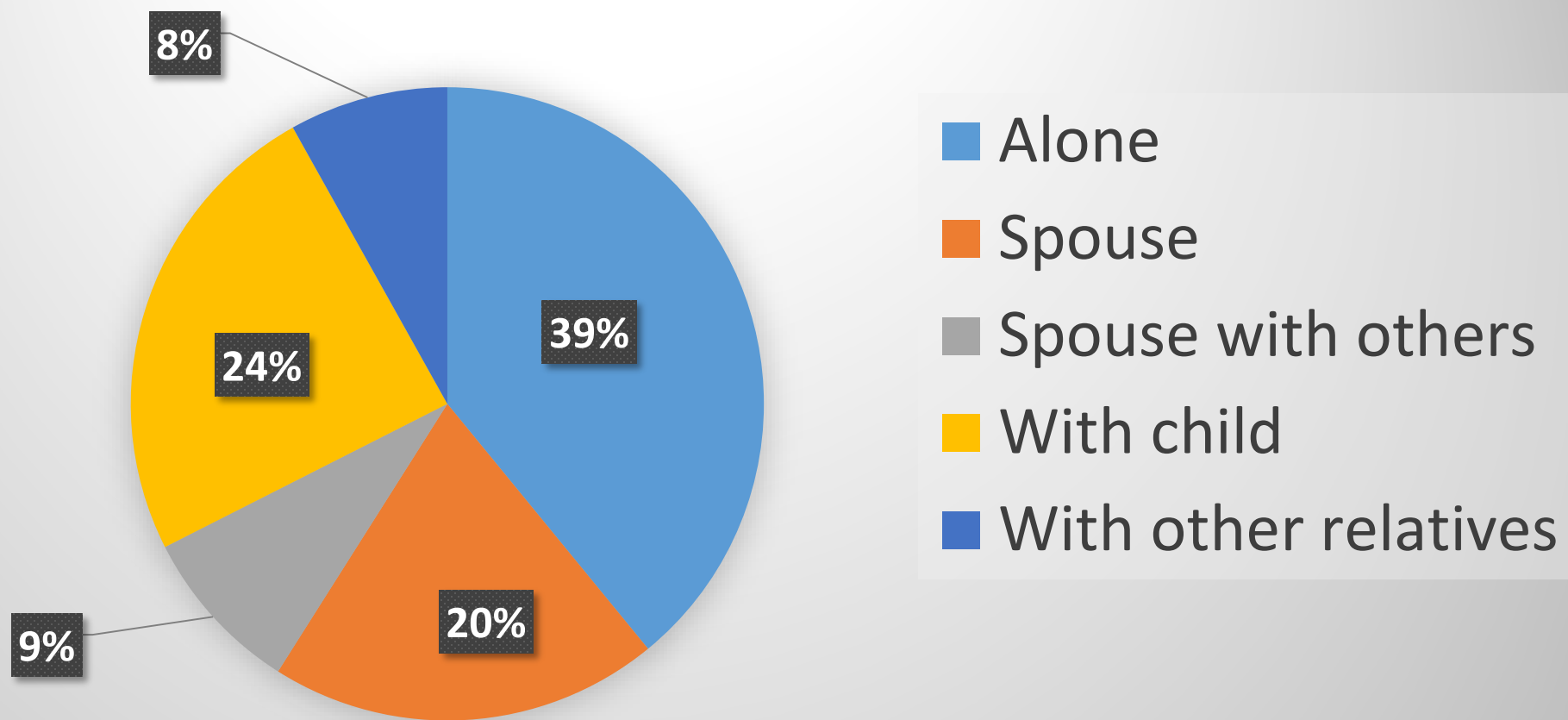


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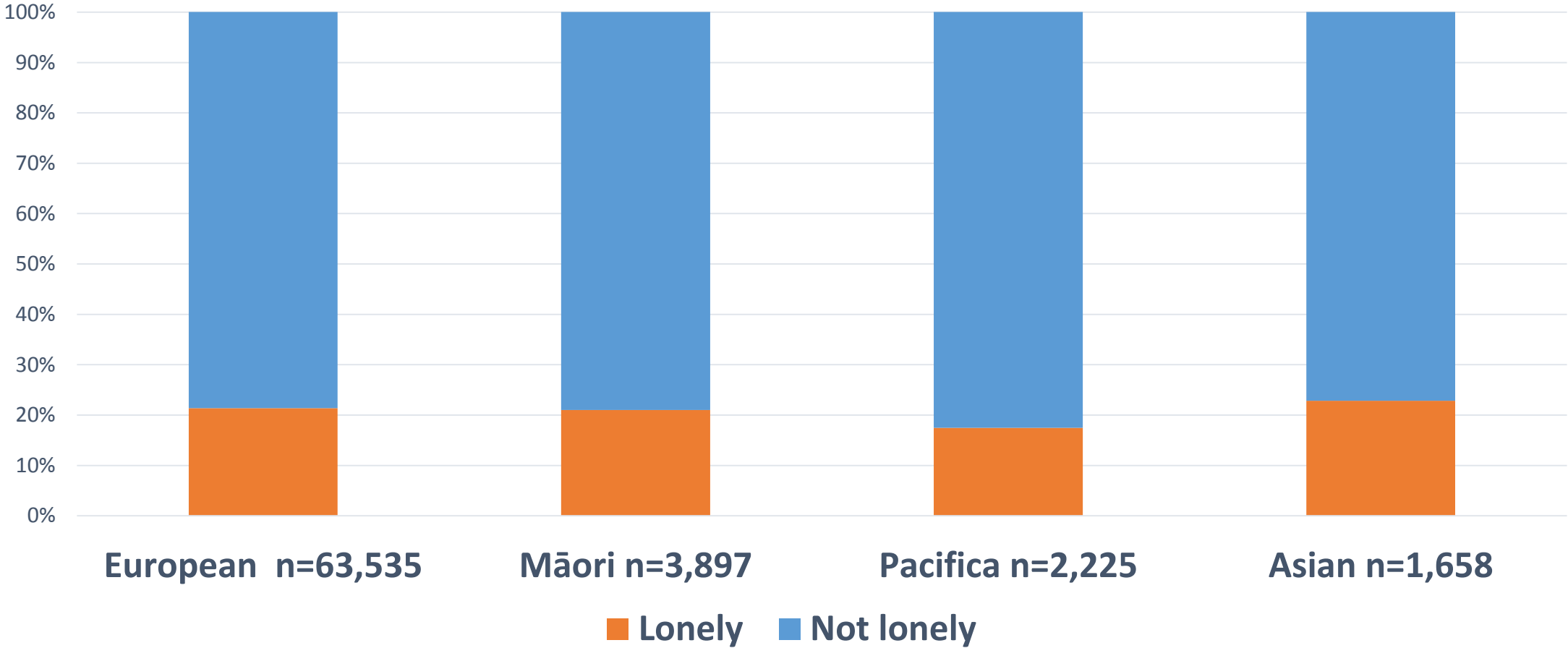
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# Māori Living Arrangement



# Ethnicity and Loneliness





# Four Key Social Components

- This project explored four key components of “reduced social engagement” identified in research literature:
  - Living alone,
  - Negative social interactions,
  - Perceived loneliness, and
  - Carer stress

# Social Variables and outcomes

			First Event	
	Total - n (%)	Still at home - n (%)	Residential Care - n (%)	Died - n (%)
<b>Negative Interaction <sup>a</sup></b>				
Yes	5,462 (100.0)	3,299 (60.4)	1,464 (26.8)	699 (12.8)
No	45,564 (100.0)	29,294 (64.3)	9,647 (21.2)	6,623 (14.5)
<b>Loneliness <sup>b</sup></b>				
Yes	11,491 (100.0)	7,384 (64.3)	2,833 (24.7)	1,274 (11.1)
No	42,852 (100.0)	27,288 (63.7)	9,121 (21.3)	6,463 (15.1)
<b>Carer Stress <sup>c</sup></b>				
Yes	16,406 (100.0)	9,580 (58.4)	4,361 (26.6)	2,465 (15.0)
No	34,170 (100.0)	22,477 (65.8)	6,842 (20.0)	4,851 (14.2)
<b>Living Arrangement</b>				
Alone	26,597 (100.0)	17,100 (64.3)	6,244 (23.5)	3,253 (12.2)
With others	27,748 (100.0)	17,553 (63.3)	5,710 (20.6)	4,485 (16.2)

# Competing Risks Regression Social Variables

	Unadjusted Model		Adjusted model	
	Subhazard Ratio	(95% CI)	Subhazard Ratio	(95% CI)
NO	1	Reference	1	Reference
YES				
Living Alone	0.86	(0.83, 0.89)	<b>1.43</b>	(1.37, 1.50)
Carer Stress	1.52	(1.47, 1.58)	<b>1.28</b>	(1.23, 1.34)
Negative Interaction	1.31	(1.24, 1.38)	<b>1.22</b>	(1.15, 1.30)
Loneliness	1.20	(1.15, 1.25)	<b>1.18</b>	(1.13, 1.24)

# Conclusions

- Living Alone and Loneliness are hazard factors leading to increased admission to ARC.
- Living Alone and Loneliness are independent factors.
- Carer Stress and Negative Interaction as operationalized from interRAI HC data are strong hazards for admission to ARC.
- All four predictors allow interventions to be developed and applied.
- Interactions between variables warrant further analysis.

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# Objectives of this research

- To evaluate the association between the Drug Burden Index (DBI) and hip fractures in a community dwelling population of older ( $\geq 65$  years) adults using linked national datasets in New Zealand.

Jamieson HA, Nishtala PS, Scrase R, Deely JM, Abey-Nesbit R, Hilmer SN, Abernethy DR, Berry SD, Mor V, Lacey CJ, Schluter PJ. Drug burden index and its association with hip fracture among older adults: a national population-based study. The journals of gerontology. Series A, Biological sciences and medical sciences. 2018 Jul 31.

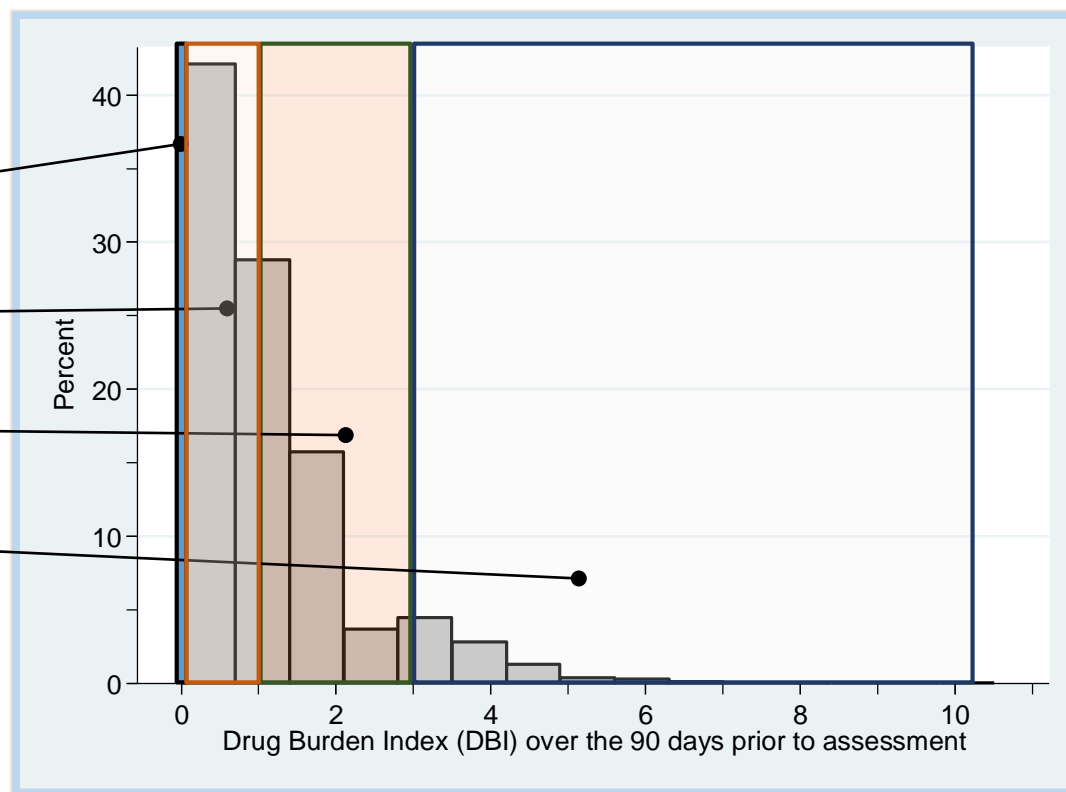
# Cumulative DBI – Distribution and Group Size

(i)  $cDBI=0$ ;  $n=29,111$

(ii)  $0 < cDBI \leq 1$ ;  $n=20,791$

(iii)  $1 < cDBI \leq 3$ ;  $n=16,600$

(iv)  $3 < cDBI$ ;  $n=4,051$



# Hazard Ratio for different DBI exposure groups

	Alive, no fracture		Fracture		Died		SHR Unadjusted		SHR Adjusted <sup>a</sup>	
	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	SHR	(95% CI)	SHR	(95% CI)
cDBI=0	20,274	(69.6)	893	(3.1)	7,944	(27.3)	1	(reference)	1	(reference)
0<cDBI≤1	14,306	(68.8)	687	(3.3)	5,798	(27.9)	1.11	(1.00, 1.23)	1.12	(1.01, 1.24)
1<cDBI≤3	11,051	(66.6)	544	(3.3)	5,005	(30.2)	1.24	(1.12, 1.38)	1.32	(1.18, 1.47)
3<cDBI	2,479	(61.2)	125	(3.1)	1,447	(35.7)	1.28	(1.08, 1.52)	1.52	(1.28, 1.81)



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# Introduction

- Currently within the interRAI there is no measure of overall frailty
- Researchers from the University of Queensland, Brisbane developed a frailty index using the acute care interRAI assessment
- The index was derived following a cumulative deficit model
- Our aim was to create a frailty index using similar methods to the Brisbane team, but using questions from the home care interRAI assessment

# Method

Questions from assessment were selected (49 questions used)

Answers to each question were recoded and assigned a deficit value between 0 and 1

Deficits were added up for each individual and divided by the total number of deficits to get a frailty index

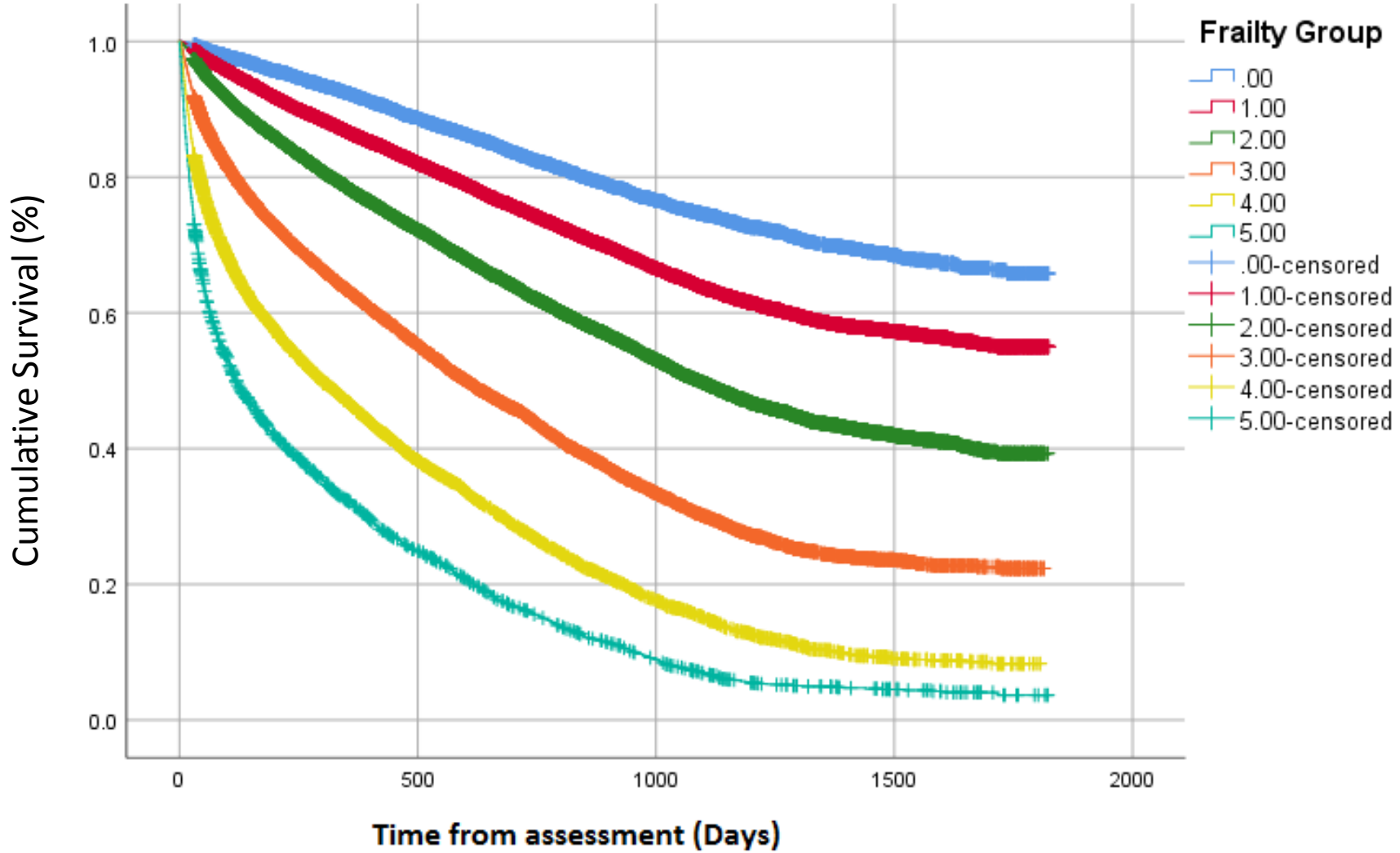
The relationship between frailty level and outcomes such as mortality and entrance to ARC was assessed

Mean frailty level for age, sex and ethnic groups were also assessed

# Results

- Mean age of participants was 82.1 years
- 60.2% were female
- The average frailty index was 0.22 (Range 0 to 0.79)
- Those who had a higher frailty score were more likely to die and those with a lower frailty level were more likely to enter ARC
- There were significant differences between mean frailty and age group, sex and different ethnic groups

# Frailty and mortality



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# Interventional Trial

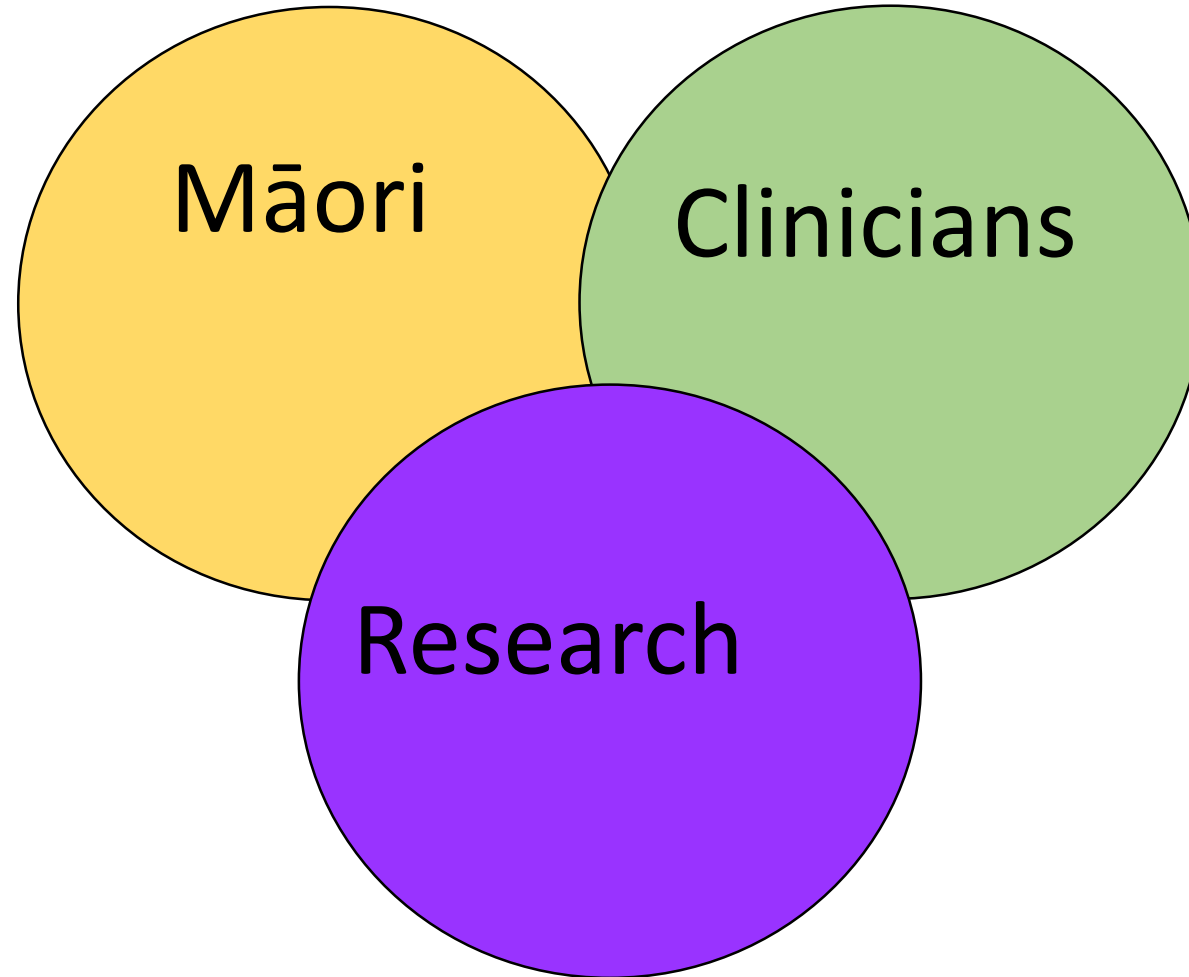
- Older people can often be on too many medications
- Negative outcomes such as reduced quality of life and premature death can often occur from overmedication
- An interventional trial in collaboration with the CDHB and SCDHB is currently being started
- The aim is to reduce DBI medications in older people and assess how levels of frailty are improved from a reduction in medications

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# Collaborative Research



# Impact

- **Māori**
- Te Tairanga Kāumatua Collective
- Tatau Pounamu Trust
- **Community Groups**
- University of the third age
- Age Concern
- Church Groups
- Rotary

# Impact



“The Project”, January 2018



The Press, September 2018

# Impact: Media

- One News 3x
- Radio NZ
- RadioLive
- Newstalk ZB
- The Press
- NZ Herald
- Otago Daily Times
- The Dominion
- Waikato Times
- The Southland Times
- Taranaki Daily News

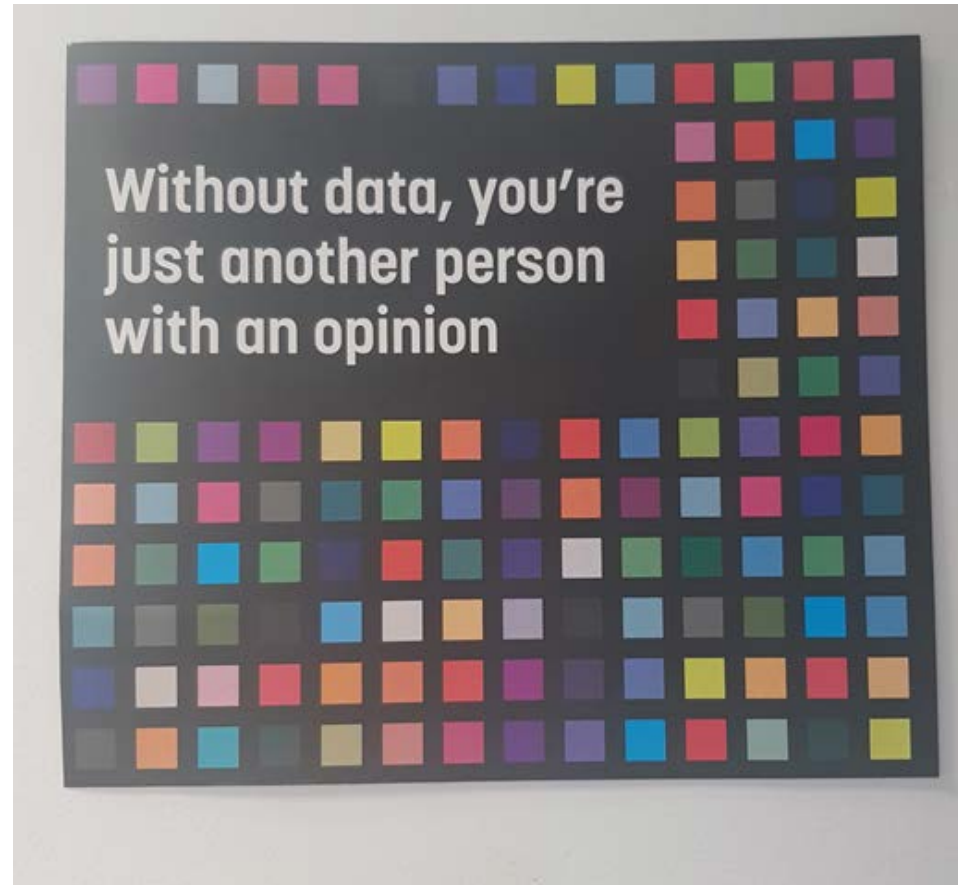
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- Geriatricians
- Physios
- Nurses
- Health Managers
- ANZSGM
- Nursing and Frailty Conferences
- Ministry of Health
- Technical Advisory Services (TAS)

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Ageing research must be translated



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