

Risk of hospitalization among elderly with diabetes mellitus receiving home care in Norway 2009 - 2014

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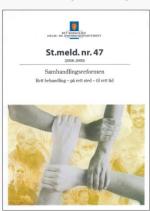
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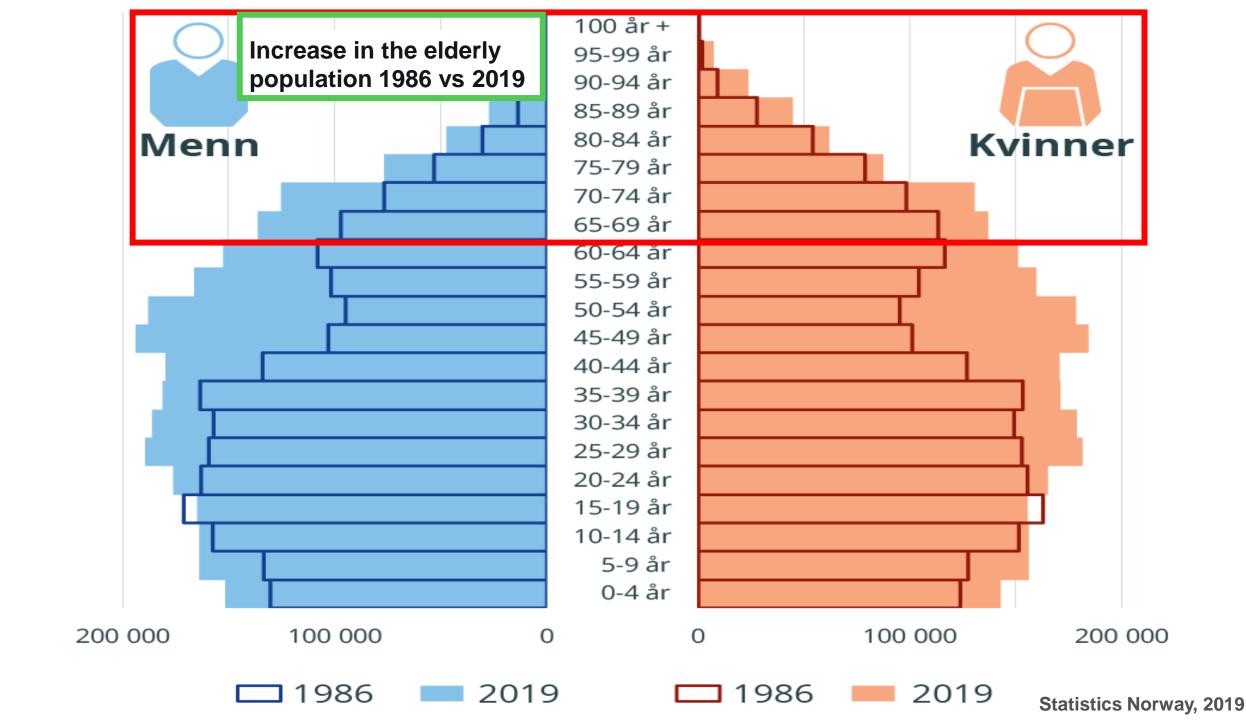
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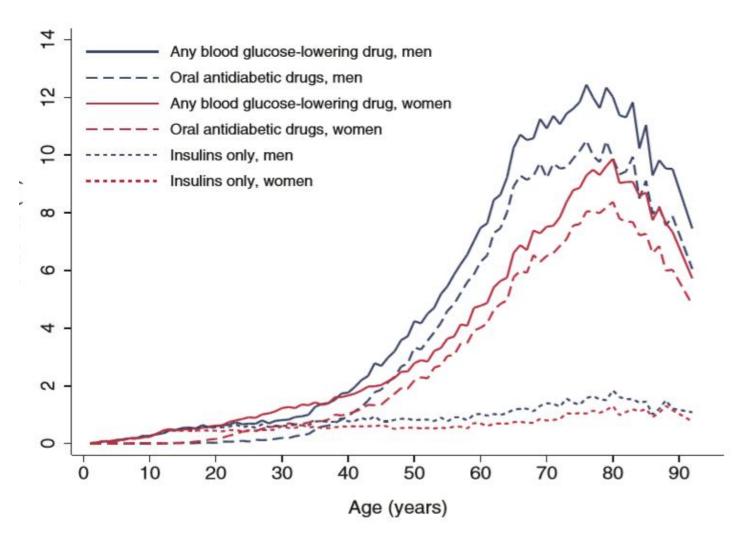


 Using population-based registries is strongly encouraged by the health care authorities in Norway (The Action plan for the Health&Care21 Strategy, 2015)





Prevalent use of blood glucose-lowering drugs by age and gender in Norway in 2010.



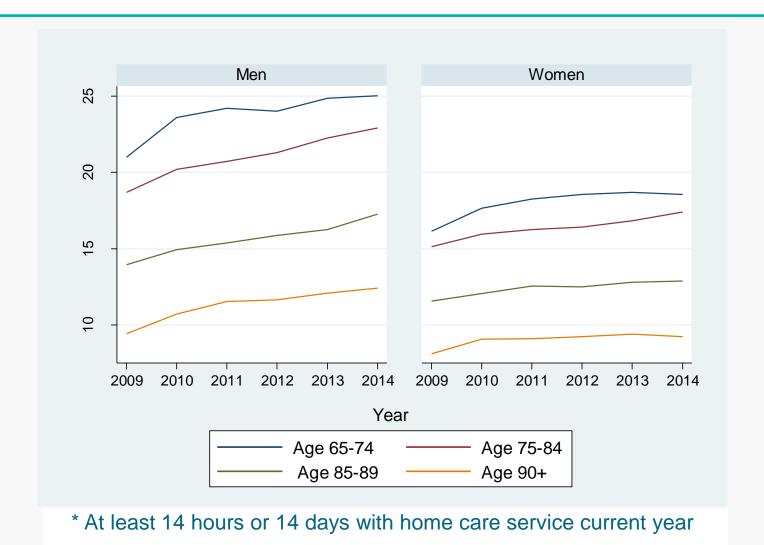
Strøm et al. BMC Public Health 2014, 14:520

Elderly with DM in <u>home care services</u> of particular interest because

- > Vulnerable group, may have comorbidities and often low functional level
- When hospitalized, they spend more days in hospital
- A group of particular interest when aiming to strengthen primary care and reduce hospital admissions
- > Under represented in research



Time trends in prevalence of diabetes among persons receiving Home Care Services* sorted by age group





Trends in hospitalization among elderly with DM receiving home care in Norway

Main objectives of the study

- Identify risk of hospitalization among patients with DM receiving home care
- Explore trends in comorbidity (Charlson Comorbidity Index) and risk of hospitalization for those with and without DM

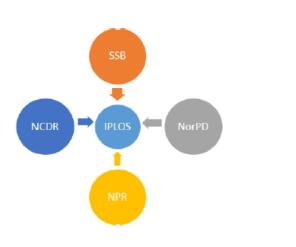
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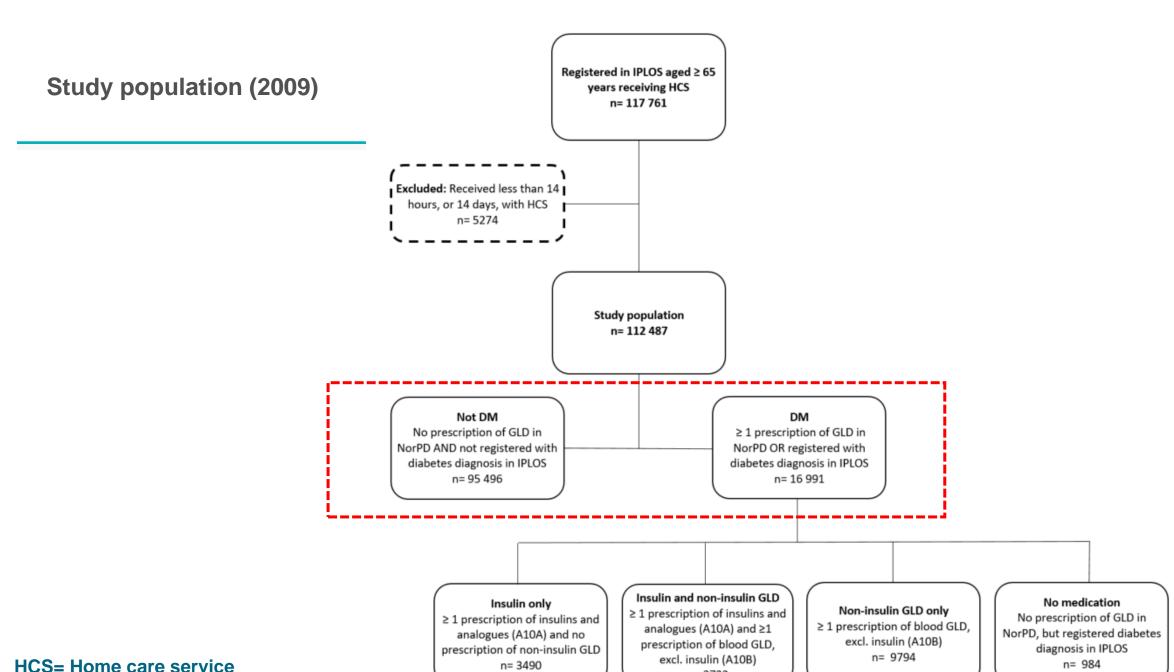




Design and Methods

- National register based study
- All persons aged ≥ 65 years receiving home care services in Norway in the time period 2009 -2014
- Data from the Norwegian Information System for the Nursing and Care Sector (IPLOS) for the study population is merged with variables from
 - the Norwegian Prescription Database (NorPD)
 - Norwegian Patient Registry (NPR)
 - Norwegian Cause of Death Register (NCDR),
 - Statistics Norway (SBB)





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Thank you for your attention!