



# Modification d'effet

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« When the incidence rate of disease in the presence of two or more risk factors differs from the incidence rate **expected** to result from their individual effects » (Mac Mahon)

- Définition:

## Variation de l'association entre 2 paramètres selon un 3<sup>e</sup>

- Effet plus grand qu'attendu : interaction positive (synergisme)
- Effet plus faible qu'attendu: interaction négative (antagonisme)

- Echelle additive, multiplicative...

- Comment l'explorer?

- Etudier l'association par stratum du 3<sup>e</sup> paramètre
- Présenter les résultats par stratum et non ajusté pour le 3<sup>e</sup> paramètre

# Confusion versus ME

- ME pas d'estimation unique
- « compétition » confusion-ME: ME prime
- Rothman:
  - Confounding is a bias that you hope to prevent or control.
  - Interaction is just a more detailed description of the effect itself (in all its rich diversity).
  
  - Confounding is something to avoid.
  - Interaction is something to report.



Modification d'effet...

encore à la mode?

# 4 types de modification d'effet

VanderWeele T, Robins J. Four types of effect modification – a classification based on directed acyclic graphs. *Epidemiology* 2007.

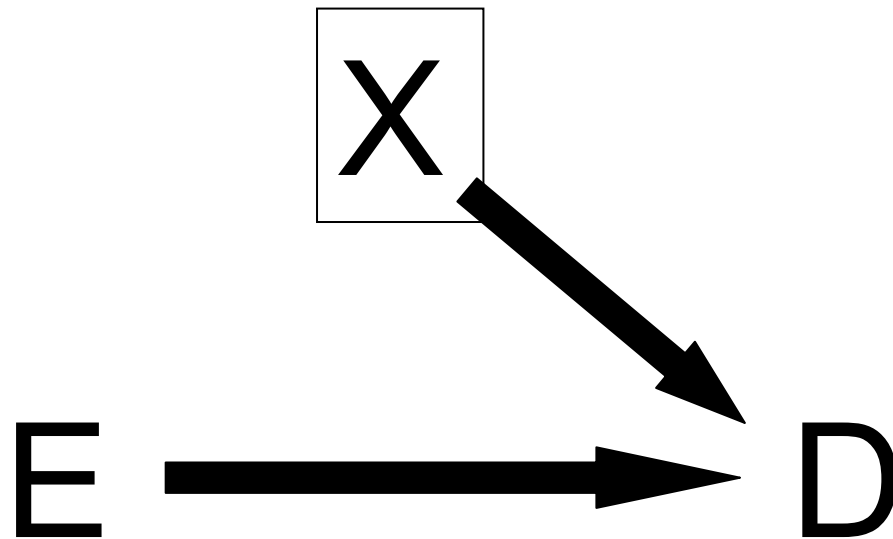
Inférence causale 
$$\frac{h[E(D|e_1, x_1)] - h[E(D|e_0, x_0)]}{\neq h[E(D|e_1, x_0)] - h[E(D|e_0, x_0)] + h[E(D|e_0, x_1)] - h[E(D|e_0, x_0)]}$$

Graphiques directs acycliques (DAG)

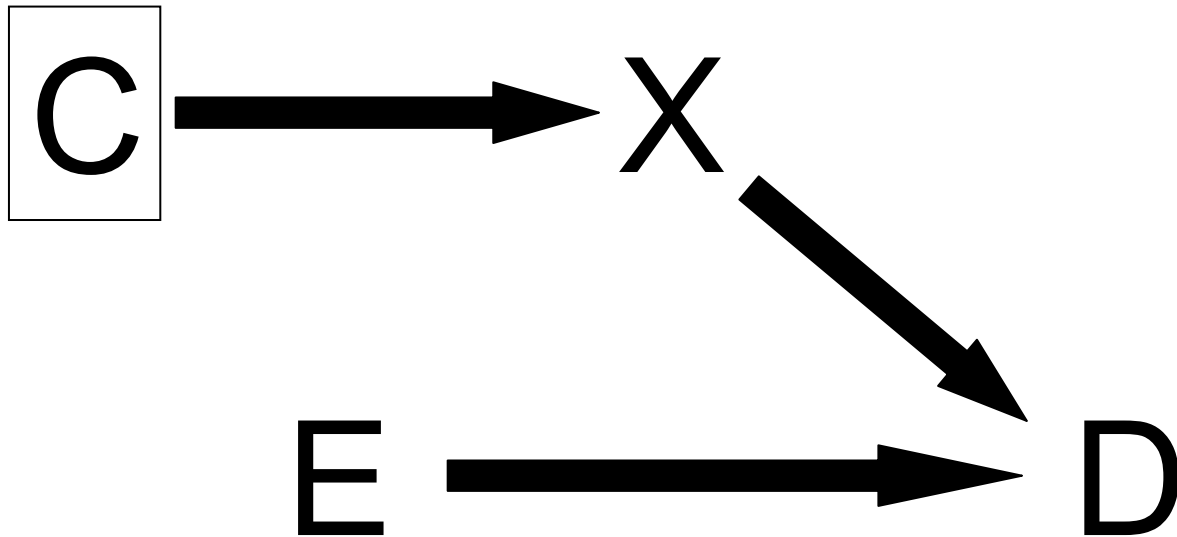


- ME directe
- ME indirecte
- ME par proxy
- ME par cause commune

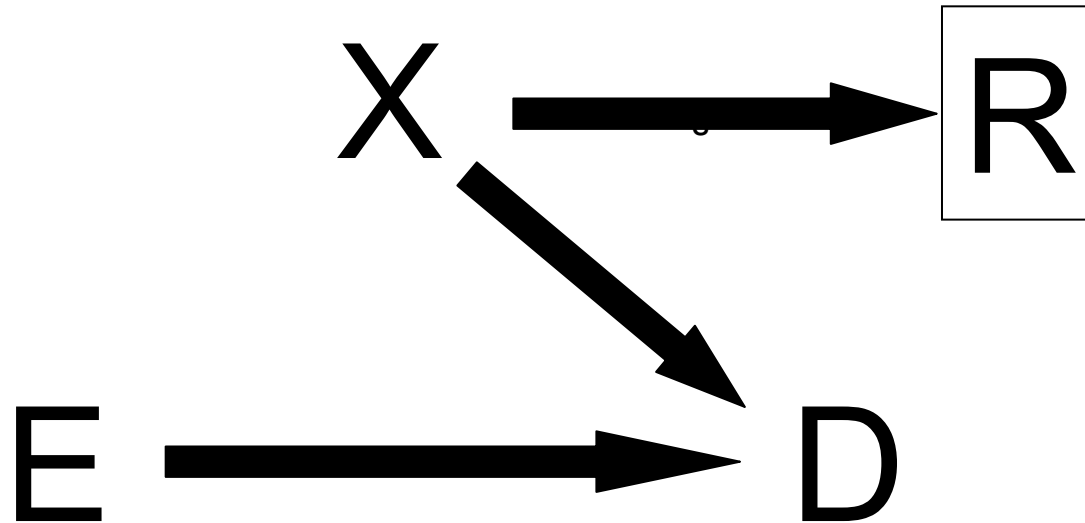
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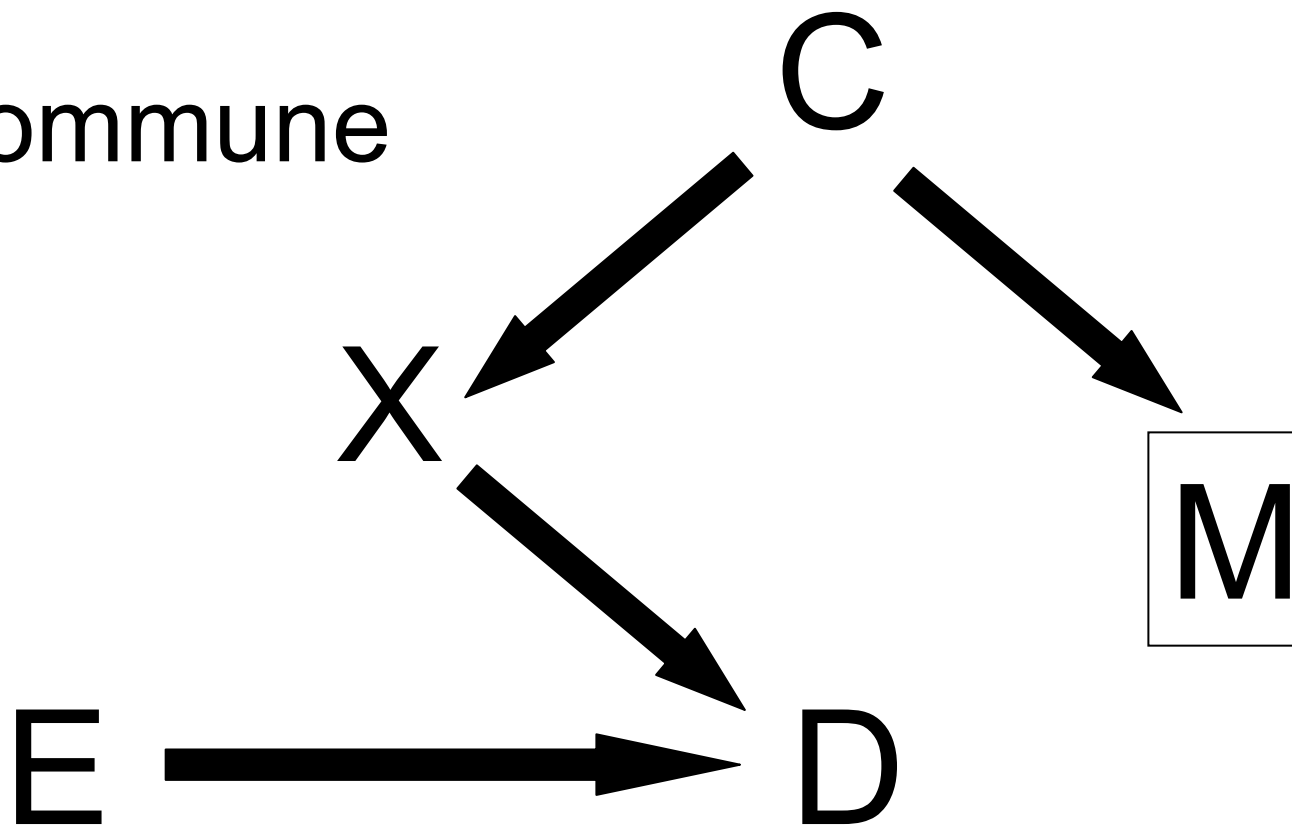


# ME par proxy



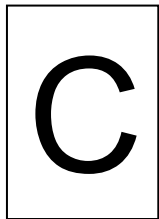


ME par  
cause commune

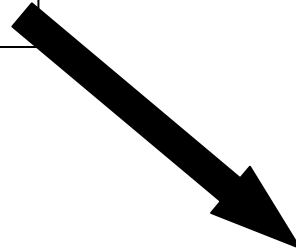
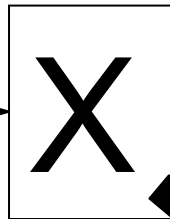


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génétique



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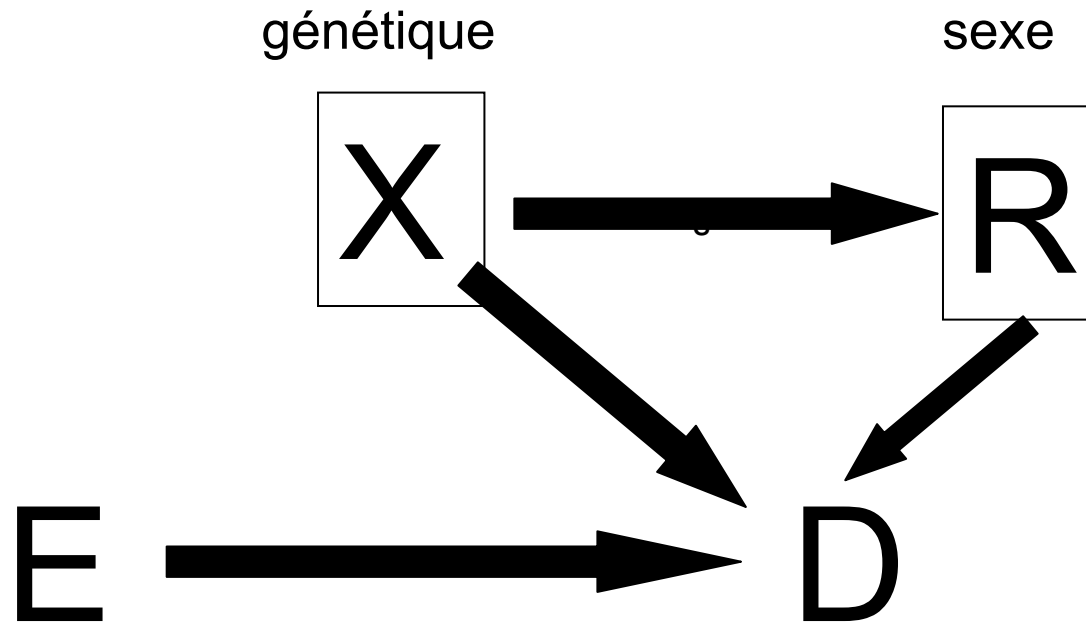


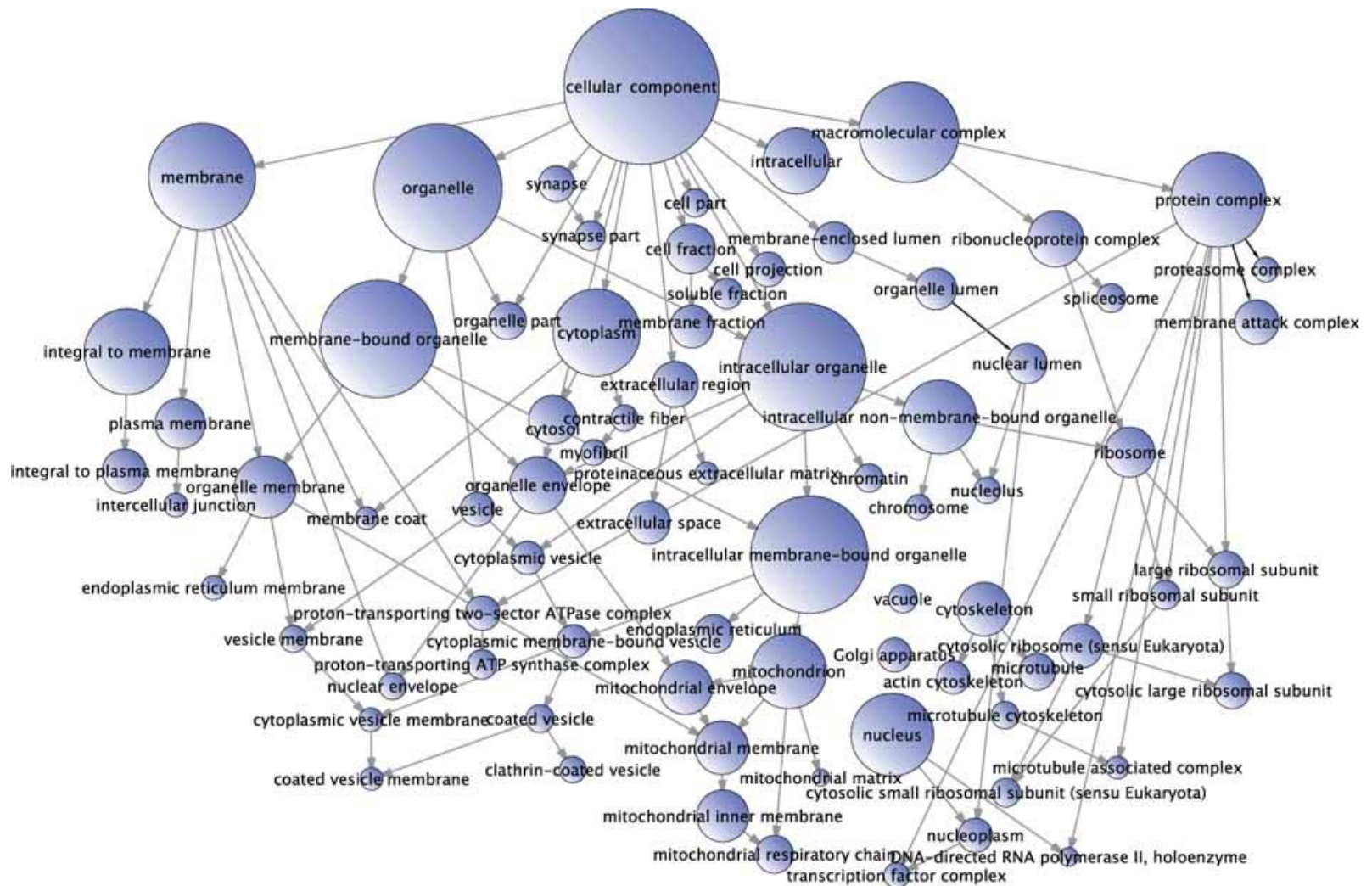
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# Génétique + sexe





# Modification d'effet = Interaction?

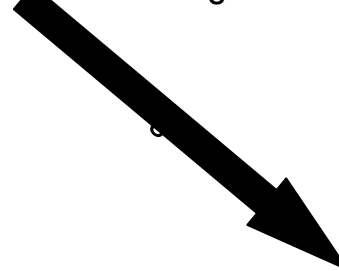
VanderWeele T. On the Distinction Between Interaction and Effect Modification. Epidemiology 2009.

- Interaction et modification d'effet souvent utilisés de façon interchangeables
- Pas équivalents!...
- Interaction: causalité double  
Ex: Tabac + alcool => cancer ORL
- Modification d'effet: différence par strate  
Ex: Tabac + domicile => cancer ORL

Interaction

Modification  
d'effet

Pollution → Taxes



Tabac

→ Cancer

# Quand chercher? Comment savoir?



1) Y penser! => dans la conception de l'étude

2) Hypothèses causales

3) Analyser par strates (tables, graphique...)

4) Mesurer l'effet

statistique                      oui, mais  
**épidémiologique**    **importance réelle?**

=> Tester l'homogénéité des mesures de chaque strate ( $\chi^2$  de Wald)

=> **Tester l'hétérogénéité globale**

Ho : RR1 = RR2 = RR3 = RR4

Ha : au moins un RR d'une strate  $\neq$

Tests:                      Breslow-Day test of homogeneity  
                                Analyse multivariée (test global)  
                                Ajustement pour tests multiples (Bonferroni?)

TV Perneger, What's wrong with Bonferroni adjustments, *BMJ* 316 (1998), pp. 1236–1238.

5) Rapporter toutes les ME, résultats par strates

# PTCA versus tt conservateur

	PTCA	Conservateur
Décès	300	300
Survie	300	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>

**OR=1**



# PTCA versus tt conservateur

	<50 ans		>50ans	
	PTCA	Conservateur	PTCA	Conservateur
Décès	100	200	200	100
Survie	200	100	100	200
Total	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>

**OR=0.25**

**OR=4.0**

**TABLE 14–17. Deaths From Lung Cancer (per 100,000) Among Individuals With and Without Exposure to Cigarette Smoking and Asbestos**

Cigarette Smoking	Asbestos Exposure	
	No	Yes
No	11.3	58.4
Yes	122.6	601.6

Adapted from Hammond EC, Selikoff IJ, Seidman H: Asbestos exposure, cigarette smoking and death rates. Ann NY Acad Sci 330:473–490, 1979.

**Incidence additive :**

$$58.4 + 122.6 - 11.3 = 169.7$$

**Table 9–1.** Hypothetical 1-year risk of lung cancer according to exposure to cigarette smoke and to asbestos (cases per 100,000)

	No Asbestos Exposure	Asbestos Exposure
Nonsmokers	1	5
Smokers	10	50

**Différence des risques :**

Non fumeurs :  $5 - 1 = 4 / 100.000$

Fumeurs :  $50 - 10 = 40 / 100.000$

**Rapport des risques :**

Non fumeurs :  $5/1 = 5$

Fumeurs :  $50/10 = 5$

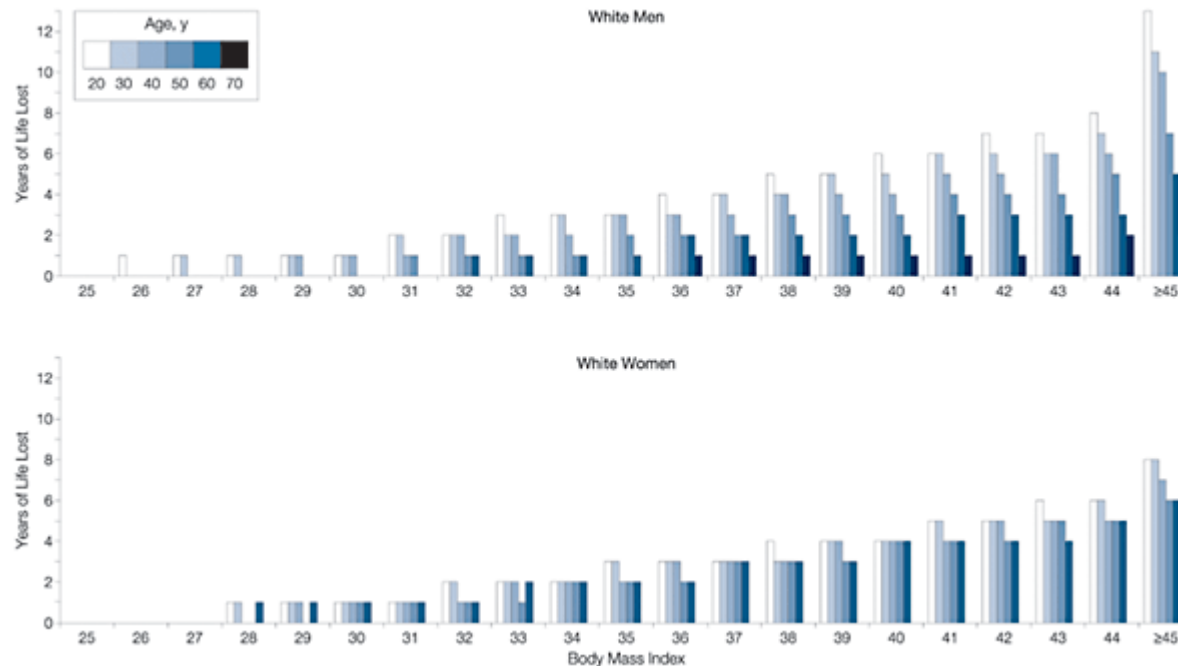
**10 x : Tabac modifie l'effet de l'asbestose**

**Tabac NE modifie PAS l'effet de l'asbestose**

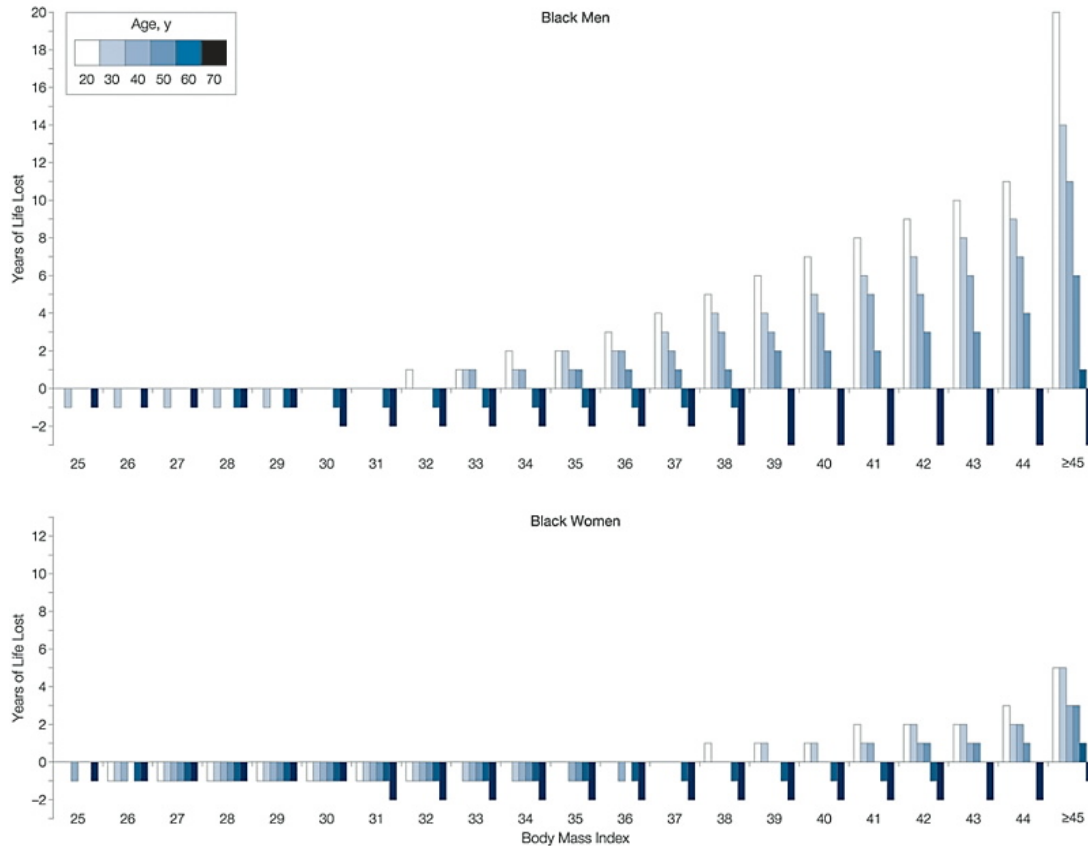
**TABAC = modificateur d'effet ????**

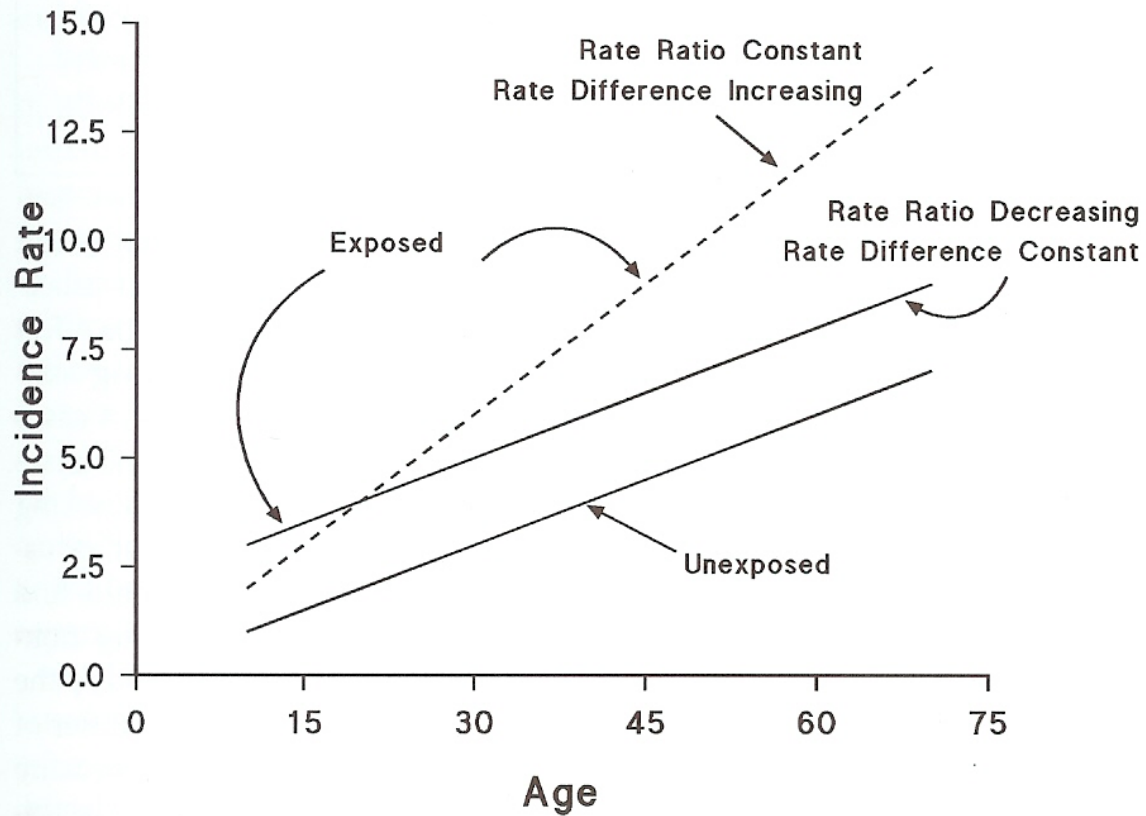
**Dépend de la mesure utilisée**

# Obésité et années perdues de vie



# Obésité et années perdues de vie





**Figure 9-1.** Age-incidence curves showing disease incidence increasing linearly with age for unexposed and two possible linear relations over age for exposed.

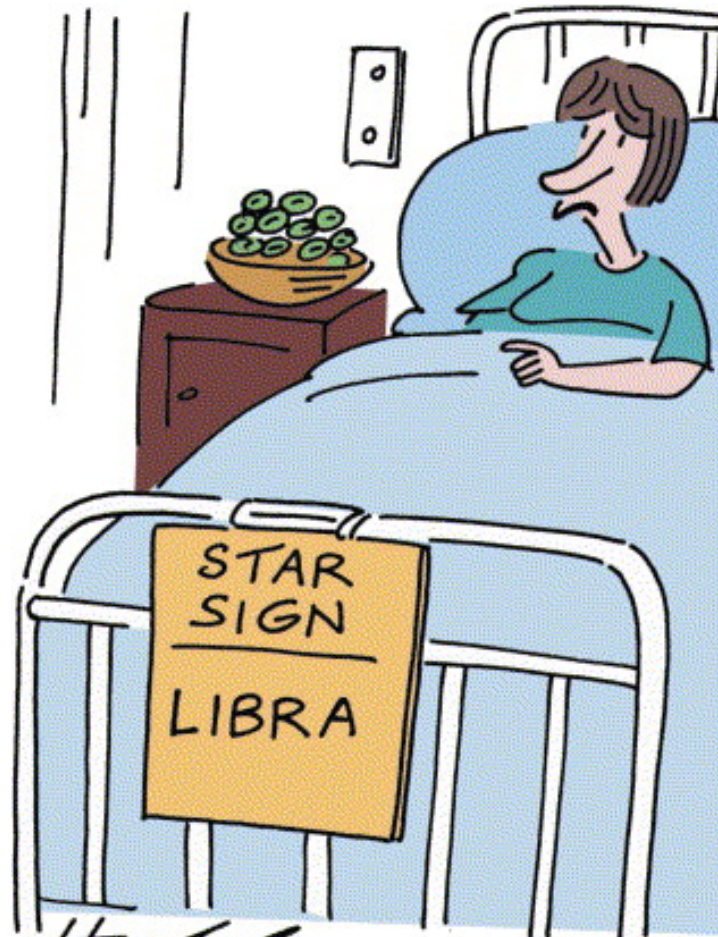
# Modification d'effet, ou aller à la pêche...

- Puissance nécessaire pour détecter un effet  
=> **Erreur  $\beta$**   
échantillon 10x ?
- Chance de trouver par hasard une ME?  
=> **Erreur  $\alpha$**   
Particulièrement à risque si non planifiées, multiples, pas de  
rationnel scientifique
- Exemple: analyses de sous-groupe

# ISIS 2 ou le signe du zodiac...

- Lancet 1988, 17,187 patients
- Aspirine dim mortalité après infarctus myocarde ( $p=0.00001$ )
- 40 analyses de sous-groupe demandées par éditeurs?
  - ⇒ Signes zodiac!  
Gémeaux et balances risque augmenté de décès (+9% ns)
  - ⇒ Autres signes astrologiques: effet bénéfique (-28%,  $p=0.00001$ ).





Halobne

	Febrile morbidity			Rate ratio (95% CI)
	Yes	No	Total	
<b>Age 20–24 years</b>				
New antibiotic	11	84	95	1.4 (0.6–3.2)
Standard antibiotic	8	86	94	
<b>Age 25–29 years</b>				
New antibiotic	8	69	77	1.2 (0.4–3.1)
Standard antibiotic	7	72	79	
<b>Age 30–34 years</b>				
New antibiotic	3	48	51	0.3 (0.1–0.9)
Standard antibiotic	11	38	49	
<b>Age 35–39 years</b>				
New antibiotic	10	32	42	1.1 (0.5–2.5)
Standard antibiotic	9	33	42	
<b>Total</b>				
New antibiotic	32	233	265	0.9 (0.6–1.4)
Standard antibiotic	35	229	264	

Test for statistical interaction (Breslow-Day) non-significant ( $p=0.103$ )

## SF Assmann, et al. Lancet 2000

	Number of trials
<b>Were subgroup analyses reported?</b>	
Yes	35
No	15
<b>Number of baseline factors included</b>	
1	17
2	3
3	3
4	5
5	1
6	1
≥7	5
<b>Number of outcomes for subgroup analysis</b>	
1	17
2	6
3-5	6
≥6	6
<b>Total number of subgroup analyses</b>	
1	8
2	4
3-5	8
6-8	9
9-11	0
12-24	4
Unclear	2
<b>Statistical method used for subgroup analysis</b>	
Descriptive only	7
Subgroup p values	13
Interaction test	15
<b>Subgroup differences claimed</b>	
Yes	21
No	14
<b>Subgroup claim features in summary or conclusion</b>	
Yes	13
No	8

**Review of 50 reports** from general medical journals (New England Journal of Medicine, The Lancet, JAMA, and BMJ):

**70% reported subgroup analyses.**

**40% did at least six subgroup analyses (24!).**

**<50% tests of interaction**

# Is atrial fibrillation associated with pulmonary embolism ?

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# BACKGROUND

“Pulmonary embolism can cause a new-onset atrial fibrillation” : widespread idea

“Chronic AF could be a risk factor for PE”

→ In case of PE suspicion, AF often increases the intuitive pre-test probability of PE

# BACKGROUND

## **Epidemiologic evidence of PE-AF association :**

Series of patients with PE suspicion...

- No one found any significant difference in prevalence of AF in both groups.
- No systematic ECG for all patients
- No adjustments (in all but one study)
- Numbers of patients were low (max. 500 patients)

# METHODS

## Study population

- Patients included in 2 European prospective multicentre RCTs on PE diagnosis (CTEP-3 + CTEP-4)

- Inclusion criteria :

All consecutive patients who presented to the ER with a clinical suspicion of PE, defined as :

- acute onset of new or worsening dyspnea
- or** chest pain
- without** another obvious cause

# RESULTS

- 2449 patients included
- 22% PE (n=551)
- **4.6% AF (n=25) in patients with PE**  
**5.8% AF (n=108) in patients without PE (p=0.28)**
- OR for PE in case of AF : **0.68** (CI95% 0.42-1.11, p=0.12)  
(adjustments for age, sex, cardiac failure, COPD, history of stroke, neoplasm, diabetes and creatinine clearance).



# Effet protecteur!

	<b>All patients suspected of PE</b> N=2449
<b>AF</b>	<b>0.68</b> (0.42-1.11) p=0.122 n=133
<b>COPD</b>	<b>0.43</b> (0.28-0.65) p<0.001 n=247
<b>Heart failure</b>	<b>0.53</b> (0.31-0.88) p=0.014 n=144

Critères  
d'inclusion:  
Dyspnée

# DISCUSSION : Role of dyspnea

	<b>All patients suspected of PE</b> N=2449	<b>New dyspnea at presentation</b> N=1756	<b>No new dyspnea at presentation</b> N=693	<b>p-value for interaction with dyspnea</b>
<b>AF</b>	Adjusted OR of PE in case of AF*			<b>p=0.003</b>
	<b>0.68</b> (0.42-1.11), p=0.122 n=133	<b>0.47</b> (0.26-0.84) p=0.010 n=104	<b>2.42</b> (0.97-6.07) p=0.059 n=29	
<b>COPD</b>	Adjusted OR of PE in case of COPD*			<b>p=0.009</b>
	<b>0.43</b> (0.28-0.65) p<0.001 n=247	<b>0.32</b> (0.20-0.51) p<0.001 n=217	<b>1.40</b> (0.51-3.87) p=0.515 n=30	
<b>Heart failure</b>	Adjusted OR of PE in case of heart failure*			<b>p=0.095</b>
	<b>0.53</b> (0.31-0.88) p=0.014 n=144	<b>0.43</b> (0.25-0.73) p=0.002 n=135	<b>1.80</b> (0.36-8.99) p=0.475 n=9	

\* Adjusted for age, sex and presence of AF, heart failure, COPD, stroke or cancer in the past and creatinine clearance



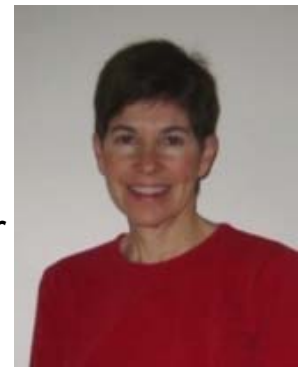
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# EOL aux SI?

- 20% des décès aux SI (ou 3 jours suivant)
  - Qualité de la fin de vie est importante pour les patients, mais aussi pour les familles (séquelles) et les soignants
  - Majeur partie des décès aux SI se produisent à la suite d'un retrait thérapeutique (**life-support withdrawal**)
  - Prolongation du retrait thérapeutique n'est pas justifié médicalement, éthiquement, économiquement
- ⇒ « stuttering withdrawal » est un marqueur d'indécision médicale et de mauvaise qualité des soins?

⇒ Améliorer la qualité de la fin de vie aux SI est un objectif important

# Duration of Withdrawal of Life Support in the Intensive Care Unit and Association with Family Satisfaction

Eric Gerstel, Ruth A. Engelberg, Thomas Koepsell, J. Randall Curtis

AJRCCM 2008

- Cohorte prospective multicentrique
- 15 centres (WA), 2003-2006 – **2100 patients**
- Critères d'inclusion: tous les patients décédés pendant ou dans les 24h suivant une admission aux SI
- Exclusion: durée séjour SI < 6h, patients décédés en « full-support »
- Abstraction prospective des dossiers + questionnaires FS-ICU adressés aux familles 1 mois après décès

admission

ICU

Décision de retrait?

Stop RRT

Stop nutrition

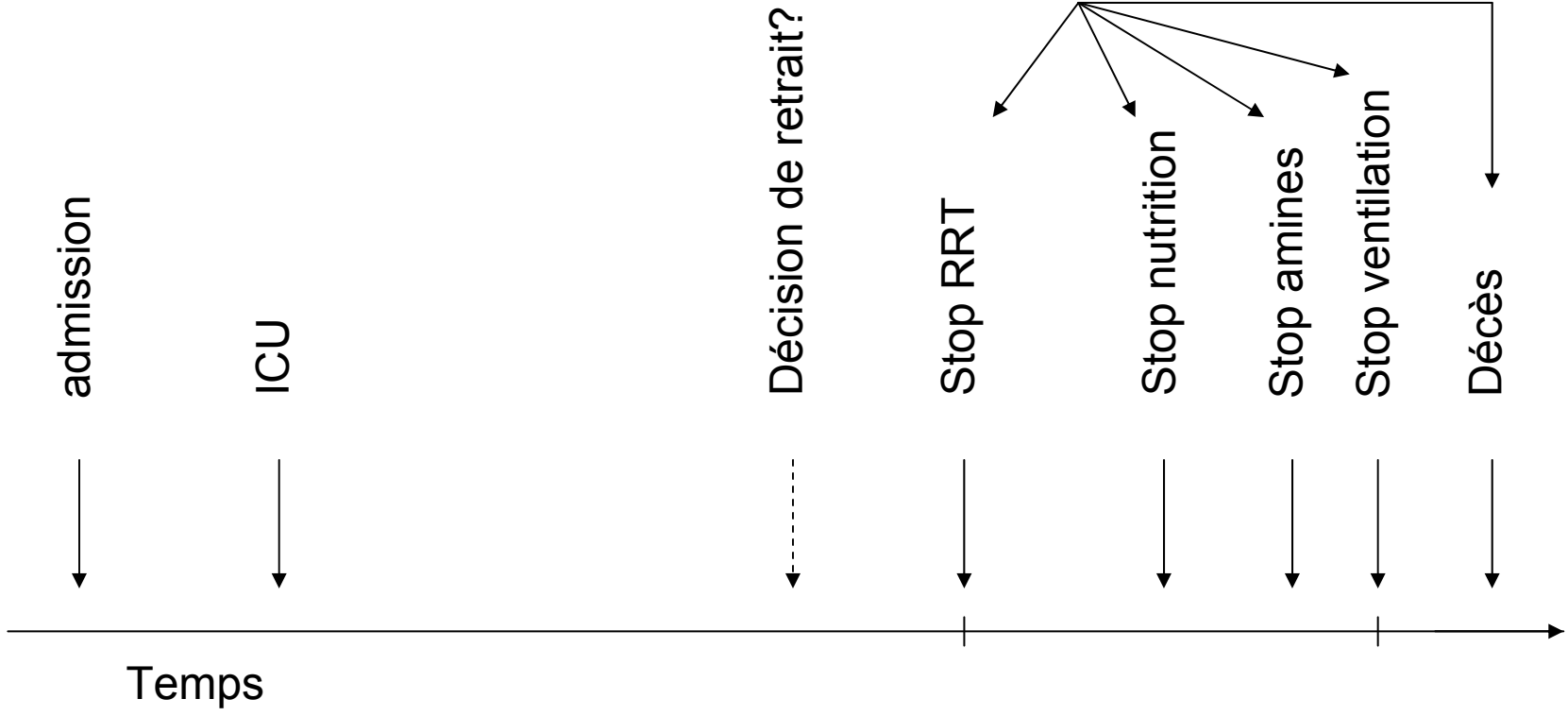
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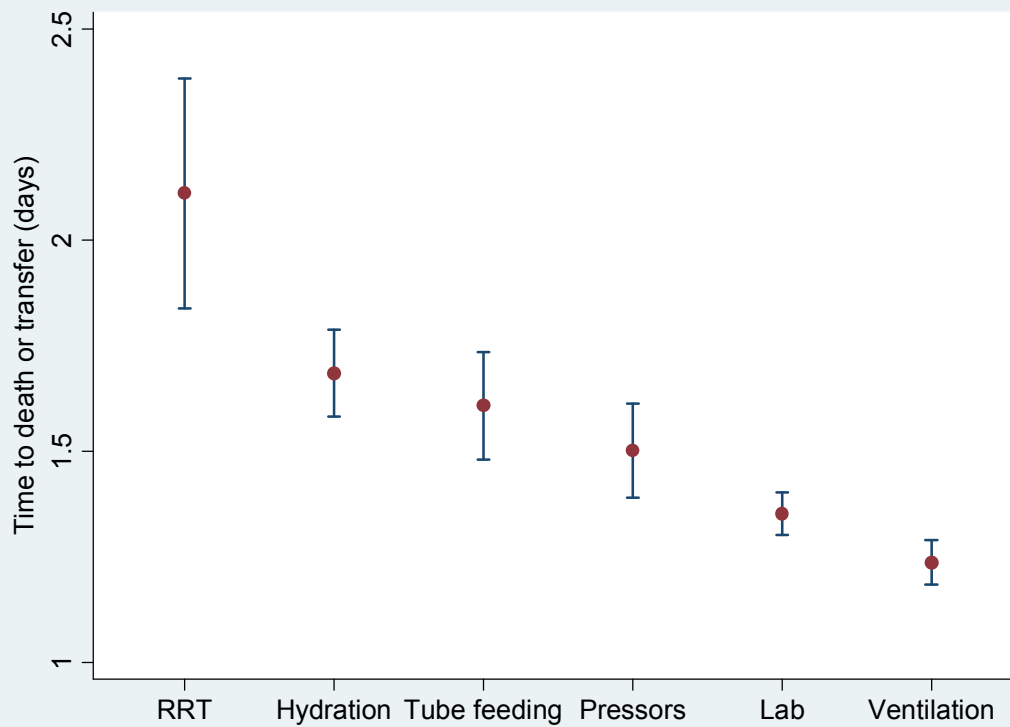
Stop ventilation

Décès

Temps

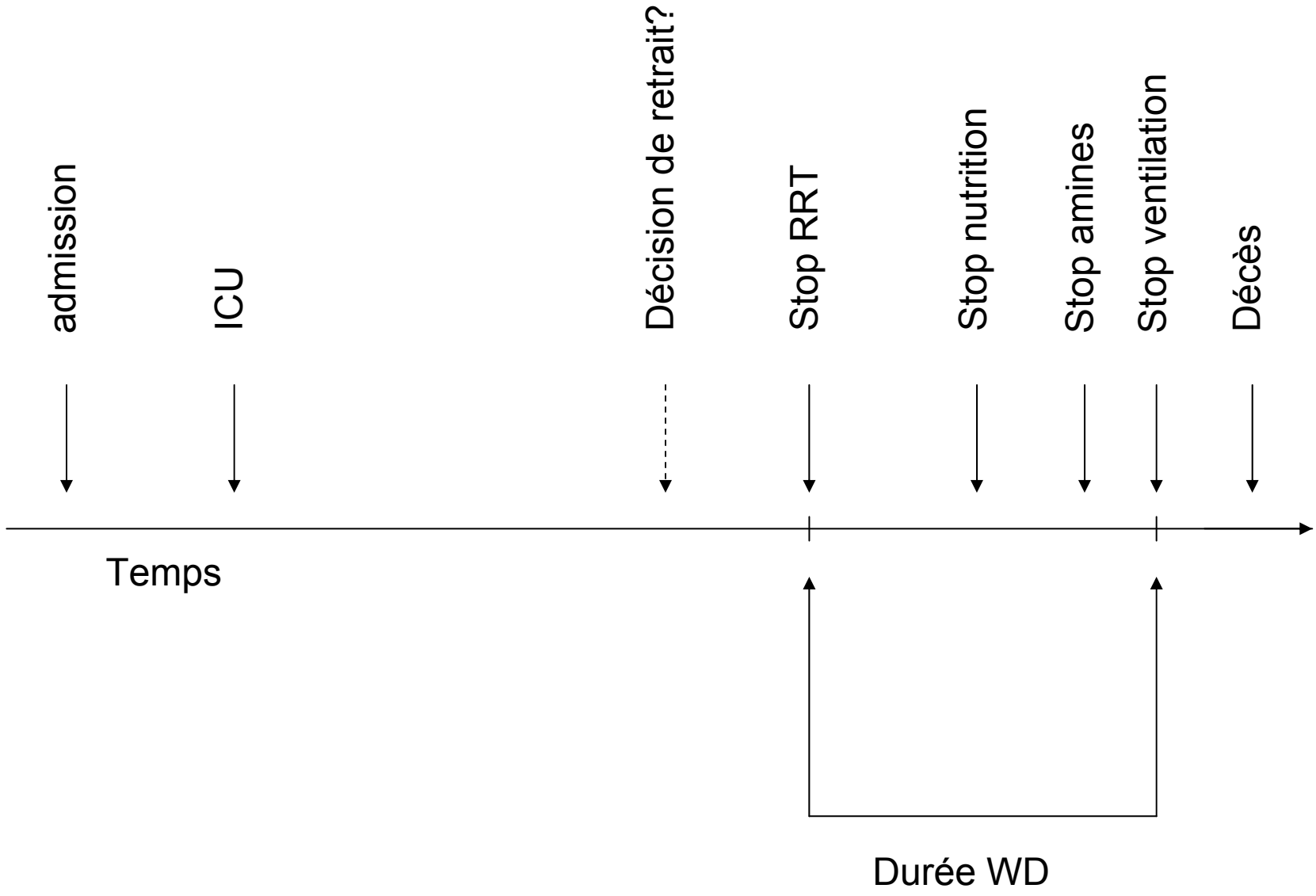


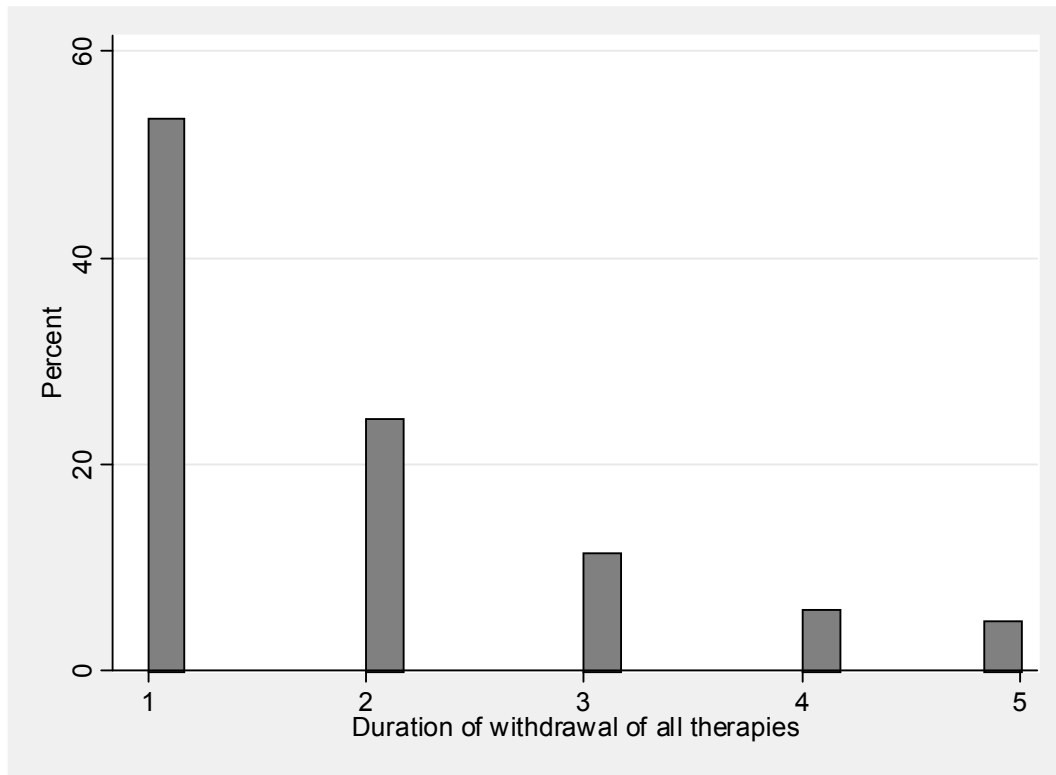


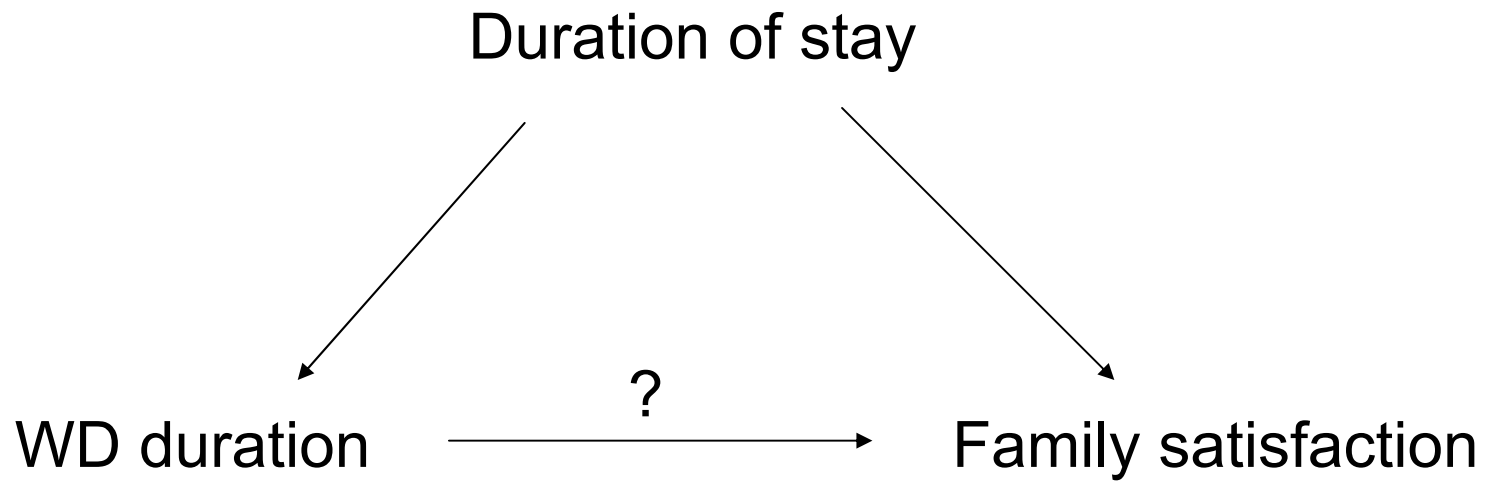


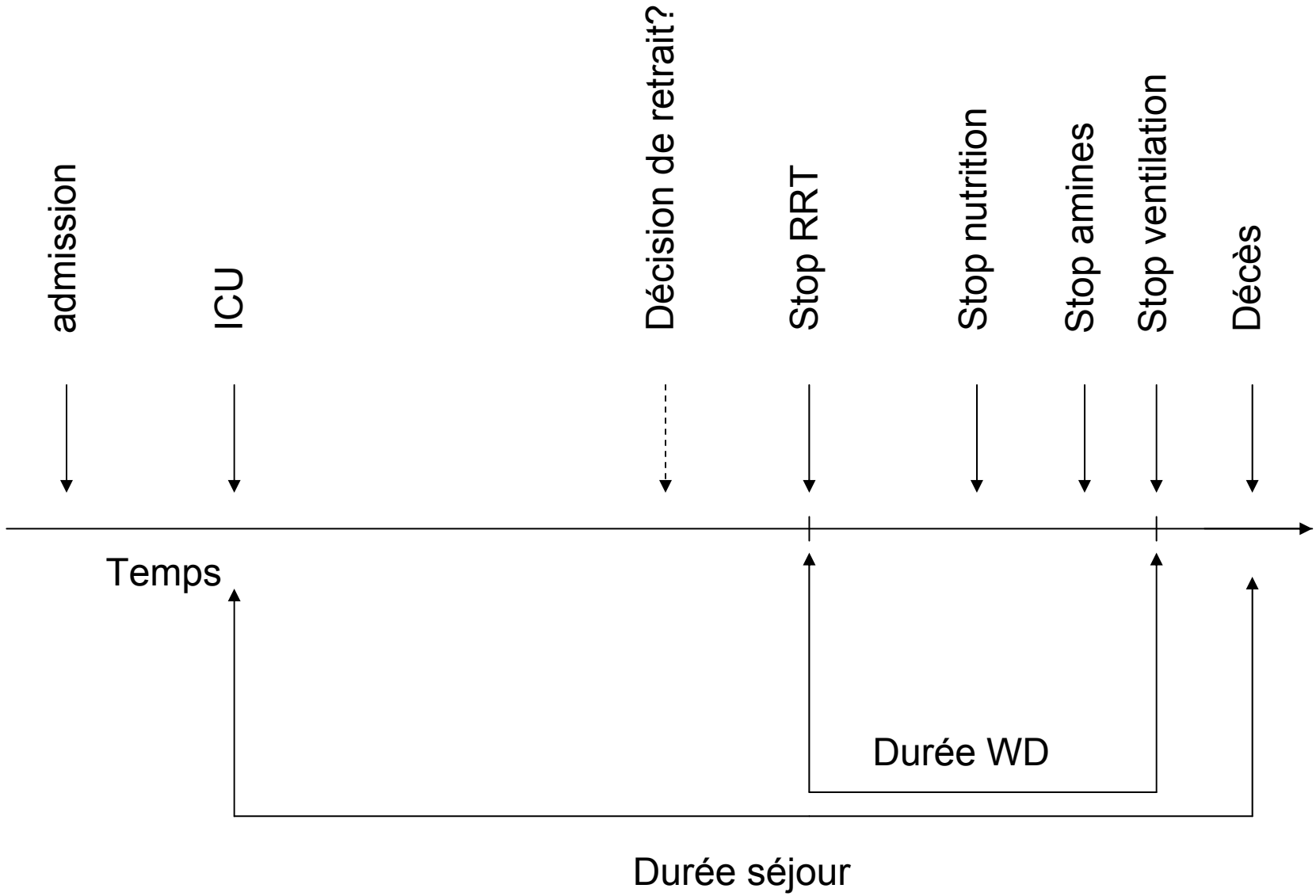
p-value*	RRT	Hydration	Tube feeding	Pressors	Lab
Hydration	0.32 <sup>†</sup>				
Tube feeding	0.14 <sup>†</sup>	0.0007			
Pressors	0.0079	0.63	0.89		
Lab	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.0001	0.042	
Ventilation	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001

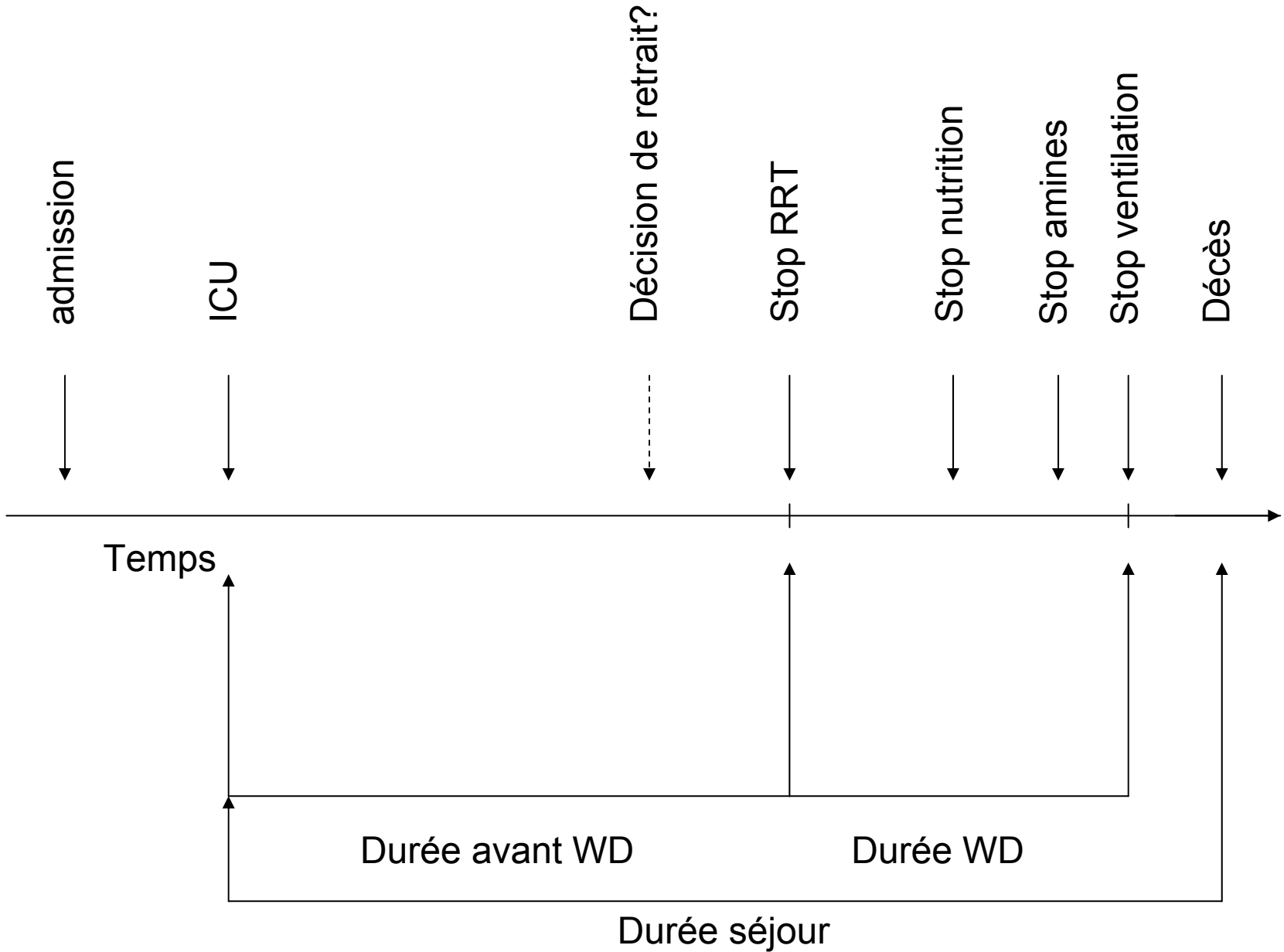


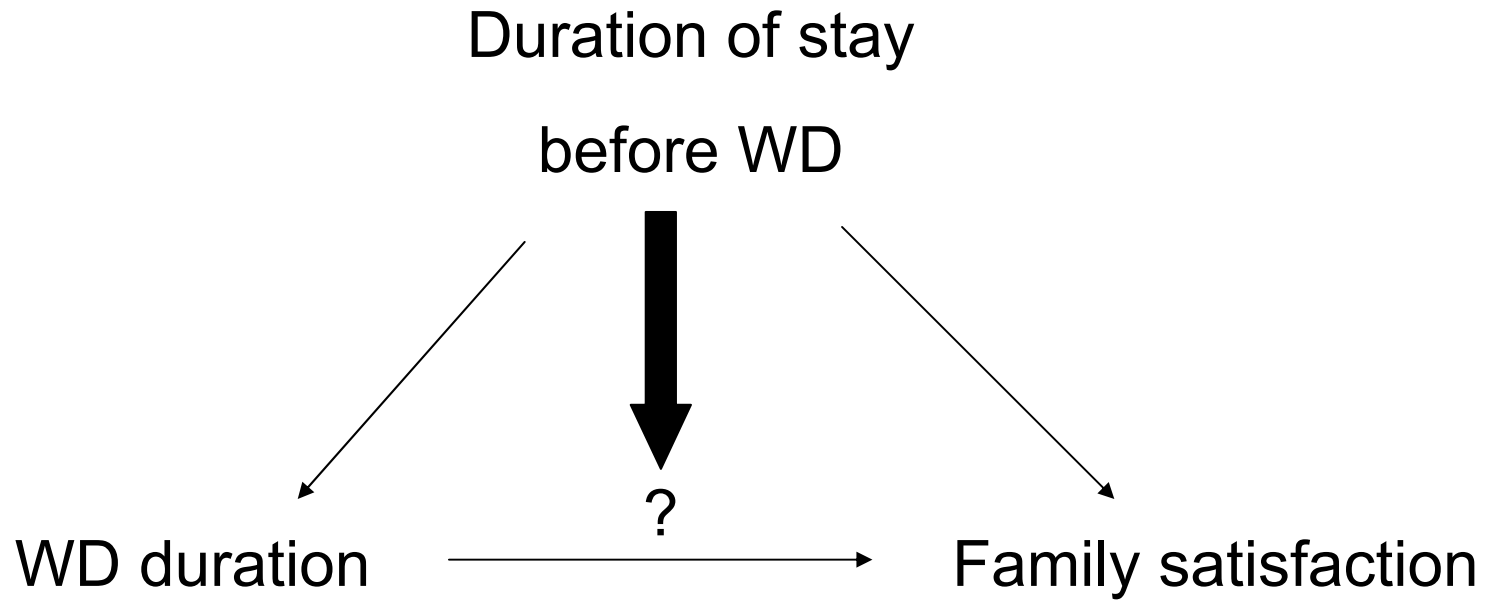












## Withdrawal duration – associated factors

Associated factors	N	Withdrawal duration (days)		p-value	
		Mean	SD		
	584	1.84	1.13		
<b>Age (years)</b>				0.022	
<65	161	1.97	1.28		
65-74	114	1.94	1.16		
75-84	184	1.82	1.07		
≥85	125	1.62	1.00		
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>				0.73	
White	444	1.81	1.16		
Non White	47	1.81	1.14		
<b>Insurance Status</b>				0.21	
Private/Commercial	168	1.80	1.10		
Government/Public	73	1.96	1.26		
Medicare	228	1.76	1.06		
Medicaid	30	2.23	1.57		
None	11	2.00	1.10		
<b>LOS in the ICU before withdrawal of life support (days)</b>				<0.001	
0-4	375	1.71	1.04		
5-9	115	1.98	1.22		
10-14	30	2.20	1.37		
>14	64	2.20	1.27		
<b>Primary diagnosis category</b>				0.066	
Cardiovascular	112	1.95	1.16		
Infectious	83	1.89	1.15		
Gastro-intestinal and hepatic	42	1.86	1.20		
Neurologic	72	1.63	1.01		
Trauma	42	2.29	1.50		
Respiratory	128	1.70	1.02		
Cancer	42	1.69	1.00		
Miscellaneous	47	1.96	1.16		
<b>Number of therapy/interventions</b>				<0.001	
1	20	1.00	-		
2	69	1.36	0.71		
3	185	1.56	0.86		
4	222	1.94	1.21		
5	81	2.73	1.28		
6	7	3.00	1.29		
<b>Ventilation</b>					
Intubated last week of life	yes	431	1.92	1.20	0.004
	no	153	1.61	0.90	
Extubated before death	yes	351	1.90	1.22	0.42
	no	72	2.03	1.13	
<b>Mental status and presence of symptoms in the patient's last 24 hours</b>					
Alert/oriented	yes	183	1.64	1.02	0.003
	no	371	1.96	1.20	
Pain	yes	190	1.75	1.10	0.034
	no	307	1.94	1.17	
Dyspnea	yes	182	1.77	1.09	0.56
	no	121	1.85	1.18	
<b>Living will</b>				0.91	
	yes	272	1.83	1.06	
	no	156	1.81	1.19	

## Withdrawal duration – associated factors

Associated factors	N	Withdrawal duration		p-value
		Mean	SD	
<b>Number of family decision makers</b>				0.001
1	36	1.58	1.05	
2-3	434	1.77	1.06	
>3	111	2.16	1.35	
<b>Documentation of family conference</b>				
Prognosis discussed				0.16
yes	362	1.89	1.15	
no	222	1.76	1.11	
Family wishes to WD/WH				0.18
yes	519	1.86	1.15	
no	65	1.66	1.00	
Patient wishes to WD/WH				0.97
yes	107	1.83	1.09	
no	476	1.84	1.14	
Decision to WD/WH				0.84
yes	366	1.83	1.14	
no	217	1.85	1.14	
Patient's wishes expressed				0.36
yes	258	1.79	1.08	
no	325	1.87	1.17	
Family discord				0.092
yes	18	2.28	1.45	
no	565	1.82	1.11	
<b>Family present at death</b>				0.17
yes	476	1.82	1.13	
no	73	2.01	1.25	
<b>Spiritual advisor involved</b>				0.075
yes	293	1.92	1.20	
no	289	1.75	1.05	



## Association WD and family satisfaction

<b>Satisfaction score</b>	<b>Duration of stay in the ICU</b>	<b>Effect on satisfaction* (% change<sup>†</sup>)</b>	<b>95% CI</b>	<b>p-value</b>
<b>Family satisfaction with care domain score (14 items)</b>	3 days	-2.0	-12.3 – 7.4	0.037
	8 days	3.5	-5.7 – 11.8	
	16 days	11.6	0.4 – 21.5	
<b>Family satisfaction with decision making domain score (10 items)</b>	3 days	-0.3	-11.1 – 9.4	0.007
	8 days	6.3	-3.3 – 14.9	
	16 days	15.9	4.6 – 25.9	
<b>Family satisfaction total score (24 items)</b>	3 days	-0.9	-10.2 – 7.7	0.004
	8 days	5.3	-2.8 – 12.9	
	16 days	14.5	4.7 – 23.2	

\* model adjusted for age, gender, race, number of life-sustaining therapies, intubation status, and including an interaction term with duration of stay

# ME - conclusions

- Décider a priori
- Reporter tous les résultats
- Importance épidémiologique  
≠
- Importance et clarté statistique (test global)
- Plausibilité