# Improving Ageing with Big Data

InterRAI Knowledge Exchange Forum

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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 (Homecare, Contact, LTCF, Palliative Care)
- Standardised electronic, comprehensive older persons assessments

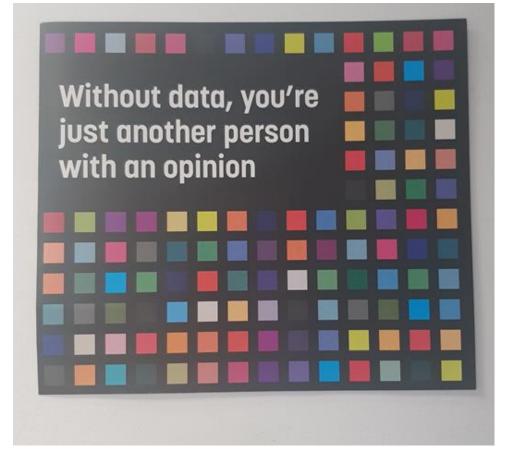








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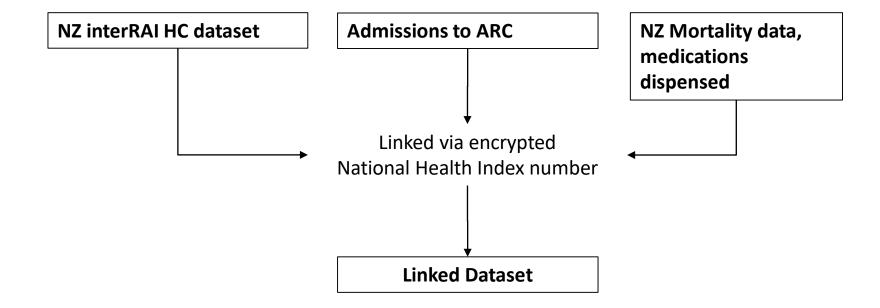
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#### How interrai data is linked









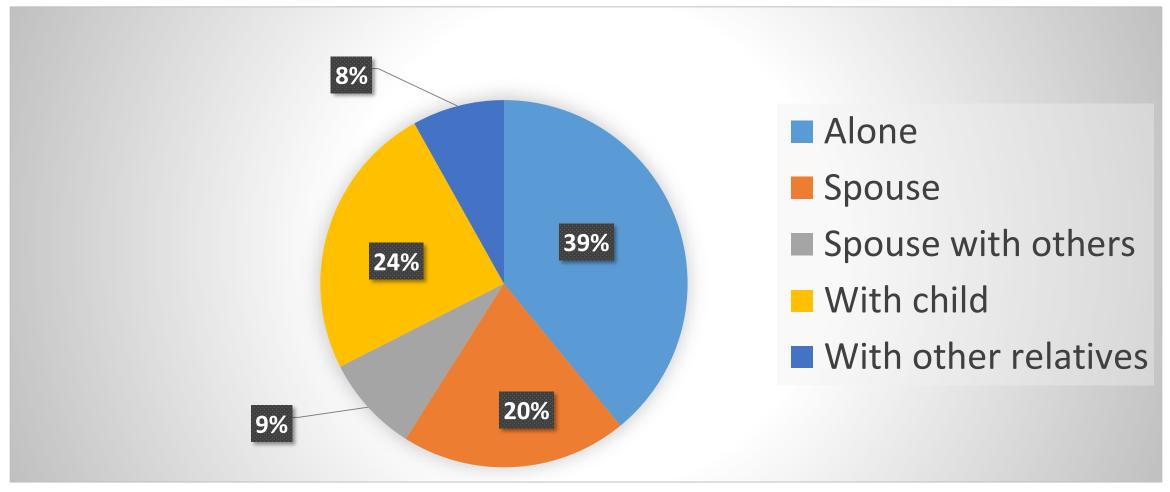
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# Māori Living Arrangement

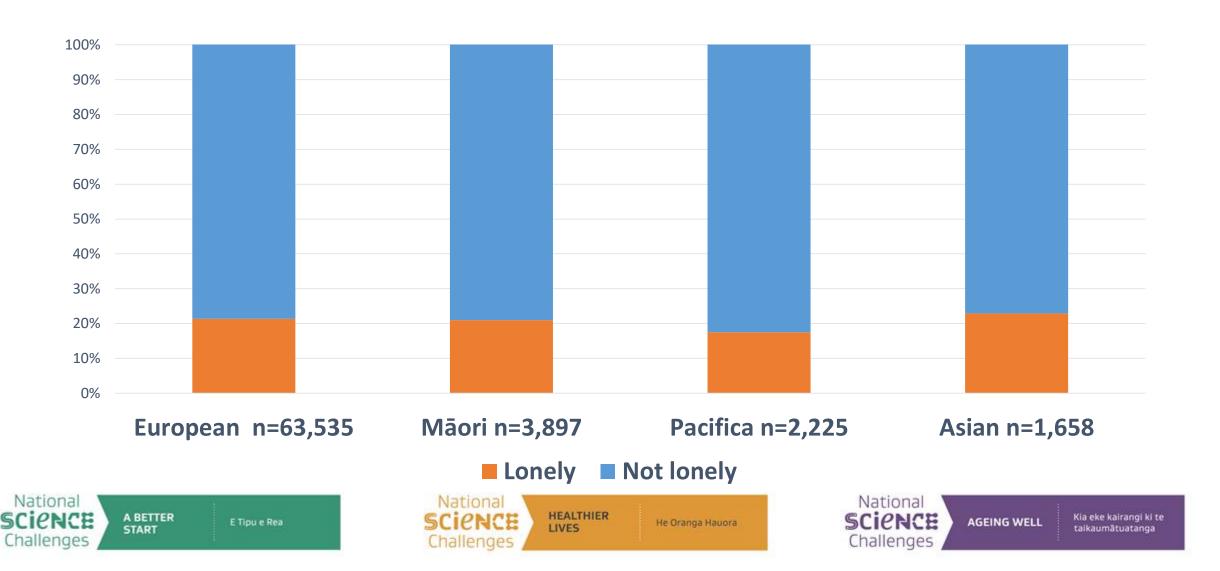








# **Ethnicity and Loneliness**



# Objective of this research

• To evaluate the association between social variables and entry into Aged Residential Care after accounting for confounding factors.

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# 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 (%)		
Negative Interaction <sup>a</sup>						
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)		
Loneliness <sup>b</sup>						
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)		
Carer Stress <sup>c</sup>						
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)		
Living Arrangement						
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

	Unadjusto	ed 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)	1.43	(1.37, 1.50)		
Carer Stress	1.52	(1.47, 1.58)	1.28	(1.23, 1.34)		
Negative Interaction	Negative Interaction 1.31		1.22	(1.15, 1.30)		
Loneliness	Loneliness 1.20		1.18	(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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# Drug Burden Index

 A score of the side effects of sedative and anticholinergic medications. Created by Sarah Hilmer and Darrell Abernethy

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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 (≥65 years) adults using linked national datasets in New Zealand.

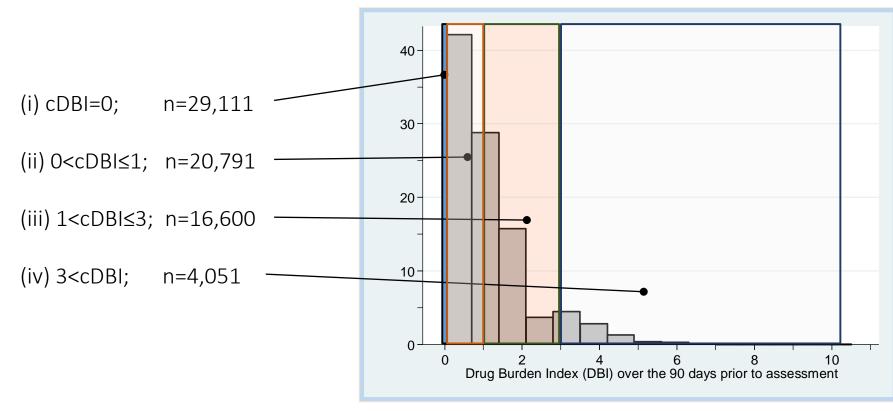
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### Cumulative DBI – Distribution and Group Size









# 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			893	(3.1)	7,944	(27.3)	1	(referenc e)	1	(referenc e)
0 <cdbl≤ 1</cdbl≤ 	14,306	(68.8)	687	(3.3)	5,798	(27.9)	1.11	(1.00 <i>,</i> 1.23)	1.12	(1.01 <i>,</i> 1.24)
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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

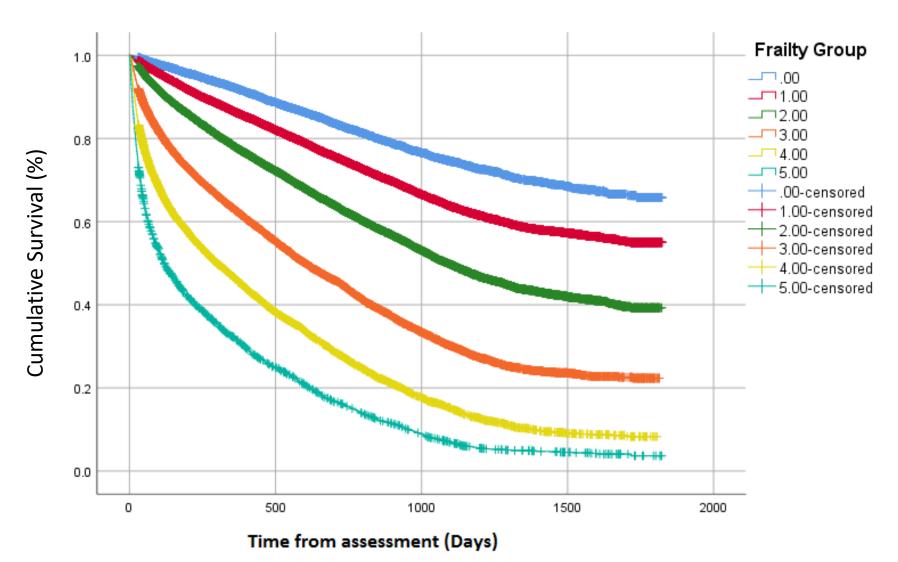
- Mean age of participants was 82.1 years
- 60.2% were female
- The average frailty index was 0.22 (Range 0 to 0.79)
- Those who had a higher frailty score were more likely to die and those with a lower frailty level were more likely to enter ARC
- There were significant differences between mean frailty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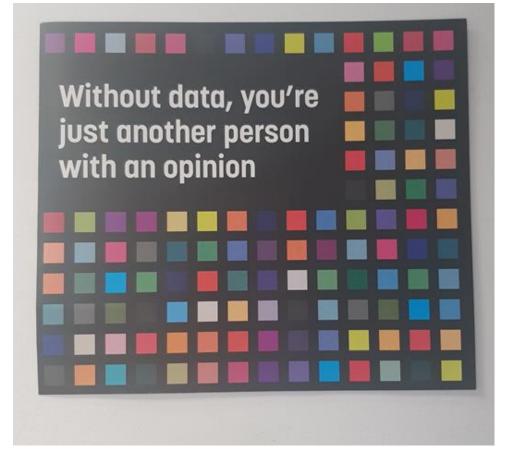
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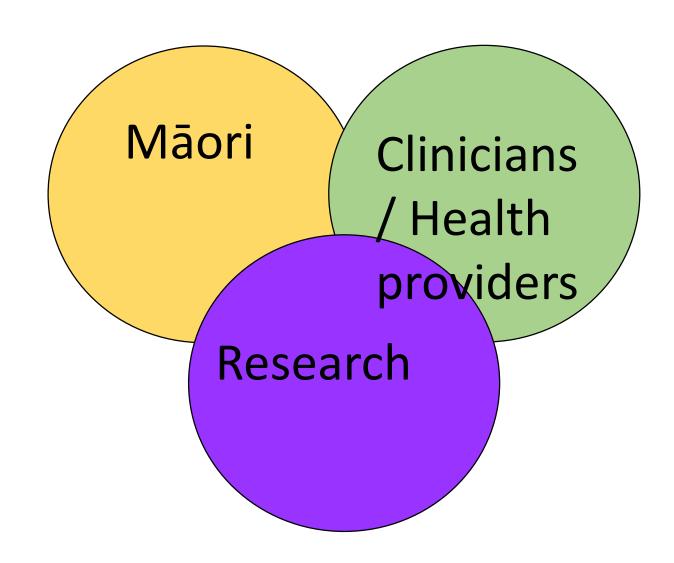
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#### Collaborative Research



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