

Efficacia dello screening con sigmoidoscopia per il carcinoma del colon retto: i risultati del Trial SCORe

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METHODS

SCREENING TEST

Flexible sigmoidoscopy :

Scope advanced beyond the sigmoid-descending colon junction (complete test).

Small (< 6 mm) polyps removed using cold-snare technique.

BOWEL PREPARATION:

Single enema (133 ml sodium-phosphate) self-administered 2 hours before the test.

REFERRAL FOR COLONOSCOPY

- 1 distal polyp ≥ 6 mm
- ≥ 3 adenomas < 6 mm
- 1 high risk (severe dysplasia or cancer, villous histology) adenoma < 6 mm

ANALYSIS

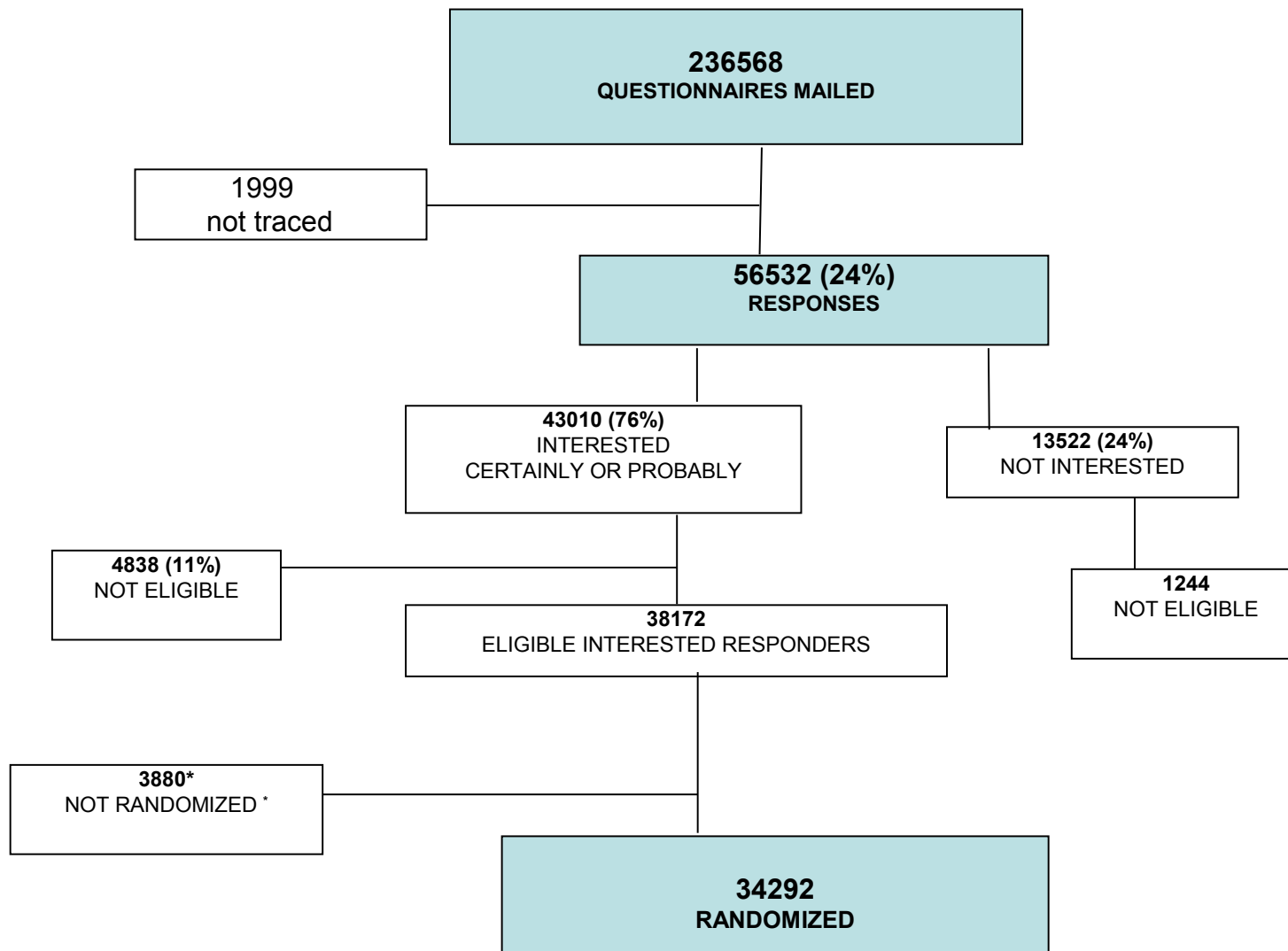
Primary outcomes: **CRC incidence and mortality**

Intention to treat and **per protocol** analysis:

- Cumulative incidence & mortality **rates** per 10⁵ person-years and **Rate Ratios** (RR) with 95% confidence interval (CI)
- We illustrate time to CRC and to death by estimating the **Nelson Aalen cumulative hazard function**
- We estimate **RR adjusted for non-compliance** in the per protocol analysis, using the method proposed by Cuzick et al.

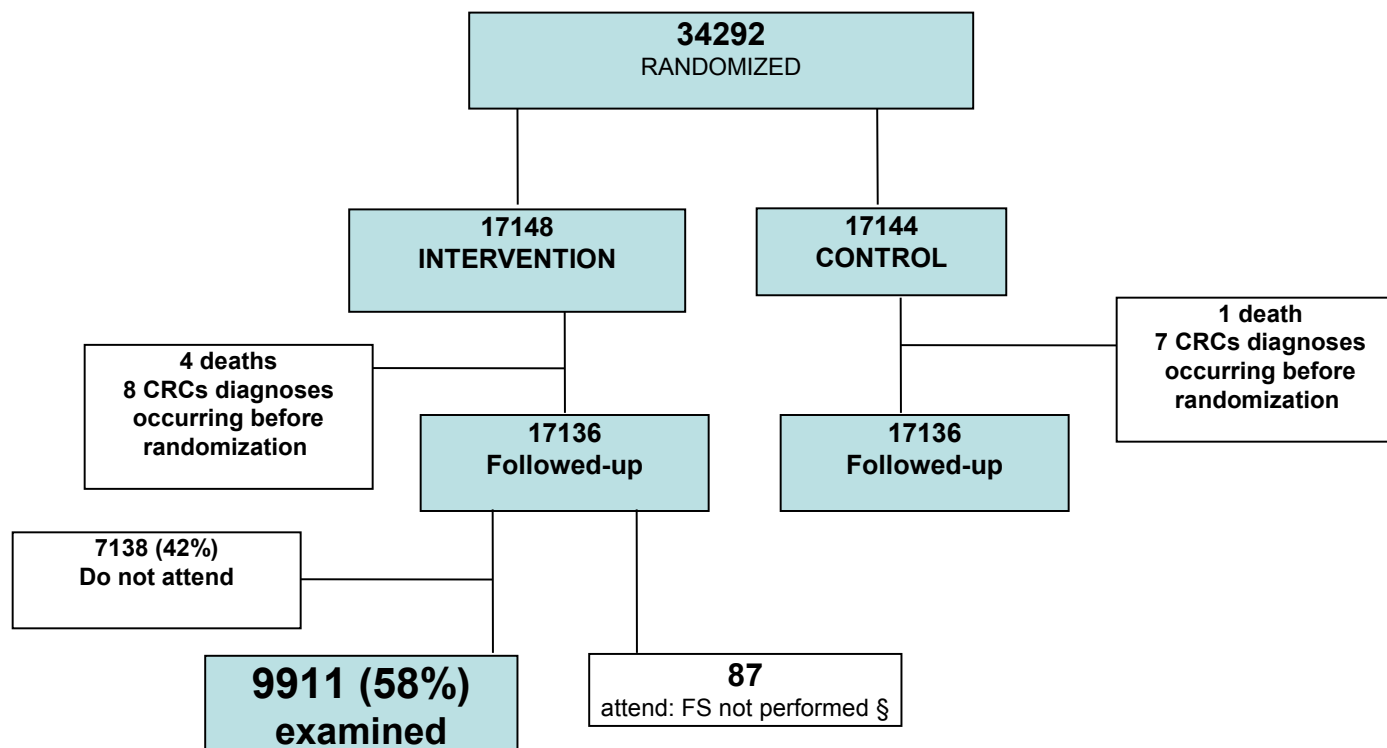
All statistical tests were two-sided and were considered to be statistically significant at $p < .05$

SCORE Trial profile-1



* Based on the low response rate observed in Genoa among people responding that they would probably have the test if invited, these subjects were no longer randomized in that centre, starting from December 1996.

SCORE Trial profile-2



§ 1 patient who refused to repeat the FS following inadequate preparation, had been diagnosed with a CRC prior to randomization. He was therefore excluded from the follow-up analysis.

FOLLOW-UP

Participants were followed-up until

31/12/2007 for incidence

31/12/2008 for mortality

Median follow-up time to death, emigration, or
end of follow-up:

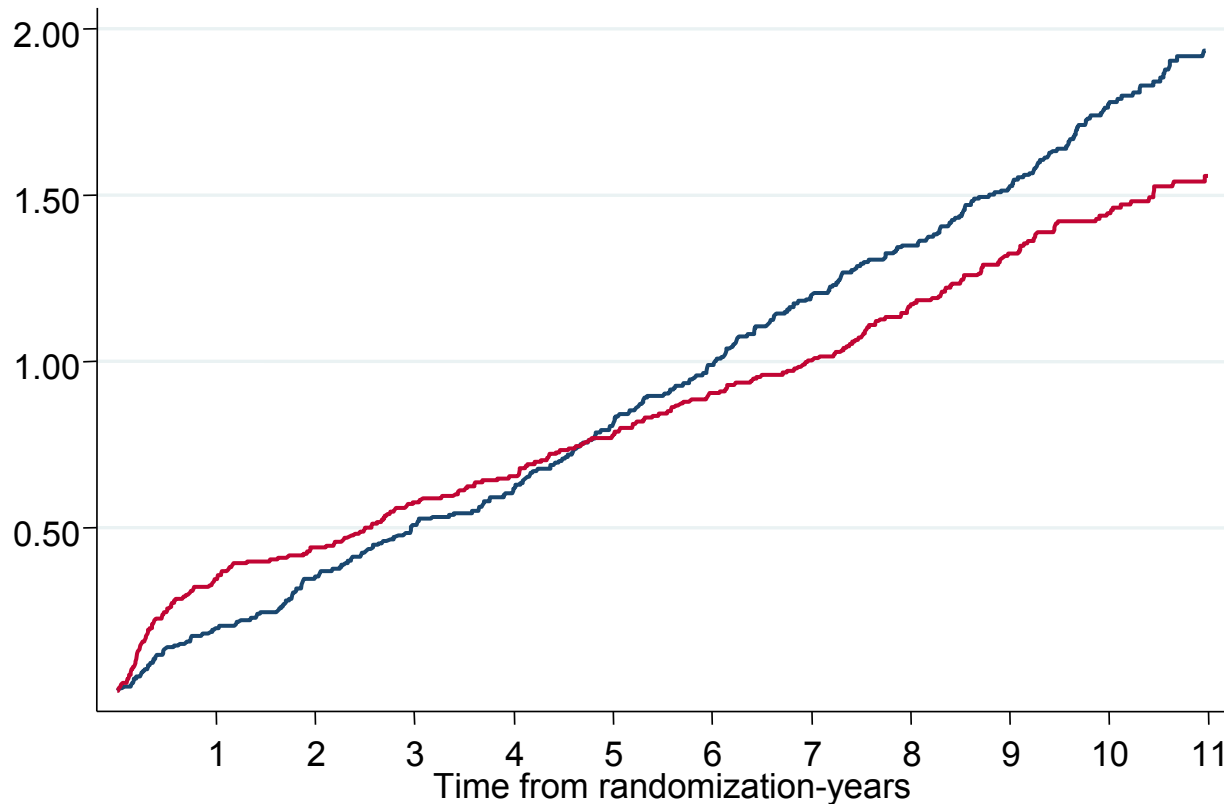
10.5 years (IQR=9.9-11.3) for incidence

11.4 years (IQR=10.8-11.9) for mortality

Intention to treat analysis - Colorectal cancer

INCIDENCE, ALL SITES

Nelson Aalen Cumulative Hazard (%) by time from randomization



RR (95%CI) =
0.82 (0.69-0.96)

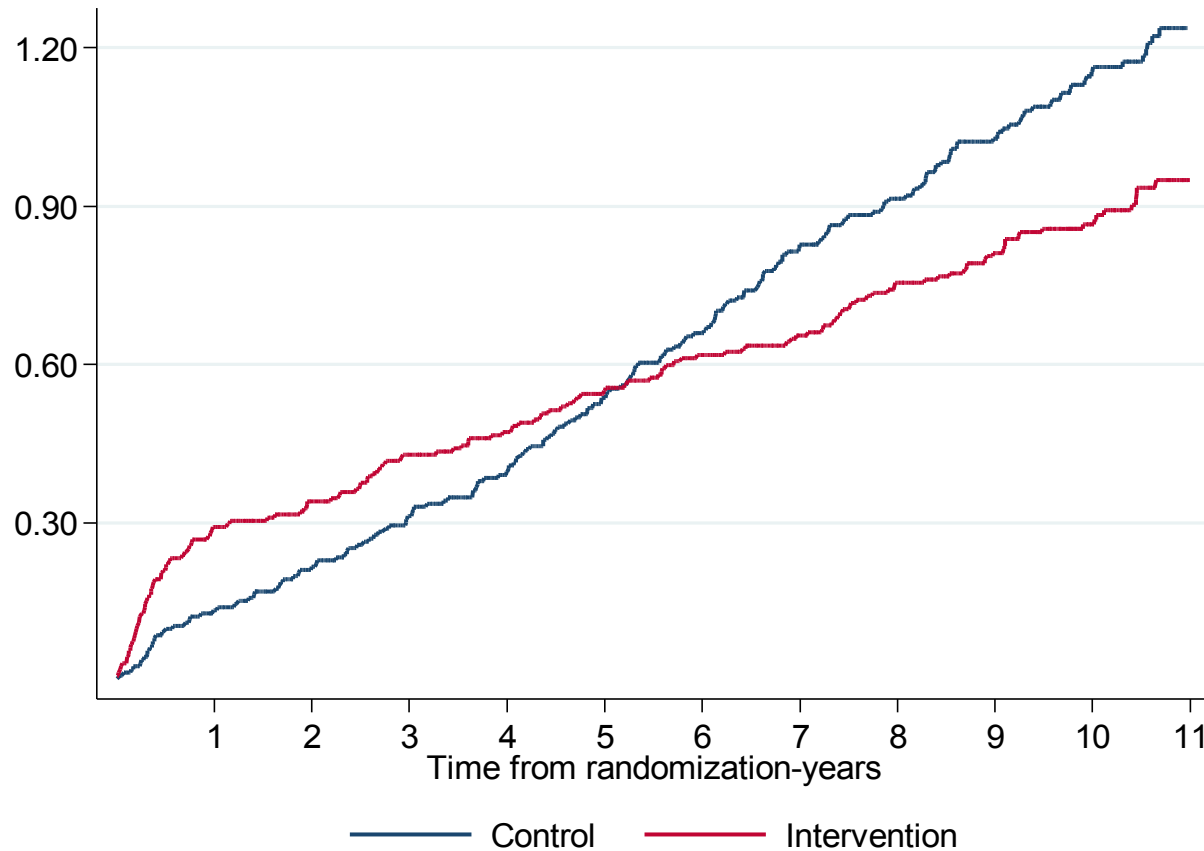
— Control — Intervention

| Cumulative Events by years from randomization | | | | | | |
|---|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | ≤2 | ≤4 | ≤6 | ≤8 | ≤10 | >10 |
| Control | 60 | 104 | 165 | 223 | 286 | 306 |
| Intervention | 75 | 111 | 152 | 195 | 237 | 251 |

Intention to treat analysis-Colorectal cancer

INCIDENCE, Distal&Descendent

Nelson Aalen Cumulative Hazard (%) by time from randomization



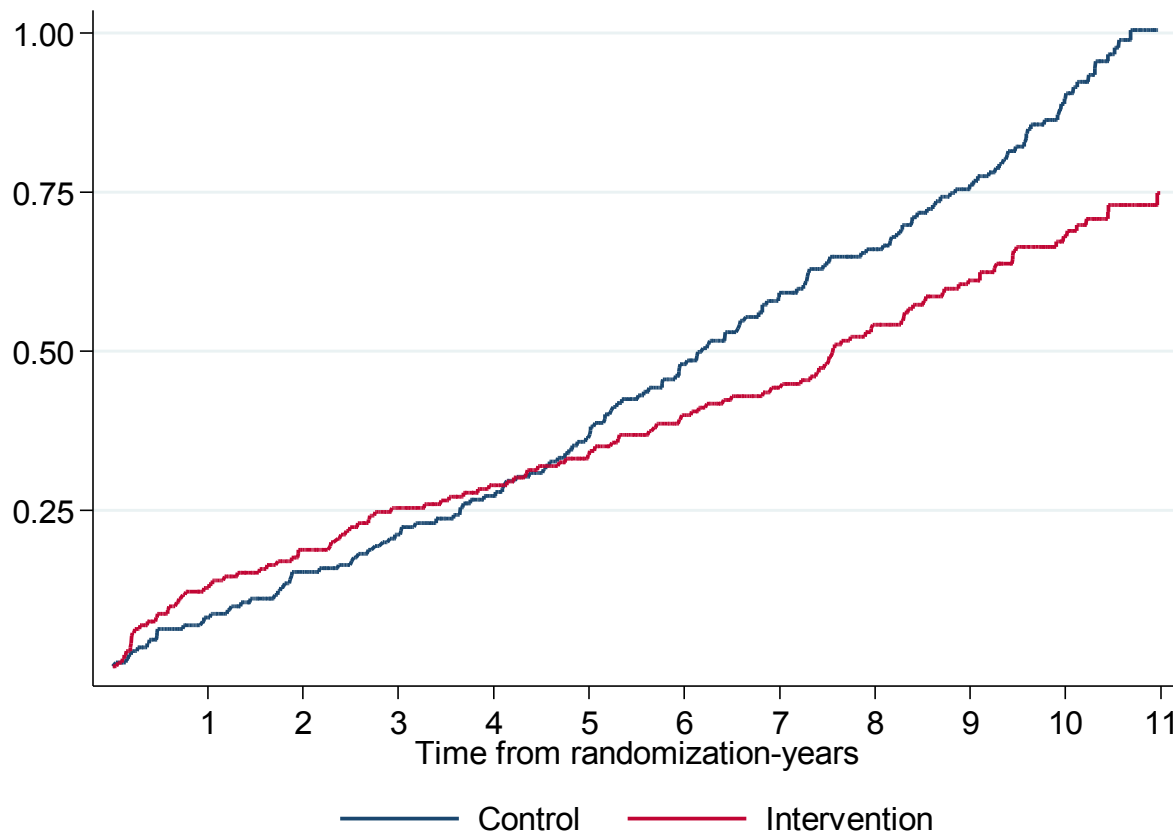
RR (95%CI) =
0.76 (0.62-0.94)

| Cumulative Events by years from randomization | | | | | | |
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| | ≤2 | ≤4 | ≤6 | ≤8 | ≤10 | >10 |
| Control | 37 | 67 | 110 | 151 | 187 | 198 |
| Intervention | 58 | 80 | 104 | 126 | 143 | 152 |

Intention to treat analysis-Colorectal cancer

INCIDENCE, All sites Advanced

Nelson Aalen Cumulative Hazard (%) by time from randomization



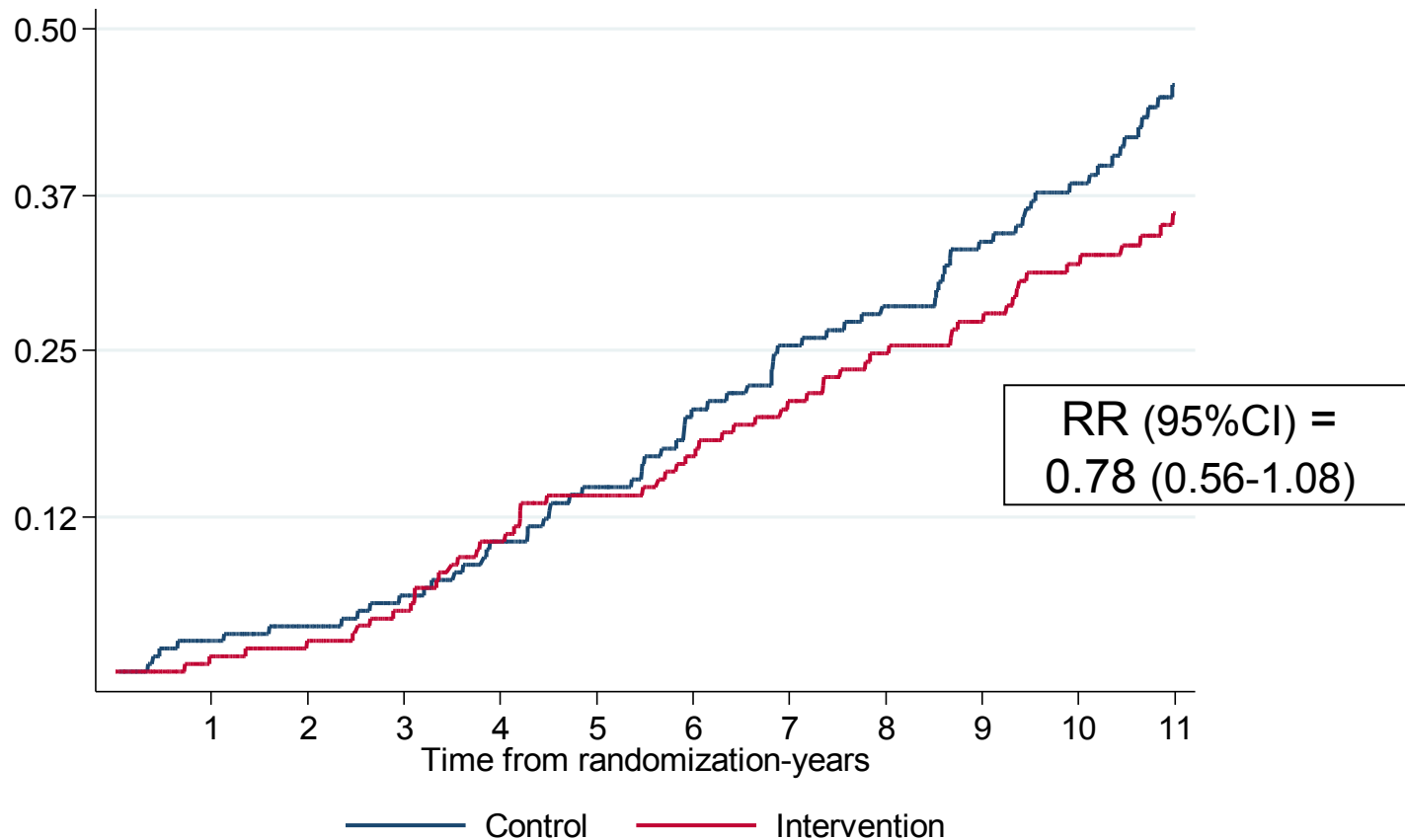
RR (95%CI) =
0.73 (0.57-0.94)

| Cumulative Events by years from randomization | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| | ≤2 | ≤4 | ≤6 | ≤8 | ≤10 | >10 |
| Control | 26 | 44 | 77 | 105 | 140 | 152 |
| Intervention | 30 | 46 | 63 | 85 | 104 | 112 |

Intention to treat analysis-Colorectal cancer

MORTALITY, ALL SITES

Nelson Aalen Cumulative Hazard (%) by time from randomization



| Cumulative Events by years from randomization | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| | ≤2 | ≤4 | ≤6 | ≤8 | ≤10 | >10 |
| Control | 6 | 17 | 34 | 47 | 62 | 83 |
| Intervention | 4 | 17 | 28 | 41 | 52 | 65 |

Colorectal cancer MORTALITY
by screening arm and colonic site
(Number of cases, Persons Years, Rates Ratios and 95% CI)

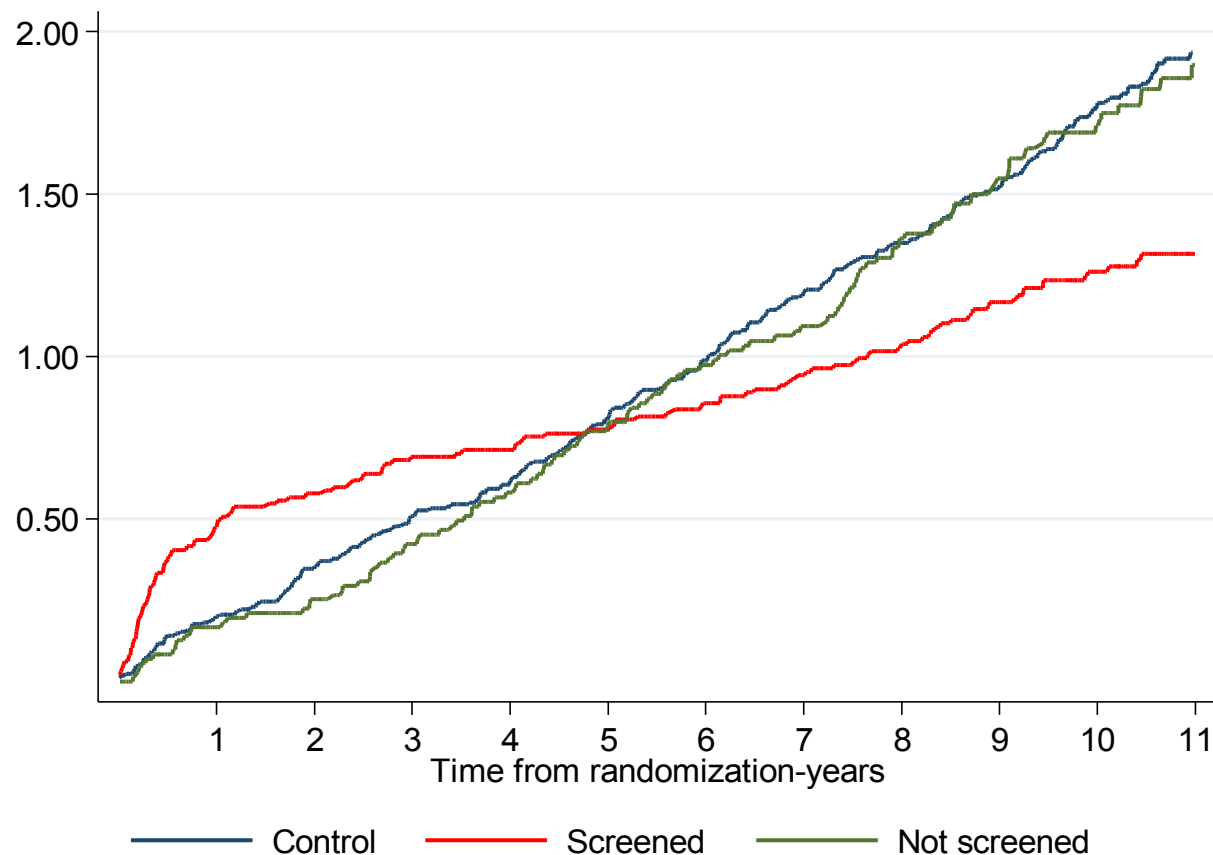
INTENTION TO TREAT ANALYSIS

| | Control | Intervention | Rate ratio (95% CI) |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------|
| | Cases | Cases | Intervention vs Control group |
| Mortality among patients diagnosed with CRC (all deaths, related or unrelated to CRC) | | | |
| | 186 745 PY | 187 532 PY | |
| All sites | 94 | 71 | 0.75 (0.55-1.02) |
| Distal & descendent | 55 | 40 | 0.72 (0.48-1.09) |
| CRC Mortality | 186 745 PY | 187 532 PY | |
| All sites | 83 | 65 | 0.78 (0.56-1.08) |
| Distal & descendent | 48 | 35 | 0.73 (0.47-1.12) |
| NON CRC MORTALITY | 1150 | 1137 | 0.98 (0.91-1.07) |

Per protocol analysis-Colorectal cancer

INCIDENCE, ALL SITES

Nelson Aalen Cumulative Hazard (%) by time from randomization

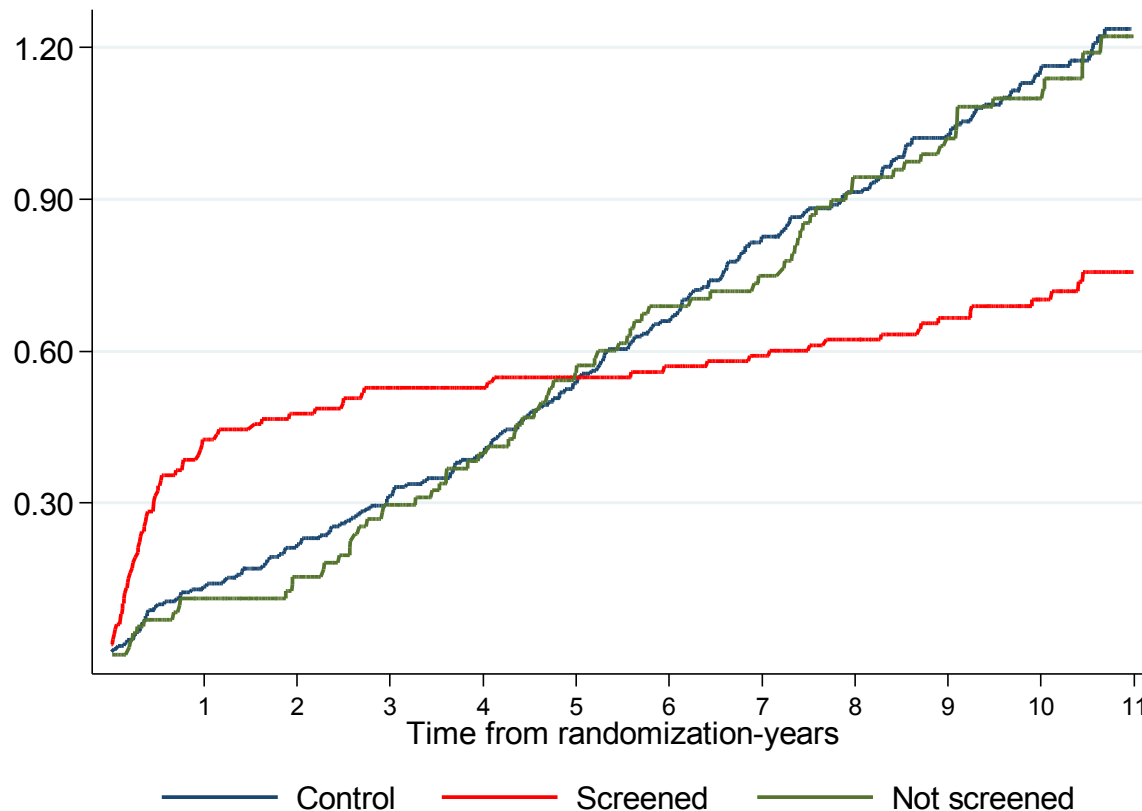


| Cumulative Events by years from randomization | | | | | | |
|---|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | ≤2 | ≤4 | ≤6 | ≤8 | ≤10 | >10 |
| Control | 60 | 104 | 165 | 223 | 286 | 306 |
| Not Screened | 18 | 41 | 68 | 94 | 116 | 125 |
| Screened | 57 | 70 | 84 | 101 | 121 | 126 |

Per protocol analysis-Colorectal cancer

INCIDENCE, Distal&Descendent

Nelson Aalen Cumulative Hazard (%) by time from randomization

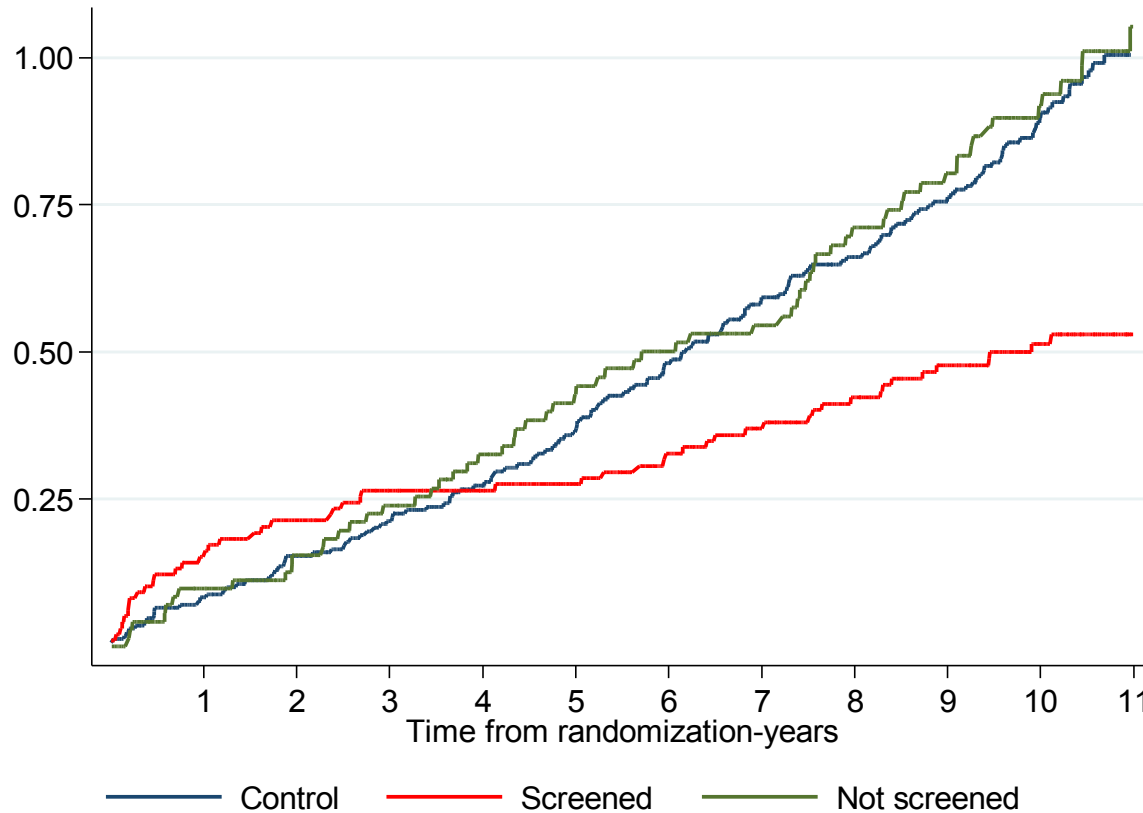


| Cumulative Events by years from randomization | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | ≤2 | ≤4 | ≤6 | ≤8 | ≤10 | >10 |
| Control | 37 | 67 | 110 | 151 | 187 | 198 |
| Not Screened | 11 | 28 | 48 | 65 | 75 | 81 |
| Screened | 47 | 52 | 56 | 61 | 68 | 71 |

Per protocol analysis-Colorectal cancer

INCIDENCE, All sites Advanced

Nelson Aalen Cumulative Hazard (%) by time from randomization



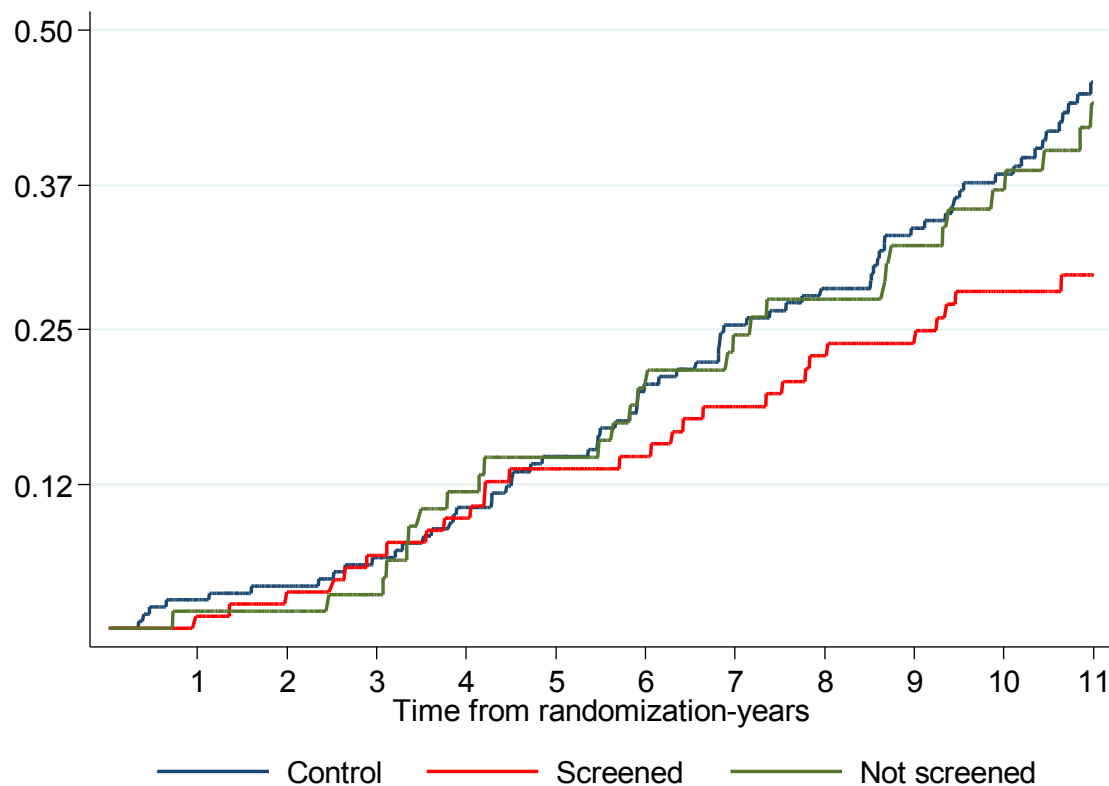
RR (95%CI) =
0.54 (0.39-0.76)

| Cumulative Events by years from randomization | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| | ≤2 | ≤4 | ≤6 | ≤8 | ≤10 | >10 |
| Control | 26 | 44 | 77 | 105 | 140 | 152 |
| Not Screened | 9 | 20 | 31 | 45 | 57 | 64 |
| Screened | 21 | 26 | 32 | 40 | 47 | 48 |

Per protocol analysis-Colorectal cancer

MORTALITY, ALL SITES

Nelson Aalen Cumulative Hazard (%) by time from randomization



RR (95%CI) =
0.62 (0.40-0.96)

| Cumulative Events by years from randomization | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| | ≤2 | ≤4 | ≤6 | ≤8 | ≤10 | >10 |
| Control | 6 | 17 | 34 | 47 | 62 | 83 |
| Not Screened | 1 | 8 | 14 | 19 | 25 | 35 |
| Screened | 3 | 9 | 14 | 22 | 27 | 30 |

Colorectal cancer **MORTALITY**
by screening arm and colonic site
(Number of cases, Persons Years, Rates Ratios and 95% CI)

PER PROTOCOL ANALYSIS

| | Control | Not screened | Screened | Screened vs Control group |
|--|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| | Cases | Cases | Cases | Rate ratio (95% CI) adjusted* |
| Mortality among patients diagnosed with CRC (all deaths, related or unrelated to CRC) | | | | |
| | 186 745 PY | 78 586 PY | 108 946 PY | |
| All sites | 94 | 38 | 33 | 0.58 (0.38-0.87) |
| Distal & descendent | 55 | 26 | 14 | 0.50 (0.26-0.94) |
| CRC Mortality | 186 745 PY | 78 586 PY | 108 946 PY | |
| All sites | 83 | 35 | 30 | 0.62 (0.40-0.96) |
| Distal & descendent | 48 | 23 | 12 | 0.48 (0.24-0.94) |
| NON CRC Mortality | 1150 | 603 | 534 | 0.97 (0.85-1.09) |

*Cuzick et al method (1997)

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Once-only flexible sigmoidoscopy screening in prevention of colorectal cancer: a multicentre randomised controlled trial

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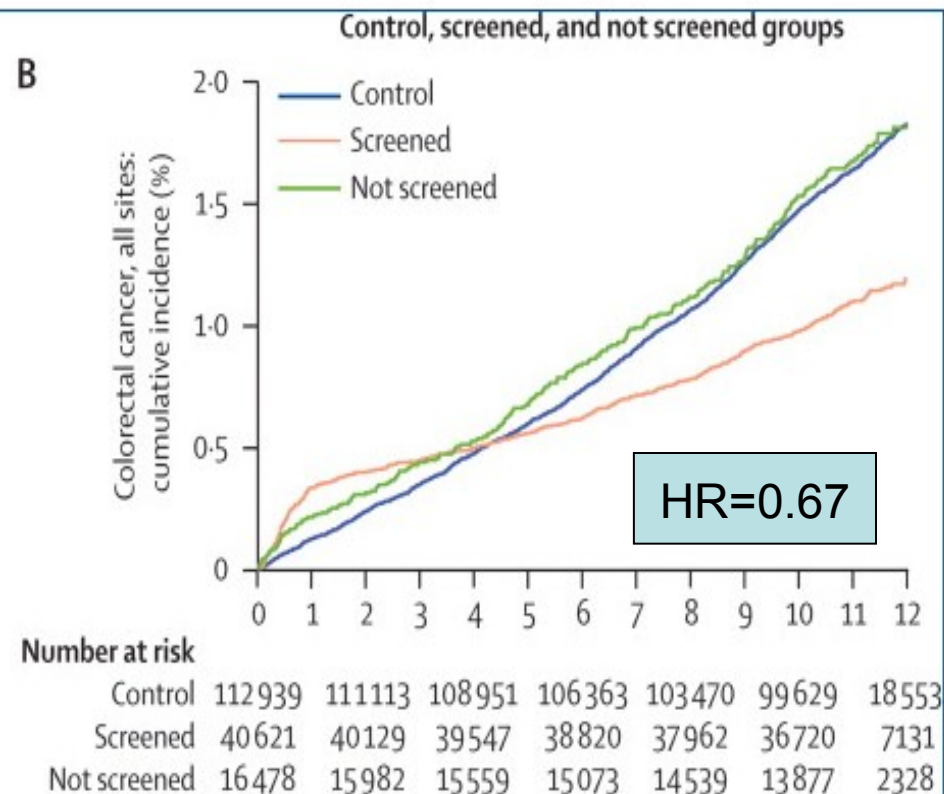
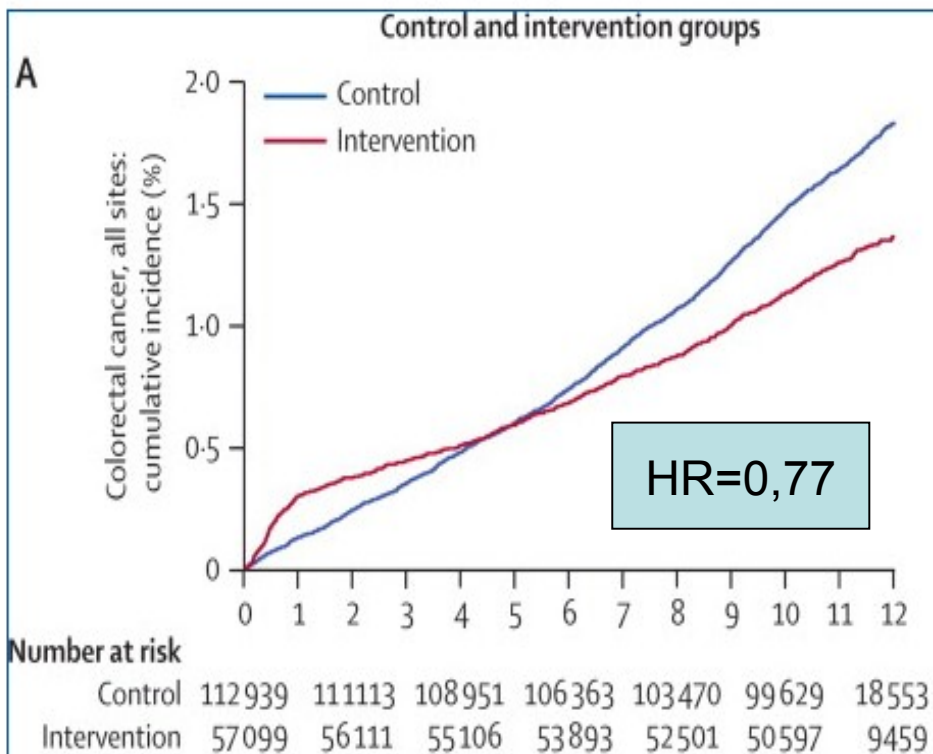
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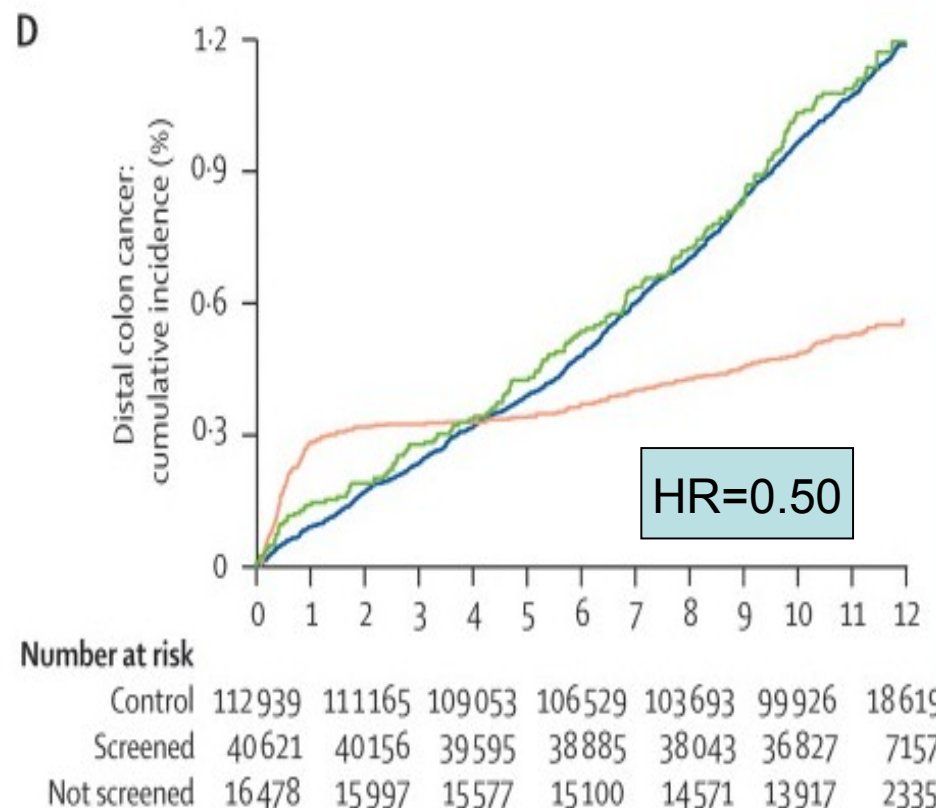
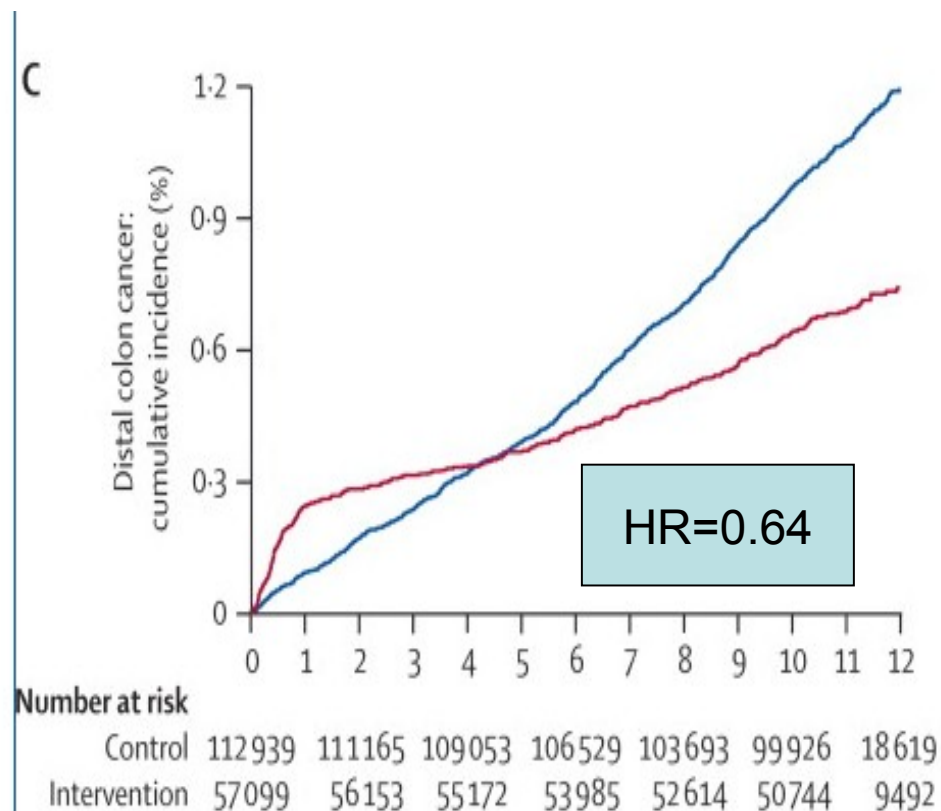
Background Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer worldwide and has a high mortality rate. We tested the hypothesis that only one flexible sigmoidoscopy screening between 55 and 64 years of age can substantially reduce colorectal cancer incidence and mortality.

Methods This randomised controlled trial was undertaken in 14 UK centres. 170 432 eligible men and women, who had indicated on a previous questionnaire that they would accept an invitation for screening, were randomly allocated

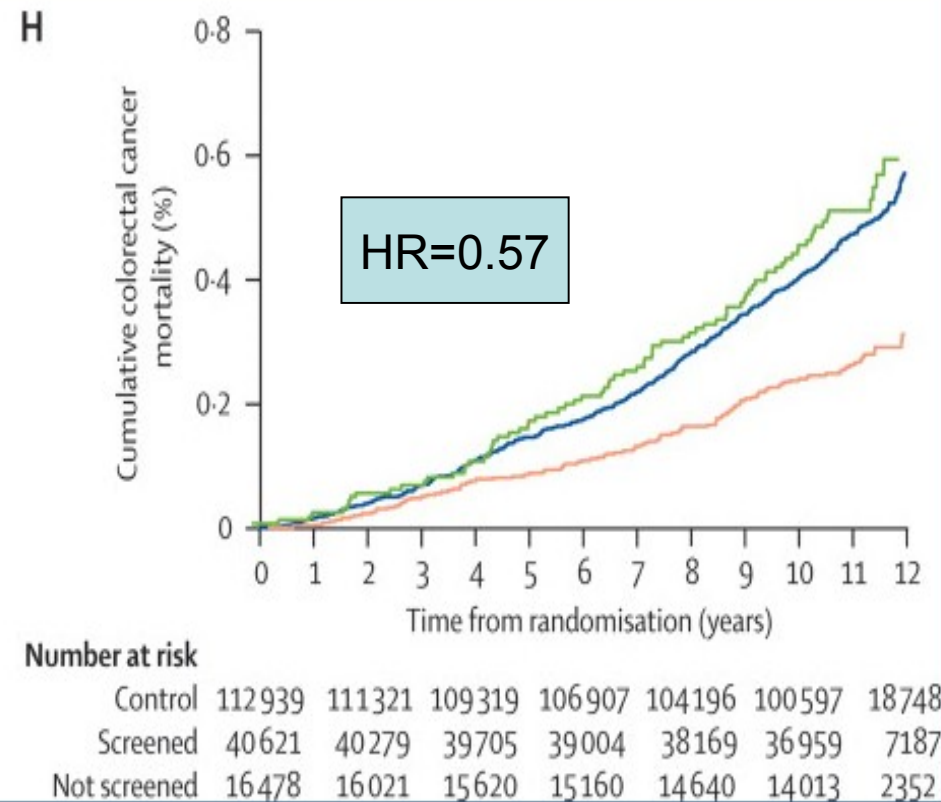
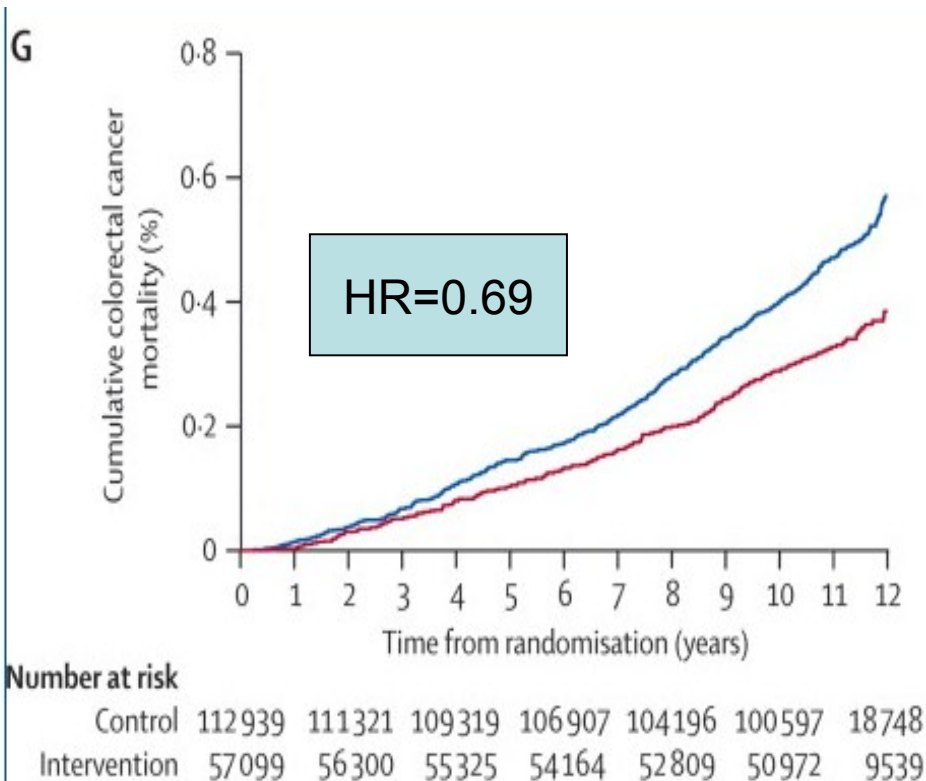
Colorectal cancer incidence (Kaplan-Meier estimates)



Distal cancer incidence (Kaplan-Meier estimates)



Colorectal cancer mortality (Kaplan-Meier estimates)



Conclusions

- The findings of this trial confirm that a single sigmoidoscopy screening between age 55 and 64 can confer a substantial and long-lasting protective effect.
- Overall, CRC incidence was reduced by 31% among those who underwent screening and by 40%% when considering the distal colon only(rectum, sigmoid and descending colon).
- The observed reduction of CRC mortality among screened subjects was just slightly lower in the SCORE than in the UK Flexible Sigmoidoscopy screening trial (38% versus 43%).
- A statistically significant reduction in CRC mortality cannot be observed yet in the intention to treat analysis in the Italian trial.

Conclusions

- The selection process associated with the two-stage recruitment procedure was not as important with respect to CRC risk. The cumulative CRC incidence in the control group was about the same (306 cases observed) as it could be expected (316 cases), based on age, gender and calendar period specific incidence rates. This would suggest that the observed effect of screening on CRC incidence might be generalizable to the source population.



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European guidelines for quality assurance in colorectal cancer screening and diagnosis

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Level of evidence

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| FOBT | I |
| Sigmoidoscopy | II |
| Colonoscopy | III |

Estendere la sigmoidoscopia come test di screening per il CCR?

- Costi: circa 4 episodi di FIT per una FS?
- Detection Rate (cumulativa): 4 episodi di FIT ogni FS per adenomi avanzati e cancro?
- Detection di stadi avanzati: FIT > FS?
- Partecipazione cumulativa: a 4 FIT in 6 anni \Leftrightarrow che in 6 anni a 1 FS?
- Preferenze individuali?
- Proporzione di colonscopie: FIT(4 episodi) 20% vs <10% per FS?
- Riduzione incidenza e mortalità (50-80 aa) FS (once only) > che FIT 50-69 aa?

Workshop sullo screening con FS

Torino, Marzo 2012

**COLORECTAL CANCER PREVENTION
BY ONCE-ONLY SIGMOIDOSCOPY SCREENING:
FOLLOW UP FINDINGS
OF THE ITALIAN TRIAL– SCORE**

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SCORE TRIAL

per protocol analysis

Table 2. CRC incidence and mortality among the SCORE trial subjects by per-protocol analysis*

| Incidence | Control† | | Intervention‡ | | | | Rate ratio (95% CI) adjusted |
|----------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| | 173 437 person-years§ | | Not screened | | Screened | | |
| | 72 832 person-years§ | | 101 345 person-years§) | | | | |
| | No. of subjects with CRC | Rates per 100 000 person-years (95% CI) | No. of subjects with CRC | Rates per 100 000 person-years (95% CI) | No. of subjects with CRC | Rates per 100 000 person-years (95% CI) | |
| All sites | 306 | 176.43 (157.73 to 197.35) | 125 | 171.63 (144.03 to 204.51) | 126 | 124.33 (104.41 to 148.05) | 0.69 (0.56 to 0.86) |
| Distal¶ | 198 | 114.16 (99.32 to 131.22) | 81 | 111.21 (89.45 to 138.27) | 71 | 70.06 (55.52 to 88.40) | 0.60 (0.46 to 0.80) |
| Proximal# | 108 | 62.27 (51.57 to 75.19) | 44 | 60.41 (44.96 to 81.18) | 55 | 54.27 (41.67 to 70.69) | 0.85 (0.61 to 1.19) |
| Advanced CRC** | | | | | | | |
| All sites | 152 | 87.64 (74.76 to 102.74) | 64 | 87.87 (68.78 to 112.27) | 48 | 47.36 (35.69 to 62.85) | 0.54 (0.39 to 0.76) |
| Distal¶ | 90 | 51.89 (42.21 to 63.80) | 46 | 63.16 (47.31 to 84.32) | 23 | 22.70 (15.08 to 34.15) | 0.52 (0.31 to 0.86) |
| Proximal# | 62 | 35.75 (27.87 to 45.85) | 18 | 24.71 (15.57 to 39.23) | 25 | 24.67 (16.67 to 36.51) | 0.56 (0.36 to 0.87) |

| Mortality | Control† | | Intervention‡ | | | | Rate ratio (95% CI) adjusted |
|--|-------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|---------------|---|------------------------------|
| | 186 745 person-years††) | | Not screened | | Screened | | |
| | (78 586 person-years††) | | (108 946 person-years††) | | | | |
| | No. of deaths | Rates per 100 000 person-years (95% CI) | No. of deaths | Rates per 100 000 person-years (95% CI) | No. of deaths | Rates per 100 000 person-years (95% CI) | |
| All deaths among subjects diagnosed with CRC‡‡ | | | | | | | |
| All sites | 94 | 50.34 (41.12 to 61.61) | 38 | 48.35 (35.18 to 66.44) | 33 | 30.29 (21.53 to 42.61) | 0.58 (0.38 to 0.87) |
| Distal¶ | 55 | 29.45 (22.61 to 38.36) | 26 | 33.08 (22.52 to 48.58) | 14 | 12.85 (7.61 to 21.70) | 0.50 (0.26 to 0.94) |
| Proximal# | 39 | 20.88 (15.26 to 28.58) | 12 | 15.27 (8.67 to 26.88) | 19 | 17.44 (11.12 to 27.34) | 0.66 (0.39 to 1.12) |
| CRC deaths | | | | | | | |
| All sites | 83 | 44.45 (35.84 to 55.11) | 35 | 44.54 (31.97 to 62.02) | 30 | 27.54 (19.25 to 39.38) | 0.62 (0.40 to 0.96) |
| Distal¶ | 48 | 25.70 (19.37 to 34.11) | 23 | 29.27 (19.45 to 44.03) | 12 | 11.01 (6.25 to 19.39) | 0.48 (0.24 to 0.94) |
| Proximal# | 35 | 18.74 (13.45 to 26.10) | 12 | 15.27 (8.67 to 26.89) | 18 | 16.52 (10.41 to 26.22) | 0.78 (0.45 to 1.35) |
| Non-CRC deaths§§ | | | | | | | |
| | 1150 | 615.81 (581.23 to 652.45) | 603 | 767.31 (708.32 to 830.91) | 534 | 490.15 (450.29 to 533.54) | 0.97 (0.85 to 1.09) |

* CRC incidence and mortality were analyzed by all sites: distal and proximal cancers. CI = confidence interval; CRC = colorectal cancer; RR = rate ratio; SCORE = Screening for Colorectal Cancer.

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by screening arm and colonic site
(Number of cases, Persons Years, Rates Ratios and 95% CI)

PER PROTOCOL ANALYSIS

| | Control | Not screened | Screened | Screened vs Control group |
|--|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| | Cases | Cases | Cases | Rate ratio (95% CI) adjusted* |
| Mortality among patients diagnosed with CRC (all deaths, related or unrelated to CRC) | | | | |
| | 186 745 PY | 78 586 PY | 108 946 PY | |
| All sites | 94 | 38 | 33 | 0.58 (0.38-0.87) |
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| | 173 437 person-years§ | | 72 832 person-years§ | | 101 345 person-years§) | | |
| | No. of subjects with CRC | Rates per 100 000 person-years (95% CI) | No. of subjects with CRC | Rates per 100 000 person-years (95% CI) | No. of subjects with CRC | Rates per 100 000 person-years (95% CI) | Screened vs control group |
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| Proximal# | 62 | 35.75 (27.87 to 45.85) | 18 | 24.71 (15.57 to 39.23) | 25 | 24.67 (16.67 to 36.51) | 0.56 (0.36 to 0.87) |

SCORE TRIAL

Age and Gender results

Table 3. CRC incidence by sex and age at randomization by intention-to-treat and per-protocol analysis*

| Intention-to-treat analysis | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------|--|--------------------------|---------------|--|--------------------------|---------------|--|---------------------------|
| | | Control group† | | | Intervention group‡ | | | | | Intervention vs control group | |
| | | No. of subjects with CRC | Person-years§ | Rate per 100 000 person-years (95% CI) | No. of subjects with CRC | Person-years§ | Rate per 100 000 person-years (95% CI) | | | RR (95% CI) | |
| Sex | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Women | | 118 | 86734 | 136.05 (113.36 to 162.95) | 87 | 88 288 | 98.54 (79.87 to 121.58) | | | 0.72 (0.55 to 0.96) | |
| Men | | 188 | 86703 | 216.83 (187.95 to 250.15) | 164 | 85 889 | 190.94 (163.85 to 222.52) | | | 0.88 (0.71 to 1.09) | |
| Age, y | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 55–59 | | 157 | 98773 | 158.95 (135.93 to 185.86) | 131 | 97 980 | 133.70 (112.66 to 158.67) | | | 0.84 (0.67 to 1.06) | |
| >60 | | 149 | 74664 | 199.56 (169.96 to 234.32) | 120 | 76 197 | 157.49 (131.69 to 188.34) | | | 0.79 (0.62 to 1.00) | |
| Per-protocol analysis | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Control group† | | | Intervention group‡ | | | | | | Screened vs control group |
| | | No. of subjects with CRC | Person-years§ | Rate per 100 000 person-years (95% CI) | No. of subjects with CRC | Person-years§ | Not screened | | Screened | | Adjusted RR (95% CI) |
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| Sex | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Women | | 118 | 86734 | 136.05 (113.36 to 162.95) | 47 | 40335 | 116.52 (87.55 to 155.09) | 40 | 47953 | 83.42 (61.19 to 113.72) | 0.55 (0.39 to 0.77) |
| Men | | 188 | 86703 | 216.83 (187.95 to 250.15) | 78 | 32497 | 240.02 (192.25 to 299.66) | 86 | 53392 | 161.07 (130.39 to 198.98) | 0.79 (0.60 to 1.06) |
| Age, y | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 55–59 | | 157 | 98773 | 158.95 (135.93 to 185.86) | 65 | 39762 | 163.47 (128.19 to 208.46) | 66 | 58218 | 113.37 (89.06 to 144.30) | 0.73 (0.54 to 0.99) |
| >60 | | 149 | 74664 | 199.56 (169.96 to 234.32) | 60 | 33071 | 181.43 (140.87 to 233.67) | 60 | 43126 | 139.13 (108.02 to 179.18) | 0.65 (0.48 to 0.89) |

Colorectal cancer INCIDENCE
by screening arm and colonic site
(Number of cases, Persons Years, Rates Ratios and 95% CI)

INTENTION TO TREAT ANALYSIS

| | Control | Intervention | Rate ratio (95% CI) |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------|
| | Cases | Cases | Intervention vs Control group |
| Incidence | 173 437 PY | 174 177 PY | |
| All sites | 306 | 251 | 0.82 (0.69-0.96) |
| Distal & descendent | 198 | 152 | 0.76 (0.62-0.94) |
| Advanced | 173 437 PY | 174 177 PY | |
| All sites | 152 | 112 | 0.73 (0.57-0.94) |
| Distal & descendent | 90 | 69 | 0.76 (0.56-1.04) |

Subjects by characteristics of screen-detected lesions in the **distal and proximal colon** by gender

| | Total N (%) | Men N (%) | Women N (%) |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| No polyp | 8169 (82.4) | 4112 (78.0) | 4057 (87.4) |
| Non- neoplastic polyp | 1338 (13.5) | 872 (16.5) | 466 (10.0) |
| High risk adenoma | 350 (3.5) | 245 (4.6) | 105 (2.3) |
| Cancer | 54 (0.5) | 40 (0.8) | 14 (0.3) |
| Total screened | 9911 | 5269 | 4642 |

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Colorectal cancer INCIDENCE
by screening arm and colonic site
(Number of cases, Persons Years, Rates Ratios and 95% CI)

PER PROTOCOL ANALYSIS

*Cuzick et al method (1997)

| | Control | Not screened | Screened | Screened vs Control group |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|
| | Cases | Cases | Cases | Rate ratio (95% CI) adjusted* |
| Incidence | 173 437 PY | 72 832 PY | 101 345 PY | |
| All sites | 306 | 125 | 126 | 0.69 (0.56-0.86) |
| Distal & descendent | 198 | 81 | 71 | 0.60 (0.46-0.80) |
| Advanced | 173 437 PY | 72 832 PY | 101 345 PY | |
| All sites | 152 | 64 | 48 | 0.54 (0.39-0.76) |
| Distal & descendent | 90 | 46 | 23 | 0.52 (0.31-0.86) |

POPULATION

- Males and females aged **55 to 64 years** recruited between October 1995 and April 1999 in 6 Italian towns

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- ✓ Previous CRC, polyps, IBD
- ✓ Endoscopy within previous 2 years
- ✓ 2 first degree relatives with CRC
- ✓ Severe disease
- ✓ Severe psychiatric symptoms

Persons at risk at the beginning of the period by years from randomization

| Intention to treat analysis | | | | | | | Per protocol analysis | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Years from randomization | ≤2 | ≤4 | ≤6 | ≤8 | ≤10 | >10 | Years from randomization | ≤2 | ≤4 | ≤6 | ≤8 | ≤10 | >10 |
| INCIDENCE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Persons at risk at the beginning of the period by years from randomization | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Control | 17136 | 16833 | 16540 | 16220 | 15914 | 11795 | Control | 17136 | 16833 | 16540 | 16220 | 15914 | 11795 |
| Intervention | 17136 | 16836 | 16582 | 16273 | 15984 | 12048 | Not screened | 7225 | 7066 | 6924 | 6762 | 6134 | 5098 |
| | | | | | | | Screened | 9911 | 9772 | 9659 | 9512 | 9373 | 6950 |
| MORTALITY | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Persons at risk at the beginning of the period by years from randomization | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Control | 17136 | 16884 | 16623 | 16363 | 16081 | 14557 | Control | 17136 | 16884 | 16623 | 16363 | 16081 | 14557 |
| Intervention | 17136 | 16906 | 16671 | 16410 | 16133 | 14710 | Not screened | 7225 | 7082 | 6955 | 6823 | 6686 | 6277 |
| | | | | | | | Screened | 9911 | 9825 | 9717 | 9587 | 9448 | 8434 |

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**Number (%) of people with polyps or cancer detected in the
PROXIMAL COLON by gender - SCORE Trial**

| | TOTAL N (%) | Men N (%) | Women N (%) |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Underwent colonoscopy | 747 | 509 | 238 |
| Any polyp | 174 (23.3) | 129 (25.3) | 45 (18.9) |
| Adenomas | 116 (15.5) | 86 (16.9) | 30 (12.6) |
| ≥ 3 adenomas | 21 (2.8) | 14 (2.8) | 7 (2.9) |
| Tubulo-villous / villous histology severe dysplasia | 27 (3.6) | 24 (4.7) | 3 (1.3) |
| Cancers | 7 (0.9) | 6 (1.2) | 1 (0.4) |
| Advanced pathology | 35 (4.7) | 29 (5.7) | 6 (2.5) |

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by screening arm and colonic site
(Number of cases, Persons Years, Rates Ratios and 95% CI)

INTENTION TO TREAT ANALYSIS

| | Control | Intervention | Rate ratio (95% CI) |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------|
| | Cases | Cases | Intervention vs control group |
| Incidence | 173 437 PY | 174 177 PY | |
| Proximal | 108 | 99 | 0.91 (0.69-1.20) |
| Advanced | 173 437 PY | 174 177 PY | |
| Proximal | 62 | 43 | 0.69 (0.47-1.02) |

Colorectal cancer **MORTALITY**
by screening arm and colonic site
(Number of cases, Persons Years, Rates Ratios and 95% CI)

INTENTION TO TREAT ANALYSIS

| | Control | Intervention | Rate ratio (95% CI) |
|--|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Cases | Cases | Intervention vs control group |
| Mortality among patients diagnosed with CRC (all deaths, related or unrelated to CRC) | | | |
| | 186 745 PY | 187 532 PY | |
| Proximal | 39 | 31 | 0.79 (0.49-1.27) |
| CRC Mortality | 186 745 PY | 187 532 PY | |
| Proximal | 35 | 30 | 0.85 (0.52-1.39) |

Colorectal cancer INCIDENCE
by screening arm and colonic site
(Number of cases, Persons Years, Rates Ratios and 95% CI)

PER PROTOCOL ANALYSIS

| | Control | Not screened | Screened | Screened vs Control group |
|---|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| | Cases | Cases | Cases | Rate ratio (95% CI) adjusted |
| Incidence | 173 437 PY | 72 832 PY | 101 345 PY | |
| Proximal | 108 | 44 | 55 | 0.85 (0.61-1.19) |
| Advanced | 173 437 PY | 72 832 PY | 101 345 PY | |
| Proximal | 62 | 18 | 25 | 0.56 (0.36-0.87) |

Colorectal cancer MORTALITY
by screening arm and colonic site
(Number of cases, Persons Years, Rates Ratios and 95% CI)

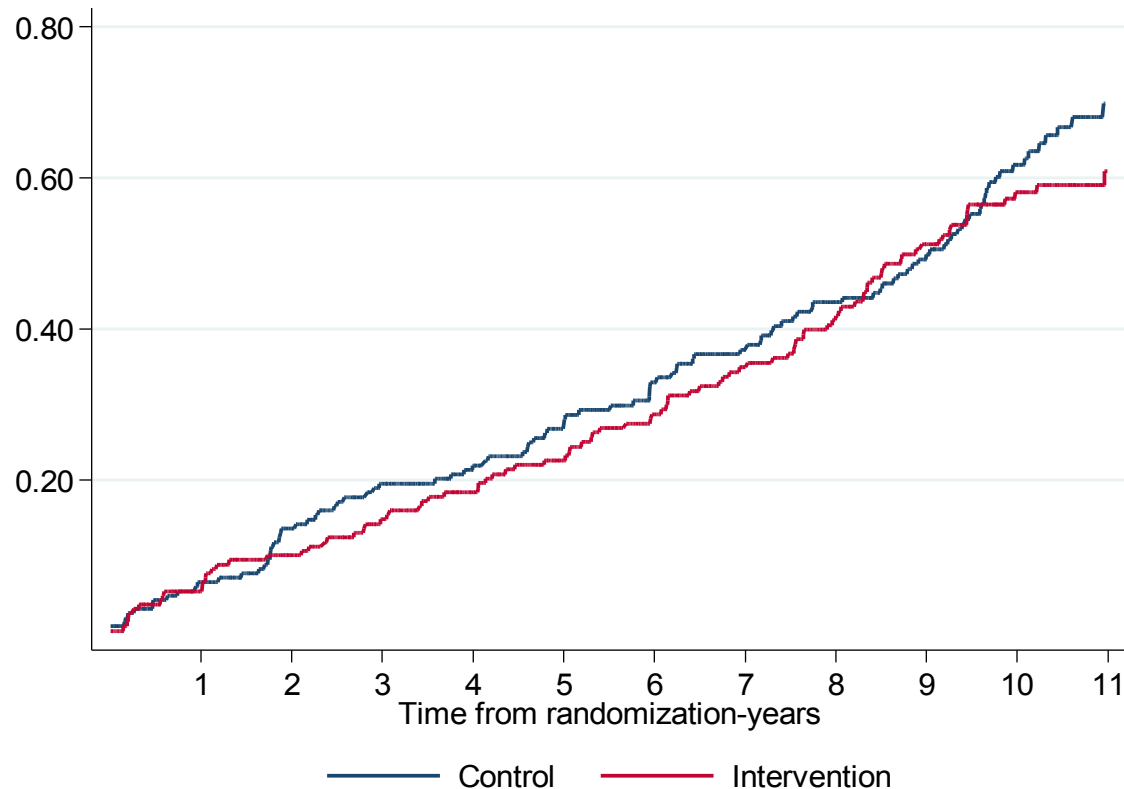
PER PROTOCOL ANALYSIS

| | Control | Not screened | Screened | Screened vs Control group |
|---|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| | Cases | Cases | Cases | Rate ratio (95% CI) adjusted |
| Mortality among patients diagnosed with CRC (all deaths, related or unrelated to CRC) | | | | |
| | 186 745 PY | 78 586 PY | 108 946 PY | |
| Proximal | 39 | 12 | 19 | 0.66 (0.39-1.12) |
| CRC Mortality | 186 745 PY | 78 586 PY | 108 946 PY | |
| Proximal | 35 | 12 | 18 | 0.78 (0.45-1.35) |

Intention to treat analysis - Colorectal cancer

INCIDENCE, PROXIMAL

Nelson Aalen Cumulative Hazard (%) by time from randomization

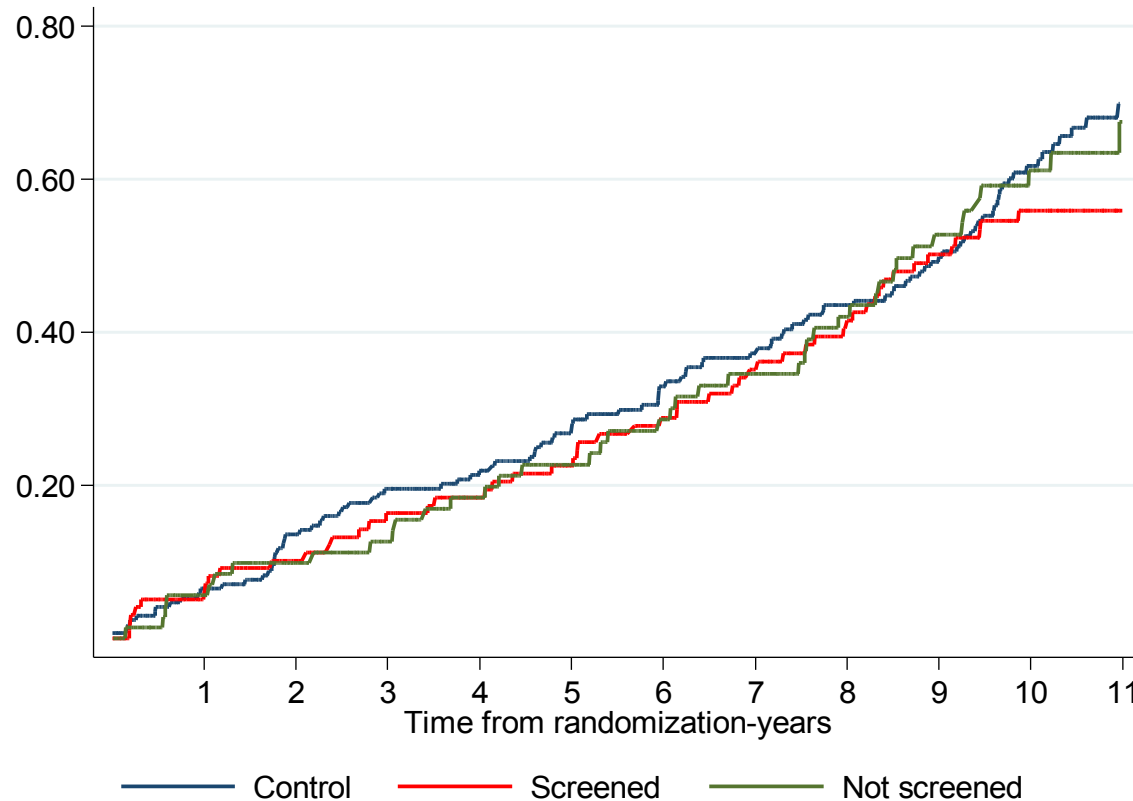


RR (95%CI) =
0.91 (0.69-1.20)

| Cumulative Events by years from randomization | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| | ≤2 | ≤4 | ≤6 | ≤8 | ≤10 | >10 |
| Control | 23 | 37 | 55 | 72 | 99 | 108 |
| Intervention | 17 | 31 | 48 | 69 | 94 | 99 |

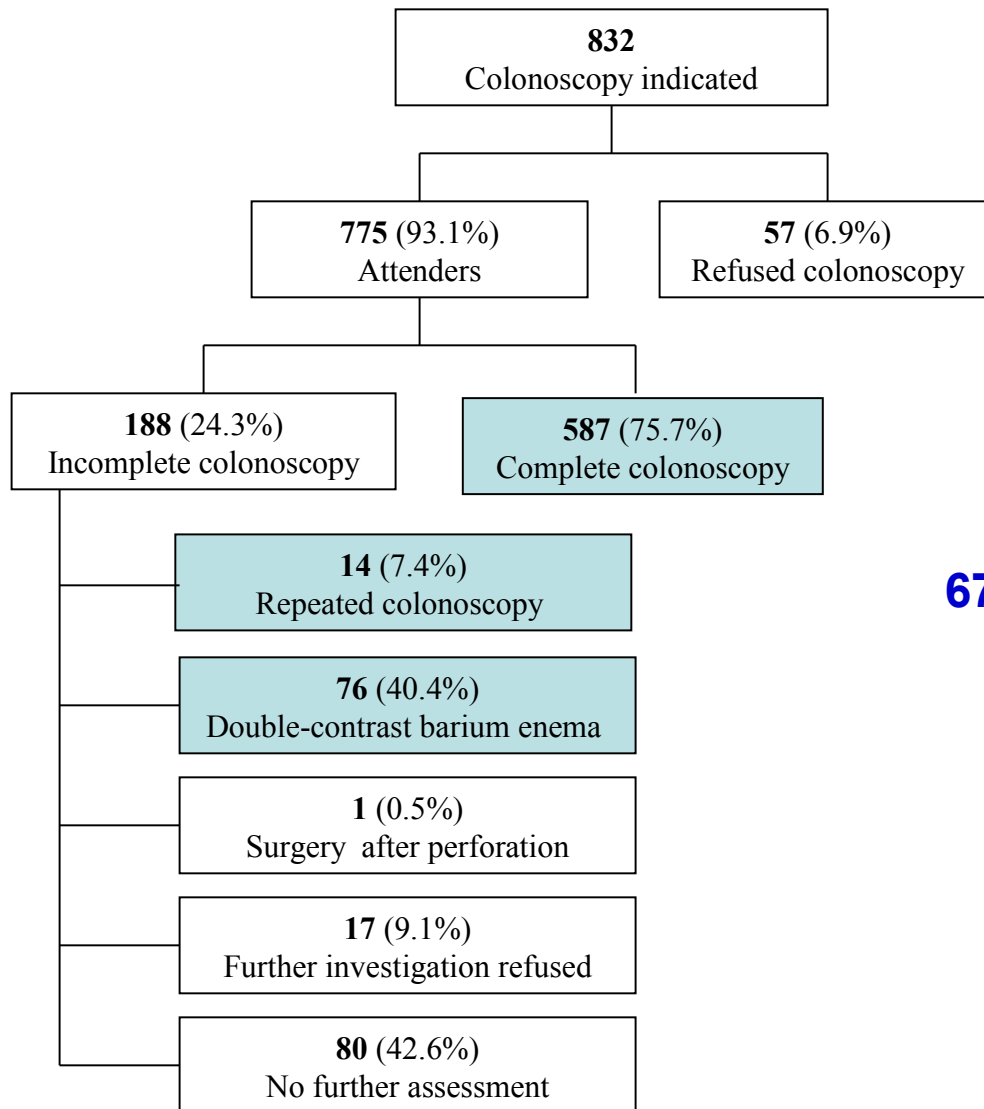
Per protocol analysis - Colorectal cancer INCIDENCE, PROXIMAL

Nelson Aalen Cumulative Hazard (%) by time from randomization



| Cumulative Events by years from randomization | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| | ≤2 | ≤4 | ≤6 | ≤8 | ≤10 | >10 |
| Control | 23 | 37 | 55 | 72 | 99 | 108 |
| Not Screened | 11 | 28 | 48 | 65 | 75 | 81 |
| Screened | 47 | 52 | 56 | 61 | 68 | 71 |

Trial Profile showing indication to colonoscopy after screening sigmoidoscopy, and management of subjects who received colonoscopy



677 complete bowel examinations

Completion rate: 87%

Characteristics of screen-detected lesions in the **DISTAL COLON** by gender

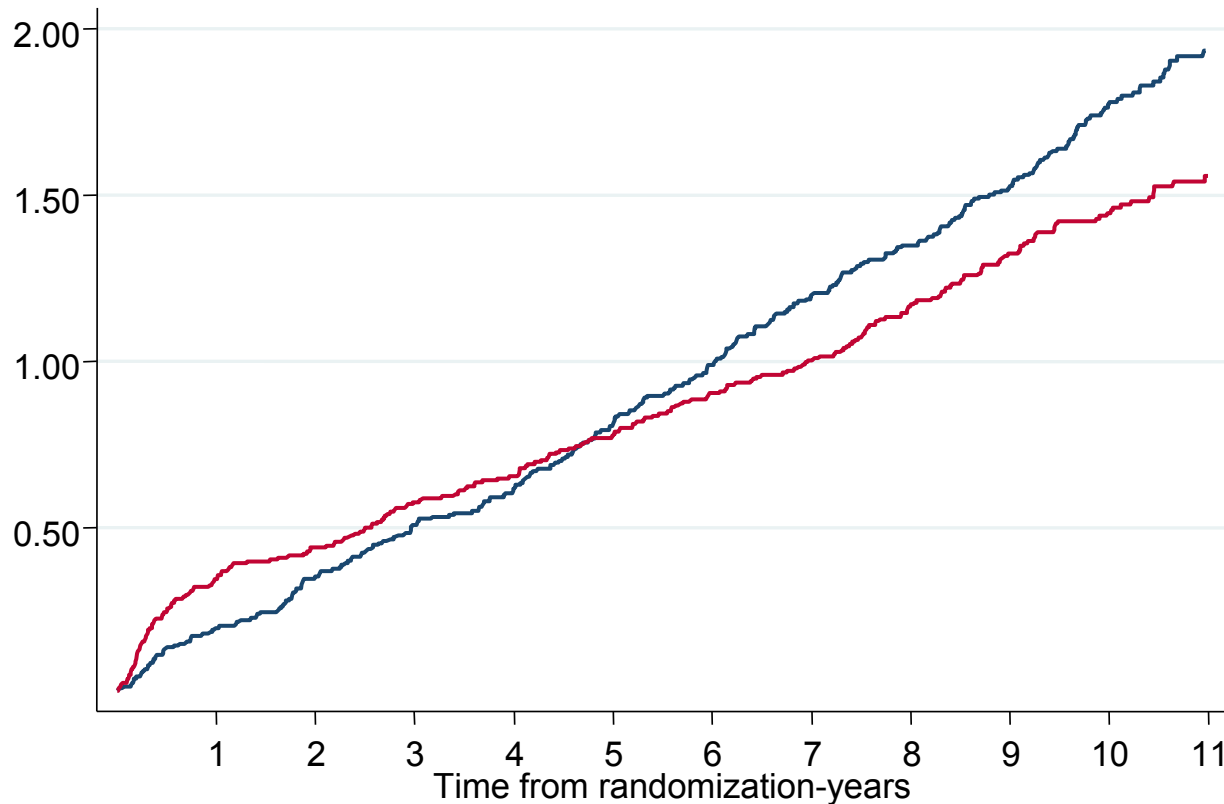
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| No polyp | 8169 (82.4) | 4112 (78.0) | 4057 (87.4) |
| Non- neoplastic polyp | 515 (5.2) | 358 (6.8) | 157 (3.4) |
| High risk adenoma | 341 (3.44) | 239 (4.54) | 102 (2.20) |
| Cancer | 47 (0.5) | 34 (0.6) | 13 (0.3) |
| Total screened | 9911 | 5269 | 4642 |

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Intention to treat analysis - Colorectal cancer

INCIDENCE, ALL SITES

Nelson Aalen Cumulative Hazard (%) by time from randomization



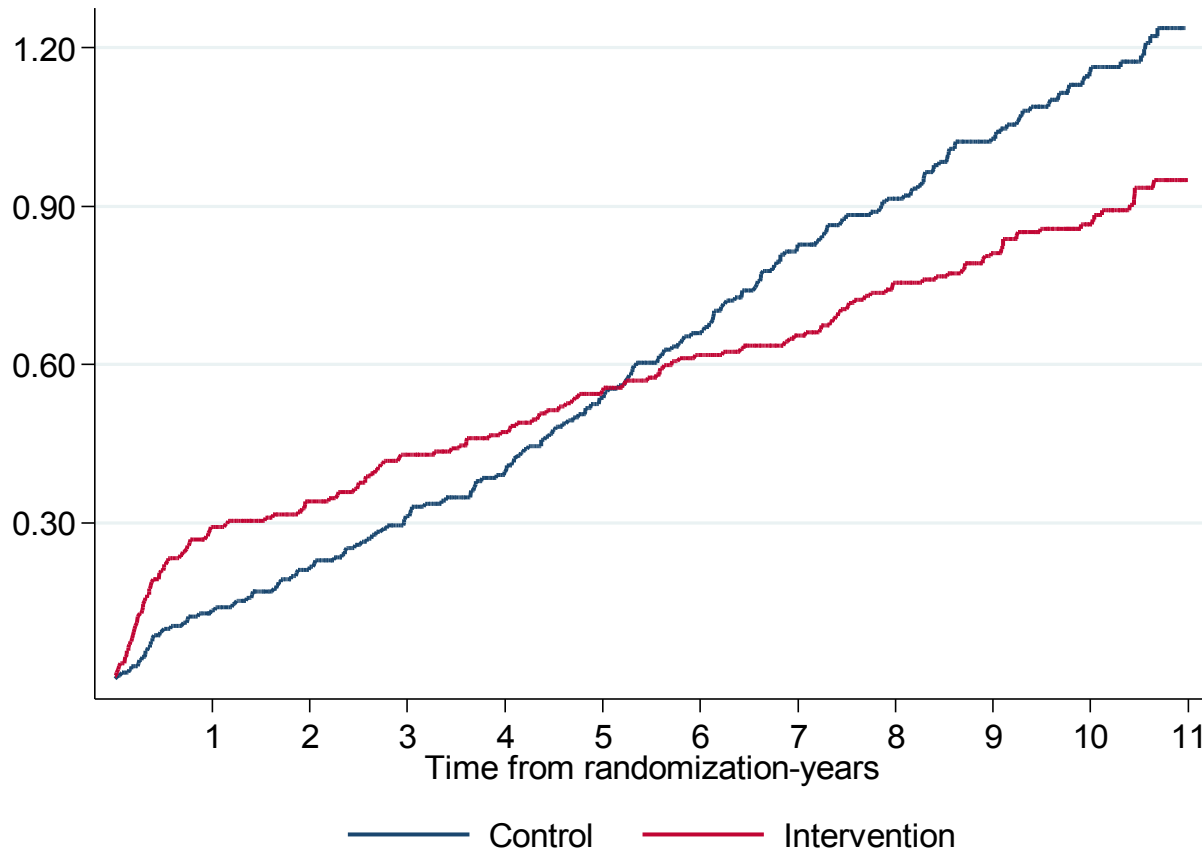
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0.82 (0.69-0.96)

| Cumulative Events by years from randomization | | | | | | |
|---|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | ≤2 | ≤4 | ≤6 | ≤8 | ≤10 | >10 |
| Control | 60 | 104 | 165 | 223 | 286 | 306 |
| Intervention | 75 | 111 | 152 | 195 | 237 | 251 |

Intention to treat analysis-Colorectal cancer

INCIDENCE, Distal&Descendent

Nelson Aalen Cumulative Hazard (%) by time from randomization



RR (95%CI) =
0.76 (0.62-0.94)

| Cumulative Events by years from randomization | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | ≤2 | ≤4 | ≤6 | ≤8 | ≤10 | >10 |
| Control | 37 | 67 | 110 | 151 | 187 | 198 |
| Intervention | 58 | 80 | 104 | 126 | 143 | 152 |

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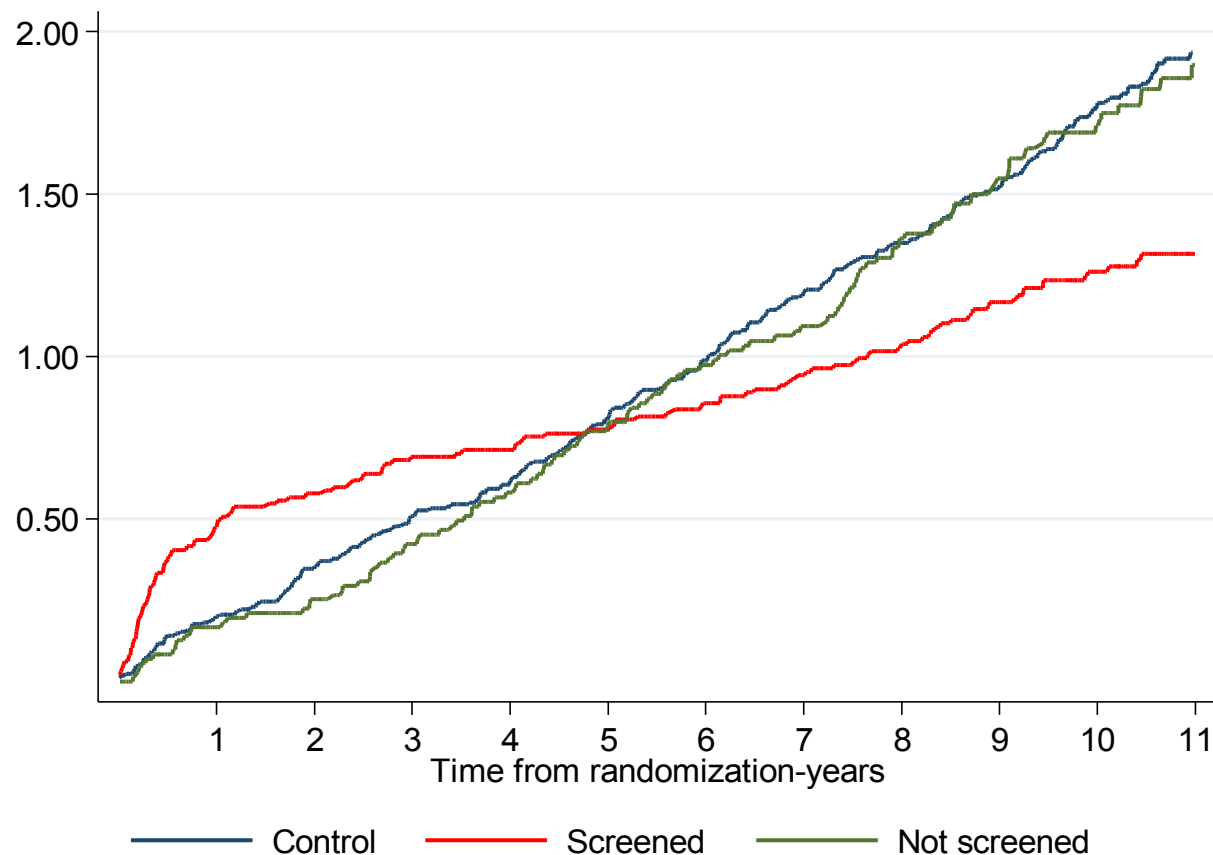
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|---|---|---|--|
| | Cases | Cases | Intervention vs Control group |
| Mortality among patients diagnosed with CRC (all deaths, related or unrelated to CRC) | | | |
| | 186 745 PY | 187 532 PY | |
| All sites | 94 | 71 | 0.75 (0.55-1.02) |
| Distal & descendent | 55 | 40 | 0.72 (0.48-1.09) |
| CRC Mortality | 186 745 PY | 187 532 PY | |
| All sites | 83 | 65 | 0.78 (0.56-1.08) |
| Distal & descendent | 48 | 35 | 0.73 (0.47-1.12) |
| NON CRC MORTALITY | 1150 | 1137 | 0.98 (0.91-1.07) |

Per protocol analysis-Colorectal cancer

INCIDENCE, ALL SITES

Nelson Aalen Cumulative Hazard (%) by time from randomization

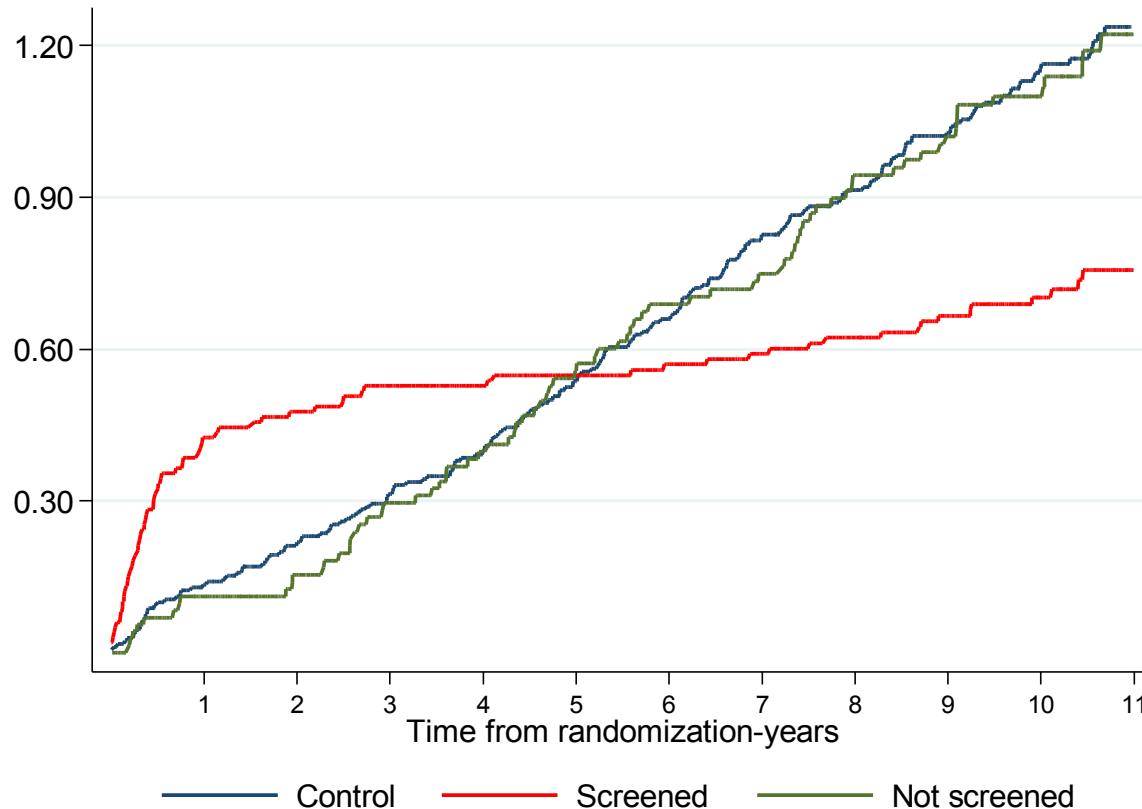


| Cumulative Events by years from randomization | | | | | | |
|---|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | ≤2 | ≤4 | ≤6 | ≤8 | ≤10 | >10 |
| Control | 60 | 104 | 165 | 223 | 286 | 306 |
| Not Screened | 18 | 41 | 68 | 94 | 116 | 125 |
| Screened | 57 | 70 | 84 | 101 | 121 | 126 |

Per protocol analysis-Colorectal cancer

INCIDENCE, Distal&Descendent

Nelson Aalen Cumulative Hazard (%) by time from randomization



| Cumulative Events by years from randomization | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | ≤2 | ≤4 | ≤6 | ≤8 | ≤10 | >10 |
| Control | 37 | 67 | 110 | 151 | 187 | 198 |
| Not Screened | 11 | 28 | 48 | 65 | 75 | 81 |
| Screened | 47 | 52 | 56 | 61 | 68 | 71 |



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