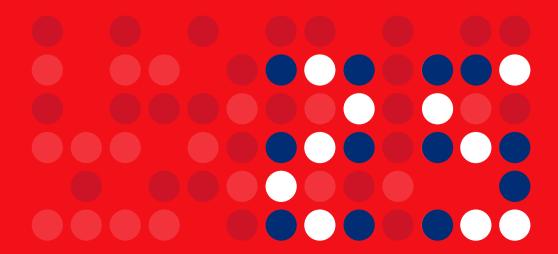




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Chapter 6: Morbidity and mortality



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# **Summary**

#### AIDS, mortality and causes of death

AIDS-related deaths have decreased dramatically since ART became available in the Netherlands in 1996. The limited number of deaths from AIDS each year mainly occur among those who present late for care with already advanced immunodeficiency. Death is increasingly more likely to be the result of a non-AIDS cause, with non-AIDS malignancies and CVD being the most common. This not only reflects the increased risk of non-AIDS morbidity in individuals with more advanced HIV infection, but also the continuously increasing age of the population of individuals in care. As a result, on average, the mortality rate among people with HIV in the Netherlands remains substantially higher than in the general Dutch population. In the late 1990s and 2000s, the excess mortality was high but was quickly decreasing over time. Several studies have even found that mortality rates in individuals on ART who achieve CD4 cell counts above 500 cells/mm³, may even drop below general population rates<sup>1,2</sup>. However, in the total population of people with HIV in the Netherlands the rate of decline of the observed excess mortality is slowing down over the years. The ratio of the observed mortality among PWH compared to the age/sex-adjusted mortality observed in the general population, decreased from 8.9 in 1996, to 6.5 in 2000, to 5.8 in 2005, to 3.0 in 2010, to 2.3 in 2015 and has remained constant at around 2.0 since 2017. In 2024 the ratio was 1.9 times the observed age- and sex-standardized mortality in the general population of the Netherlands. In all investigated subgroups, the ratio of the observed over expected mortality declined over time but at the end of follow-up in 2024 remained substantially elevated. The native Dutch, men who have sex with men, and those with higher pre-ART nadir CD4 counts had the lowest excess mortality.

In 2021, for the first time there was a substantial increase in the absolute mortality rate in people with HIV in the Netherlands during the period 2019 to 2021; from 8.41 deaths per 1,000 person years in 2019, to 9.07 in 2020 and 10.76 in 2021. The slightly increased mortality rates in 2020 and 2021 appear mostly driven by an increase in the number of non-AIDS infectious causes of death, which include COVID-19-related deaths. Even though the observed mortality rate increased in 2020 and 2021, the ratio of the observed over expected mortality remained stable because this increase in mortality in people with HIV coincides with – and is proportional to – the excess mortality of ca.10% that was observed in the general Dutch population



in 2020 and 2021 (as well as in other Western countries) because of COVID-19-related deaths and other indirect adverse health effects of the COVID-19 epidemic in the Netherlands<sup>3</sup>. In 2022 the observed mortality rate of 9.54 deaths per 1,000 person years had not completely returned to pre-COVID-19 levels. And in 2023 and 2024 the observed mortality rate had again increased, to 11.12 and 11.34 deaths per 1,000 person years, respectively. However, in 2022-2024 the ratio of the observed over the expected age/sex-adjusted mortality remained stable, suggesting the slight increase in the mortality rate is driven by the increasing average age of the population of people with HIV and perhaps also other general factors in the Netherlands.

#### Cardiovascular disease and diabetes

Whereas the crude incidence of CVD and diabetes mellitus in men and women was found to have remained relatively stable, the age-standardised incidence for CVD declined over time in men and women, while the age-adjusted incidence for diabetes mellitus only declined in men and in fact increased over time for women. When comparing the age- and sex-stratified prevalence of diabetes mellitus in the population of people with HIV with that observed in the general Dutch population, we observed that in men the prevalence of diabetes was lower in all age strata, while in women aged 20 up to 69 year old the observed prevalence of diabetes was higher compared to the prevalence in the general population. The age- and sex-stratified prevalence of coronary artery disease (myocardial infarction, angina pectoris) in both men and women with HIV was fairly equal compared to the reference prevalence in the general population.

The observed decline over time in the age-adjusted CVD incidence may suggest improved awareness, prevention (including switching from drugs associated with an increased risk of diabetes mellitus<sup>4</sup> and myocardial infarction<sup>5-9</sup>), and increased attention to managing traditional risk factors for these conditions. It may also reflect an increasing proportion of individuals living at high CD4 cell counts (because of the trend over time to start ART at higher CD4 cell counts, but also due to an increase in the proportion of individuals who have used ART long enough to reach high CD4 cell counts).

When looking at secondary CVD events, we observed a decreased risk over time in men, whereas the risk remained stable for women. This difference is thus far unexplained and needs more study.

The observation that the age-standardised incidence ratios for diabetes mellitus increased in women requires further study – but the observed increasing average BMI and high (and continuously increasing) prevalence of obesity in women might partially explain this observation. Finally, the general risk factors observed for diabetes mellitus and CVD (including age, hypertension, smoking, and obesity) were similar to those previously reported in other studies<sup>4,10,11</sup>. Several of these risk factors are more prevalent among people with HIV<sup>12</sup>.

#### Overweight and obesity

The clinical significance of the continued increase in the prevalence of obesity over time in women, especially in migrant women from non-Western countries, requires further study. Males in all age strata were less often overweight or obese than the general Dutch male population, while women in all age strata were much more likely to be obese. Recent results suggest that weight gain after starting ART is associated with lower mortality for normal-weight individuals, but they show no clear benefit for overweight or obese individuals<sup>13</sup>. However, another study found that weight gain after starting ART was associated with an increased risk of diabetes and, in those with a pre-antiretroviral therapy BMI in the normal range, with an increased risk of cardiovascular disease<sup>14</sup>. Prospective longitudinal monitoring of lipid levels, smoking status, blood pressure, weight and other risk factors will be important to further optimise the assessment of cardiovascular risk in our increasingly ageing population of PWH, and to study the impact of interventions, such as the use of statins and antihypertensive therapy, in modifying disease risk.

In our cohort, we found that obesity and being overweight were significant risk factors for developing new-onset diabetes, cardiovascular disease and CKD, but not non-AIDS malignancies. Obese and overweight adults had a significantly lower risk of death than those with an ideal body weight, although this is likely biased by reverse causality, as body weight was included as a time-updated variable in our regression analyses.

#### Non-AIDS-defining malignancies

The age-stratified incidence of non-AIDS-defining malignancy (including non-melanoma skin cancer) was significantly higher in men than the observed cancer incidence in the general Dutch male population. The relatively low cumulative follow-up time and number of events per age-group in women limits the statistical power of the analysis. However, the observed incidence in each age group appears to be rather similar to the observed cancer incidence in the general Dutch female population. The most common non-AIDS-defining malignancies (NADM) in the Netherlands are lung, intestinal, anal, prostate, and head and neck cancers, as well as Hodgkin's lymphoma. Despite the increasing average age of the cohort, the crude incidence of NADM has remained stable over time, and we even observed a decline in age-standardised incidence of NADM in men, and to a lesser extent in women. In addition, our analyses showed that individuals diagnosed with NADM are more likely to be older. This is in line with data from other cohorts, including the Swiss HIV cohort and RESPOND cohort<sup>15-19</sup>. Additional risk factors for NADM identified in our analyses were: current or past smoking; a CD4 cell count below 350 cells/mm³; not



being on ART, or having been pre-treated with NRTI before the start of ART; and a prior AIDS diagnosis. Other studies have reported that the effect of immunodeficiency may be stronger for infection-related non-AIDS-defining malignancies<sup>20</sup>.

#### Multimorbidity and polypharmacy

The prevalence of non-AIDS multimorbidity is continues to slowly increase, driven mainly by the increasing age of the cohort, and by women experiencing more comorbidities in each age group. Multimorbidity is strongly and independently associated with an increased risk of mortality.

Polypharmacy, defined as the concomitant use of five or more medications in addition to ART, is also slowly becoming more prevalent, mainly because of the increased age of the cohort and the associated rise in the prevalence of age-associated, non-AIDS comorbidities. In 2000, 3.3% of adults used five or more non-antiretroviral comedications alongside their ART regimen, and this steadily increased to 16.9% of adults in active follow up in 2024. The main drivers behind this increase in polypharmacy are the increasing age of the population and the increase in the number of chronic comorbidities per individual. Polypharmacy was also strongly and independently associated with an increased risk of death, independent of demographic and HIV-related parameters, chronic HBV and HCV co-infections, smoking status, and number of comorbidities.

#### Introduction

Since the introduction of combined antiretroviral therapy (ART) in 1996, the life expectancy of people with HIV (PWH) has markedly improved<sup>21</sup>; in a subgroup of recently-diagnosed, effectively-treated individuals, it was shown to be similar to that of the general population in the Netherlands<sup>22</sup>. Whereas the incidence of AIDS-defining infections and malignancies has markedly decreased<sup>23</sup>, morbidity and/or mortality associated with non-AIDS-related diseases has increased among PWH during the ART era<sup>24-29</sup>. Examples of these include renal and liver disease, diabetes mellitus, myocardial infarction, stroke, osteoporosis, and non-AIDS-defining malignancies.

Various reports suggest that the risk of non-AIDS-related morbidity may be higher in individuals with HIV treated with ART, than in individuals without HIV of comparable age<sup>30-32</sup>. For example pulmonary hypertension<sup>33</sup>, bone disease, and non-traumatic bone fractures<sup>34-36</sup> have each been reported to be more common in PWH. Just as with individuals without HIV, traditional risk factors (such as tobacco use<sup>12</sup>, alcohol abuse, and viral hepatitis co-infection<sup>37</sup>) also contribute to the increased risk of certain non-AIDS-related comorbidities in people with HIV.

One of the most prevalent comorbidities is cardiovascular disease (CVD). In addition to traditional risk factors such as smoking, probable additional risk factors with high prevalence among PWH include metabolic abnormalities such as dyslipidaemia; insulin resistance; hypertension; diabetes; and changes in body composition, which may be driven partly by the use of ART, as well as by sustained, residual HIV-associated immune activation and inflammation, despite effective ART<sup>38,39</sup>.

In this chapter, we report on mortality and its causes for adult (18 years and over) PWH using updated stichting hiv monitoring (SHM) data. We look at a total of 32,093 adult individuals ever registered by SHM – which includes 706 individuals who were diagnosed with HIV as children and have since become adults. In addition, we report on the incidence of AIDS and non-AIDS comorbidities, particularly diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular disease, chronic kidney disease (CKD), and non-AIDS malignancies in PWH.

#### **Definitions**

AIDS is defined as having experienced any of the United States' Centers for Disease Control (CDC) category C conditions<sup>40</sup>. In contrast to the US approach, a CD4 cell count below 200 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> in the absence of an AIDS-defining condition, does not qualify as AIDS in our analyses.

The following are defined according to criteria established by the Data Collection on Adverse Events of Anti-HIV Drugs (D:A:D) study: diabetes mellitus; CVD (including myocardial infarction, stroke, coronary artery bypass grafting, coronary angioplasty or stenting, and carotid endarterectomy); and non-AIDS-defining malignancies (excluding precancerous stages of anal and cervical cancer, basal cell carcinoma, and squamous cell carcinoma of the skin). In addition, Castleman's disease is also considered a non-AIDS-defining malignancy.

Histological confirmation of malignancies is part of standard clinical practice in the Netherlands. As a result, pathology reports, wherever possible, have been used to establish the presence of any malignancy.

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is defined as an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) below 60 ml/min (estimated with the Cockcroft-Gault equation), confirmed after six months or longer. We use this period of time because of the large number of episodes of renal dysfunction that revert shortly after three months, and therefore do not represent true CKD.



#### Methods

For the analyses of incidence per calendar year and calendar period, we have considered all events after an individual entered care following HIV-1 diagnosis, or after the start of routine collection of data on the condition of interest, whichever was most recent. For instance, data on CKD were analysed from April 2007 onwards, because that was when routinely-collected renal laboratory data became available for analysis.

As the average age of the Dutch HIV population has increased over time, we also estimated the incidence rates for the periods 2000-2009, 2010-2019, and 2020-2024. We standardised these estimates according to the age distribution of the population during the period 2020-2024 (divided into the following age classes: 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70 years and over), using the indirect method. Indirect standardisation compares the incidence rates in the study and reference period (2020-2024) populations by applying the stratum-specific rates in the reference population to the study population. We investigated risk factors for AIDS, death, and each of the non-AIDS events, as well as a combined non-AIDS endpoint (defined as first occurrence of cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, or non-AIDS-defining malignancy). CKD was not included in this combined endpoint as serum creatinine was not part of routine data collection before 2007.

The baseline for treated and untreated PWH was defined as the date of HIV-1 diagnosis or January 2000, whichever was most recent. Subsequent follow-up time was divided into periods of three months. Poisson regression models were used to estimate the independent association between risk factors and each endpoint. Models were adjusted for:

- the most recent CD4 cell count (lagged by three months);
- body mass index;
- gender;
- · region of birth;
- most likely mode of HIV-1 transmission;
- current age;
- having started ART within 12 months of the last negative HIV test;
- known time spent with CD4 cell count below 200 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>;
- known time spent with plasma HIV RNA above 1,000 copies/ml while on ART;
- time on ART;
- specific antiretroviral drugs used;
- prior diagnosis of AIDS;

- presence of chronic active hepatitis B and/or C virus infection;
- hypertension, diabetes mellitus, and other chronic comorbidities;
- · smoking; and
- · calendar period.

## **Mortality**

Mortality was investigated in all 32,093 adult PWH ever registered in the SHM database. The mortality rate was 18.2 (95% confidence interval [CI] 13.5-23.9) per 1,000 person years of follow up (PYFU) in 1996 and declined to 8.9 (95% CI 7.4-10.6) per 1,000 PYFU in 2010. It has since remained stable at that 2010 level up to 2020, but the observed mortality rate was noticeably higher in 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic with 10.8 (9.4-12.2). In 2024 the observed crude mortality rate had increased to 11.3 (10.0-12.9) per 1,000 PYFU (*Figure 6.1A*). Despite the overall improvement over time, the mortality rate in adult PWH remained well above the age-matched and gender-matched mortality observed in the general population in the Netherlands, which was 5.9 per 1,000 PYFU in 2024. The ratio of the observed mortality among PWH compared to the age/sex-adjusted mortality observed in the general population, decreased from 8.9 in 1996, to 6.5 in 2000, to 5.8 in 2005, to 3.0 in 2010, to 2.3 in 2015 and has remained constant at around 2.0 since 2017. In 2024 the ratio was 1.9.

We repeated the analysis of mortality for various subgroups of interest (Figure 6.1C). The analyses were stratified based on region of origin (native Dutch, migrants with Western background, and migrants with non-Western background), HIV transmission category (men who have sex with men, other men who acquired HIV heterosexually, and women) and pre-ART nadir CD4 count (0-199, 200-499, and 500 and more cells/mm³). The "Ratio in 2024" mentioned in the top right corner of each panel is the ratio of the observed crude mortality rate over the age/sexadjusted expected mortality in 2024. In all investigated subgroups, the ratio of the observed over expected mortality declined over time but at the end of follow-up in 2024 remained substantially higher than one. The native Dutch, MSM, and those with higher pre-ART nadir CD4 counts had the lowest excess mortality. The observed excess mortality in the subgroup diagnosed with HIV since 2010 and who had a pre-ART nadir CD4 count of 500 and more cells/mm<sup>3</sup> was partly driven by a high rate of non-natural causes of death (21.4% of the 98 observed deaths in this subgroup were classified as of non-natural causes: accidents, violence, suicide, euthanasia, substance abuse, psychiatric disease).

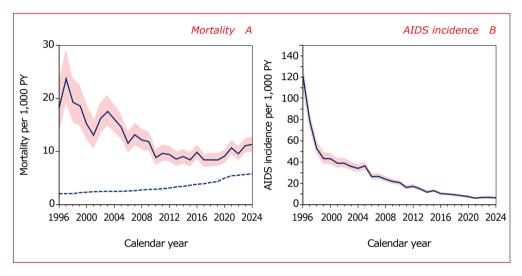


#### Underlying causes of death

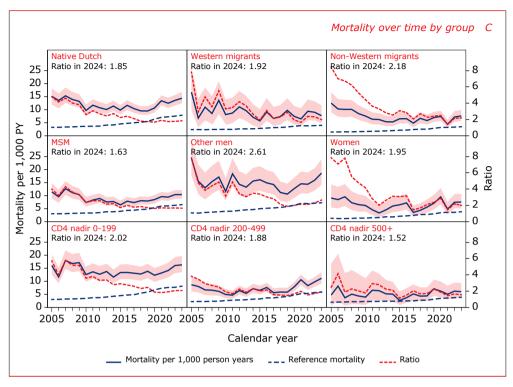
Observed underlying causes of death are presented in Figure 6.1D (with exact numbers and percentages presented in Appendix Table 6.1). Although the AIDSrelated death rate has decreased significantly since the advent of ART, the continued occurrence of deaths due to AIDS is driven largely by the persistent high proportion of newly diagnosed people with HIV who present late for care with advanced immune deficiency. As such, the rate falls short of the aim of zero AIDS-related deaths by 2027, as stated in the Netherlands' Updated National Action Plan on STIs, HIV and Sexual Health, 2023-2027<sup>42</sup>. Table 6.1 shows the characteristics of adults with HIV who died of AIDS, compared to those who died of non-AIDS causes during the last 10 years, the period 2015-2024. Individuals who died of AIDS were more frequently female, non-MSM males and/or migrants, more recently diagnosed with HIV, had been on ART for a shorter period of time, and had much lower CD4 cell counts at diagnosis (60.3% had advanced HIV at diagnosis with a CD4 cell count below 200 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>). In 50.2% of cases, they did not have controlled viremia, and 26.5% of this group was not receiving any ART at the time of death, either because ART had not yet been started or had been discontinued (Table 6.1).

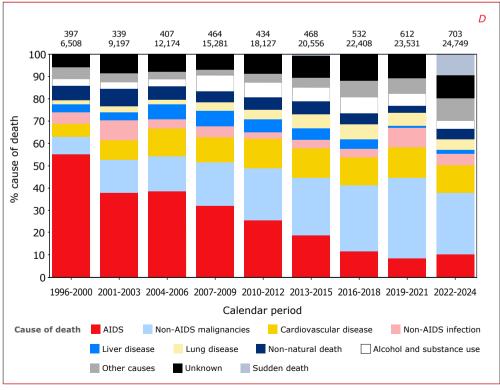
Among individuals who died of advanced HIV / AIDS but who did not classify as late or advanced presenters (i.e. they had a CD4 cell count above 350 cells/mm³ at diagnosis), the cause of death was relatively more likely to be an AIDS-related haematological malignancy, which are also known to occur in people on suppressive ART with high CD4 cell counts. The proportion and absolute number of deaths due to non-AIDS-defining conditions have increased significantly over time (*Figure 6.1D*), primarily as a consequence of the ever increasing size and increasing average age of the population of people with HIV in the Netherlands. In recent years, the category 'Sudden death' has been introduced for individuals who died suddenly and unexpectedly within a precise cause being known. People with HIV who were born in the Netherlands, MSM and men in general are overrepresented among those who died of non-AIDS causes, because people in these three (overlapping) categories have a higher average age compared to migrants, HIV transmission categories other than MSM, and women. Independent risk factors for death and for being diagnosed with an AIDS-defining condition are listed in *Appendix Table 6.2*.

Figure 6.1A-D: (A) Annual mortality and (B) incidence of AIDS in 32,093 PWH in the Netherlands after entry into HIV care from 1996 onwards. (C) Annual mortality in various subgroups of interest after entry into HIV care from 2000 onwards. Solid lines represent the incidence, while the shaded areas are the 95% confidence intervals. The dashed line is the mortality rate for age-matched and sex-matched individuals from the general population in the Netherlands. The "ratio" is the ratio of observed over age/sex-standardized mortality in the Netherlands in 2024. (D) Relative changes in causes of death in different calendar periods since the introduction of combination antiretroviral therapy (ART) in the Netherlands. The numbers at the top of each bar represent the total number of deaths and the total number of individuals that were at risk during that calendar period. Mortality attributed to 'alcohol use' refers to deaths due to complications of alcohol-related liver cirrhosis.









**Table 6.1:** Characteristics of adults with HIV who died of AIDS compared to adults with HIV who died of non-AIDS causes in the period 2015–2024.

	Died of AIDS	Died of non-AIDS causes	p-value
Number of subjects	219 (10.9%)	1,782 (89.1%)	
Age	56.6 (46-66.6)	61.6 (53.9-70.5)	<.001
Transmission category			<.001
MSM	95 (43.4%)	1,026 (57.6%)	
Other men	75 (34.2%)	395 (22.2%)	
Women	33 (15.1%)	193 (10.8%)	
Transgender	3 (1.4%)	12 (0.7%)	
IDU	6 (2.7%)	122 (6.8%)	
Blood contact	2 (0.9%)	32 (1.8%)	
Pediatric	5 (2.3%)	2 (0.1%)	
Region of origin			<.001
Native Dutch	130 (59.4%)	1,259 (70.7%)	
Western migrants	18 (8.2%)	166 (9.3%)	
Non-Western migrants	67 (30.6%)	352 (19.8%)	
Unknown origin	4 (1.8%)	5 (0.3%)	
Years since HIV diagnosis	8.73 (0.8-18.3)	16.7 (9.83-23.5)	<.001
Years since start cART	6 (0.46-14.3)	14.4 (8.09-20)	<.001
CD4 at HIV diagnosis	134 (41-338)	300 (130-520)	<.001
Late HIV diagnosis (CD4<350 at entry in care)	165 (76.4%)	988 (55.5%)	<.001
Advanced HIV diagnosis (CD4<200 at entry in care)	132 (60.3%)	636 (35.7%)	<.001
CD4 nadir	60 (20-132)	160 (60-270)	<.001
Last CD4 measured before death	150 (55-350)	520 (327-734)	<.001
Not undetectable at date of death	105 (50.2%)	1,569 (88.3%)	<.001
Not on cART at date of death	58 (26.5%)	164 (9.2%)	<.001

**Legend:** ART = combination antiretroviral therapy. Data shown are n (%) for categorical variables and median (interquartile ranges) for continuous variables. CD4 cell counts are expressed as cells/mm³, IDU = intravenous drug use.



#### Risk factors associated with mortality

We used Poisson regression analysis to examine factors associated with mortality in individuals from the moment they started ART. After correction for all variables listed in *Appendix Table 6.2*, including time-updated age and time-updated lagged CD4 cell counts, we found that, in general, risk of death was higher in (heterosexual) men compared to women, and this risk increased as individuals grew older. It also increased if they:

- belonged to the HIV transmission risk group of people who use/used injecting drugs (PWID);
- had a prior AIDS diagnosis;
- were co-infected with the hepatitis B virus (HBV) or hepatitis C virus (HCV);
- were underweight;
- were current or past smokers;
- had spent more time with an HIV RNA level above 1,000 copies/ml while on ART; or
- had a current CD4 cell count less than 750 cells/mm³, with the risk of death progressively increasing in lower CD4 strata.

In individuals who had initiated early ART (i.e. within 12 months of their last negative HIV test, or within 12 months of a diagnosed acute HIV infection [Fiebig stages I-V]), the risk of death was significantly lower compared to individuals who did not initiate ART early (relative risk 0.74, 95% CI 0.57-0.97, p=0.027).

Although a lower mortality risk was observed in individuals of non-Dutch origin, this is likely due to a larger proportion of migrants becoming lost to care (*Appendix Table 6.3*). In native Dutch individuals the risk of becoming lost to care was not linked to their CD4 cell count. In contrast, people from all other non-Dutch groups were far more likely to become lost to care if they had very low CD4 cell counts. One explanation could be that those born overseas often return to their families in their country of origin when they experience a severe deterioration in health. As a result, it is likely that mortality rates in these groups have been considerably underestimated.

#### Suicide and euthanasia

Individuals who had a psychiatric disease as the recorded underlying cause of death, and for whom the immediate cause of death was recorded as suicide, have been re-classified as 'suicide' for the current analysis (*Appendix Table 6.1*). The number of recorded suicides among people with HIV in the Netherlands in the period 2011 to 2024 was stable at around ten recorded cases per calendar year, which is a much higher rate than the known rates of suicide in the general Dutch population. The latter has been stable in the last 10 years; at between 10.4-11.2 instances per 100,000 individuals per year, compared to more than 40 instances per 100,000 person years in the population with HIV<sup>43,44</sup>.

For patients with a serious somatic condition, who opted for euthanasia in the terminal disease stage, the underlying somatic condition was recorded as the cause of death. In the entire follow-up period from 1996 to 2024, a total of 190 instances of euthanasia were recorded; 27% of cases occurred in patients who died of AIDS, 41% in patients who died of non-AIDS-defining malignancies, and the remaining 32% in patients who died of other diseases. Our definition of euthanasia does not include the use of standard practice palliative care, like palliative sedation in the terminal phase of the underlying disease.

## AIDS-defining events

In the group of 32,093 adult PWH ever registered in the SHM database, the incidence of first AIDS-defining events decreased sharply from 120.6 (95% CI 108.1-134.2) in 1996 to 6.2 (5.2-7.4) cases per 1,000 PYFU in 2024 (*Figure 6.1B*). *Appendix Table 6.4* gives an overview of the first AIDS-defining events occurring between 1996 and 2024. The most common first AIDS-defining events between 2020 and 2024 (n=765) were:

- Pneumocystis jirovecii pneumonia (21% of all events);
- oesophageal candidiasis (19%);
- recurrent bacterial pneumonia (12%);
- Kaposi's sarcoma (8%);
- AIDS-defining lymphoma (8%);
- tuberculosis (8%, of which pulmonary 4% and extrapulmonary 4%);
- AIDS-related wasting (5%);
- cytomegalovirus-associated end organ disease (4%);
- herpes simplex virus chronic ulcer (4%);
- AIDS dementia complex / HIV encephalopathy (3%); and
- toxoplasmosis of the brain (2%).

Risk factors for AIDS-defining events are shown in *Appendix Table 6.2*.

In the present analyses, we concentrate on the first occurrence of any AIDS-defining event after the start of ART. The results of these analyses show that individuals were more likely to experience their first AIDS-defining event if:

- they were older;
- were born in a non-Western country;
- had a current CD4 cell count below 500 cells/mm³ (although the likelihood was even higher if their CD4 cell count was below 200 or 50 cells/mm³);
- had more than 1,000 HIV RNA copies/ml for a longer period of time while on ART; or
- were co-infected with HCV.



Because the main findings of the analysis of AIDS events after the start of ART were heavily influenced by events occurring shortly after the start of ART and/or while HIV-1 RNA was still detectable, we also analysed the incidence of CDC-B (moderately symptomatic HIV disease) and AIDS-defining events in individuals who had started ART at least one year before and had undetectable viraemia or transient low-level viraemia (i.e. 'blips'; below 200 copies/ml) at the moment the HIV-related event was diagnosed. In other words, we focused on those individuals with an optimal virological response to ART. Events were classified into CD4 strata based on the current or previously measured CD4 cell count, whichever was the lowest. Use of opportunistic infection prophylaxis was not accounted for in this analysis. Only 'definitive' or 'probable' diagnoses were considered; 'possible' events or events with incomplete ascertainment were excluded. Cervical dysplasia was excluded from this analysis.

Between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2024, 27,527 individuals contributed a total of 292.8 thousand PYFU, during which 3,856 CDC-B and/or CDC-C (AIDS-defining events) were diagnosed. This resulted in an incidence rate of 13.2 events per 1,000 PYFU (2,133 CDC-B events, 7.3 events/1,000 PYFU; 1,723 CDC-C/AIDS events, 5.9 events/1,000 PYFU) (*Table 6.2*). As expected, the incidence rates were highest in the CD4 strata below 200 cells/mm³. Although the incidence rates declined sharply in the higher CD4 strata, the incidence rates of AIDS-defining illnesses in the 200-349 and 350-499 cells/mm³ strata remained substantial, with 9.8 and 5.4 AIDS-defining illnesses/1,000 PYFU, respectively. The incidence rates of AIDS-defining illnesses in the CD4 strata of 500-749 and over 750 cells/mm³ were 2.7 (95% CI 2.4-3.1) and 1.8 (1.5-2.1) events/1,000 PYFU, respectively. Note that the incidence in the over 750 cells/mm³ stratum is statistically significantly lower compared to the 500-749 cells/mm³ stratum. In these highest CD4 strata, the main AIDS-defining events that still occurred were:

- recurrent bacterial pneumonia;
- · Kaposi's sarcoma;
- oesophageal candidiasis;
- · non-Hodgkin's lymphoma;
- tuberculosis (pulmonary and extrapulmonary); and
- chronic genital Herpes simplex virus (HSV) ulcers

Appendix Table 6.6 shows the type and number of HIV-related diagnoses by CD4 strata. We repeated the Poisson regression for risk factors for AIDS, limited to individuals on ART with undetectable viral load and a current CD4 count of at least 500 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>. We found that the main risk factor for incident AIDS-defining conditions in this subgroup was higher age: compared to those aged 30-39 years

old, the IRR was significantly increased in those aged 50-59 (RR 1.55, 95%CI 1.15-2.11), 60-69 years old (RR 1.79, 95%CI 1.28-2.50), over 70 years old (RR 2.65, 95%CI 1.76-4.00). Of note, the nadir pre-ART CD4 count was not statistically significantly associated with incident AIDS-defining conditions in this analysis.

In the period 2020-2024, Kaposi's sarcoma occurred not much less frequently in people with suppressed viremia (n=35, 40.7%) compared to people not on ART or with poorly controlled viremia (n=51, 59.3%).

Table 6.2: CDC-B and CDC-C/AIDS events occurring between 2000 and 2024 in individuals on ART, while having an undetectable viral load.

CD4	CDC events	CDC	CDC	PYFU	Incidence	Incidence	Incidence
category	(n)	B events (n)	C events (n)	follow-up	rate CDC	rate CDC-B	rate CDC-C
(cells/mm³)				(x1,000)	events	events	events
					(/1,000 PY)	(/1,000 PY)	(/1,000 PY)
					(95%CI)	(95%CI)	(95%CI)
0-50	432	179	253	1.1	411	170	241
					(373-451)	(146-197)	(212-272)
50-199	815	419	396	11.4	71.4	36.7	34.7
					(66.6-76.5)	(33.3-40.4)	(31.4-38.3)
200-349	749	420	329	33.8	22.2	12.4	9.74
					(20.6-23.8)	(11.3-13.7)	(8.72-10.9)
350-499	696	382	314	58.3	11.9	6.55	5.39
					(11.1-12.9)	(5.91-7.24)	(4.81-6.02)
500-749	732	453	279	102.2	7.16	4.43	2.73
					(6.65-7.70)	(4.03-4.86)	(2.42-3.07)
750+	432	280	152	86.1	5.02	3.25	1.77
					(4.56-5.52)	(2.88-3.66)	(1.50-2.07)
Total	3,856	2,133	1,723	292.8	13.2	7.28	5.88
					(12.8-13.6)	(6.98-7.60)	(5.61-6.17)

**Legend:** CDC = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Classification System for HIV Infection; CDC-B = moderately symptomatic HIV disease; CDC-C = AIDS-defining events; ART = combination antiretroviral therapy; PYFU = person years of follow up.



#### Tuberculosis and atypical mycobacterial infections

Between 1 January 1996 and 31 December 2024 a cumulative total of 1,214 cases of tuberculosis were diagnosed in 1,007 individuals, of which 712 (58.7%) were pulmonary cases and 502 (41.3%) were extrapulmonary/disseminated tuberculosis cases. During that same period, 590 cases of atypical mycobacterial infections were diagnosed in 519 individuals: 103 pulmonary and 487 extrapulmonary cases of atypical mycobacterial infections. *Figures 6.2.A* & *B* and *Appendix Table 6.4* describe the incidence over calendar time of tuberculosis and atypical mycobacterial infections.

#### Geographical region of origin

Migrants who originated from non-Western regions (72.6% of cases, 33.9% of the population) were strongly overrepresented among the tuberculosis cases, while those who were born in the Netherlands (14.9% of cases, 50.6% of the population) were strongly underrepresented. Migrants originating from Western regions (which includes countries from eastern Europe) represented 11.7% of cases and 14.9% of the population. Region of origin was not strongly associated with the incidence of atypical mycobacterial infections. *Table 6.3* describes some key characteristics of the individuals diagnosed with either tuberculosis or atypical mycobacterial infection. In case individuals had multiple diagnoses, the date of the first event was used.

#### Disease-related mortality rates

4.9% of the individuals diagnosed with pulmonary tuberculosis and 4.6% of the individuals diagnosed with extrapulmonary tuberculosis died within 365 days of the diagnosis, with the reported cause of death being 'AIDS' or 'infection'. The disease-related mortality rates within 365 days of diagnosis were 4.9% for pulmonary and 17.0% for extrapulmonary atypical mycobacterial infections.

#### Latent tuberculosis infection screening

The current national guidelines recommend performing screening for latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) in all individuals newly diagnosed with HIV who are at increased risk for tuberculosis (migrants from high-endemic regions or individuals who have been in close contact with cases of tuberculosis). The recommended method for LTBI screening is the interferon gamma release assay (IGRA) in combination with a tuberculin skin test (Mantoux test). Treatment of individuals in whom LTBI has been diagnosed considerably lowers their risk of developing tuberculosis.

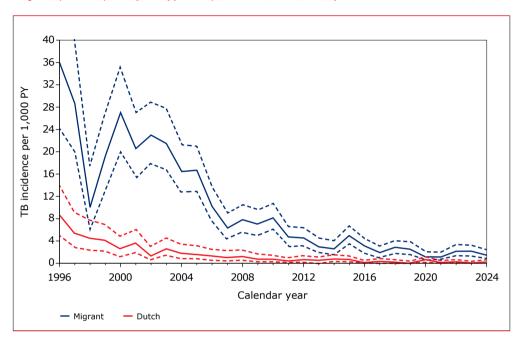
SHM has been collecting data on LTBI screening and treatment since 2018. IGRA testing during an episode in which active TB was diagnosed, was excluded from this dataset. A limitation of our analysis of LTBI screening is that we do not have data on whether, at the time of IGRA testing, the individual had complaints that may have been caused by tuberculosis, which then prompted the treating physician to perform IGRA testing. In 22.5% of cases a chest X-ray or CT-scan was taken, indicating that in some of these instances the individual might also have had pulmonary symptoms at the moment of IGRA testing.

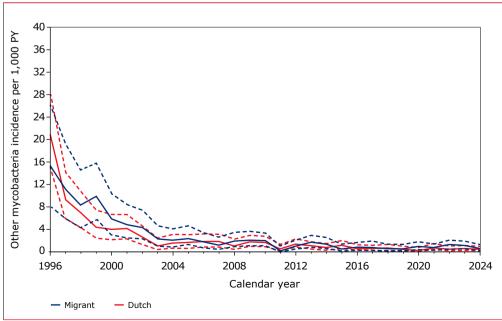
Since 1 January 2018, SHM has recorded LTBI screening using IGRA with or without an additional tuberculin skin test in 2,857 individuals. In 280 (9.8%) of these individuals LTBI testing was positive, and 105 (37.5%) of those received a course of LTBI treatment. LTBI treatment consisted of:

- isoniazid plus rifampicin (typically for a duration of three months) in 35 individuals;
- isoniazid monotherapy (typically for a duration of six to nine months) in 53 individuals; and
- rifampicin monotherapy (typically for a duration of four months) in four individuals.

A further 13 individuals received another non-standard treatment. In the 280 individuals who tested positive on LTBI screening, four cases of tuberculosis were diagnosed later during follow-up: one case of active extrapulmonary tuberculosis developed (four months after diagnosis) while that individual was receiving treatment consisting of rifampicin plus isoniazid, and three cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were diagnosed, 2 of these 3 had received a course of LTBI preventive treatment. Of the 175 individuals with positive LTBI screening who did not receive LTBI treatment, 23 (13.1%) were known to have been diagnosed with and treated for active tuberculosis prior to the LTBI screening.

**Figure 6.2A–B:** Crude incidence rates of tuberculosis and nontuberculous mycobacterial infections in Dutch and migrants per 1,000 person years of follow up (solid lines) and 95% confidence intervals (dashed lines).





**Table 6.3:** Characteristics at the time individuals were diagnosed with tuberculosis or atypical mycobacterial infections for the first time.

	Tuberculosis	Atypical mycobacterial	p-value
		infections	
Number of subjects	1,007 (66.0%)	519 (34.0%)	
Age	37 (30.7-44.6)	40.1 (34.5-48.2)	<.001
Transmission category			<.001
MSM	213 (21.2%)	228 (43.9%)	
Other men	374 (37.1%)	156 (30.1%)	
Women	310 (30.8%)	96 (18.5%)	
Transgender	19 (1.9%)	5 (1.0%)	
IDU	61 (6.1%)	25 (4.8%)	
Blood contact	28 (2.8%)	6 (1.2%)	
Pediatric	2 (0.2%)	3 (0.6%)	
Region of origin			<.001
Native Dutch	180 (17.9%)	286 (55.1%)	
Western migrants	95 (9.4%)	60 (11.6%)	
Non-Western migrants	727 (72.2%)	173 (33.3%)	
Unknown origin	5 (0.5%)	0 (0.0%)	
Diagnosed before HIV diagnosis	230 (22.8%)	33 (6.4%)	<.001
Years since HIV diagnosis	0.92 (0.5-4.87)	1.13 (0.58-6.64)	0.006
Years since start cART	0.44 (0-1.25)	0.63 (0.26-1.28)	<.001
CD4 at HIV diagnosis	196 (65-401)	40 (10-200)	<.001
Late HIV diagnosis (CD4<350 at entry in care)	456 (68.3%)	381 (84.1%)	<.001
Advanced HIV diagnosis (CD4<200 at entry in care)	674 (66.9%)	405 (78.0%)	<.001
CD4 nadir	120 (40-250)	20 (10- 50)	<.001
Last CD4 measured before event	200 (86-358)	70 (20-160)	<.001
Not undetectable at date of event	179 (17.8%)	129 (24.9%)	0.001
Not on cART at date of event	717 (71.2%)	251 (48.4%)	<.001



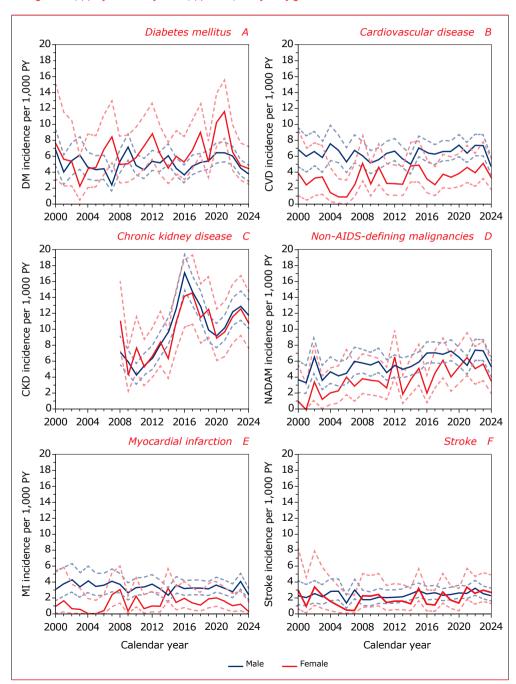
# Non-AIDS-defining events

Of the 32,093 adult PWH ever registered with SHM, 31,746 were aged 18 years and over while in follow up in, or after January 2000. For these treated and untreated adults, we report incidence figures and risk factors for:

- diabetes mellitus;
- a composite cardiovascular disease endpoint (and also separately for myocardial infarction and stroke);
- · non-AIDS-defining malignancies; and
- · Chronic kidney disease (CKD).

We also present the incidence of the first occurrence of diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular disease, or non-AIDS-defining malignancies as a combined non-AIDS disease endpoint (*Figure 6.3A-F*).

Figure 6.3A-F: Crude incidence rates per 1,000 person years of follow up (solid lines) and 95% confidence intervals (dotted lines) of (A) diabetes mellitus, (B) cardiovascular disease, (C) chronic kidney disease, (D) non-AIDS-defining malignancies, (E) myocardial infarction, (F) stroke, stratified by gender.





#### Diabetes mellitus

Of the 31,746 individuals aged 18 years and over, who were in follow up in, or after January 2000, a total of 2,033 (1,563 men and 470 women) were diagnosed with type 2 diabetes from 2000 onwards. The crude incidence of diabetes remained stable over time (*Figure 6.3A*), and in 2024 was 3.7 (95% CI 2.9-4.8) per 1,000 PYFU in men and 4.4 (2.5-7.2) per 1,000 PYFU in women. In men, the age-standardised incidence ratio declined over time and was significantly lower in 2010-2019 and 2020-2024 than in 2000-2009. In women, however, an opposite effect was seen, as the age standardised incidence in significantly increased over the observation period (*Table 6.4*).

Demographic and clinical factors independently associated with an increased risk of new-onset diabetes mellitus were:

- · non-Dutch/Western origin;
- older age group;
- a BMI greater than 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>;
- hypertension;
- a latest CD4 cell count below 200 cells/mm³;
- treatment with NRTI mono or dual treatment prior to the modern combination ART era (in particular zidovudine and didanosine);
- treatment with the integrase inhibitors bictegravir, dolutegravir or raltegravir (but not elvitegravir and cabotegravir) and
- a prior AIDS diagnosis (Appendix Table 6.5).

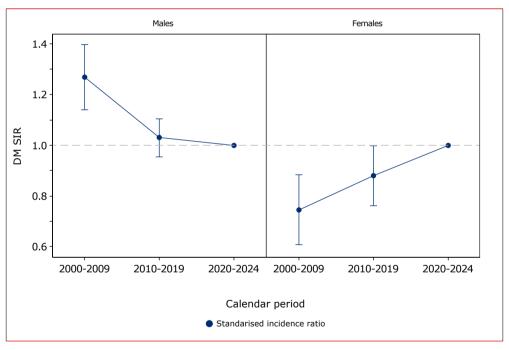
Moreover, the risk of new-onset diabetes in the periods 2000-2009 and 2010-2019 was significantly higher than in the period 2020-2024. Starting ART within 12 months of the last negative HIV test was also associated with a lower risk of new-onset diabetes. Note that multivariate analysis showed that the higher age-adjusted incidence rates of diabetes in women are largely explained by their higher BMI.

We compared the age- and sex-stratified prevalence of diabetes mellitus in the population of people with HIV with that observed in the general Dutch population (*Table 6.5 & Figure 6.5*). In men the prevalence of diabetes was significantly lower in nearly all age strata, while in women aged up to 65 year old the observed prevalence of diabetes was higher compared to the reference values in the general population.

**Table 6.4:** Crude incidence of diabetes mellitus per 1,000 person years of follow up in 2000–2009, 2010–2019 and 2020–2024 and age-standardised incidence ratio (indirect method) with 95% confidence intervals.

Calendar year		Male		Female
	Incidence/1,000PY	Standardized Inc.	Incidence/1,000PY	Standardized Inc.
	(95%CI)	Ratio (95%CI)	(95%CI)	Ratio (95%CI)
2000-2009	5.2 (4.6-5.7)	1.27 (1.14-1.40)	5.7 (4.7-6.8)	0.75 (0.61-0.88)
2010-2019	5.0 (4.7-5.4)	1.03 (0.96-1.11)	6.6 (5.7-7.5)	0.88 (0.76-1.00)
2020-2024	5.5 (5.0-6.0)	1 (reference)	7.6 (6.4-9.0)	1 (reference)

Figure 6.4: Age-standardised incidence ratio (indirect method) with 95% confidence intervals of diabetes mellitus per 1,000 person years of follow up in 2000–2009, 2010–2019 and 2020–2024.



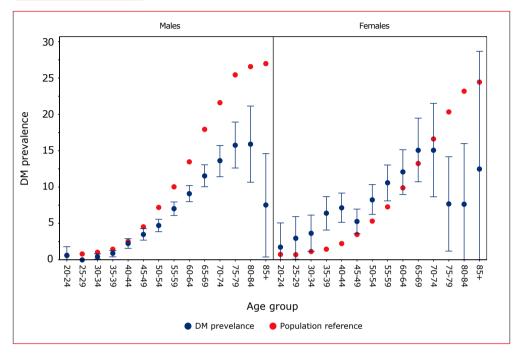
<sup>\*</sup>Standardised according to the observed age distribution between 2020–2024. **Legend:** CI = confidence intervals; PY = person years.



**Table 6.5:** Prevalence of diabetes mellitus in people with HIV stratified by age and sex in 2024, compared to the prevalence of diabetes mellitus type 2 in the general Dutch population in 2021 (<a href="https://www.vzinfo.nl/diabetes-mellitus/leeftijd-en-geslacht">https://www.vzinfo.nl/diabetes-mellitus/leeftijd-en-geslacht</a>, accessed 12-9-2025).

Age group (years)	Males							Females
g sarry	Events	Group	Prevalence %	General	Events	Group	Prevalence %	General
	(n)	size	(95%CI)	population	(n)	size	(95%CI)	population
		(n)		prevalence		(n)		prevalence
				(%)				(%)
20-24	1	163	0.6 (0.0-1.8)	0.71	1	58	1.7 (0.0-5.1)	0.7
25-29	0	556	0.0 (0.0-0.0)	0.78	4	132	3.0 (0.1-6.0)	0.75
30-34	6	1,304	0.5 (0.1-0.8)	1.07	8	217	3.7 (1.2-6.2)	1.13
35-39	15	1,705	0.9 (0.4-1.3)	1.51	28	436	6.4 (4.1-8.7)	1.45
40-44	41	1,836	2.2 (1.6-2.9)	2.62	45	626	7.2 (5.2-9.2)	2.22
45-49	72	2,042	3.5 (2.7-4.3)	4.64	36	678	5.3 (3.6-7.0)	3.46
50-54	116	2,425	4.8 (3.9-5.6)	7.16	59	710	8.3 (6.3-10.3)	5.29
55-59	206	2,925	7.0 (6.1-8.0)	10.12	63	596	10.6 (8.1-13.0)	7.3
60-64	238	2,612	9.1 (8.0-10.2)	13.54	52	431	12.1 (9.0-15.1)	9.95
65-69	195	1,684	11.6 (10.1-13.1)	17.96	39	258	15.1 (10.7-19.5)	13.24
70-74	134	986	13.6 (11.5-15.7)	21.71	18	119	15.1 (8.7-21.6)	16.62
75-79	82	519	15.8 (12.7-18.9)	25.52	5	65	7.7 (1.2-14.2)	20.35
80-84	30	188	16.0 (10.7-21.2)	26.65	3	39	7.7 (0.0-16.1)	23.22
85+	4	53	7.5 (0.4-14.7)	27.02	2	16	12.5 (0.0-28.7)	24.4

Figure 6.5: Prevalence of diabetes mellitus in people with HIV stratified by age and sex in 2024, compared to the prevalence of diabetes mellitus type 2 in the general Dutch population in 2021 (<a href="https://www.vzinfo.nl/diabetes-mellitus/leeftijd-en-geslacht">https://www.vzinfo.nl/diabetes-mellitus/leeftijd-en-geslacht</a>, accessed 12-9-2025).



#### Cardiovascular disease

From January 2000 onwards, 2,167 individuals (1,915 men and 252 women) experienced one or more fatal or non-fatal cardiovascular event. Of these individuals:

- 1,040 had a myocardial infarction;
- 819 had a stroke;
- 159 had a coronary artery bypass graft;
- · 796 had a coronary angioplasty or stenting; and
- 25 had a carotid endarterectomy.

The crude incidence over time remained stable and was lower in women than in men (*Figure 6.3B*). The age-standardised incidence ratio in men and women declined over time (*Table 6.6* & *Figure 6.6*).

In the analysis of risk factors, those associated with cardiovascular disease were:

- older age group;
- male gender, MSM had lower risk than other men;
- a latest CD4 cell count below 350 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>



- a prior AIDS diagnosis; as well as having a longer duration of severe immunodeficiency defined as cumulative number of years with a CD4 count <200 cells/mm³;</li>
- treatment with NRTI mono or dual treatment prior to the modern combination ART era;
- use of abacavir (either currently or in the last six months);
- current use of dolutegravir, raltegravir or bictegravir (borderline significant) (but not elvitegravir or cabotegravir);
- current and past smoking;
- · the presence of diabetes mellitus; and
- the presence of hypertension.

Estimated cardiovascular risk using the D:A:D algorithm was also higher during 2000-2009 and 2010-2019 than during 2020-2024, independent of other variables included in the analysis (*Appendix Table 6.5*). The strong positive association between use of abacavir and CVD was independent of renal function. When eGFR, estimated using the Cockcroft-Gault method (available from 2007 onwards), was included in the model the abacavir effect was only slightly attenuated, decreasing from an incidence risk ratio (IRR) of 1.49 to 1.42, p<0.001. Compared to having an eGFR above 90 ml/min, having an eGFR below 60 ml/min was independently associated with a higher risk of CVD:

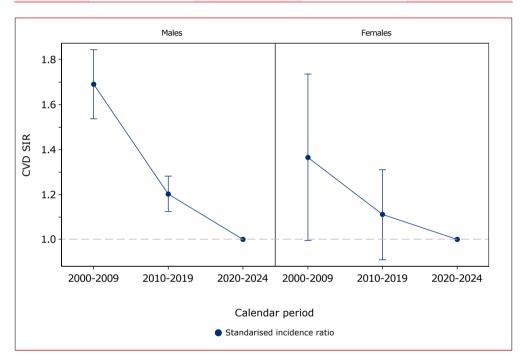
- at 60-90 ml/min, the IRR was 0.99 (95% CI 0.88-1.11);
- at 30-60 ml/min the IRR was 1.50 (1.27-1.77);
- at 15-30 ml/min, the IRR was 4.22 (3.12-5.72); and
- at 0-15 ml/min the IRR was 3.21 (1.97-5.24).

From January 2000 onwards, 282 men and 34 women experienced a fatal or non-fatal secondary cardiovascular event: 169 had a myocardial infarction, 158 had a stroke (note that 11 persons experienced both a secondary MI and a secondary stroke). The crude incidence per 1,000 PYFU over the whole period between 2000 and 2024 in men and women with a prior cardiovascular event was 26.1 (23.1-29.3) and 22.3 (15.5-31.2), respectively. The crude rate and age-standardised incidence ratio (SIR; indirect method) of secondary myocardial infarction and stroke per 1,000 PYFU decreased significantly over time in men while it increased in women (*Table 6.7* & *Figure 6.7*).

We compared the age- and sex-stratified prevalence of coronary artery disease (which includes myocardial infarction, angina pectoris) in the population of people with HIV with that observed in the general Dutch population (*Table 6.8* & *Figure 6.8*). In men and women the prevalence of coronary artery disease was fairly equal in all age strata compared to the reference values in the general population.

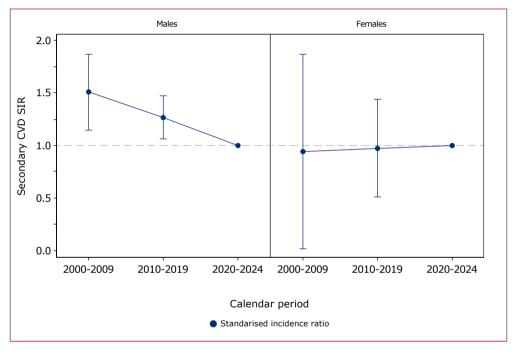
**Table 6.6 № Figure 6.6:** Crude incidence of primary cardiovascular disease per 1,000 person years of follow up in 2000–2009, 2010–2019, and 2020–2024 and age-standardised incidence ratio with 95% confidence intervals.

Calendar year		Male		Female
	Incidence/1,000PY	Standardized Inc.	Incidence/1,000PY	Standardized Inc.
	(95%CI)	Ratio (95%CI)	(95%CI)	Ratio (95%CI)
2000-2009	6.3 (5.7-6.9)	1.69 (1.54-1.85)	2.6 (1.9-3.4)	1.37 (0.99-1.74)
2010-2019	6.3 (5.9-6.7)	1.20 (1.12-1.28)	3.5 (2.9-4.2)	1.11 (0.91-1.31)
2020-2024	6.7 (6.1-7.3)	1 (reference)	4.2 (3.4-5.3)	1 (reference)



**Table 6.7 & Figure 6.7:** Crude incidence of secondary cardiovascular disease per 1,000 person years of follow up in 2000–2009, 2010–2019, and 2020–2024 and age−standardised incidence ratio with 95% confidence intervals.

Calendar year		Male		Female
	Incidence/1,000PY	Standardized Inc.	Incidence/1,000PY	Standardized Inc.
	(95%CI)	Ratio (95%CI)	(95%CI)	Ratio (95%CI)
2000-2009	29.9 (23.3-37.9)	1.51 (1.16-1.87)	13.8 (3.8-35.4)	0.94 (0.02-1.87)
2010-2019	26.2 (22.1-30.8)	1.27 (1.06-1.47)	20.9 (12.2-33.5)	0.98 (0.51-1.44)
2020-2024	21.0 (16.8-25.8)	1 (reference)	21.5 (11.5-36.8)	1 (reference)



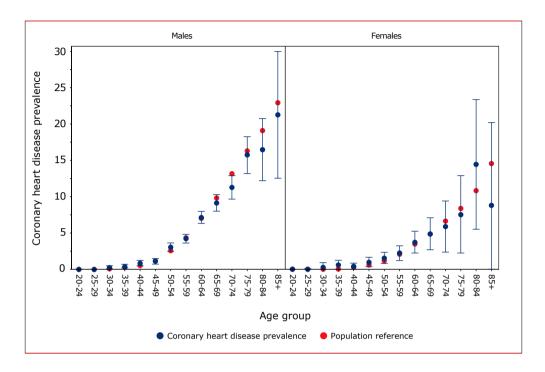
<sup>\*</sup>Standardised according to the observed age distribution in 2020-2024.

**Legend:** CI = confidence intervals; PY = person years.

**Table 6.8 & Figure 6.8 :** Prevalence of coronary artery disease in people with HIV stratified by age and sex in 2024, compared to the prevalence observed in the general Dutch population in 2024 (https://www.staatvenz.nl/kerncijfers/coronaire-hartziekten-aantal-patiënten-bekend-bij-de-huisarts, accessed 12-9-2025).

Age group	Males			Males				Females
(years)								
	Events	Group	Prevalence %	General	Events	Group	Prevalence %	General
	(n)	size	(95%CI)	population	(n)	size	(95%CI)	population
		(n)		prevalence		(n)		prevalence
				(%)				(%)
20-24	0	163	0.0 (0.0-0.0)	0.03	0	58	0.0 (0.0-0.0)	0.02
25-29	0	556	0.0 (0.0-0.0)	0.05	0	132	0.0 (0.0-0.0)	0.03
30-34	5	1,304	0.4 (0.0-0.7)	0.11	1	217	0.5 (0.0-1.4)	0.05
35-39	11	1,705	0.6 (0.3-1.0)	0.29	4	436	0.9 (0.0-1.8)	0.13
40-44	23	1,836	1.3 (0.7-1.8)	0.71	4	626	0.6 (0.0-1.3)	0.36
45-49	33	2,042	1.6 (1.1-2.2)	1.69	10	678	1.5 (0.6-2.4)	0.84
50-54	106	2,425	4.4 (3.6-5.2)	3.62	16	710	2.3 (1.2-3.3)	1.67
55-59	176	2,925	6.0 (5.2-6.9)	6.32	19	596	3.2 (1.8-4.6)	2.94
60-64	266	2,612	10.2 (9.0-11.3)	9.92	23	431	5.3 (3.2-7.5)	4.93
65-69	219	1,684	13.0 (11.4-14.6)	13.97	18	258	7.0 (3.9-10.1)	6.96
70-74	158	986	16.0 (13.7-18.3)	18.72	10	119	8.4 (3.4-13.4)	9.46
75-79	116	519	22.4 (18.8-25.9)	23.2	7	65	10.8 (3.2-18.3)	11.91
80-84	44	188	23.4 (17.4-29.5)	27.11	8	39	20.5 (7.8-33.2)	15.43
85+	16	53	30.2 (17.8-42.5)	32.57	2	16	12.5 (0.0-28.7)	20.65

**Legend:** CI = confidence intervals.



#### Trends in cardiovascular risk factors

Figures 6.9A and 6.9B show that the distribution of body mass index (BMI) of both men and women in the HIV-1-positive population has increased over time. In 2024, the proportion of men with available BMI data who were overweight (25-30 kg/m²) or obese (WHO class I: 30-35 kg/m² and WHO class II/III: 35 kg/m² or over), was 37.2%, 10.2% and 2.7%, respectively. In women, these proportions were 31.5%, 19.7% and 12.9%, respectively.

Using mixed-effects modelling, we investigated whether the increase in BMI over time could be ascribed to changes in the demographic characteristics and ageing of the population with HIV. This analysis revealed that the increase was at least partially driven by changes over time in population demographic characteristics (age, non-Western region of origin, HIV transmission category) and time since first initiating ART, and that this effect was more marked in men than in women. With regard to specific antiretroviral drugs, the use of bictegravir, dolutegravir, rilpivirine and tenofovir alafenamide were all independently associated with higher body weight.

Figure 6.9A-B: Distribution of the body mass index (BMI) at the end of each calendar year in (A) men, and (B) women, as a percentage of the total number of men and women with a known BMI in each year. For each individual, the last available weight measurement in each year was selected. The numbers at the top of each bar represent the number of individuals contributing data during that calendar year.

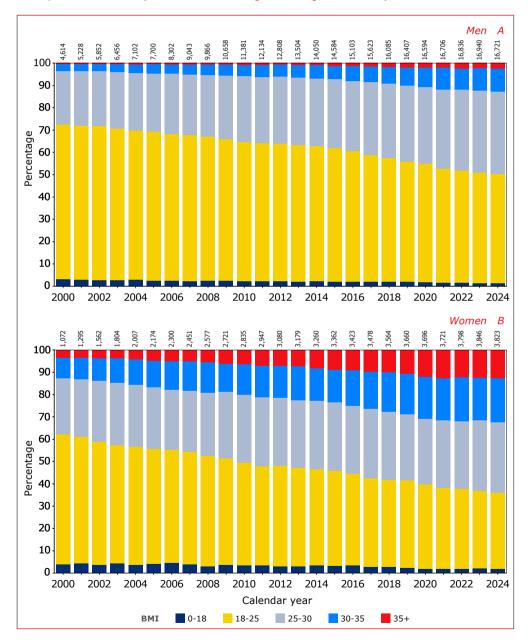
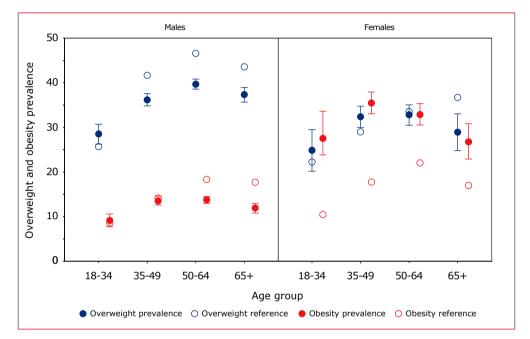


Table 6.9 and Figure 6.10 shows a comparison with the general Dutch population of the age- and sex-stratified prevalence of overweight and obesity in 2024. Males aged 35 and older were significantly less often overweight or obese than the general Dutch male population, while women in all age strata were more likely to be obese. Whereas in adult men of all age groups, the proportion classified as obese (13.0%) was somewhat lower than the proportion found in the general Dutch male population (14.6%), in women of all age groups there was more obesity (32.7%) than in the general Dutch female population (16.8%)<sup>45</sup>.

There were substantial differences between those of Dutch origin, Western migrants and non-Western migrants: among males, 11.7% of Dutch men, 13.2% of Western migrants and 15.9% of non-Western migrants were obese. In females, however, those figures were 23.7%, 23.6%, and 38.7%, respectively. Being overweight (a BMI between 25-30) or being obese (a BMI over 30) were both independently associated with an increased risk of diabetes (overweight IRR 2.09, 95%CI 1.86-2.36, p<0.001; obese IRR 5.10, 95%CI 4.47-5.82, p<0.001), as well as with CKD (overweight IRR 1.18, 95%CI 1.08-1.28, p<0.001; obese IRR 1.15, 95%CI 1.02-1.30, p=0.023) (*Appendix Table 6.5*). Overweight and obesity were not associated with an increased risk of CVD and non-AIDS malignancies.

**Table 6.9:** Age- and sex-stratified prevalence of overweight and obesity in 2024, compared to the general Dutch population in 2024 (source: https://www.vzinfo.nl/overgewicht/volwassenen, accessed 12-9-2025).

Age group	Group	Over-	0verweight	General	Obesity	<b>Obesity</b>	General
(years)	size (n)	weight	prevalence %	population	(n)	prevalence %	population
		(n)	(95%CI)	overweight		(95%CI)	obesity
				prevalence (%)			prevalence (%)
Males							
18-34	1,560	446	28.6 (26.3-30.8)	25.7	143	9.2 (7.7-10.6)	8.5
35-49	4,752	1,722	36.2 (34.9-37.6)	41.7	646	13.6 (12.6-14.6)	14.3
50-64	7,235	2,875	39.7 (38.6-40.9)	46.6	999	13.8 (13.0-14.6)	18.4
65+	3,174	1,185	37.3 (35.7-39.0)	43.6	379	11.9 (10.8-13.1)	17.7
Females							
18-34	330	82	24.8 (20.2-29.5)	22.3	95	28.8 (23.9-33.7)	10.5
35-49	1,458	472	32.4 (30.0-34.8)	29.1	517	35.5 (33.0-37.9)	17.8
50-64	1,571	515	32.8 (30.5-35.1)	33.6	512	32.6 (30.3-34.9)	22
65+	469	136	29.0 (24.9-33.1)	36.7	126	26.9 (22.9-30.9)	17



**Figure 6.10:** Distribution of the body mass index (BMI) over the age groups for men, and women, in 2024, compared to the general Dutch population in 2024.

**Legend:** BMI = body mass index.

Chapter 10 on Quality of Care contains more information on the prevalence and treatment of hypertension; the proportion of treated hypertensive individuals attaining treatment goals; the proportion of individuals with a SCORE2 or SCORE2-OP predicted 10-year risk greater than 10%, without a history of CVD, that received a prescription for statins; the proportion of high-risk individuals receiving statins who attained treatment goals.



#### Chronic kidney disease

Glomerular filtration rate (GFR) is a marker of renal function and is commonly estimated by one of three formulae, namely the Cockcroft-Gault, the Modification of Diet in Renal Disease (MDRD), or the Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration (CKD-EPI) equations<sup>26</sup>. As all three equations used to estimate GFR (eGFR) are based on serum creatinine, they may be markedly affected by rapid changes in muscle mass, as is seen in some individuals with advanced HIV disease who commence ART. Of these equations, both the Cockcroft-Gault and the CKD-EPI equations have been validated in individuals with HIV46.47. However, because the CKD-EPI equation is the one most often used in clinical practice, we have chosen to report eGFR values as estimated by this equation. The distribution of eGFR categories in ml/min/1.73m² (90 or above, normal kidney function; 60-89, mildly reduced; 30-59, moderately reduced; 15-29, severely reduced; and below 15, very severely reduced kidney function) is shown in Figures 6.11A and 6.11B for men and women. The percentage of men with normal kidney function decreased over time from 74.5% in 2007, to 40.1% in 2024, and this pattern was similar in women. Typically, eGFR decreases with increased age, as shown in Figure 6.12, and therefore the decrease in the proportion of individuals with normal function over time is likely due, in part, to the increasing age of individuals in care.

#### CKD incidence and risk factors

In individuals with an eGFR above 6oml/min/1.73m² at the time of inclusion in the analyses, who did not have a previously confirmed CKD, the crude incidence of CKD (defined as eGFR below 6oml/min/1.73m² confirmed by a second test at least 26 weeks later) varied over time (*Figure 6.3C*). Routine collection of serum creatinine measurements commenced in 2007. To avoid misclassifying prevalent CKD as incident CKD, we used serum creatinine levels measured in 2007 to distinguish between prevalent (i.e. CKD already present in 2007) versus new-onset incident cases of CKD (i.e. no CKD observed in 2007) from 2008 onwards. In men, the incidence rose from 9.9 cases per 1,000 PYFU in the period 2008-19 to 10.2 in 2020-2024. In women, the incidence rose from 10.4 to 10.8 cases per 1,000 PYFU during the same periods (*Table 6.10*). However, the age-standardised incidence ratio in men and women was significantly lower in the 2020-2024 period (*Table 6.10*).

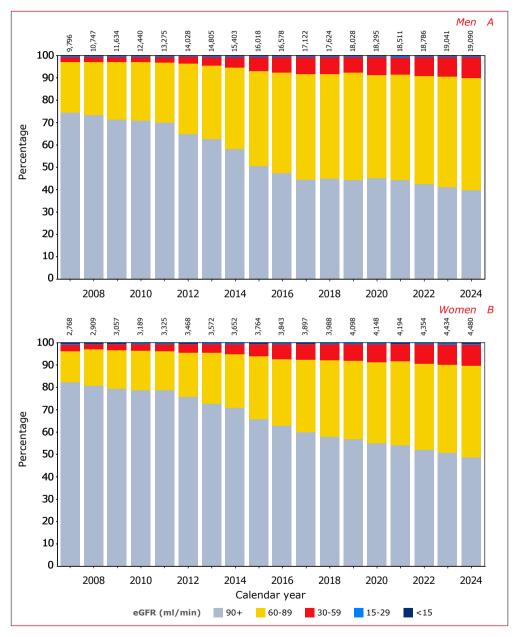
#### Risk factors for CKD included:

- female gender;
- · Dutch origin;
- low current CD4 cell count (below 350 cells/mm³);
- a prior AIDS diagnosis;
- belonging to the HIV transmission risk group of people who inject drugs;
- older age group;
- being underweight or overweight / obese;
- hypertension:
- diabetes mellitus:
- · cardiovascular disease:
- treatment with NRTI mono or dual treatment prior to the modern combination ART era; and
- chronic HBV and HCV co-infection (Appendix Table 6.5).

When current use of cobicistat, rilpivirine, dolutegravir, and bictegravir were added to the model, the increased risk of CKD over calendar time completely disappeared (even reversed). This strongly suggests that the increase in CKD seen in recent years is largely due to increases in serum creatinine caused by ARV-induced reversible inhibition of two transporters that mediate tubular secretion of creatinine, without affecting the true glomerular filtration rate (namely, organic cation transporter 2 [OCT2], and multidrug and toxin extrusion transporter [MATE1]) and is therefore not a true increase in CKD.



Figure 6.11A-B: Distribution of categories of estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) at the end of each calendar year in (A) men, and (B) women. For each individual, the last available measurement in each year was selected. The numbers at the top of each bar represent the number of individuals contributing data during that calendar year.



**Legend:** eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; eGFR ≥90 ml/min/1.73m²: normal kidney function; 60-89 ml/min/1.73m²: mildly reduced; 30-59 ml/min/1.73m²: moderately reduced; 15-29 ml/min/1.73m²: severely reduced; <15 ml/min/1.73m² very severely reduced kidney function.

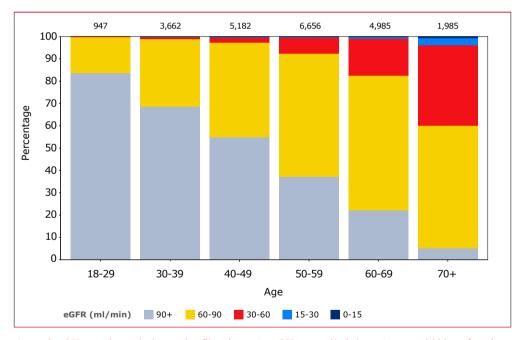
**Table 6.10:** Crude chronic kidney disease incidence per 1,000 person years of follow up in 2008–2019, and 2020–2024, and age-standardised incidence ratio with 95% confidence intervals.

Calendar year		Male		Female
	Incidence/1,000PY	Standardized Inc.	Incidence/1,000PY	Standardized Inc.
	(95%CI)	Ratio (95%CI)	(95%CI)	Ratio (95%CI)
2008-2019	9.9 (9.3-10.5)	1.30 (1.21-1.38)	10.4 (9.0-11.8)	1.37 (1.19-1.55)
2020-2024	10.2 (9.4-11.0)	1 (reference)	10.8 (9.1-12.8)	1 (reference)

<sup>\*</sup>Standardised according to the observed age distribution in 2020–2024.

**Legend:** CI = confidence interval; PYFU = person years.

**Figure 6.12:** Distribution of categories of estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) in 2024 for different age categories. For each individual, the last available measurement in 2024 was selected. The numbers at the top of each bar represent the number of individuals contributing data to that age category.



**Legend:** eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; eGFR ≥90 ml/min/1.73m²: normal kidney function; 60-89 ml/min/1.73m²: mildly reduced; 30-59 ml/min/1.73m²: moderately reduced; 15-29 ml/min/1.73m²: severely reduced; <15 ml/min/1.73m² very severely reduced kidney function.



## Non-AIDS-defining malignancies

Between 2000 and 2024, 2,669 diagnoses of non-AIDS-defining malignancies (NADM) in 2,445 unique individuals were recorded in SHM's database. An additional 1,108 patients were diagnosed with one or more non-melanoma skin cancers, but these were not included in the present analysis. *Table 6.11* shows the most common types of non-AIDS-defining cancer:

- lung cancer (16.4%);
- intestinal cancer (mainly oesophageal, gastric, intestinal, and rectal cancers, but excluding hepato-cellular carcinoma and cancer of gallbladder and biliary tract) (13.5%);
- prostate cancer (11.5%);
- invasive anal cancer (excluding pre-malignant AIN, 11.3%);
- haematological malignancies (excluding AIDS-defining non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, 11.1%); and
- head and neck cancers (8.2%).

Figure 6.13A shows the changes in types of non-AIDS-defining cancers over time. The proportion of individuals with intestinal, prostate, and renal cancer has increased over time, likely reflecting the increasing age of the study population. This is further illustrated in Figure 6.13B, which shows the distribution of non-AIDS-defining malignancies with increasing age at cancer diagnosis.

#### Risk factors for non-AIDS-defining malignancies

The crude incidence over time of NADM in men and women is shown in *Figure 6.3D*. The age-standardised incidence in men statistically significantly decreased over time (*Table 6.12* & *Figure 6.14*). This lower age-standardised incidence in men may be due to a reduction over time in risk factors such as smoking, and a higher proportion of individuals living with high CD4 cell counts. The temporal trend for women was similar – the age-standardised incidence decreased (although not significantly) over time.

Demographic and clinical factors independently associated with an increased risk of a first non-AIDS-defining malignancy were (*Appendix Table 6.5*):

- · older age group;
- people born in the Netherlands, and migrants from Western countries;
- low body mass index;
- lower current CD4 cell count (CD4 below 350 cells/mm³);
- prior AIDS;
- · chronic HBV co-infection; and
- · current or past smoking.

Furthermore, people who had received NRTI mono or dual treatment prior to the initiation of modern combination ART had an independently increased risk for NADM, compared with those who were therapy-naïve prior to starting ART (relative risk [RR] 1.18, 95% CI 1.03-1.34). Of note, independent of all other risk factors investigated, people who initiated ART within 12 months of their last negative HIV test had a borderline significant lower risk for NADM (RR 0.79, 95% CI 0.60-1.06) than other therapy-naïve people who started ART (i.e. those who either had an unknown duration of HIV infection, or a duration of more than 12 months).

In the period from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2024, the overall five-year survival rate following the most common non-AIDS-defining malignancies are shown in *Table 6.11* and *Figure 6.15*. Table 5.7 also shows the distribution and crude 5-year survival rates of the subgroup of NADM diagnosed in the last 10 years of follow-up. For nearly all NADM we observed no clinically significant change in the crude 5-year survival rates (but with slightly improved survival for lung cancer and malignant melanoma).

We calculated the age- and sex-stratified incidence of non-AIDS-defining malignancy (including non-melanoma skin cancer) per 1,000 person years of follow up in the period 2015-2024, and compared with the incidence in the general Dutch population in 2024 (*Table 6.13* & *Figure 6.16*). The incidence of NADM in all age groups (with at least 15 events) in men was significantly higher than the observed cancer incidence in the general Dutch male population. The relatively low cumulative follow-up time and number of events per age group in women limits the statistical power of the analysis. However, the observed incidence in each age group appears to be rather similar to the observed cancer incidence in the general Dutch female population.

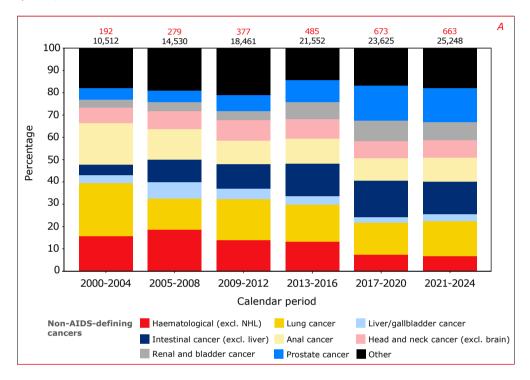


**Table 6.11:** Most common non-AIDS-defining malignancies diagnosed in 2000-2024, and a subgroup diagnosed in the last 10 year between 2014-2024, excluding non-melanoma skin cancer and pre-malignant lesions found by cervical and anal screening.

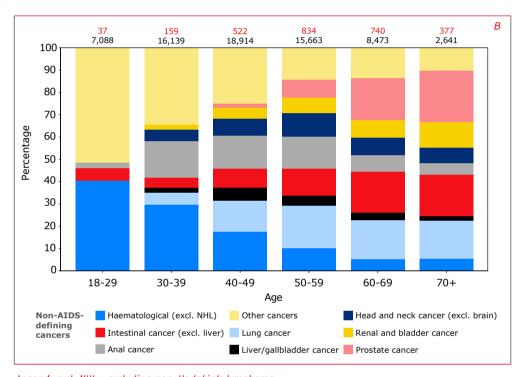
			2000-2024			2014-2024
Non-AIDS malignancy	# of	%	Five-year	# of	%	Five-year
	malignancies		survival (%)	malignancies		survival (%)
Lung cancer	437	16.4	17.5	263	15.3	23.2
Intestinal cancer (excl. liver)	361	13.5	33.5	269	15.6	33.0
Prostate cancer	307	11.5	78.9	249	14.5	78.9
Anal cancer	302	11.3	67.5	177	10.3	69.8
Hematological (excl. NHL)	295	11.1	65.1	148	8.6	66.7
Head and neck cancer (excl. brain)	218	8.2	55.9	137	8.0	57.3
Renal and bladder cancer	187	7.0	63.7	146	8.5	62.1
Other cancers	128	4.8	41.8	75	4.4	40.5
Malignant melanoma	125	4.7	78.2	78	4.5	84.6
Liver/gallbladder cancer	100	3.7	14.3	49	2.8	17.5
Breast cancer	79	3.0	78.8	50	2.9	74.1
Testicular cancer	49	1.8	90.9	24	1.4	90.6
Gynecological cancer (excl. cervical)	41	1.5	70.0	24	1.4	68.0
CNS cancer	40	1.5	51.8	34	2.0	42.3

**Legend:** CNS = central nervous system; excl. = excluding; NHL = non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

**Figure 6.13A-B:** Relative changes in non-AIDS-defining malignancies (A) between 2000 and 2024 and (B) with increasing age, in PWH in the Netherlands. The numbers at the top of each bar represent the number of non-AIDS-defining cancer diagnoses (top number) and the total number of individuals in care during that calendar period (bottom number).



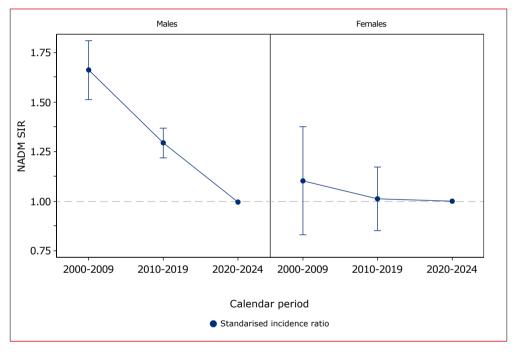




**Legend:** excl. NHL = excluding non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

**Table 6.12 & Figure 6.14:** Crude non-AIDS-defining malignancy incidence per 1,000 person years of follow up in 2000–2009, 2010–2019, and 2020–2024, and age-standardised incidence ratio with 95% confidence intervals.

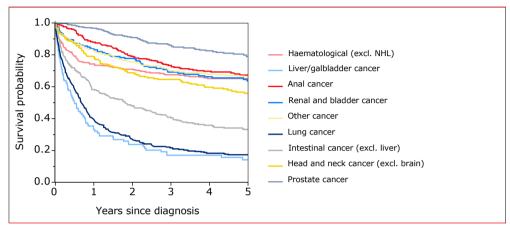
Calendar year		Male		Female
	Incidence/1,000PY	Standardized Inc.	Incidence/1,000PY	Standardized Inc.
	(95%CI)	Ratio (95%CI)	(95%CI)	Ratio (95%CI)
2000-2009	6.4 (5.9-7.0)	1.66 (1.51-1.81)	3.1 (2.4-4.0)	1.10 (0.83-1.38)
2010-2019	7.5 (7.1-7.9)	1.30 (1.22-1.37)	4.4 (3.8-5.2)	1.01 (0.85-1.17)
2020-2024	7.9 (7.3-8.5)	1 (reference)	5.9 (4.9-7.0)	1 (reference)



<sup>\*</sup>Standardised according to the observed age distribution in 2020-2024.

**Legend:** CI = confidence intervals; PY = person years.

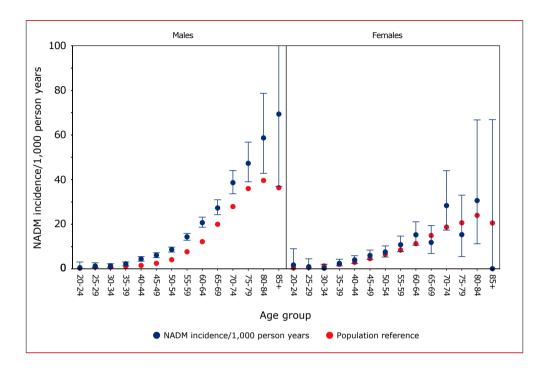
Figure 6.15: Estimated five-year survival following the diagnosis of the most common non-AIDS-defining malignancies diagnosed between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2024.



Legend: KM = Kaplan-Meier; excl. NHL = excluding non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

**Table 6.13 & Figure 6.16:** Age- and sex-stratified incidence of non-AIDS-defining malignancy (including non-melanoma skin cancer) per 1,000 person years of follow up in 2015-2024, compared to the incidence in the general Dutch population in 2024 (https://www.vzinfo.nl/kanker/leeftijd-en-geslacht, accessed 12-9-2025).

Age				Males				Females
categories								
	Person-	Num-	Incidence/	Incidence	Person-	Num-	Incidence/	Incidence
	years of	ber of	1,000PY	general	years of	ber of	1,000PY	general
	follow-	NADM	(95%CI)	popu-	follow-	NADM	(95%CI)	popu-
	up			lation	up			lation
20-24	1825	1	0.5 (0.0-3.1)	0.32	618	1	1.6 (0.0-9.0)	0.32
25-29	6374	9	1.4 (0.6-2.7)	0.58	1268	1	0.8 (0.0-4.4)	0.63
30-34	11129	14	1.3 (0.7-2.1)	0.75	2819	1	0.4 (0.0-2.0)	1.24
35-39	13761	31	2.3 (1.5-3.2)	1.08	4447	11	2.5 (1.2-4.4)	2.07
40-44	16629	76	4.6 (3.6-5.7)	1.54	5444	21	3.9 (2.4-5.9)	3.28
45-49	20853	128	6.1 (5.1-7.3)	2.41	5858	36	6.1 (4.3-8.5)	4.7
50-54	25278	219	8.7 (7.6-9.9)	4.22	5188	39	7.5 (5.3-10.3)	6.32
55-59	23243	334	14.4 (12.9-16.0)	7.63	3861	42	10.9 (7.8-14.7)	8.27
60-64	15973	334	20.9 (18.7-23.3)	12.28	2421	37	15.3 (10.8-21.1)	10.94
65-69	9888	272	27.5 (24.3-31.0)	20.07	1336	16	12.0 (6.8-19.5)	15.07
70-74	5648	218	38.6 (33.6-44.1)	27.9	702	20	28.5 (17.4-44.0)	18.66
75-79	2413	114	47.2 (39.0-56.8)	35.96	395	6	15.2 (5.6-33.1)	20.65
80-84	766	45	58.7 (42.8-78.6)	39.74	196	6	30.6 (11.2-66.7)	24.02
85+	187	13	69.5 (37.0-119)	36.42	55	0	0.0 (0.0-66.9)	20.69



## Multimorbidity

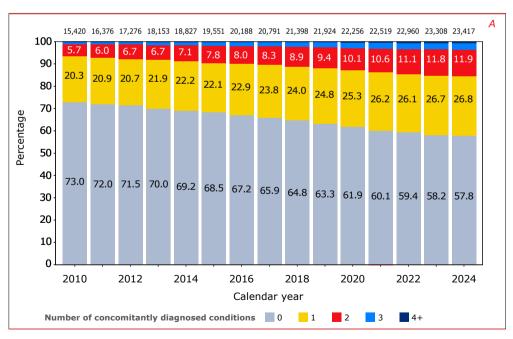
We investigated changes over time in the prevalence of non-AIDS multimorbidity. HIV infections and AIDS diagnoses did not contribute to the multimorbidity count. The following comorbidities and conditions were taken into account:

- 1. **Cardiovascular disease** (either myocardial infarction, coronary artery bypass grafting, coronary angioplasty or stenting, and carotid endarterectomy)
- 2. Stroke
- 3. **Non-AIDS-defining malignancies**, excluding non-melanoma skin cancers and pre-malignant lesions found at cervical/anal screening
- 4. **Chronic kidney disease** (eGFR below 30 ml/min/1.73 m²)
- 5. Diabetes mellitus (according to D:A:D diagnostic criteria)
- 6. **Hypertension**, defined as the use of antihypertensive drugs and/or measured grade 2 (or higher) hypertension with systolic pressure at or above 160 mmHg and/or diastolic pressure at or above 100 mmHg
- 7. **Obesity** (BMI over 30).

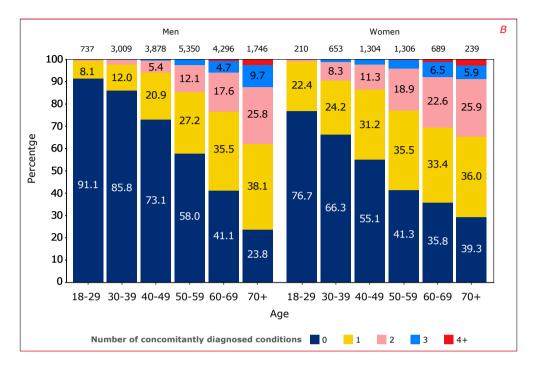
Note that more stringent definitions of CKD and hypertension have been applied here than in the analyses presented earlier in this chapter; this is to avoid overdiagnosis of CKD in people using antiretroviral drugs that inhibit tubular secretion of creatinine, and hypertension in those with borderline hypertension. Recurrences and non-primary CVD, stroke, and non-AIDS-defining malignancy events were not considered. Finally, CKD, hypertension, and obesity could be reversible.

Figure 6.17A shows the prevalence of each individual comorbidity over calendar time. Figure 6.17B shows the distribution of the number of concomitantly-diagnosed conditions in various age categories of the adult male and female population in 2024. The number of concomitant conditions was slightly higher in women than in men for all age categories. After adjusting for the variables listed in Appendix Table 6.2, multimorbidity was independently associated with increased risk of mortality (RR 2.04 (1.97-2.11), p<0.001, per additional comorbidity diagnosed).

Figure 6.17A-B: (A) Prevalence of non-AIDS multimorbidity in the adult population over calendar time. (B) Prevalence of non-AIDS multimorbidity by gender in the adult population in 2024. The numbers at the top of each bar represent the number of individuals contributing data to that age category. The numbers in the stacked bars represent percentages, with all stacked bars adding up to 100% per age category.







### **Polypharmacy**

Polypharmacy, commonly defined as the concomitant use of five or more medications, is associated with adverse health outcomes, prescription errors, lower adherence and an increased risk of clinically relevant pharmacological interactions and adverse drug reactions, especially in the elderly. At the end of each calendar year, we count the number of registered comedications for each individual in active follow up. Antiretroviral drugs are excluded from this count. We further excluded the ATC categories "Vitamins (A11)" and "Mineral supplements (A12)" for the count. We counted individual ATC codes (Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical classification systema<sup>a</sup>) of the comedications. Note that coformulated combinations, such as cotrimoxazole, have a single ATC code and therefore increase the comedication count by one.

a https://www.whocc.no/atc\_ddd\_index/

In 2024, 26.3% of adults in active follow up had no recorded comedication use, 26.4% used one comedication, 14.3% used two comedications, 9.5% used three comedications, and 6.5% used four comedications. A further 16.9% used five or more non-antiretroviral comedications in addition to their ART regimen, which qualifies as polypharmacy.

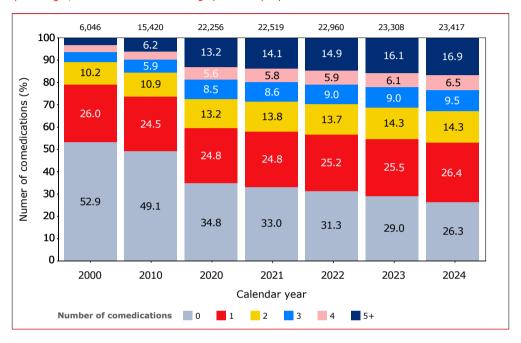
The prevalence of polypharmacy among adults has increased over time (Figure 6.18): in 2000, just 3.3% of adults used five or more non-antiretroviral comedications in addition to their ART regimen. The main drivers for this increase are the rising age of the population and the growth in the number of chronic comorbidities. Older people (*Figure 6.19*) used more comedications, primarily because they have been diagnosed with a higher number of comorbidities. There were some differences between men and women, with women using slightly more comedications than men, while the most pronounced differences were to be found in the youngest age groups. Finally, in adults receiving ART in the period 2007-2024, polypharmacy was also associated with an increased risk of death (RR 2.31 (2.11-2.53), p<0.001) independent of demographic and HIV-related parameters, chronic HBV and HCV co-infections, smoking status, and number of comorbidities (i.e. multimorbidity). All comedications used by at least 250 adults with HIV in care in 2024 are listed in Table 6.14. A notable difference with what we reported last year is that in 2024 lipid lowering agents were used by 6,209 individuals compared to 5,155 individuals in 2023, an increase of 20.4% caused by the guideline change for primary CVD prophylaxis based on the findings of the REPRIEVE study.



Table 6.14: Use of comedications in 2024.

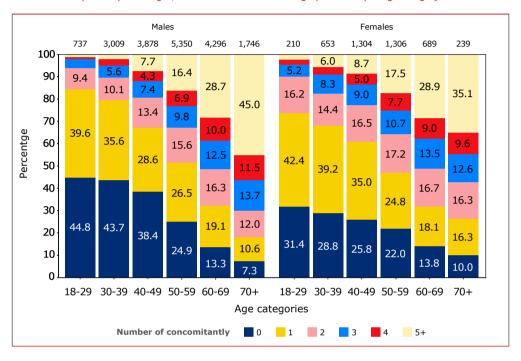
Comedication use in 2024	N	%
ATC group		
Vitamins	6732	10.8
Lipid modifying agents	6209	10.0
Drugs for acid related disorders	4330	6.9
Agents acting on the renin-angiotensin system	3947	6.3
Psycholeptics drugs (antipsychotics, anxiolytics, hypnotics, sedatives)	3703	5.9
Antithrombotic agents	3307	5.3
Drugs for obstructive airway diseases	3175	5.1
Drugs used in diabetes	2882	4.6
Psychoanaleptics (antidepressants, psychostimulants)	2614	4.2
Urological drugs	2039	3.3
Calcium channel blockers	1933	3.1
Mineral supplements	1912	3.1
Beta blocking agents	1867	3.0
Antianemic drugs	1360	2.2
Antibacterial drugs	1348	2.2
Diuretic drugs	1337	2.1
Analgesic drugs	1327	2.1
Sex hormones and modulators of the genital system	1260	2.0
Topical dermatological corticosteroids	1199	1.9
Corticosteroids systemic	1137	1.8
Cardiac therapy	862	1.4
Nasal preparations	825	1.3
Antiviral drugs	776	1.2
Antidiarrheals, intestinal anti-inflammatory/anti-infective agents	558	0.9
Antiepileptic drugs	540	0.9
Antimycotic drugs	510	0.8
Drugs affecting bone structure and mineralization	483	0.8
Immunosuppressants drugs	434	0.7
Thyroid therapy	396	0.6
Ophthalmological drugs	380	0.6
Other nervous system drugs	263	0.4
Anti-inflammatory and antirheumatic drugs	251	0.4

**Figure 6.18:** Number of comedications used over calendar time. The numbers at the top of each bar represent the number of individuals contributing data to that period. The numbers in the stacked bars represent percentages, with all stacked bars adding up to 100% per period.





**Figure 6.19:** Number of comedications used by age group and gender in 2024. The numbers at the top of each bar represent the number of individuals contributing data to that age/gender category. The numbers in the stacked bars represent percentages, with all stacked bars adding up to 100% per age category.



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# Appendix: supplementary tables

Appendix Table 6.1: Absolute number of causes of death among PWH during the periods 1996–2024.

Cause of death	19	96-2000	2	001-2003	20	004-2006	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	
AIDS (subtotal)	221	55.7	130	38.3	159	39.1	
Infection	71	17.9	57	16.8	94	23.1	
Malignancy	61	15.4	32	9.4	47	11.5	
Unclassifiable	89	22.4	41	12.1	18	4.4	
Non-AIDS malignancies	30	7.6	50	14.7	63	15.5	
CVD (subtotal)	23	5.8	29	8.6	51	12.5	
MI	12	3.0	8	2.4	18	4.4	
Stroke	3	0.8	5	1.5	7	1.7	
Other CVD	8	2.0	16	4.7	26	6.4	
Non-AIDS infection	21	5.3	31	9.1	16	3.9	
Liver disease	15	3.8	12	3.5	28	6.9	
Lung disease	7	1.8	9	2.7	8	2.0	
Non-natural death (subtotal)	25	6.3	27	8.0	28	6.9	
Accident / violence	6	1.5	9	2.7	8	2.0	
Suicide	12	3.0	16	4.7	17	4.2	
Euthanasia	7	1.8	2	0.6	3	0.7	
Alcohol, substance abuse, psychiatric disease	12	3.0	10	2.9	10	2.5	
Other causes	21	5.3	13	3.8	14	3.4	
Unknown	22	5.5	28	8.3	30	7.4	
Sudden death							
Total	397	100	339	100	407	100	

**Legend:** CVD = cardiovascular disease.



200	07-2000	20	10-2012	20	13-2015	20	16-2018	20	019-2021	20	22-2024
n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
150	32.3	111	25.6	90	19.2	63	11.8	55	9.0	73	10.4
100	21.6	76	17.5	51	10.9	14	2.6	16	2.6	27	3.8
38	8.2	29	6.7	29	6.2	32	6.0	26	4.2	38	5.4
12	2.6	6	1.4	10	2.1	17	3.2	13	2.1	8	1.1
90	19.4	103	23.7	119	25.4	158	29.7	218	35.6	192	27.3
52	11.2	56	12.9	63	13.5	68	12.8	86	14.1	91	12.9
18	3.9	18	4.1	19	4.1	12	2.3	37	6.0	22	3.1
6	1.3	12	2.8	6	1.3	13	2.4	12	2.0	17	2.4
28	6.0	26	6.0	38	8.1	43	8.1	37	6.0	52	7.4
23	5.0	12	2.8	17	3.6	20	3.8	54	8.8	37	5.3
33	7.1	28	6.5	26	5.6	22	4.1	6	1.0	9	1.3
17	3.7	17	3.9	29	6.2	36	6.8	34	5.6	35	5.0
35	7.5	34	7.8	43	9.2	47	8.8	34	5.6	43	6.1
15	3.2	9	2.1	9	1.9	13	2.4	8	1.3	20	2.8
20	4.3	24	5.5	33	7.1	33	6.2	26	4.2	22	3.1
		1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2			1	0.1
21	4.5	20	4.6	14	3.0	19	3.6	20	3.3	16	2.3
13	2.8	17	3.9	20	4.3	38	7.1	42	6.9	71	10.1
30	6.5	36	8.3	46	9.8	61	11.5	63	10.3	71	10.1
				1	0.2					65	9.2
464	100	434	100	468	100	532	100	612	100	703	100

**Appendix Table 6.2:** Adjusted risk factors for death and AIDS among PWH.

			Death			AIDS
Risk factors	RR (95%CI)	p-value	Overall	RR (95%CI)	p-value	0verall
			p-value			p-value
Region of birth						
Native Dutch	1 (reference)		0.004	1 (reference)		0.050
Western migrants	0.96 (0.85-1.08)	0.477		1.26 (1.08-1.47)	0.004	
non-Western migrants	0.87 (0.79-0.96)	0.005		1.04 (0.92-1.17)	0.507	
Unknown origin	1.96 (1.14-3.39)	0.016		1.08 (0.55-2.10)	0.826	
HIV-1 transmission route						
MSM	1 (reference)		<.001	1 (reference)		0.222
Other men	1.20 (1.10-1.32)	<.001		0.98 (0.86-1.12)	0.820	
Women	0.88 (0.77-0.99)	0.040		0.93 (0.81-1.08)	0.344	
Transgender	0.79 (0.44-1.44)	0.447		1.13 (0.69-1.87)	0.620	
IDU	1.49 (1.26-1.76)	<.001		0.74 (0.58-0.94)	0.014	
Blood contact	0.84 (0.64-1.10)	0.212		0.83 (0.59-1.16)	0.275	
Pediatric transmission	1.28 (0.61-2.68)	0.514		1.25 (0.65-2.40)	0.496	
Age*						
18-29	0.89 (0.65-1.22)	0.474	<.001	1.04 (0.85-1.28)	0.712	<.001
30-39	1 (reference)			1 (reference)		
40-49	1.59 (1.37-1.83)	<.001		1.05 (0.92-1.18)	0.474	
50-59	2.75 (2.39-3.17)	<.001		1.25 (1.09-1.43)	0.001	
60-69	4.87 (4.20-5.64)	<.001		1.36 (1.15-1.61)	<.001	
70+	11.63 (9.93-13.61)	<.001		1.91 (1.49-2.44)	<.001	
CD4 cell count**						
0-50	7.44 (6.28-8.81)	<.001	<.001	6.44 (5.28-7.85)	<.001	<.001
050-199	3.68 (3.27-4.15)	<.001		2.70 (2.32-3.14)	<.001	
200-349	1.77 (1.58-1.98)	<.001		1.64 (1.42-1.90)	<.001	
350-499	1.32 (1.18-1.48)	<.001		1.20 (1.03-1.39)	0.018	
500-749	1 (reference)			1 (reference)		
750+	0.87 (0.78-0.97)	0.016		1.12 (0.95-1.32)	0.160	
Per year longer on cART with	1.06 (1.04-1.07)	<.001	<.001	1.05 (1.03-1.08)	<.001	<.001
HIV RNA>1,000 cp/mL						
Treatment status						
Treatment-experienced at	0.96 (0.87-1.05)	0.335		0.66 (0.58-0.75)	<.001	
start cART						
Treatment-naive at start	1 (reference)			1 (reference)		

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			Death			AIDS
Risk factors	RR (95%CI)	p-value	Overall	RR (95%CI)	p-value	Overall
			p-value			p-value
Prior AIDS event	1.62 (1.50-1.75)	<.001				
Hepatitis B virus positive	1.26 (1.12-1.42)	<.001		0.97 (0.82-1.15)	0.726	
Hepatitis C virus positive	1.50 (1.33-1.70)	<.001		1.23 (1.04-1.46)	0.014	
Body mass index *						
0-18	3.34 (2.98-3.74)	<.001	<.001			
18-25	1 (reference)					
25-30	0.67 (0.61-0.73)	<.001				
30+	0.82 (0.71-0.94)	0.004				
Smoking status						
Current smoker	1.24 (1.11-1.37)	<.001	<.001	0.75 (0.67-0.84)	<.001	<.001
Never smoker	1 (reference)			1 (reference)		
Past smoker	1.91 (1.73-2.11)	<.001		0.92 (0.81-1.05)	0.235	
Early cART***	0.74 (0.57-0.97)	0.027		1.20 (0.94-1.54)	0.148	

<sup>\*</sup>Time-updated.

**Legend:** ART = combination antiretroviral therapy; IDU = people who inject drugs; MSM = men who have sex with men; CI = confidence interval; RR = risk ratio.

**Appendix Table 6.3:** Lost to care (no follow up after 31 December 2021) by region of origin and time-updated CD4 cell count.

		Total	population		Na	ative Dutch	Western migrants			non-Western migrants			
Last	N	PY	Incidence/	N	PY	Incidence/	N	PY	Incidence/	N	PY	Incidence/	
CD4			1,000PY			1,000PY			1,000PY			1,000PY	
count			(95%CI)			(95%CI)			(95%CI)			(95%CI)	
0-50	74	3,487	21.2	4	1,846	2.2	16	369	43.4	54	1,272	42.5	
			(16.7-26.6)			(0.6-5.5)			(24.8-70.4)			(31.9-55.4)	
050-	269	12,460	21.6	31	6,826	4.5	61	1,414	43.1	177	4,220	41.9	
199			(19.1-24.3)			(3.1-6.4)			(33.0-55.4)			(36.0-48.6)	
200-	484	28,740	16.8	76	16,420	4.6	112	2,727	41.1	296	9,593	30.9	
349			(15.4-18.4)			(3.6-5.8)			(33.8-49.4)			(27.4-34.6)	
350-	665	54,121	12.3	119	31,872	3.7	162	5,376	30.1	384	16,873	22.8	
499			(11.4-13.3)			(3.1-4.5)			(25.7-35.1)			(20.5-25.2)	
500-	999	129,383	7.7	233	76,352	3.1	277	13,364	20.7	489	39,667	12.3	
749			(7.2-8.2)			(2.7-3.5)			(18.4-23.3)			(11.3-13.5)	
750+	738	184,750	4.0	193	108,470	1.8	258	21,762	11.9	287	54,518	5.3	
			(3.7-4.3)			(1.5-2.0)			(10.5-13.4)			(4.7-5.9)	

**Legend:** n = number; PY = person years of follow up; <math>CI = confidence interval.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Time-updated and lagged by three months.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>ART started within 12 months of the last HIV-negative test.

**Appendix Table 6.4:** Absolute number of first AIDS events among PWH during the periods 1996–1999, 2000–2004, 2005–2009, 2010–2014, 2015–2019, and 2020–2024.

CDC event	1996-	2000-	2005-	2010-	2015-	2020-		Total
	1999	2004	2009	2014	2019	2024		
	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	%
AIDS dementia complex - HIV encephalopathy	34	40	56	41	26	20	217	2.88
Bacterial pneumonia, recurring	41	53	77	65	111	90	437	5.79
CMV colitis/proctitis	1		1	1	4	5	12	0.16
CMV disease	21	33	29	35	8		126	1.67
CMV oesophagitis						2	2	0.03
CMV meningo-encefalitis					1		1	0.01
CMV pneumonitis					12	22	34	0.45
CMV retinitis	26	19	16	13	13	4	91	1.21
Candidiasis oesophagitis	221	216	274	228	169	148	1,256	16.65
Candidiasis lungs/bronchial/trachea	4	13	9	7	5	4	42	0.56
Cervical cancer, invasive	2	6	5	6	6	1	26	0.34
Coccidioimycosis,			1				1	0.01
extrapulmonary / disseminated								
Cryptococcosis, extrapulmonary / disseminated	18	29	39	12	15	2	115	1.52
Cryptosporidiosis	18	15	9	14	5	5	66	0.87
Cystoisosporiasis	1	11	5	1			18	0.24
HIV wasting	43	45	76	77	69	41	351	4.65
HSV chronic ulcer	1		4	4	24	28	61	0.81
HSV oesophagitis						1	1	0.01
HSV pneumonitis			1			1	2	0.03
Herpes simplex virus	27	33	58	44	15		177	2.35
Histoplasmosis, extrapulmonary / disseminated	5	13	12	8	2	1	41	0.54
Kaposi sarcoma	133	129	192	155	99	64	772	10.23
Leishmaniasis visceral		1	3	2	1		7	0.09
Microsporidiosis	11	1	2	2		1	17	0.23
Mycobacterium avium/kansasii,	21	23	24	14	9	3	94	1.25
extrapulmonary / disseminated								
Mycobacterium avium/kansasii, pulmonary	2	2	1	1	9	5	20	0.27
Mycobacterium other / unspecified,	18	13	8	11	7	5	62	0.82
extrapulmonary / disseminated								
Mycobacterium other / unspecified, pulmonary	2	2	5	10	4	5	28	0.37
Non-Hodgkin`s lymphoma (NHL)	48	73	97	96	93	58	465	6.16

CDC event	1996-	2000-	2005-	2010-	2015-	2020-		Total
	1999	2004	2009	2014	2019	2024		
	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	%
Penicilliosis			1				1	0.01
Pneumocystis jirovecii extrapulmonary		1	3	1	1	1	7	0.09
Pneumocystis jirovecii pneumonia	268	303	315	298	213	158	1,555	20.61
Primary CNS lymphoma	5	6	8	7	5	1	32	0.42
Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy	14	20	37	27	10	9	117	1.55
Salmonella sepsis, recurring	2			1			3	0.04
Toxoplasmosis of the brain	56	94	62	54	33	16	315	4.17
Tuberculosis, extrapulmonary / disseminated	56	113	91	60	41	30	391	5.18
Tuberculosis, pulmonary	80	168	133	96	71	34	582	7.71
Total	1,179	1,475	1,654	1,391	1,081	765	7,545	100.00

**Legend:** CDC = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; CMV = cytomegalovirus; MAI = mycobacterium avium intracellulare complex.

**Appendix Table 6.5:** Adjusted risk factors for non-AIDS-defining morbidity.

	IRR (95%CI)	p-	0verall	
		value	p-value	
Region of birth				
Native Dutch	1 (reference)		0.178	
Western migrants	0.97 (0.83-1.13)	0.699		
Unknown origin	1.19 (0.53-2.65)	0.674		
HIV-1 transmission route				
MSM	1 (reference)	•	<.001	
Other men	1.19 (1.06-1.34)	0.003		
Women	0.76 (0.65-0.89)	<.001		
Transgender	1.40 (0.84-2.33)	0.202		
IDU	1.02 (0.77-1.34)	0.893		
Blood contact	1.00 (0.71-1.40)	0.987		
Pediatric transmission	0.00 (0.00-99.99)	0.998		
Age *				
18-29	0.52 (0.28-0.95)	0.033	<.001	
30-39	1 (reference)			
40-49	2.87 (2.28-3.62)	<.001		
50-59	5.89 (4.70-7.39)	<.001		
60-69	9.46 (7.46-11.98)	<.001		
70+	15.85 (12.23-20.54)	<.001		
CD4 cell count **				
0-50	2.66 (1.81-3.90)	<.001	<.001	
050-199	1.77 (1.43-2.19)	<.001		
200-349	1.19 (1.01-1.39)	0.037		
350-499	1.12 (0.98-1.28)	0.097		
500-749	1 (reference)			
750+	1.24 (1.11-1.39)	<.001		
Per year longer with CD4<200 cells/mm³	1.02 (1.00-1.05)	0.063		
Prior AIDS event	1.10 (1.00-1.22)	0.059		
Per year longer on cART while HIV RNA>1,000 cp/mL	1.01 (0.98-1.04)	0.592		
Treatment status				
Not (yet) started cART	1.15 (0.93-1.42)	0.186	0.075	
NRTI-experienced at start cART	1.14 (1.00-1.30)	0.053		
Treatment-naive at start	1 (reference)			
Per year longer on cART	1.00 (0.99-1.01)	0.649		
Early cART within 12 months after last HIV-negat	1.08 (0.85-1.38)	0.531		



Non-AIDS-defi	ning ma	alignancy	С	iabetes	mellitus			CKD
IRR (95%CI)	p-	0verall	IRR (95%CI)	p-	0verall	IRR (95%CI)	p-	0verall
	value	p-value		value	p-value		value	p-value
1 (reference)		<.001	1 (reference)		<.001	1 (reference)		<.001
0.96 (0.82-1.13)	0.624	•	0.98 (0.82-1.17)	0.853		0.95 (0.83-1.09)	0.468	
0.20 (0.03-1.41)	0.105		0.68 (0.22-2.12)	0.510		1.52 (0.86-2.69)	0.148	
1 (reference)		0.077	1 (reference)		<.001	1 (reference)		<.001
1.05 (0.93-1.19)	0.456		1.36 (1.20-1.53)	<.001		1.11 (1.00-1.24)	0.041	
0.99 (0.85-1.15)	0.896		0.98 (0.85-1.13)	0.764		1.58 (1.41-1.77)	<.001	
0.39 (0.14-1.04)	0.059		1.06 (0.64-1.74)	0.827		1.05 (0.61-1.81)	0.865	
1.28 (0.98-1.66)	0.070		1.47 (1.09-1.99)	0.012		1.76 (1.38-2.25)	<.001	
1.33 (0.97-1.82)	0.078		1.37 (1.01-1.85)	0.040		1.35 (1.02-1.77)	0.033	
1.24 (0.29-5.22)	0.773		0.52 (0.13-2.15)	0.371		3.18 (0.93-10.82)	0.064	
0.67 (0.40-1.13)	0.130	<.001	0.61 (0.42-0.89)	0.009	<.001	0.27 (0.12-0.62)	0.002	<.001
1 (reference)			1 (reference)			1 (reference)		
2.46 (1.95-3.10)	<.001		1.54 (1.30-1.81)	<.001		2.69 (2.08-3.47)	<.001	
4.61 (3.68-5.79)	<.001		2.45 (2.07-2.90)	<.001		7.83 (6.13-9.99)	<.001	
10.00 (7.92-12.62)	<.001		3.55 (2.94-4.28)	<.001		20.17 (15.78-25.79)	<.001	
17.83 (13.85-22.96)	<.001		3.75 (2.92-4.82)	<.001		37.14 (28.68-48.09)	<.001	
2.31 (1.51-3.54)	<.001	<.001	4.29 (3.12-5.89)	<.001	<.001	2.68 (1.81-3.97)	<.001	<.001
1.93 (1.55-2.41)	<.001		1.76 (1.41-2.20)	<.001		1.79 (1.47-2.19)	<.001	
1.36 (1.16-1.59)	<.001		1.10 (0.93-1.31)	0.251		1.16 (1.01-1.33)	0.030	
1.07 (0.93-1.22)	0.340		1.04 (0.90-1.20)	0.608		1.07 (0.96-1.19)	0.240	
1 (reference)			1 (reference)			1 (reference)		
0.98 (0.87-1.11)	0.767		1.27 (1.13-1.43)	<.001		0.92 (0.84-1.01)	0.067	
0.99 (0.96-1.02)	0.432		1.01 (0.98-1.03)	0.695		0.98 (0.96-1.01)	0.183	•
1.15 (1.04-1.27)	0.006		1.30 (1.17-1.44)	<.001		1.11 (1.02-1.21)	0.012	
1.00 (0.97-1.02)	0.798		0.99 (0.96-1.02)	0.583		0.97 (0.94-0.99)	0.010	
1.35 (1.10-1.65)	0.004	0.001	1.56 (1.29-1.89)	<.001	<.001	0.33 (0.23-0.47)	<.001	<.001
1.18 (1.03-1.34)	0.015		1.25 (1.08-1.45)	0.003		1.10 (0.98-1.24)	0.123	
1 (reference)			1 (reference)			1 (reference)		
1.01 (1.00-1.02)	0.040		1.00 (0.99-1.01)	0.880		0.99 (0.98-1.00)	0.043	
0.79 (0.60-1.06)	0.115		0.62 (0.43-0.87)	0.007		1.04 (0.87-1.26)	0.655	

Body mass index *   0-18   1.31 (1.00-1.72)   0.049   0.012   18-25   1 (reference)			Cardiovaso	cular disease	
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0-18			value	p-value	
18-25       1 (reference)       .       .         25-30       1.01 (0.91-1.12)       0.902       .         30+       1.11 (0.95-1.29)       0.204       .         Hepatitis E virus positive       1.01 (0.84-1.21)       0.936       .         Hepatitis C virus positive       1.02 (0.87-1.20)       0.795       .         Hypertension       1.17 (1.07-1.29)       <.001	Body mass index *				
25-30	0-18	1.31 (1.00-1.72)	0.049	0.012	
1.11 (0.95-1.29)   0.204	18-25	1 (reference)			
Hepatitis B virus positive	25-30	1.01 (0.91-1.12)	0.902		
Hepatitis C virus positive  1.02 (0.87-1.20) 0.795  Hypertension  1.17 (1.07-1.29) <.001  Smoking status  Current smoker  1.78 (1.59-2.00) <.001 <.001  Never smoker  1 (reference)  Calendar year period  2000-2009  1.57 (1.32-1.88) <.001 <.001  Calendar year period  2010-2019  1.23 (1.09-1.39) <.001 .  Recent use of ABC ***  1.49 (1.34-1.66) <.001  Per year longer on LOP/r  Prior diabetes  1.96 (1.70-2.27) <.001  Current use of bictegravir  1.16 (1.19-1.79) <.001  Current use of elvitegravir  1.04 (0.86-1.26) 0.670  Current use of caletgravir  1.05 (0.50-2.23) 0.890  Per year longer on dI  Per year longer on dI  Per year longer on dI  Per year longer on DD  Current use of caletgravir  1.05 (0.50-2.23) 0.890  Per year longer on dI  Per year longer on TDF  Prior cardiovascular event  Current use of cobicistat	30+	1.11 (0.95-1.29)	0.204		
Hypertension	Hepatitis B virus positive	1.01 (0.84-1.21)	0.936		
Smoking status         1.78 (1.59-2.00)         <.001	Hepatitis C virus positive	1.02 (0.87-1.20)	0.795		
Current smoker       1.78 (1.59-2.00)       <.001	Hypertension	1.17 (1.07-1.29)	<.001		
Never smoker       1 (reference)       .         Past smoker       1.46 (1.30-1.65)       <.001	Smoking status				
Past smoker  Calendar year period  2000-2009  1.57 (1,32-1.88) <.001 <.001  2010-2019  1.23 (1.09-1.39) <.001 .  Recent use of ABC ***  1.49 (1,34-1.66) <.001  Per year longer on LOPIr  1.00 (0.99-1.01)  0.750 .  Per year longer on IDV  1.00 (0.99-1.01)  0.776 .  Prior diabetes  1.96 (1,70-2.27) <.001 .  Current use of bictegravir  1.46 (1.19-1.79) <.001 .  Current use of elvitegravir  1.04 (0.86-1.26)  0.670 .  Current use of raltegravir  1.05 (0.50-2.23)  0.890 .  Per year longer on dd1  Per year longer on dd1  Per year longer on TDF  Prior cardiovascular event  Current use of cobicistat	Current smoker	1.78 (1.59-2.00)	<.001	<.001	
Calendar year period       1.57 (1.32-1.88)       <.001	Never smoker	1 (reference)			
1.57 (1.32-1.88)   <.001   <.001	Past smoker	1.46 (1.30-1.65)	<.001		
1.23 (1.09-1.39)   <.001	Calendar year period				
2020-2024       1 (reference)       .         Recent use of ABC ***       1.49 (1.34-1.66)       <.001	2000-2009	1.57 (1.32-1.88)	<.001	<.001	
Recent use of ABC ***       1.49 (1.34-1.66)       <.001	2010-2019	1.23 (1.09-1.39)	<.001		
Per year longer on LOP/r         1.00 (0.99-1.01)         0.750         .           Per year longer on IDV         1.00 (0.99-1.01)         0.776         .           Prior diabetes         1.96 (1.70-2.27)         <.001	2020-2024	1 (reference)			
Per year longer on IDV         1.00 (0.99-1.01)         0.776         .           Prior diabetes         1.96 (1.70-2.27)         <.001	Recent use of ABC ***	1.49 (1.34-1.66)	<.001		
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Current use of bictegravir  1.46 (1.19-1.79) < .001  Current use of dolutegravir  1.26 (1.10-1.44) < .001  Current use of elvitegravir  1.04 (0.86-1.26) 0.670  Current use of raltegravir  1.64 (1.38-1.96) < .001  Current use of cabotegravir  1.05 (0.50-2.23) 0.890  Per year longer on ZDV  Per year longer on d4T  Per year longer on TAF  Per year longer on TDF  Prior cardiovascular event  Current use of cobicistat	Per year longer on IDV	1.00 (0.99-1.01)	0.776		
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Current use of raltegravir  1.64 (1.38–1.96) <.001  Current use of cabotegravir  1.05 (0.50–2.23) 0.890  Per year longer on ZDV  Per year longer on ddT  Per year longer on TAF  Per year longer on TDF  Prior cardiovascular event  Current use of cobicistat	Current use of dolutegravir	1.26 (1.10-1.44)	<.001		
Current use of cabotegravir  1.05 (0.50-2.23)  Per year longer on ZDV  Per year longer on d4T  Per year longer on ddl  Per year longer on TAF  Per year longer on TDF  Current use of cobicistat  1.05 (0.50-2.23)  0.890        .	Current use of elvitegravir	1.04 (0.86-1.26)	0.670		
Per year longer on ZDV  Per year longer on d4T  Per year longer on ddl  Per year longer on TAF  Per year longer on TDF  Prior cardiovascular event  Current use of cobicistat	Current use of raltegravir	1.64 (1.38-1.96)	<.001		
Per year longer on d4T Per year longer on ddl . Per year longer on TAF Per year longer on TDF .  Prior cardiovascular event . Current use of cobicistat	Current use of cabotegravir	1.05 (0.50-2.23)	0.890		
Per year longer on ddl	Per year longer on ZDV				
Per year longer on TAF	Per year longer on d4T				
Per year longer on TDF	Per year longer on ddl				
Prior cardiovascular event	Per year longer on TAF				
Current use of cobicistat	Per year longer on TDF				
	Prior cardiovascular event				
Current use of rilpivirine	Current use of cobicistat				
	Current use of rilpivirine				

<sup>\*</sup>Time-updated.

**Legend:** CKD = chronic kidney disease; IDU = injecting drug use; ART = combination antiretroviral therapy; LOP/r = lopinavir/ritonavir; IDV = indinavir; ABC = abacavir; ZDV = zidovudine; d4T = stavudine; ddI = didanosine; BMI: <18  $kg/m^2 = underweight$ ; 18-25  $kg/m^2 = normal$ ; 25-30  $kg/m^2 = overweight$ ;>30  $kg/m^2 = severely$  overweight.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Time-updated and lagged by three months.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Current use or recently used in the past six months.



Non-AIDS-defi	ning ma	alignancy	Diabetes mellitus				CKD	
IRR (95%CI)	p-	0verall	IRR (95%CI)	p-	0verall	IRR (95%CI)	p-	Overall
	value	p-value		value	p-value		value	p-value
2.04 (1.64-2.55)	<.001	<.001	1.25 (0.87-1.79)	0.222	<.001	1.27 (0.98-1.64)	0.074	0.001
1 (reference)			1 (reference)			1 (reference)		
0.86 (0.77-0.96)	0.005		2.09 (1.86-2.36)	<.001		1.18 (1.08-1.28)	<.001	
0.87 (0.73-1.03)	0.107		5.10 (4.47-5.82)	<.001		1.15 (1.02-1.30)	0.023	
1.52 (1.29-1.78)	<.001		1.15 (0.96-1.37)	0.132		1.35 (1.17-1.56)	<.001	
1.04 (0.88-1.23)	0.629		0.98 (0.82-1.18)	0.865		1.12 (0.98-1.28)	0.094	
0.92 (0.83-1.01)	0.086		1.19 (1.09-1.31)	<.001		1.05 (0.98-1.14)	0.183	
1.54 (1.36-1.73)	<.001	<.001	1.08 (0.96-1.22)	0.190	<.001	0.79 (0.72-0.87)	<.001	<.001
1 (reference)			1 (reference)			1 (reference)		
1.64 (1.45-1.85)	<.001		1.22 (1.08-1.37)	0.001		0.98 (0.90-1.07)	0.714	
1.07 (0.90-1.27)	0.445	0.001	1.51 (1.25-1.83)	<.001	<.001	2.12 (1.76-2.55)	<.001	<.001
1.22 (1.08-1.36)	<.001		1.24 (1.09-1.41)	0.001		1.77 (1.62-1.94)	<.001	
1 (reference)			1 (reference)			1 (reference)		
						1.26 (1.10-1.43)	<.001	
			1.77 (1.45-2.15)	<.001		2.45 (2.13-2.83)	<.001	
			1.49 (1.30-1.70)	<.001		2.85 (2.62-3.10)	<.001	
			1.08 (0.89-1.31)	0.439				
			2.29 (1.92-2.74)	<.001				
			0.59 (0.22-1.59)	0.299		0.45 (0.19-1.10)	0.079	
			1.02 (1.00-1.03)	0.007				
			1.02 (1.00-1.05)	0.085				
			1.05 (1.02-1.07)	<.001				
						1.00 (0.99-1.01)	0.593	
						1.00 (1.00-1.01)	0.122	
						1.66 (1.48-1.87)	<.001	
						1.39 (1.25-1.54)	<.001	
						1.31 (1.13-1.52)	<.001	

**Appendix Table 6.6:** Specific CDC-B and CDC-C (AIDS) events occurring in individuals on ART with undetectable viral load between 2000 and 2024.

		A	II events		0-50	
	CDC event	n	%	n	%	
CDC-B events	Aspergillosis, invasive pulmonary	16	0.4%	3	0.7%	
	Bacillary angiomatosis	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	
	Candidiasis oropharyngeal	1,051	27.1%	128	29.4%	
	Candidiasis vulvovaginal, frequent/persistent	56	1.4%	2	0.5%	
	Cardiomyopathy, HIV-related	5	0.1%	0	0.0%	
	Cardiomyopathy, with HIV-related component	31	0.8%	1	0.2%	
	Diarrhea, HIV-related >=30 days	66	1.7%	2	0.5%	
	Fever e.c.i. / HIV-related	6	0.2%	0	0.0%	
	HIV-associated nephropathy (HIVAN)	28	0.7%	5	1.1%	
	Herpes zoster, multidermatomal	42	1.1%	4	0.9%	
	Herpes zoster, recurring / multidermatomal	211	5.4%	10	2.3%	
	unspecified					
	Herpes zoster, unidermatomal recurrent	59	1.5%	3	0.7%	
	Listeriosis	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	
	Myelopathy, HIV-related	10	0.3%	0	0.0%	
	Neuropathy, HIV-related	130	3.4%	2	0.5%	
	Neuropathy, with HIV-related component	125	3.2%	1	0.2%	
	Nocardiosis	2	0.1%	1	0.2%	
	Oral Hairy Leucoplakia (OHL)	59	1.5%	2	0.5%	
	Pelvic inflammatory disease	11	0.3%	0	0.0%	
	Thrombocytopenia, HIV-related	157	4.1%	7	1.6%	
	Thrombocytopenia, with HIV-related component	43	1.1%	6	1.4%	
	Weight loss >10%, HIV-related / unknown cause	39	1.0%	5	1.1%	
Subtotal		2,149	55.5%	182	41.8%	



		CD4 catego	ory						
	050-199		200-349		350-499		500-749		750+
n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
5	0.6%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	4	0.9%
1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
266	32.4%	211	28.1%	164	23.6%	164	22.3%	118	27.1%
5	0.6%	12	1.6%	13	1.9%	20	2.7%	4	0.9%
2	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	2	0.5%
5	0.6%	4	0.5%	4	0.6%	9	1.2%	8	1.8%
7	0.9%	17	2.3%	13	1.9%	19	2.6%	8	1.8%
1	0.1%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	2	0.5%
4	0.5%	4	0.5%	7	1.0%	4	0.5%	4	0.9%
2	0.2%	8	1.1%	9	1.3%	10	1.4%	9	2.1%
40	4.9%	47	6.3%	38	5.5%	48	6.5%	28	6.4%
9	1.1%	4	0.5%	9	1.3%	21	2.9%	13	3.0%
0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
4	0.5%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	3	0.4%	1	0.2%
9	1.1%	19	2.5%	33	4.7%	40	5.4%	27	6.2%
11	1.3%	17	2.3%	34	4.9%	38	5.2%	24	5.5%
0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
15	1.8%	13	1.7%	9	1.3%	12	1.6%	8	1.8%
0	0.0%	4	0.5%	0	0.0%	5	0.7%	2	0.5%
30	3.7%	32	4.3%	37	5.3%	39	5.3%	12	2.8%
3	0.4%	14	1.9%	4	0.6%	13	1.8%	3	0.7%
5	0.6%	8	1.1%	8	1.1%	6	0.8%	7	1.6%
424	51.7%	422	56.2%	382	54.9%	455	62.0%	284	65.1%

		A	All events		0-50	
	CDC event	n	%	n	%	
DC-C events	AIDS dementia complex – HIV encephalopathy	50	1.3%	6	1.4%	
	Bacterial pneumonia, recurring	362	9.3%	13	3.0%	
	CMV colitis/proctitis	1	0.0%	1	0.2%	
	CMV disease	19	0.5%	4	0.9%	
	CMV oesophagitis	2	0.1%	1	0.2%	
	CMV meningo-encefalitis	2	0.1%	2	0.5%	
	CMV pneumonitis	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	
	CMV retinitis	26	0.7%	11	2.5%	
	Candidiasis oesophagitis	319	8.2%	50	11.5%	
	Candidiasis lungs/bronchial/trachea	12	0.3%	2	0.5%	
	Cervical cancer, invasive	13	0.3%	0	0.0%	
	Coccidioimycosis, extrapulmonary / disseminated	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	
	Cryptococcosis, extrapulmonary / disseminated	18	0.5%	10	2.3%	
	Cryptosporidiosis	12	0.3%	2	0.5%	
	Cystoisosporiasis	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	
	HIV wasting	31	0.8%	16	3.7%	
	HSV chronic ulcer	46	1.2%	2	0.5%	
	HSV oesophagitis	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	
	HSV pneumonitis	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	
	Herpes simplex virus	66	1.7%	10	2.3%	
	Histoplasmosis, extrapulmonary / disseminated	3	0.1%	2	0.5%	
	Kaposi sarcoma	145	3.7%	12	2.8%	
	Leishmaniasis visceral	5	0.1%	1	0.2%	
	Microsporidiosis	6	0.2%	2	0.5%	
	Mycobacterium avium/kansasii,	34	0.9%	12	2.8%	
	extrapulmonary / disseminated					
	Mycobacterium avium/kansasii, pulmonary	8	0.2%	1	0.2%	
	Mycobacterium other / unspecified,	14	0.4%	5	1.1%	
	extrapulmonary / disseminated					
	Mycobacterium other / unspecified, pulmonary	7	0.2%	1	0.2%	
	Non-Hodgkin`s lymphoma (NHL)	206	5.3%	8	1.8%	
	Pneumocystis jirovecii extrapulmonary	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	
	Pneumocystis jirovecii pneumonia	101	2.6%	38	8.7%	
	Primary CNS lymphoma	9	0.2%	1	0.2%	
	Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy	24	0.6%	9	2.1%	
	Toxoplasmosis of the brain	31	0.8%	14	3.2%	
	Tuberculosis, extrapulmonary / disseminated	62	1.6%	11	2.5%	
	Tuberculosis, pulmonary	79	2.0%	6	1.4%	
Subtotal		1,723	44.5%	253	58.2%	
Total		3,872		435	100.0%	

**Legend:** CDC = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; CNS = Central Nervous System; MAI = mycobacterium avium intracellulare complex.



CD4 category										
		050-199		200-349		350-499		500-749		750+
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
	9	1.1%	6	0.8%	11	1.6%	12	1.6%	6	1.4%
	71	8.7%	80	10.7%	98	14.1%	67	9.1%	33	7.6%
	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	4	0.5%	4	0.5%	4	0.6%	1	0.1%	2	0.5%
	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
	8	1.0%	2	0.3%	4	0.6%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
	78	9.5%	58	7.7%	52	7.5%	50	6.8%	31	7.1%
	1	0.1%	5	0.7%	0	0.0%	3	0.4%	1	0.2%
	3	0.4%	3	0.4%	2	0.3%	5	0.7%	0	0.0%
	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
	5	0.6%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
	2	0.2%	1	0.1%	4	0.6%	2	0.3%	1	0.2%
	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	11	1.3%	1	0.1%	2	0.3%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
	7	0.9%	2	0.3%	7	1.0%	18	2.5%	10	2.3%
	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.5%
	9	1.1%	14	1.9%	17	2.4%	11	1.5%	5	1.1%
	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
	18	2.2%	32	4.3%	30	4.3%	35	4.8%	18	4.1%
	3	0.4%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	3	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
	13	1.6%	4	0.5%	3	0.4%	1	0.1%	1	0.2%
	3	0.4%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	2	0.5%
	5	0.6%	3	0.4%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	1	0.1%	1	0.2%
	55	6.7%	48	6.4%	45	6.5%	33	4.5%	17	3.9%
	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
	33	4.0%	16	2.1%	9	1.3%	4	0.5%	1	0.2%
	3	0.4%	4	0.5%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
	9	1.1%	3	0.4%	2	0.3%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
	11	1.3%	5	0.7%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
	12	1.5%	13	1.7%	5	0.7%	9	1.2%	12	2.8%
	16	2.0%	20	2.7%	14	2.0%	18	2.5%	5	1.1%
	396	48.3%	329	43.8%	314	45.1%	279	38.0%	152	34.9%
	820	100.0%	751	100.0%	696	100.0%	734	100.0%	436	100.0%

