

## **Cancer Intervention and Surveillance Modeling Network**

NCI's Consortium for Population Modeling to Guide  
Public Health Research and Priorities

**National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's ad  
hoc Committee on a National Strategy for Cancer Control in the  
United States**

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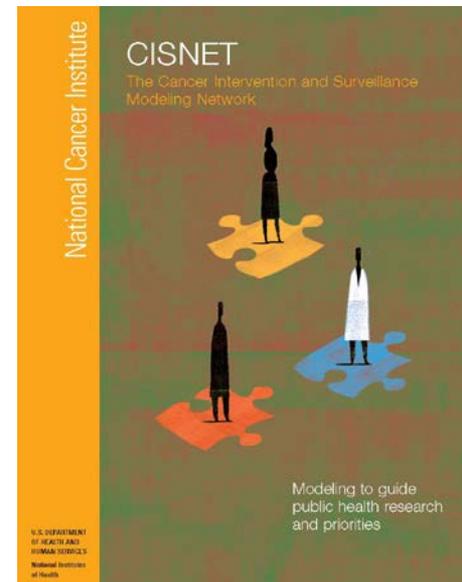
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# Cancer Intervention and Surveillance Modeling Network (CISNET)

- NCI Sponsored Collaborative Consortium (U01) of Modelers in Breast, Prostate, Colorectal, Lung, Esophagus, and Cervical cancers formed in 2000
- Synthesize trial, epidemiologic, and surveillance data using simulation modeling to guide public health research and priorities
  - ◆ Help address the formidable and growing gap between the rapid pace of innovation in cancer research and our ability to efficiently harness it to improve population health



<https://cisnet.cancer.gov/>

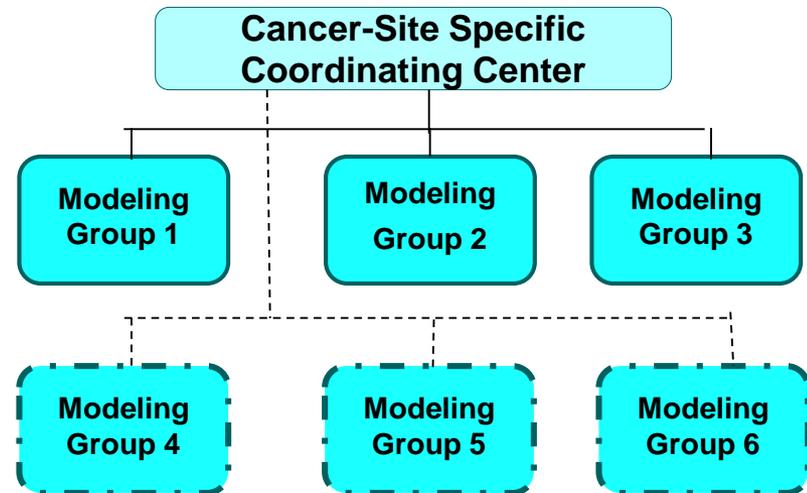


**Previously individual modeling efforts yielded different results that were difficult to reconcile**

## **Approach Innovated by CISNET: Systematic Comparative Modeling**

- Central questions to be addressed by groups collaboratively with a common set of inputs and outputs
  - ◆ Reproducibility across models adds credibility to results
  - ◆ Differences point out areas for further study in a systematic way

- Six multiple-PI grants each focused on a different cancer site with a coordinating center and between 3-6 modeling groups



- Affiliate members can join for specific collaborations

# What is a simulation model in this context?

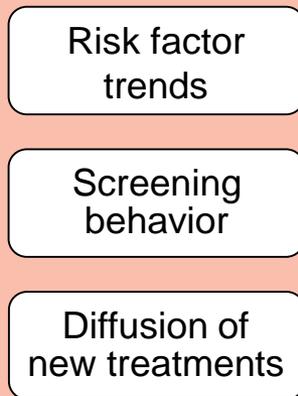
- Simulates individual life histories with respect to:
  - ◆ Year of birth
  - ◆ Development of risk factors for cancer or background risk for those born in specific years
  - ◆ Development of pre-cancerous lesions (e.g. polyps, Barrett's esophagus), initiation of cancer
  - ◆ Rate of growth of cancer
  - ◆ Diagnosis of cancer through symptoms
  - ◆ Basic treatment (in some base year prior to treatment advances that will be modeled)
  - ◆ Death from cancer or other causes

All calibrated to as many data sources as possible
- We then intervene on these individuals (advances in prevention, screening, and treatment) which changes their life history
  - ◆ Parallel lives with and without interventions
- Summing together these individuals the modelers can represent what happens under real or hypothetical scenarios and the impact of each intervention (by comparing runs)

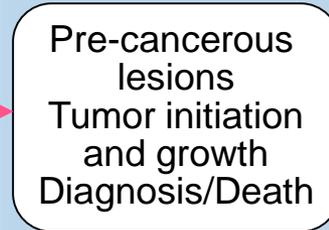
Natural  
History

# Framework for CISNET Modeling

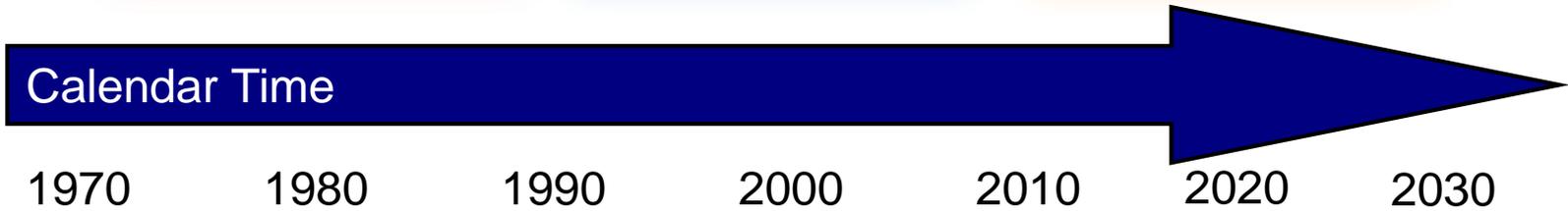
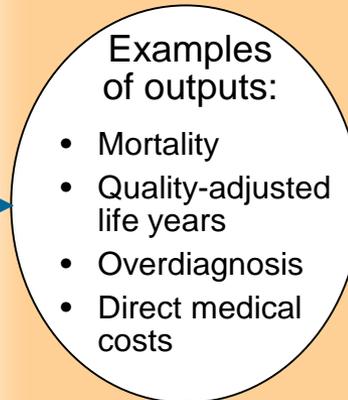
## Common Input Generators



## Individual Cancer Simulation Models



## Common Outputs: Costs & Benefits of Interventions



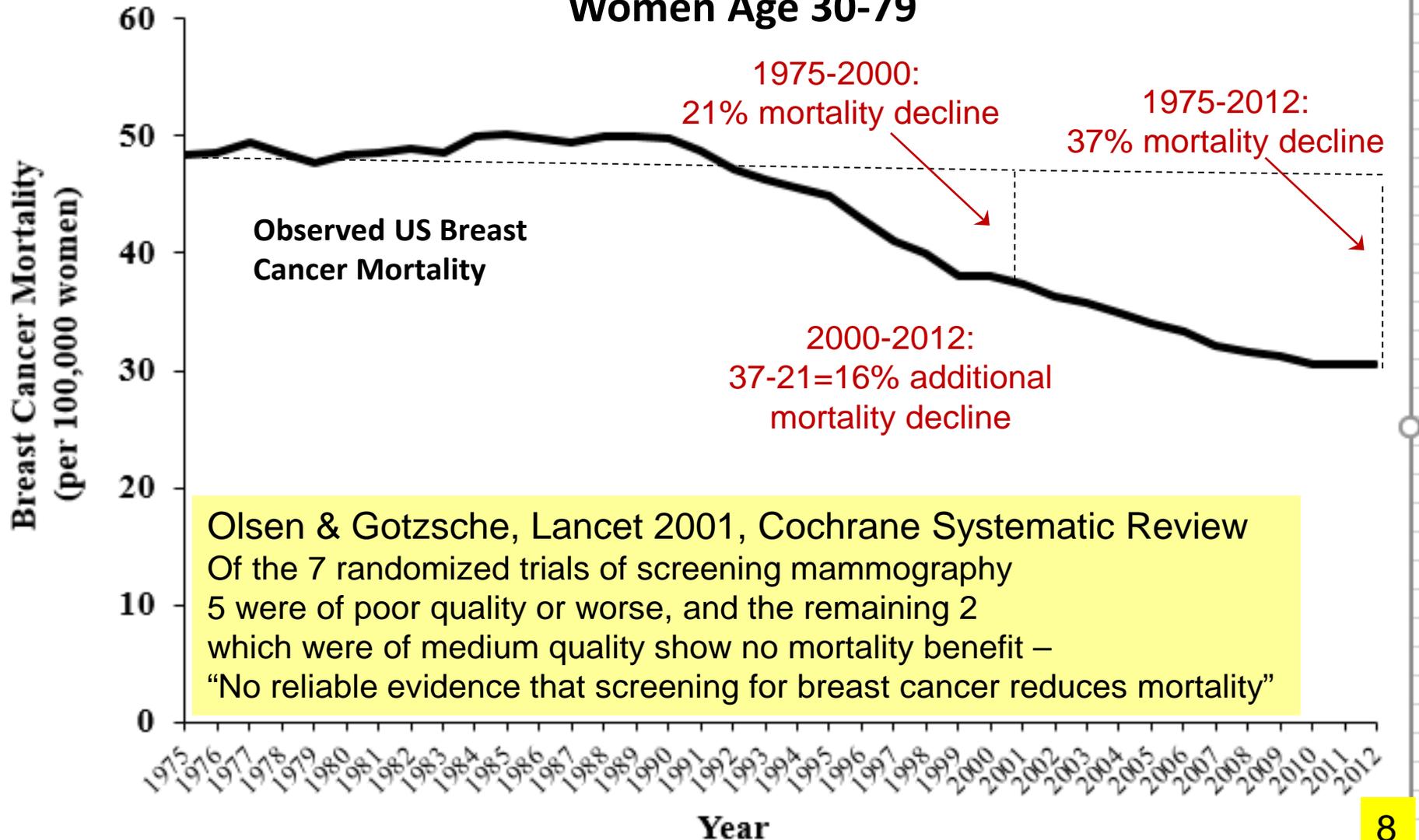
# Three Examples of CISNET Work

# I. Assisting in the Development of National Screening Guidelines

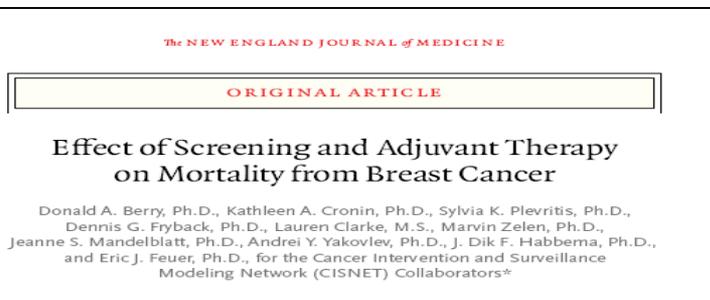
- Prior to CISNET the USPSTF contracted for systematic evidence reviews, but rarely used modeling
- CISNET has assisted the USPSTF for colorectal (2008, 2016), breast (2009, 2016), lung (2014), cervical (2017-draft recommendations)
- CISNET extrapolated from actual trials or other studies to help determine screening regimens that are on the “efficiency frontier” (e.g. most deaths averted for a specified # of screens) and allowing policymakers to weigh this against potential harms of each regimen (e.g. false +’s, overdiagnosis, radiation induced cancers)
- CISNET had a major influence in:
  - ◆ Changing mammography recommendations from every 1-2 years to every 2 years
  - ◆ Evaluating all of the different modalities of CRC screening
    - The CRC group did work for CMS to determine reimbursement levels for new screening modalities (FIT, CT Colonography, stool DNA tests)
  - ◆ Determining an “optimal” strategy for lung cancer screening by comparing hundreds of approaches
  - ◆ Changing cervical cancer screening by adding the recommendation of hrHPV testing alone every 5 years in women 30-65

## II. Understanding the Impact of Interventions on Mortality: Impact of Screening and Adjuvant Therapy on Breast Cancer Mortality

### US Breast Cancer Mortality, 1975-2012 Women Age 30-79



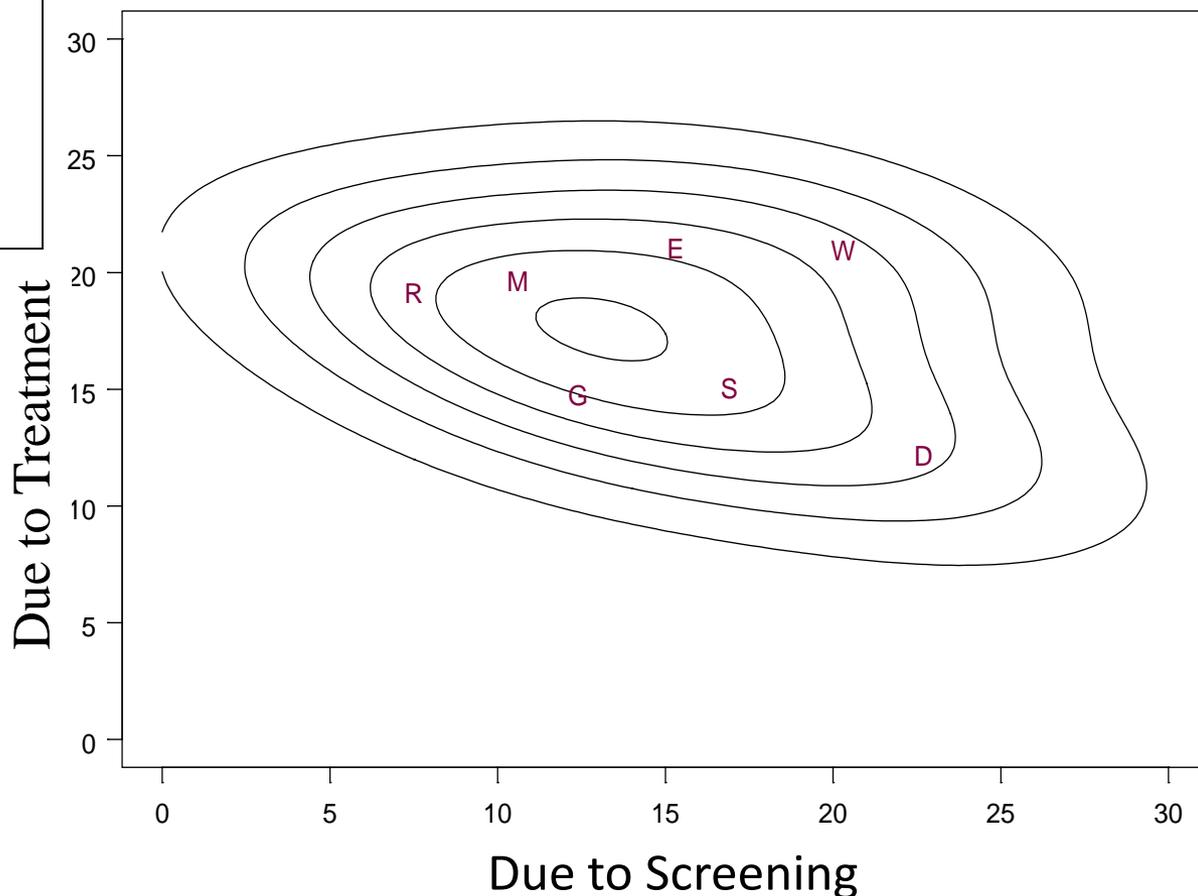
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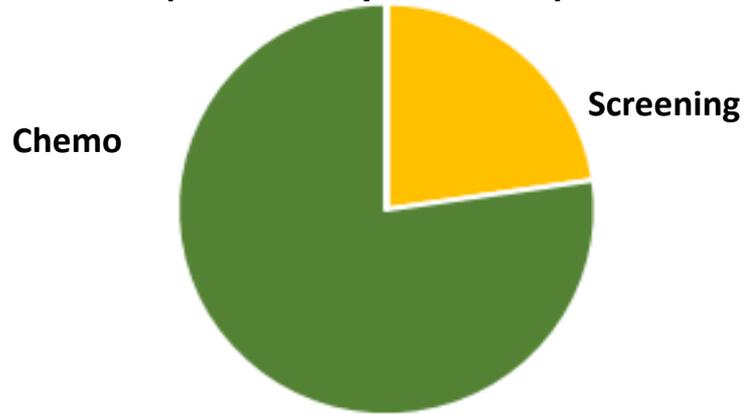
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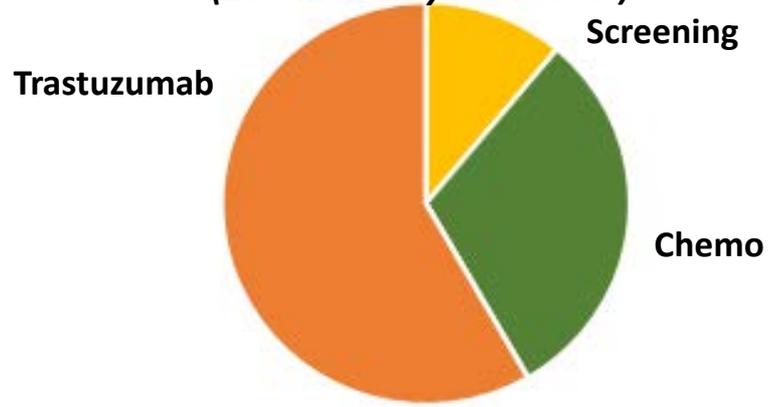
Modeled % Reduction in Breast Cancer Mortality Due to Adjuvant Therapy and to Screening Mammography



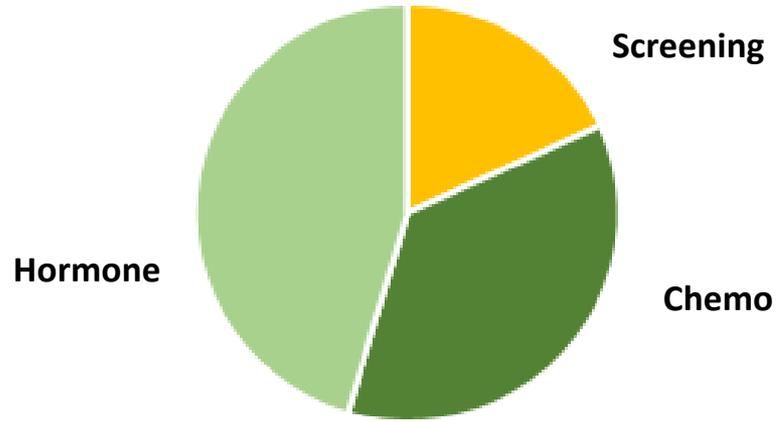
**ER-, HER2-**  
(8% mortality reduction\*)



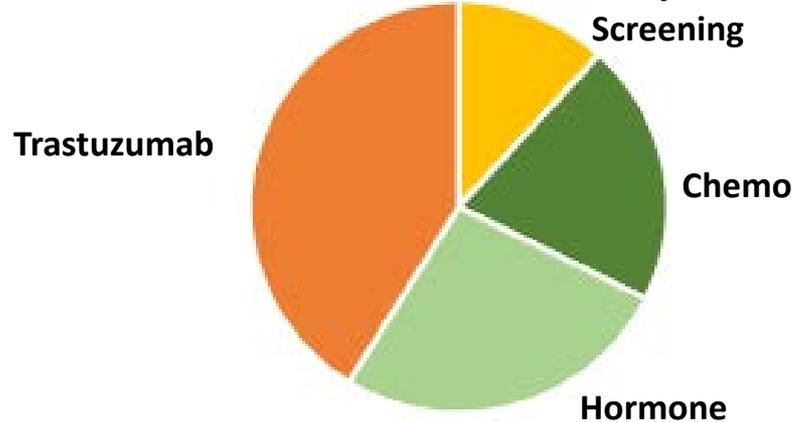
**ER-, HER2+**  
(15% mortality reduction\*)



**ER+, HER2-**  
(12% mortality reduction\*)



**ER+, HER2+**  
(19% mortality reduction\*)



\*\*Relative to modeled mortality in 2012 in the absence of the interventions and subtracting out contributions 1975-2000

# III. State Cancer Control Planning: Colonoscopy vs FIT for Uninsured in SC with Limited Budget

South Carolina non-elderly population: **4.0M** (of which **770k** are uninsured) Budget: **2.0M** over 2 years

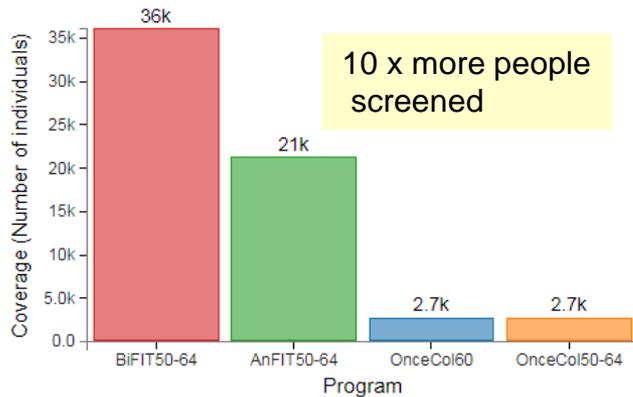
Proportion of non-elderly insured versus non-elderly uninsured population:

Insured: 80.7%	Uninsured: 19.3%
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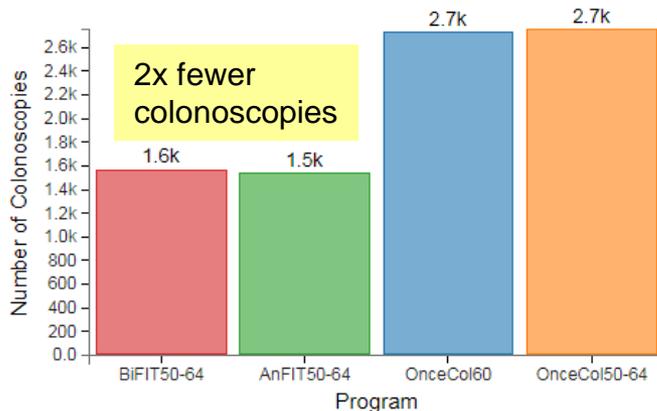
Demographic breakdown of the non-elderly uninsured population (**WM**=White male, **WF**=White female, **BM**=Black male, **BF**=Black female):

WM: 33.3%	WF: 30.7%	BM: 18.7%	BF: 17.3%
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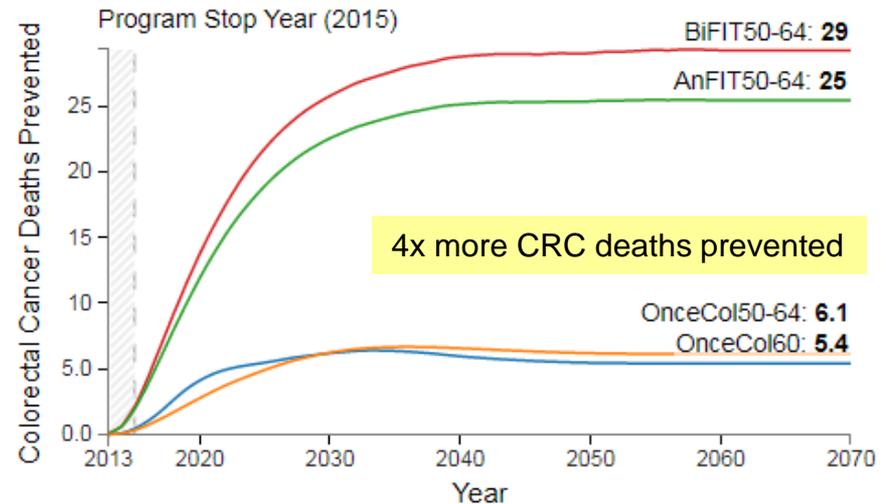
Number of Individuals Screened



Number of Colonoscopies



Colorectal Cancer Deaths Prevented



FIT screening program prevents more CRC deaths than a colonoscopy screening program when a state's budget for CRC screening supports screening of only a fraction of the target population

**State/Region**  
Maryland (MD) ▼

**Annual Budget**  
\$1M / year ▼

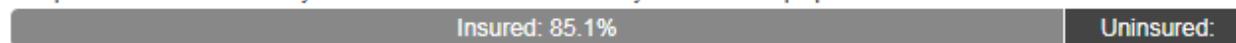
**Program Horizon**  
5 years ▼

**Legend**

- BiFIT50-64** Biennial FIT between age 50-64
- AnFIT50-64** Annual FIT between age 50-64
- OnceCol60** Once only colonoscopy at age 60
- OnceCol50** Once only colonoscopy at any age between 50-64

Maryland non-elderly population:  
**5.1M** (of which **760k** are uninsured) Budget: **5.0M** over **5 years**

Proportion of non-elderly insured versus non-elderly uninsured population:



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<https://survey.erasmusmc.nl/miscanstate/#about>

# Summary

- Modeling has the ability to evaluate the impact of cancer control interventions and to help optimize their implementation in population settings
- Invite you to view the library of CISNET publications organized by cancer site and by topic area

- ◆ <https://cisnet.cancer.gov/publications/>

- CISNET modeling is imbedded in other grants & investigators are open to collaborations with those interested in specific applications



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