

HOW BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICES CONTRIBUTED TO HEMOPHILIA CARE AND FUTURE CHALLENGES

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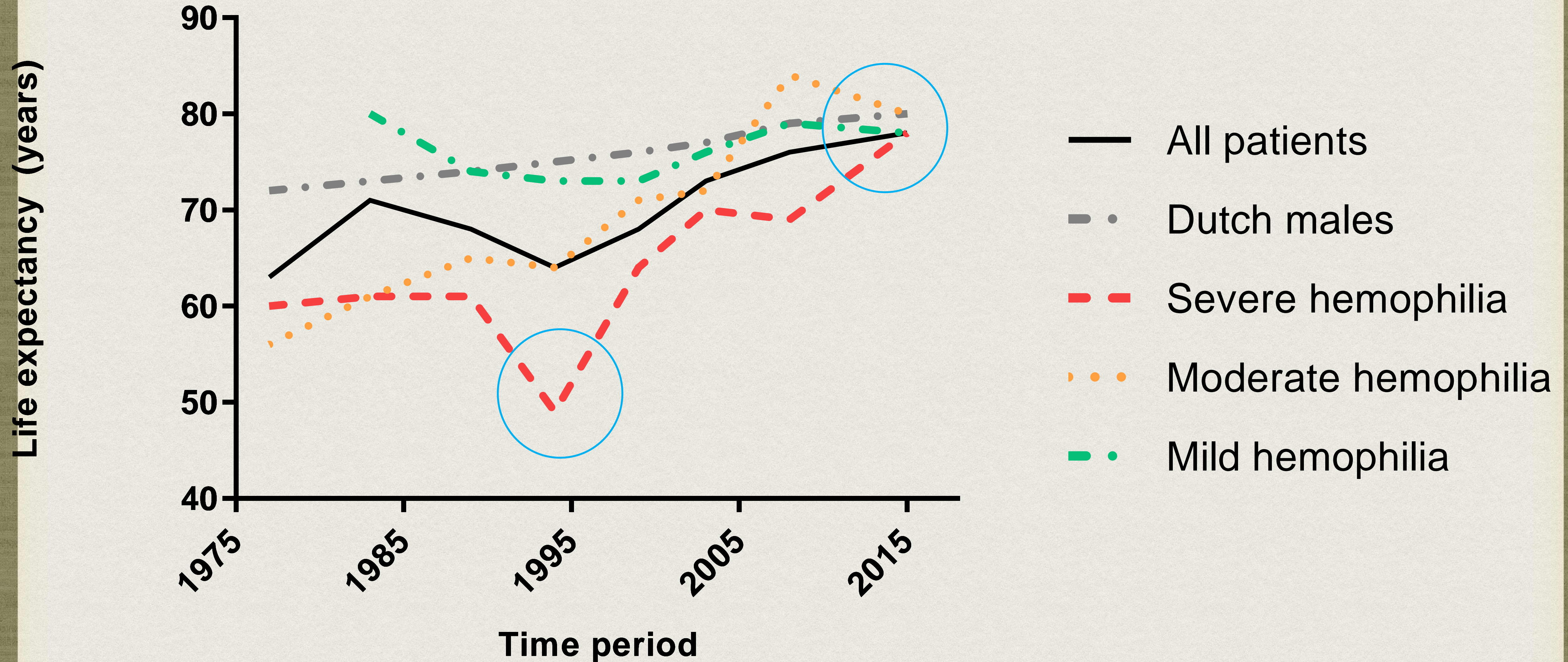
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CHALLENGES

- **Dependency from just one country can be dangerous (hiv, bse)**
- **How to manage in the EU availability of essential medicines (def. WHO), like IVIG at the moment in Romania, Scotland and the UK**
- **Blood and plasma as ‘strategic resources’ where EU should invest in (↑ international tensions)**
- **Independent user groups of blood and plasma should be established**
- **Legal issues (no fault-compensation)**