



# Managing CDI : what can we learn from the English experience?


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# Outline

- Features of Clostridium difficile infection (CDI)
- CDI in England
- CDI treatment options
- Real-world experience of fidaxomicin use:
  - Seven-centre study, UK

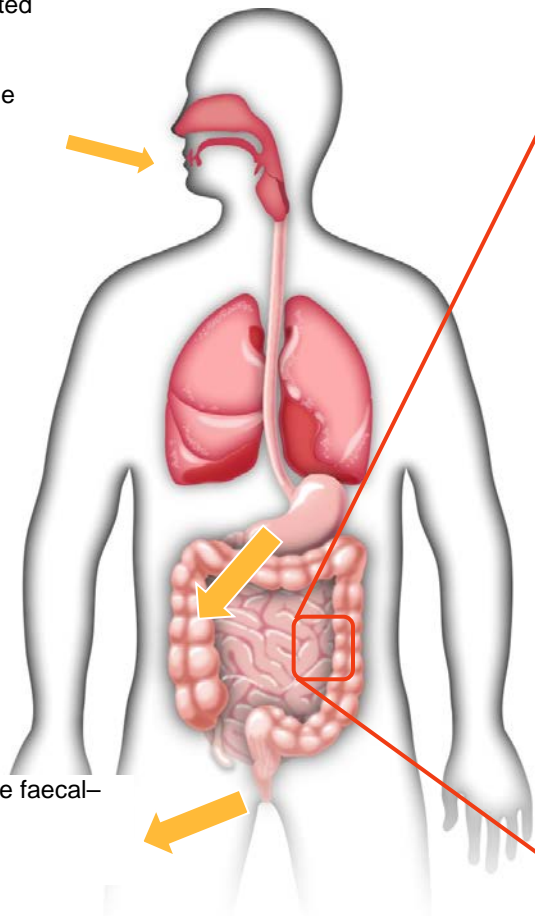
# Features of Clostridium difficile infection (CDI)

# The disease cycle of *C. difficile* infection (CDI)

1. Ingestion of spores transmitted from other patients, via hands of healthcare personnel and the environment

2. Germination into growing (vegetative) cells

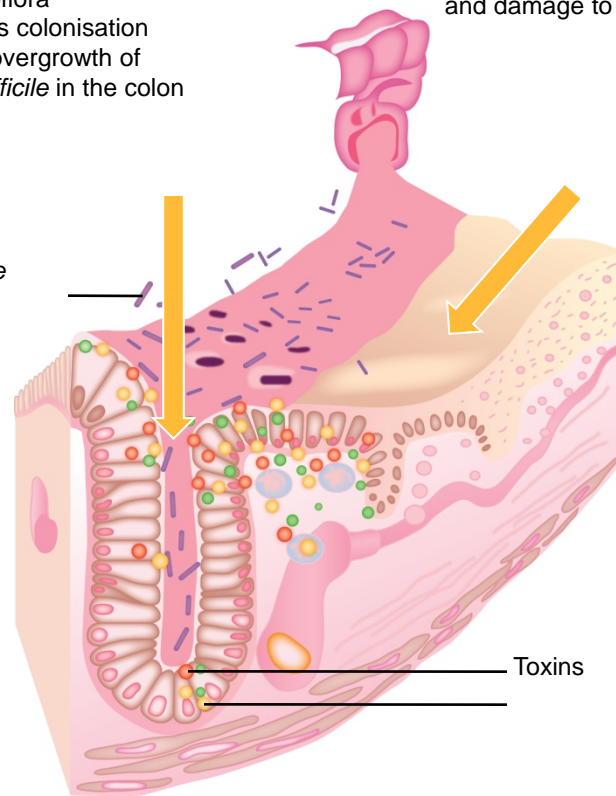
5. Transmission of spores via the faecal-oral route



3. Disruption of normal colonic microflora allows colonisation and overgrowth of *C. difficile* in the colon

4. Toxin production leads to inflammation and damage to intestinal cells

*C. difficile*



Toxins

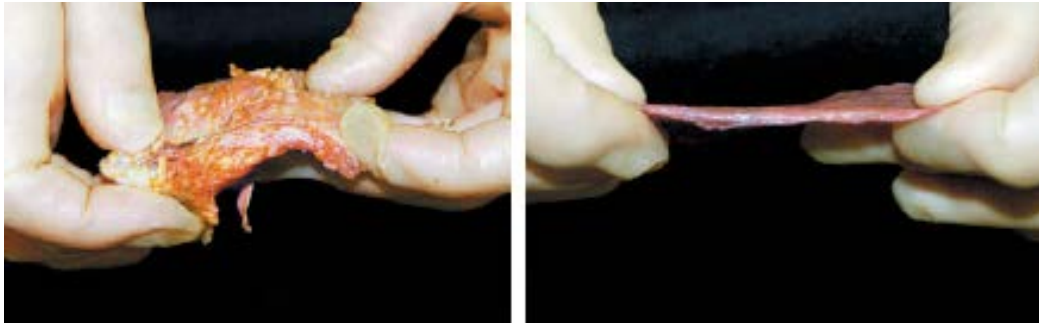
# The effect of *C difficile* infection on the large bowel



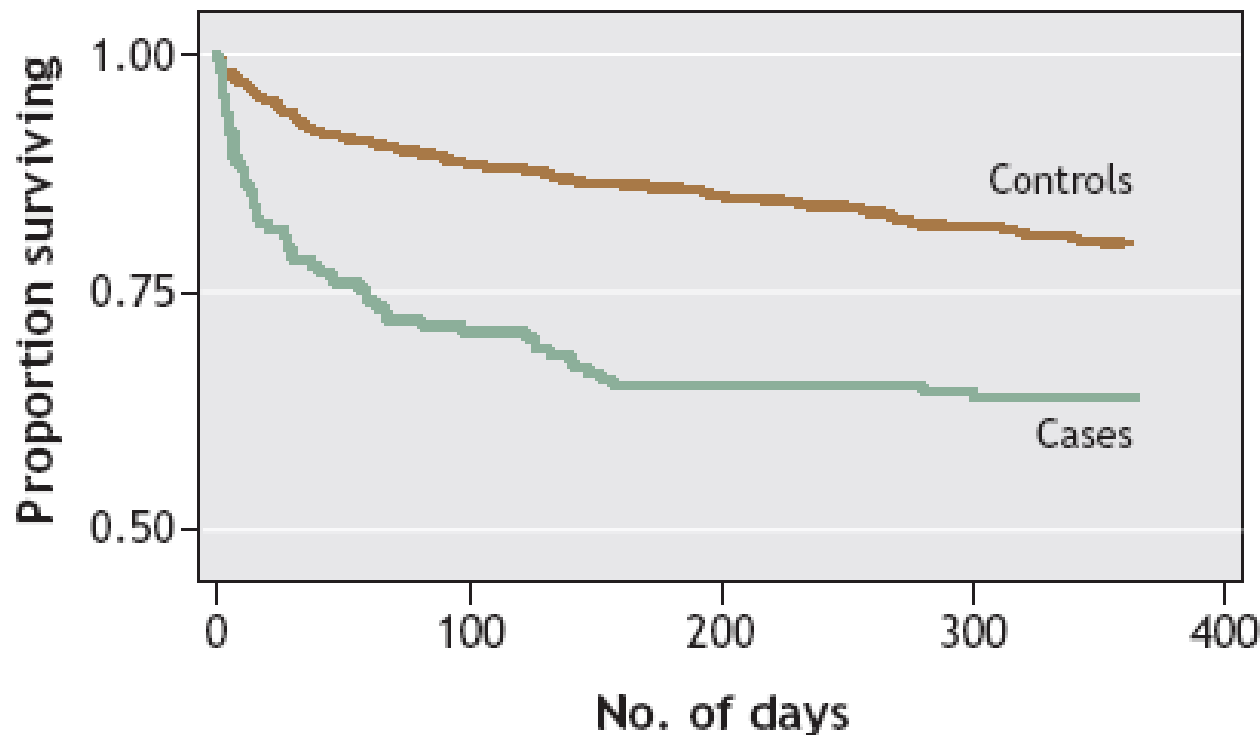
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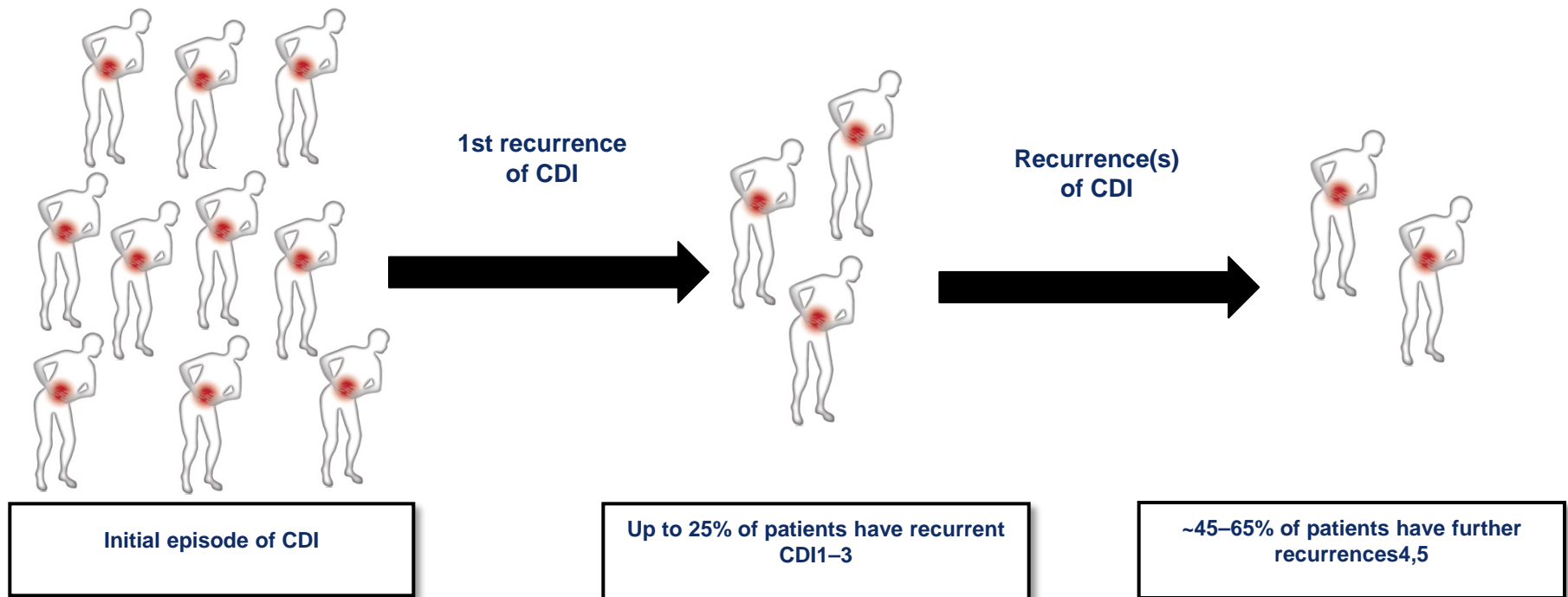


# The lethal impact of *C difficile* BI/NAP1/027 infection



Kaplan–Meier plot showing probability of death since diagnosis among inpatients in whom nosocomial *Clostridium difficile*-associated disease (CDAD) developed and among matched control subjects without CDAD. No. of days = time since diagnosis of CDAD (cases) or time since reaching the same interval after admission (controls).

# The incidence of recurrent CDI

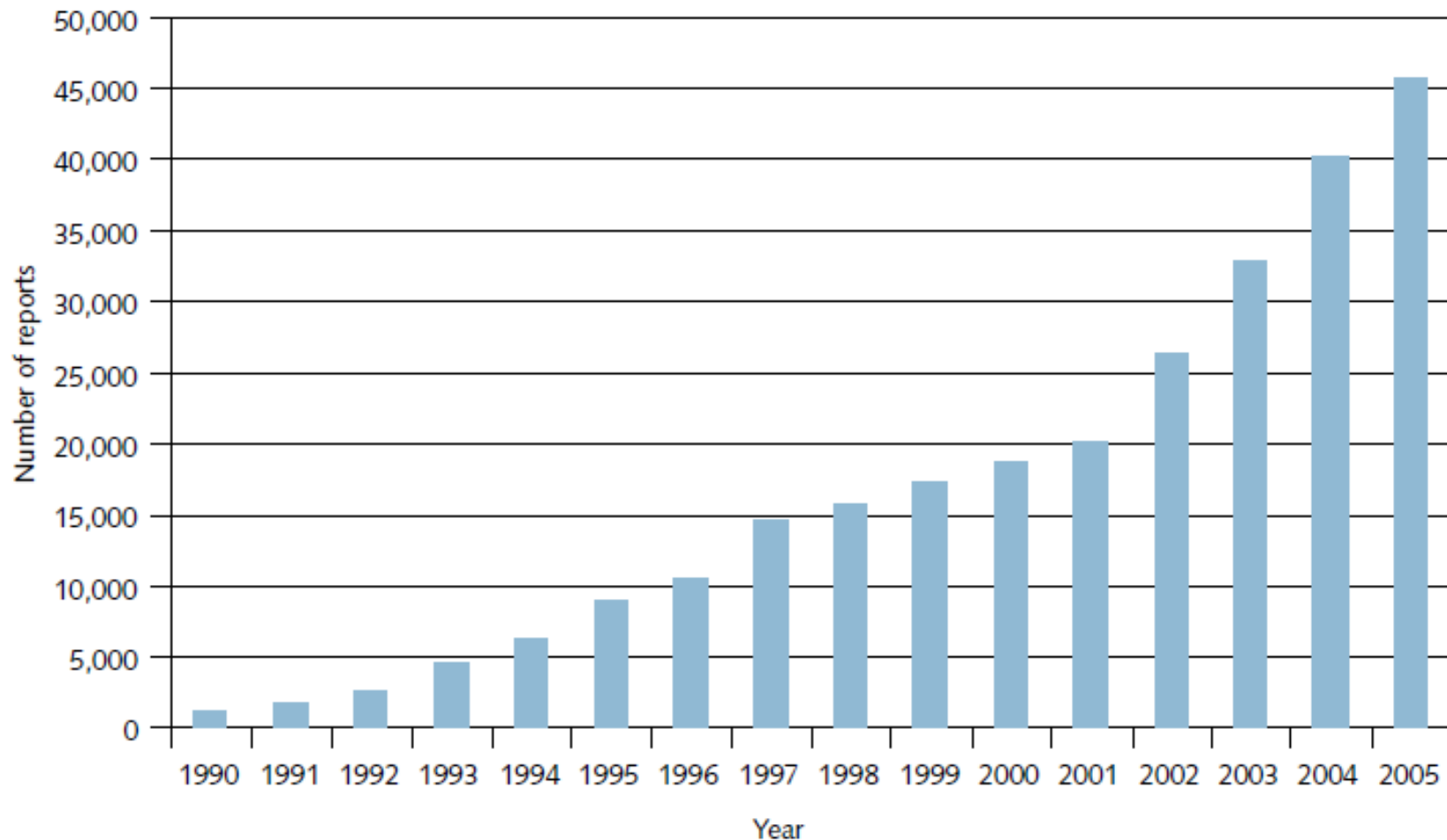


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# Clostridium difficile infection in England

# Clostridium difficile infections reported to voluntary surveillance scheme, England, 1990 to 2005



Health Protection Agency. *Clostridium difficile* infection: How to deal with the problem (2008)

# Clostridium difficile public health policy initiatives, England – key milestone

**2007** - Mandatory enhanced surveillance of C. difficile infection for NHS acute trusts

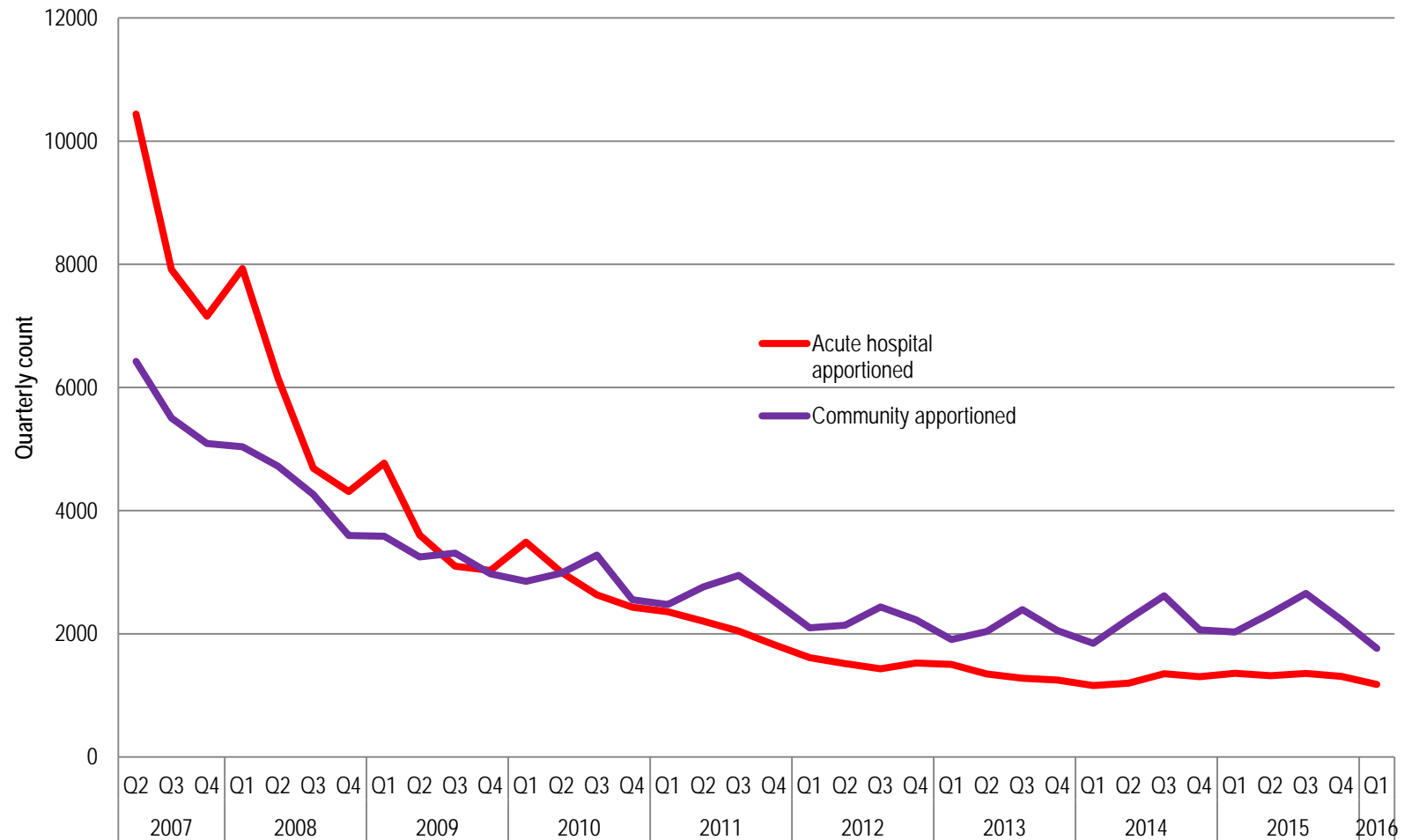
**2007** - *Saving Lives: Reducing infection, delivering clean and safe care. High Impact Intervention No. 7 – Care bundle to reduce the risk from Clostridium difficile* (Department of Health)

**2008** - *Clostridium difficile infection: How to deal with the problem*

**2012** - *Updated Guidance on the Diagnosis and Reporting of Clostridium Difficile*

**2013** – NHS England sets reduction targets with big fines for failure

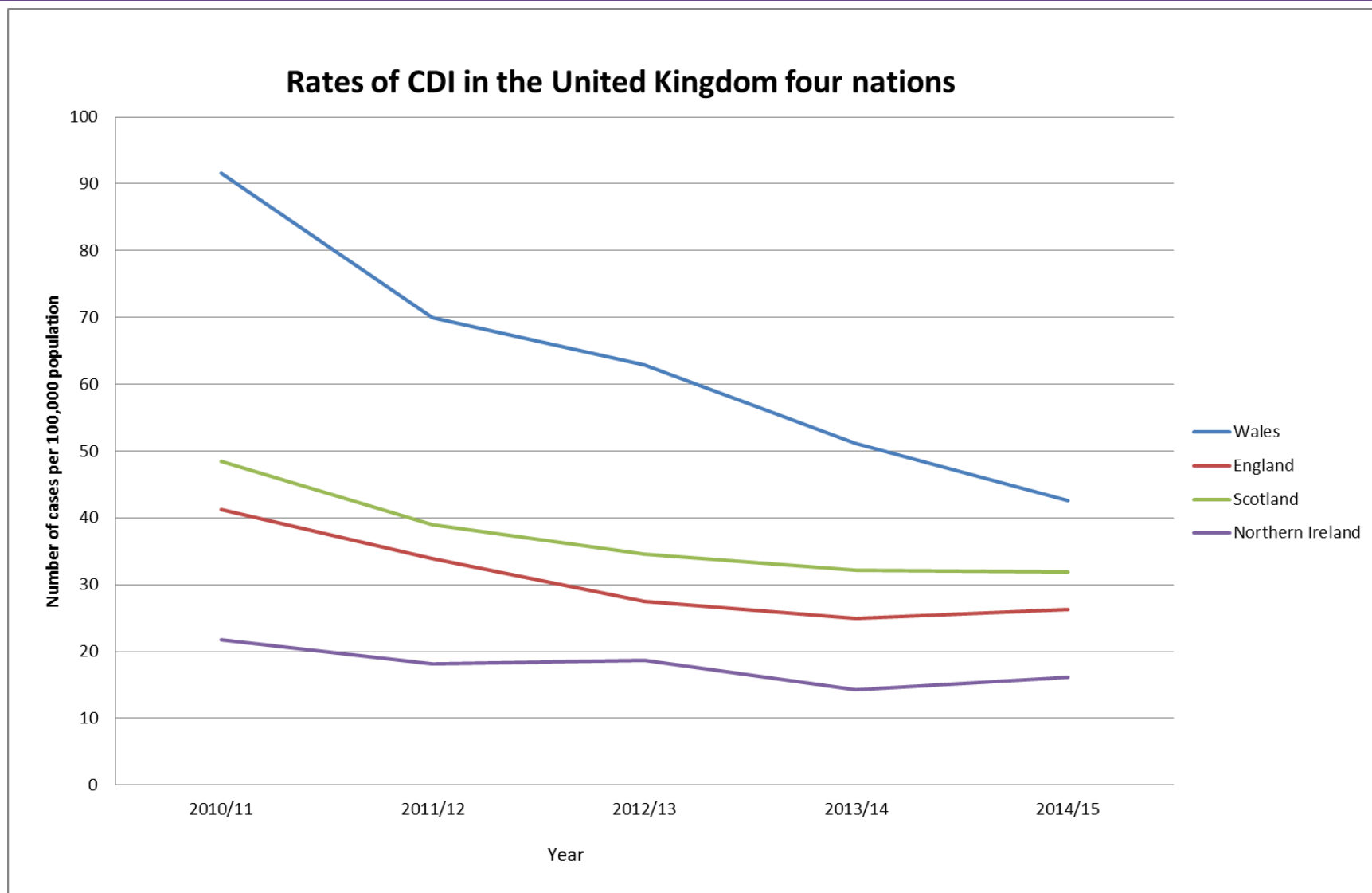
# Quarterly count of Clostridium difficile infections in England, 2007 to 2016



Data source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/clostridium-difficile-guidance-data-and-analysis#epidemiology>



# A comparison of CDI rates in the four UK administrations



# CDI treatment options

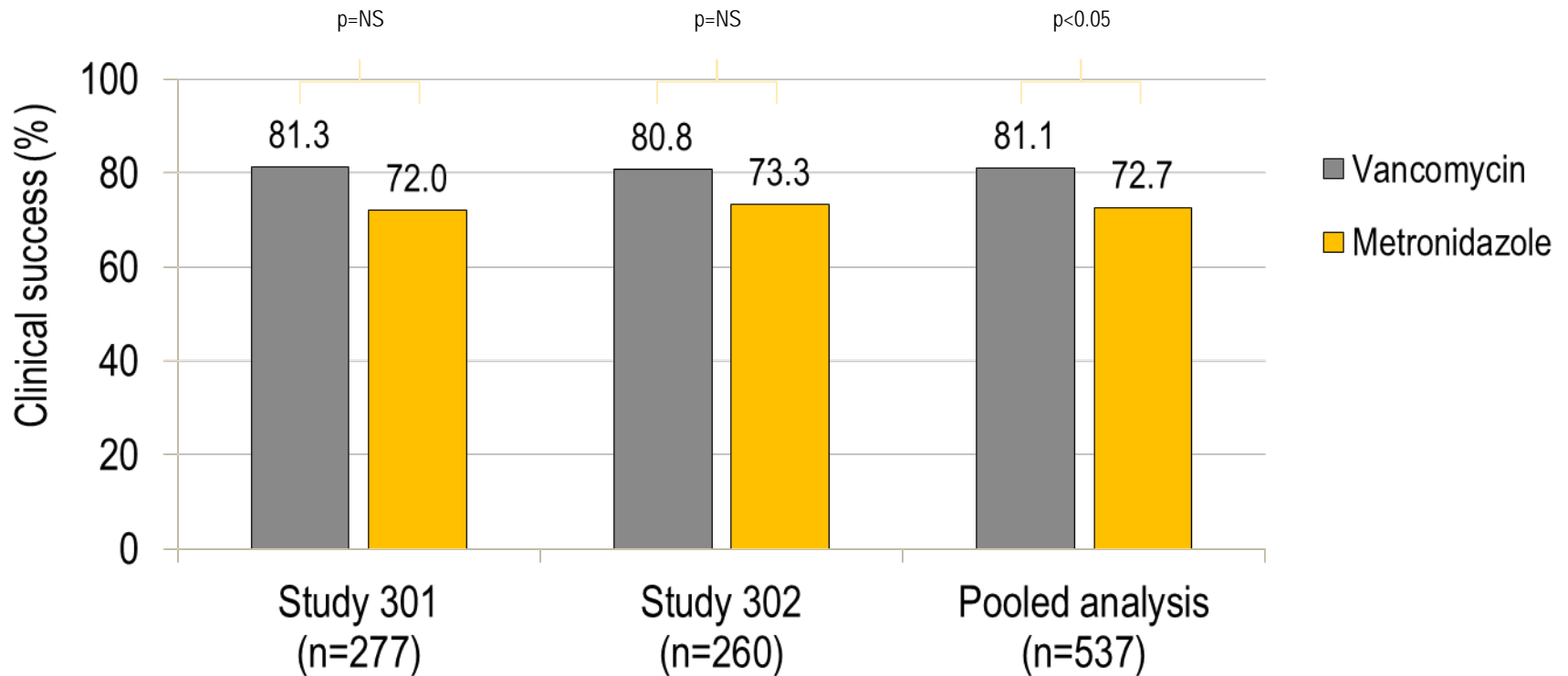
# First lines treatment of CDI

- Metronidazole
- Vancomycin
- Fidaxomicin

(Faecal transplant – evidence base is for recurrent disease only)

# Rates of clinical success for metronidazole and vancomycin

Rates of clinical success in two identical multicentre, randomised, double-blind, parallel-group trials

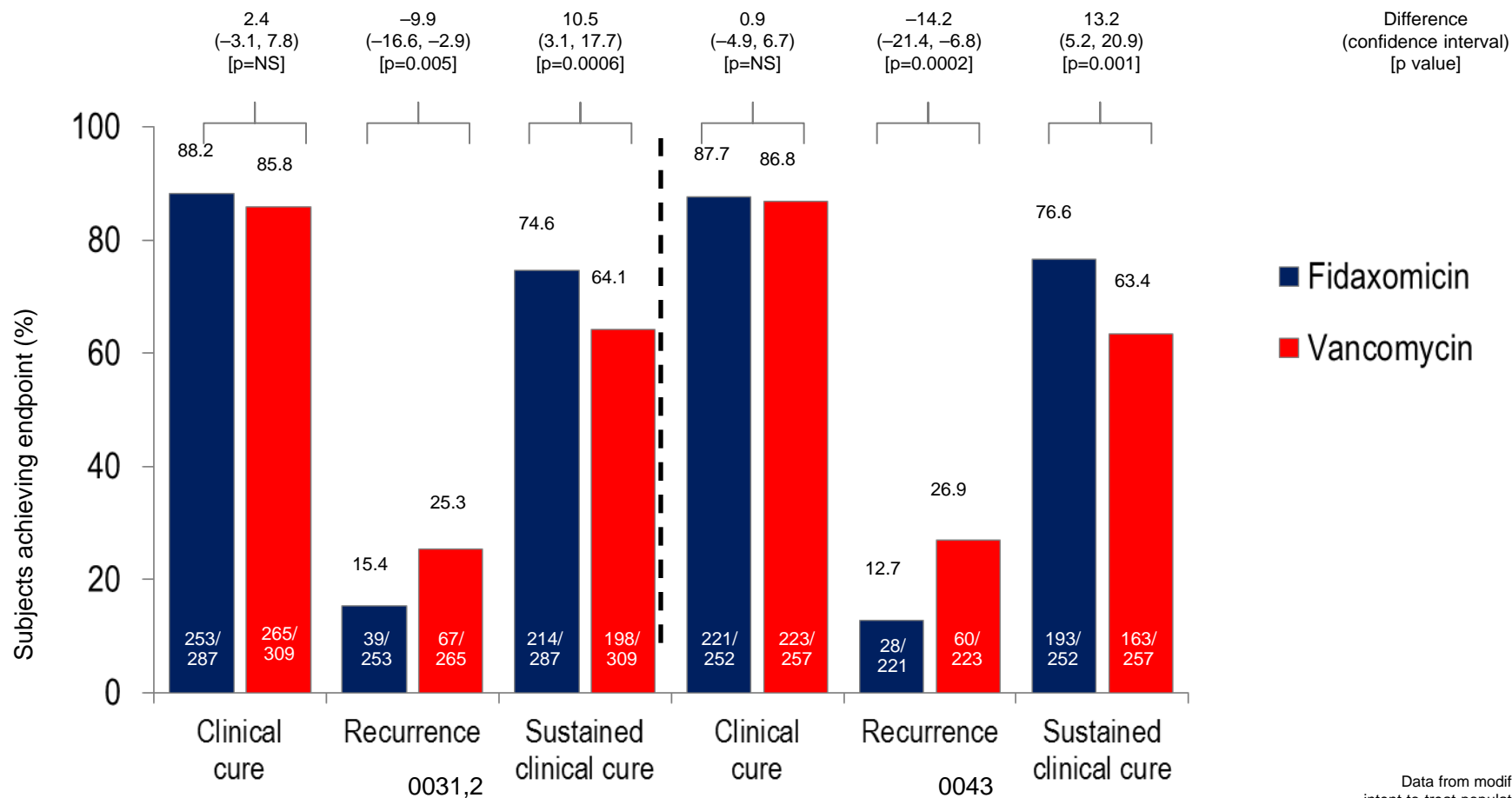


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Clinical success was defined as diarrhoea resolution and absence of severe abdominal discomfort due to CDI on Day 10; NS, not significant



# Fidaxomicin phase 3 trial results



Data from modified intent-to-treat population

NS, not significant;  
Study 003: USA, Canada;  
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# Real-world experience of fidaxomicin use: Seven-centre study, UK

# “Can it work? Does it work? Is it worth it?”

	Question	Methodology	Caveats
Efficacy	Can a treatment work (under ideal circumstances)?	Randomised clinical trials	Excludes many patients who do not fit trial criteria; clinical practice should be rigorous
Effectiveness	Does a treatment work in (non-ideal) real life?	Observational studies of routine clinical settings	Includes all patient, healthcare practitioner and organisational variables
Efficiency	Is a treatment worth its cost to individuals or society?	Health economic studies	Takes into account the strengths and weaknesses of alternative options

# Efficacy versus effectiveness

“What works well at the Sloan Kettering (a high tech cancer centre) may not work very well in Kettering (a small UK community hospital).”

Brian Haynes *professor of clinical epidemiology and medicine*  
McMaster University Health Sciences Center, Ontario,  
Canada

Haynes, B. BMJ 319;1999:652-3



# Fidaxomicin local service evaluation seven-centre study

## Objective

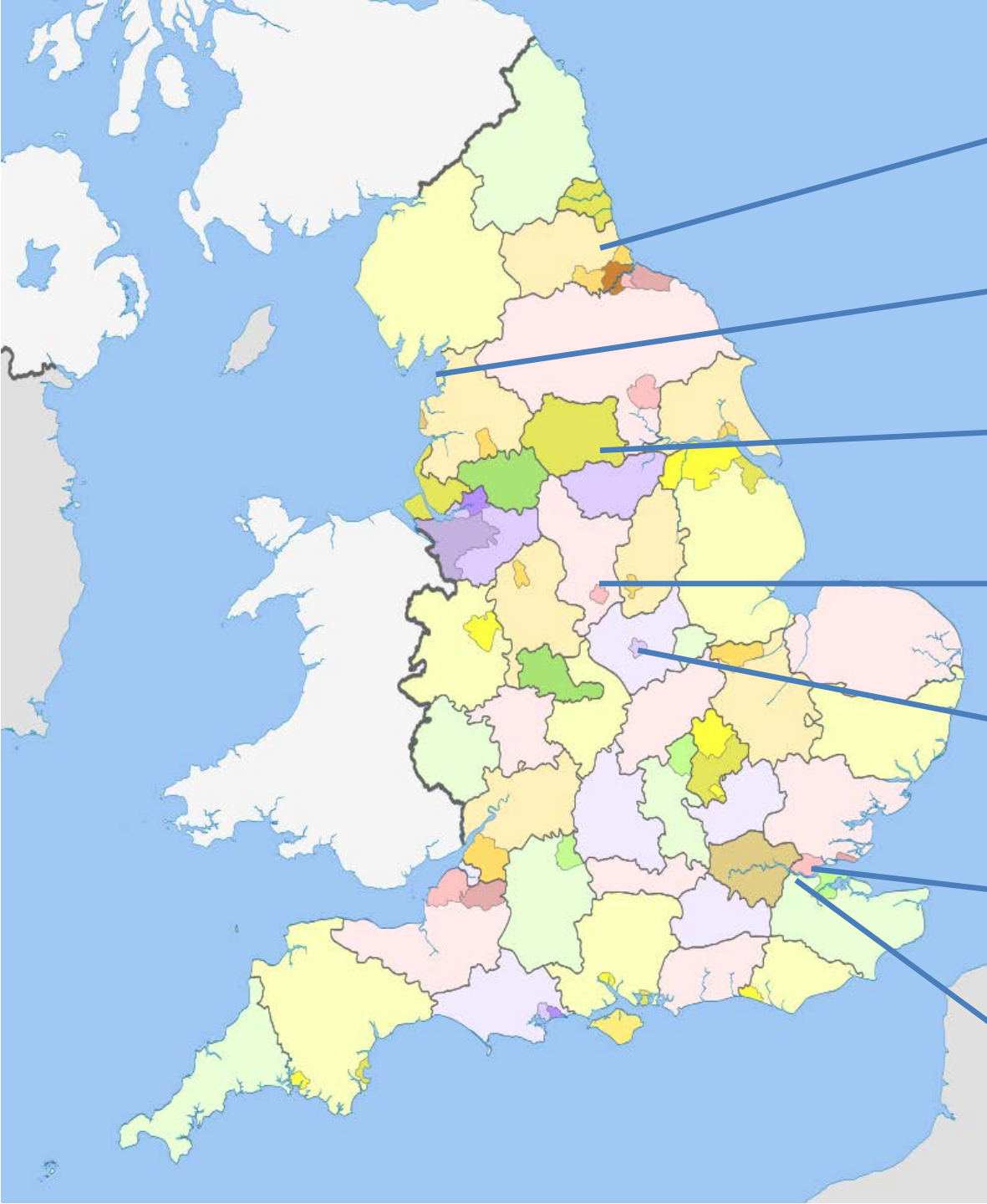
- To collect robust real-world data to understand the cost-effectiveness of fidaxomicin when introduced in routine practice
  - Local treatment of CDI
  - Local rates of CDI recurrence
  - Local resource use associated with CDI management
  - Costs of managing CDI recurrence

# Fidaxomicin local service evaluation seven-centre study

- **Seven centres introducing fidaxomicin between July 2012–July 2013**
- **Retrospective data collection on CDI episodes occurring 12 months before (pre-FDX) and after (post-FDX) the introduction of fidaxomicin**
- **Pre-fidaxomicin treatment: vancomycin or metronidazole**
- **Inclusion criteria**
  - All hospitalised patients aged  $\geq 18$  years with primary CDI (and no CDI in previous 3 months)
- **Recurrence**
  - In-patient diarrhoea requiring treatment at any time within subsequent 3 months after initial episode
- **Data collected**
  - Patient characteristics, CDI severity, treatment, place of acquisition, date of onset/resolution, resource use and cost utilisation (length of stay, procedures, readmissions)

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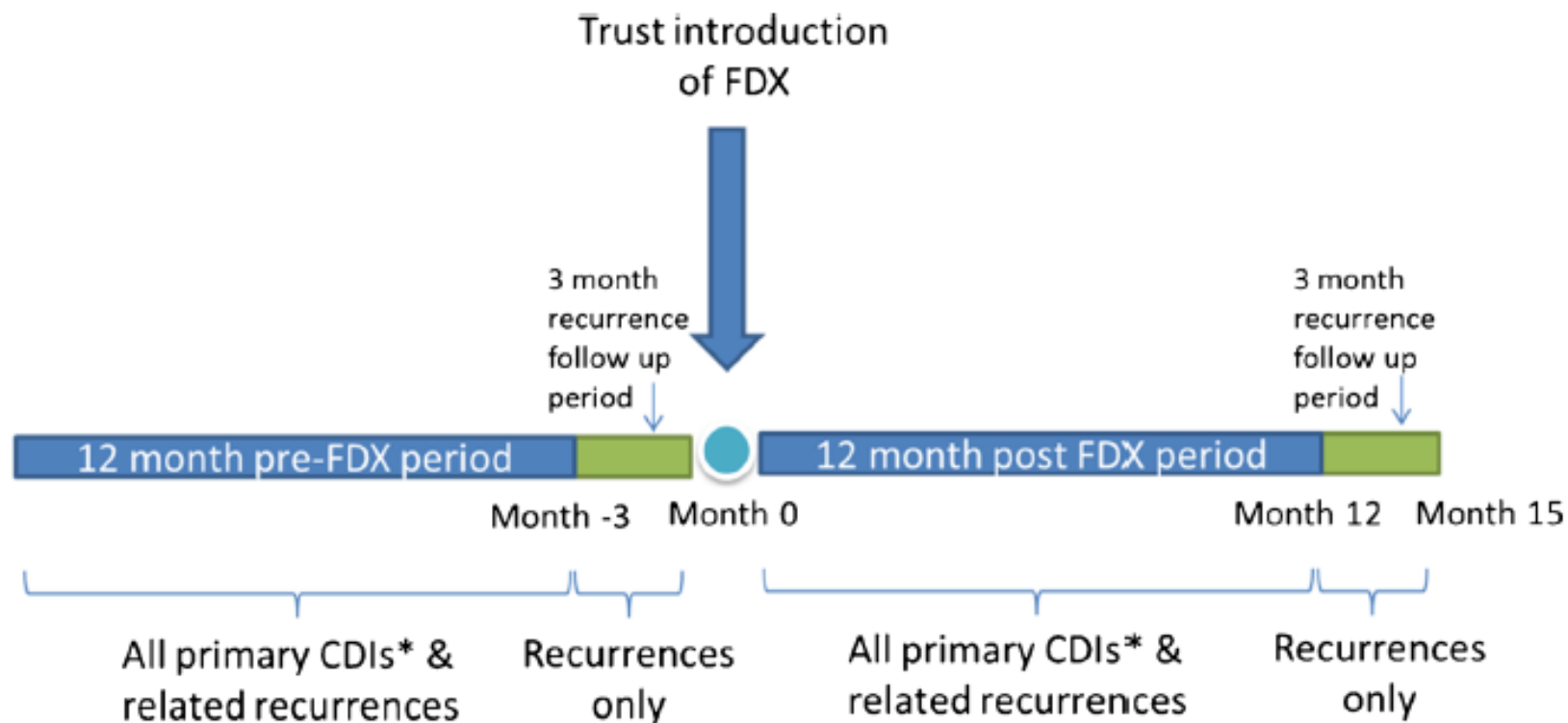
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# Study design



\*primary CDI confirmed by checking for CDIs in previous 3 months

# CDI diagnosis and fidaxomicin use policies

## Diagnosis

- **Two-step**

- GDH EIA->C difficile toxin EIA
- GDH EIA-> C difficile cytotoxin assay
- And repeat >24h later if GDH+/Cdt-

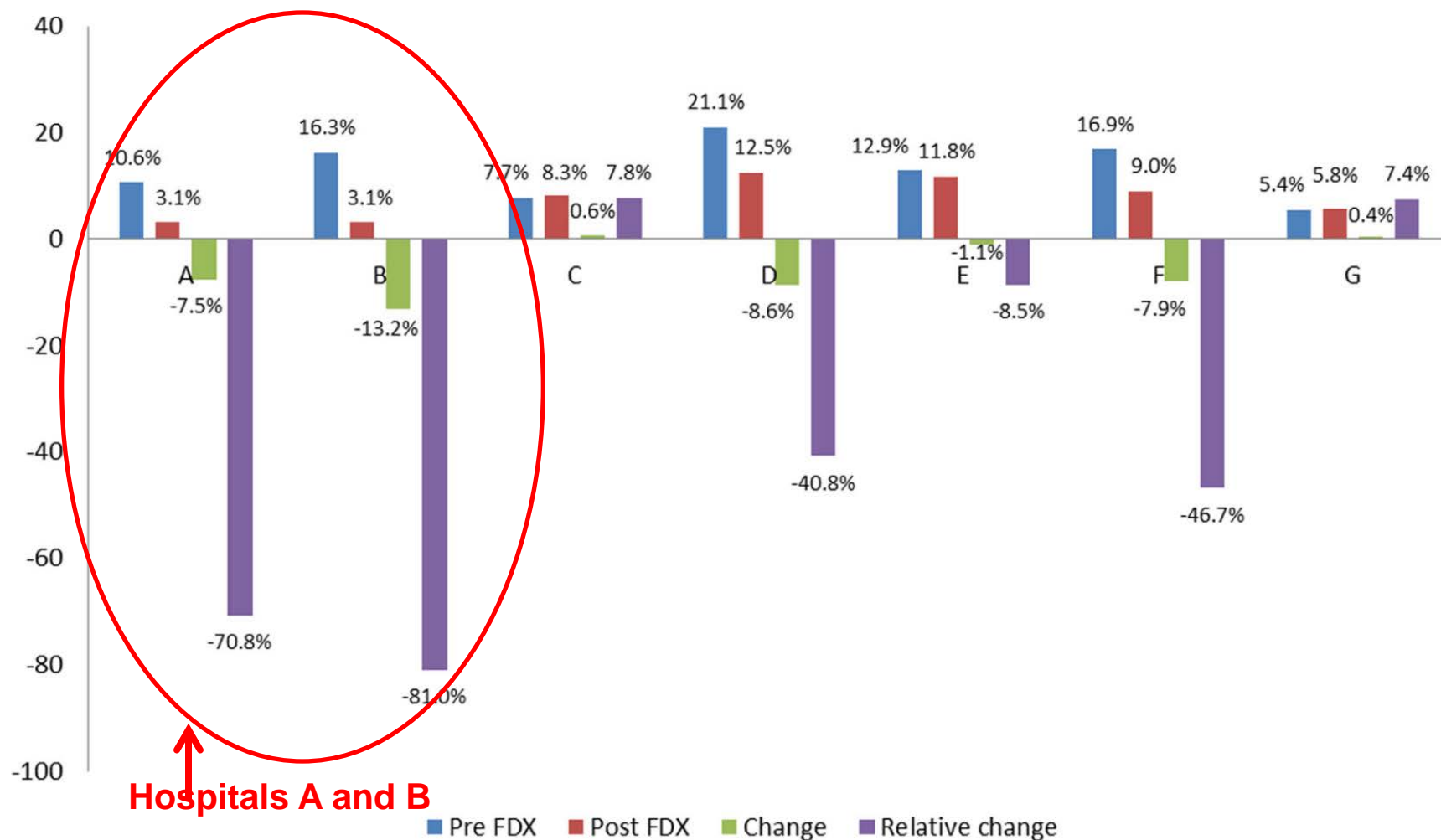
- **Three-step**

- GDH EIA-> C difficile toxin EIA , ->toxin PCR if GDH+/Cdt-

## Fidaxomicin treatment (Hospital)

- first line in all episodes (A,B)
- Recurrences and selected primary episodes (C)
- First line for recurrences only (D)
- All lab-confirmed CDI episodes unless patient already recovered, discharged or relative contraindications (E)
- All CDI cases >75 years old, <75 if relapse, co-morbidities, concurrent antibiotics (F)
- Recurrences and primary episodes if considered high risk for recurrence (G)

# CDI recurrence rates in the pre- and post- fidaxomcin periods



Hospitals A and B

# Fidaxomicin and 28-day mortality

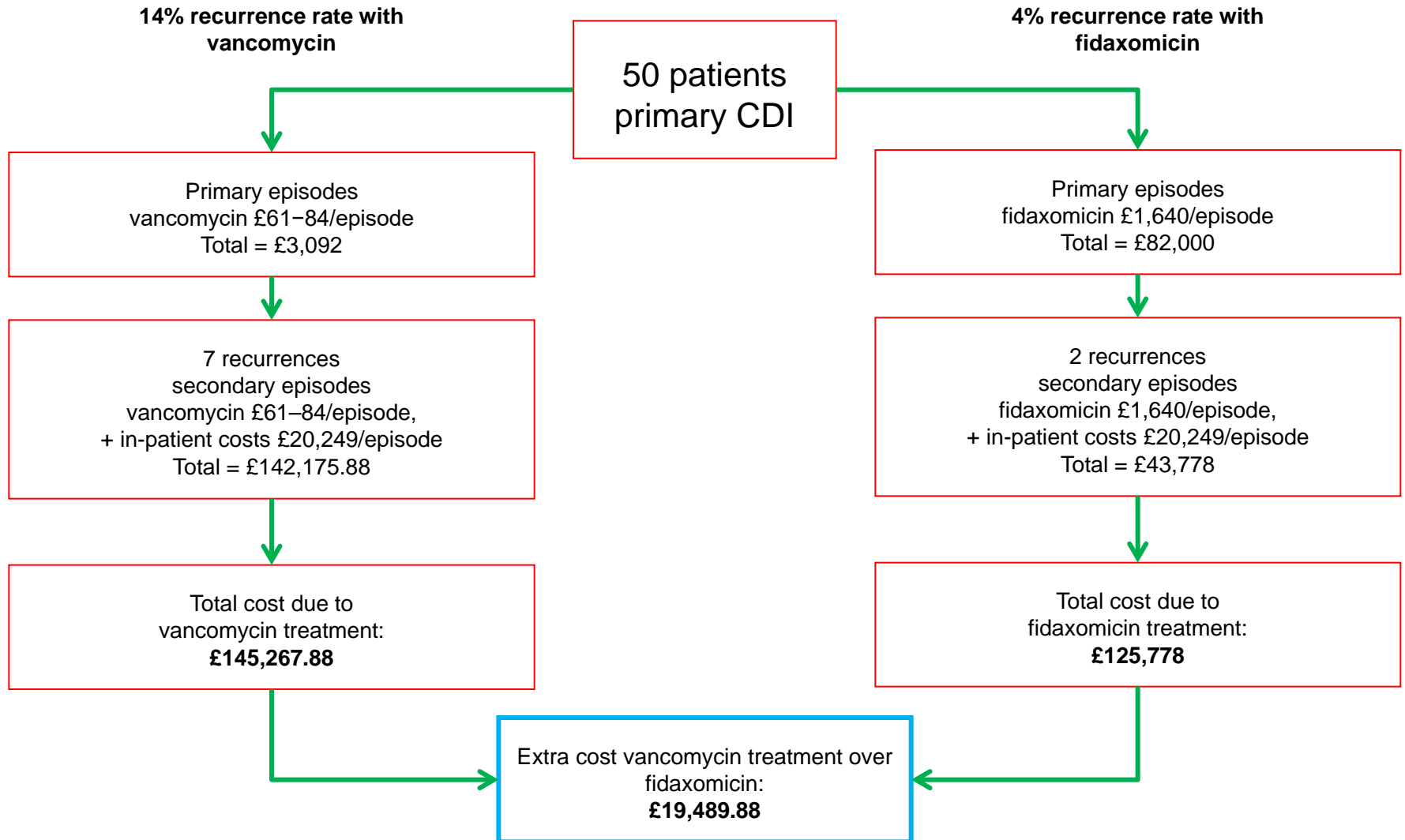
- Centres A and B: fidaxomicin used for all primary episodes of CDI , D: first line for recurrences only

Centre	Pre-FDX 28-day mortality (%)	Post-FDX 28-day mortality (%)	P-value
A	18.2	3.1	<0.05
B	17.3	6.3	<0.05
C	20.8	16.7	
D	28.6	9.1	<0.05
E	22.9	20.0	
F	14.6	22.5	
G	30.4	18.8	

# Summary of local service evaluation

- Variation between centres in diagnosis of CDI
- Wide variation in use of fidaxomicin
- Greatest relative reduction in two centres where fidaxomicin used first line in all CDI patients
- Significant reduction in 28-day all-cause mortality in both centres using fidaxomicin first line in all episodes (but also centre D)

# Cost comparison: fidaxomicin vs vancomycin



# Conclusions

- CDI numbers in England have fallen from a peak in 2007 but further reduction has stalled
- Good quality RCT evidence shows non-inferiority of fidaxomicin versus vancomycin for treatment of primary CDI episodes, and significant superiority for prevention of recurrence
- Local service evaluation results indicate the real-world potential for fidaxomicin to deliver better care by improving outcomes in this vulnerable group of patients
- Fidaxomicin can be a cost-effective treatment option when used first-line in a real-world setting