

Family integrated care - the general paediatrician's perspective

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Family integrated care in the paediatric practice - what's the evidence?

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no research/studies so far published

but core principle of FiCare of an active parental role in the care of their infant is always present in the outpatient setting

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A quick recap of paediatric outpatient care:

- regular visits in the paediatric practice with 1, 2, 4, 6, 9 months, then with 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14 years (all voluntary)
- school medical examination with 6, 10, 14 years (compulsory)
- for very preterm infants: SSN-recommended developmental follow-up with 1.5-2 years and 5-6 years, offered by tertiary neonatal centres

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A quick recap of public support services, offered by the canton for all communities and all children:

- Mütter-Väter-Beratung for general care advice (until 5 years)
- early intervention services/Heilpädagogische Früherziehung and speech therapy (until 5 years)
- with start of compulsory Kindergarten, school-based/-associated services: school social work, school psychologist, speech therapy, psychomotor therapy
- → waiting times occur (of variable duration)

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A quick recap of specialist services covered by public health insurance or Invalidenversicherung:

- physiotherapy, occupational therapy etc.:
 - → waiting times usually 1-3 months
- medical specialist services (respiratory, neuro, gastro etc.): usually based in children's hospitals, more or less multidisciplinary:
 - → waiting times usually 1-6 months
- psychiatric services, usually one psychiatric hospital per region and a number of outpatient psychologists:
 - → waiting times up to 12 months (in other cantons even longer)

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Ongoing support and network:

- reasonable support network in the first 5-6 years
- also later for school-related issues
- for health issues that emerge later in childhood and adolescence, the network is less well structured and mainly to be organised by the family themselves, supported by their paediatrician or GP as their 'anchor' in the health system
- a strong relationship between child/parents and their doctor becomes even more relevant

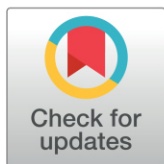
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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Gestational age at birth and body size from infancy through adolescence: An individual participant data meta-analysis on 253,810 singletons in 16 birth cohort studies

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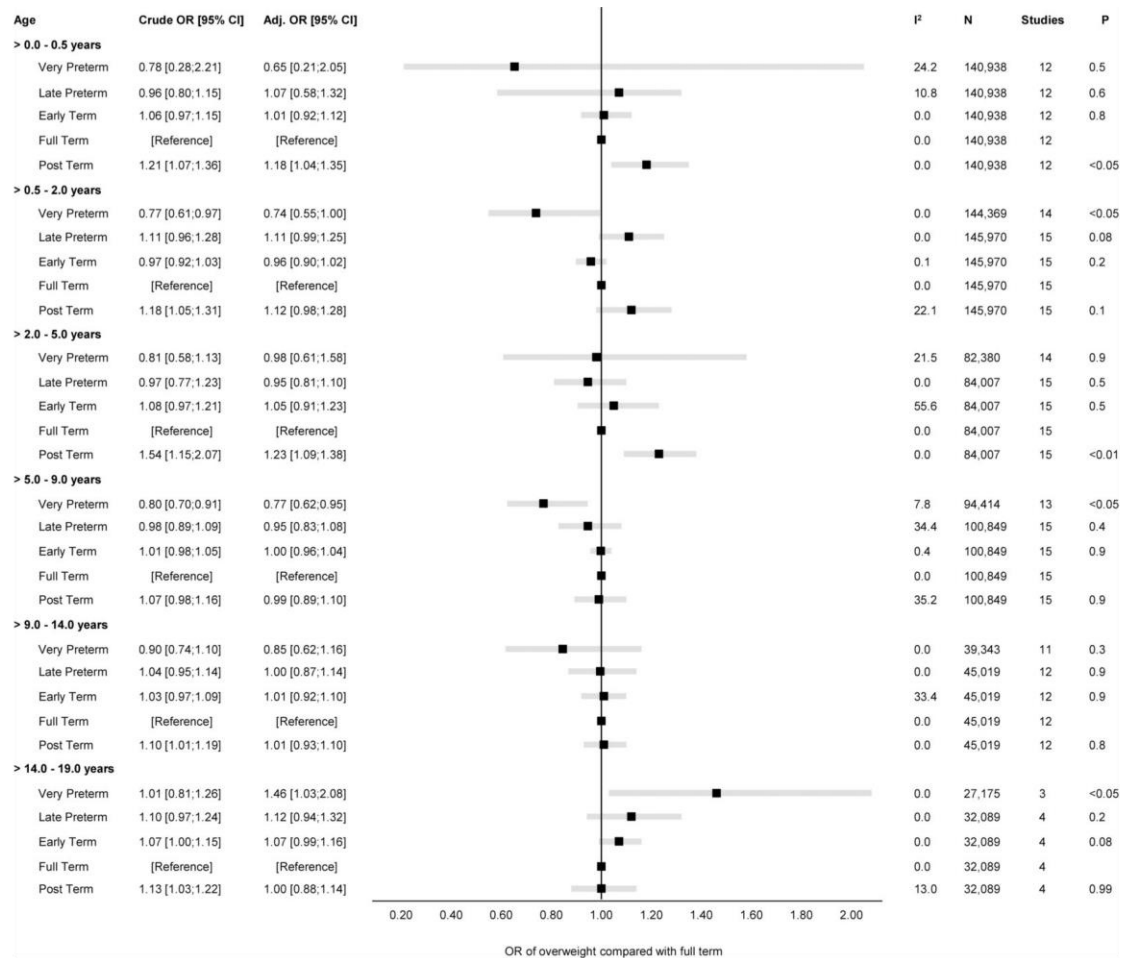


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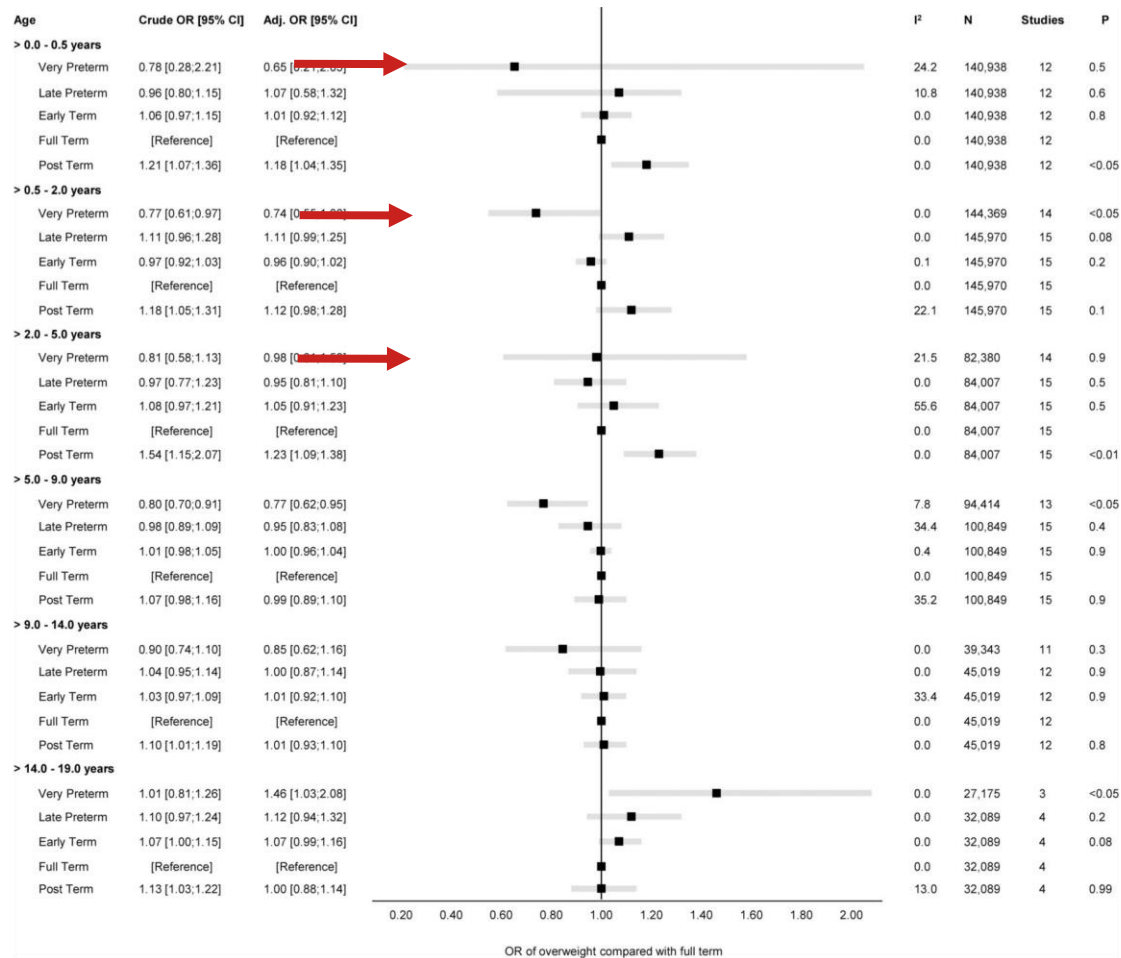


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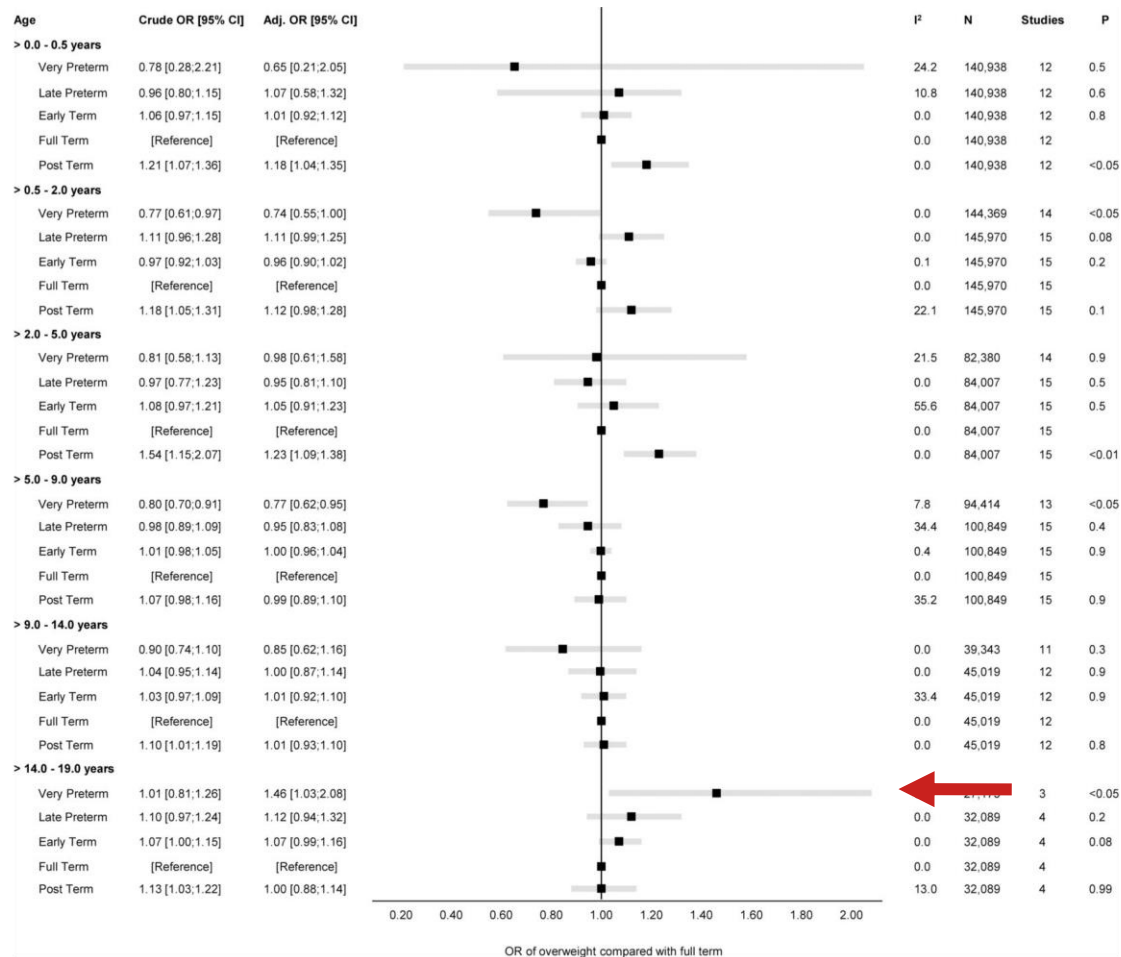


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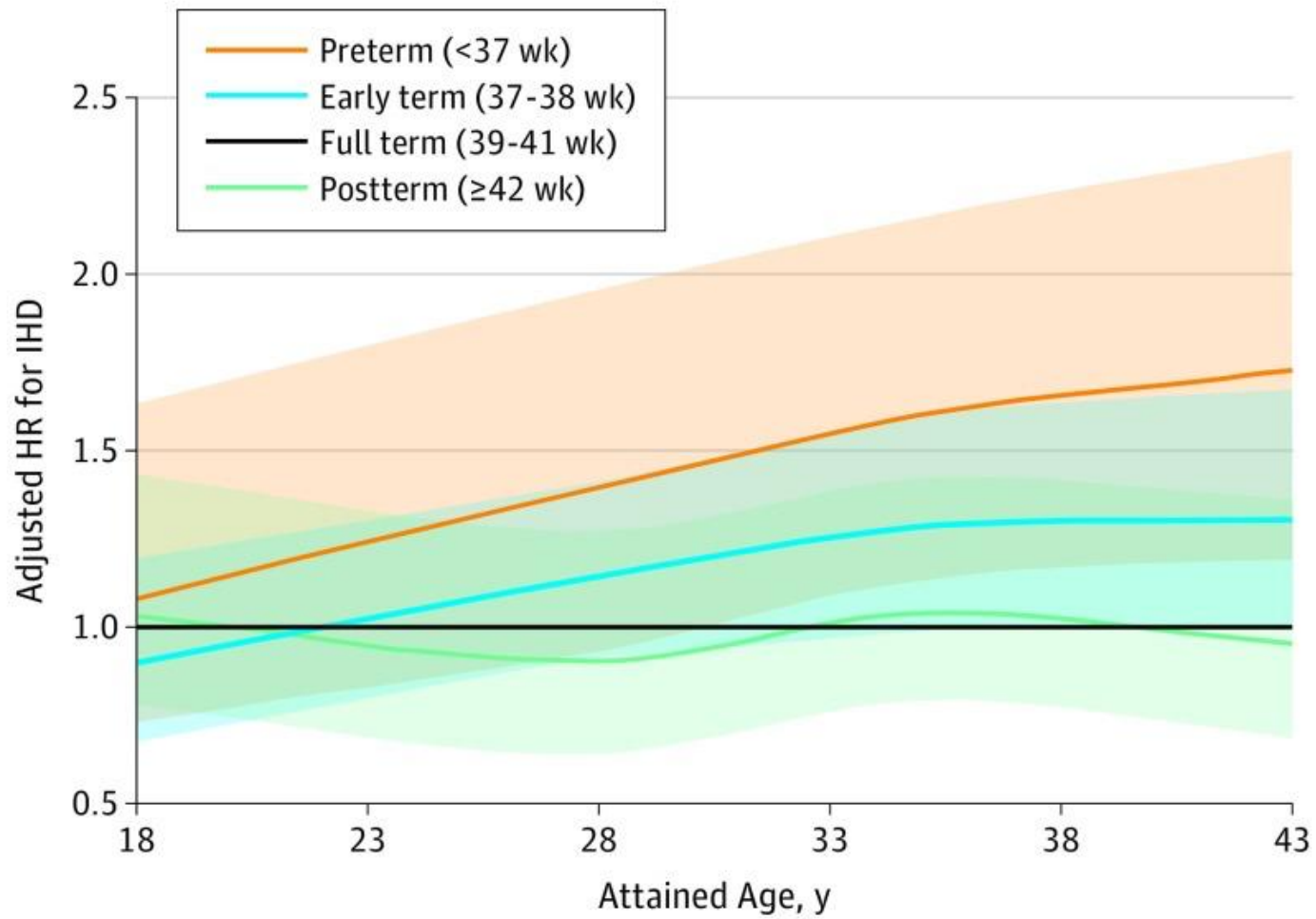
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Association of Preterm Birth With Risk of Ischemic Heart Disease in Adulthood

Crump et al. JAMA Pediatrics 2019

- population-based cohort study
- 2141709 persons born as singleton live births in Sweden during 1973 to 1994
- Ischemic heart disease that was identified from nationwide inpatient and outpatient diagnoses through 2015

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Paediatric lung disease

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Effect of preterm birth on later FEV₁: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Thorax 2013: systematic review of 59 studies reporting FEV₁, with or without a term-born control group, in later life for preterm-born subjects (<37 weeks gestation)

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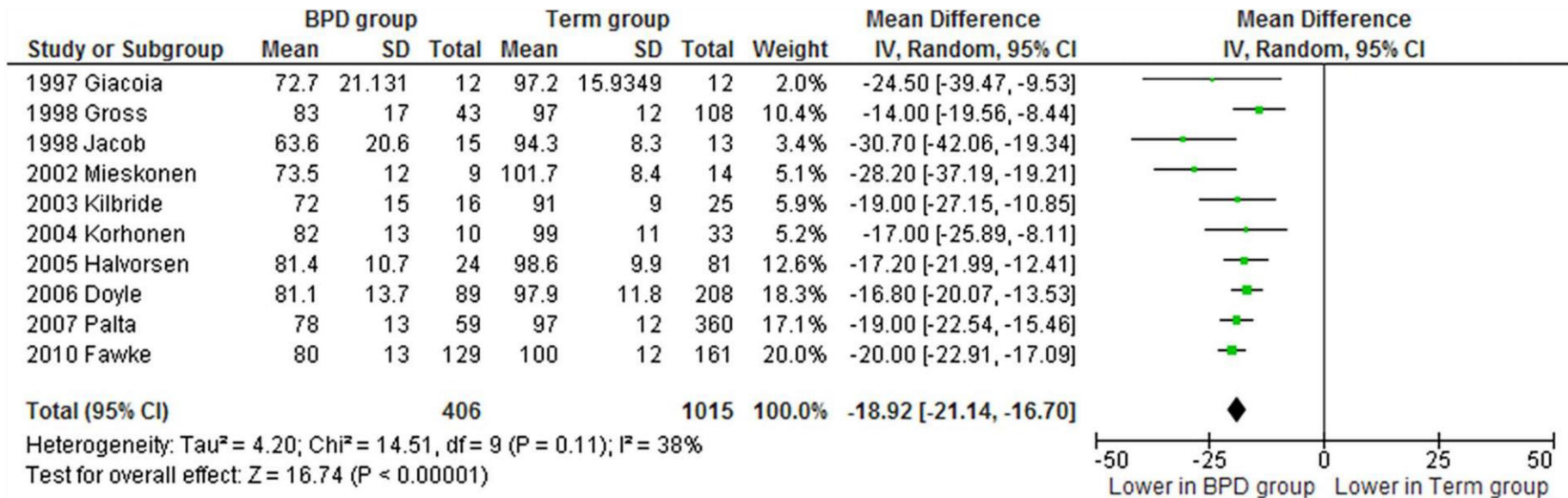


Figure 4 Percentage predicted forced expiratory volume in 1 s (%FEV₁) of the bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD) group (supplemental oxygen dependency 36 weeks postmenstrual age) compared with term control group.

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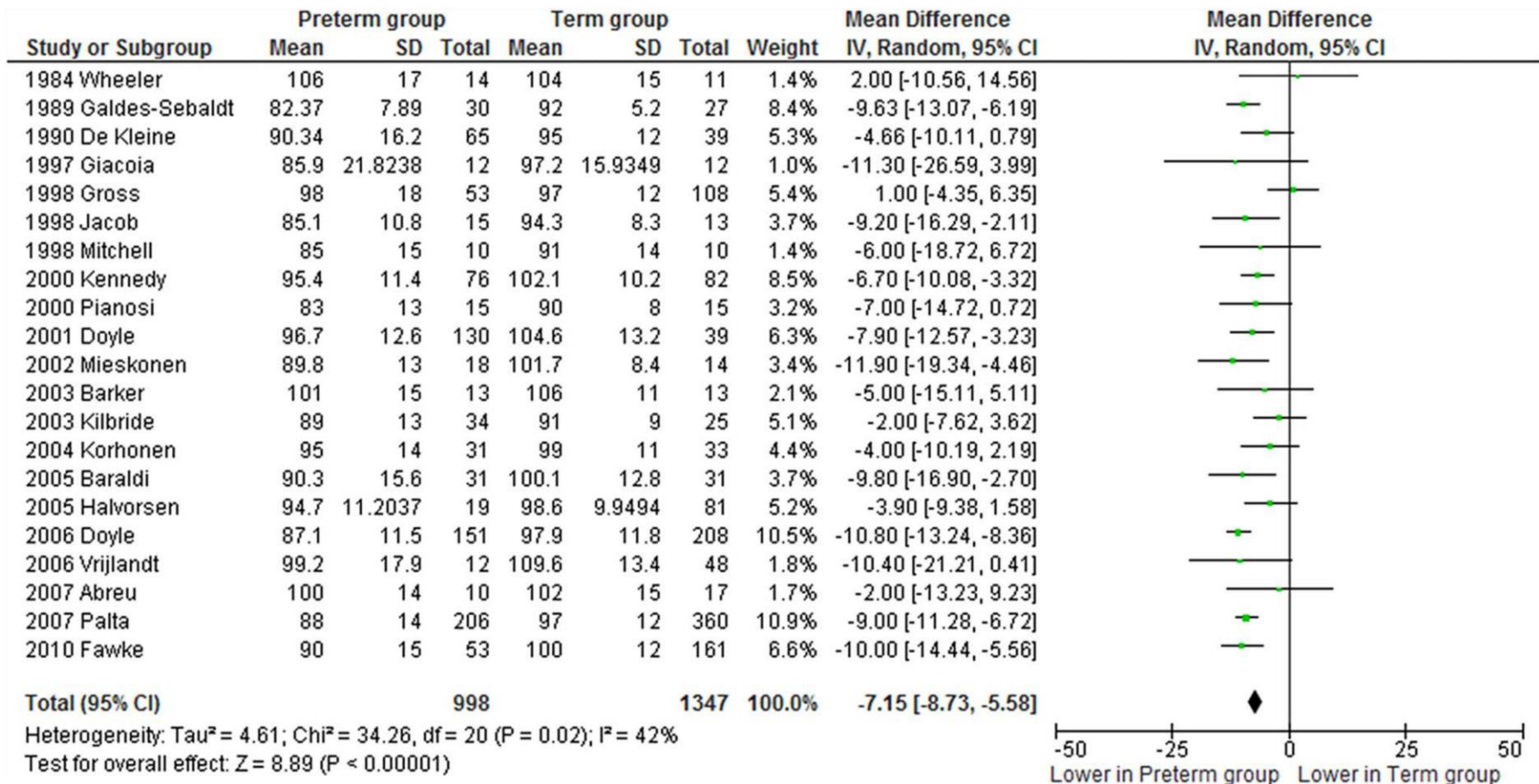


Figure 2 Percentage predicted forced expiratory volume in 1 s (%FEV₁) of the premature group (no bronchopulmonary dysplasia, BPD) compared with term control group.

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Lung Function of Preterm Children Parsed by a Polygenic Risk Score for Adult COPD

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Table 1. Characteristics until Discharge from the Hospital.*

Characteristic	COPD Polygenic Risk Score Decile		
	1 (n=195)	2–9 (n=1567)	10 (n=195)
At birth			
Gestational age — week completed	28.0 (25.9–29.6)	28.1 (26.6–29.7)	28.3 (26.4–29.4)
Birth weight — g	990 (780–1265)	985 (790–1240)	1030 (715–1230)
Male sex	99 (50.8)	792 (50.5)	102 (52.3)
Multiple birth	71 (36.4)	599 (38.2)	75 (38.5)
Small for gestational age	23 (11.8)	228 (14.6)	27 (13.8)
Antenatal glucocorticoids	184 (94.4)	1459 (93.1)	180 (92.3)
Maternal smoking during pregnancy	17 (8.7)	165 (10.5)	25 (12.8)
Maternal or paternal asthma	15 (7.7)	159 (10.2)	28 (14.4)
At discharge			
Mechanical ventilation within the first 72 hours of life	93 (47.7)	747 (47.7)	83 (42.6)
Bronchopulmonary dysplasia	29 (14.4)	248 (15.8)	31 (15.9)
Pneumothorax	9 (4.1)	87 (5.6)	3 (1.5)
Intraventricular hemorrhage	29 (14.9)	249 (15.9)	29 (14.9)
Sepsis with positive blood culture	24 (12.3)	208 (13.3)	26 (13.3)
Breastfeeding	166 (85.1)	1303 (83.2)	157 (80.5)

* Data are presented as median (interquartile range) or no. (%), unless otherwise noted. COPD denotes chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

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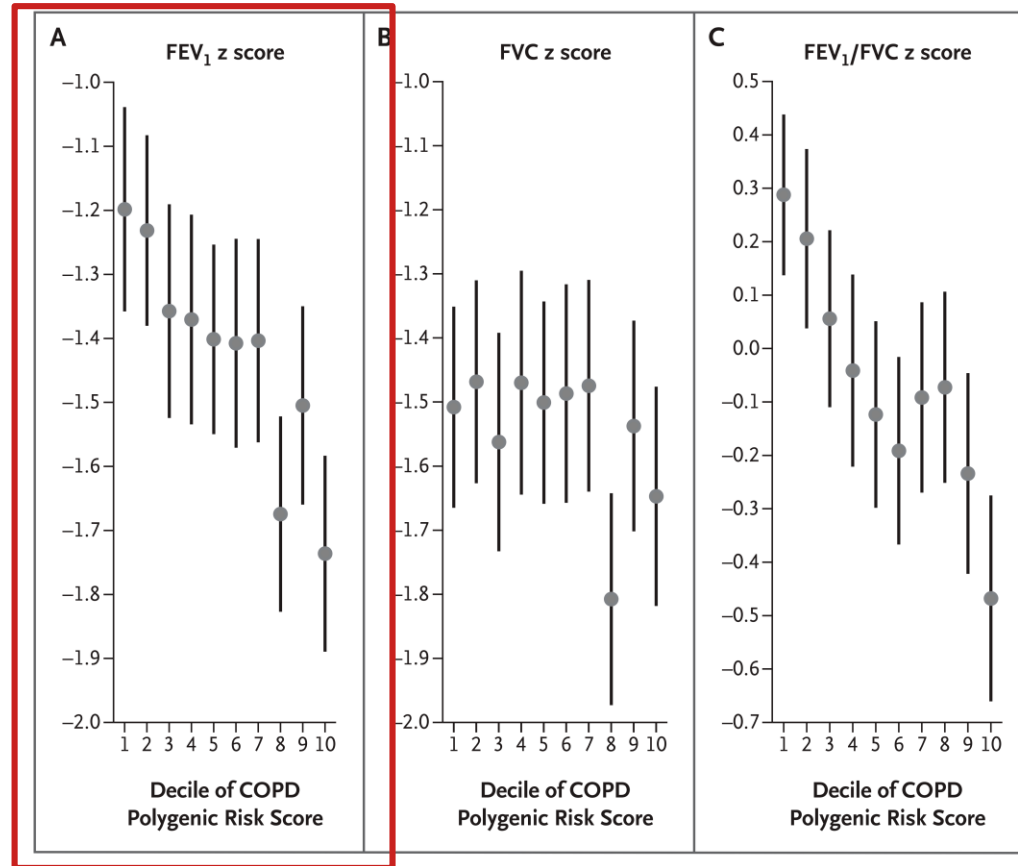


Figure 1. COPD Polygenic Risk Score Decile and Spirometry Z Scores.

Forced expiratory volume within 1 second (FEV₁) z score is shown in Panel A. Forced vital capacity (FVC) z score is shown in Panel B. FEV₁/FVC z score is shown in Panel C. Data are given as mean and 95% confidence interval of the mean. COPD denotes chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

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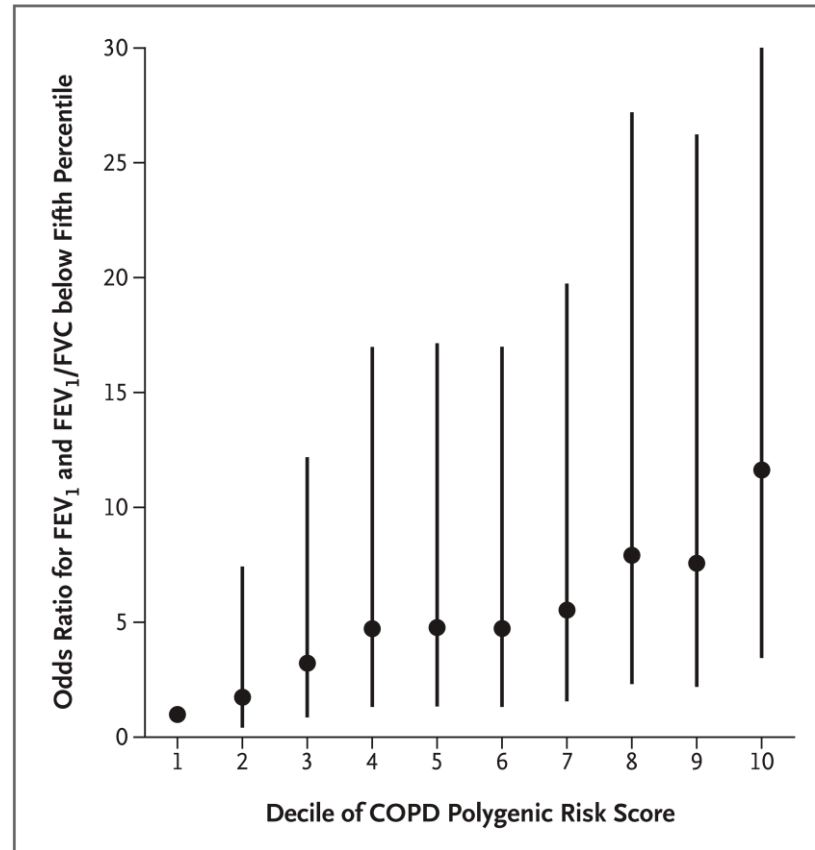


Figure 2. COPD Polygenic Risk Score Decile and Odds Ratio for FEV₁ below the Fifth Percentile and FEV₁/FVC below the Fifth Percentile.

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This is where limited capacity of paediatric services results in a serious problem:

- approx. 100 very preterm infants per year born in central Switzerland
 - waiting times for a respiratory specialist appointment 3-4 months
- 100 preterm infants requiring a minimum of one respiratory appointment per year adds 3-4 weeks of general waiting time for all infants

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Psycho-social problems:

- shyness and introversion
- anxiety
- difficulties finding peers/friends in childhood/adolescence
- difficulties in finding a partner/ romantic relationship/ having a family

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Original Investigation | Pediatrics

Association of Preterm Birth and Low Birth Weight With Romantic Partnership, Sexual Intercourse, and Parenthood in Adulthood A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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JAMA Network Open. 2019;

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IMPORTANCE Social relationships are important determinants of well-being, health, and quality of life. There are conflicting findings regarding the association between preterm birth or low birth weight and experiences of social relationships in adulthood.

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE These findings suggest that adults born preterm or with low birth weight are less likely to experience a romantic partnership, sexual intercourse, or to become parents. However, preterm birth or low birth weight does not seem to impair the quality of relationships with partners and friends. Lack of sexual or partner relationships might increase the risk of decreased well-being and poorer physical and mental health.

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Where to go from here:

- prematurity = risk for lower quality of life in some aspects
- outcome measures in early years (e.g. BISD) have limited value for relevant longterm outcomes
- the patient group of very preterm infants increases by approx. 1000 per year
- Health care workers not only in paediatrics need to be aware
- → neonatologists – please speak at paediatricians' and GP's conferences!

Despite all challenges - the outlook is bright!

