

## RISKY MOVES AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE IN NEW ZEALAND

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## A. RESEARCH CONTEXT (I)

- Majority of migrants are young & relatively healthy
- Some people may / may not move because of their health
- A migrant's health may be affected by the process
- Migrants may spread disease

#### **MIGRATION**

- **HEALTH** 
  - Gradient of health status along deprivation gradient
  - Healthy people live in less deprived locations & vice versa

**DEPRIVATION** 

- More advantaged people tend to migrate to or between less deprived, more attractive locations
- Less advantaged people tend to drift into (or be trapped in) more deprived locations

## A. RESEARCH CONTEXT (II)

- Complex health-migration inter-relationships;
- Importance of deprivation mobility/change for migration-health relationship;
- Residential mobility an important **determinant** of CVD in Auckland (Exeter et al., 2015);
- Cardiovascular disease (CVD) one of the leading causes of death globally, marked variations between ethnic groups;
- Differences in migration patterns between ethnic groups in New Zealand
- Relationship with ethnic inequalities in CVD?

### B. DATA

- Enrolment with Primary Health Organisation
- Pharmaceutical Dispensing Claims
- Hospital Discharges
- Mortality

Patient
records
anonymously
linked with
National
Health Index
(NHI)
number

n = 94-97% population

#### **VIEW Dataset**

#### Outcomes (e.g.)

- Lipid testing
- Diabetes
- Hospitalisations
- Medication dispensing

#### **Demographics**

- Age
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- NZDep06

#### Geographies

- Meshblock
- Area Unit
- Electorate
- District Health Board

### CVD and Migration Dataset

#### Eligible if...

- Aged 30-84
- Complete sociodemographic / geographic information
- No prior history of CVD

#### **Study Period**

36 calendar quarters01.01.2006-30.06.2014

### C. METHODS

### Cardiovascular Disease – Residential Mobility – Deprivation

#### **ASSOCIATIONS**

- Binary logistic regression total population & stratified by ethnic group
- Compare risk of CVD for moves with that for stayers
- Ethnic differences?
- Differences by nature of the move?

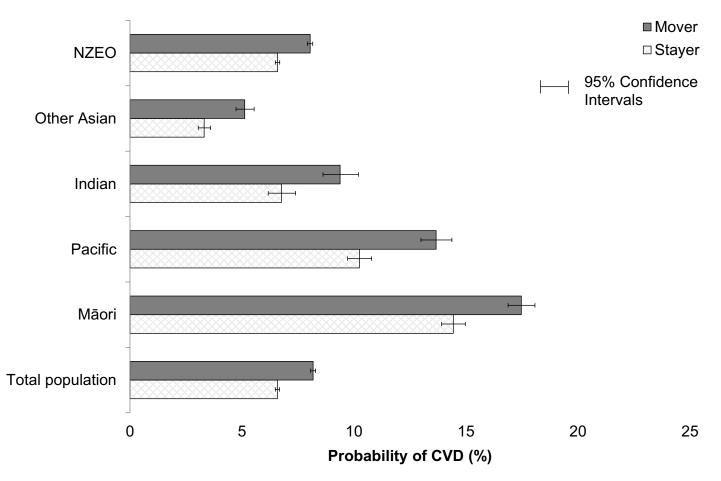
#### **EFFECTS**

- Cox proportional regression (survival analysis)— total population & stratified by ethnic group
- Compare risk of CVD for movers who
   move before first CVD event with stayers
- Ethnic differences?
- Differences by nature of the move?

#### **TRAJECTORIES**

- Trajectory analysis
- Compare CVD risk for movers according to their deprivation trajectory
- Only movers who move before first CVD event
- Ethnic differences?

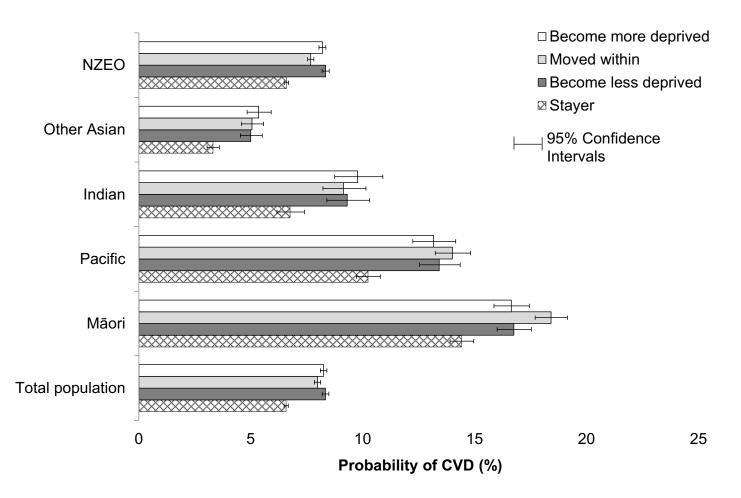
## D. ASSOCIATIONS (I)



- Movers significantly higher probability of CVD compared to stayers for all ethnic groups
- Variation between ethnic groups
- Māori and Pacific groups higher probability of CVD than total population, also true for Indian movers
- Does the nature of the move matter?

Source: Darlington-Pollock et al., 2016: 134

## D. ASSOCIATIONS (II)



- Moving within same deprivation quintile has different implications for different ethnic groups
- Māori and Pacific groups live in most deprived areas: moves within the same deprivation quintile = moves within the most deprived quintile
- Moving to a more deprived area not always associated with higher risk of CVD
- ☐ Is it the move, or is it the person?

Source: Darlington-Pollock et al., 2016: 135

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Movers significantly lower risk of CVD than stayers

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- Some variation between ethnic groups, Māori movers have the lowest risk of CVD relative to their immobile peers
- Similar risks across the other ethnic groups

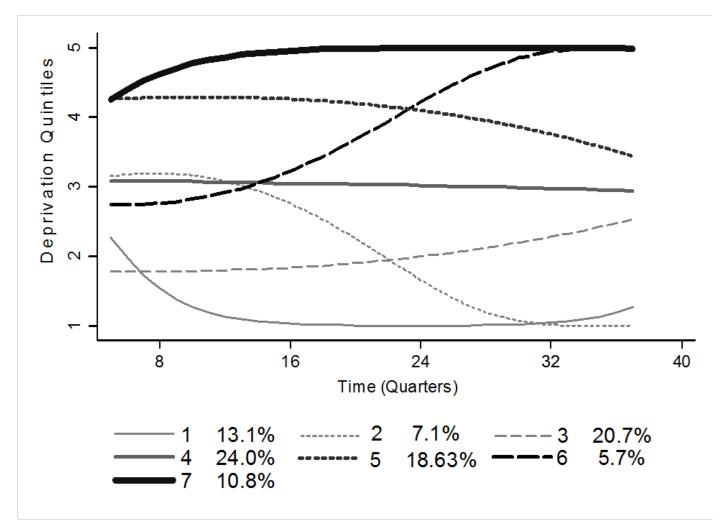
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• Some variation in the size of the HR, but Cls overlap – deprivation change does not differentiate risk of CVD for these mobile groups relative to their immobile peers

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Variation of a similar magnitude for the different ethnic groups

### F. TRAJECTORIES: PRELIMINARY RESULTS



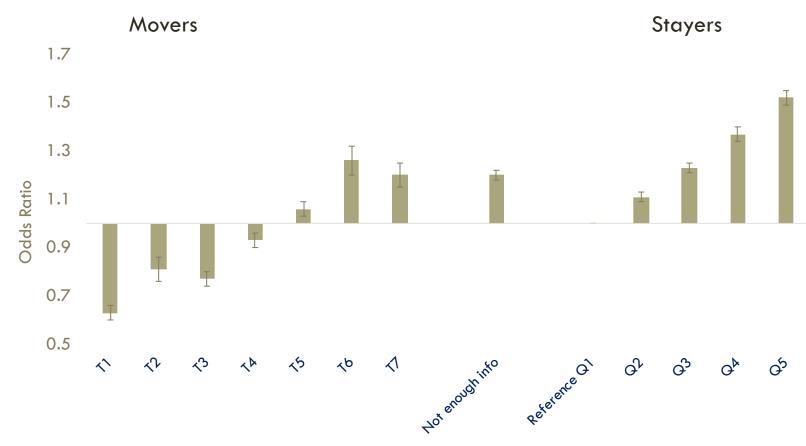
13 distinct deprivation groups:

- 7 trajectories for the movers-
  - E.g. persistent low/high deprivation, move into low / high etc...
- 5 deprivation quintiles for the "stayers" and those with fewer than 10 observations across
   34 quarters (not enough information)

#### Odds ratios for CVD event

# F. OVERALL RESULTS

- Clear deprivation gradient
- Across the deprivation spectrum, movers had a lower risk of CVD than their counterparts who remained
- Some ethnic differences found, e.g. Māori had the steepest gradient by deprivation amongst movers and stayers compared to all other ethnic groups.
- ☐ Work in progress…!



Odds ratios are in reference to the least deprived stayers Adjusted for age, age squared, gender and ethnicity

T1: Persistent low deprivation, T2: Move into low deprivation, T3: Low deprivation to mid deprivation, T4: Persistent mid deprivation, T5: High deprivation to mid deprivation, T6: Move into high deprivation, T7: Persistent high deprivation

### CONCLUSIONS

- Residential mobility associated with higher risk of CVD across different ethnic groups in New Zealand
- BUT, in reality the relationship is more complex. It is the person and the area rather than the move itself which are important
- Evidence of initial healthy migrant effect
- Unobserved compositional attributes important: Socioeconomic status? Selection effects? Migrant history in New Zealand?
- Policies should focus on area- and person-level interventions to address ethnic inequalities in CVD in NZ
- Developing research: ethnic stratification to identify further commonalities in deprivation sequences for movers
- Reasons behind the move: favourable or unfavourable?

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