

A childfocused healthcare – a challenge for Europe

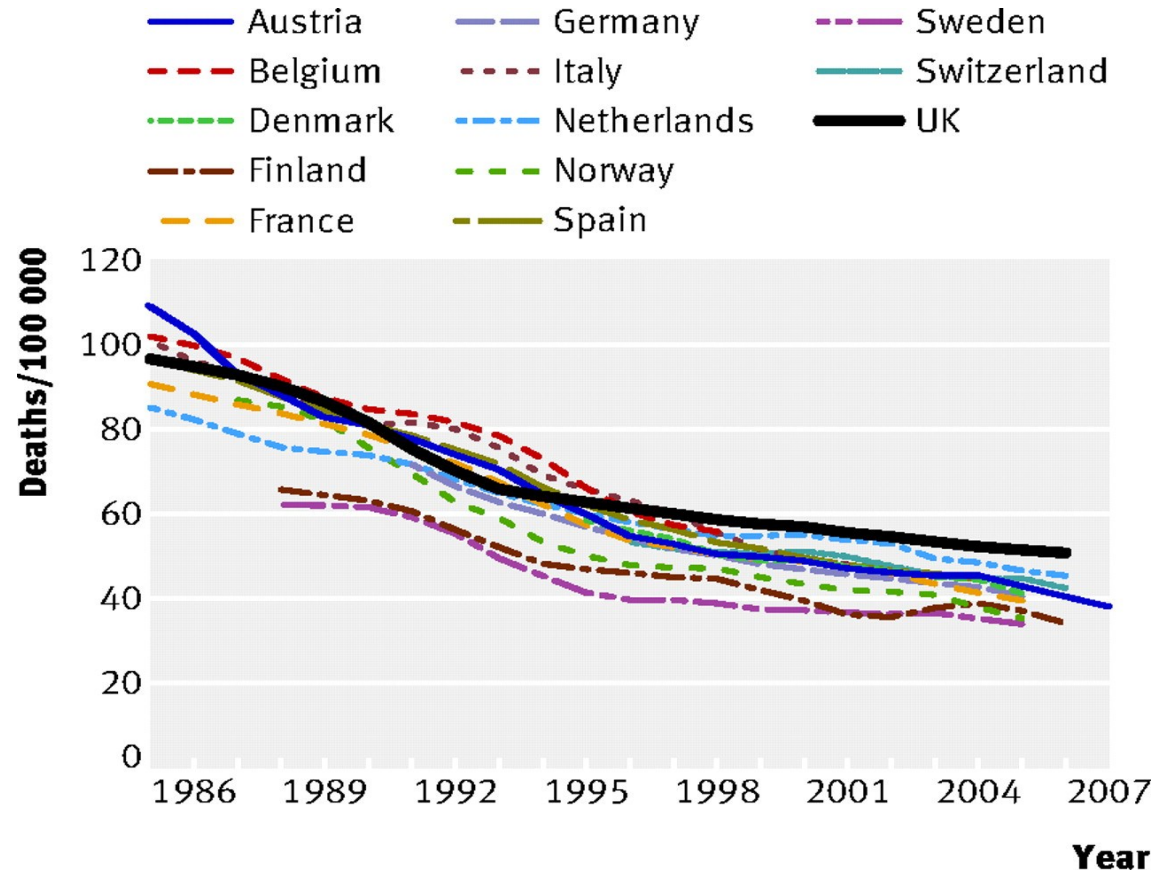
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Mortality 0-14 in European countries

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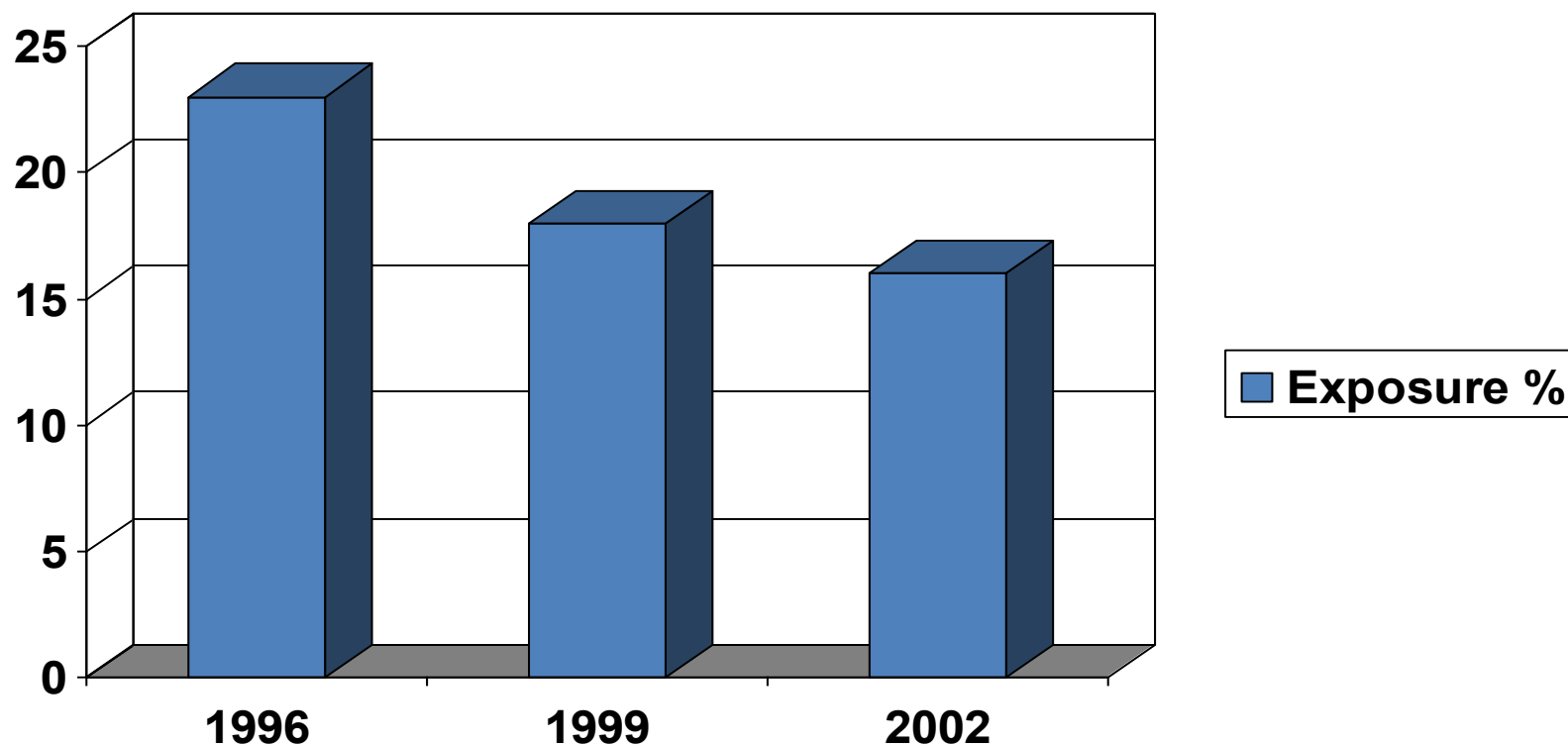
If the countries with the best results should be the norm there are about 6000 avoidable deaths per year among children 0-14 years in Europe

Lancet, March 2013, Ingrid Wolfe et al

Important factors for progress

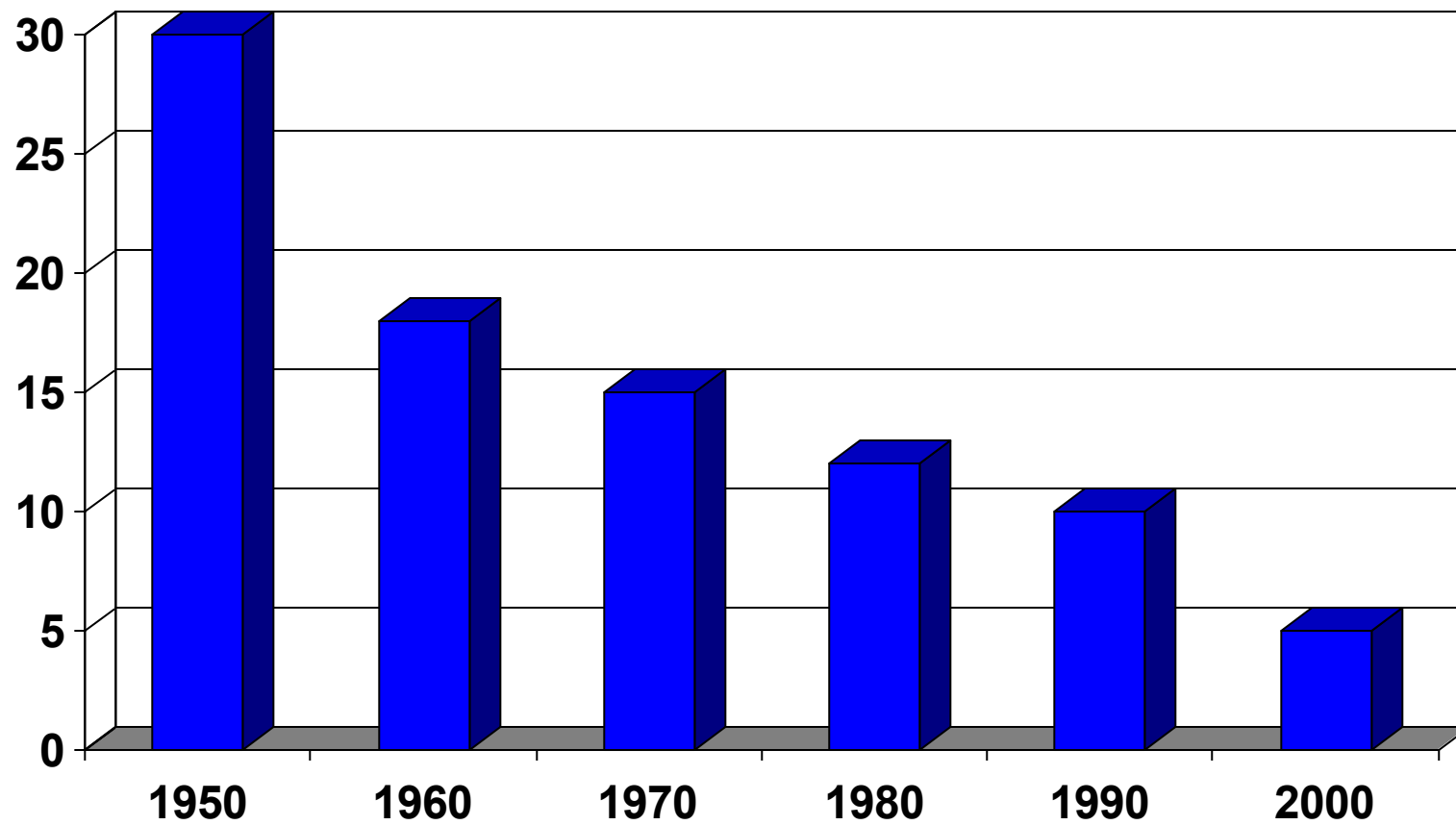
- High paediatric competence both in inpatient and outpatient care
- A preventive child- and youth health care that reaches all
- A preventive focus in all sectors of the society

Exposure for tobacco smoke at home at 8 months of age



Child injury mortality rate

Death per 100 000 children 0-14 years



Safety seats



- The first product on the market was developed in Sweden.
- At the start in the 1980s parents to newborns could borrow the seats from the Child Health Care Centres financed by the county.
- Accident prevention is included in the Child Health Care program and starts with a home visit when the child is newborn

Paediatric primary care in Europe

- A great diversity!

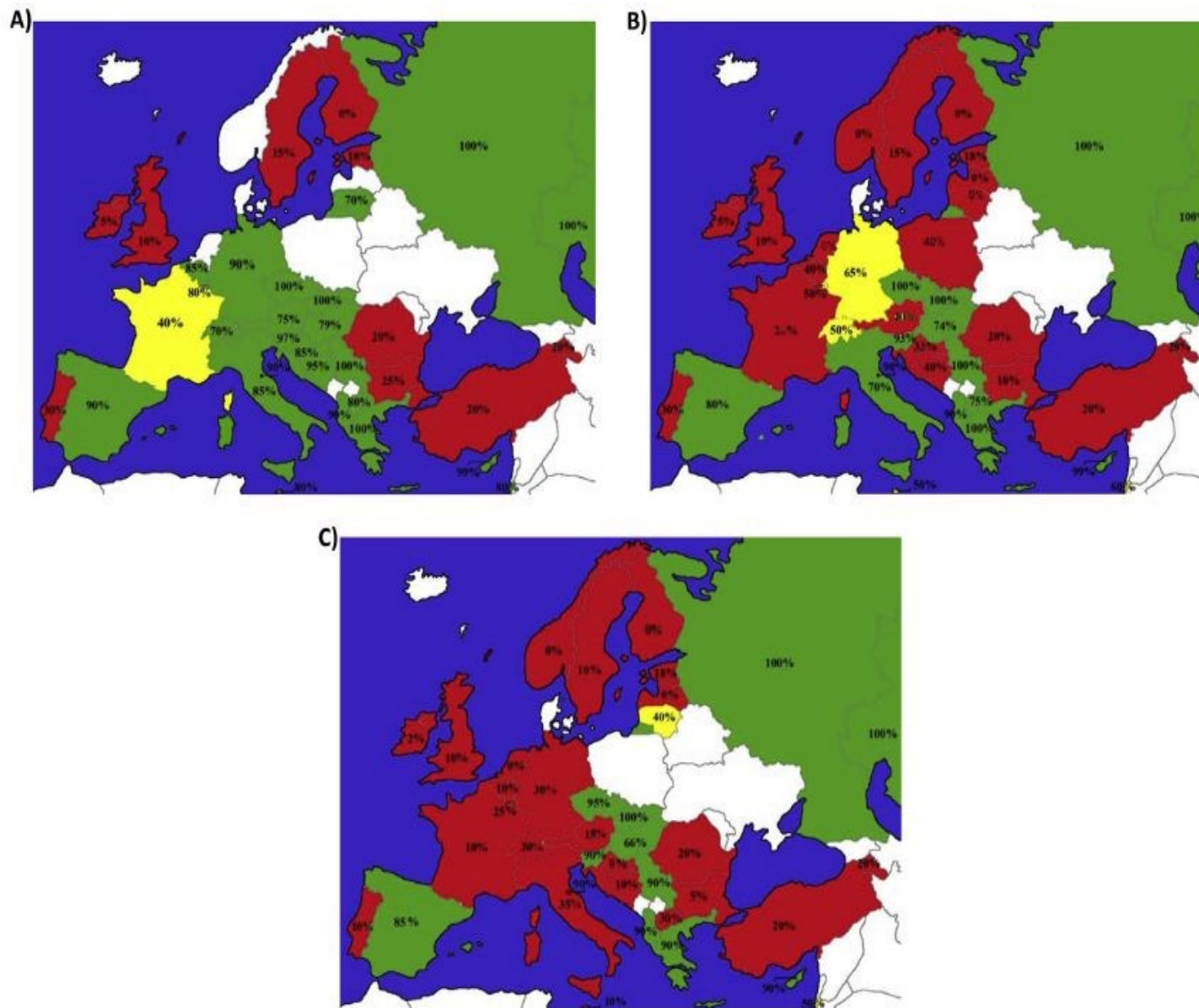


Figure 1. Proportion of children receiving first access care by pediatricians in children ages **A**, 0-5 years, **B**, 6-11 years, and **C**, 12-18 years. **Green**, countries with more than 70% of children seen by pediatricians. **Yellow**, between 30% and 70%. **Red**, less than 30%. **White**, no data available.

It depends
on age...

Diversity of Pediatric Workforce and Education in 2012 in Europe: A Need
for Unifying Concepts or Accepting Enjoyable Differences?

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How can we learn from each other?

- Do not focus on organizations, look at the processes
- Study the pathways
- Analyse the background when not doing so well
- See every missed child as a failure

How can we meet the needs of children at the community level?

- Keep the aim of highest possible paediatric quality close to the child's environment
- There can be a value of merging to group practises at least in urban areas and work in teams with other professions
- Secure close cooperation with relevant sectors within the community,
 - Preschools, schools
 - Social welfare units
 - The care for handicapped children
 - Mental health care

How can we meet the needs of children at the community level?

- Secure close cooperation with the paediatric departments and the children's hospitals. Use the possibilities of the internet and gather round the child in stead of referring the child in different directions.

EAP statement, Lancet May 2015

- Children have the right to access the highest possible standards of health-care services and facilities, both in primary health care and when they need specialised care.

EAP statement, Lancet May 2015

...well organized paediatric primary care system and
special knowledgde, ethics and empathic
behaviour of the paediatric healthcare provider
is needed

*..any restriction of provision of appropriate care
would contradict article 24 of the UN Convention on
the Rights of the child*

EAP statement, Lancet May 2015

- *A structured and accountable paediatric training programme is strongly advocated for all doctors providing first-line care to children in primary care and where and when possible, it is recommended that paediatricians should be providers of paediatric primary care.*
- *When family doctors provide primary health care, a close collaboration is encouraged with paediatricians and adequate continued training in both paediatrics and primary care.*
- *All children need timely access to paediatric advice, which should be available in the community and link to specialised care in hospitals.*

You have a golden egg because the
PCPs are already there!



Do not crack the egg by
reorganisation, invest in it and
develop it further.....



..and it will end up in a full blooded
rooster...



...to guard and take care of...



..all the needs of the child!