

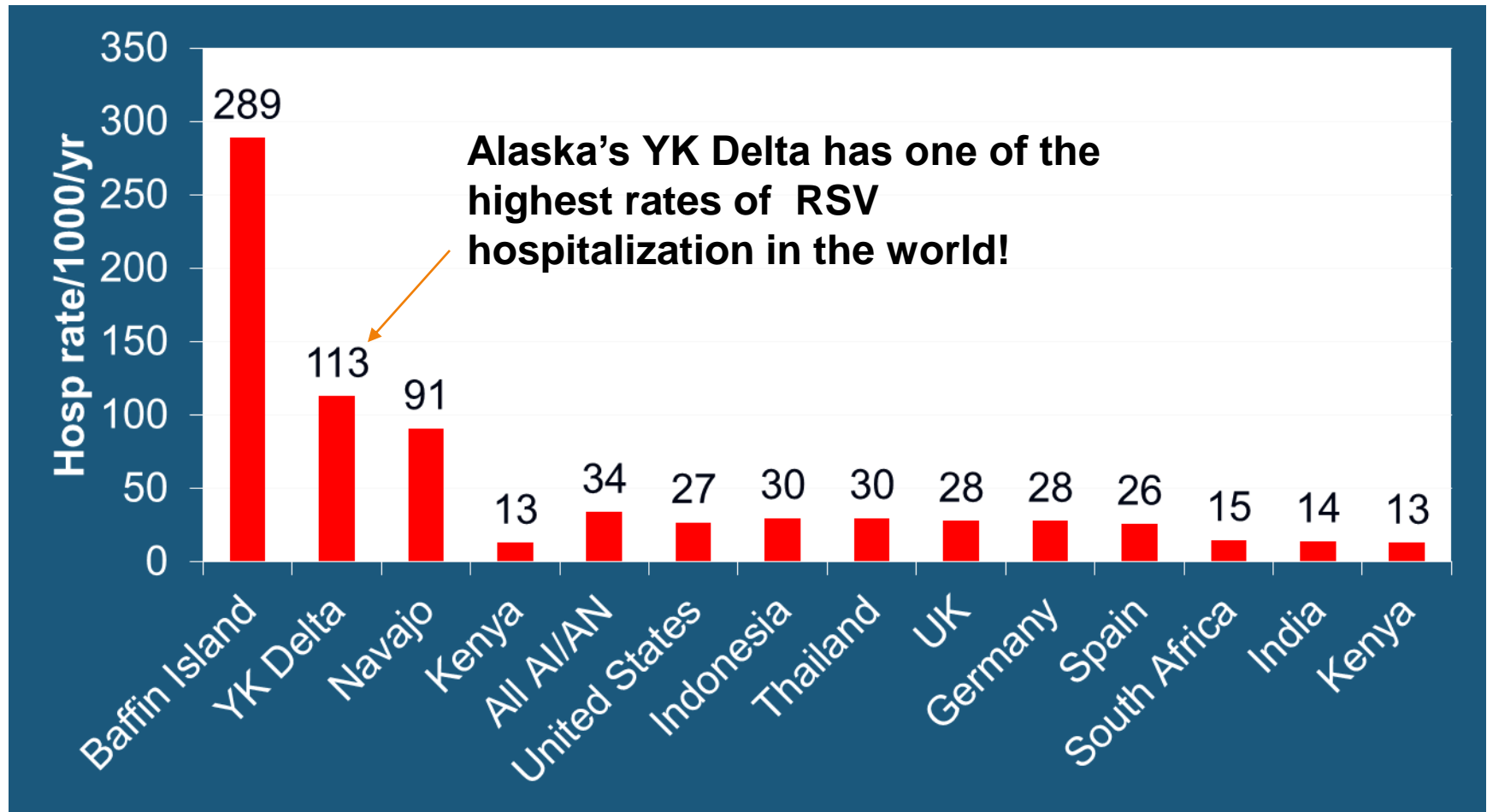
# BRONCHIECTASIS: PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT

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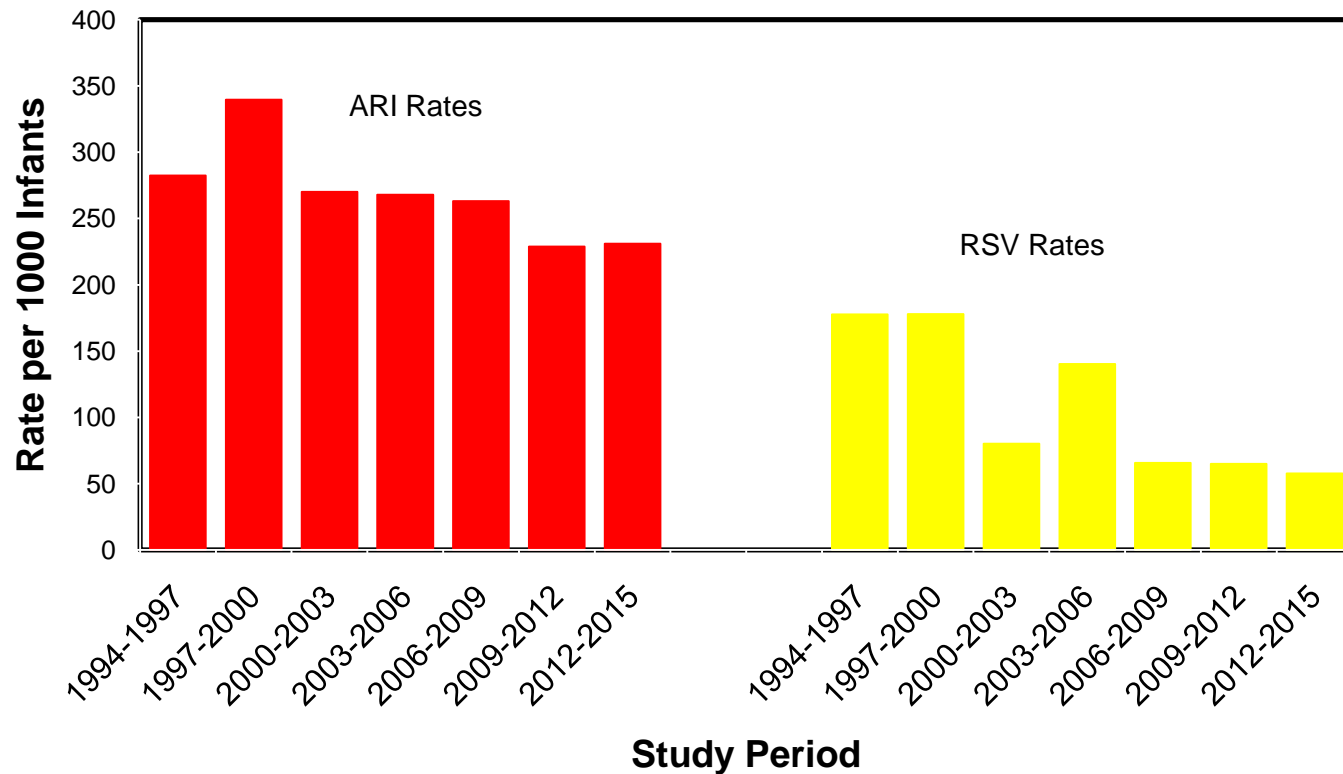
# Problem: High rates of Lung Disease

**Global RSV Estimates:** Rate of Severe or Hospitalized RSV/1000 infants/year

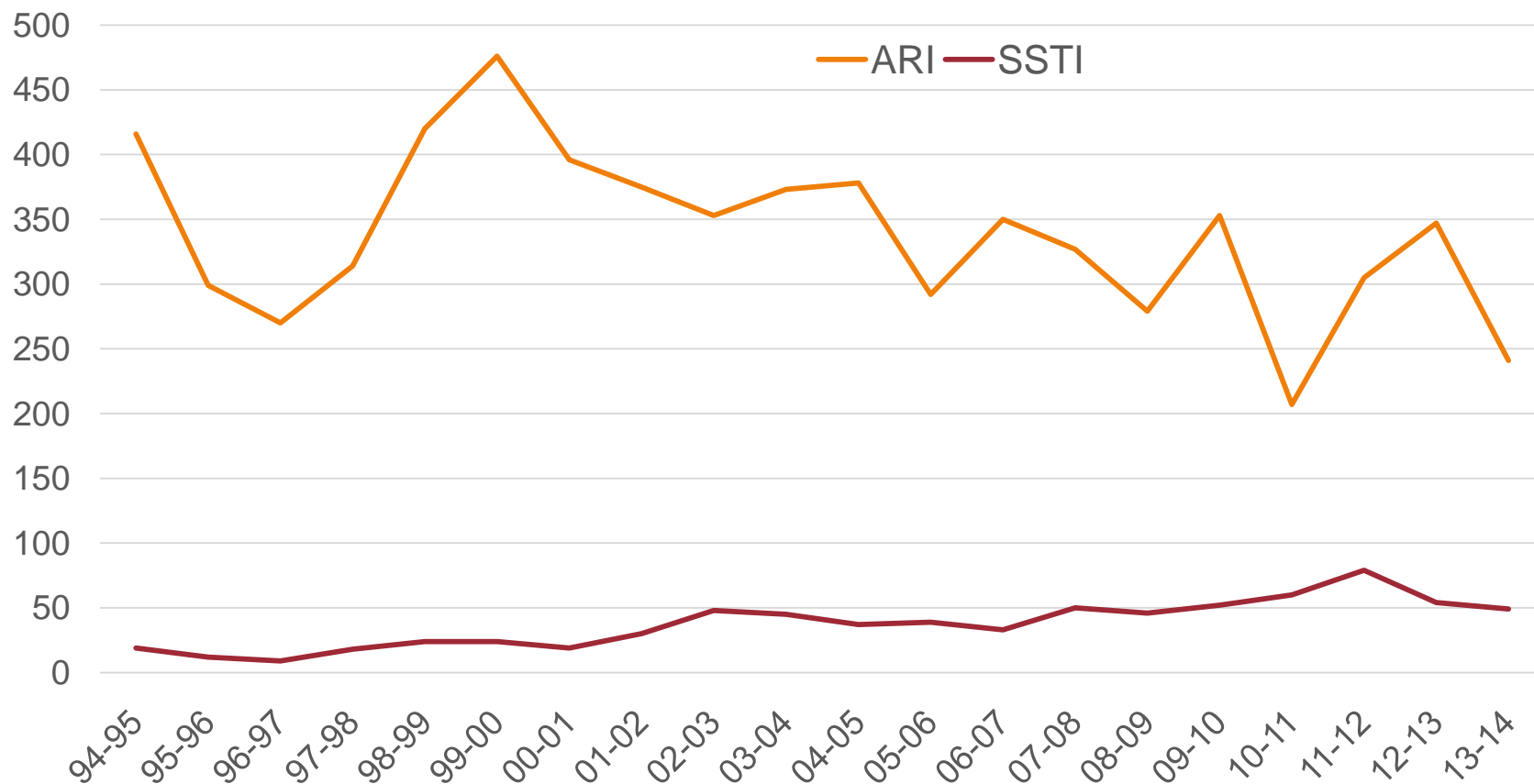


*Nair H et al. Global burden of RSV...Lancet 2010;375:1545-55; Banerji. PIDJ 2009.*

# RSV Hospitalization Rates in the YK Delta, Alaska

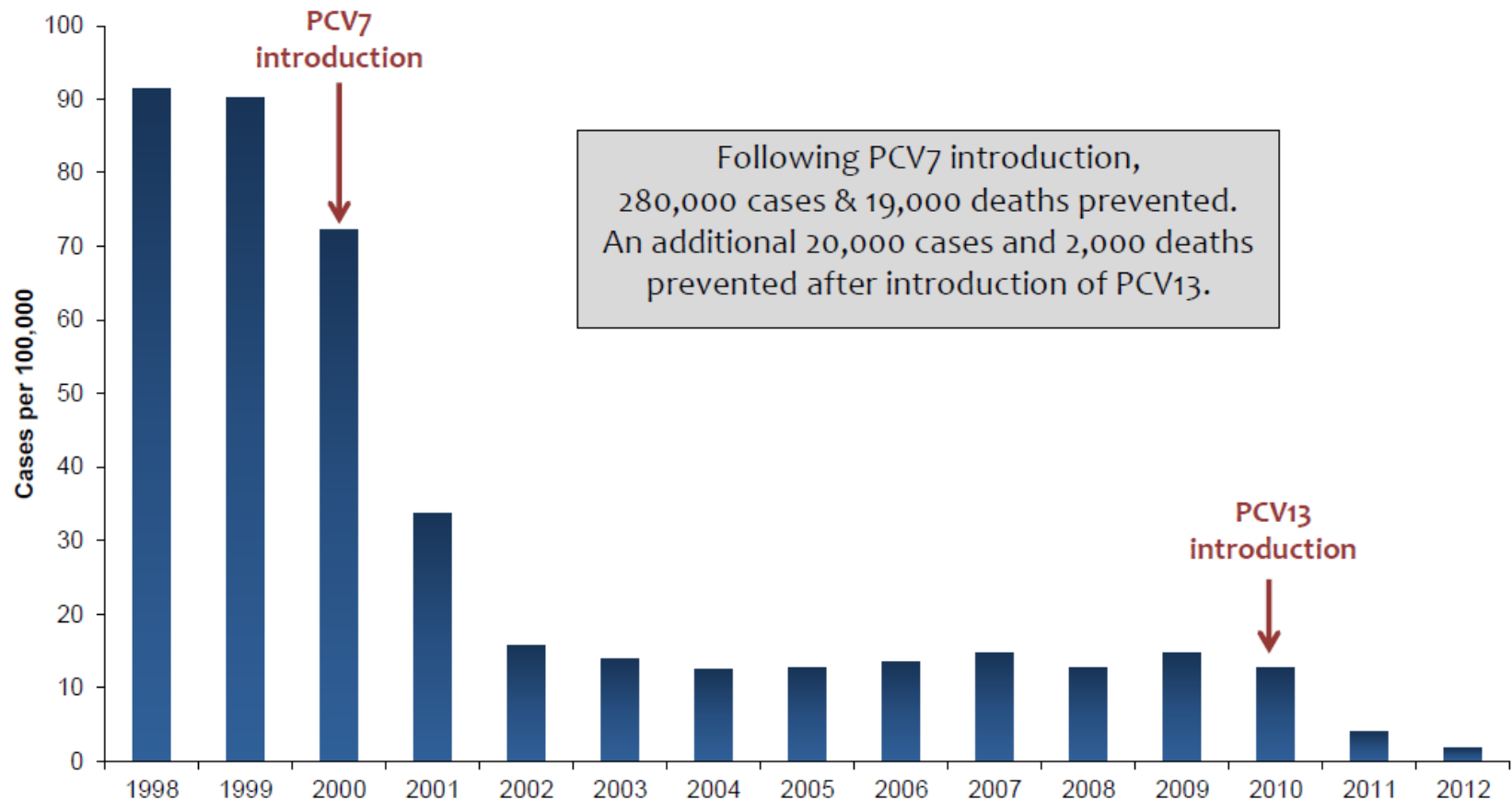


# ARI and SSTI Hospitalizations, YK children < 3 yrs, 1994-2014



ARI= Acute Respiratory Infection. SSTI = Skin and Soft Tissue Infection

# Impact of PCV, Invasive pneumococcal disease, children <5 yr, 1998-2012



# Risk Factors for LRTI and RSV Hospitalizations, Alaska Native children

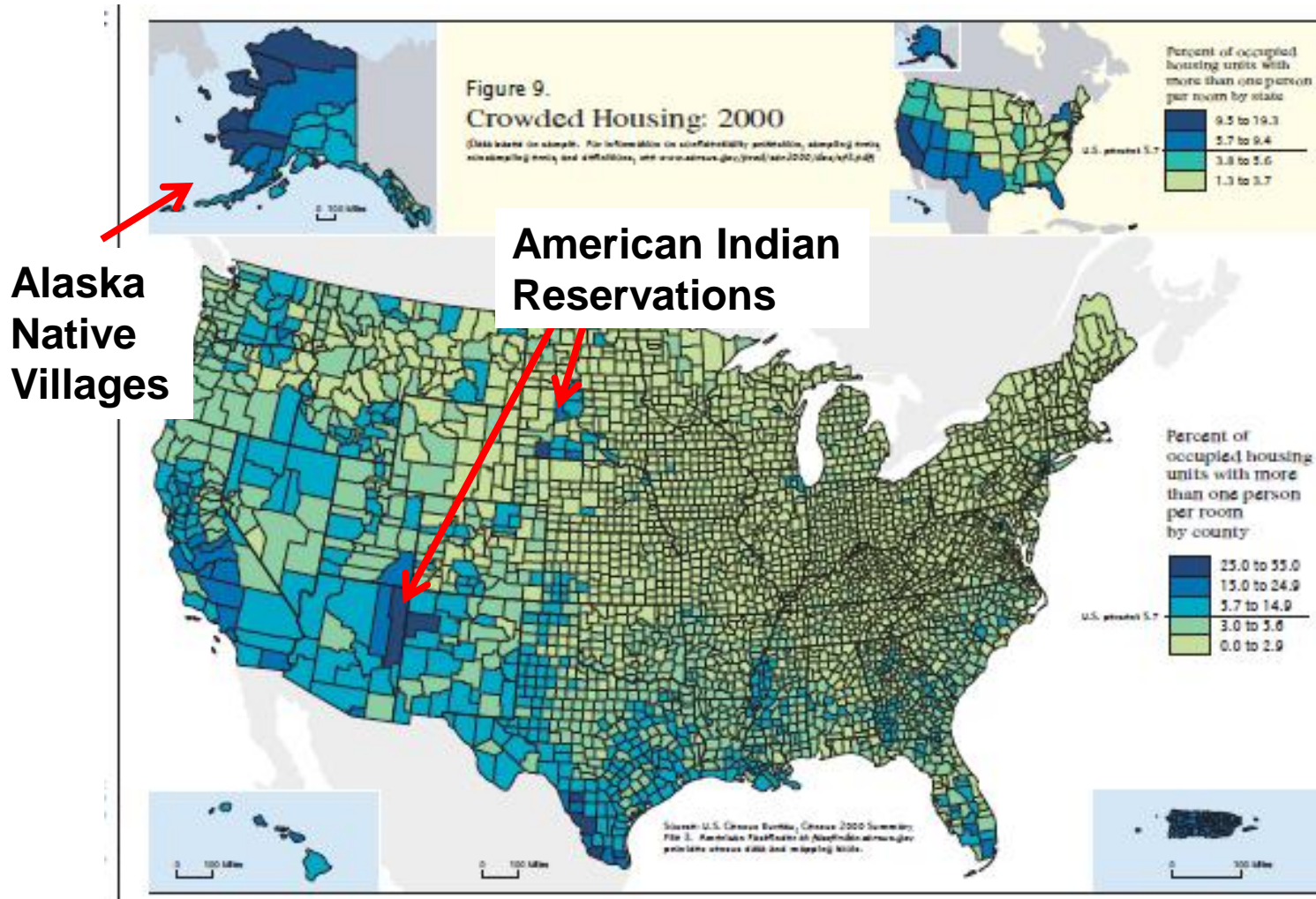
- Medically high-risk (premie, congenital heart disease, or chronic lung disease)
- Absence of breastfeeding
- Household crowding
- <2 rooms with sinks
- No piped water
- Woodstove in the house
- Vomiting after feeding
- Low income

*Bulkow LR et al. Risk Factors for Hospitalization With LRTIs in Children in Rural Alaska. Pediatrics 2012*

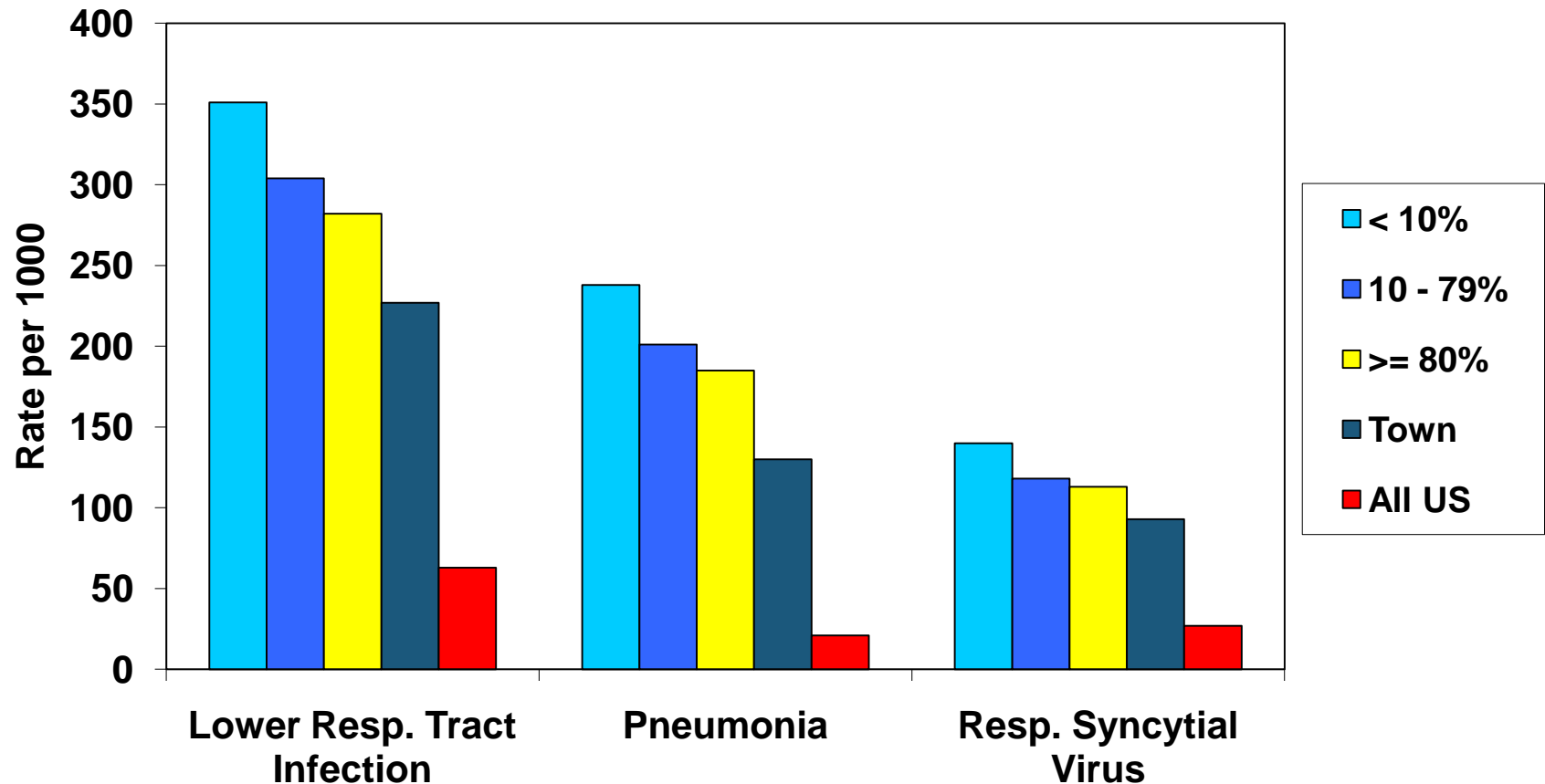
*Bulkow LR et al. Risk factors for severe RSV infection among Alaska native children. Pediatrics 2002*

*Bruden et al, 18 years of RSV Surveillance. Ped Infect Dis J, 2015, In press.*

# Household Crowding in the U.S. 2000 Census Data

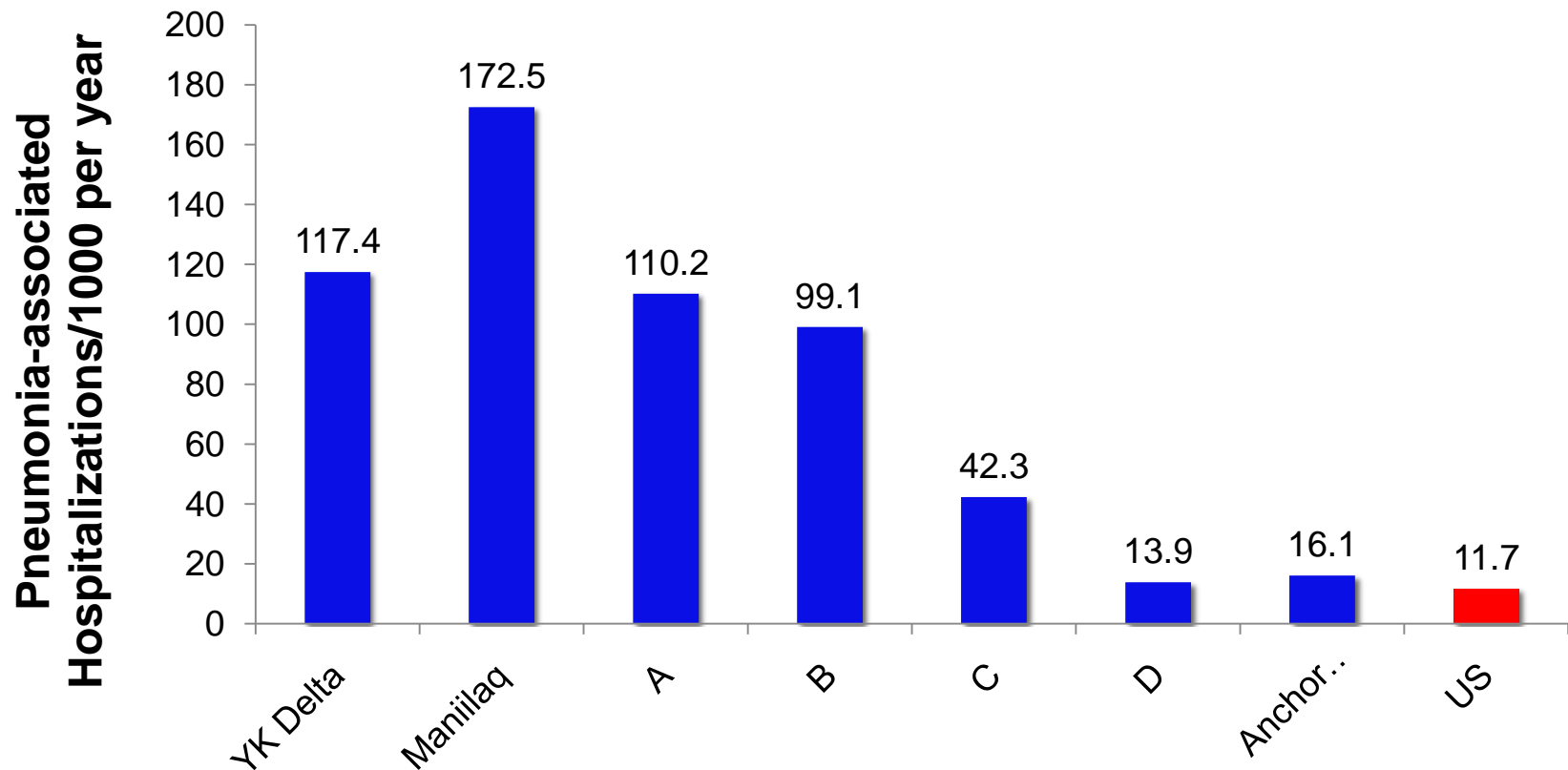


# Hospitalization rate among infants by percentage of rural Alaska village homes with water service, 1999–2004



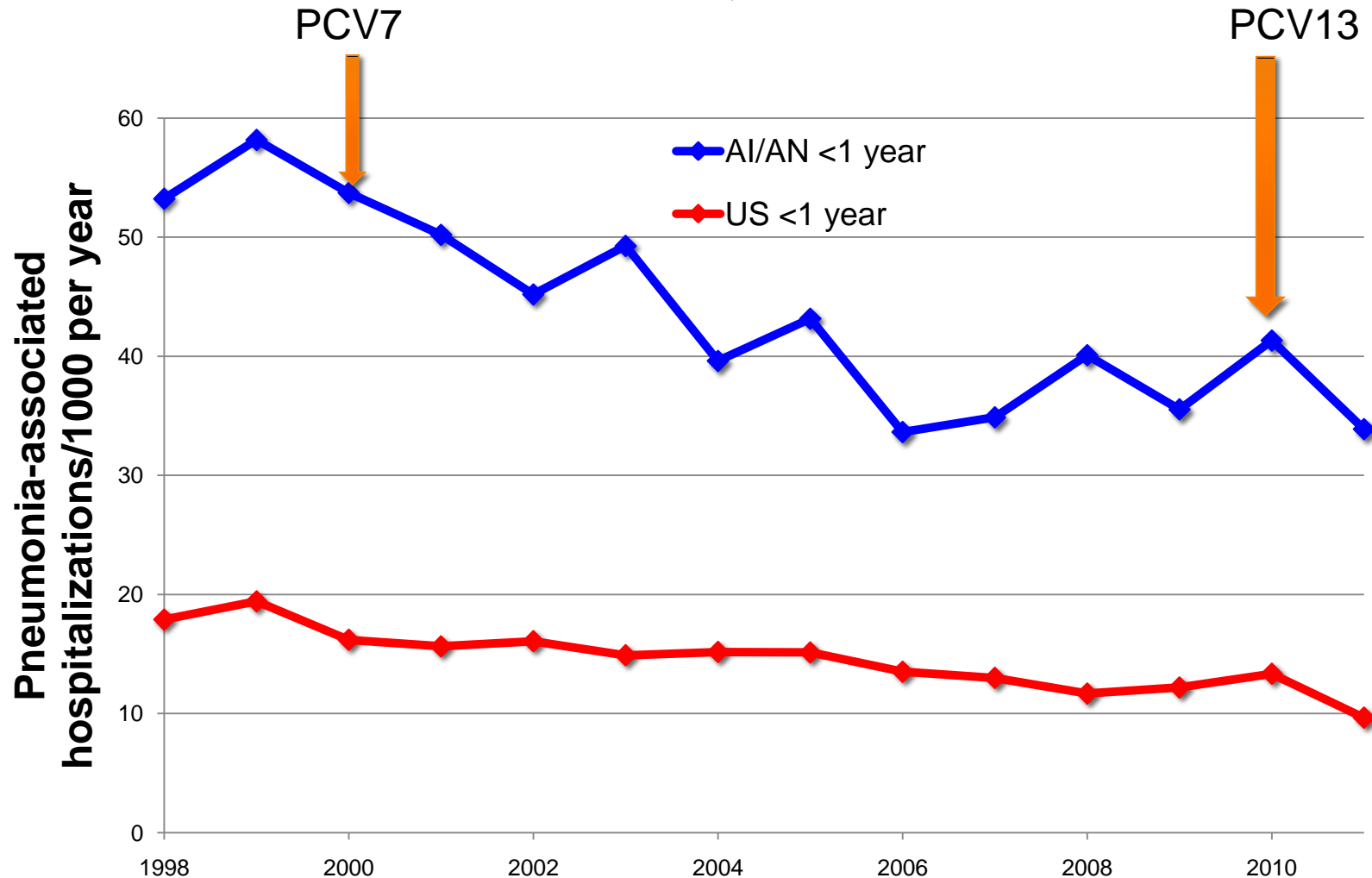


# Pneumonia hospitalizations, Alaska Native infants, by region, 2009-2011



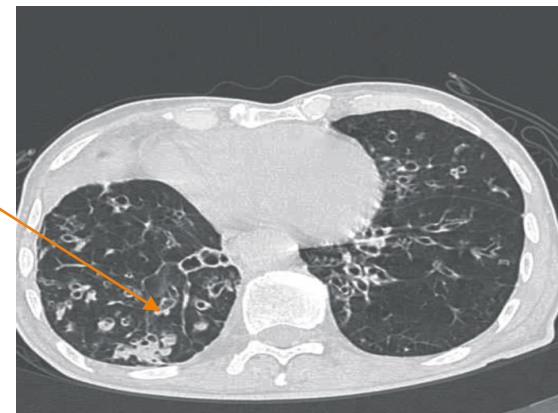
Pneumonia hospitalization rate in Alaska Native infants in rural western Alaska is >10 times the rate in the U.S. and one of the highest rates reported worldwide.

# Pneumonia-associated hospitalizations, AI/AN and US infants, 1998-2011



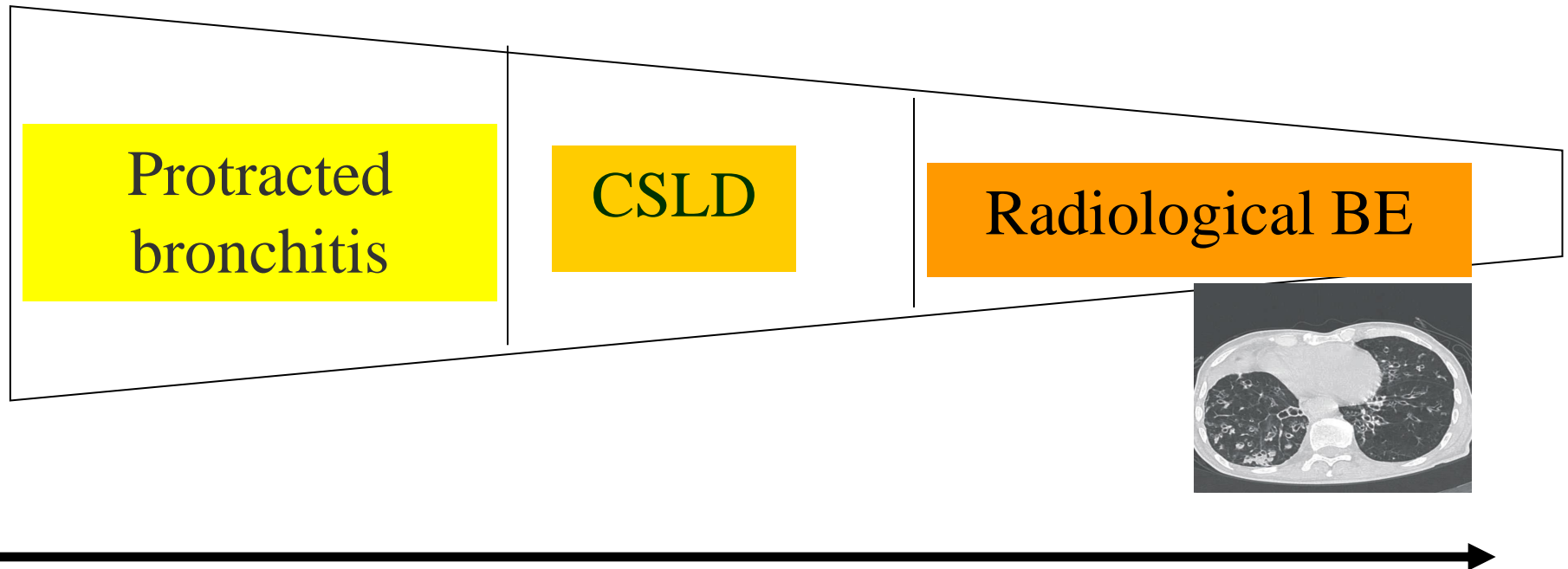
# Long-term effects of Pneumonia

- **Decreased lung function in Adulthood**
  - Adults with childhood pneumonia had lower FEV1 than others
- **Chronic Suppurative Lung Disease/Bronchiectasis**
  - Airway damage leads to “ectasia” and loss of elasticity of bronchi
  - Loss of muco-ciliary function leads to difficulty clearing secretions
  - Classic symptom is **“Chronic Wet Cough”**
  - Progression of disease from protracted bronchitis to chronic suppurative lung disease (3 episodes at least 3 months each) and CT scan confirmed Bronchiectasis



# Spectrum: Chronic Suppurative Lung Disease

Progression of disease process

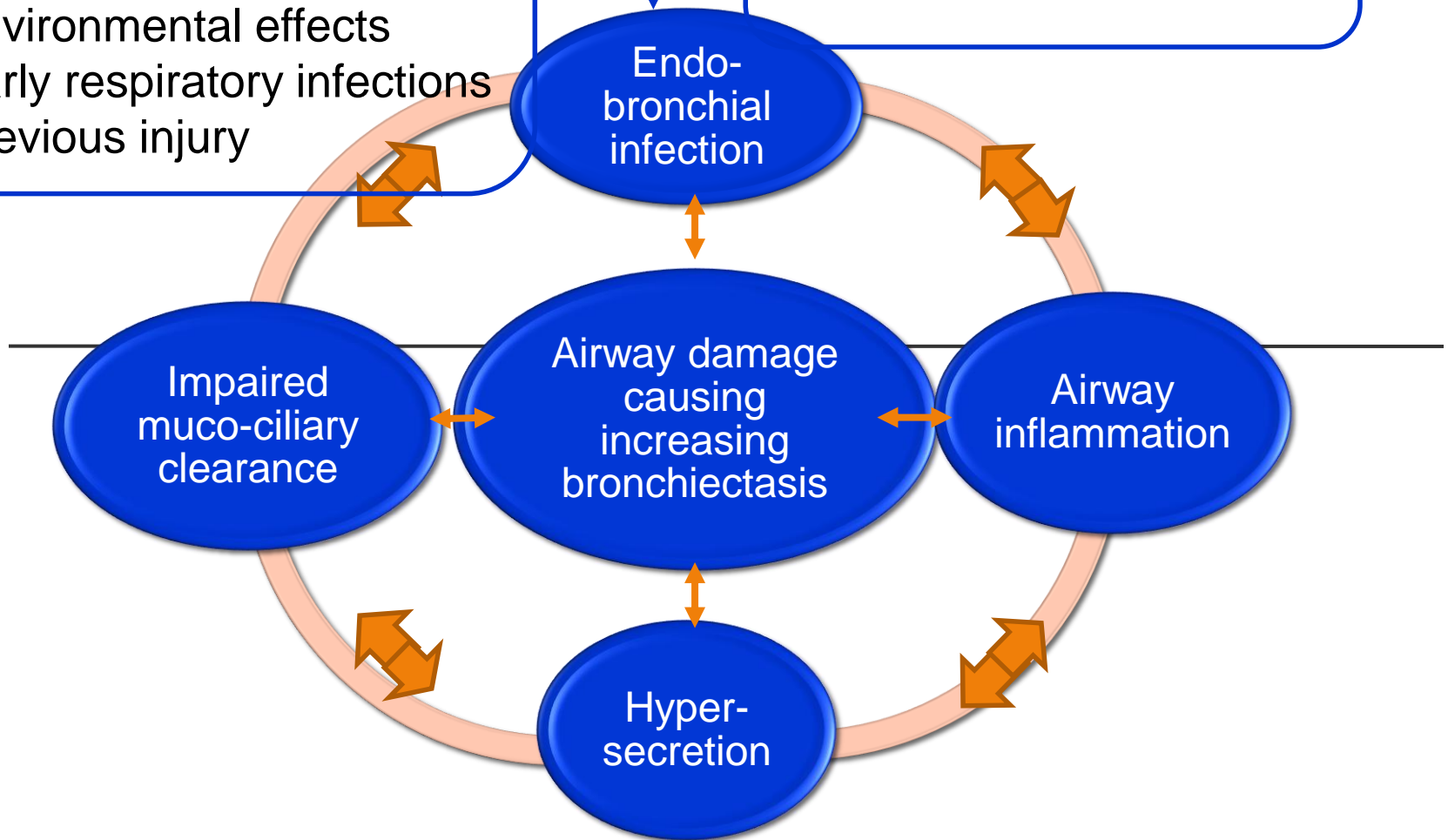


### Host factors

- Immunity
- Prematurity
- Environmental effects
- Early respiratory infections
- Previous injury

### Pathogen factors

- Viral + bacteria infections
- Co-infections

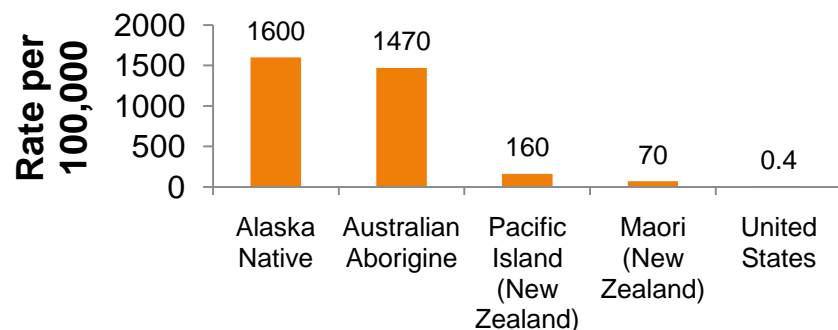


**The Vicious Cycle of Bronchiectasis/Chronic Suppurative Lung Disease**

# Worldwide Prevalence

## What we know!

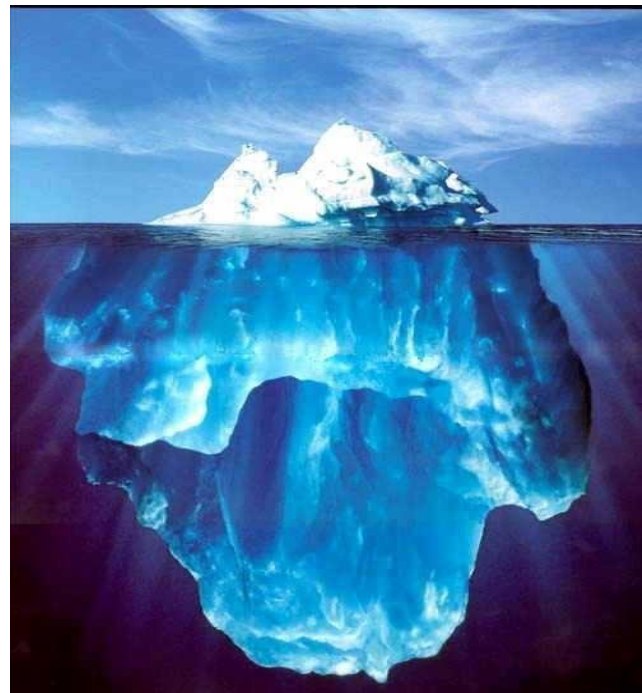
- Alaska YK Delta: 1 in 63 children
- Central Australia: 1 in 68
- NZ Maori/Pacific: 1 in 2000
- U.S.: 1 in 250,000



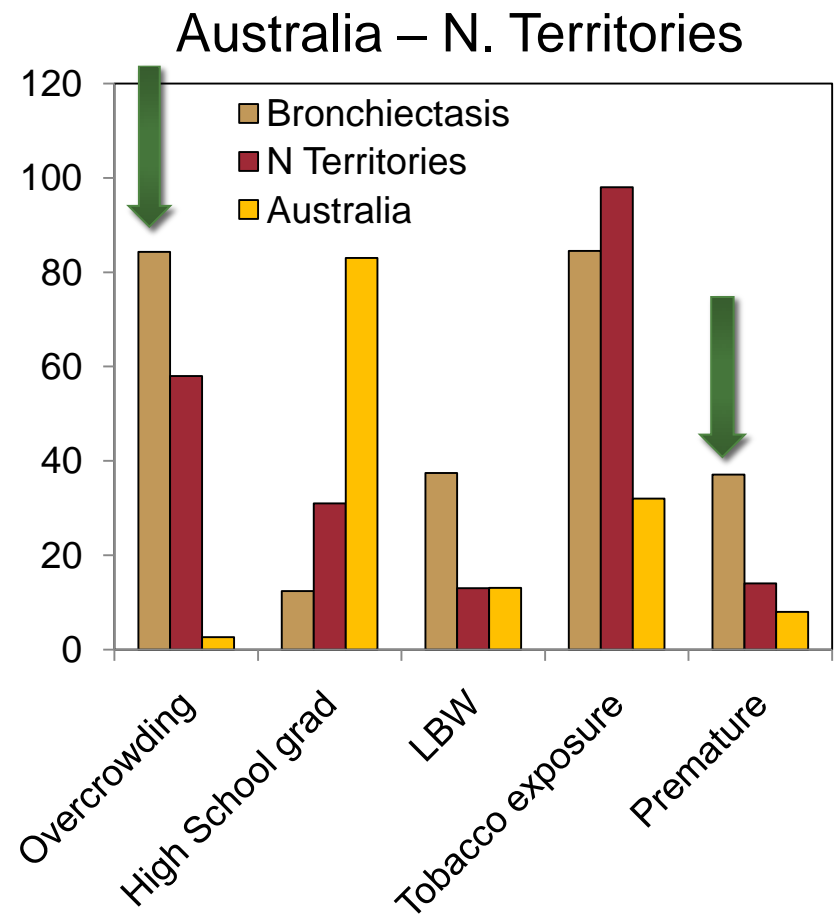
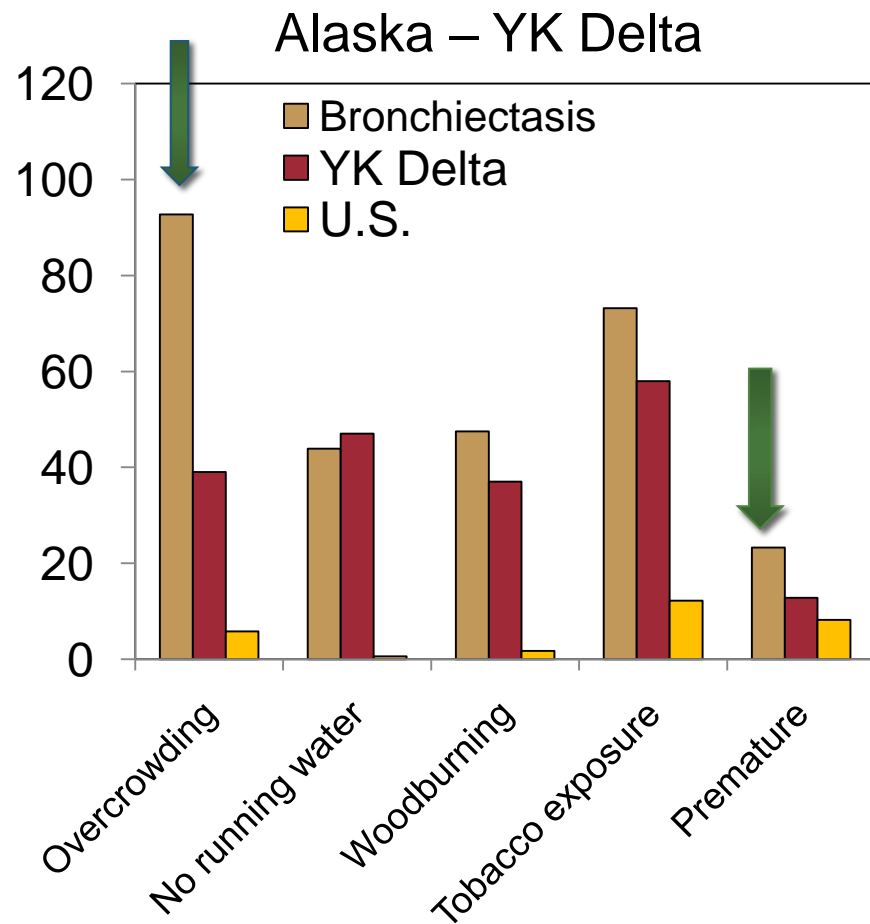
In contrast,  
Cystic Fibrosis in Australia = 1 in  
30,000 but gets lots of \$\$\$ for  
research and treatment

## This is just the tip of the iceberg!

CSLD/Bronchiectasis probably occurs at the  
same high rates in countries with high rates  
of pneumonia



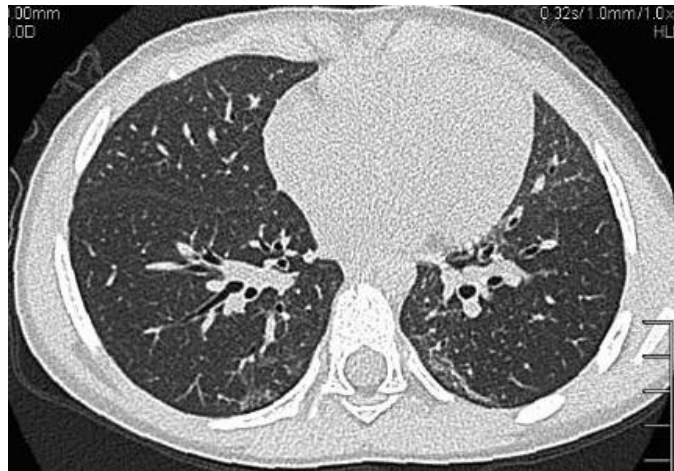
# Children with bronchiectasis compared with local and national population: YK/Australia



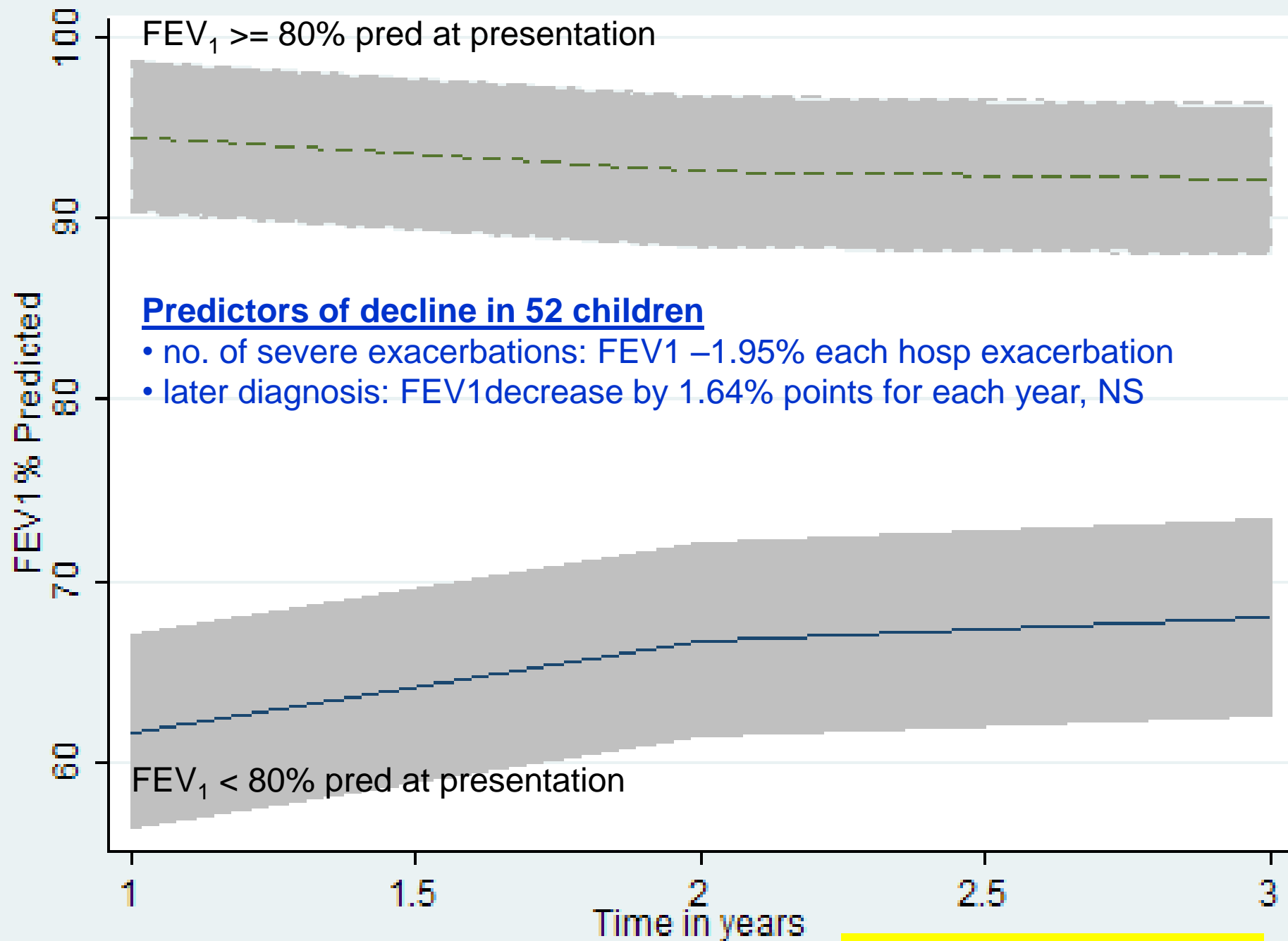
Singleton RJ et al. Indigenous children from three countries with non-cystic fibrosis chronic suppurative lung disease/bronchiectasis. *Pediatr Pulmonol* 2014

# Why CSLD-bronchiectasis is important

- High Prevalence; Increasingly recognized
- Burden of disease high, affects Quality of Life, lung function.
- Leads to early COPD and death.
- Early diagnosis and treatment can prevent decline in lung function (FEV1)







# Treatment principles

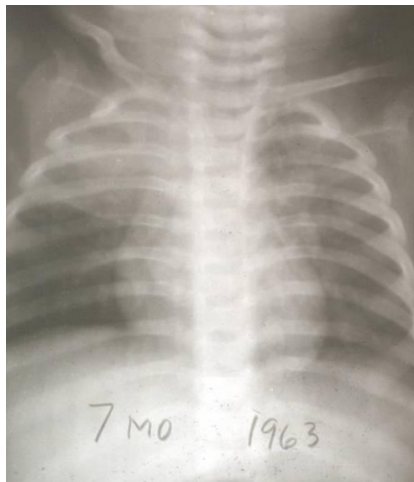
**Diagnose early and look for treatable etiologies**

- Reduce infection-inflammation
  - Treat early and exacerbations 'aggressively'
  - Airway hygiene clearance
  - Vaccinations
- Improve other factors contributing
  - Attention to nutrition
  - Detect complications, pollutants
- Systematic care
  - Regular review, multi-disciplinary care
  - Education, enhance self care and management

# Reduce infection-inflammation

## The principles

- Infection leads to increased inflammation
- Clinically:
  - Most kids look well
  - Generally only wet (productive) cough
  - In exacerbations: fever very rare
  - When first diagnosed it is possible to get kids cough free



# Child with Wet Cough $\geq$ 4 weeks

Chang A et al. A cough algorithm for chronic cough. Pediatrics 2013;131:e1576-e1583

**Assessment:** Look for underlying diagnosis: Chest x-ray. Consider Spirometry if >5 years. Consider TB/pertussis testing. Address tobacco smoke, other pollutants. Rhinosinusitis/Upper Airway symptoms - treat for rhinosinusitis

Wheeze/dyspnea – treat if asthma

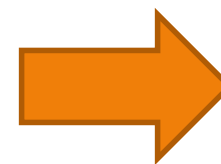
Feeding/neuro-dev issues – treat aspiration/GERD

Recurrent bronchitis/pneumonia

FTT

Crackles not better after 2 weeks

Wet cough not better after 4 weeks antibiotics



Consult with  
Pulmonologist

**Wet  
Cough  
4 weeks**

**Augmentin  
2 weeks**

**Recheck in  
2 weeks**

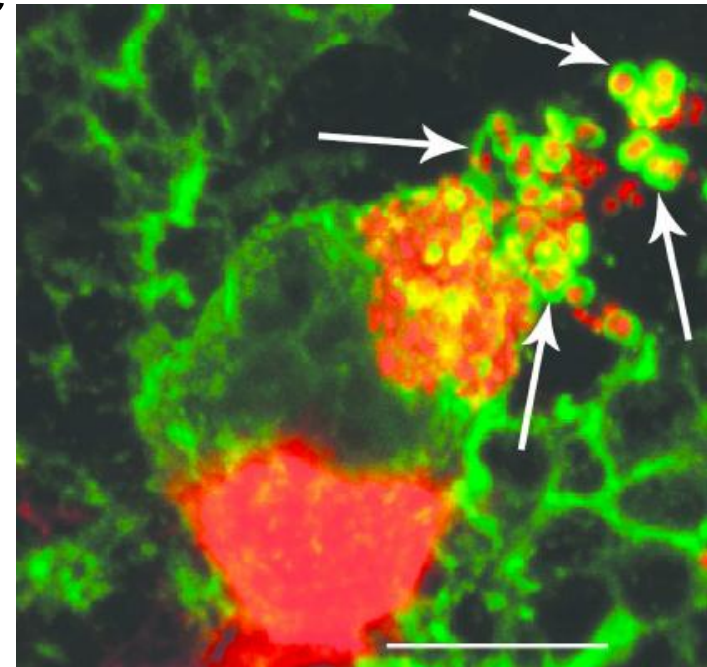
**Repeat if  
still wet  
cough**

Consult with  
Pulmonologist

# Antibiotics

Antibiotics breaks infection/inflammation cycle

- Protracted Bronchitis” Children with wet cough > 1 month.
  - May need 2 weeks of Augmentin; likely biofilm related
- CSLD: Aim for cough free as baseline
- Bronchiectasis
  - Intermittent:
    - Treat exacerbations
      - Augmentin - outpatient
      - Ceftriaxone - inpatient
    - 1 month of antibiotics as a trial to dry cough
  - Maintenance
    - $\geq 2$  exacerbations per year
    - Not responsive to intermittent
    - Azithromycin 30 mg/kg once weekly



Marsh et al, 2014

# Pulmonary Exacerbations: Bronchiectasis

- **Definition:** Increased cough or sputum volume, fatigue, dyspnea, hemoptysis, reduced FEV1, new chest findings, new chest radiograph density AND new antibiotic treatment
- **Risk Factors:** young age, severe LRIs/pneumonia in first year of life, recent LRI/pneumonia, recurrent Exacerbations
- **Why Important:** Severe exacerbations associated with decrease in FEV1

# Primary/Secondary prevention

## Predisposing factors

- Low birth weight
- Genetics

**ALRIs**

**Recurrent +/-  
persistent  
infection &  
inflammation**

**CSLD  
COPD**

**Bronchiectasis  
COPD  
(severe)**

## Modifiable factors\*

- Hygiene practices
- Health education
- Socio-economic
- ETS/pollutants
- Vaccinations
  - Nutrition
  - Housing

## Factors affecting clinical outcomes

- Quality care, access,
  - Family factors
  - Microbial factors
  - Modifiable factors\*
  - Host factors

# DO YOU COUGH?



Your lungs could be sick.  
See your health worker.



Indigenous  
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source - for people working, studying, or interested in addressing  
lander peoples. We aim to provide quality information and  
digenous peoples.

## Australian Collaborations with Menzies in Darwin

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Chronic Suppurative Lung  
Disease/Bronchiectasis  
(Chronic Lung Sickness)





# Follow-up of the International Bronchiectasis Observational Study

- **Objective:**

Follow-up the 2005 YK Delta and Australian International Bronchiectasis Observational cohort study children to evaluate their current lung and factors affecting progression or recession of bronchiectasis.

- **Method:**

- One-time clinical evaluation of participants by pulmonologist with chest x-ray, pulmonary function tests and microbiology of nasal samples.

## Investigators

- Rosalyn Singleton MD - ANTHC, CDC
- Greg Redding MD - U Washington (pediatric pulmonologist)
- Joe Klejka MD, Lori Chikoyak, Leslie Hermann, Mien Chyi – YKHC
- Gabrielle McCallum – Darwin, Australia

## Status:

- Data collection in progress.
- Some children have resolved their lung condition.
- Some children have respiratory symptoms and are losing lung function.

# Preventing and improving the management of chronic suppurative lung disease in Indigenous children of Australia, USA, and Malaysia.

**Year:** Australian funding proposal for 2017-2021

**Organization:** Menzies School of Health Research

**Goal: (pending funding)** Prevent development and worsening of chronic suppurative lung disease (CSLD) and bronchiectasis in Indigenous children.

**Methods:** Develop model to follow children at CSLD risk. Adapt evidence-based CSLD guidelines for Alaska Natives. Workshops to train health providers to recognize and manage children with CSLD.

**Proposed workshop locations:** ANMC, YKHC, ?Norton Sound

## Investigators:

- Anne Chang– Menzies School of Health Research, Darwin, Australia
- Rosalyn Singleton, Connie Jesson – ANTHC, Clinical Research Services
- Greg Redding – U Washington (pediatric pulmonologist)

**Status:** ANTHC pre-approval obtained. Awaiting notice of funding in late 2016.

**Partnering with:**  
**ANTHC Div. Environmental Health & Engineering**  
**ANTHC Community Health and Environment**



# Improving the Respiratory Health of Alaska Native People through Home-based Interventions: **The Healthy Homes Study**

## **Background and Methods:**

- Alaska Native children have high rates of pneumonia and bronchiolitis hospitalizations and chronic lung disease:
  - Evaluate the impact of simple home renovations and education on improving respiratory symptoms
  - Measure indoor air quality, respiratory visits, and respiratory symptoms before and after interventions

## **Institutions:**

- ANTHC DEHE
- AIP- CDC
- YKHC
- BBAHC

## **Investigators:**

- AJ Salkoski
- Troy Ritter REHS, MPH
- Rosalyn Singleton MD
- Thomas Hennessy MD
- Jennifer Dobson REHS, MS
- Leif Albertson REHS, MS
- Joseph Klejka MD
- Lisa Bulkow MS
- Jennifer Skarada
- George Goodwin

**Status:** In 4<sup>th</sup> and final year of the study. Writing up baseline data.

# Methods

- Choose YKHC and BBAHC communities
- Choose eligible homes with child who has chronic lung problems
- ANTHC, Regional Health Corporation Staff, & Housing Authority Staff assess home:
  - Inadequate ventilation, leaky woodstove, moisture problems
  - Identify contaminants
  - Identify risky behaviors
- The resident, housing and environmental health personnel decide scope of work
- ANTHC Environmental Health does air sampling and household education
- Housing Personnel complete modifications



# New and/or Improved Vents

Ventilation intake plugged  
with a rag



New ventilation intake





# Woodstove Replacement

Old woodstove



New EPA-certified, low-emission  
woodstove



# How do study houses compare with other U.S. homes?

Housing	Study houses	US houses
Mean # occupants	7.3	2.6
Median sq. feet	920	2,465
% >1 person/room	73%	3%
% with woodstove primary heat	16%	2%
% w/ smokers	49%	26%
% no running water	60%	0.5%

*U.S. data from 2008-2012 Census, American Community Survey*



**Smaller, crowded,  
more smokers &  
woodstove use,  
less running water**



# Healthy Homes Study: Baseline findings

- **Indoor Air Quality**

- High Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and Particulates (PM2.5)

- **Respiratory symptoms in study household children**

- Case children and other household children had high rates of cough between colds, hospitalization for lung infections, history of pneumonia, and wheezing.

- **Household factors and child symptoms**

- VOCs

- Primary wood heat

- PM2.5



- Cough between colds

- VOCs



- Wheeze between colds
- Asthma diagnosis

# Environmental Health Hospital Consultation Study



**Year:** 2016-2019

**Organizations:** ANTHC, SCF, YKHC, other THOs

**Objectives:** Pilot project to determine the feasibility of a hospital-based environmental consultation program at ANMC.

**Methods:** Environmental Health staff provide consult to caregivers, equip them with techniques/ tools to improve indoor air quality, make referrals to village housing if needed.

**Evaluate:** Changes in behaviors, child resp. visits and hospitalizations.

## Investigators:

- Korie Hickel, AJ Salkoski, Joy Britt – ANTHC, Community Environment and Health
- Rosalyn Singleton, Gretchen Day– ANTHC, Clinical Research Services
- Christine Tan, Whitney Elliott, Matt Hirschfeld – ANMC Pediatric Hospitalists

# Environmental Health Hospital Consultation Study

## **Status:**

- IRB and YKHC approval for Year 1
- Seeking other tribal organization approvals for Year 2-3

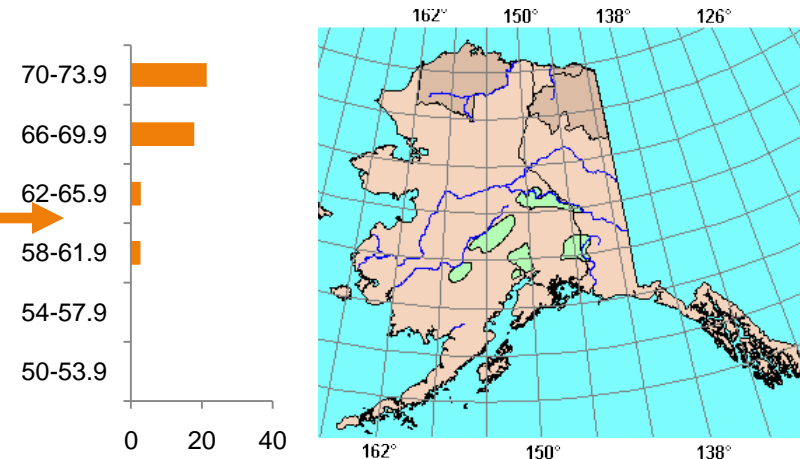
**Norton Sound:** We presented the study to the Committee to invite Norton Sound to participate in Year 2.

## **What does participation involve?**

Eligible children from Norton Sound hospitalized at ANMC would be invited to participate in: environmental health consultation and possible referral to village housing.

# Study Results: Rickets and Vitamin D Deficiency in Alaska Native children

- Rickets visits and diagnoses more common in Alaska Native children than in the US or other IHS Areas
- Rickets diagnosis increased with:
  - Increasing latitude
  - Diagnosis of malnutrition
- Rickets and vitamin D deficiency occurred in both breastfed and formula fed infants
- Rickets and vitamin D deficiency were more common in infants who did not receive vitamin D supplementation.



**Confirms importance of AAP recommended vitamin D supplementation of infants to prevent vitamin D deficiency**

# Serologic Survey of Biomarkers for Traditional Marine Diet and Vitamin D Levels in YK Delta Childbearing-aged Women

**Objective:** Explore how intake of traditional marine foods and serum Vitamin D levels have changed in YK women from 1960's through the present

**Method:** Test Specimen Bank serum samples of YK Delta women 20-29 years old at points from 1960s to 1990s, for biomarkers of traditional marine diet ( $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ ) and 25-OH vitamin D levels

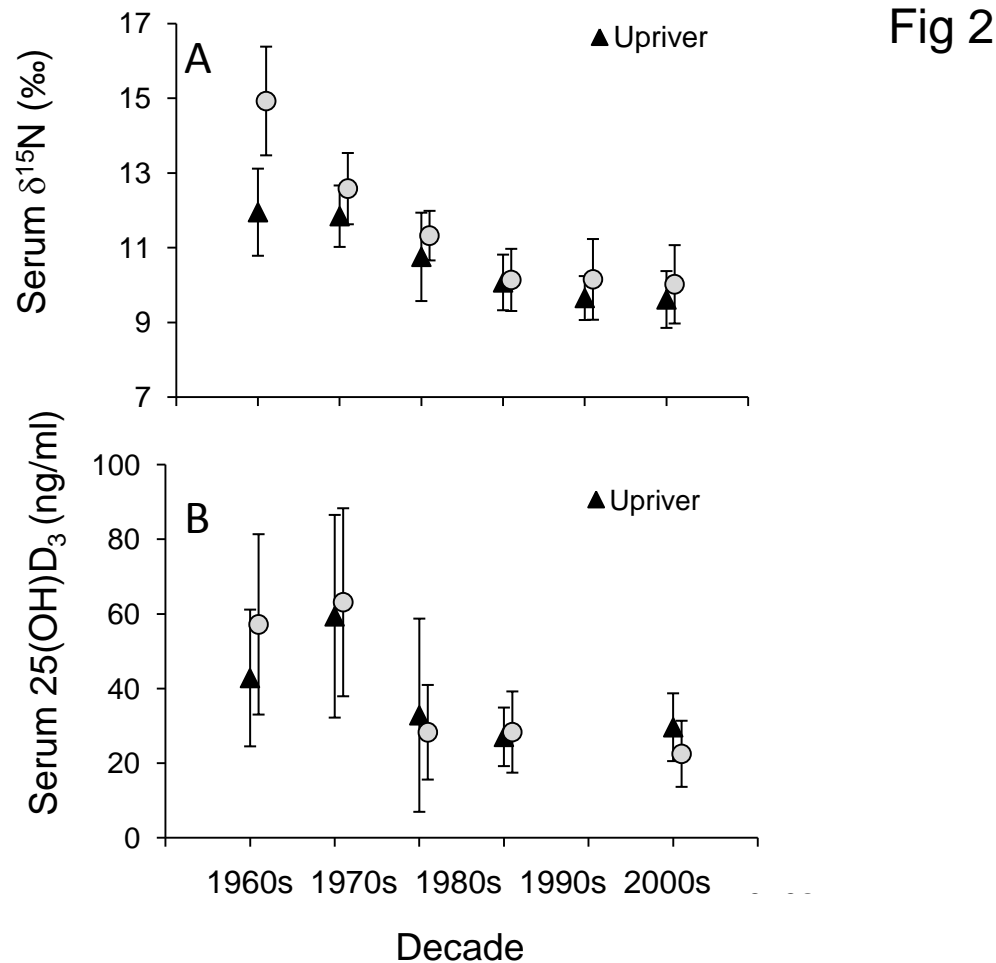
## Investigators

- Diane O'Brien PhD, Center for AK Native Health Research (CANHR)
- Rosalyn Singleton MD, ANTHC
- Ken Thummel PhD, U Wash, Pharmacy, CANHR
- Bert Boyer PhD, U of Fairbanks, CANHR
- Lisa Bulkow MS, AIP-CDC
- Joseph Klejka MD, YKHC

**Results:** Vitamin D levels and intake of traditional marine foods were highly correlated and decreased in YK child-bearing aged women during 1960-1990s.

**Status:** data analysis completed, submitted manuscript.

# Serum Vitamin D and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ values, YK Delta women, 20-29 yrs, 1960s-2010s



Vit D and Delta 15N (log scale) highly correlated - Pearson correlation ( $p < 0.001$ )

# Investigate Association of Prenatal Vitamin D Deficiency with Early Childhood Caries in a Pediatric Alaska Native Population

**Year: 2016**

**Background:** Alaska Native children have one of the highest rates of early childhood caries.

**Objective:** Evaluate the influence of maternal prenatal vitamin D levels on development of early childhood caries.

**Method:** Retrospective analysis of relationship between vitamin D deficient levels from Maternal Organic Monitoring study and early childhood caries in their infants.

## Investigators

- Kendra Sticka MD, Med, RDN – UAA
- Timothy Thomas MD, Rosalyn Singleton MD, Gretchen Day MS, Jonathan Newman MS  
- ANTHC
- Joseph Klejka MD, Dane Lenaker DDS - YKHC

**Status: submitting for CTR-IN grant funding with UAA**

NIH Grant offering:

# IDeA Pediatric Clinical Trials Network

**Due Date:** April 15 2016

**Background:** Research has had dramatic effect on Alaska health: INH prophylaxis trials, Hib vaccine trial were important landmarks. However, ANTHC/tribal has had little success in competing for NIH funding. This RFA is a Pediatric Clinical Trials Network among IDeA states who represent rural and unrepresented populations.

**Objective:** Develop research expertise and conduct pediatric clinical trials – focused on environmental impacts on health (respiratory infections, birth outcomes, obesity, neurodevelopment)

**Method:** ANTHC/SCF collaborate to participate in Network clinical trials and build research infrastructure and expertise.

## Proposed Investigators

- Investigators: Rosalyn Singleton, Matt Hirschfeld, Melissa Howell, Theresa Dulski
- ANTHC C&RS Timothy Thomas MD, Gretchen Day, Jonathan Newman

**Status:** writing application.



# Next Steps:

Work with Tribal Organizations to:

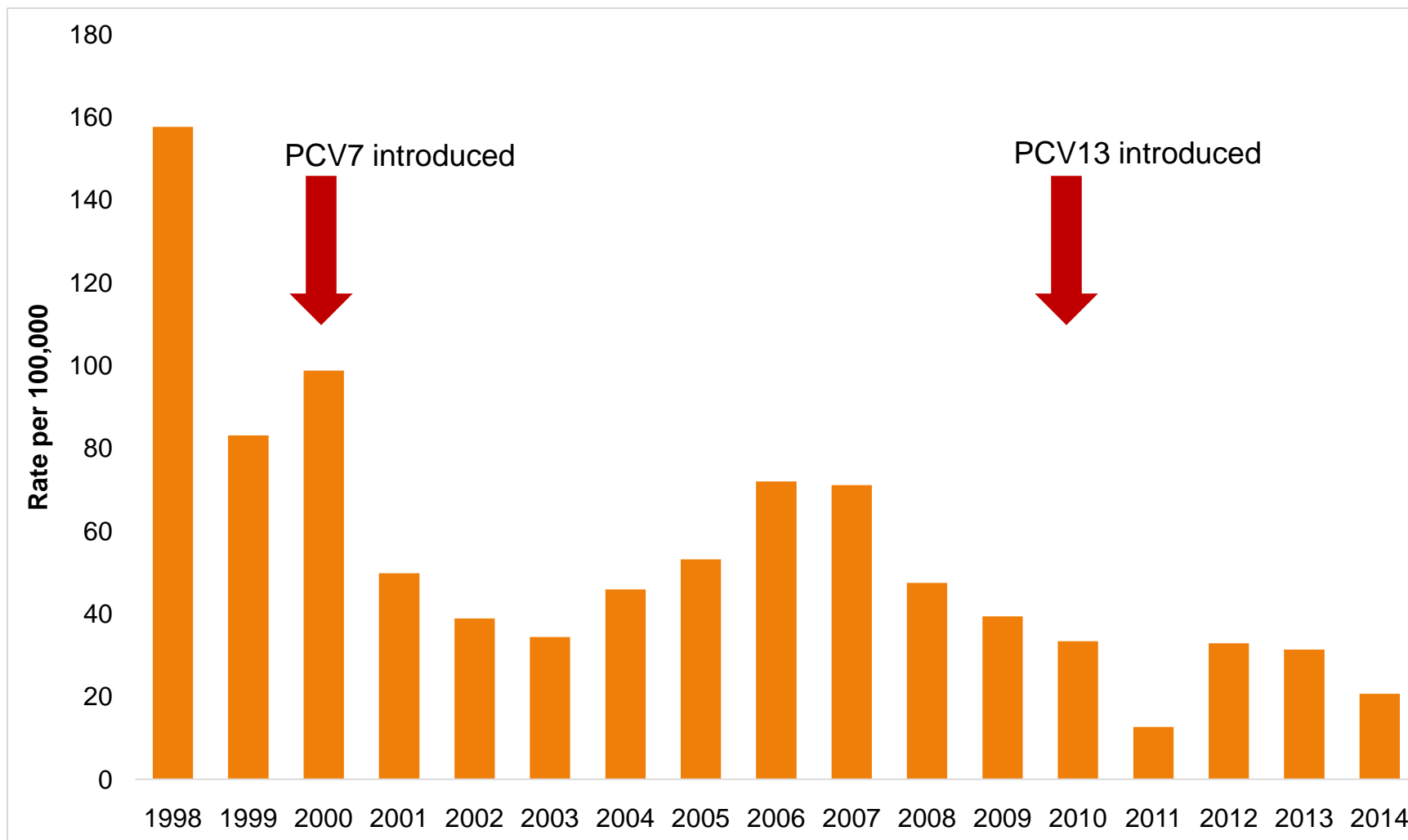
- Provide optimal vitamin D supplementation for infants
  - Breastfeeding infants and infants taking <1 liter formula
- Provide optimal vitamin D supplementation for pregnant women
  - 400IU/day in prenatal vitamins. May need more – like 2000 IU/day
- Increase fish consumption in all.



# Hep A Vaccine – Longlasting!

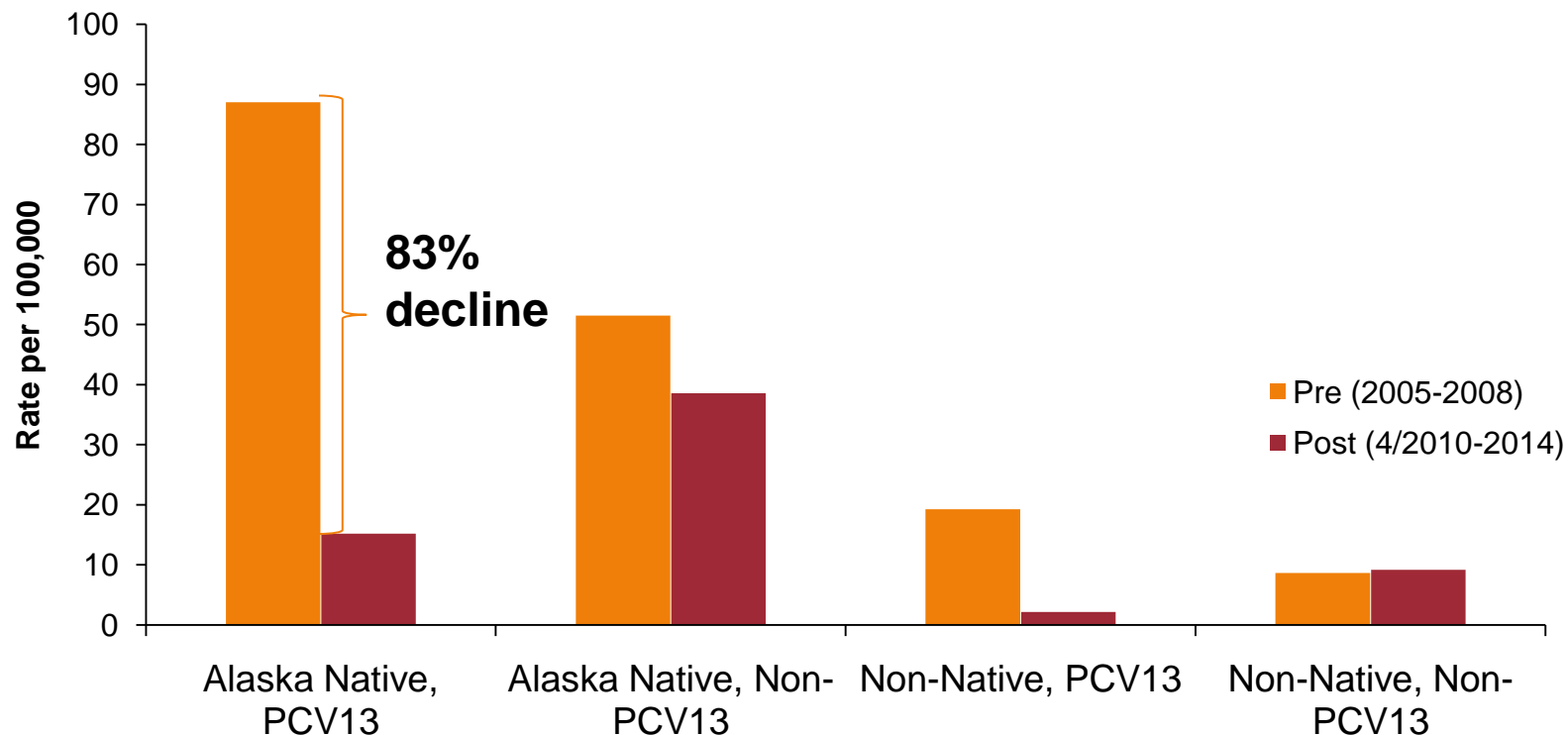
- How long do patients vaccinated against hepatitis A virus (HAV) as babies remain seropositive?
- Spradling et al. looked at anti-HAV 6 years postvaccination in a cohort of 183 Native Alaskans. Seropositivity (anti-HAV  $\geq 20$  mIU/mL) was observed in 100% of those with a seronegative mother who were vaccinated at 12 months.
- Modeling shows – 84% of those seropositive will stay seropositive after 30 years.
- No booster needed.
- ([Hepatology 2016;63:703-711](#))

# Invasive Pneumococcal Disease, Alaska, Children <5 years old.



*Arctic Investigations Program – CDC, unpublished*

# Invasive Pneumococcal Disease in Alaska Children <5 years: Post PCV13



\*  $P < 0.05$

Number of Cases shown at top of bars

# In Summary:

- We discussed inequities and progress in Alaska Native health issues:
  - respiratory infections,
  - Bronchiectasis
  - Indoor air quality
  - vitamin D deficiency/rickets, and
  - vaccine-preventable disease.

## Next Steps:

- work with environmental health partners to improve housing factors and decreased water access associated with child respiratory infections
- work with tribal health providers to increase early recognition of children with at risk for bronchiectasis and provide optimal treatment.
- work with researchers and tribal health providers to provide optimal vitamin D supplementation for children and prenatal women and increase fish consumption

Thank You!