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Where is cervical cancer prevention heading? An international perspective

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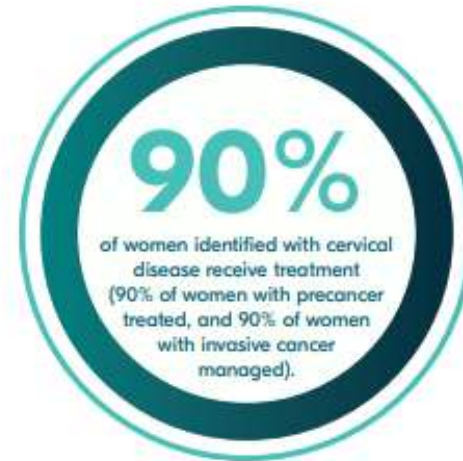
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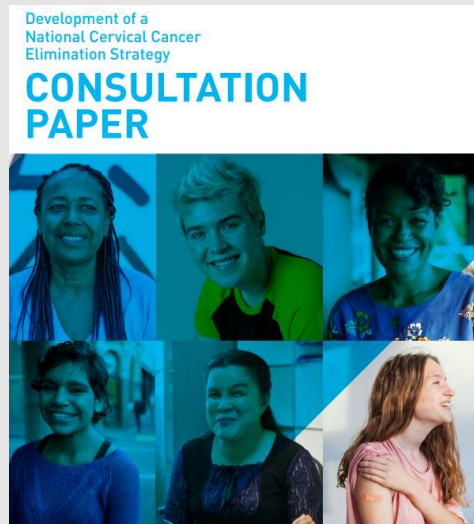
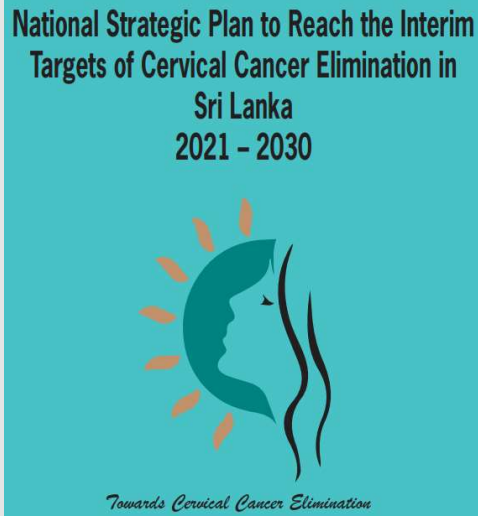


World-first – eliminating a cancer

This global strategy to eliminate cervical cancer proposes:

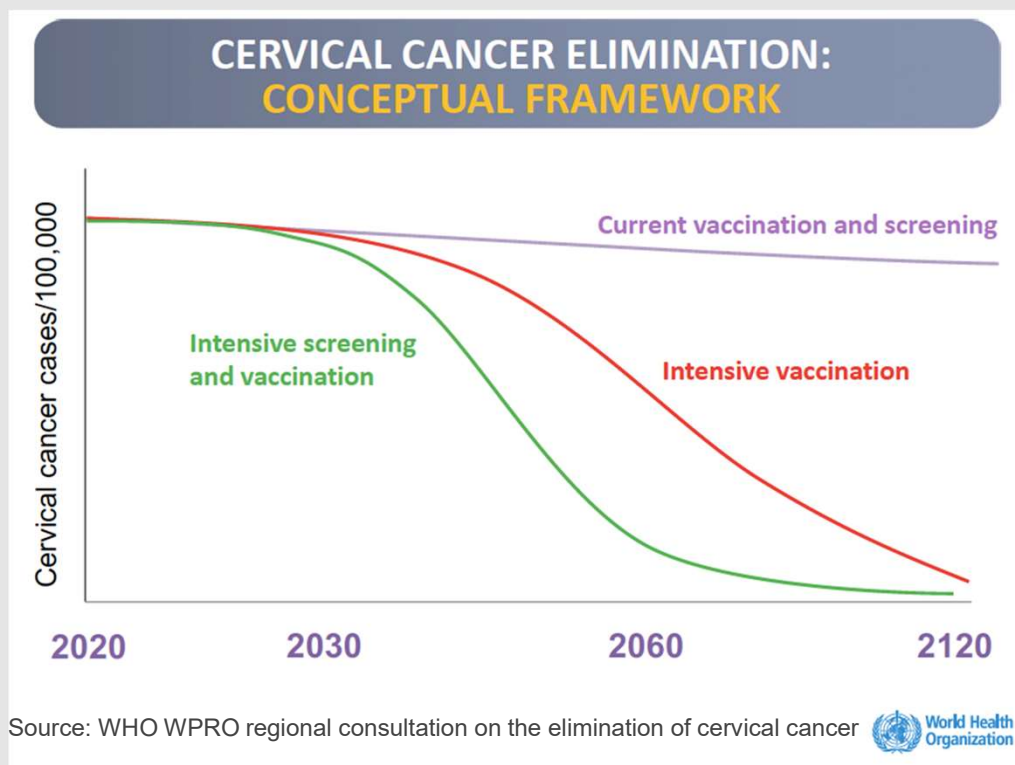
- a vision of a world where cervical cancer is eliminated as a public health problem;
- a threshold of 4 per 100 000 women-years for elimination as a public health problem;
- the following 90-70-90 targets that must be met by 2030 for countries to be on the path towards cervical cancer elimination:





Country-specific strategies and action plans

Cervical screening drives elimination timing

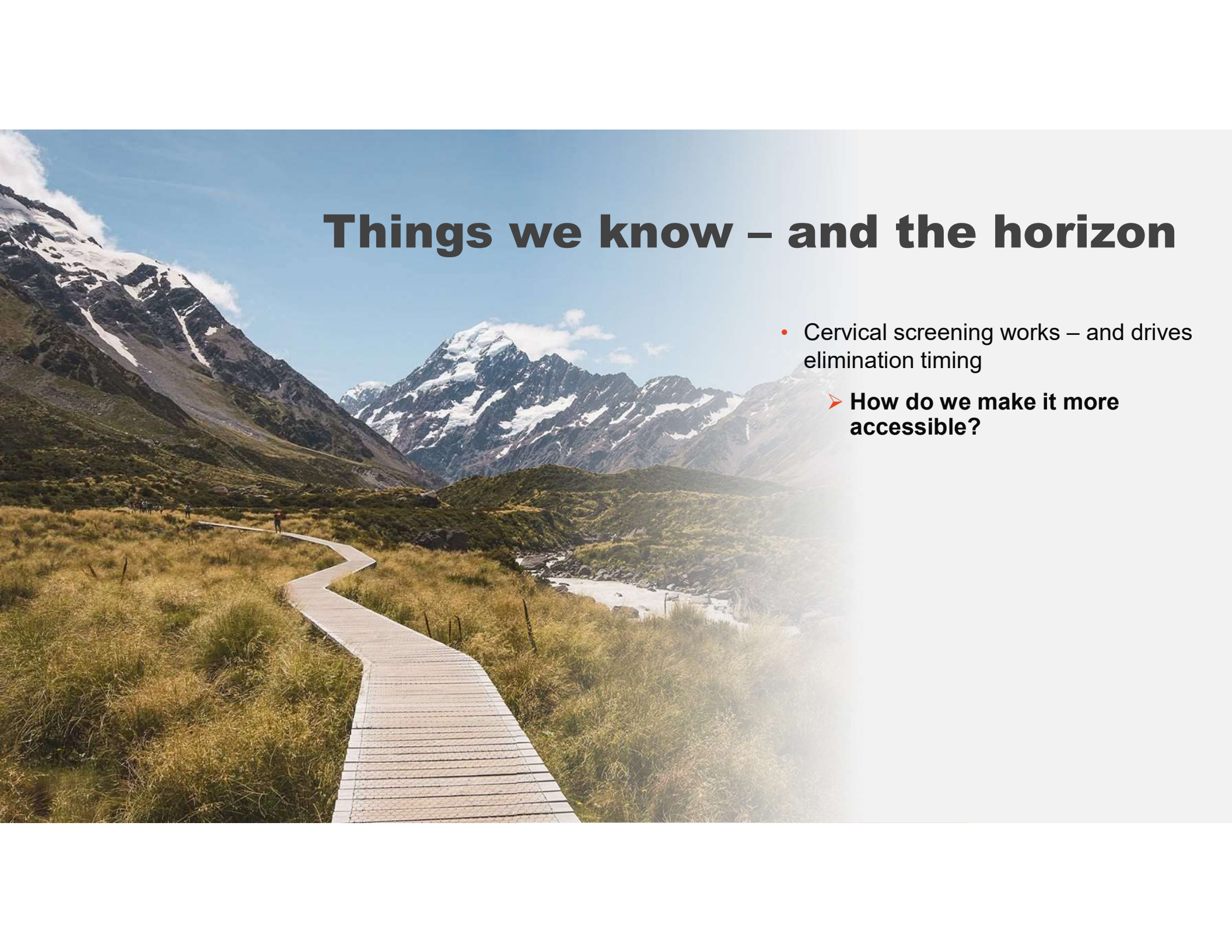


Different starting points, same pattern

NZ: screening only

NZ: screening + vaccination

NZ: **scaled-up** screening + vaccination

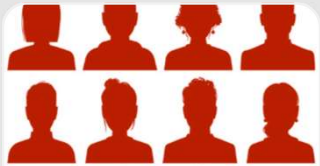


Things we know – and the horizon

- Cervical screening works – and drives elimination timing
 - **How do we make it more accessible?**

Who misses out on screening?

International studies



Who you are

- Indigenous people
- Culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- LGBTIQ+
- People with disabilities
- People who have experienced sexual violence



Where you live

- More remote areas
- More disadvantaged areas



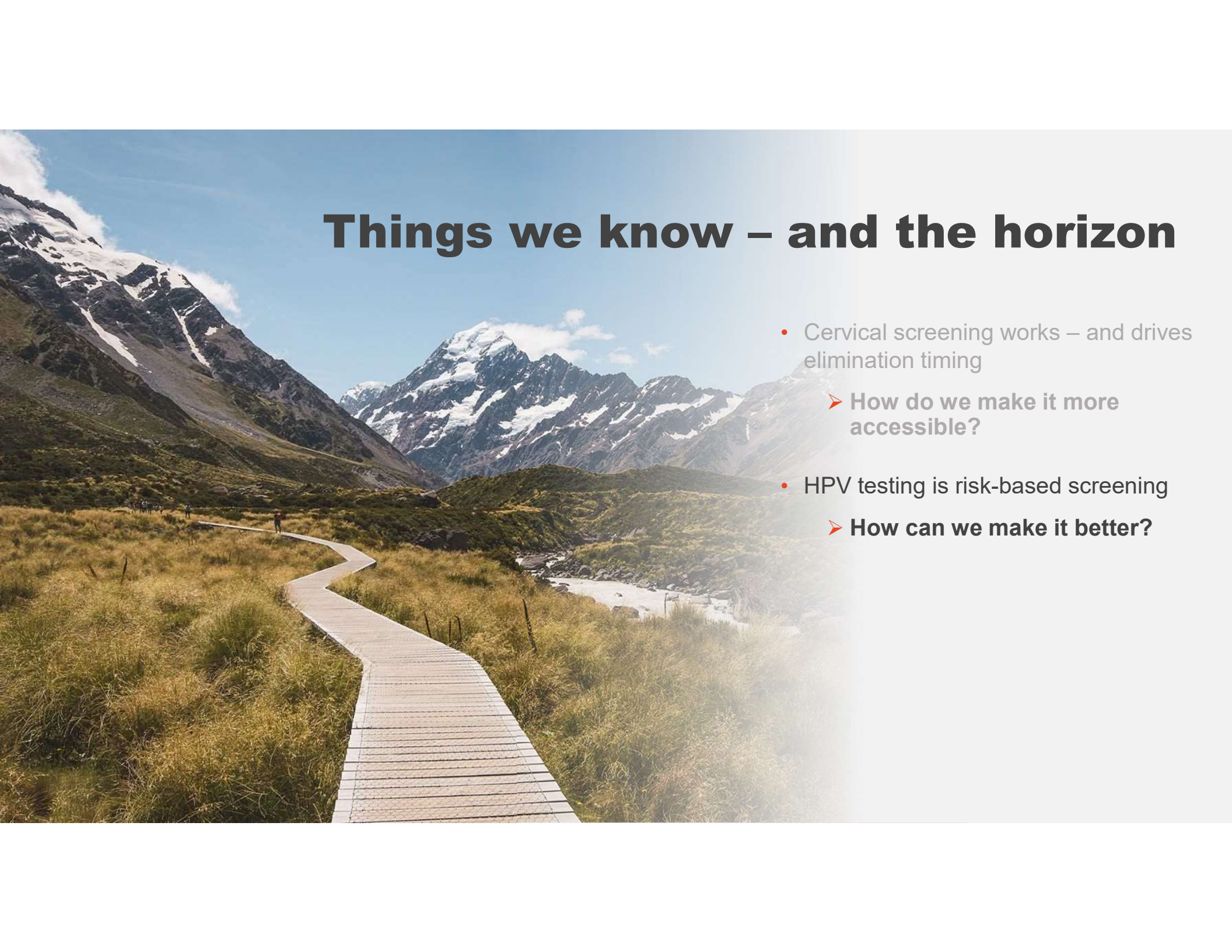
Socioeconomic status

- Financial barriers
- Education/ health literacy
- Awareness
- Competing priorities

Making screening more accessible

- Self-collection
- Accessible clinics
 - Outreach, mobile
 - People with a disability
 - Point-of-care tests
 - Community-controlled services
 - Peer-led services LGBTQI+
- Non-medical providers





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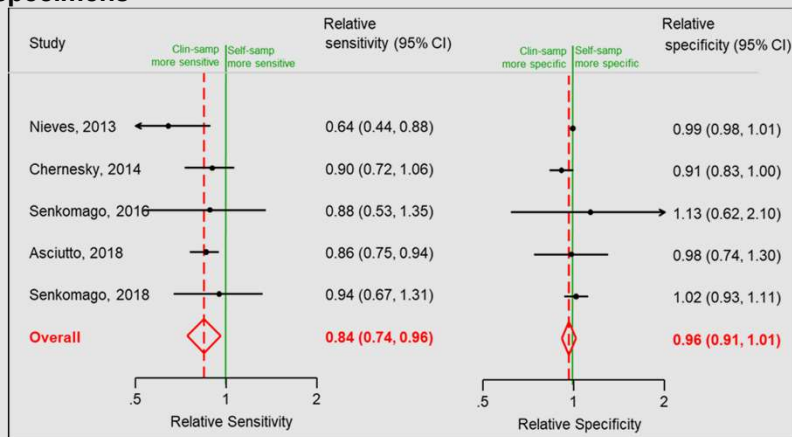
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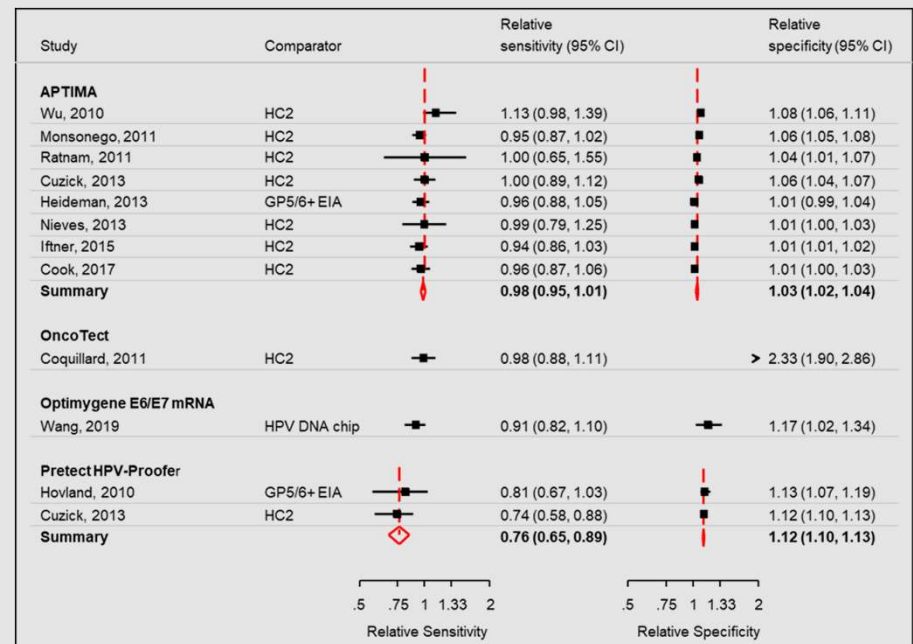
■ HPV mRNA vs DNA

- Clinician cervical samples: mRNA equivalent sensitivity, slightly higher specificity
- Self-collected vaginal samples: lower sensitivity

Relative sensitivity (left) and specificity (right) to detect CIN2+ of hrHPV mRNA testing versus hrHPV DNA on self-collected vaginal specimens



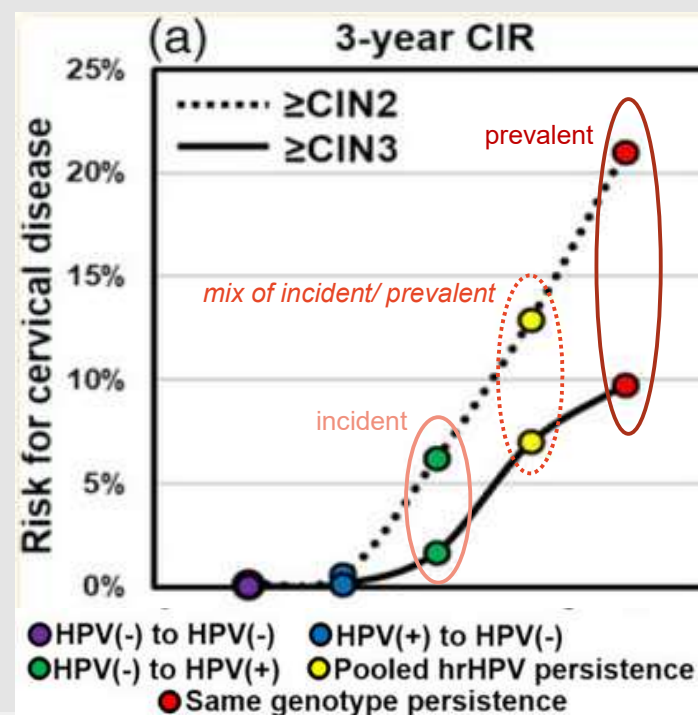
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- HPV mRNA vs DNA
- Prevalent vs incident HPV detection/ screening round
 - screening round vs detection in an individual
 - ~half of those persistently positive on a pooled test had genotype switch

Cumulative incident risk for high-grade cervical disease according to HPV status at the first and subsequent test

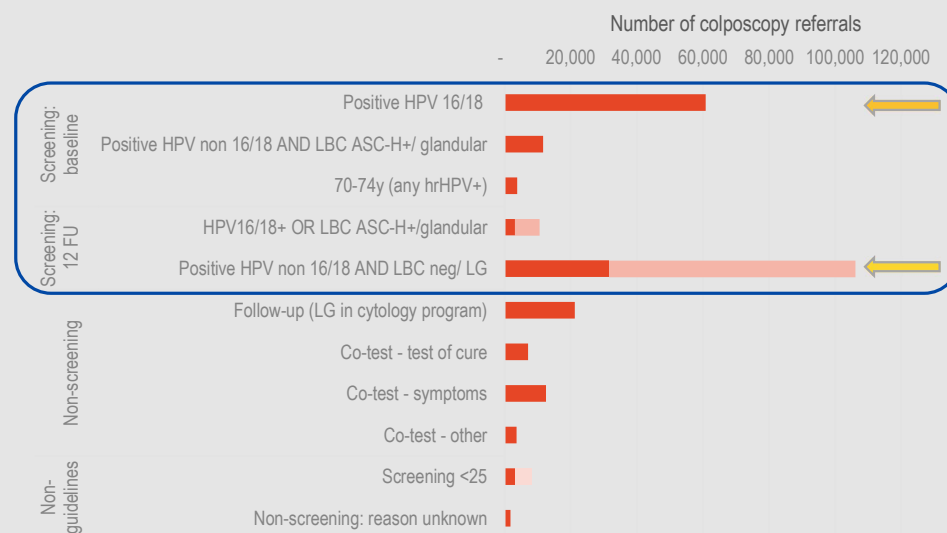


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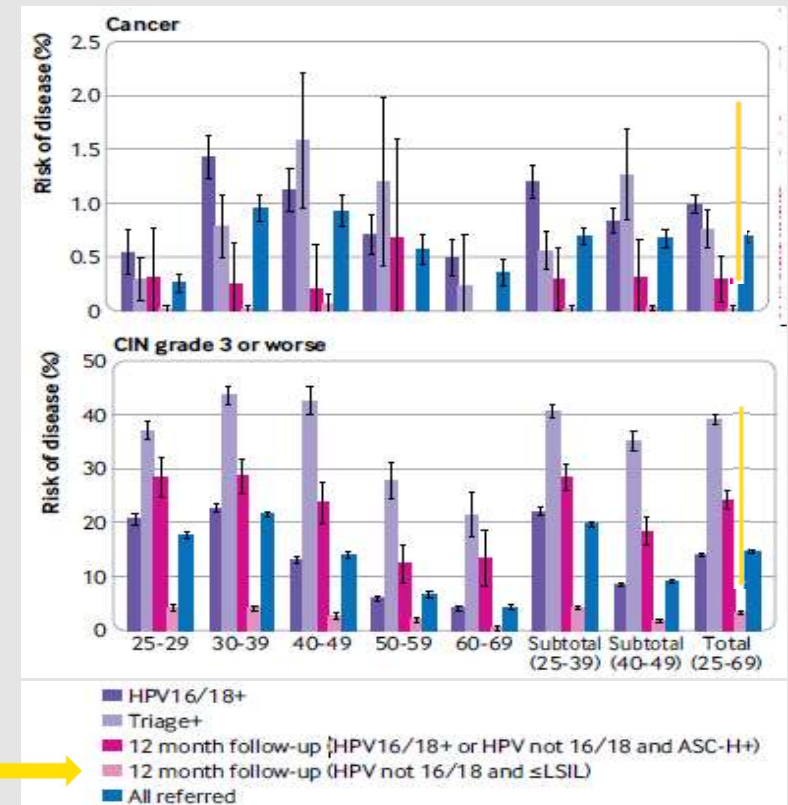


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 - Low risk, even with 12m persistence
 - Updated guidelines in Au; incorporated in NZ draft



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Adapted from: Bonde *et al*, Journal of Lower Genital Tract Disease. 2021;25(1):27-37 and Demarco *et al*, E Clinical Medicine 2020;22:100293.

HPV type	Rationale	7-year CIN3+ risk	Suggested management
16	uniquely carcinogenic and should be individually distinguished	22%	Colposcopy
18,45	Risk of SCC and adenocarcinoma	>5%	Closely monitor
31,33		>5%	Closely monitor
52,58	Higher risk than remaining types	>5%	Repeat testing; 18-month CIN3+ risk <5% for LG cytology
39,51,56,59,68 (66)	Very little risk if precancer is not immediately found	<5%	Repeat testing unless associated with HG cytology

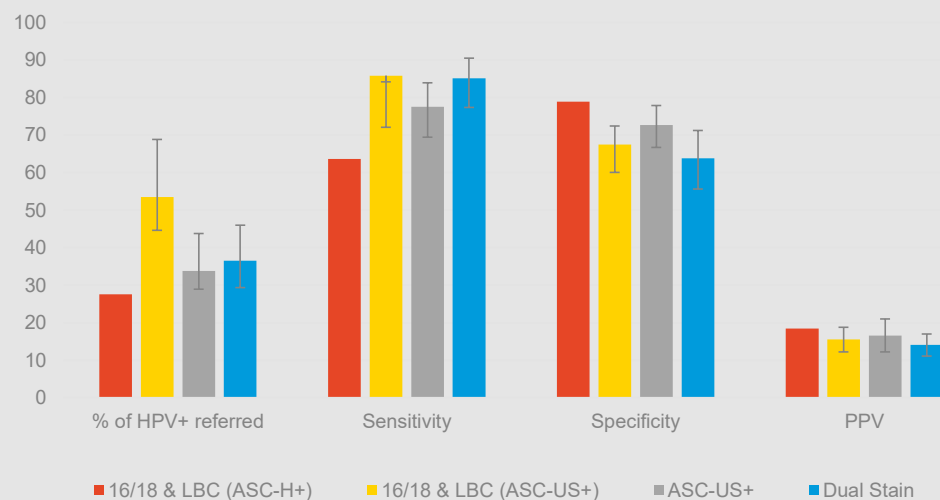
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Performance measures for different one-time triage approaches (CIN3+)



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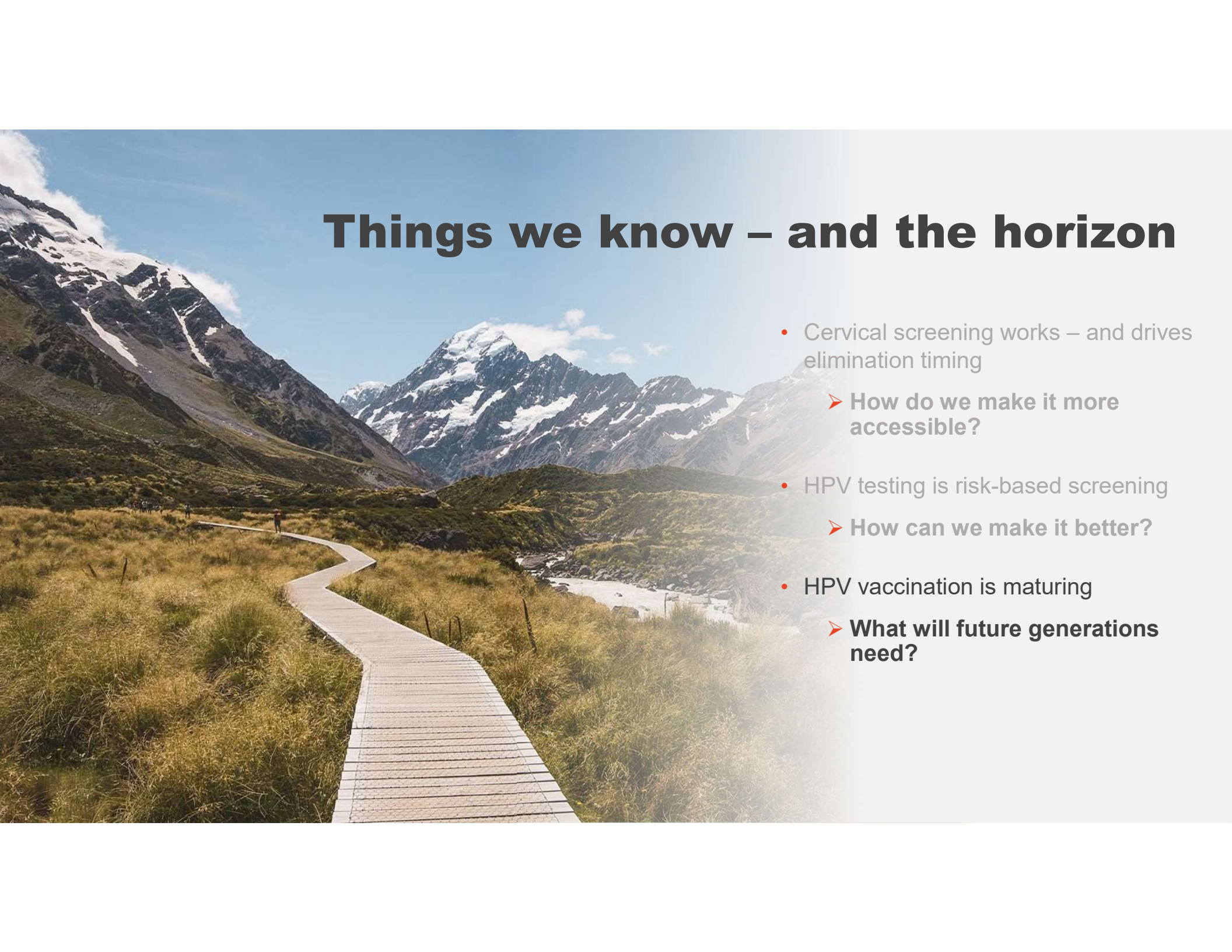
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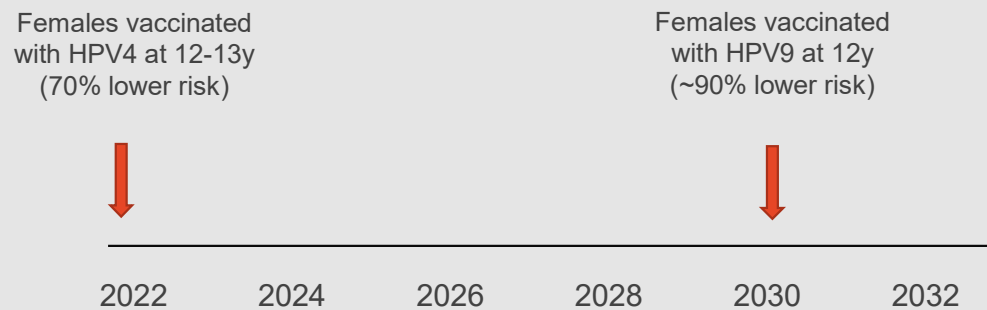
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- HPV vaccination is maturing
 - **What will future generations need?**

Cohorts vaccinated at 12-13y are entering screening

- Oldest vaccinees in NZ in 2022 aged ~32y

Females turning 25



Vaccination changes screening trade-offs

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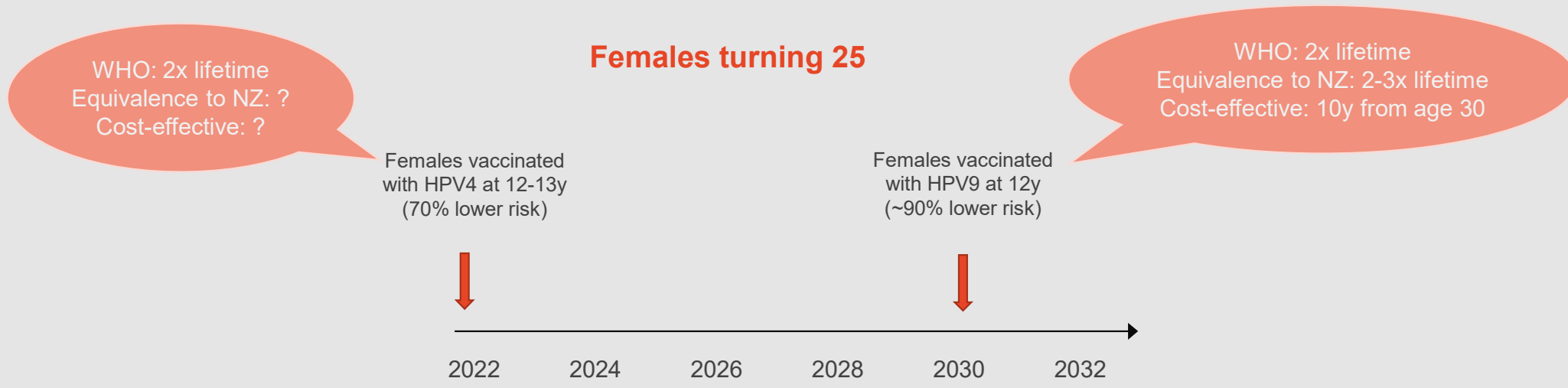
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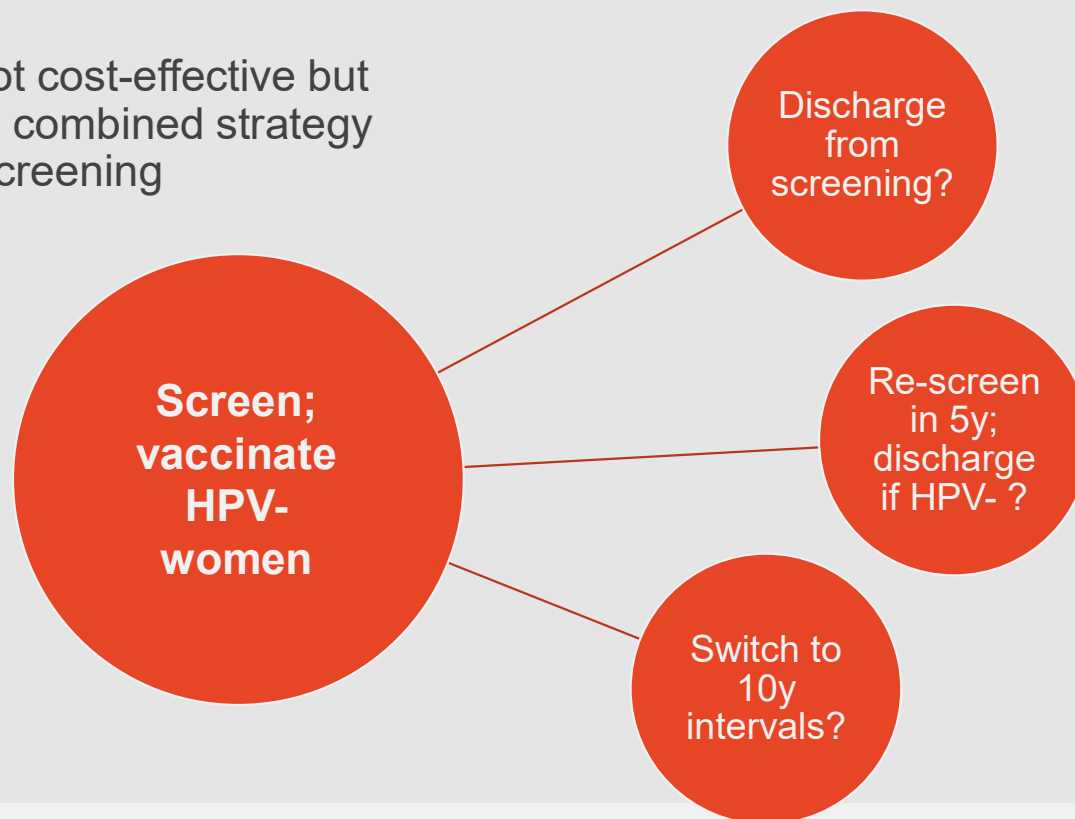
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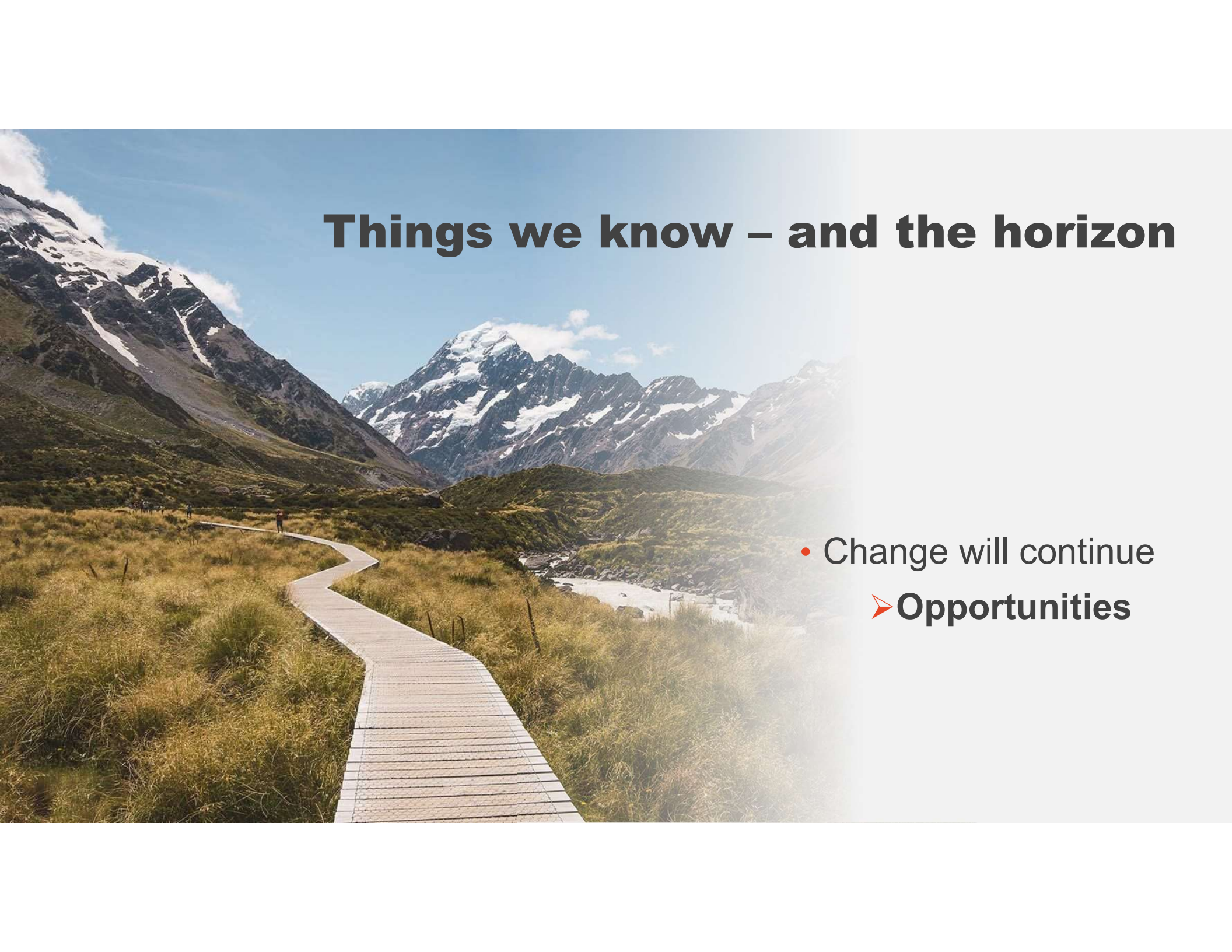


Screening and vaccination

Vaccination at older ages not cost-effective but could become so if part of a combined strategy to reduce/ discharge from screening

Example:





Things we know – and the horizon

- Change will continue
 - **Opportunities**

Thank you



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