

How to organize a population-based screening program?  
Can we extrapolate the Turkish experience to the rest of  
MEMAGO countries?

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# What is population screening?

- Population screening refers to a test that is offered to all individuals in a target group, usually defined by age, as part of an organised program.
- Screening involves simple tests to look for particular changes, or early signs of a disease, before a disease has developed or in its early stages before any symptoms develop.
- No screening test is 100% accurate and the body changes over time, which is why it is important to be screened at regular intervals. If you are worried that you might have a symptom or sign of the disease, you should see your doctor, even if you have recently had a screening test



# Objectives of Cervical Cancer Screening

- Prevent morbidity and mortality from cervical cancer
- Optimal detection of CIN3 lesions
- Reduce the number of patients referred to Colposcopy
- Reduce unnecessary interventions
- Cost efficiency

# WHO Principles of Early Disease Detection-1

In 1968, Wilson and Jungner developed the WHO principles of screening.

- **Condition**
  - The condition should be an important health problem.
  - There should be a recognisable latent or early symptomatic stage.
  - The natural history of the condition, including development from latent to declared disease, should be adequately understood.
- **Test**
  - There should be a suitable test or examination.
  - The test should be acceptable to the population.
- **Treatment**
  - There should be an accepted treatment for patients with recognised disease.

# WHO Principles of Early Disease Detection-2

- **Screening Program**

- There should be an agreed policy on whom to treat as patients.
- Facilities for diagnosis and treatment should be available.
- The cost of case-findings (including diagnosis and treatment of patients diagnosed) should be economically balanced in relation to possible expenditure on medical care as a whole.
- Case-findings should be a continuing process and not a 'once and for all' project.



# Prevention and Control of Cervical Cancer

- Awareness (Education etc.)
- Socio-economic development
- Circumcision
- HPV Vaccination
- Population-based screening programmes
- Non-population-based screening programmes
- Early Diagnosis and Treatment

# Recommendations of WHO

## You need to screen:

- Breast cancer
- Cervical cancer
- Colorectal cancer

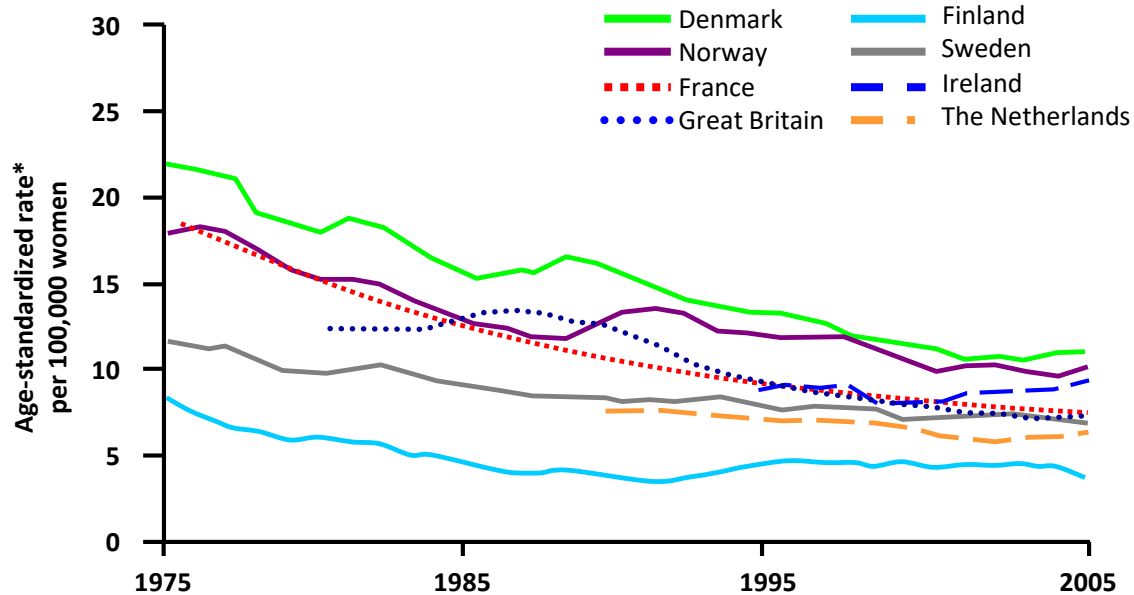
in your country:

## For Cervical Cancer:

- Don't need to screen under 25 years of age
- Don't need to screen over 65 years of age
- Never practice annual screening

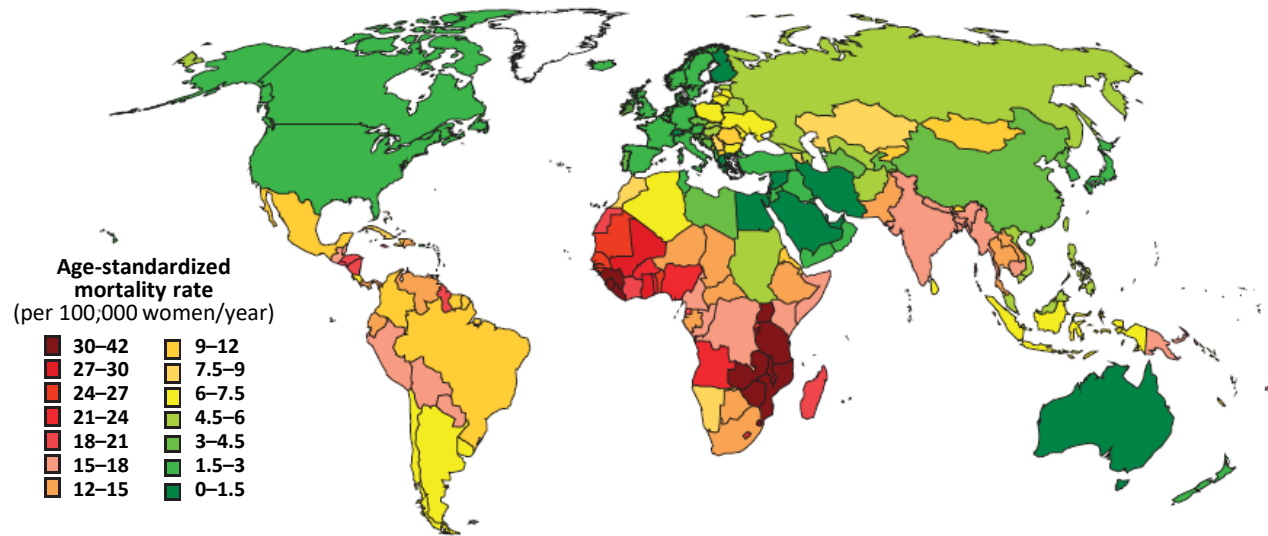
**Develop your national screening strategies !**

# Widespread use of cytology-based screening has reduced cervical cancer incidence in Europe






# In spite of screening, women are still dying of cervical cancer



An estimated 530,000 cases and 275,000 deaths from cervical cancer in 2008

Arbyn M, *et al. Ann. Oncol.* 2011 Apr 6

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# Successful Cervical Cancer Prevention Programs:

- **The screening test** is just one of the key components in an effective cervical cancer prevention program.
- There are multiple system elements that need to be optimized for the early diagnosis of cervical cancer.
  - Education
  - Coverage
  - Treatment
  - Follow-up



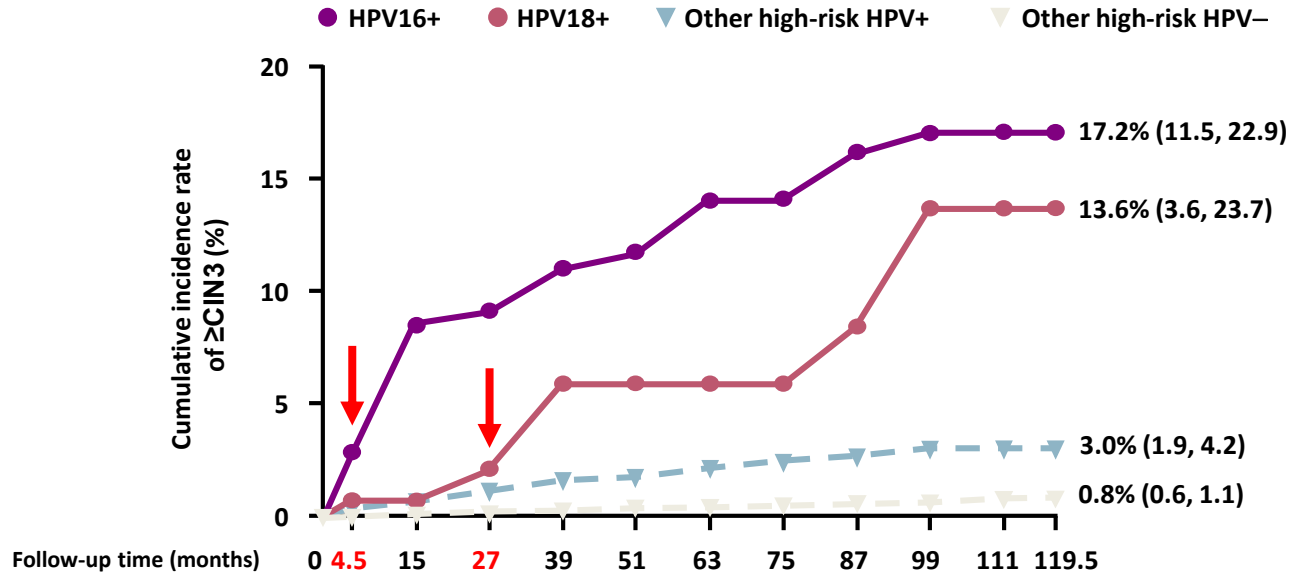
# Why is primary HPV testing replacing the Pap test?

- A significant false-negative rate for Pap vs HPV tests
  - (30% vs 2-3%) required more frequent screening to minimise failure to detect disease
- Women who test HPV -ve are at very low risk of HSIL and cancer for at least 5 years
- Compared with cytology, HPV testing provides 60–70% greater protection against invasive cervical cancers; significantly reduced incidence of adenocarcinomas
- Opportunity for self collection in under-screened populations

# Why use partial genotyping?

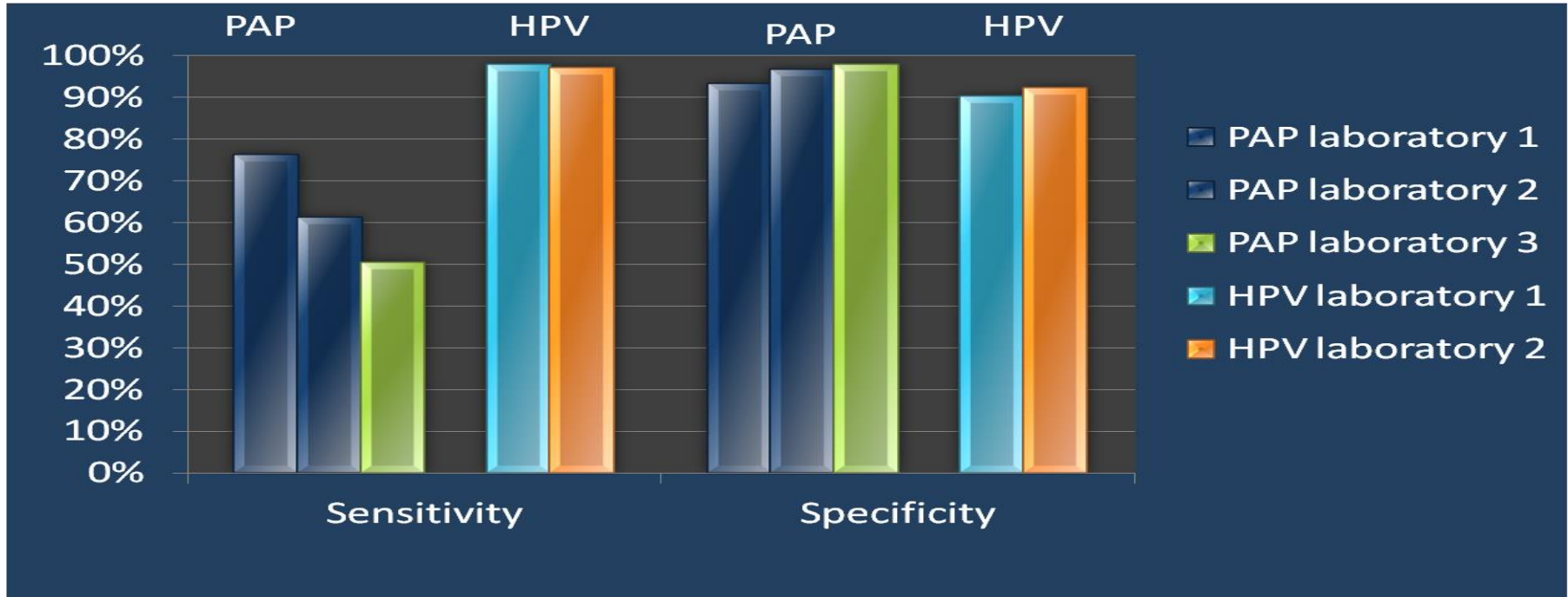
- Partial genotyping allows for separate detection of HPV 16 and 18; other oncogenic HPV types will be reported as a pooled result
- HPV 16 and 18 are associated with cervical abnormalities that are less likely to regress and more likely to progress to high-grade cervical abnormalities, compared with other oncogenic HPV genotypes
- Improves risk stratification/assessment in the screening program

# Women with HPV16 and HPV18 infections at baseline are more likely to develop CIN3+



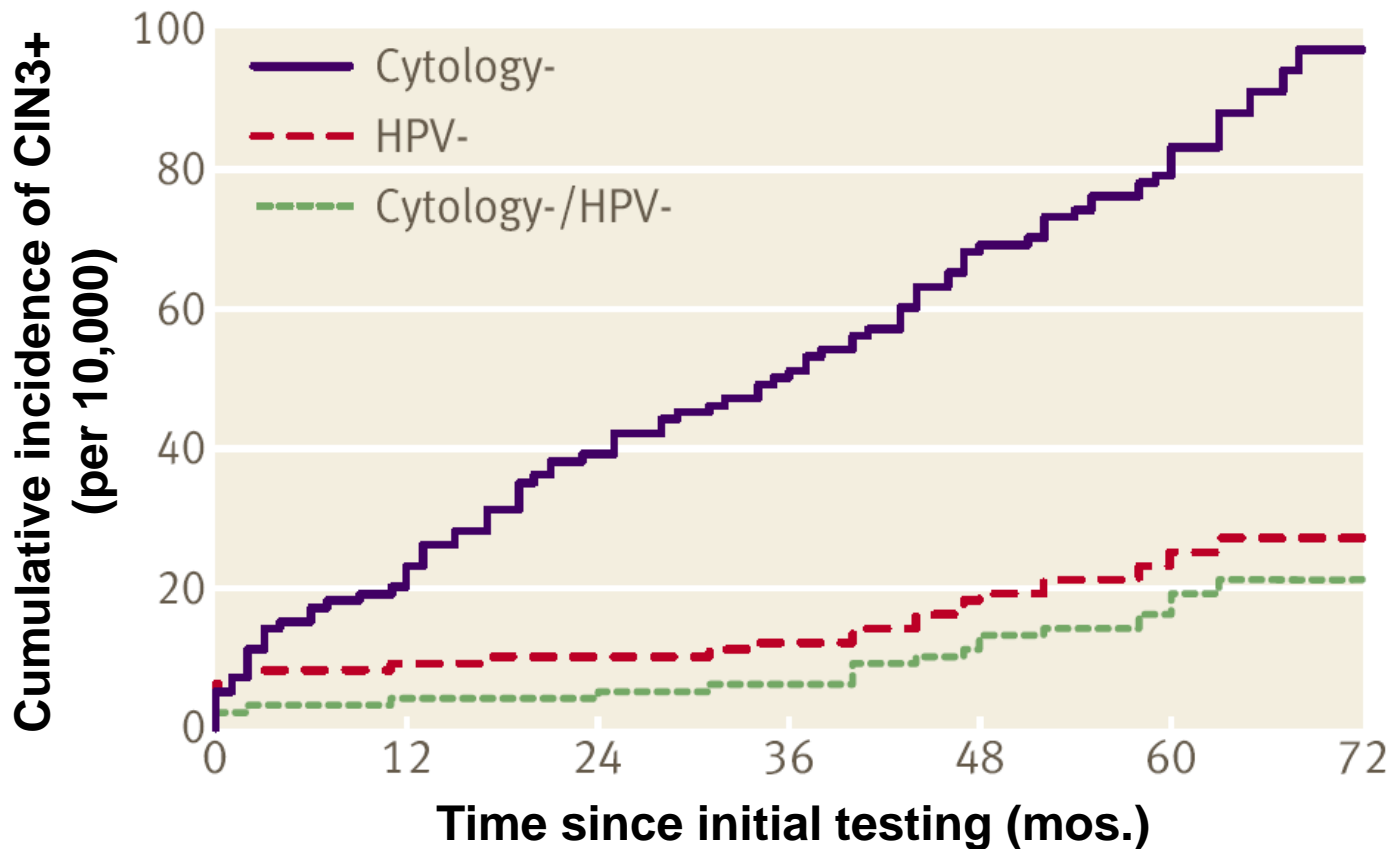
HPV16/18 genotyping identifies more cervical disease earlier, improving outcomes

# Efficacy of Laboratory Performance: Cytology vs HPV Testing (CCCaST Study)



Mayrand MH, Unpublished Data

## Cumulative incidence of CIN3+ according to baseline test results in European sites (excluding Denmark and Tübingen)



Dillner, J. et al. BMJ 2008;337:a1754



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Review

### Evidence Regarding Human Papillomavirus Testing in Secondary Prevention of Cervical Cancer

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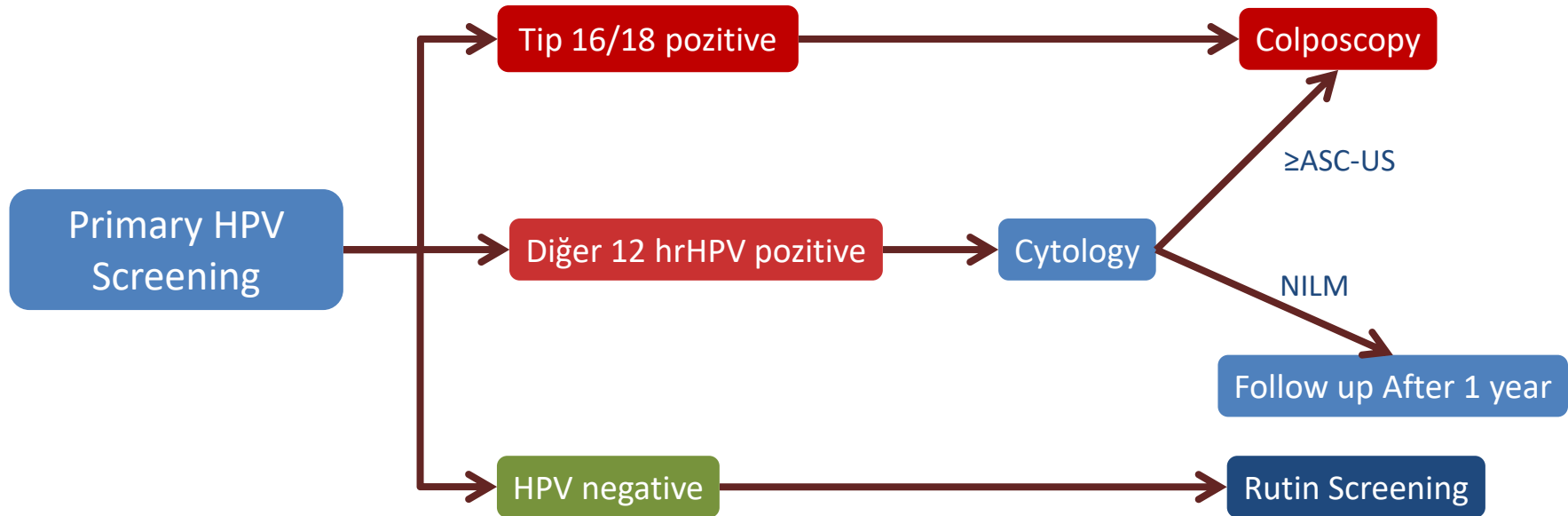
- Strong evidence that HPV-based screening using validated HPV assays is more effective than cytology-based screening among women age 30 years or older
- Interval can be extended safely to 5-7 years.
- Implementation will require a well-organized and monitored system
- HPV screening more cost-effective than cytology
- Reduced specificity requires appropriate triage to compensate for the loss in specificity (typing HPV 16/18, p16, Ki67)
- Not in women <30 years.

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# Primary HPV Screening



NILM: Negative for Intraepithelial Lesion or Malignancy



# Screening project in Şanlıurfa Cervical Early Detection Project

- 2005-2007
- 538.000 Euro
- 10.000 women screened



# Advisors

## International

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- Albert Singer
- Christine Bergeron

## Domestic

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- Fırat Ortaç
- Macit Arvas
- Ali Haberal
- Gökhan Tulunay

# Şanlıurfa Study(2005)

Anormallikler	N (%)
ASC-US	144 (1.60)
ASC-H	6 (0.06)
AGC	5 (0.05)
LGSIL	7 (0.07)
HGSIL	2 (0.02)
Invasive Cancer	1 (0.01)

Total Cytology: 9,079



# KETEM Study(2011)

- 17 Centers
- 3500 Normal populations
- **Hpv Prevalence: % 2.9**

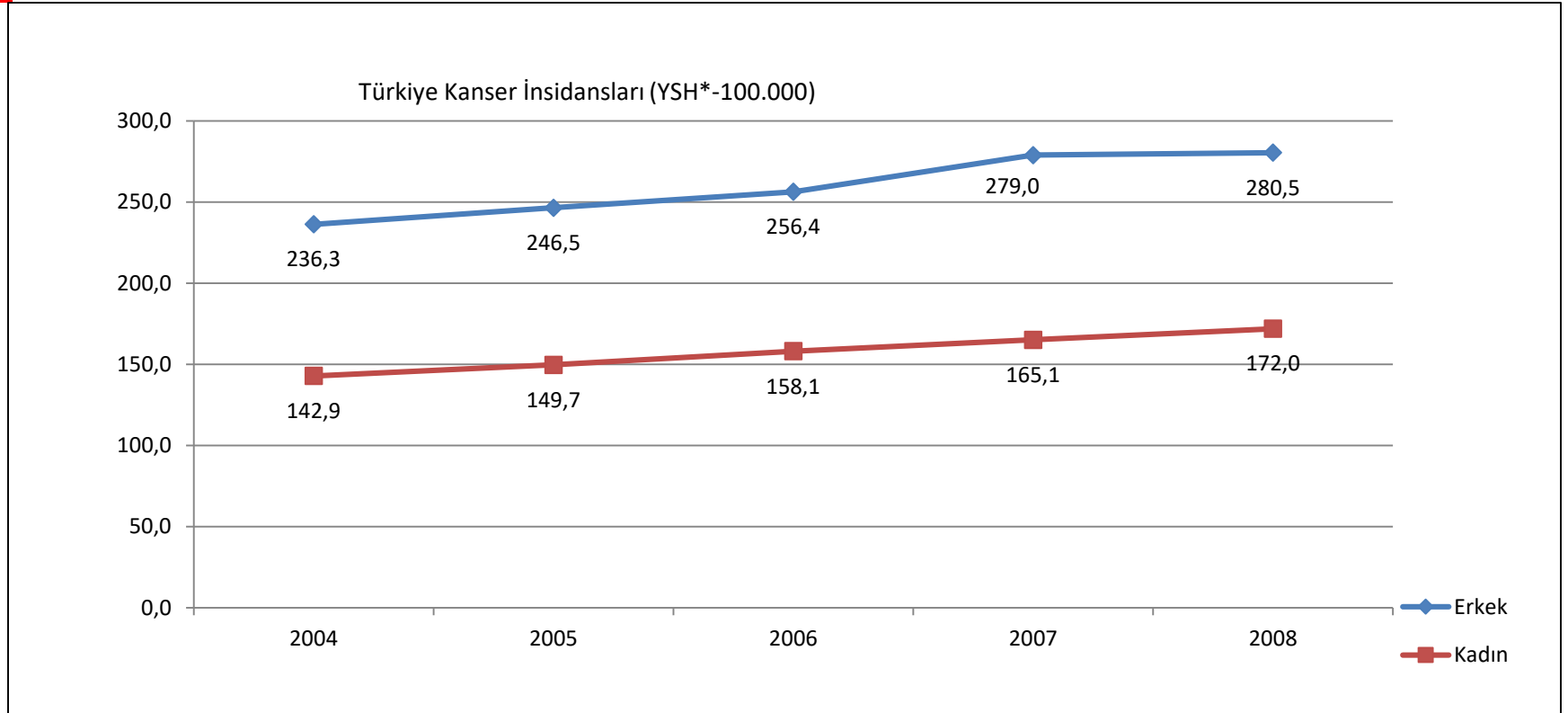
# Estimating Prevalence of Genital Warts in Turkey: Survey among KETEM-affiliated Gynecologists across Turkey

Nejat Ozgul\*, Murat Tuncer, Melike Abacioglu, Murat Gultekin

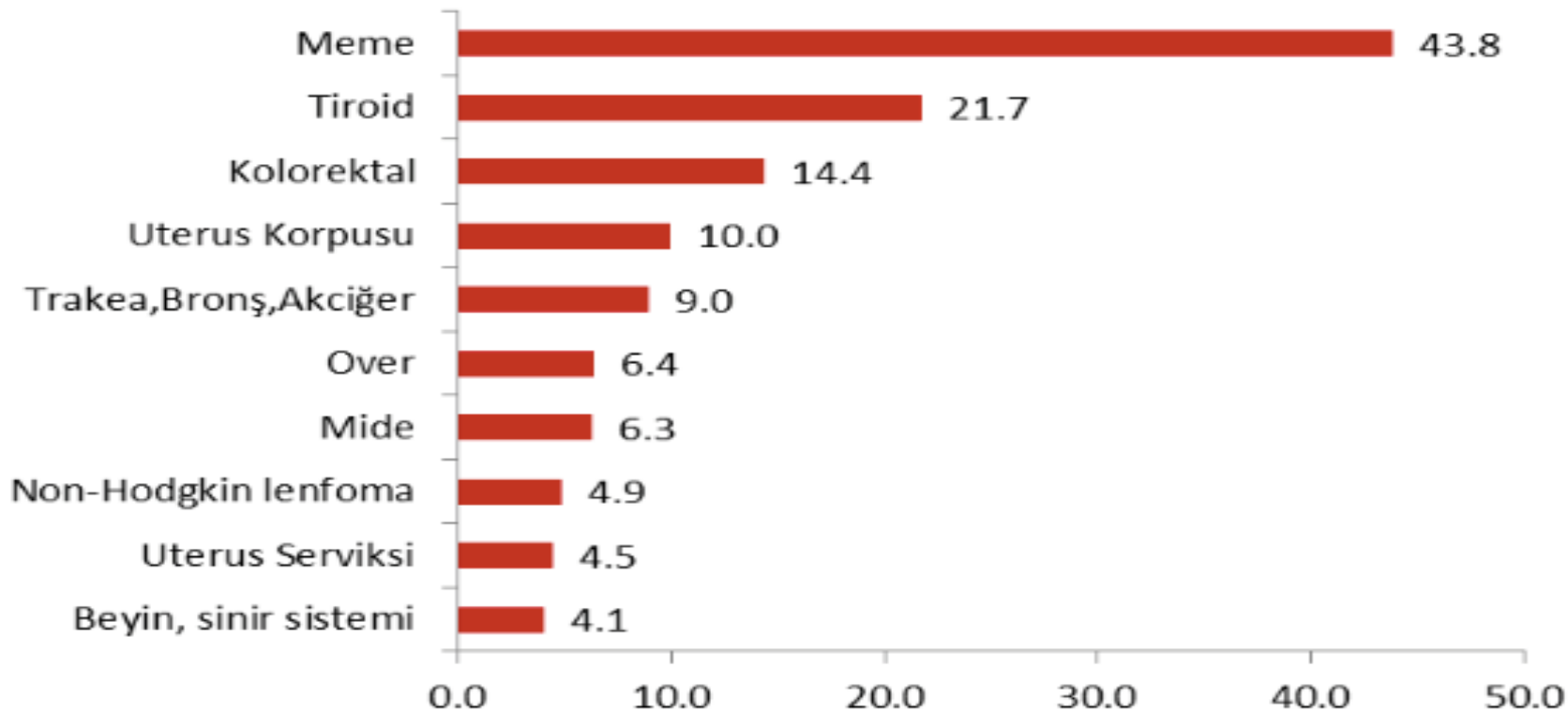
Asian Pac J Cancer Prev. 2011;12(9):2397-400

- N=4,013,084 >30 yaş
- Prevalence: 154 / 100.000(26-326)
- Number: 21.684
- Recurrence rate: %15-%37

# Increase of Cancer Data Quality



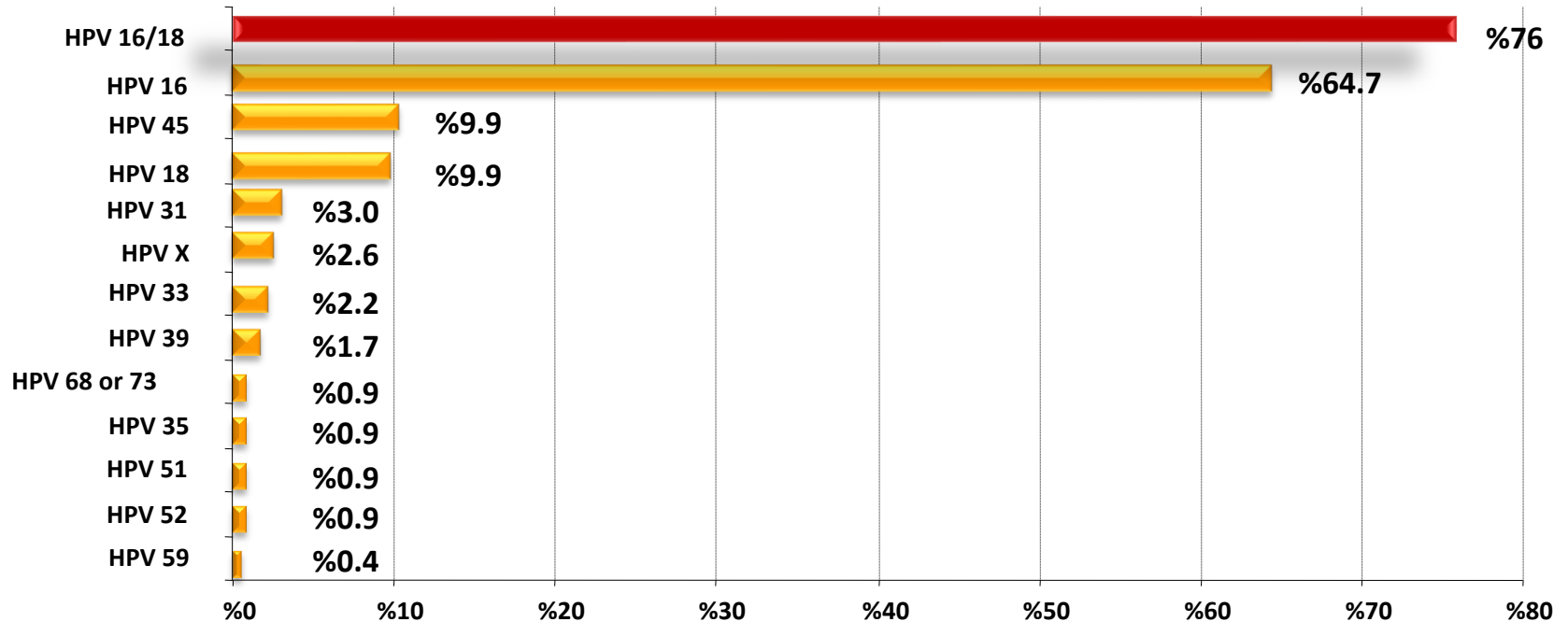
# The Most Frequent 10 Cancers in Turkey(Women) TCSB-2015





# Distribution of HPV Types in Turkey

- HPV16 + HPV18 %75.4



# National Cancer Screening Standards in Turkey

## Breast

### Woman self-examination

20 years old, every month

### Doctor's breast examination

20 Years old 2 years

40 Years old, every year

### Mammography

40-69 years old, 2 years interval

## Cervix

### Cervical Cytology

30-65 years old, 5 years interval

### HPV Test

30-65 years old, 5 years interval

## Colorectal

### Stool Occult Blood Test

50-70 Years old, 2 years interval


### Colonoscopy

10 years interval



# Medical Societies

- Turkish Society of Gynecologic Oncology
- Turkish Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathologies
- Turkish Cytopathology Society
- Turkish Pathology Society
- Turkish Microbiology Society



# Current Cervical Cancer Screening Programme in Turkey

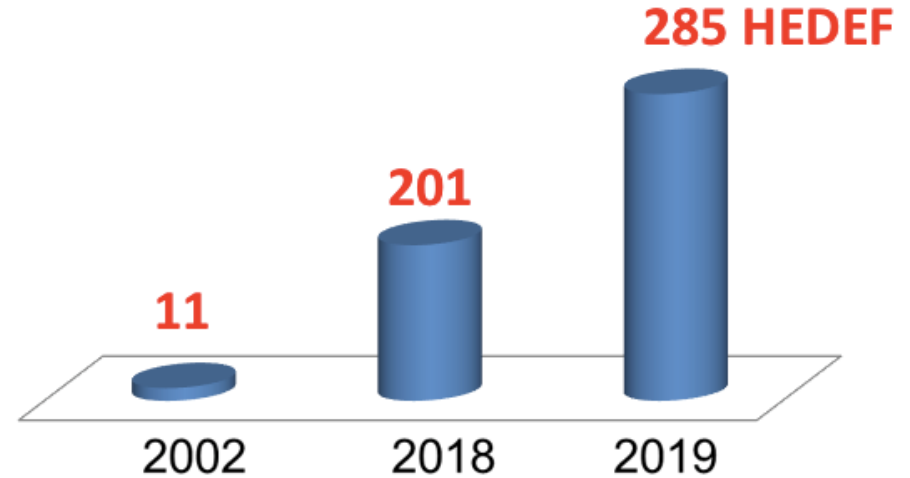
- Screening Test: **HPV Testing**
- Target Age Group: **30-65 years**
- Screening Interval: **5 years**
- **Population based screening** through KETEMs (free of charge) + **Opportunistic screening**
- EU Quality guidelines are implemented by on site monitorization and evaluation
- KETEMs have consultant Ob&Gyn specialists in addition to other experts. If the smear result is abnormal, consultations, treatments after screening and follow ups of patients are free of charge without strict referral rules.

# KETEM

## (Cancer Early Detection, Screening and Education Centers)

### 201 KETEM

- 175 sabit KETEM  
( 47 KETEM, SHM içinde)
- 26 Mobil KETEM



# High-Risk HPV Testing



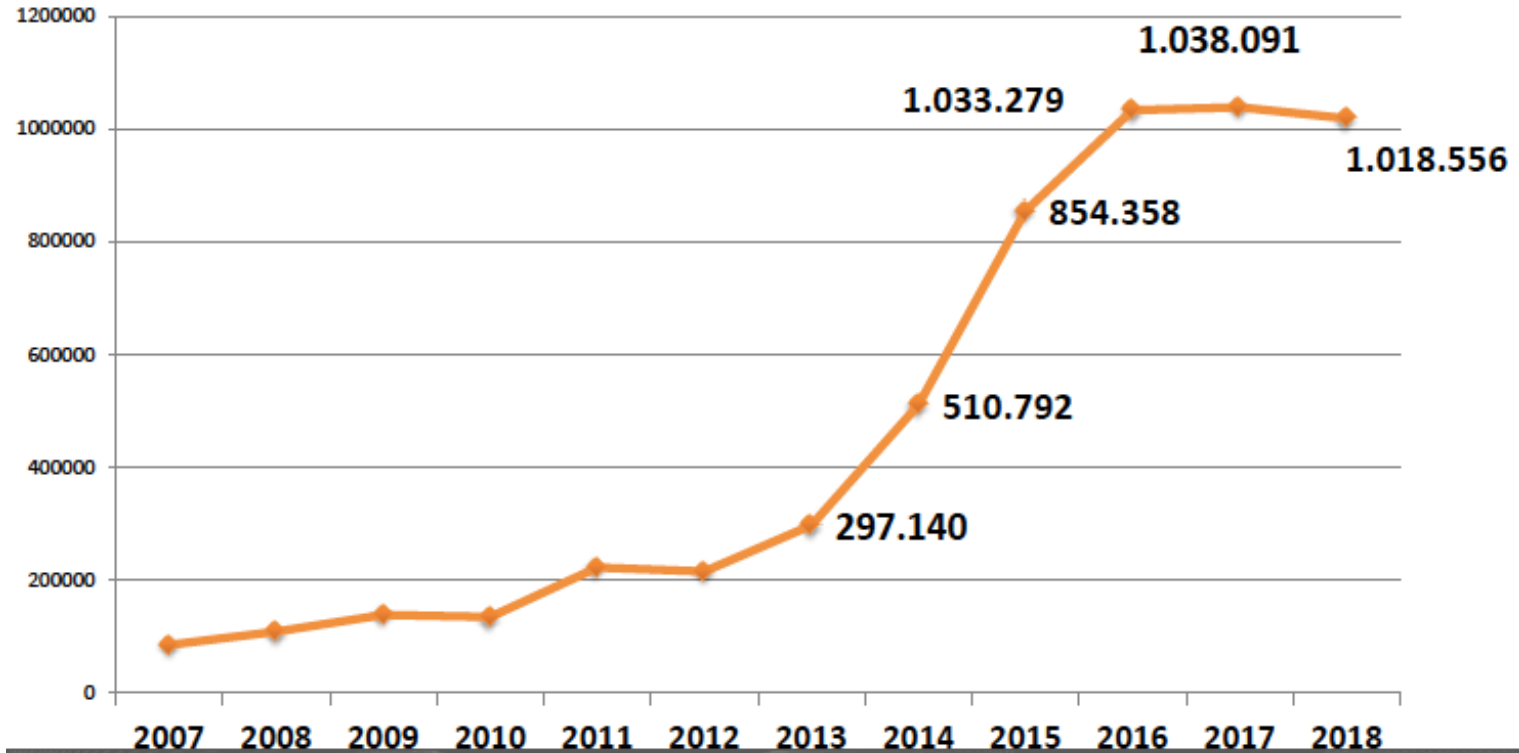
High-Risk HPV testing  
**(13 High-Risk types HPV  
16/18/31/33/35/39/45/51/52/56/58/59/68)**

Reflex cytology and genotyping  
for the (+) ones.

Results are taken within 7 days after the  
samples arrival to the laboratory.

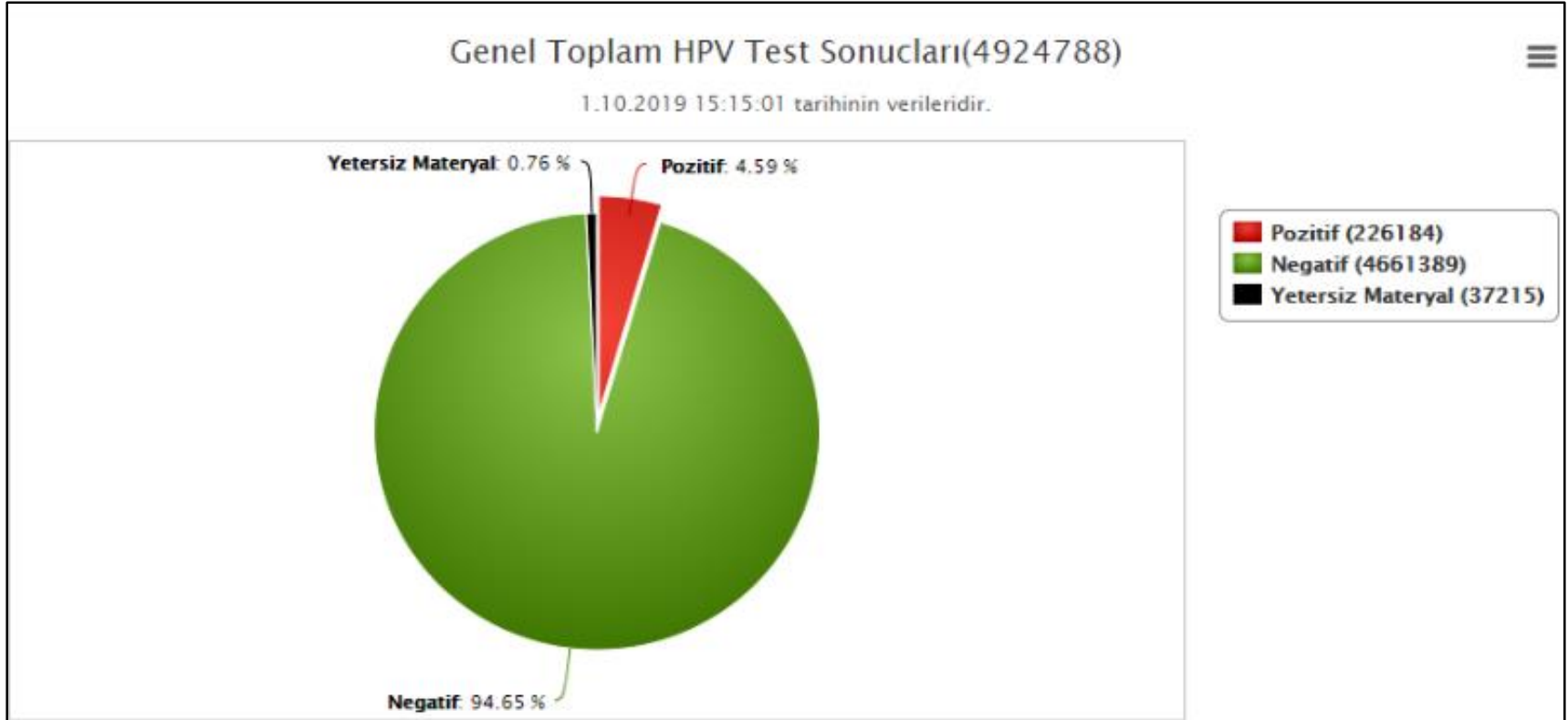
**1 Million Screening in 1 Year**

# Population Based Screening Numbers



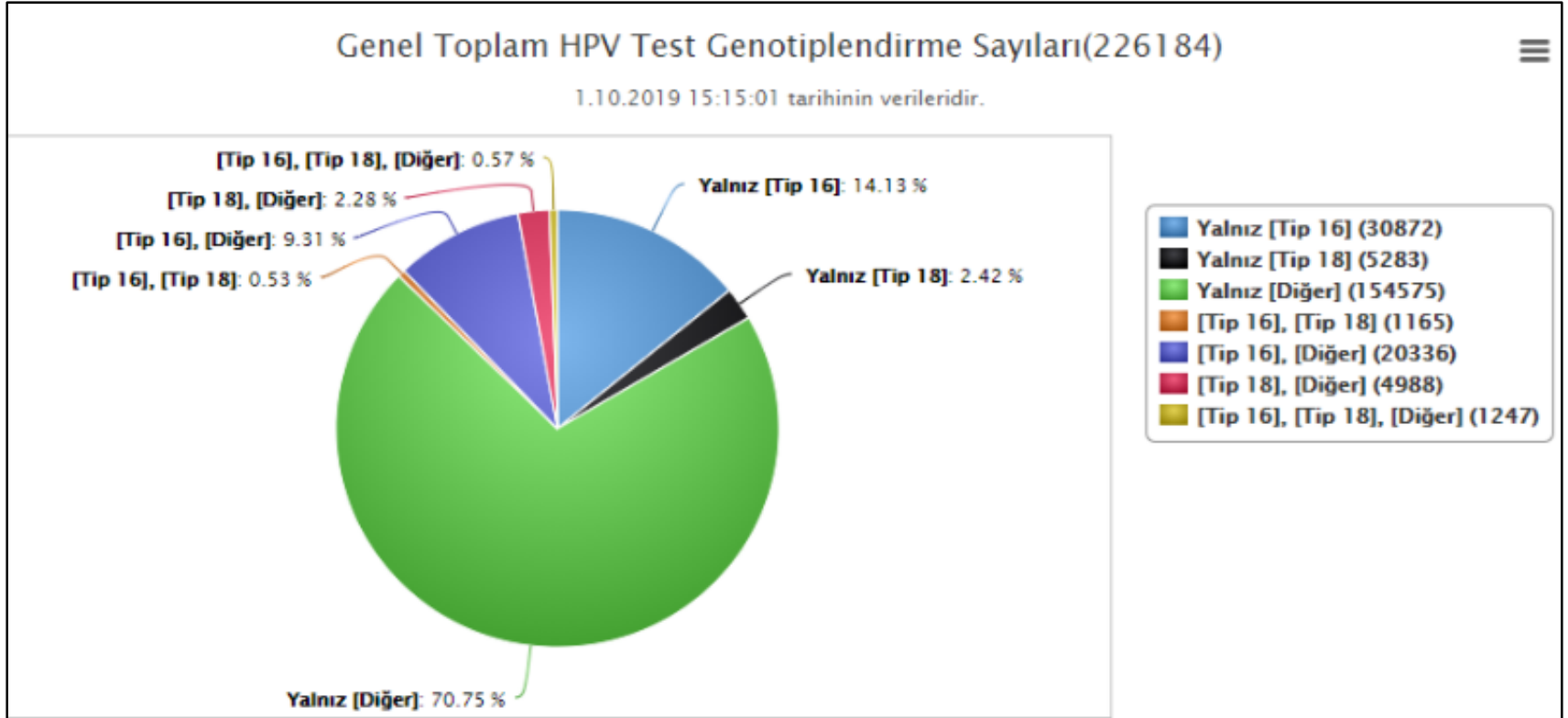
# HPV Test Results- 02.10.2019

Begining of Screening- 01.08.2014

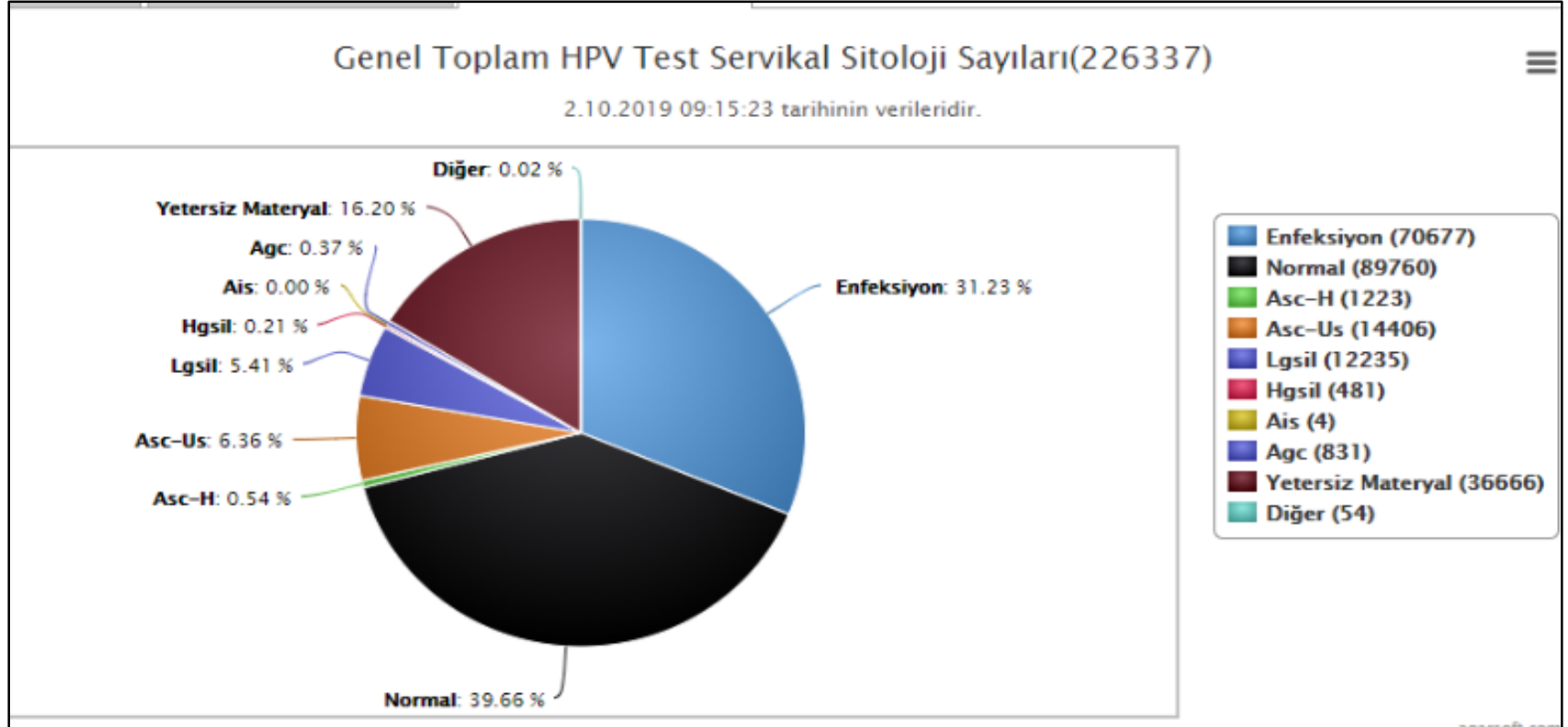




# HPV Genotyping Results- 02.10.2019



# HPV(+), Cytology Results-02.10.2019







# Turkish Programme

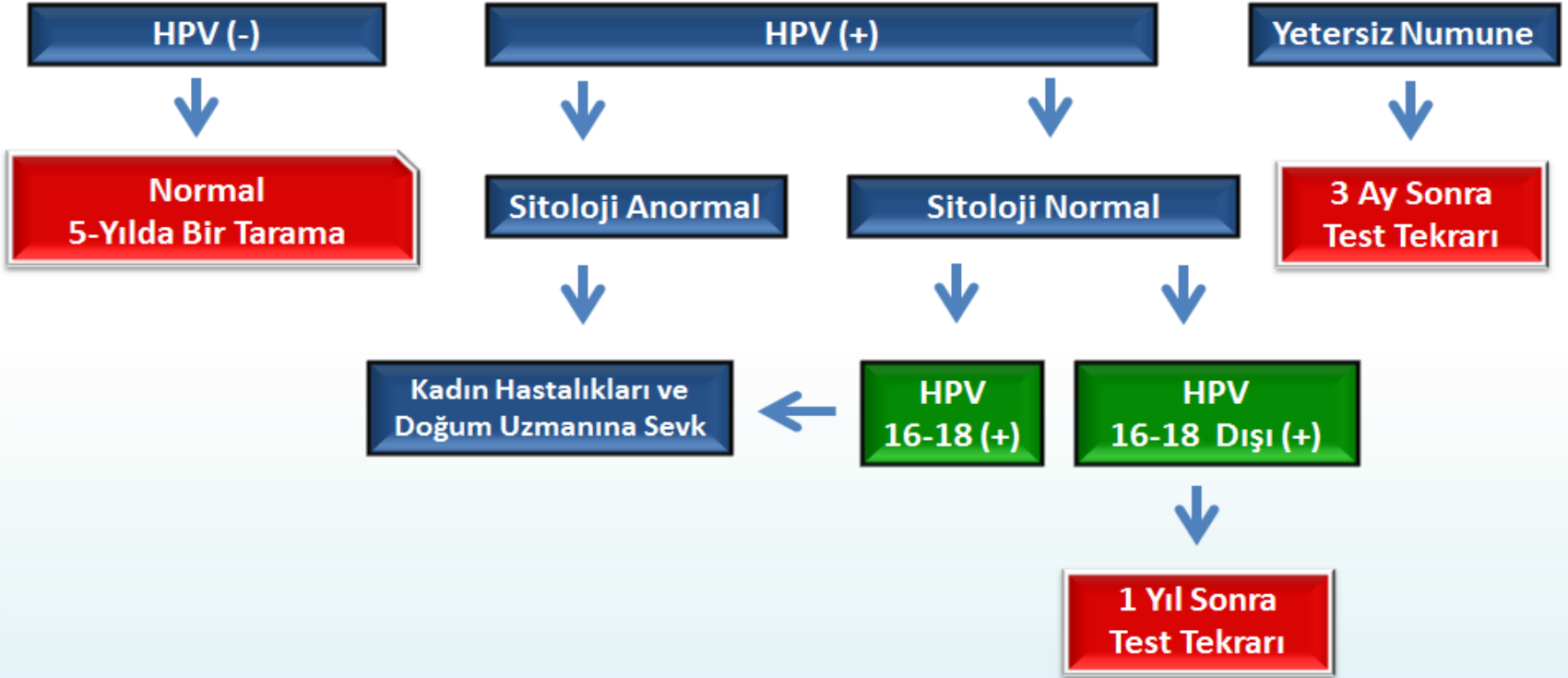
- The only country with Population Based HPV DNA Screening in the world
- The only country with National Mega-HPV Laboratory in the world
- The only country with Mobile KETEMs and a national mamography report center

# Debates on HPV Screening

- Too much HPV positive cases without cytoabnormality
  - Overdiagnosis of regressive lesions
    1. It has to be done age appropriately
    2. Second Round Data  
POBASCAM, Swedescreen, ARTISTIC, NTCC
    3. Risk stratification to Avoid Unnecessary Colposcopies  
Reflex Cytology / HPV Genotyping / Molecular Testings

# HPV Based Screening Programme-Turkey

“New screening Algorithm – Women between 30-64 years of age”





# Thank You for your attention!



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