


EFFECT OF COVID-19 ON SPIRITUAL CARE: HEALTH PROFESSIONALS & SPIRITUAL LEADERS' PERSPECTIVES

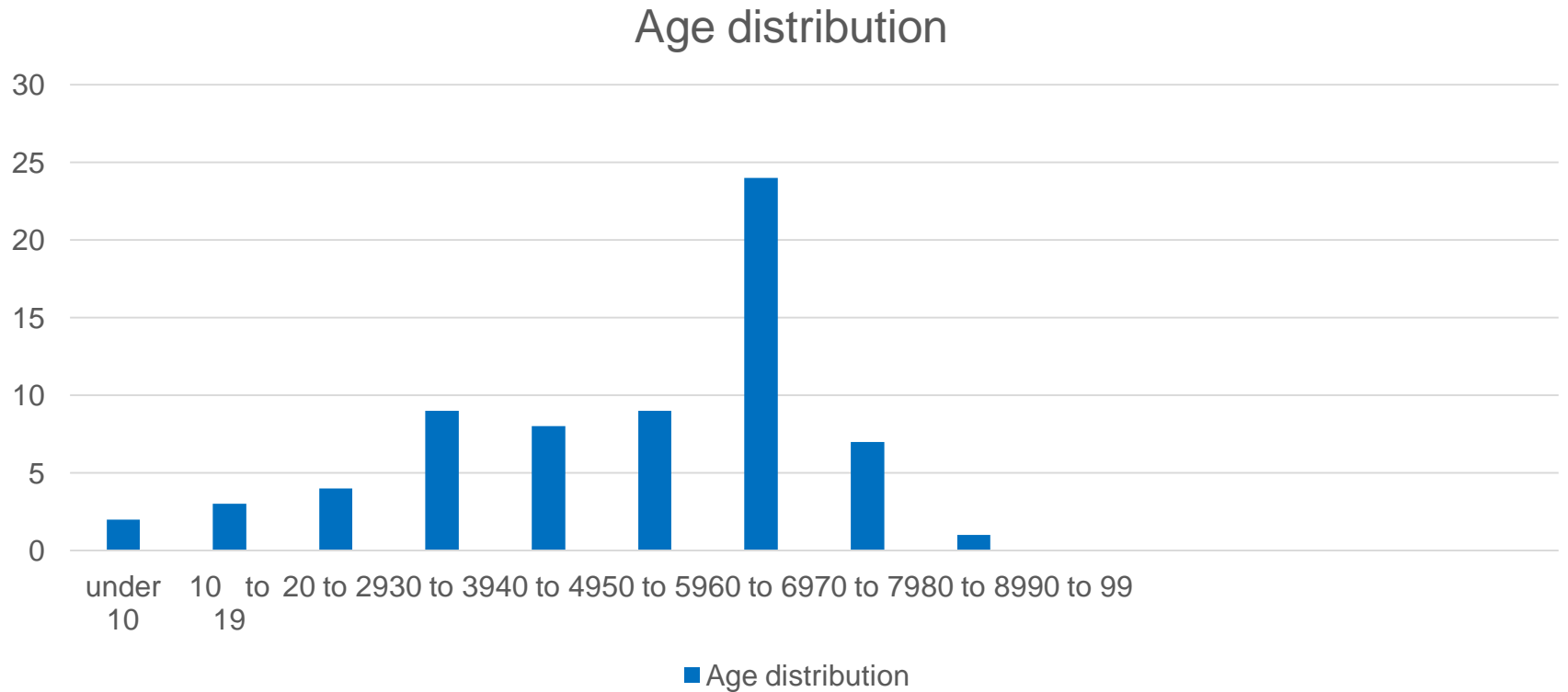
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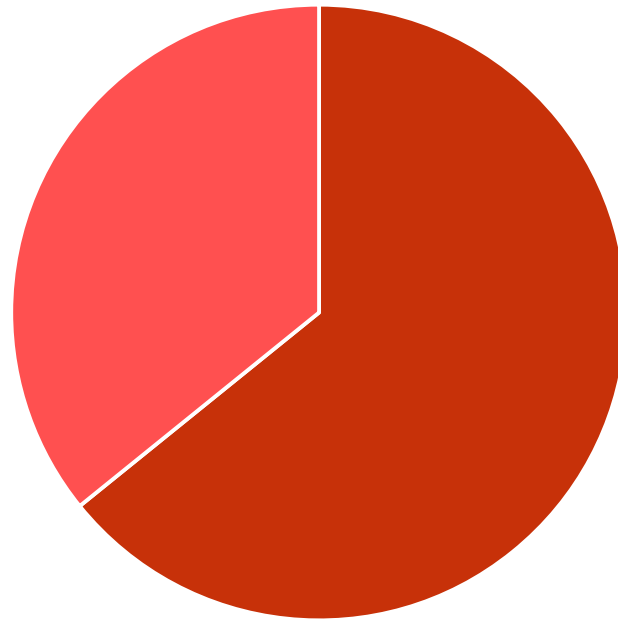
INTRODUCTION

- 2456 patients admitted to KNH IDU since start of pandemic
 - Total ICU admissions: 295 (12%)
 - Total deaths: 491 (19.9%)
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AGE DISTRIBUTION

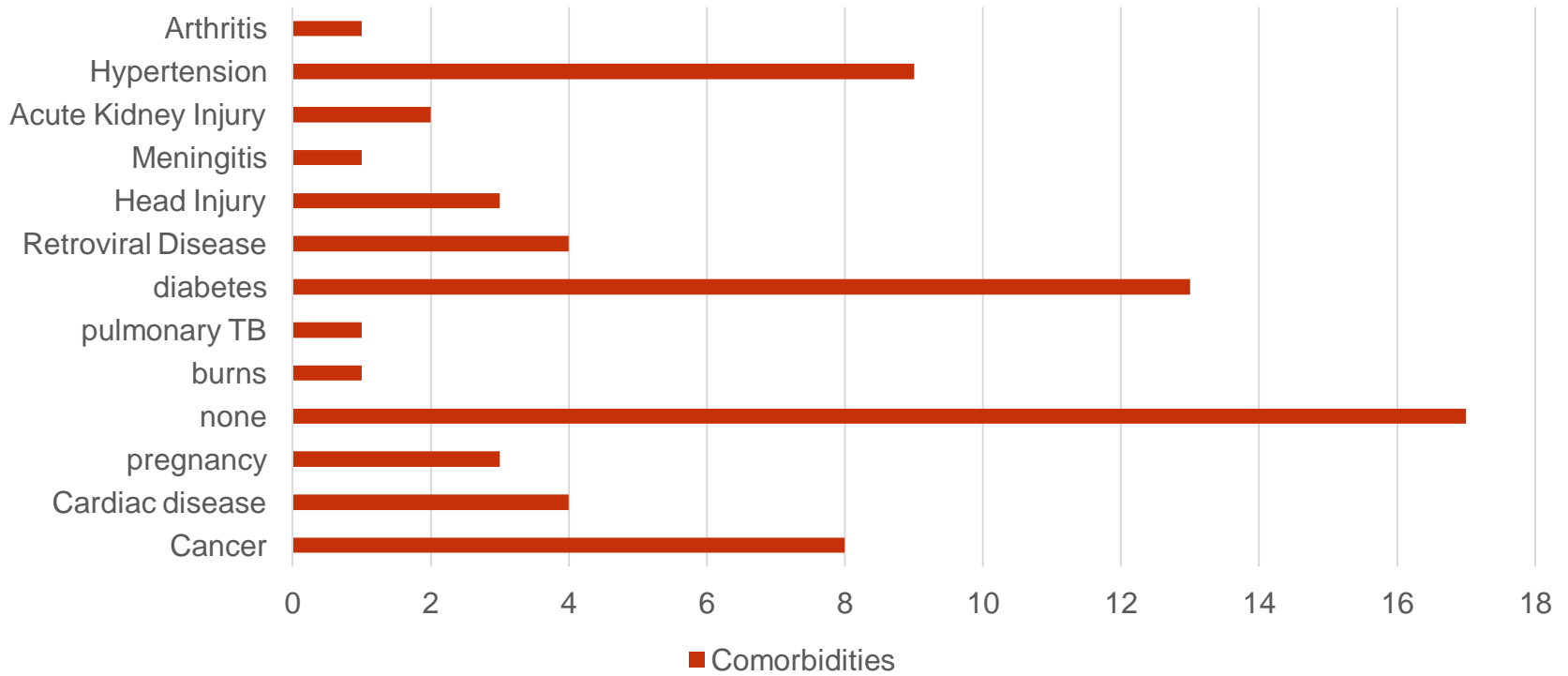


SEX



■ Males ■ Females

Comorbidities



A general sense of loss

The suspicion and/or diagnosis of Covid -19 infection and its impact can be accompanied by many losses, which often take a considerable toll on self-esteem and one' s own sense of identity.

These losses can include:

- Physical ability
- Cognitive (thinking) ability
- Home, work
- Social status and support
- Plans for the future
- Faith, hope, and a sense of god's care



REACTIONS TO COVID-19


INITIAL RESPONSE

- Shock, Denial, Blame
- Range of Emotions: confusion, despondency, anger,
- Difficulty in comprehending diagnosis
- Beginning to mobilize resources

Intervention

- Provide information on risk reduction, basic counseling
- Help person address immediate needs, including needs of family members for the duration of isolation

Aims of Spiritual Counselling

- Interior peace and serenity
 - Awareness of the presence of God in ones life
 - Re-integration into the community
 - Positive Living
 - Greater benefit from medical and psycho-social interventions ...
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Response of the Catholic Church

“The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor and in any way afflicted, those too are the joys and the hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ.”

Gaudium et Spes, The Church in the Modern World, Vatican Council II



Thank you