

# Wpływ zanieczyszczenia powietrza na występowanie chorób sercowo-naczyniowych - negatywne efekty zdrowotne stosowania paliw kopalnych

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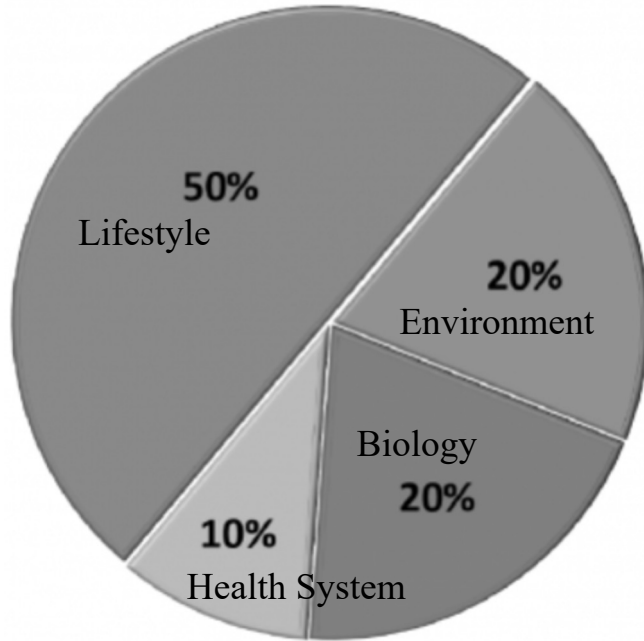
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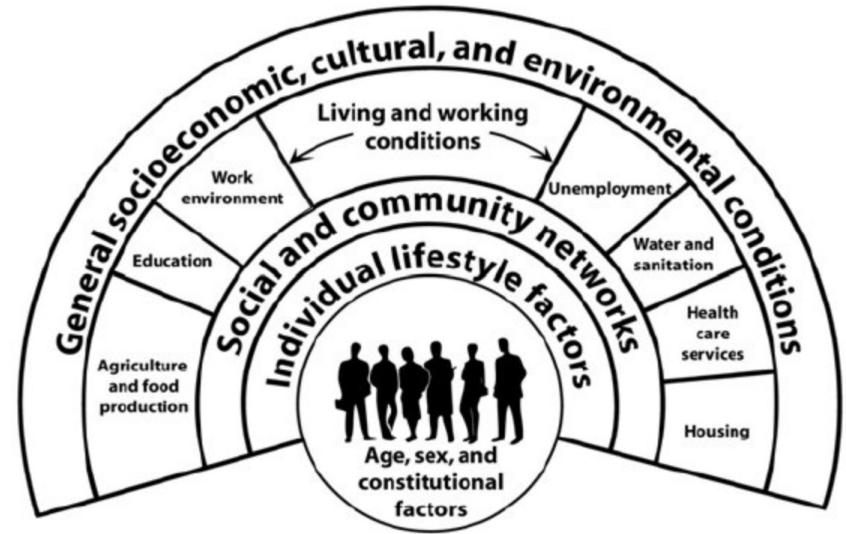
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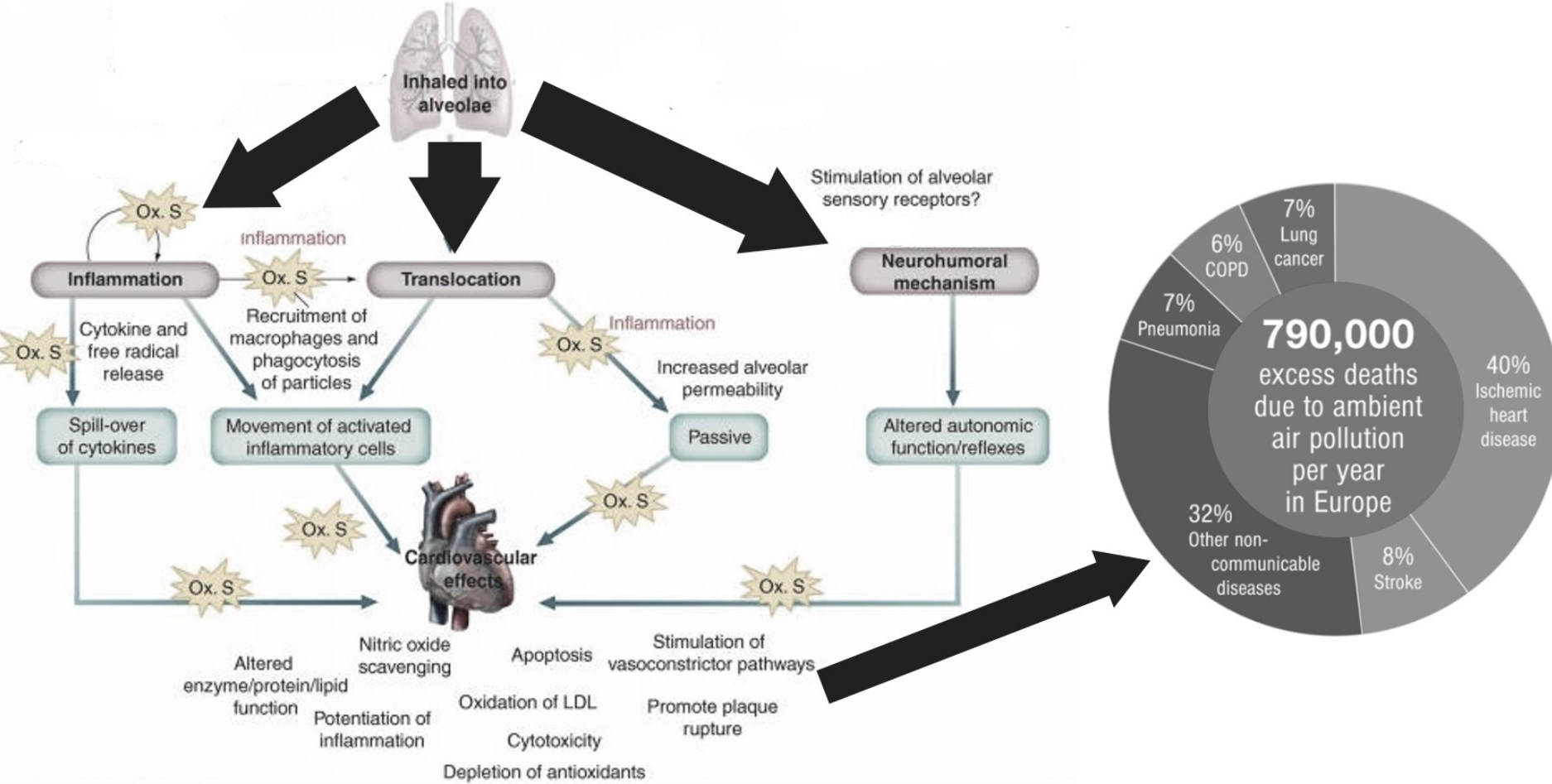
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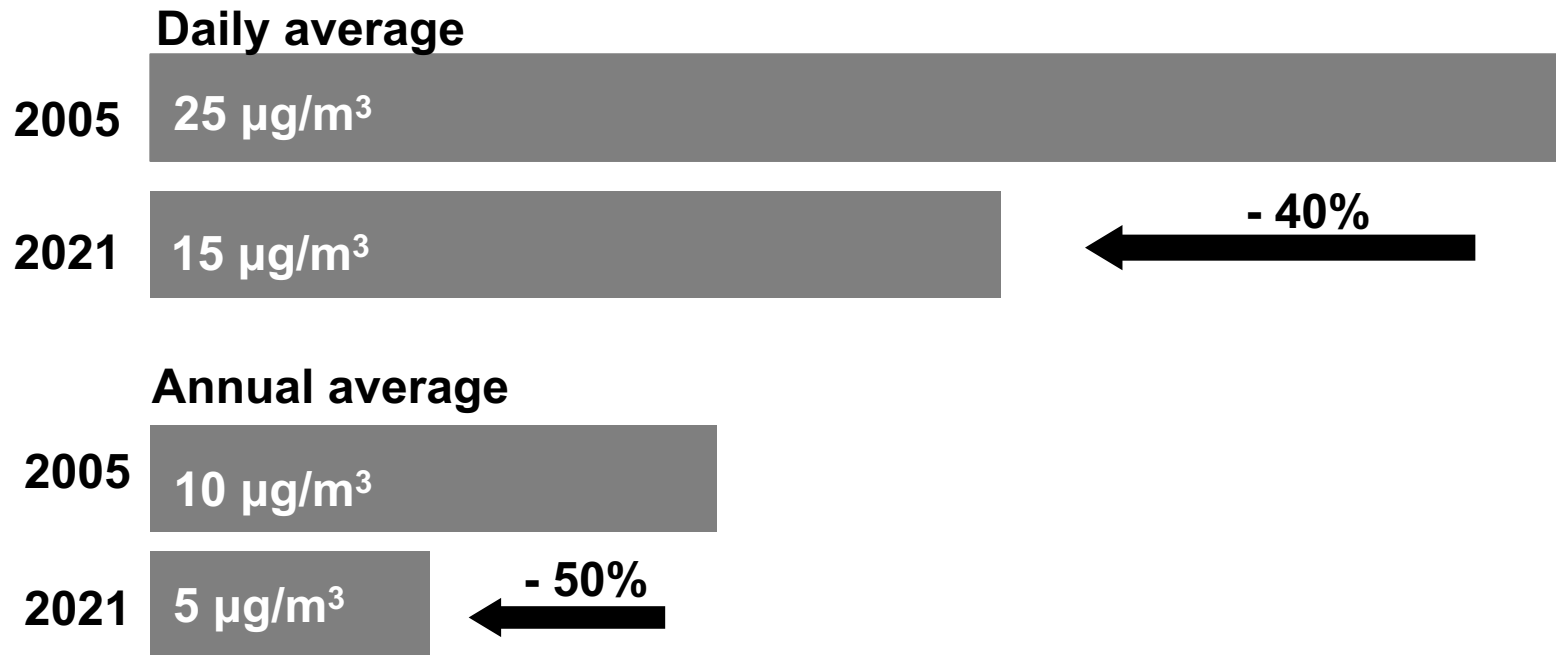
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Wats N et al. The Lancet Countdown on health and climate change : from 25 years of inaction to a global transformation for public health, Lancet, 2021



Cardiovascular disease burden from ambient air pollution in Europe reassessed using novel hazard ratio functions  
 Leliveld et. al. 2019 European Heart Journal

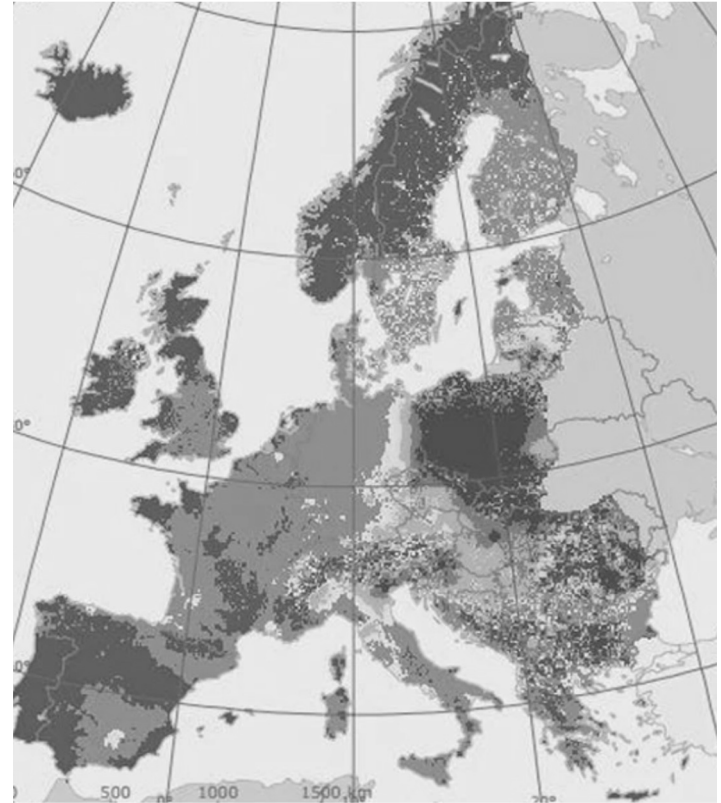
# WHO guidelines for PM<sub>2.5</sub>



## Polish smog

Specific geographic location of Eastern Europe, especially at times of frosty Russian weather conditions characterized by high pressure, cold air and sunshine, favor the formation of the phenomenon known as “**Polish smog**”.

The air pollution, rich in compounds such as  $PM_{2.5}$ ,  $PM_{10}$ , and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (benzo(a)pyrene) from low emission associated with household heating with solid fuels (coal, wood, and often also waste), imposes detrimental effects on health and life of the population, in particular in the context of cardiovascular effects.



# Background

Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, Wojtyniak et al. 1996

## **Short term effect of air pollution on mortality in Polish urban populations**

Positive associations between mortality and SO<sub>2</sub> and CO in Lodz and Cracow and between cardiovascular mortality and SO<sub>2</sub> in Cracow.

Epidemiological Review, Rabczenko et al. 2005

## **Short-term effect of air pollution with SO<sub>2</sub>, CO, NO<sub>2</sub> on mortality of Polish population**

In Krakow, Łódź, Poznań and Wrocław statistically significant increase of mortality from all causes was associated with increase in SO<sub>2</sub>, CO and NO<sub>2</sub>.

International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, Nahorski et al. 2017

## **Burden of Mortality and Disease Attributable to Multiple Air Pollutants in Warsaw, Poland**

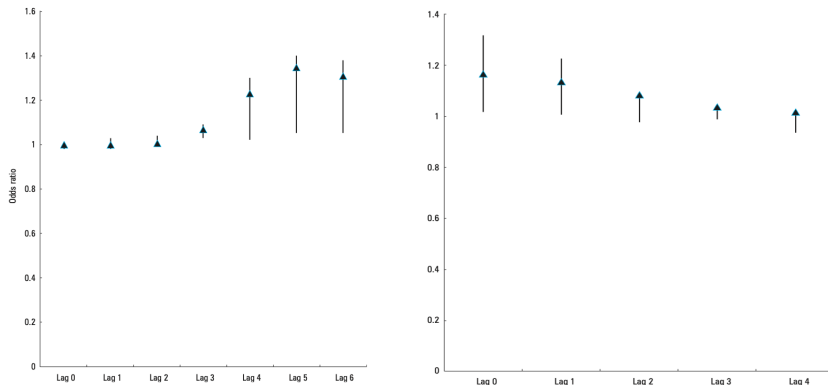
Local emissions of air pollution cause approximately 1600 attributable deaths per year.



# Effect of short-term fluctuations in outdoor air pollution on the number of hospital admissions due to acute myocardial infarction among inhabitants of Kraków, Poland

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**PATIENTS AND METHODS** Data on hospitalizations, daily pollutant concentrations, infections, and meteorological parameters were collected from December 2012 to September 2015. Data were assessed using a time-series regression analysis with a distributed lag model.

**RESULTS** An increase of 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  in  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  levels was associated with a higher risk of hospital admission due to MI (odds ratio [OR], 1.32; 95% CI, 1.01–1.40;  $P = 0.0002$ ). For  $\text{PM}_{10}$  the effect was observed only with a simultaneous decrease of 1°C in the mean daily temperature (OR, 1.08; 95% CI, 1.01–1.17;  $P = 0.03$ ). Significant effects were observed at lags 5 and 6. The effect of  $\text{NO}_2$  was significant at lags 0 and 1, but only in patients aged 70 years or older (OR, 1.13; 95% CI, 1.01–1.23;  $P = 0.007$ ) and those with pulmonary disorders (OR, 1.12; 95% CI, 1.01–1.31;  $P = 0.01$ ).

**CONCLUSIONS** In all age groups, the short-term elevation in  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  levels was associated with an increased number of daily hospital admissions for MI, whereas for  $\text{PM}_{10}$  the effect was significant only with a simultaneous decrease in temperature. The effect of  $\text{NO}_2$  was observed only in older individuals and patients with pulmonary disorders. A negative clinical effect was more delayed in time in the case of exposure to PM than to  $\text{NO}_2$ .

## Impact of air pollution on hospital patients admitted with ST- and non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction in heavily polluted cities within the European Union

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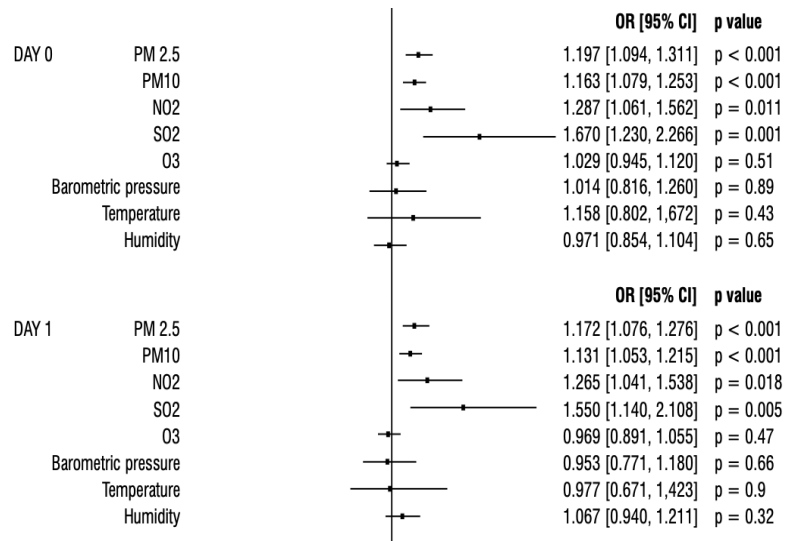
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**Conclusions:** *The most important pollutants triggering acute myocardial infarction occurrence in the population of southern Poland, both on the day of air pollution and the following day are particulate matters (PM2.5, PM10) and gaseous pollutants including NO2 and SO2. These pollutants should be regarded as modifiable risk factors and thus, their reduction is a priority in order to decrease total morbidity and mortality in Poland. (Cardiol J 2020; 27, 5: 541–547)*



## Exposure to air pollution—a trigger for myocardial infarction? A nine-year study in Białystok—the capital of the Green Lungs of Poland (BIA-ACS registry)

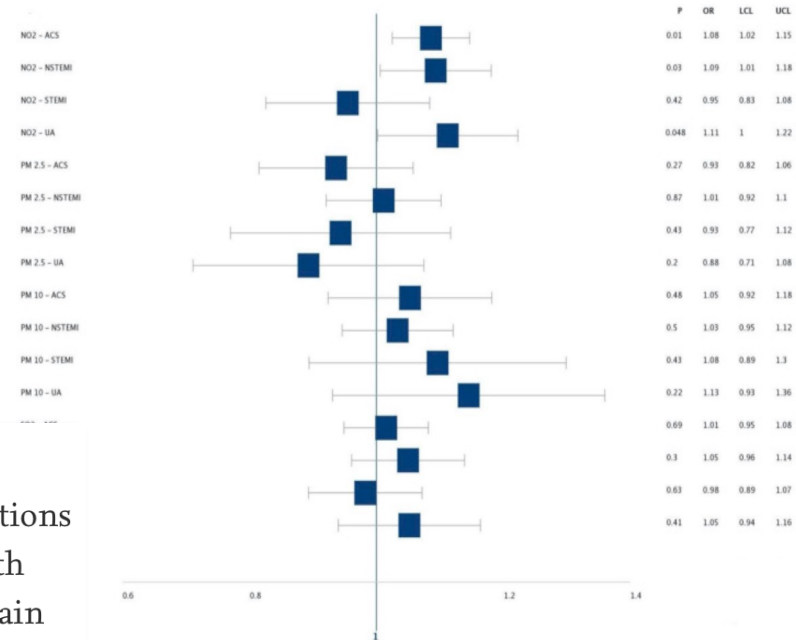
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### Conclusion

The study showed that the effects of air pollution and weather conditions on the number of ACS hospitalizations are also observed in cities with moderately polluted or good air quality. NO<sub>2</sub> was identified as the main air pollutant affecting the incidence of ACS.



# Effect of air pollution on the number of hospital admissions for acute coronary syndrome in elderly patients

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## ABSTRACT

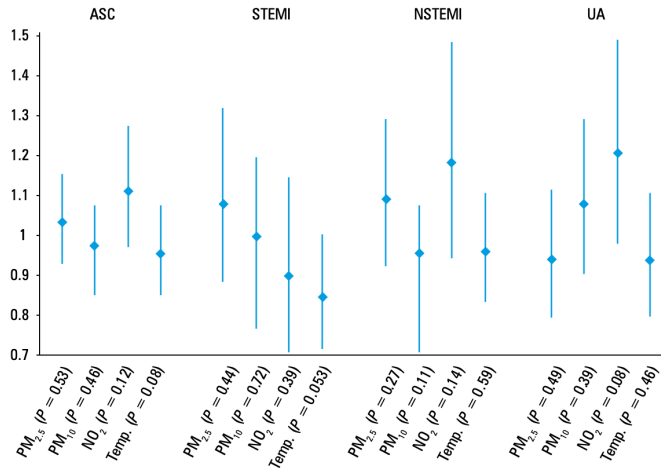
**INTRODUCTION** Air pollution is a documented risk factor for cardiovascular diseases.

**OBJECTIVES** The aim of the study was to assess the effect of air pollution on the number of hospital admissions for acute coronary syndrome (ACS) in elderly patients.

**PATIENTS AND METHODS** The medical records of 26 695 patients hospitalized for ACS between 2008 and 2017 were examined. Weather conditions and the following components of air pollution were analyzed: sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, and particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 μm or less (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) and a diameter of 10 μm or less (PM<sub>10</sub>).


**RESULTS** The study included 1618 inhabitants of Białystok in Poland (mean [SD] age, 75 [6.4] years; men, 52.6%). The norm for PM<sub>2.5</sub> was exceeded on 23.5% of days, while for PM<sub>10</sub>, on 5.3% of days. Elevated PM<sub>10</sub> levels were associated with a higher number of hospitalizations for ACS on the day of exposure (mean [SD], 0.61 [0.78] vs 0.44 [0.69];  $P < 0.001$ ), and this effect persisted in the subsequent days (mean [SD], 1.07 [1.07] vs 0.88 [1.00];  $P = 0.02$ ). An increase of PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations by 10 μg/m<sup>3</sup> was associated with an increase in the number of hospitalizations due to unstable angina, and significant effects were observed even after 6 days (rate ratio, 1.16; 95% CI, 1.03–1.32;  $P = 0.02$ ).

**CONCLUSIONS** Increased exposure to air pollution, in particular, elevated PM<sub>10</sub> levels, is associated with a higher incidence of ACS both on the day of exposure and over the following days.



# Gender Differences in Association between Air Pollution and Daily Mortality in the Capital of the Green Lungs of Poland—Population-Based Study with 2,953,000 Person-Years of Follow-Up



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Variables	RR	Lower 95% CI for RR	Upper 95% CI for RR	p
NO <sub>2</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup> * + Meteorological parameters	0.99	0.96	1.04	0.96
SO <sub>2</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup> * + Meteorological parameters	1.10	1.04	1.17	0.002
PM2.5 µg/m <sup>3</sup> ** + Meteorological parameters	1.03	0.99	1.06	0.13
PM10 µg/m <sup>3</sup> ** + Meteorological parameters	0.99	0.96	1.03	0.99
Temp. °C ***	1.01	0.99	1.04	0.29

Variables	RR	Lower 95% CI for RR	Upper 95% CI for RR	p
NO <sub>2</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup> * + Meteorological parameters	1.02	0.97	1.07	0.40
SO <sub>2</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup> * + Meteorological parameters	1.02	1.00	1.04	0.08
PM2.5 µg/m <sup>3</sup> ** + Meteorological parameters	1.07	1.02	1.12	0.01
PM10 µg/m <sup>3</sup> ** + Meteorological parameters	0.95	0.90	1.01	0.60
Temp. °C ***	1.02	0.98	1.07	0.25

Variables	RR	Lower 95% CI for RR	Upper 95% CI for RR	p
NO <sub>2</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup> * + Meteorological parameters	0.98	0.94	1.03	0.31
SO <sub>2</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup> * + Meteorological parameters	1.05	1.01	1.10	0.009
PM2.5 µg/m <sup>3</sup> ** + Meteorological parameters	0.99	0.96	1.03	0.73
PM10 µg/m <sup>3</sup> ** + Meteorological parameters	1.03	0.98	1.07	0.17
Temp. °C ***	1.04	1.02	1.07	0.003

Variables	RR	Lower 95% CI for RR	Upper 95% CI for RR	p
NO <sub>2</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup> * + Meteorological parameters	0.99	0.93	1.05	0.69
SO <sub>2</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup> * + Meteorological parameters	1.02	0.99	1.05	0.19
PM2.5 µg/m <sup>3</sup> ** + Meteorological parameters	1.00	0.95	1.05	0.86
PM10 µg/m <sup>3</sup> ** + Meteorological parameters	1.03	0.97	1.09	0.36
Temp. °C ***	1.08	1.04	1.13	<0.001

## Conclusions

1. Air quality and atmospheric conditions had an impact on the mortality of Białystok residents.
2. The main air pollutant that influenced the mortality rate was SO<sub>2</sub>, and there were no gender differences in the impact of this pollutant. In the male population, an increased exposure to PM2.5 concentration was associated with significantly higher cardiovascular mortality.

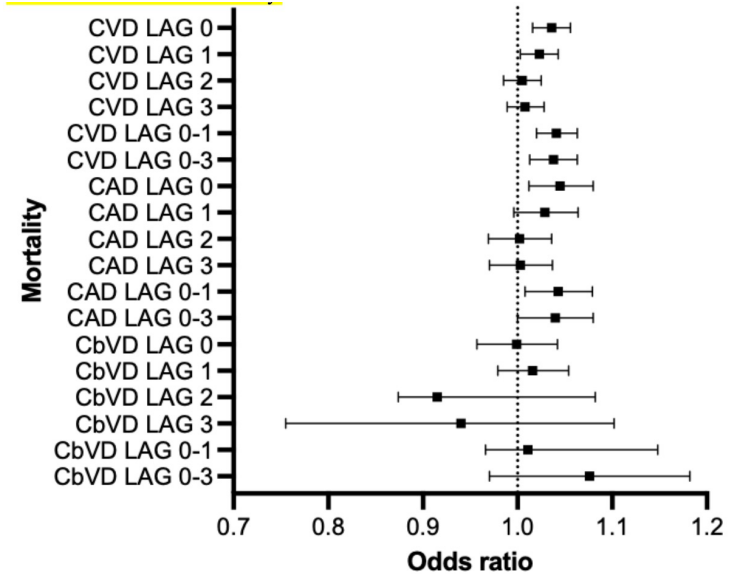
# Association between air pollution and case-specific mortality in north-eastern part of Poland. Case-crossover study with 4,500,000 person-years of follow-up (PL-PARTICLES study)

Objectives: To assess the short-term impact of air pollution on cardiovascular (CVD)-, coronary artery-related (CAD)-, and cerebrovascular-related (CbVD) mortality.

Patients and methods: The analysis with 4,500,000 person-years of follow-up with a time-stratified case-crossover design was performed.

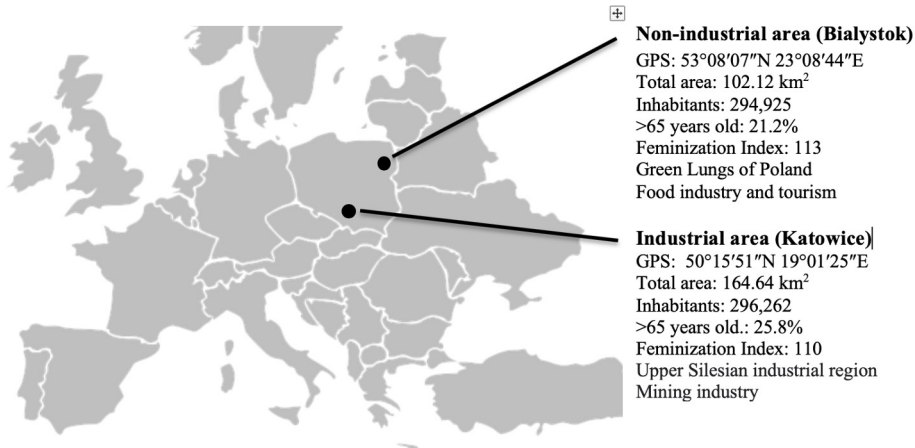
Results: The interquartile range (IQR) increase in  $PM_{2.5}$  (OR 1.036, 95%CI 1.016–1.056,  $P < 0.001$ ) and  $PM_{10}$  concentration (OR 1.034, 95%CI 1.015–1.053,  $P < 0.001$ ) was associated with increased CVD mortality on lag 0 and this effect persisted on following days. The effects of PMs were more expressed in association with CAD-related mortality (OR for  $PM_{2.5}$  = 1.045, 95%CI 1.012–1.080,  $P = 0.008$ ), (OR for  $PM_{10}$  = 1.044, 95%CI 1.010–1.078,  $P = 0.011$ ). Additionally, IQR increase in  $NO_2$  concentration was associated with increased CAD-related mortality at lag 0-1 (OR = 1.055, 95%CI 1.004–1.108,  $P = 0.032$ ).

Conclusions: The impact of PMs on CVD mortality is also observed in moderately polluted areas. This adverse health effect was more apparent in CAD mortality. Differences in effect size and seasonality may depend on the source of air pollution.



# Impact of short-term air pollution exposure on acute coronary syndrome in two cohorts of industrial and non-industrial areas: A time series regression with 6,000,000 person-years of follow-up (ACS - Air Pollution Study)

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## 6,000,000 person - years

Data on hospitalization for ACS from 2008 to 2017 was obtained and extracted from the National Health Fund reports. We used data from patients registered as residents in the city of Białystok – non industrial area and Katowice city - industrial area. The limit of the daily mean value for PM<sub>2.5</sub> according to the WHO guidelines was exceeded on 45.2% days in industrial area and on 24.9% days in non-industrial area. The daily WHO upper limit for PM<sub>10</sub> was exceeded on 27.6% days in industrial area and on 9.1% days in non-industrial area. The WHO limit for SO<sub>2</sub> was exceeded sporadically in non-industrial area (0.4%) and on 18.4% days in industrial area.

# Exposure to Air Pollution and Renal Function - An Underestimated Threat?

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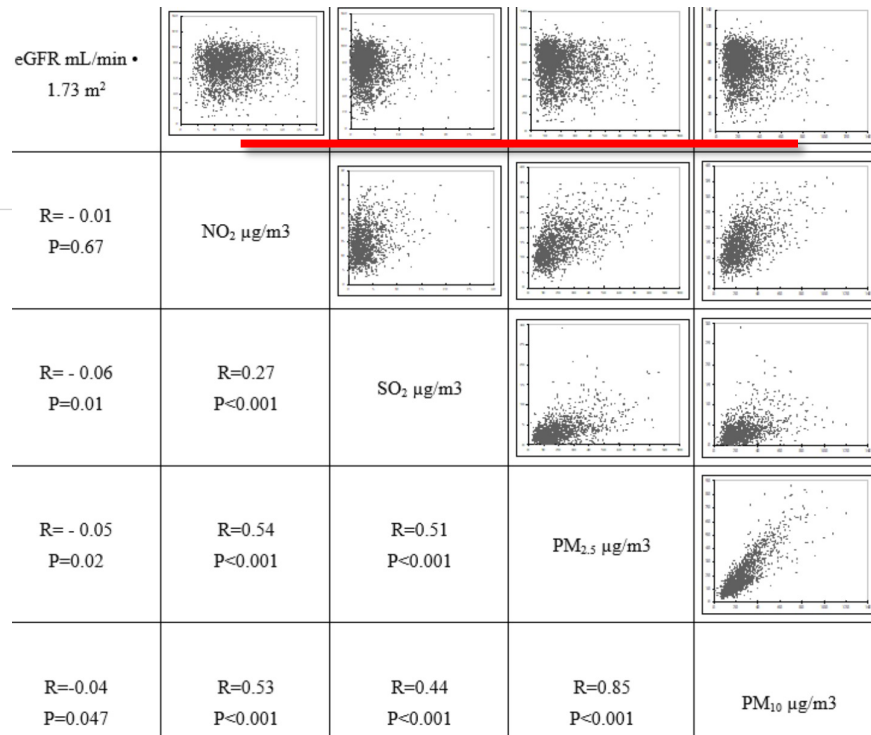
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**Results:** 3,554 patients were included into the final analysis. The median age was 66 (IQR 15) and men were in the majority (53.2%, N=1891). Chronic kidney disease (CKD) was diagnosed in 21.5% (N=764). The long-term increase in annual average concentration of PM<sub>2.5</sub> (OR for IQR increase=1.07; 95% CI 1.01 – 1.15, P=0.037) and NO<sub>2</sub> (OR for IQR increase=1.05; 95% CI 1.01 – 1.10, P=0.047) resulted in an increased number of patients with CKD. In short-term observation the IQR increase in weekly PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration was associated with a 2% reduction in eGFR (OR=0.98, 95%CI 0.97 – 0.99, P=0.03)

**Conclusions:** The effects of air pollution on renal function were observed. Long- and short-term exposure to elevated air pollution levels was associated with a decrease in eGFR. The main pollutant affecting the kidneys was PM<sub>2.5</sub>.





# Key message

The effects of **air pollution** on the population's **health** and **quality of life** can also be observed in **low polluted** regions.

**Increased** incidence of **acute coronary syndromes** and **deaths** from cardiovascular causes is associated with **elevated concentrations of pollutants**.

The most **vulnerable** subgroups are **older people** with multiple **comorbidities**.

The **impact** of pollution on health is **multidirectional**.

# Thank you

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