

**From HIV to global health,
From research to action,
From Geneva to Switzerland:**



The Geneva Gay Men's Health Project

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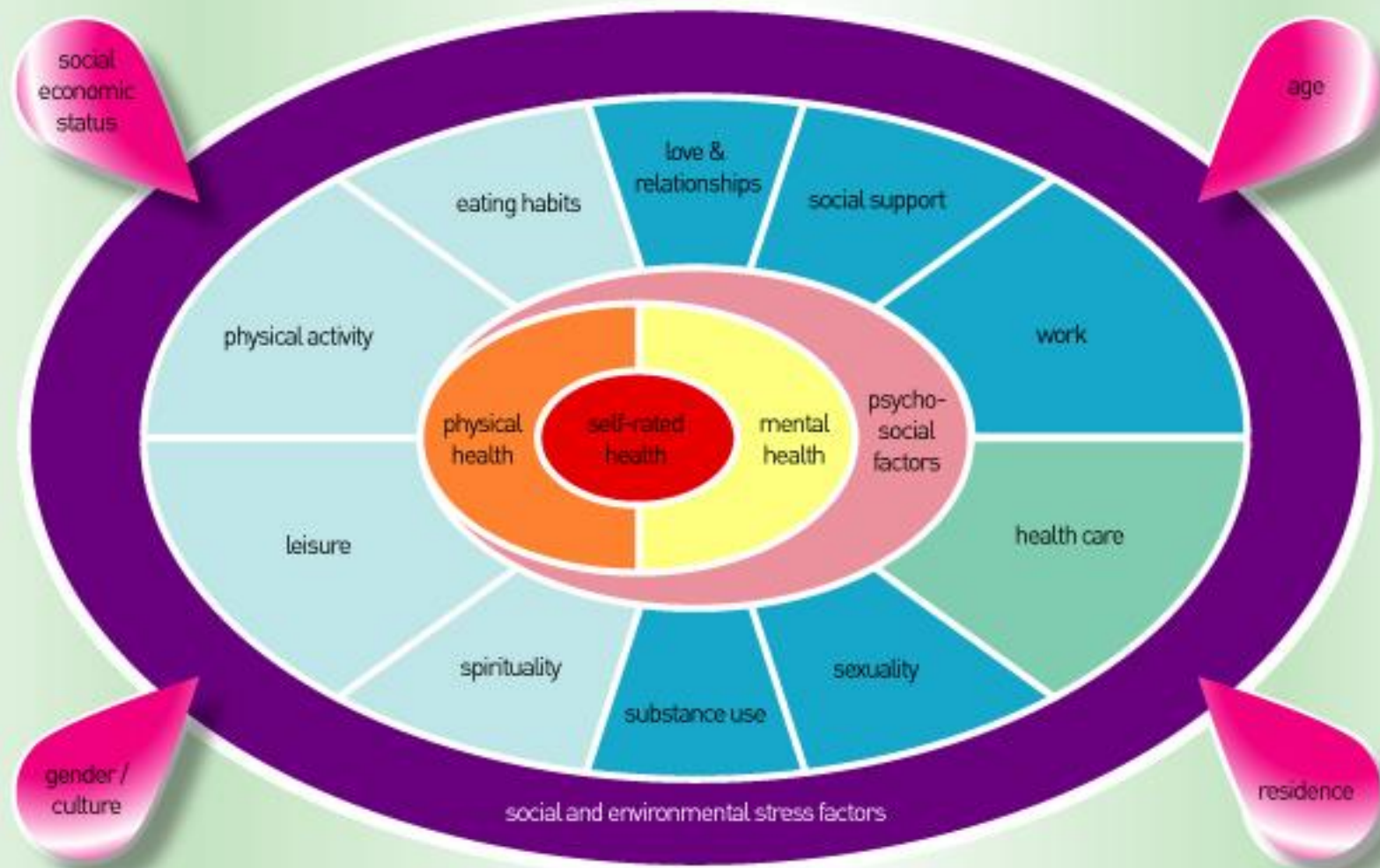


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Domains covered by GGMHS

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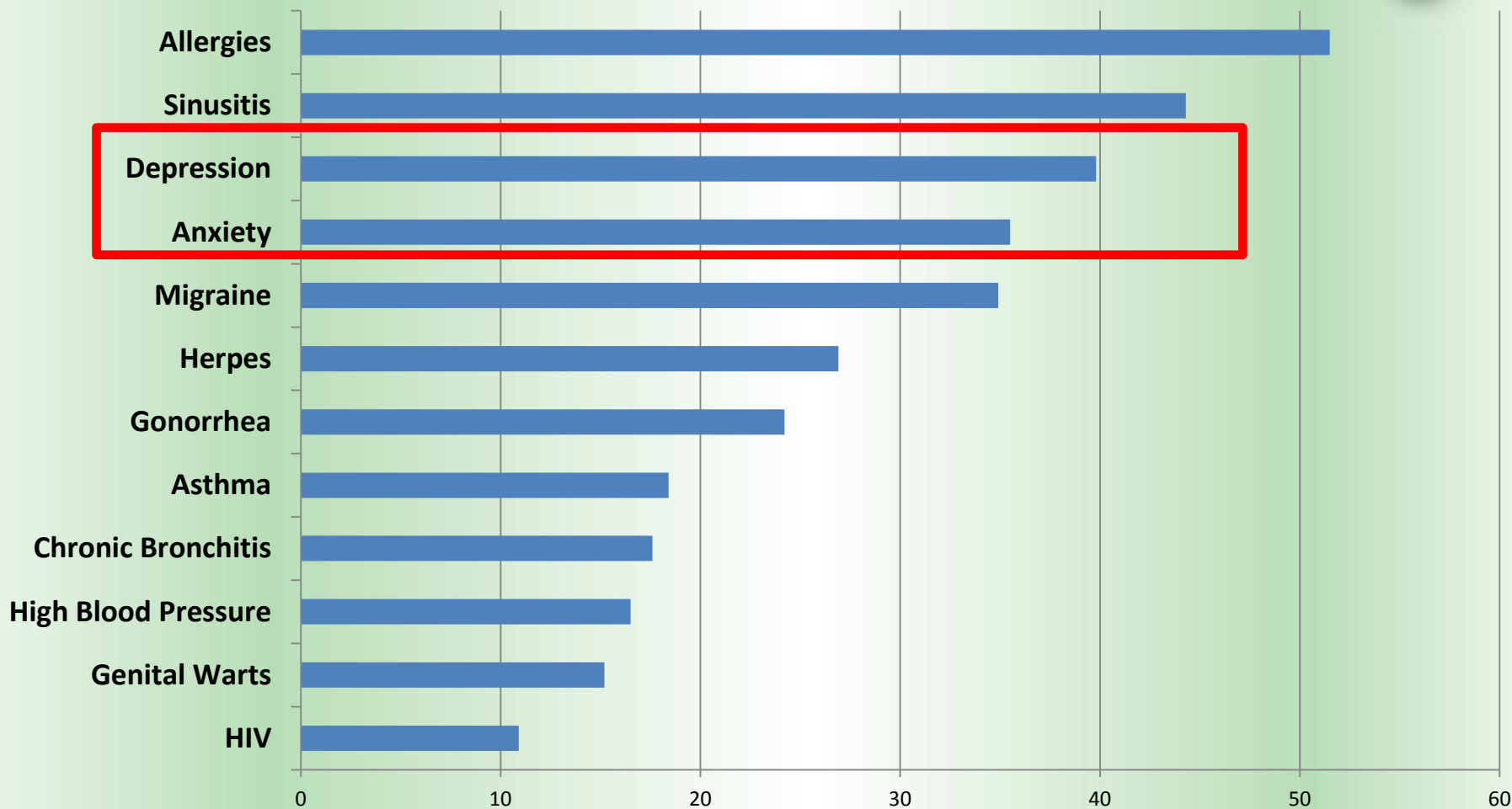


Preview of some results

Details on Mental Health and suicidality

Morbidity of GGM in % (2002)

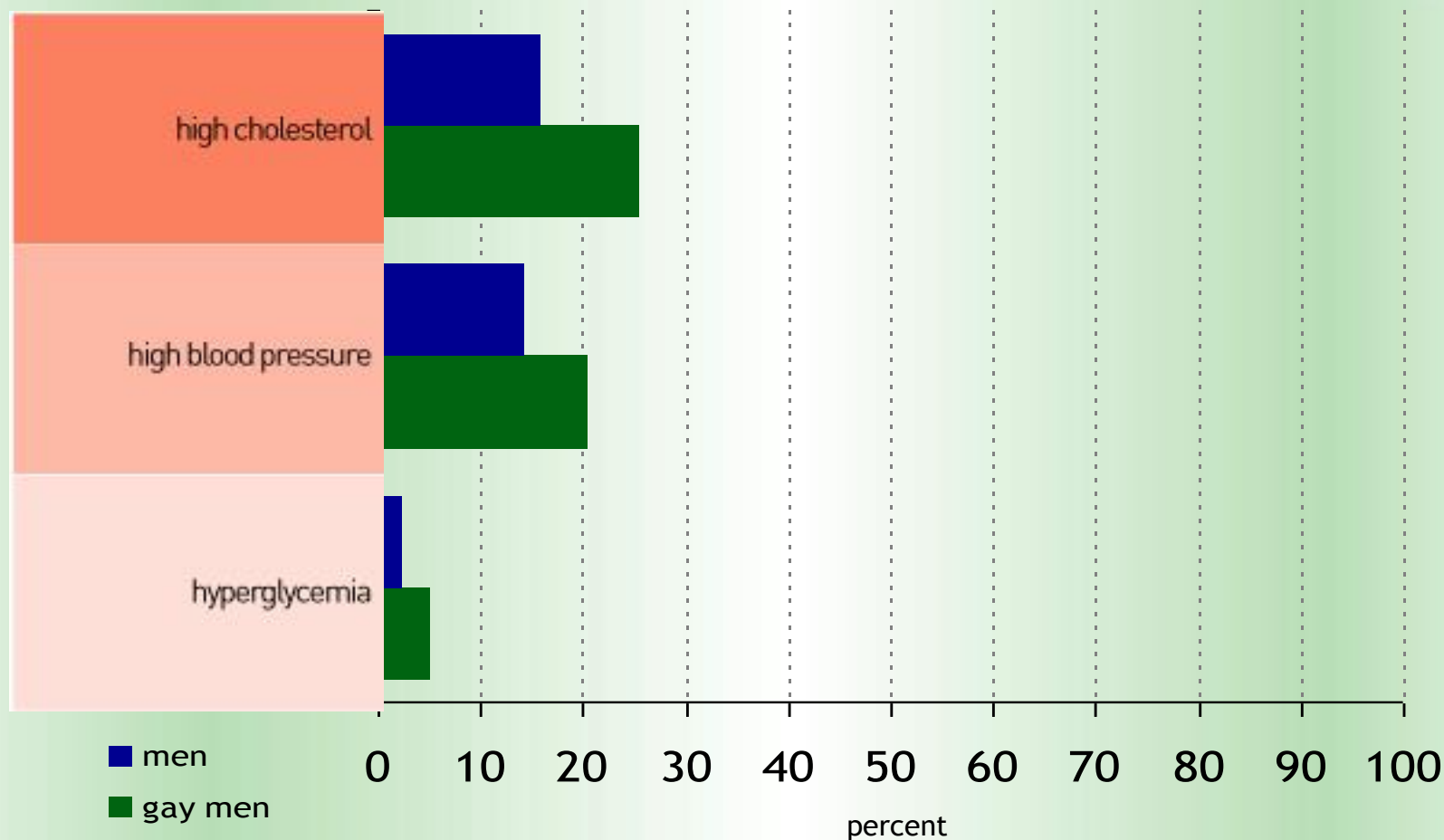
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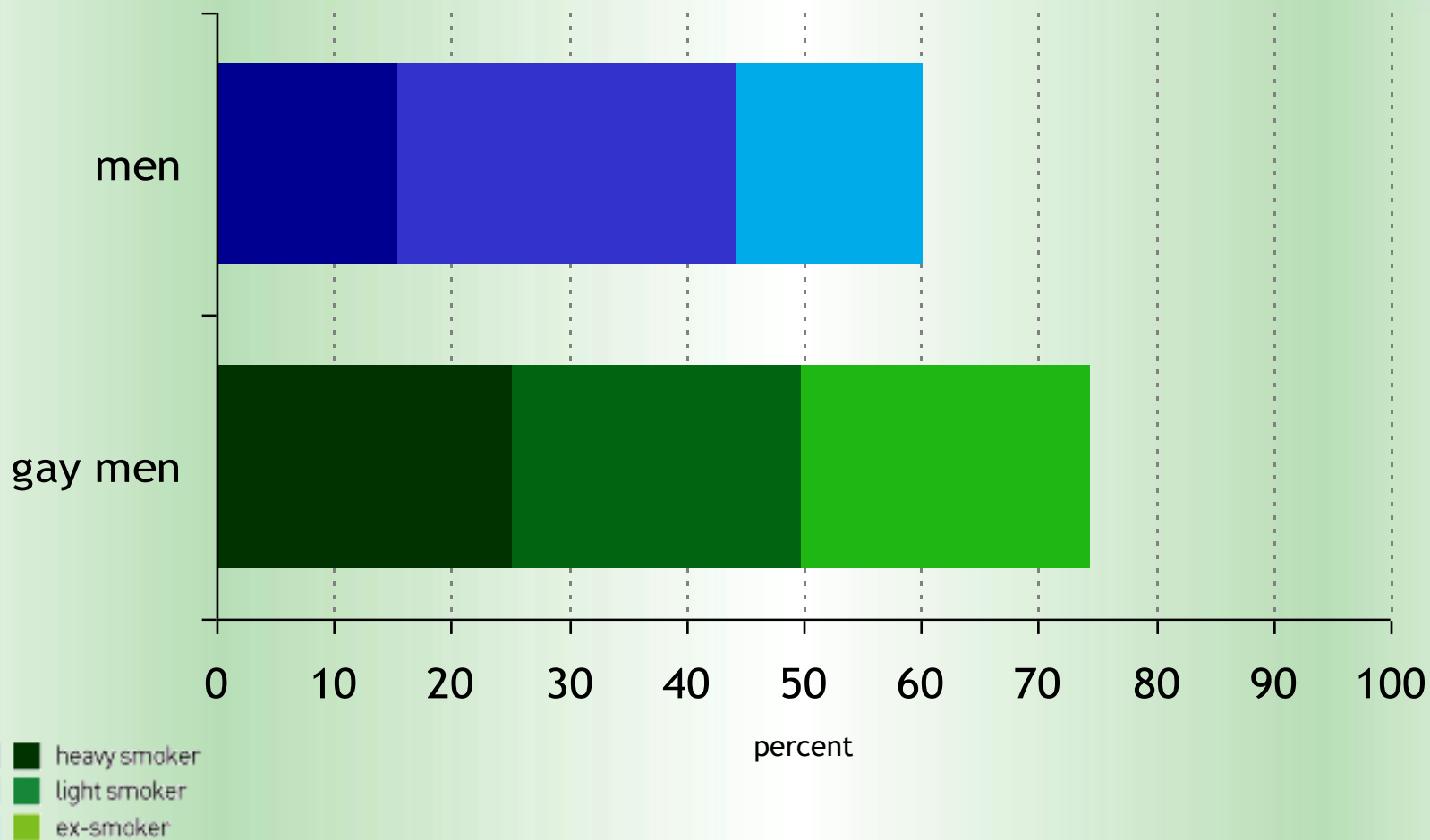
high values detected by a health professional

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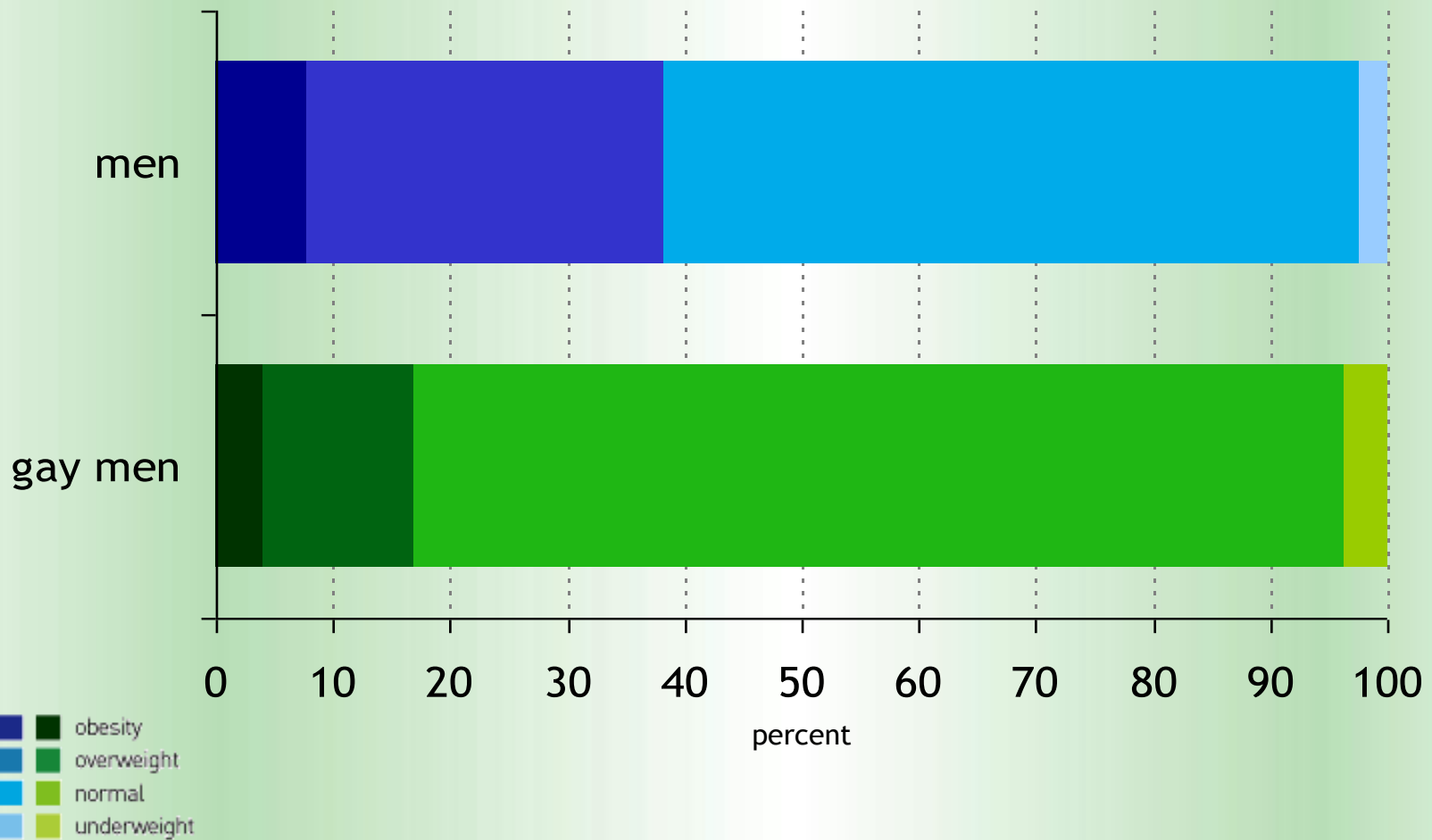
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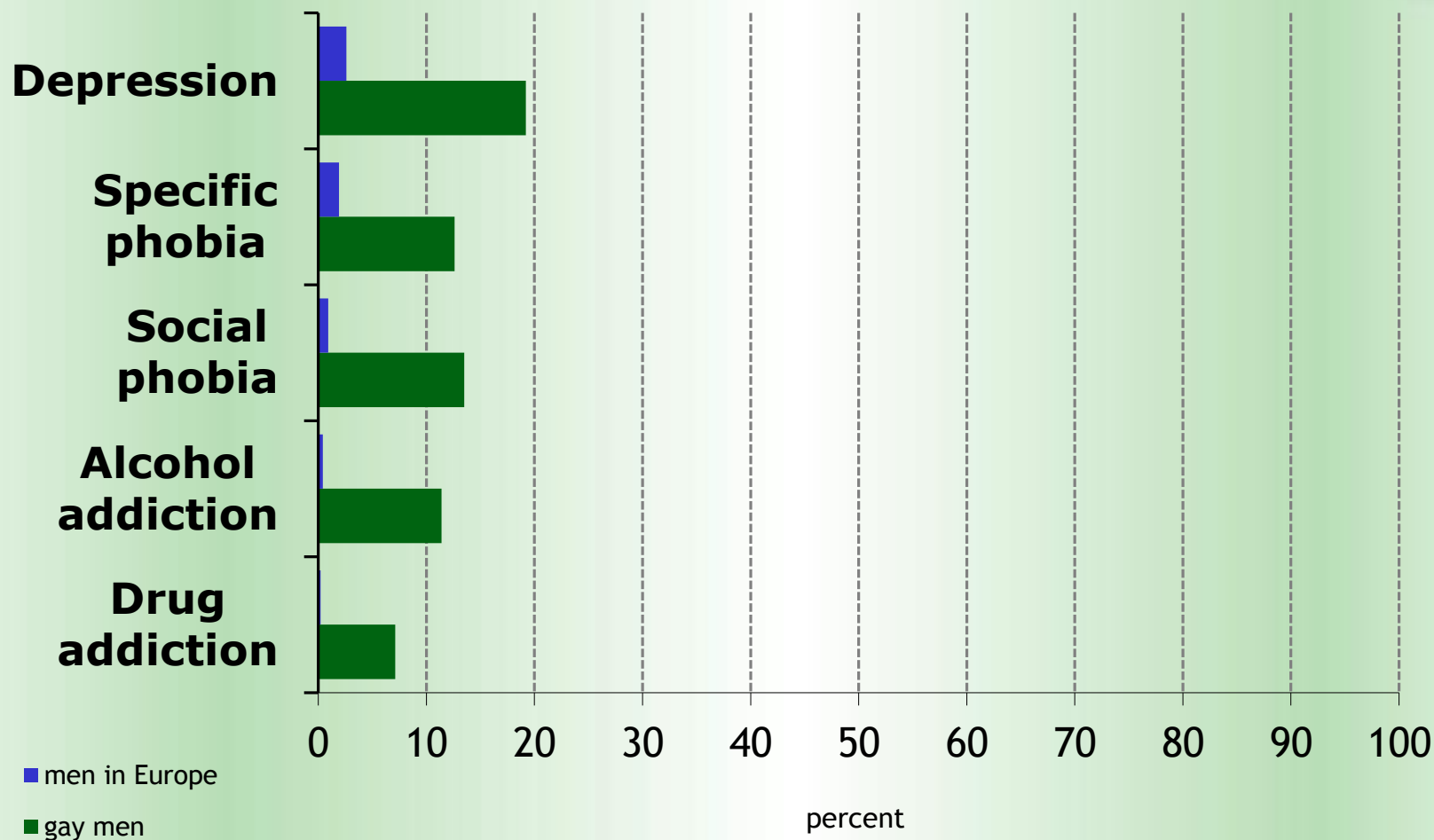
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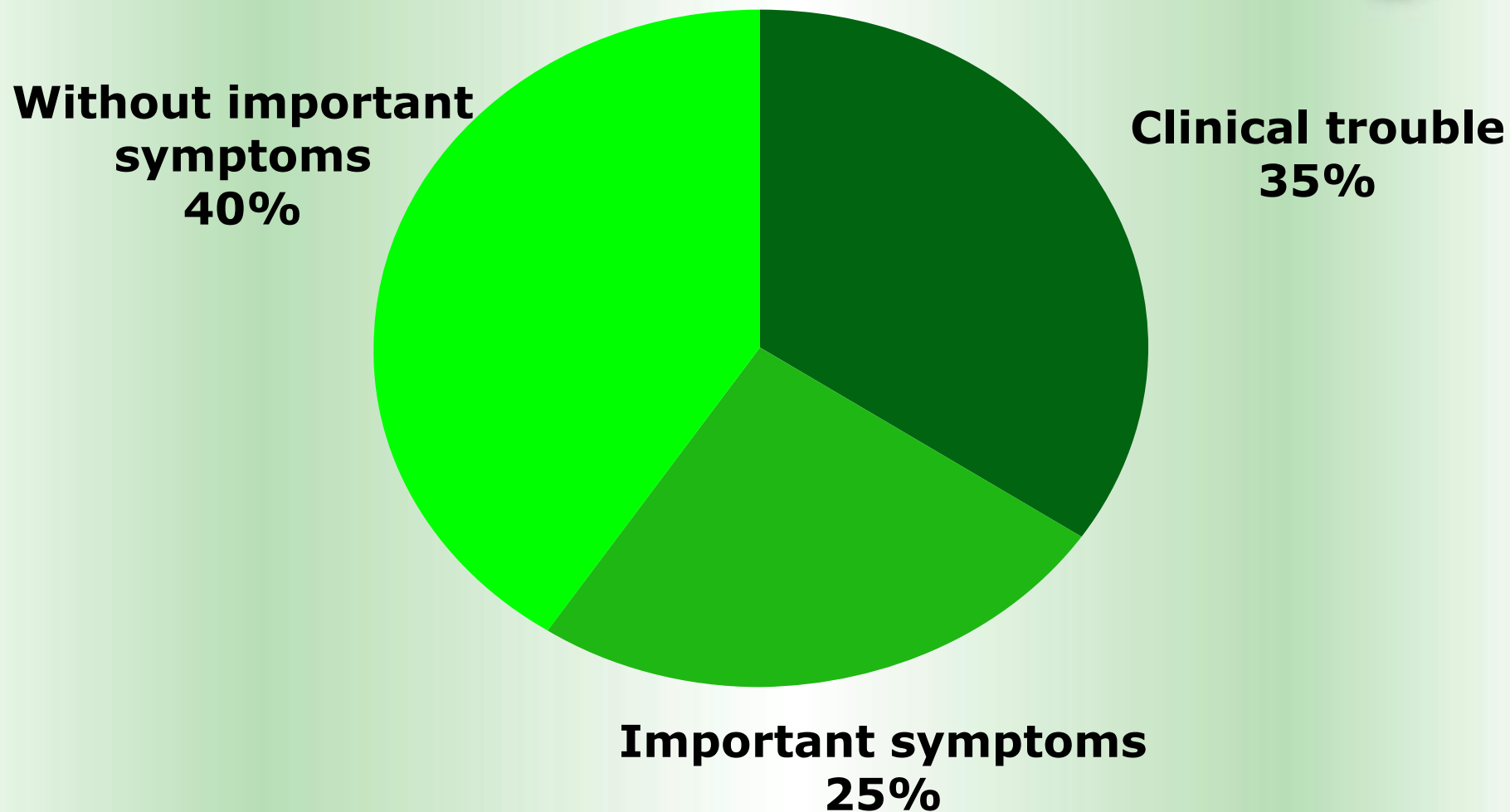
Psychiatric disorders in the past 12 months

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Anxiety & Depression (12 months)

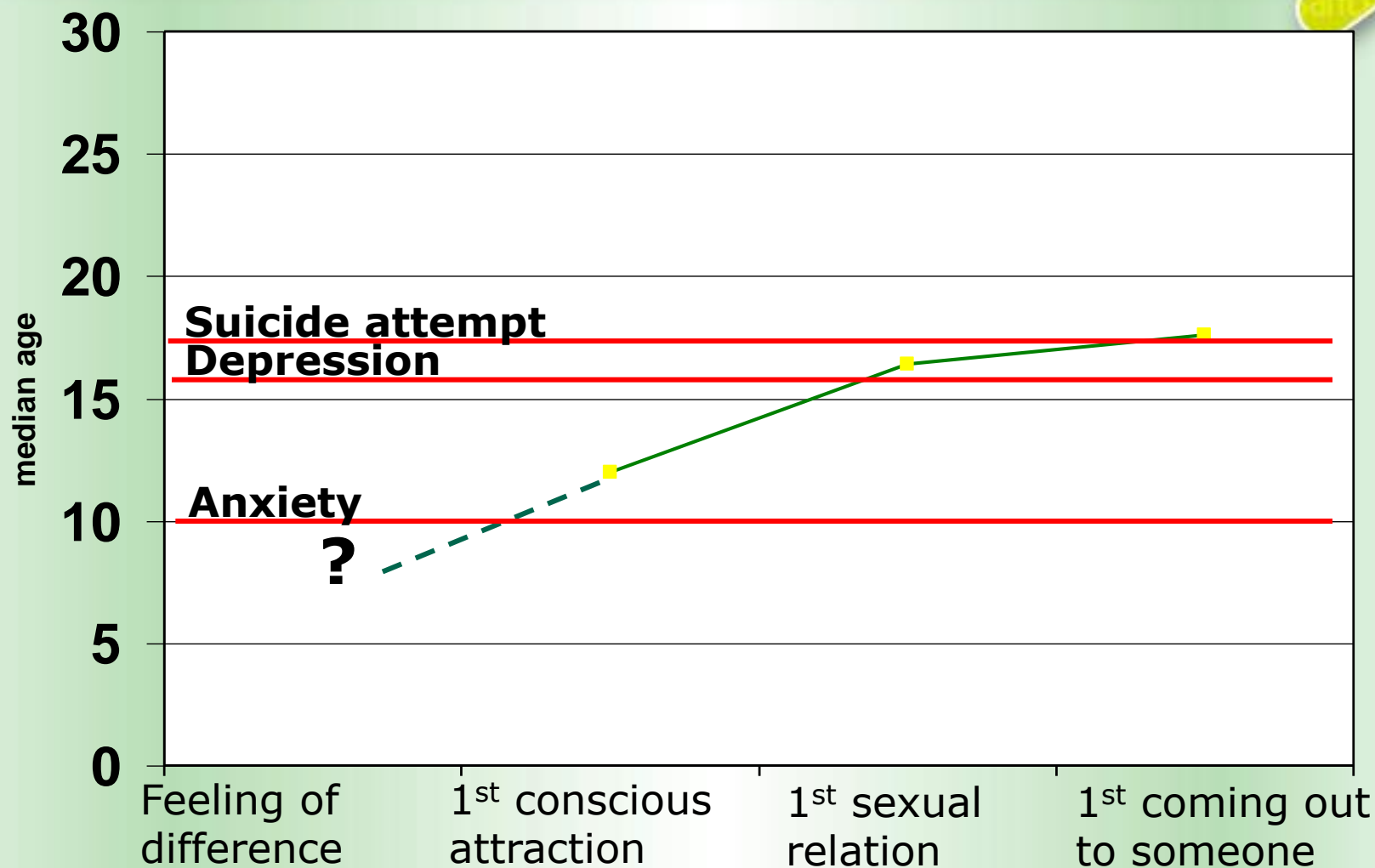
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Stages of Coming out Onset of Mental Disorders & Median age of suicide attempts (2011)

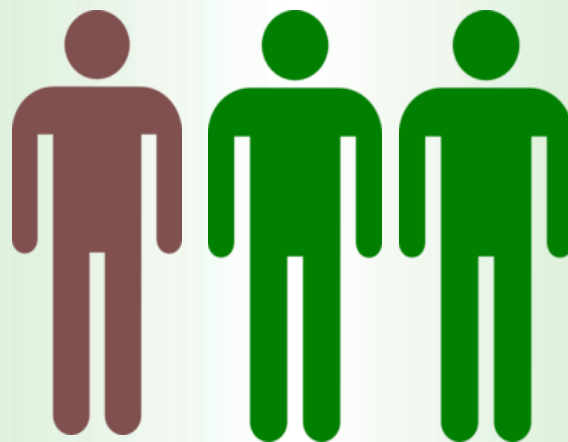
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Suicide ideation vs. Suicide attempts among young Gay & Bisexual men during life

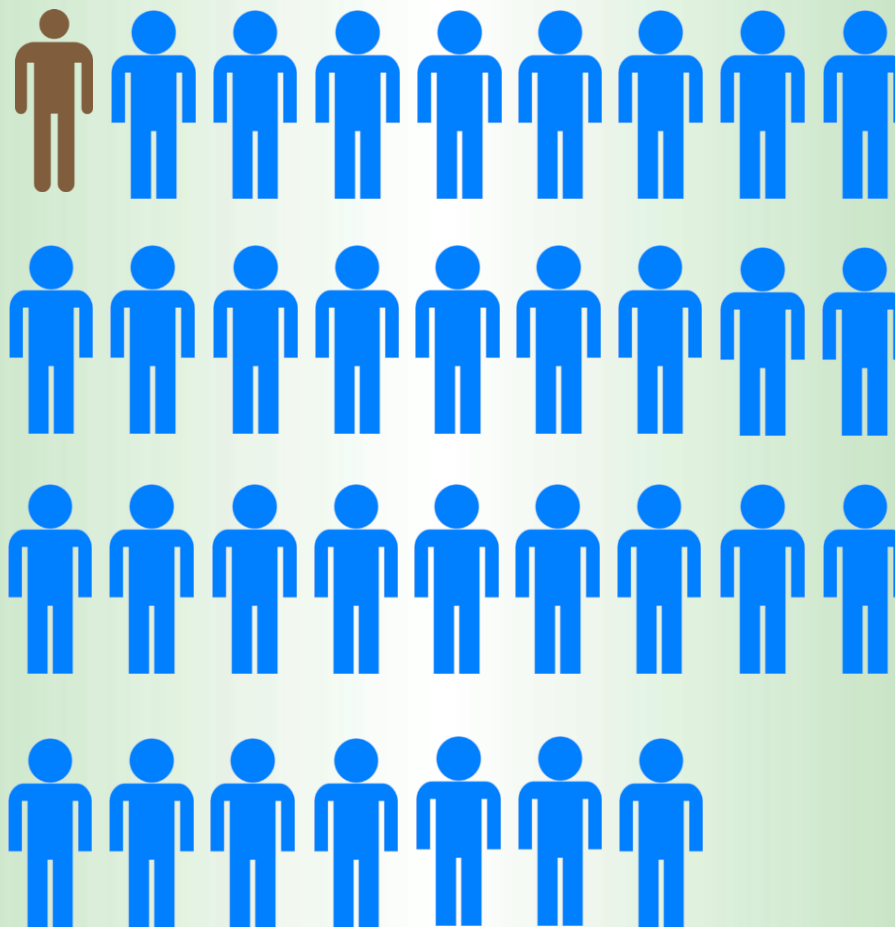
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Suicide ideation vs. Suicide attempts among young male soldiers during life

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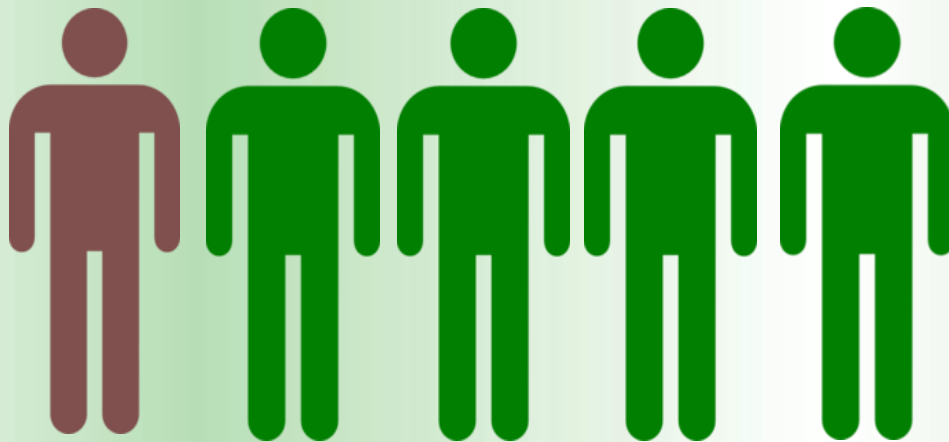


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Suicide attempts

among young Gay & Bisexual men during life

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$1/5 = 20\%$



50% before 18 y/o

75% before 25 y/o

Summary of the results (3 Swiss studies)

Young Bisexuals, Gays and Lesbians

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- ❖ **2 to 5 times more suicide attempts among young gay & bisexual men than heterosexual men**
- ❖ **2 to 4 times more suicide attempts among young lesbian & bisexual women than heterosexual women**
- ❖ **The time around the first coming out is the riskiest**
- ❖ **Suicidality stays high for older gay men**

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Impact of social determinants of health

Why gay men commit suicide

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SUICIDE			
FIRST ATTEMPT		LAST ATTEMPT	
FAMILY	18%	LOVE & RELATION	15%
ACCEPTING ONE'S HOMOSEXUALITY	15%	ACCEPTING ONE'S HOMOSEXUALITY	15%
LOVE & RELATION	13%	DEPRESSION	12%

Self-perceived causes of suicide attempts & depression (2 or +) 2011



	SUICIDE				DEPRESSION			
	FIRST ATTEMPT		LAST ATTEMPT		FIRST EPISODE		LAST EPISODE	
1	FAMILY	18%	LOVE & RELATION	15%	LOVE & RELATION	22%	LOVE & RELATION	33%
2	ACCEPTING ONE'S HOMO-SEXUALITY	15%	ACCEPTING ONE'S HOMO-SEXUALITY	15%	FAMILY	20%	WORK	29%
3	LOVE & RELATION	13%	DEPRESSION	12%	ACCEPTING ONE'S HOMO-SEXUALITY	15%	FAMILY	10%

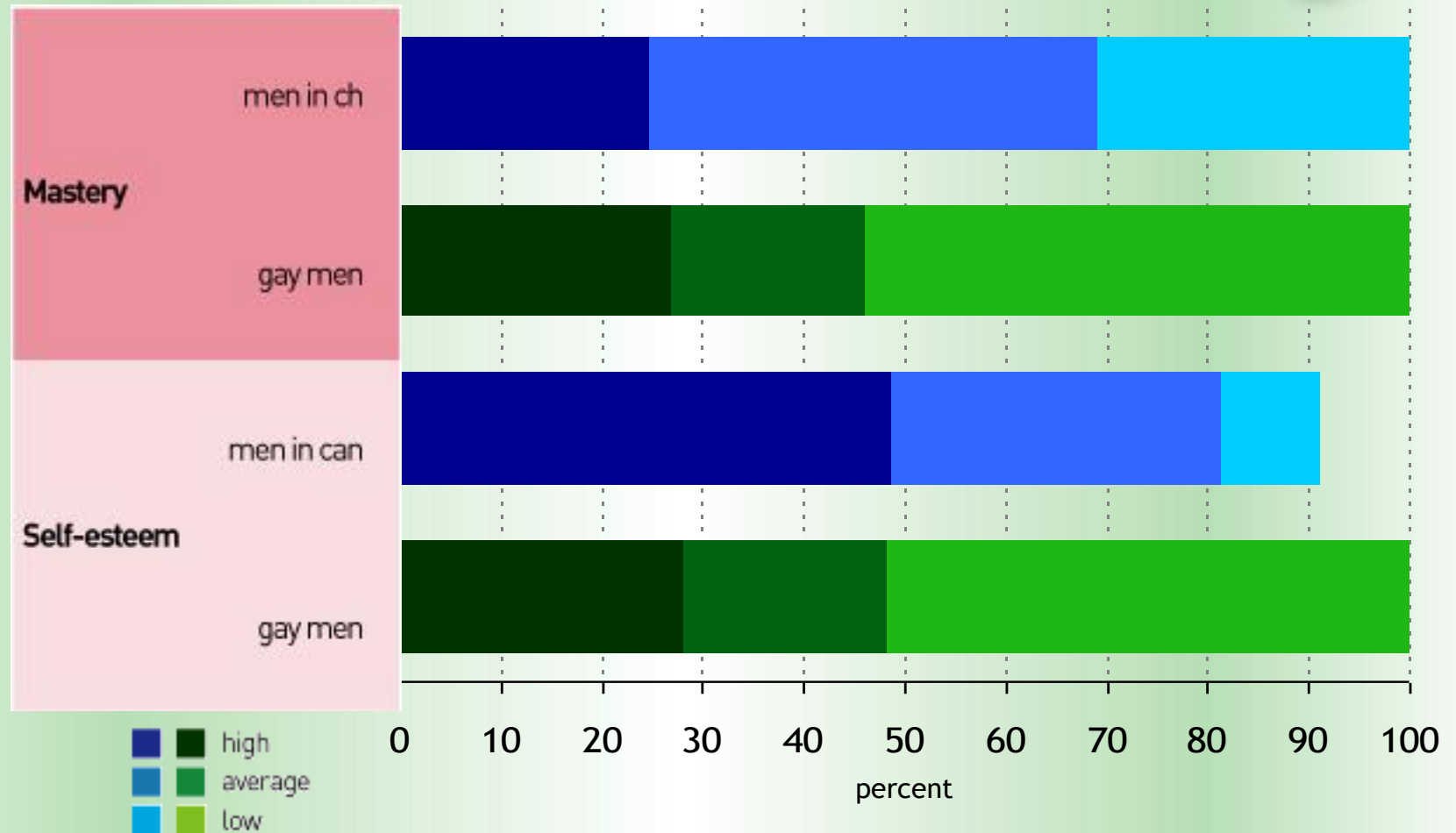
Victims of violence by type during life

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Self-efficacy / mastery & self-esteem

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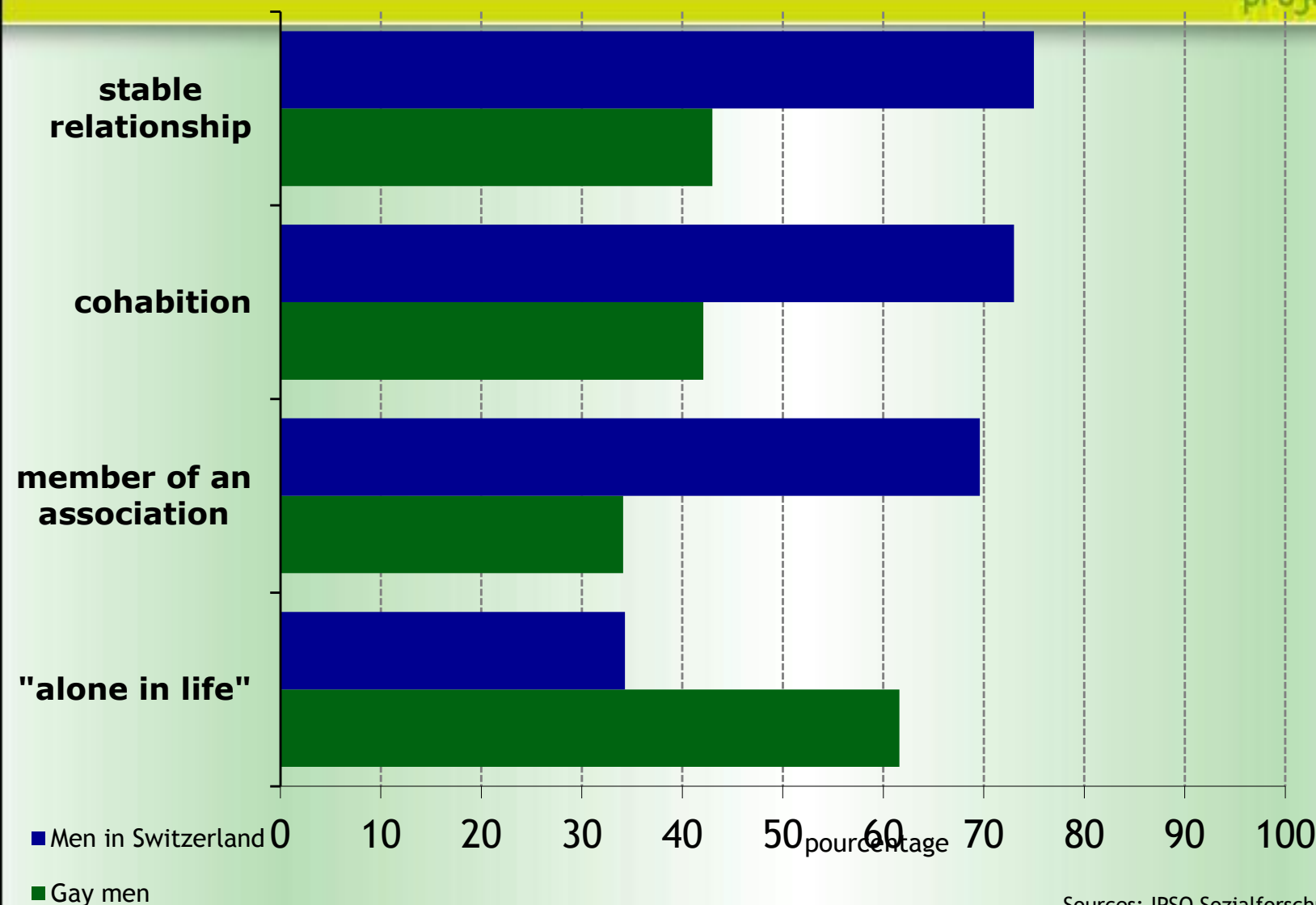


Sources: Swiss Statistics, SHS 2002;
Statistics Canada, NPHS 1994/95.

Respondents in CH matched by age, region, and nationality.

Social support

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Sources: IPSO Sozialforschung, 1994;
Office fédéral de la statistique, ESS 1997 et 2002

Répondants couplés par âge, région et nationalité

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Intervention projects

Safe spaces to talk and share

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► espace homme

Bienvenue sur Blues-out,
le site d'information et d'orientation en santé mentale
pour les gays et les lesbiennes.

Vous y trouverez des informations,
des conseils et des adresses de médecins,
thérapeutes et services de santé gay & lesbian-friendly

Choisissez un espace, homme ou femme, et bonne visite!

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► espace femme

► www.blues-out.ch

Infos et orientation sur la dépression
et la santé mentale pour les gays et les lesbiennes

The Geneva Shelter

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Conclusion

From HIV to global health : challenges

Who is (should be) responsible for gay health ?

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LGBT Organizations

ASOs

Health Authorities



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Thank you for your attention

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Documents available in French on:

www.dialogai.org/services/publications

Scientific articles in English on

«Geneva Gay Men's Health Survey, Wang Jen» available on "Pubmed"