

**An Update from the FDA / Industry /  
Academia Safety Graphics Working Group:  
Adverse Event Sub Team**

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# How to Achieve This?



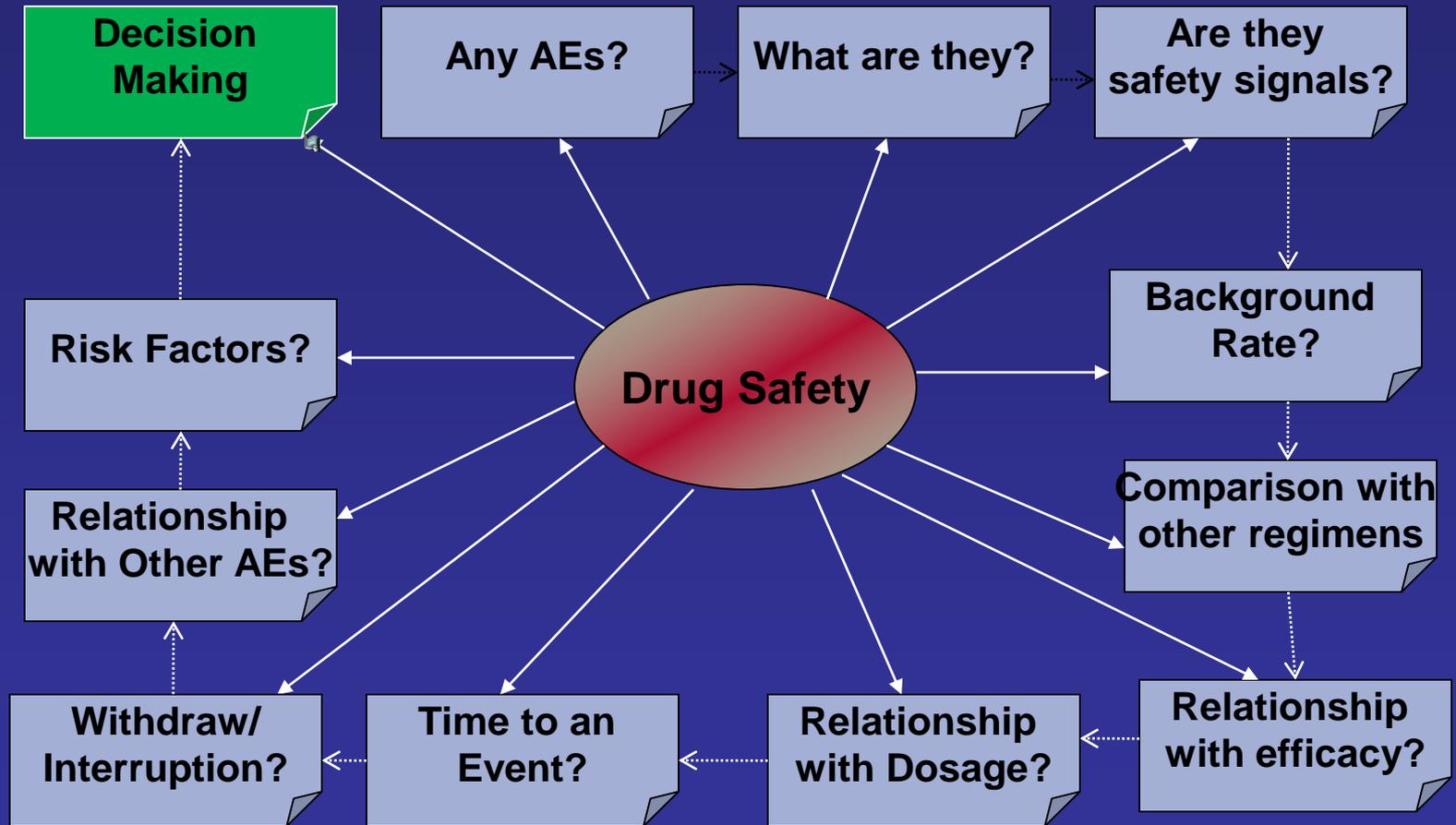
By: David Walker

# Motivations

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- Information regarding adverse events in drug development is complex
- Communicating information effectively and efficiently is crucial in detecting safety signals and helping decision-making

# Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Adverse Events



# Categories of Graph

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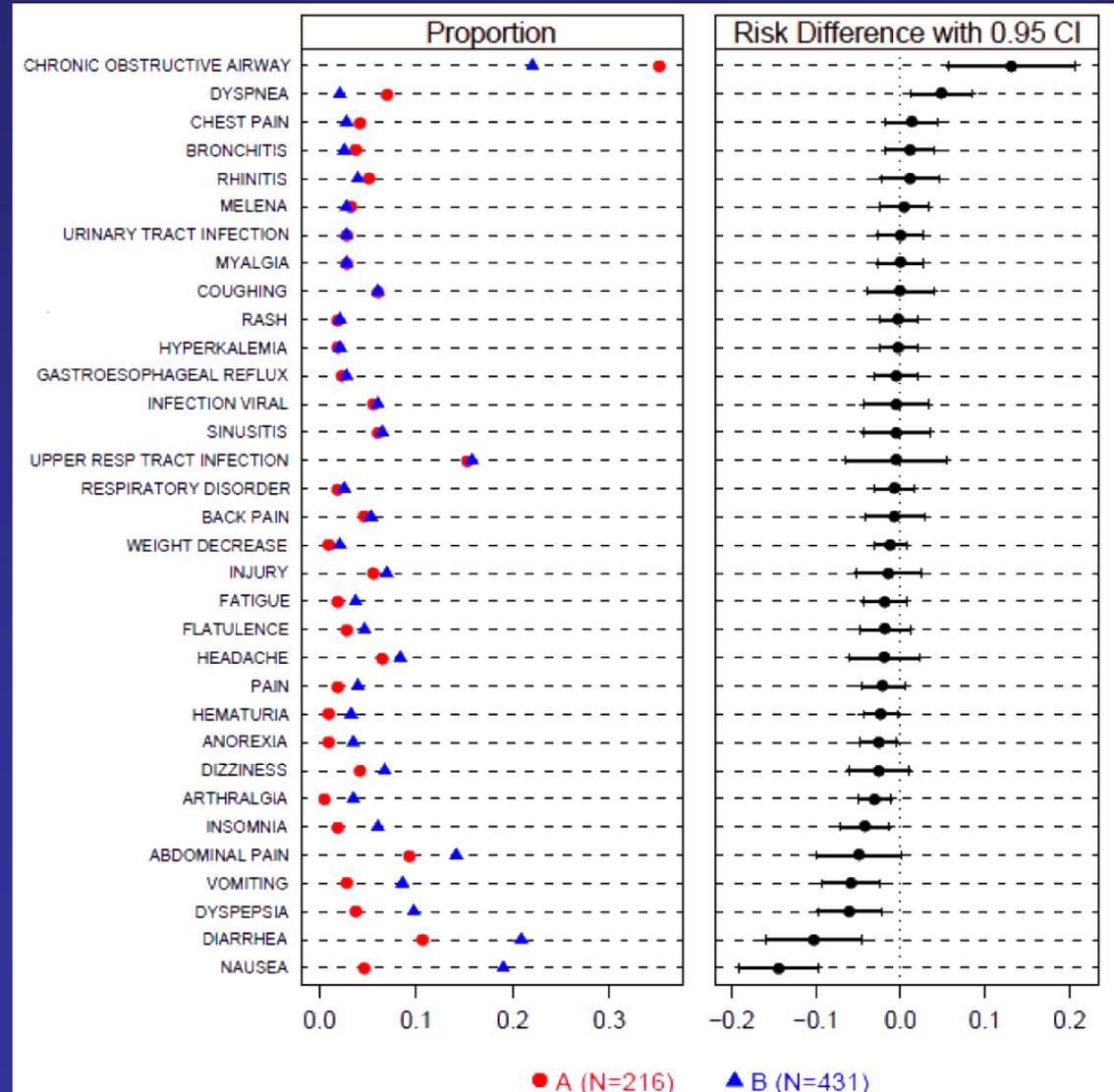
- Demographics and incidence of AEs
- AE occurrence over time across treatment groups
- Dosage and exposure
- Potential risk factors and their temporal relationship to AEs
- Withdrawal and interruption of treatment in relation to the occurrence of AEs
- Patient profile

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# Graphical Displays Addressing Key Clinical and Safety Issues

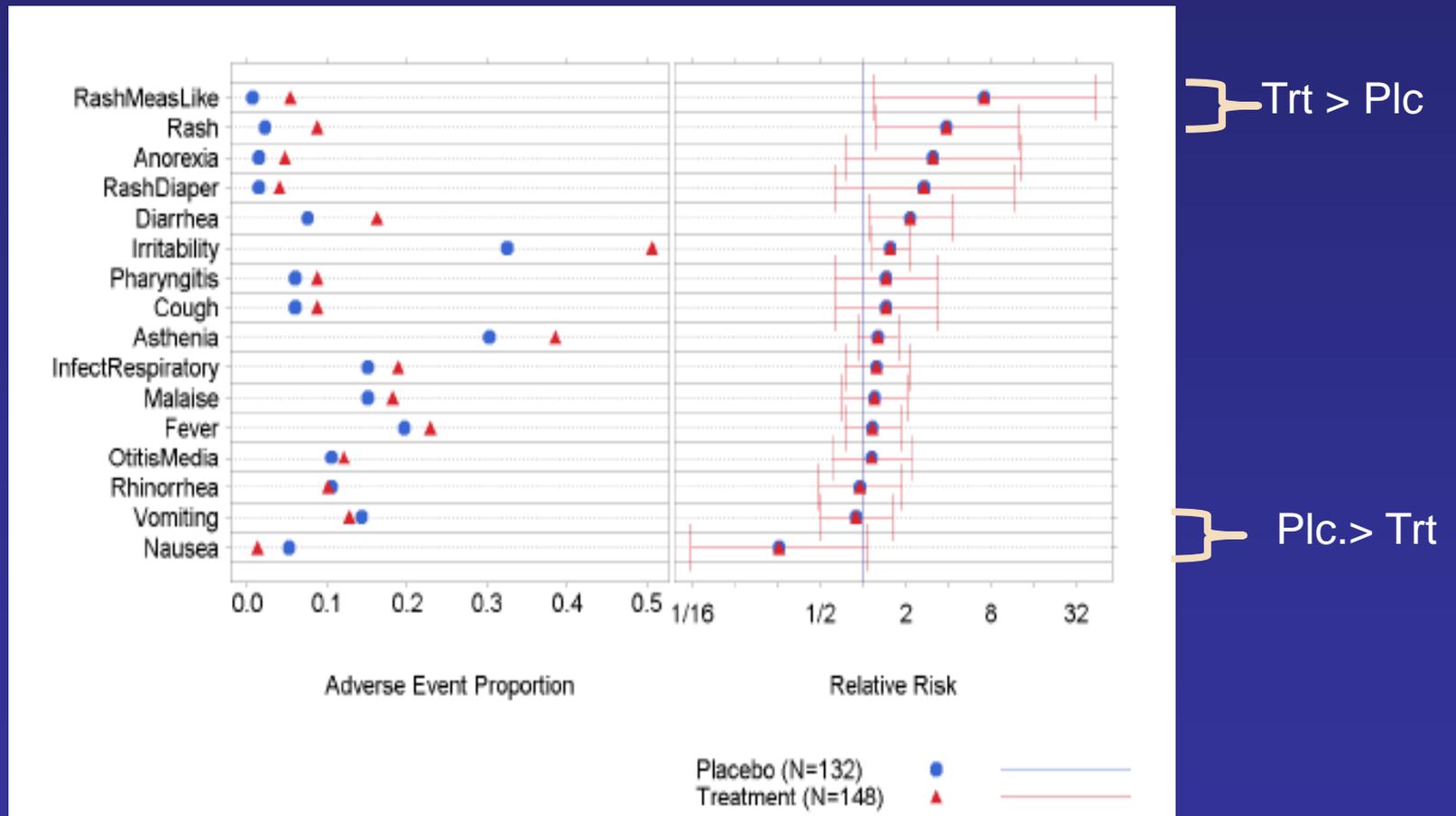
# Most Frequent On-Therapy AE Sorted by Risk Difference

- **Clinical Question:**  
Which AEs are elevated in treatment vs. control?
- **Type:**  
Grouped Dotplot
- **Contributed by:**  
Frank E Harrell, Jr.  
modification of Amit et al 2008



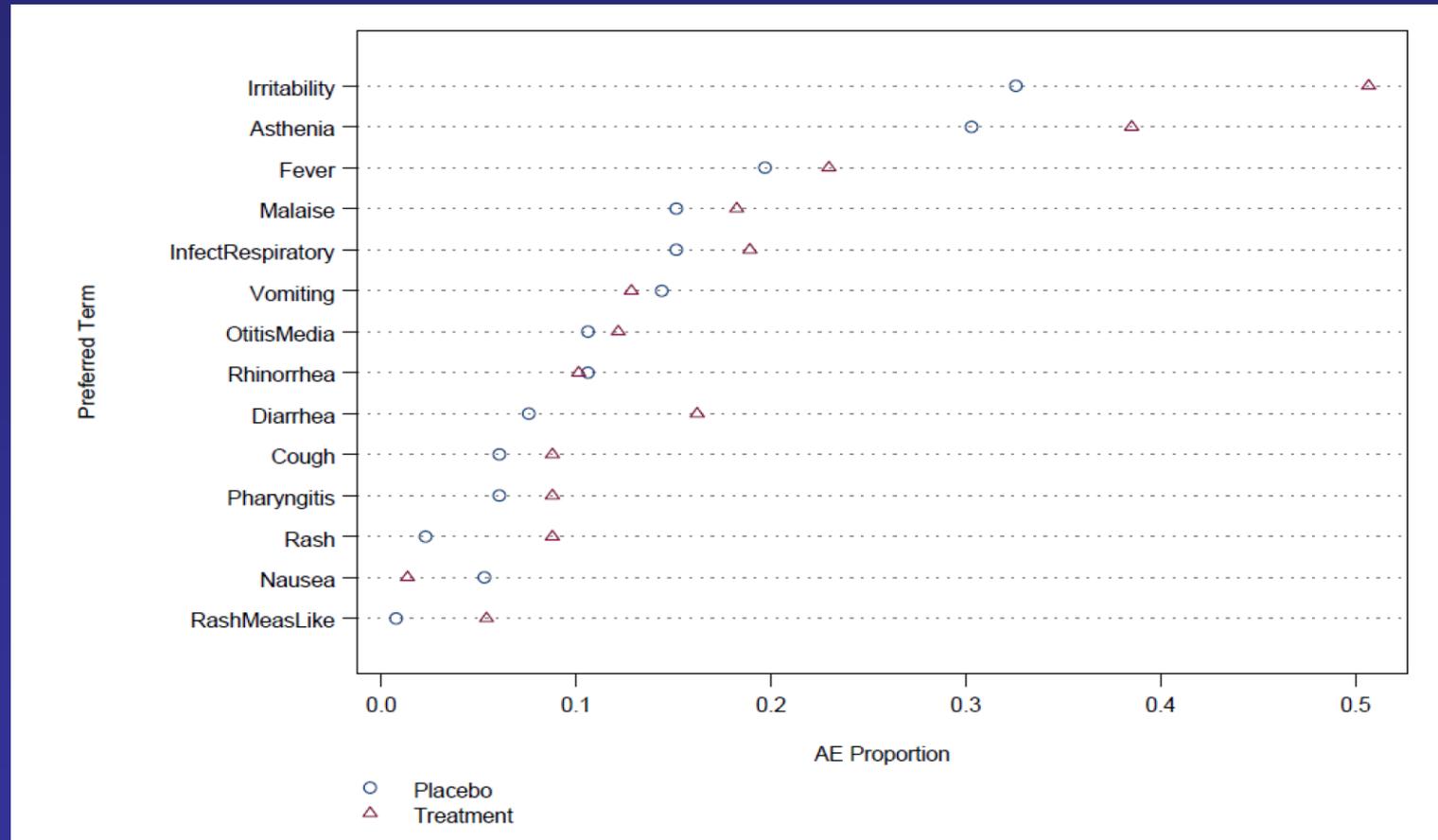
# Alternative Approach: Which AE Could Be A Safety Signal?

Dot Plot: Adverse Event Sorted by Relative Risk to address which AE could be caused by the drug



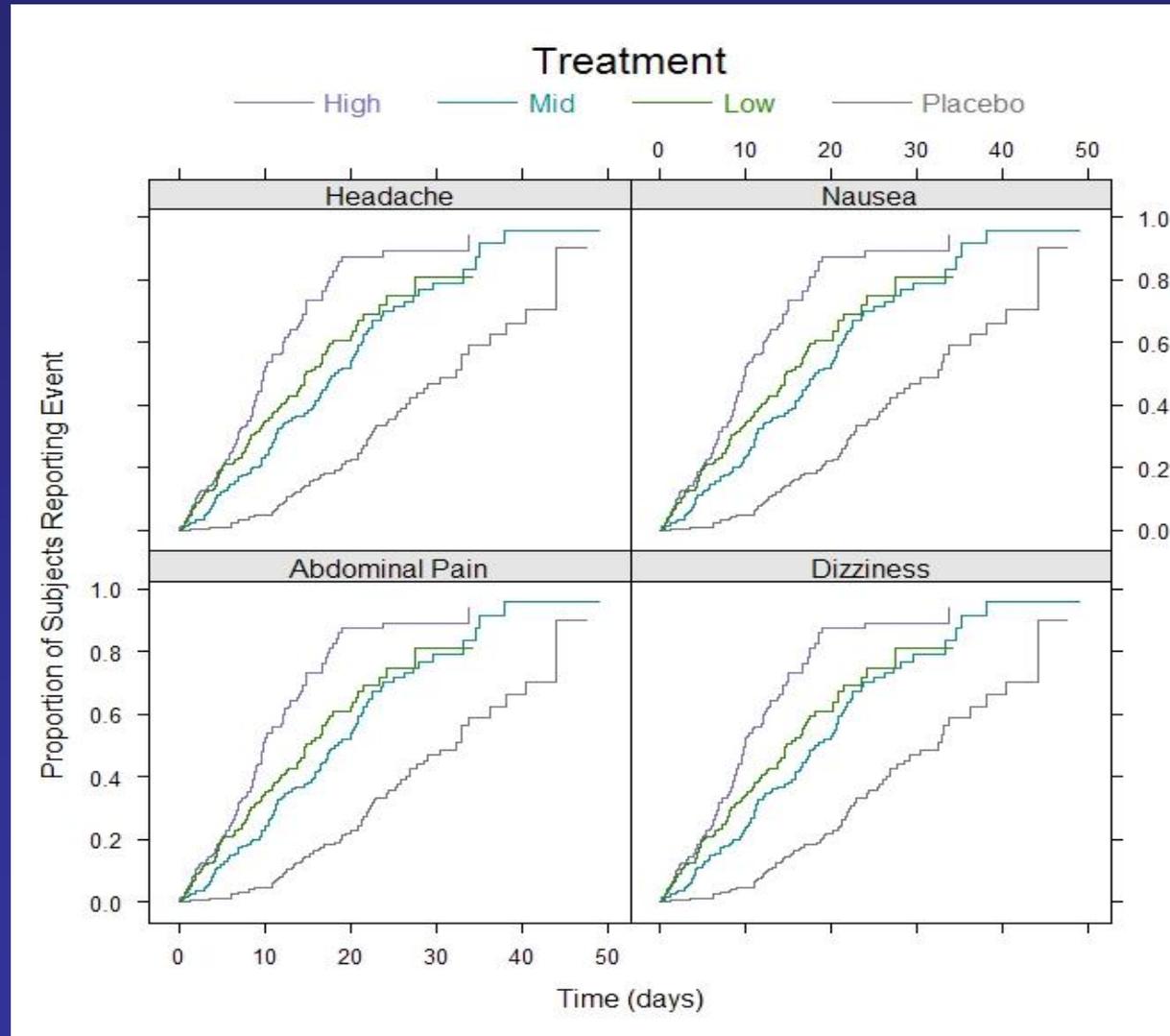
# Another Alternative: Which AEs Were Elevated?

Dot Plot: Proportions of AE Occurrence Between Treatment and Placebo



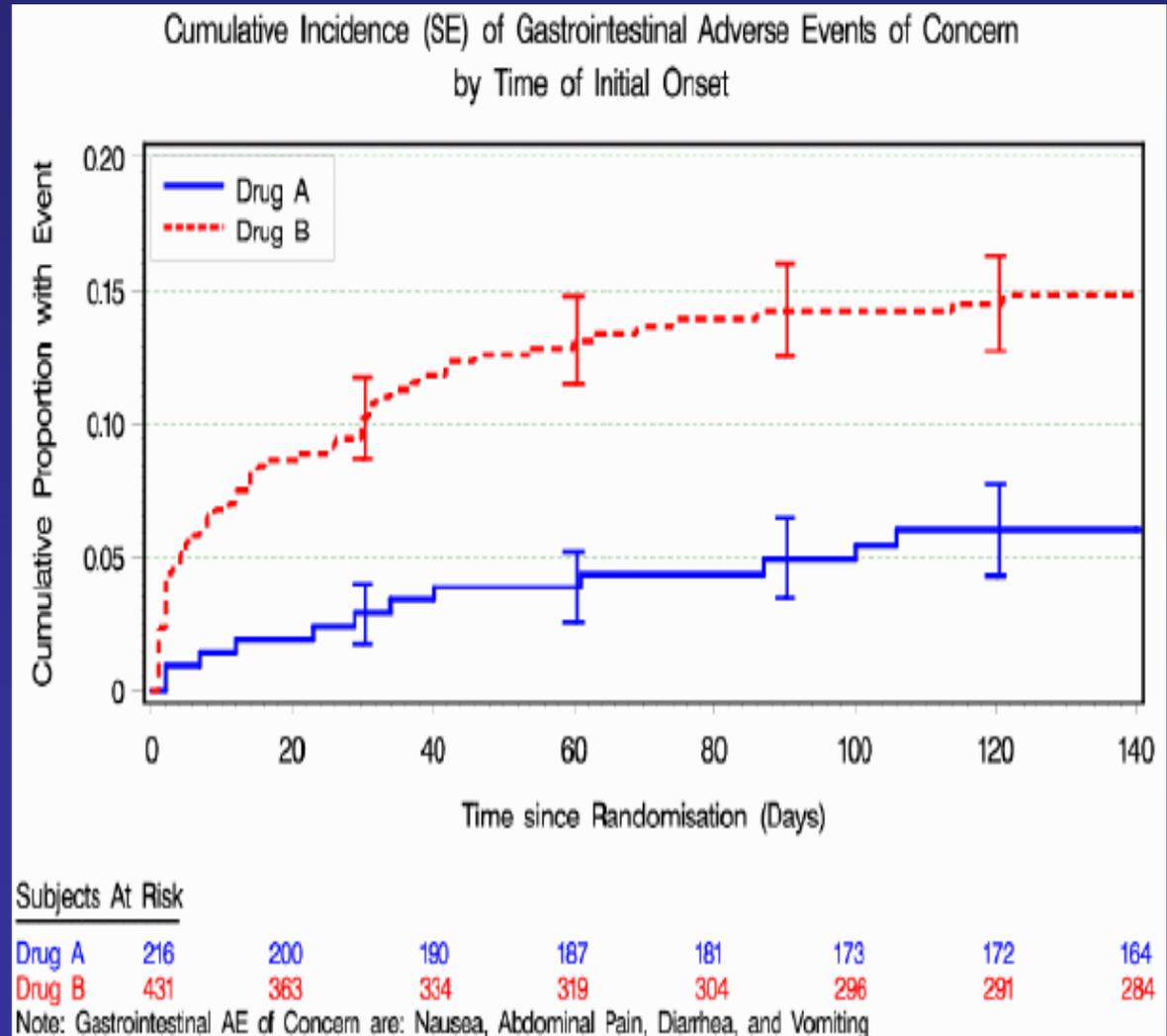
# Adverse Event Occurrence Over Time

- **Clinical Question:**  
Is there a difference in the time to event across treatment groups?
- **Type:**  
Grouped Trellis Kaplan-Meier Plot
- **Software:** R
- **Contributed by:**  
Mat Soukup



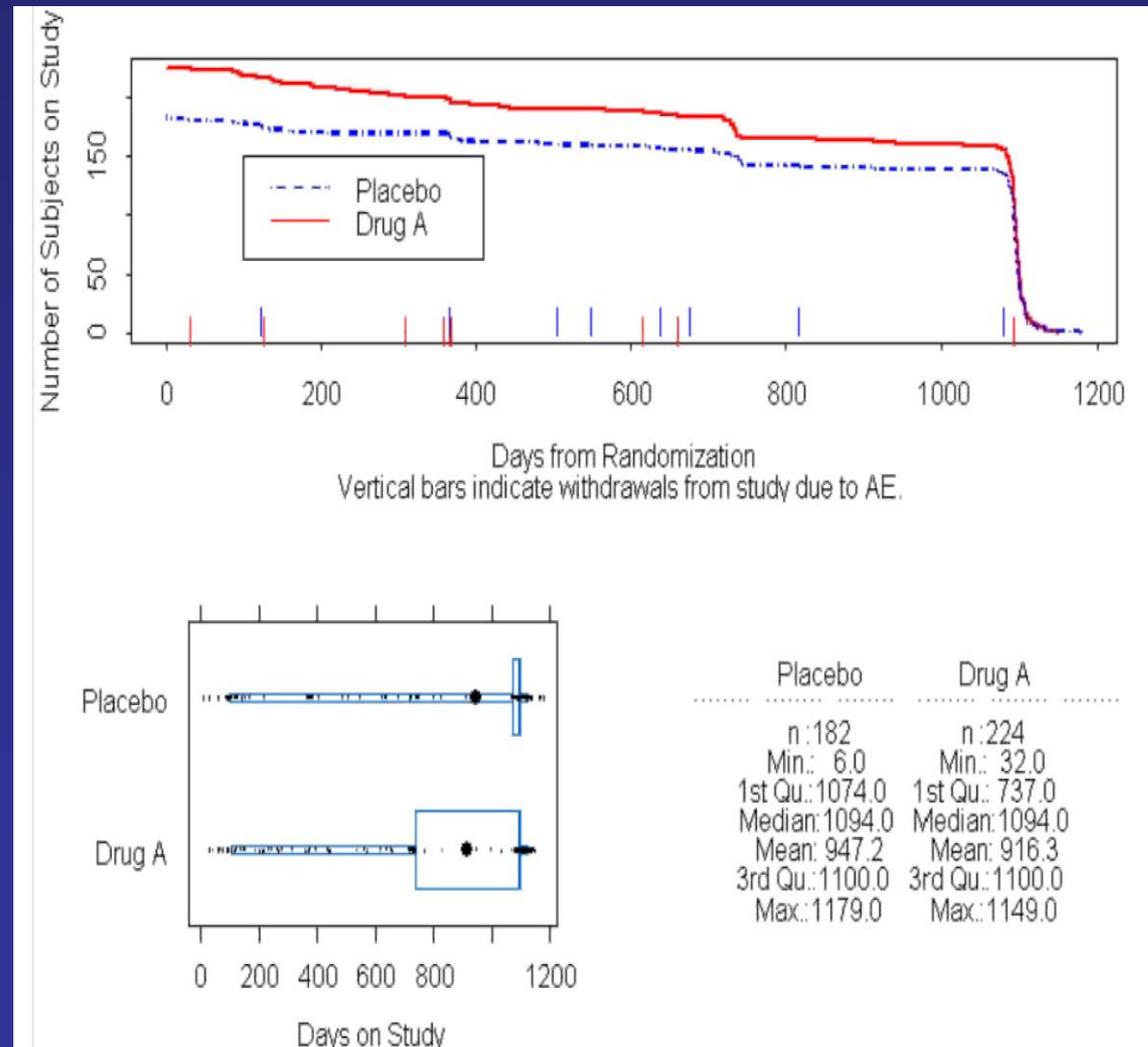
# Cumulative Incidence of AE by Time of Initial Onset

- **Clinical Question:**
- Is there a difference in the time to event across treatment groups?
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# Summary of Safety Subjects Exposure to Treatment

- **Clinical Question:**
- What is the safety profile of the drug? Are there any AEs associated with dropouts?
- **Contributed by:**  
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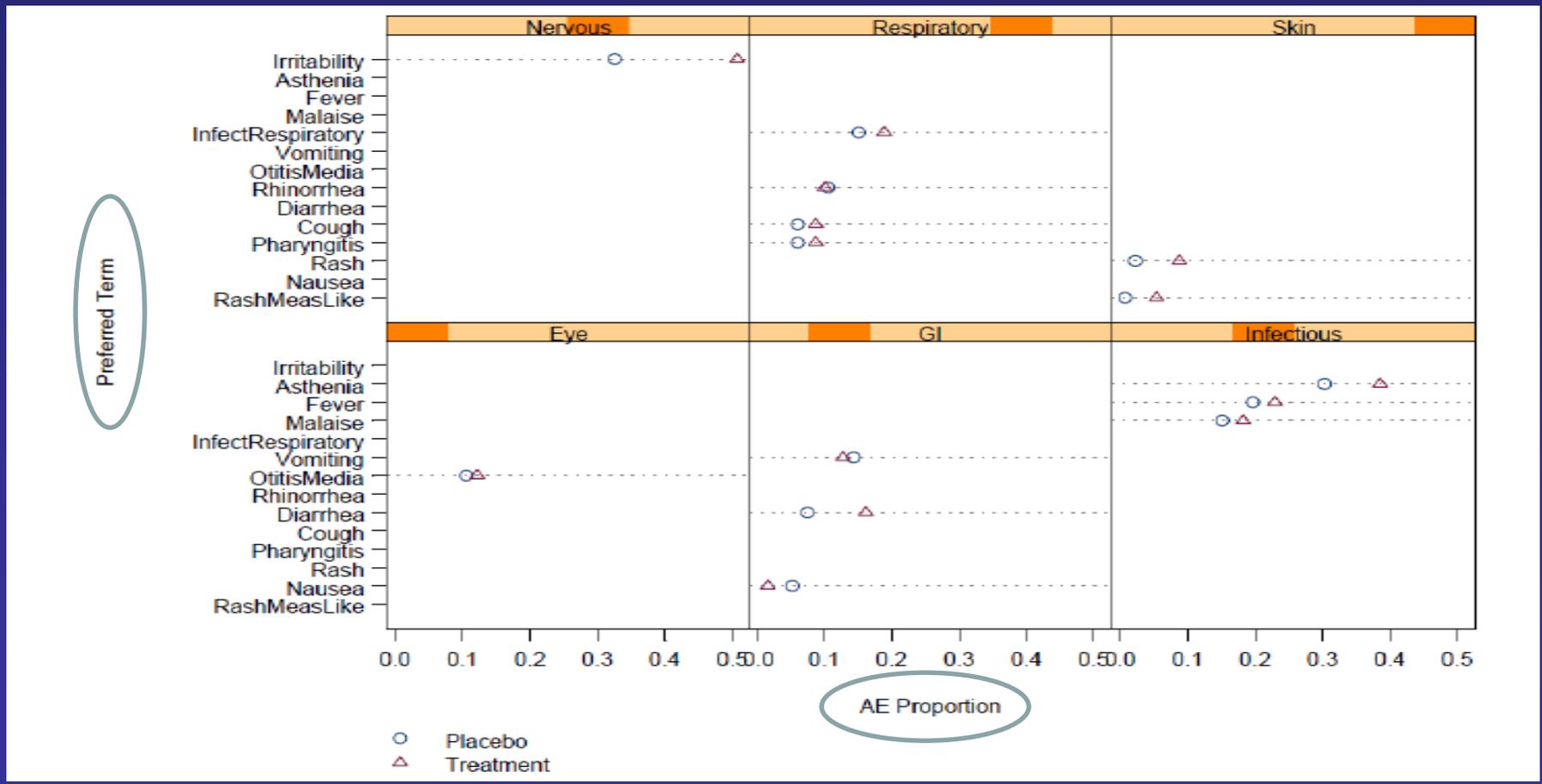


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# A Few More Graphical Displays Addressing Key Clinical and Safety Issues

# Which AEs Were Elevated in Treatment vs. Placebo?

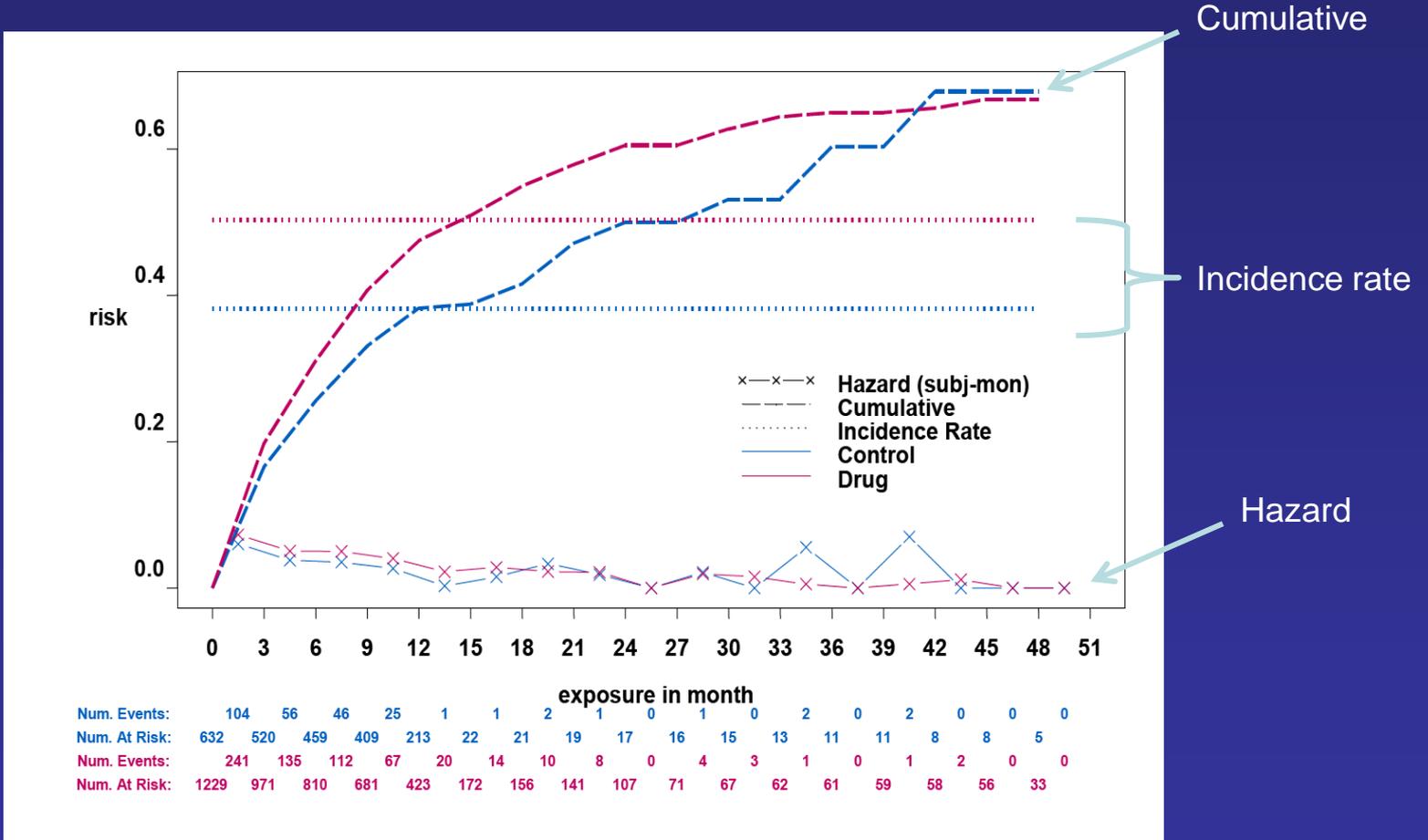
## Grouped Trellis Dot Plot: AEs by Group of Special Interest



Source: Michael O'Connell "Graphical Analysis and Reporting of Safety Data"

# Is There A Special Pattern of AE Onset?

## Risk Over Time Plot for Adverse Event

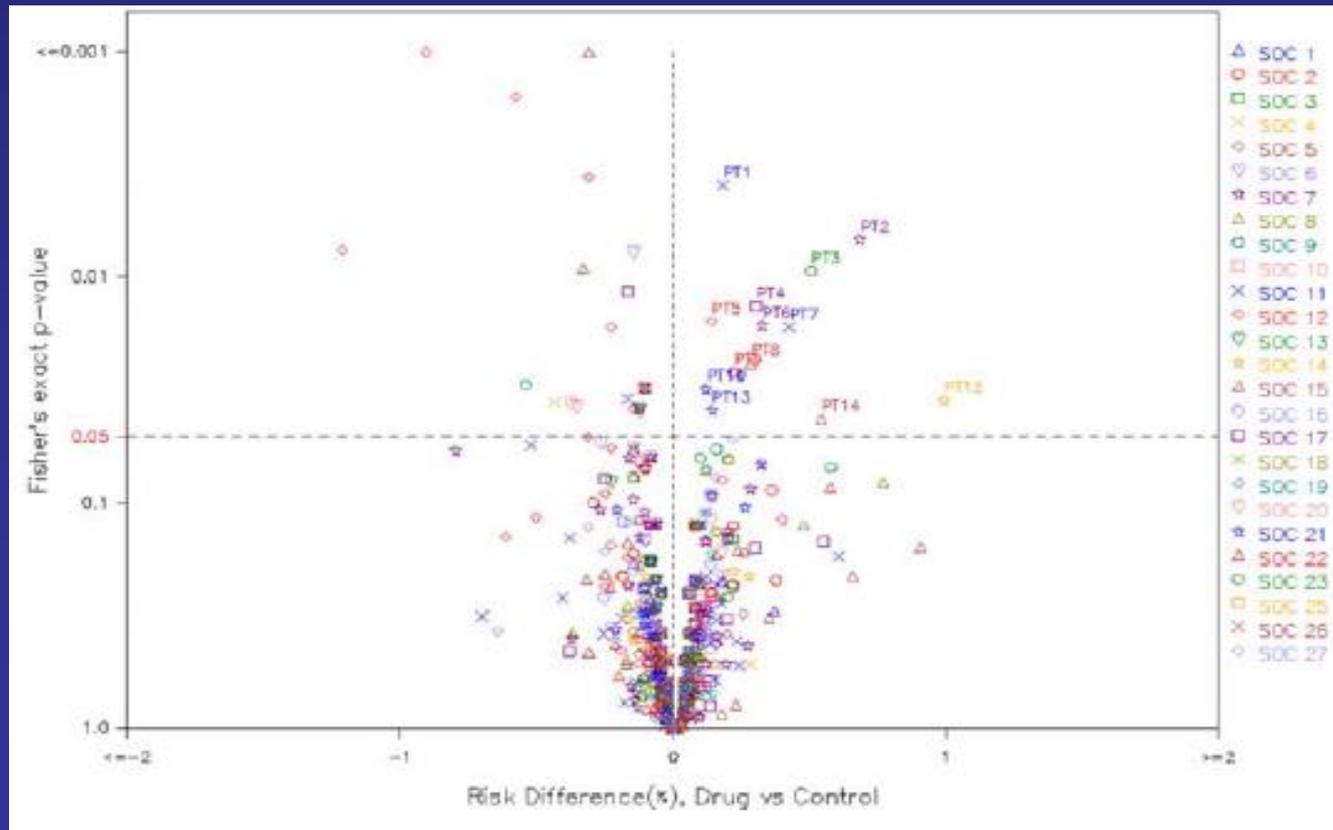


Source: Qi Jiang, Amgen

# Which AE Could be A Safety Signal?

## Volcano Plot:

Relationship Between Risk Difference and P-Value for AEs by SOC  
Visualizations with different adjustments for multiplicity and shows impact of multiplicity adjustments



# Conclusions

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- Clear and informative graphs enhance the ability to understand the data
- Suitable graphical presentation for adverse events could increase the likelihood of detecting safety signals
- Graphs convey information more efficiently and better meet regulatory requirements for ongoing safety evaluation

# Conclusions



# Special Thanks

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Thank You!