The decreasing trend in hip fractures: response to Stevens & Rudd

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Dear editor,

We analysed the trends in fall-related hip fracture incidence for men and women separately by 10-year age groups (65 to 74, 75 to 84 and 85 years and older) to compare our results for Victoria [1] to those reported for the USA by Stevens and Rudd in their letter [2]. Our results showed that, from 1998/9 to 2008/9, fall-related hip fracture rates for men and women decreased significantly in all 10-year age groups (range -43.1 to -20.8 %). However, in contrast to the pattern found for the USA, the sharpest decline in hip fracture rates was in males aged 65–74 years (-43.1 %, 95 % confidence interval -51.2 to -35.5),

then in females in the same age group (-28.1 %, 95 % confidence interval -39.4 to -15.7).

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