

Equality of Care: Can we achieve it and should we?

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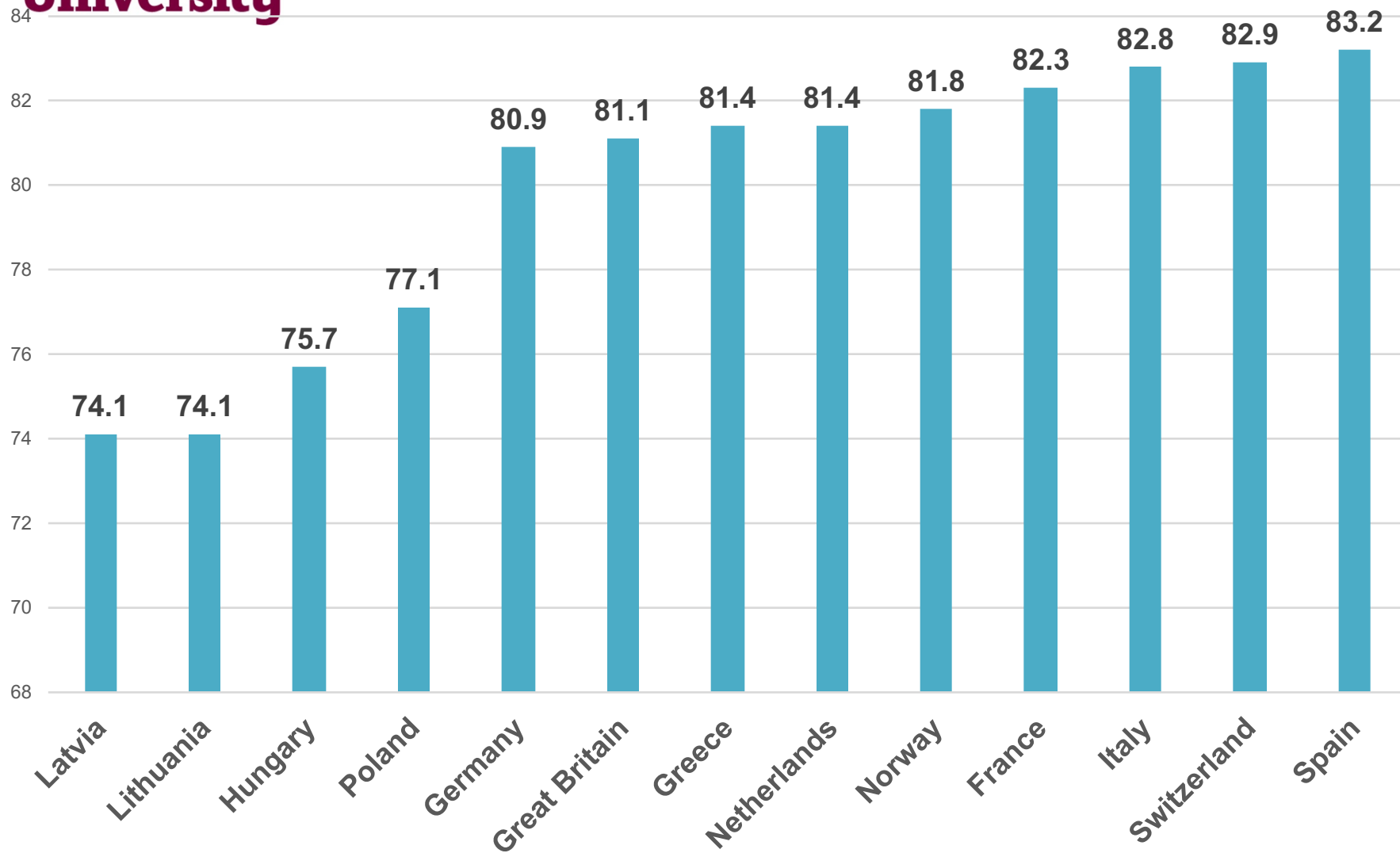
Equality of Care Discussion Aims

- How physiotherapy can reduce variation and address inequalities of care.
- The benefits and weaknesses of different service delivery models in healthcare.
- How evidence is implemented in practice.

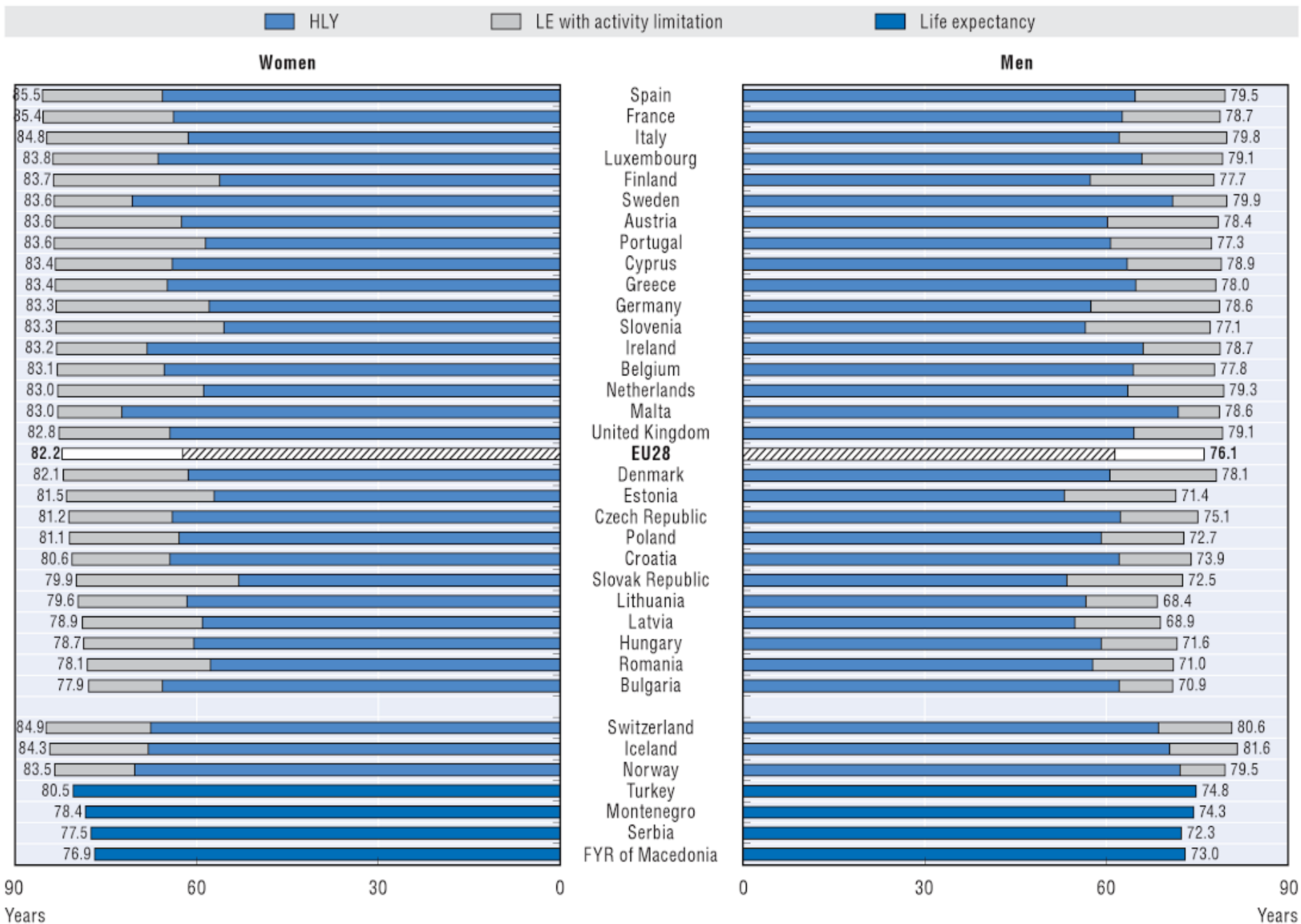
European Quality of Care Improved but Large Gaps Remain



Life Expectancy at Birth 2013



1.1.2. Life expectancy (LE) and healthy life years (HLY) at birth, by gender, 2012



Regional Disparities

		Healthy Life Expectancy	Life Expectancy at Birth
Liverpool	Male	56.9	75.9
	Female	59.0	80.3
England Best	Male	70	82.1
	Female	71	86
England Worst	Male	55.8	74.0
	Female	56.0	79.6

Ethnic Variations

Romania in 2013

- average age at death of Roma was 52
- average age at death non-Roma was 68

European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC). Hidden Health Crisis: Health Inequalities and Disaggregated Data. ERRC, 2013.



Disability Inequalities

- UK the median age at death of people with learning disability in
 - 2008 was 54 years
 - 2012 was 58 years
- Men with learning disabilities die 13 years younger than men in the general population.
- Women with learning disabilities die 20 years younger than women in the general population.

Inequalities in access & utilisation of health care services contributes to inequalities in health



Barriers

- Cost
- Geographical
- Organisational & policy
- Health beliefs
- Language
- Health literacy & voice

How can we bridge the gap, to reduce variation and address inequalities of care?

