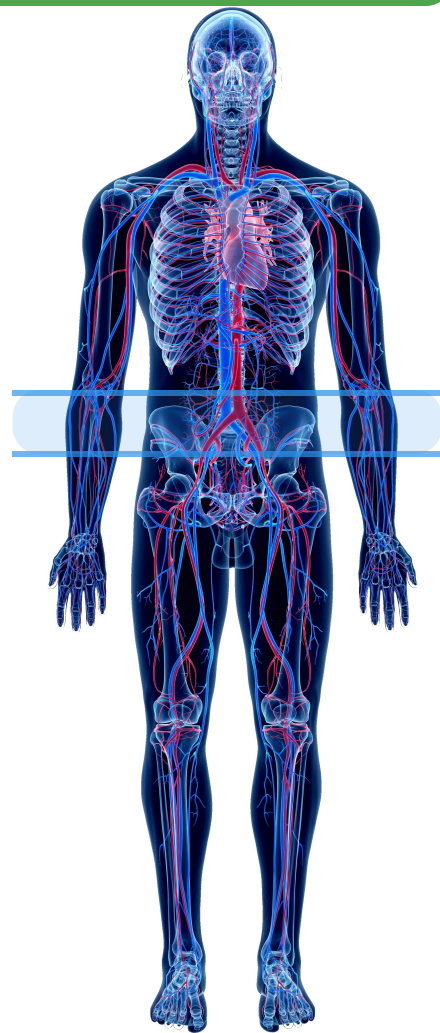
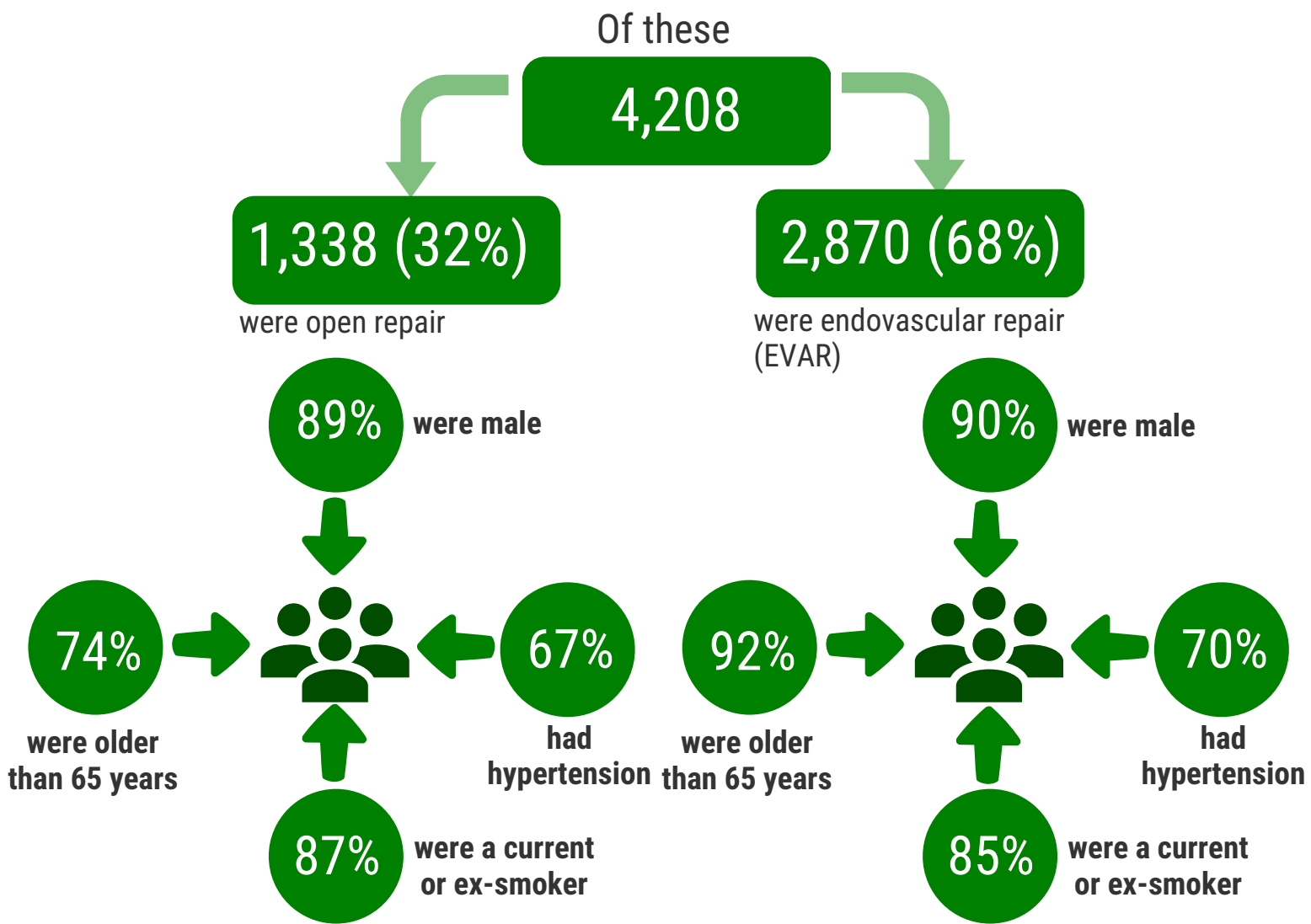


Repair of abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) to prevent rupture

AAA is an abnormal expansion of the aorta (the largest vessel taking blood away from the heart). If left untreated, it may enlarge and rupture causing fatal internal bleeding. An infra-renal aneurysm occurs below the level of the renal (kidney) arteries within the aorta.

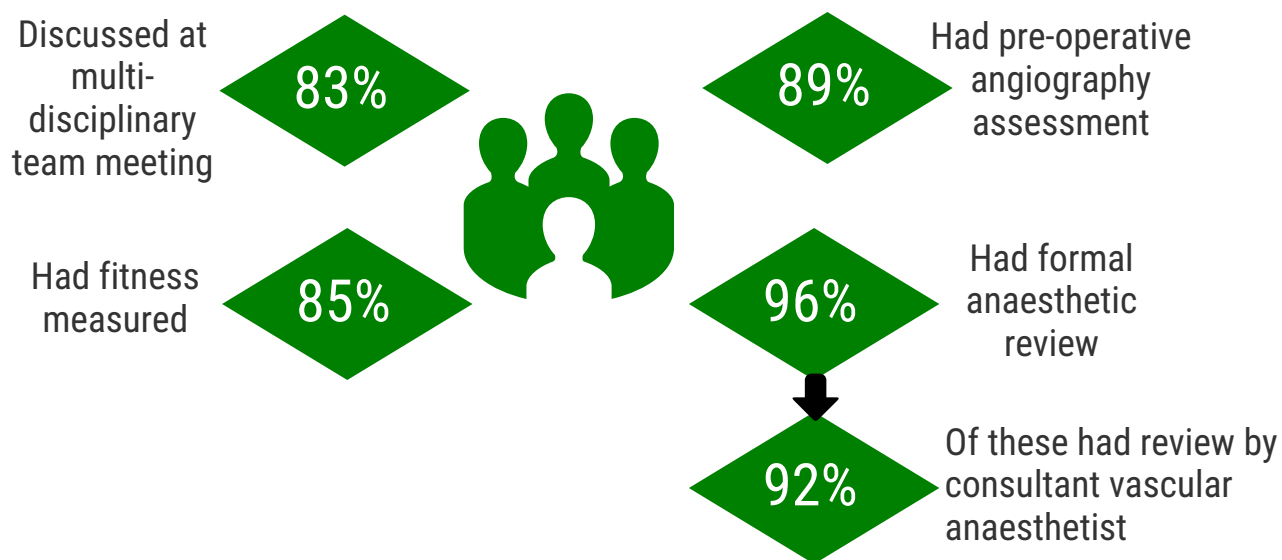
There were 4,208 elective infra-renal AAA repairs submitted to the NVR in 2017, which is approximately 90% of all procedures carried out in the UK.



Glossary

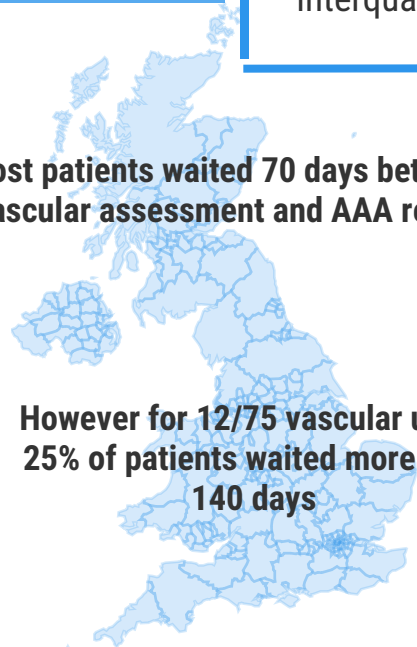
The average is the median; "typically between" is the interquartile range.

How were patients assessed?



Most patients waited 70 days between vascular assessment and AAA repair

However for 12/75 vascular units, 25% of patients waited more than 140 days



Patient outcomes after surgery

