

2. Overview of data collected

Age and Sex

Figure 3 demonstrates the distribution of age of all the patients included in this study.

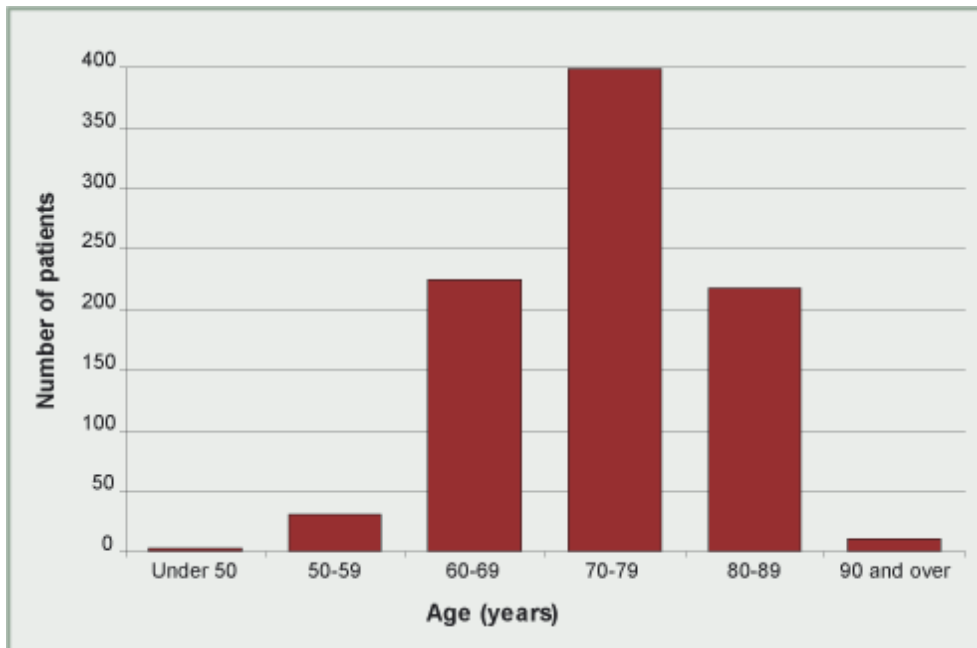


Figure 3. Distribution of age of study population

The mean (SD) age of this group of patients was 74.0 (7.7) years and 83.5% were male. This is consistent with the fact that AAAs are more common in males over the age of 65². The mean (SD) age of patients operated on was 73.0 (7.3) compared with a mean (SD) age of 82.6 (6.8) in those patients where surgery was not performed.