



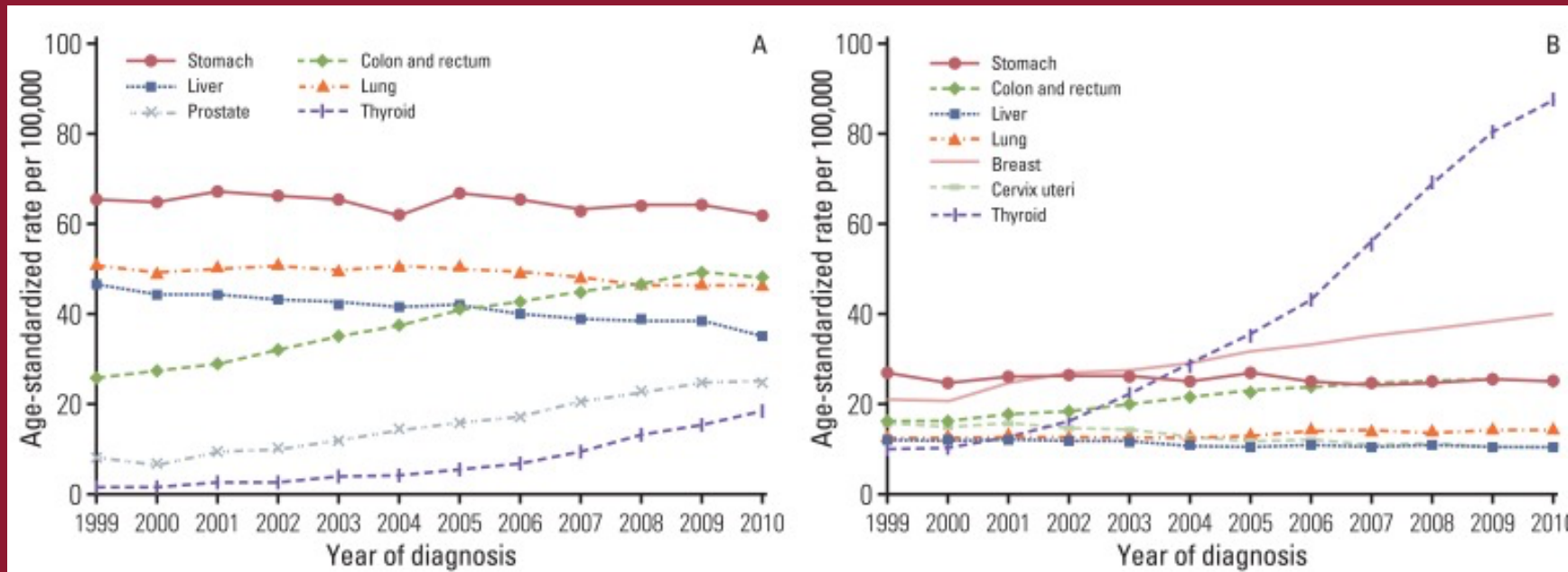
The Future of Minimally Invasive Colon and Rectal Surgery

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Colon and Rectal Cancer among Koreans



A. Male

B. Female

- South Korean has world's highest rate of colorectal cancer
- The rate expected to double by year 2030

Potential cause for high rate of colorectal cancer



- Diet high in fat
- Smoking
- Alcohol
- Lack of exercise
- Genetics



Colon cancer is preventable

- Benign polyps or growths can be removed before turning into cancer
- Colonoscopy starting at age 50
- Early colonoscopy in patients with family history of colon cancer
- Seek medical help if rectal bleeding or changes in bowel habits