

**Report from the  
National Birth Defect Registry  
Birth Defects in Vietnam Veterans' Children**



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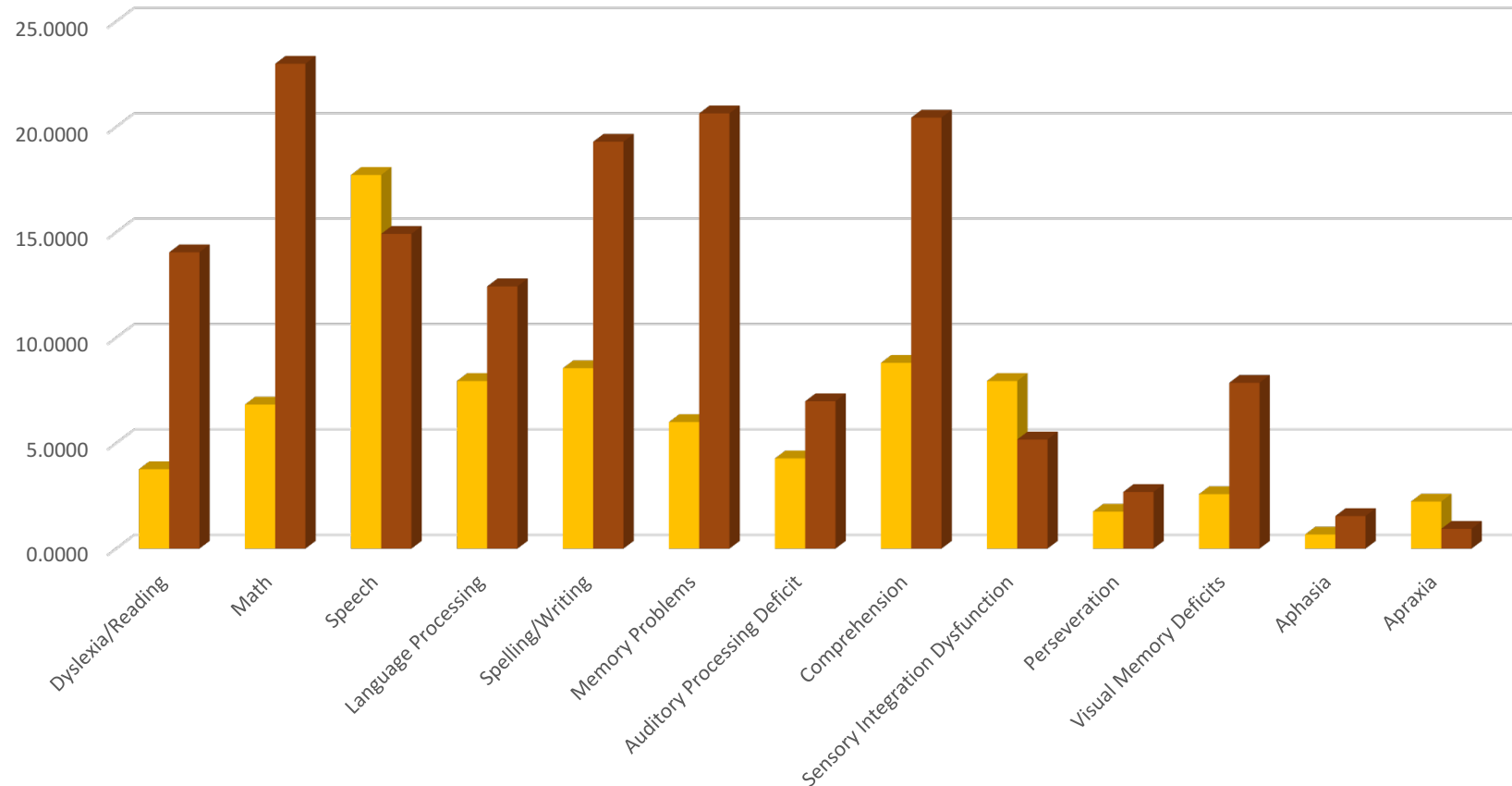
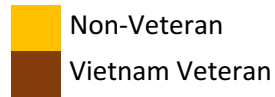
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Agent Orange was a combination of two defoliants, 2-45T and 2-4D, contaminated by dioxin (TCDD), a toxic byproduct of the chemical production process. Over 19 million gallons of herbicides were sprayed in Vietnam between 1962-1971 to destroy crops and ground cover. The current scientific evidence argues not only that dioxin is a potent carcinogen, but that it appears to have even more profound non-cancer health and environmental hazard effects that include reproductive, developmental and immunological defects. Dioxin appears to act like a persistent synthetic hormone interfering with important physiological signaling systems that can lead to altered cell development, differentiation and regulation. This National Birth Defect Registry report shows the differences in structural and functional birth defects in 1457 children of Vietnam veterans compared to 3131 children of non-veterans in the registry.

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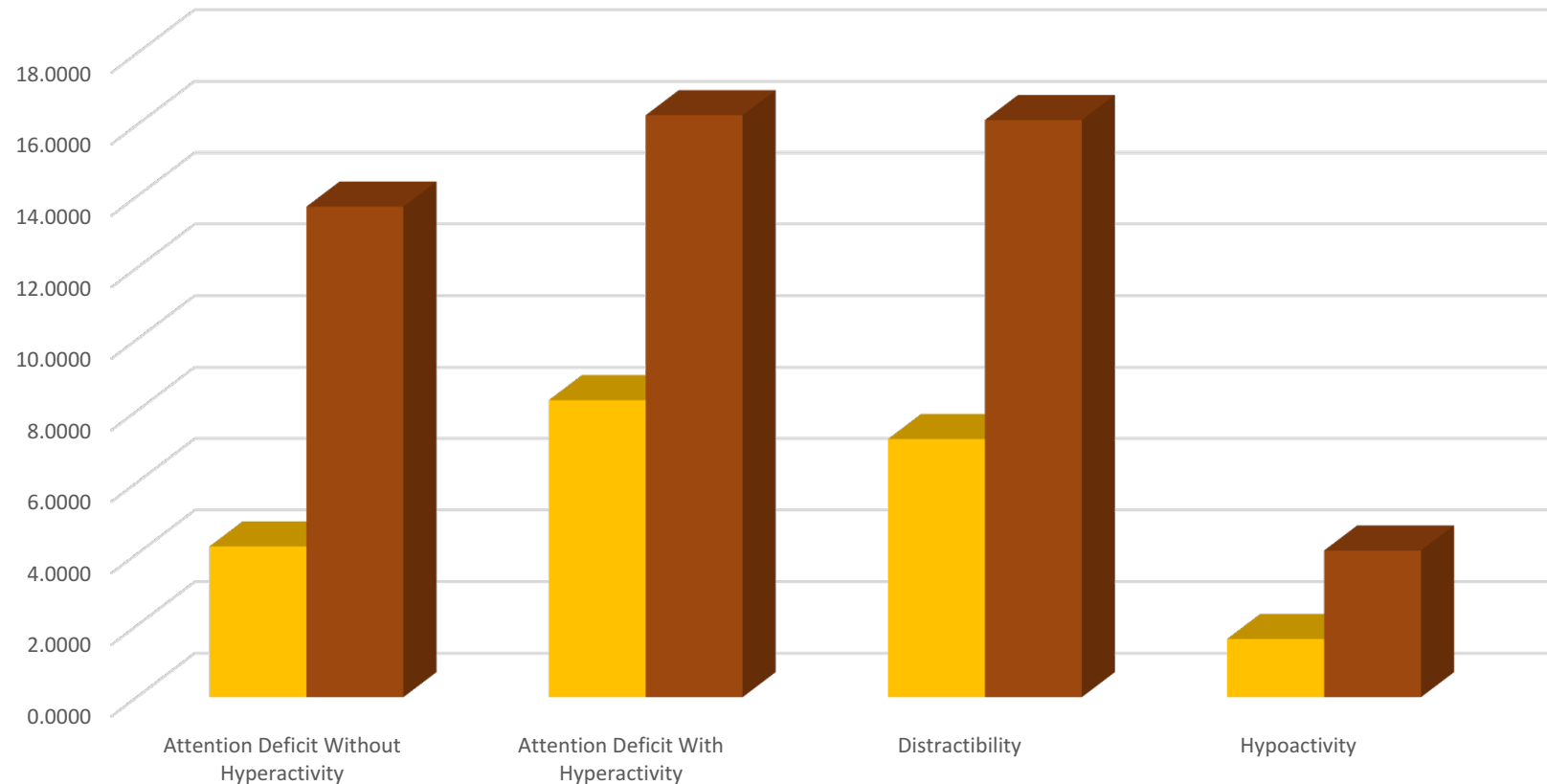
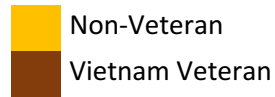
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Learning Disabilities

Cases per 100

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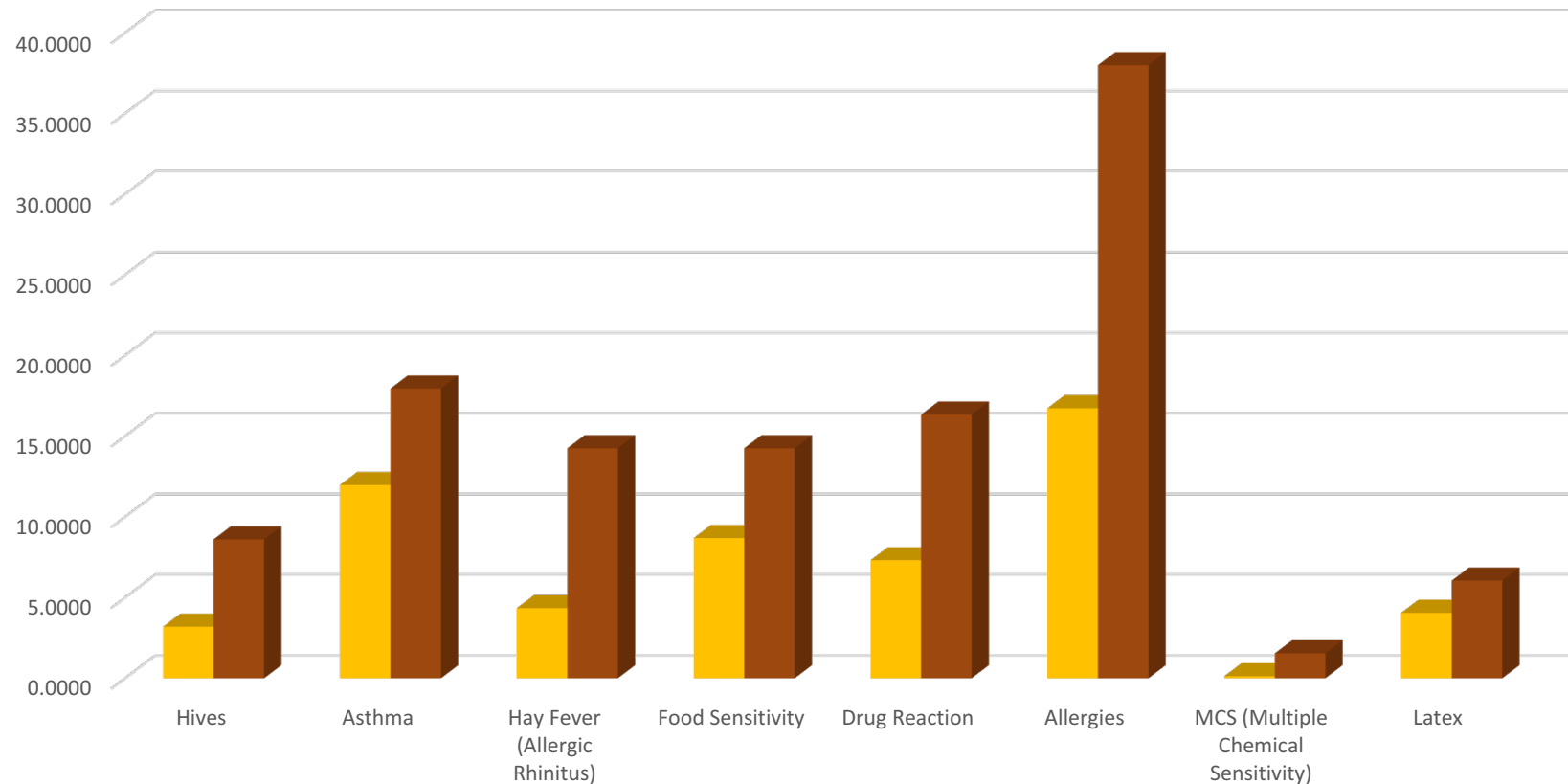
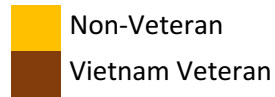
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## Attention Deficit/Activity Disorders

Cases per 100

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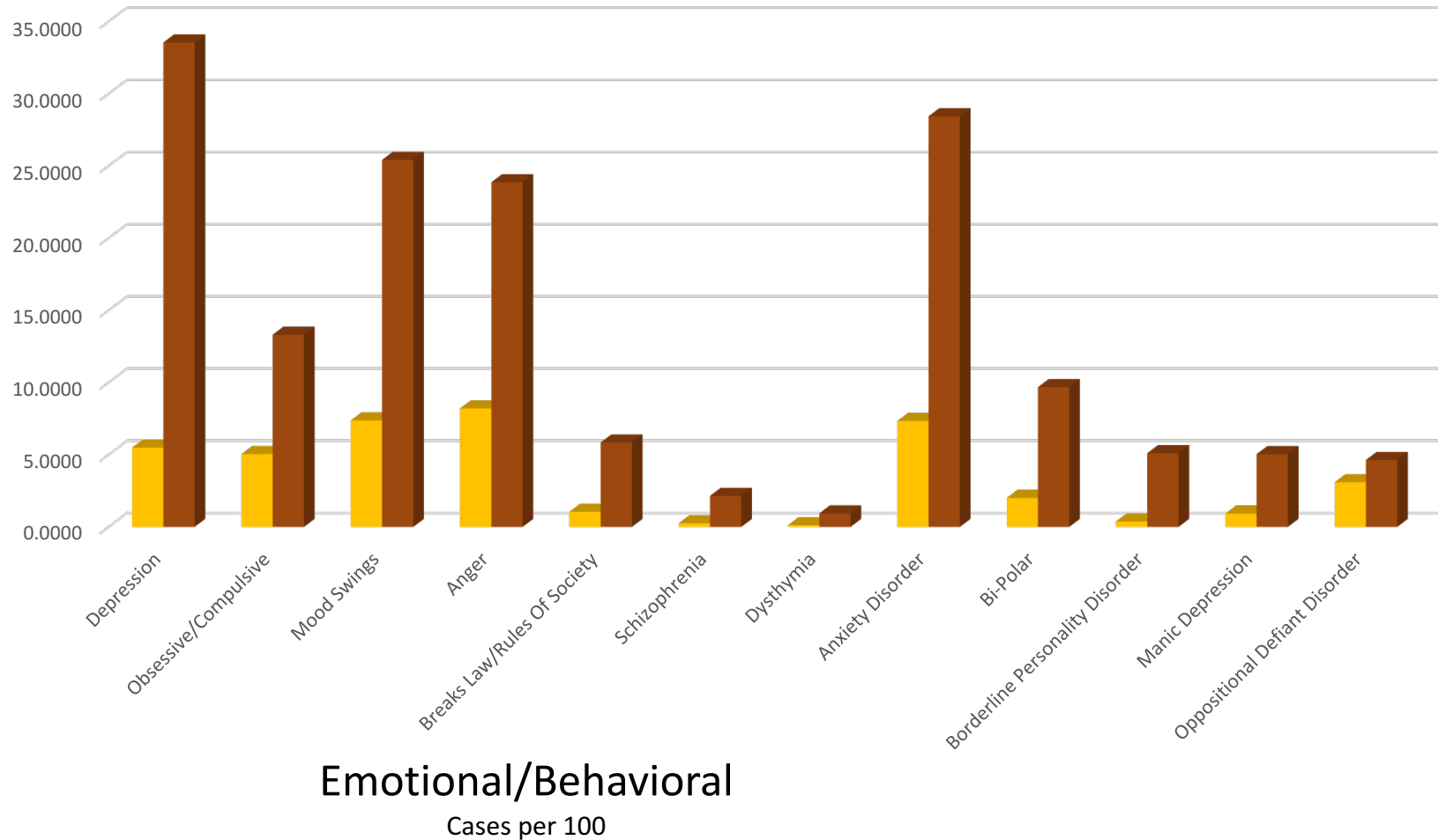
Allergies

Cases per 100

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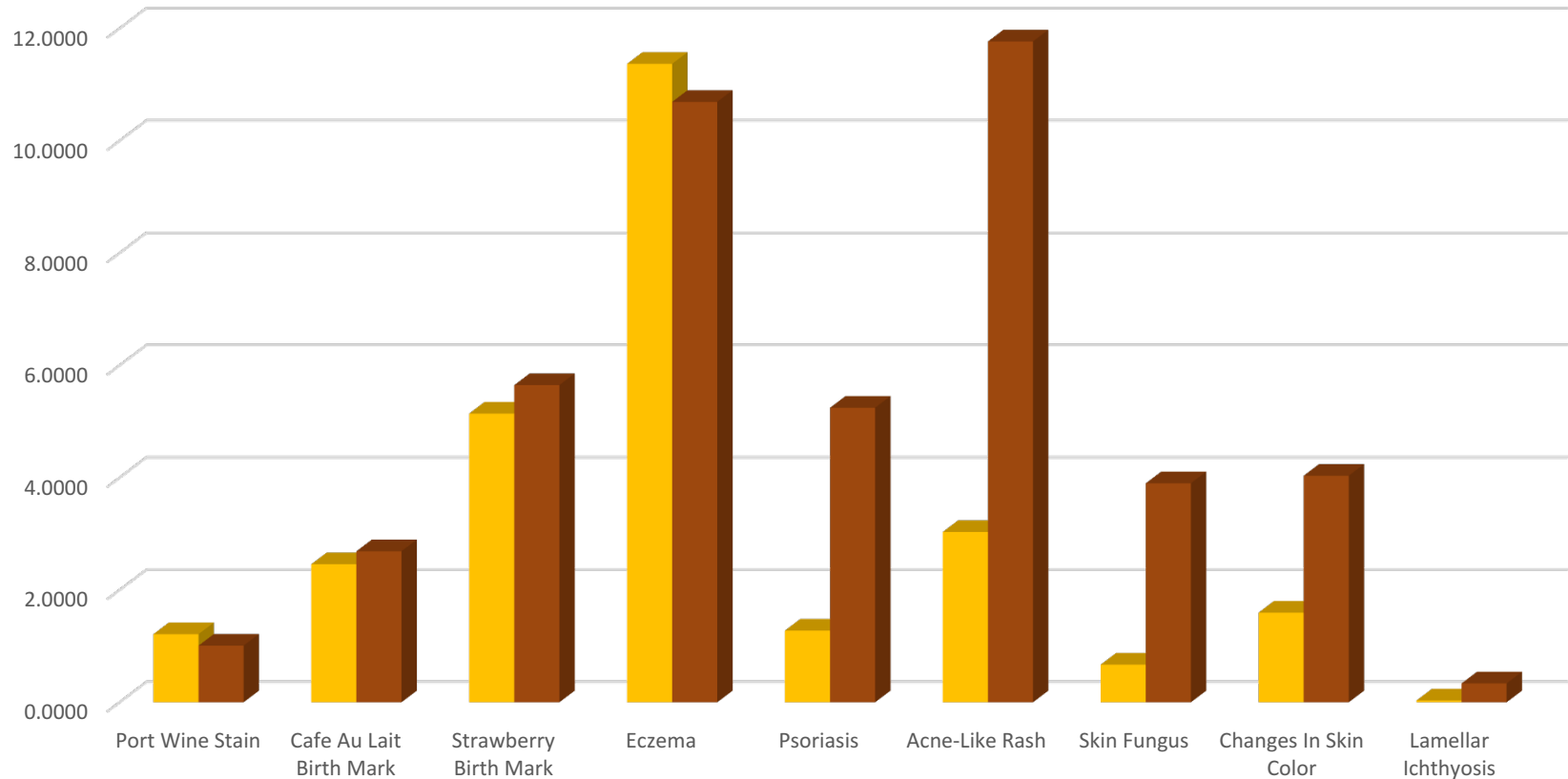
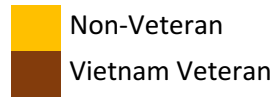
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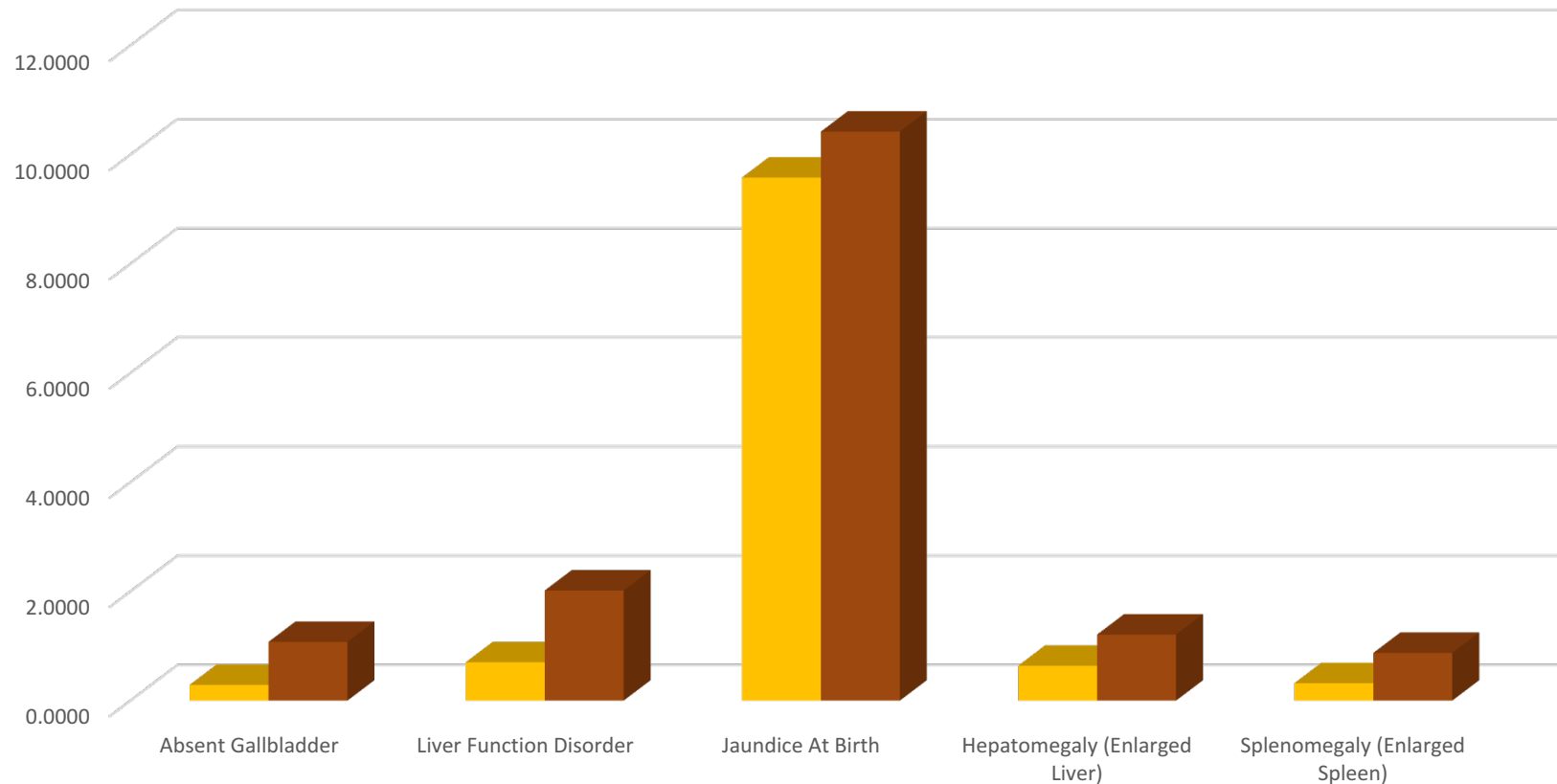
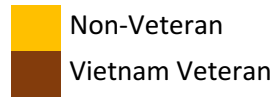
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Skin Defects

Cases per 100

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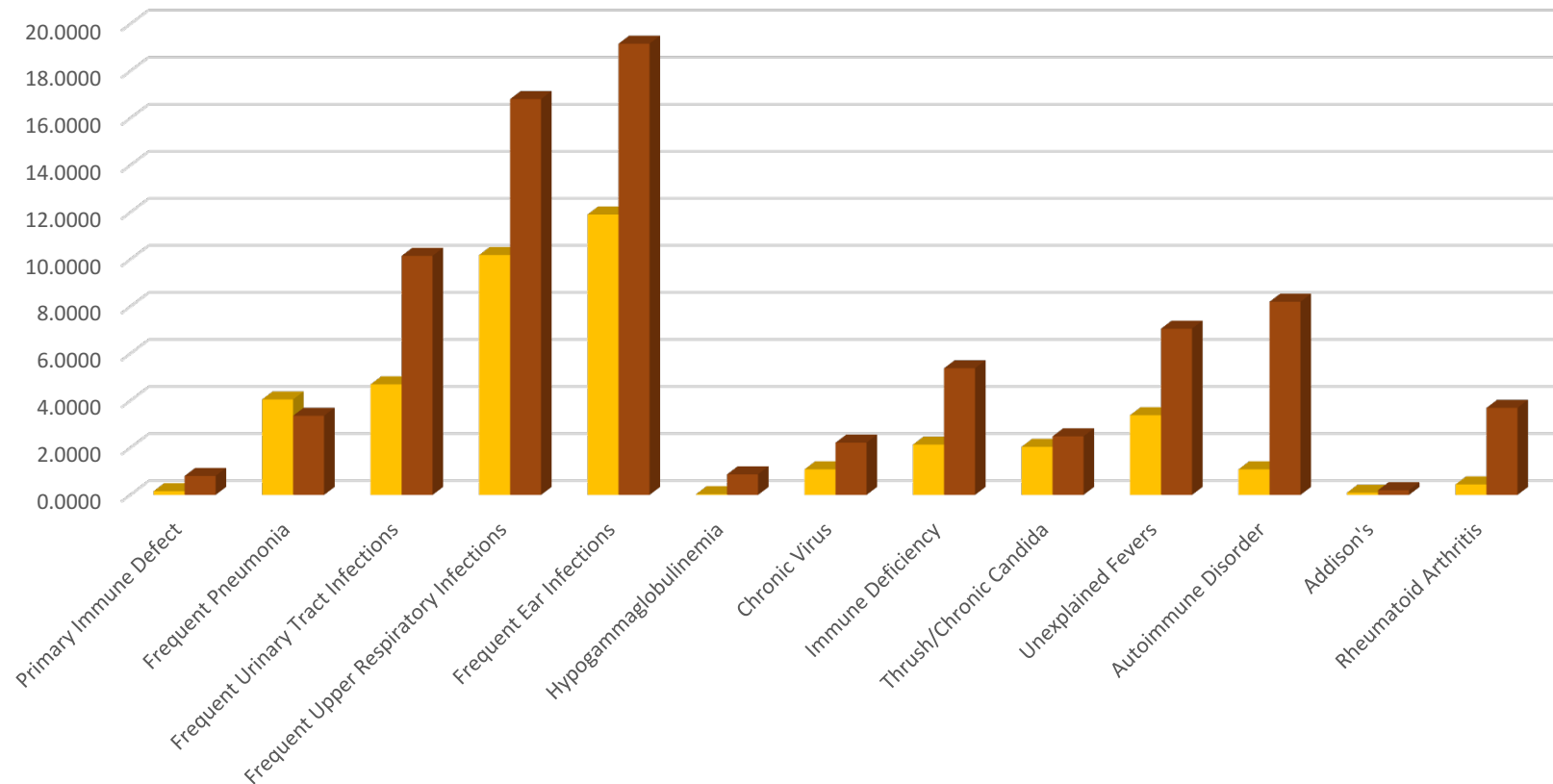
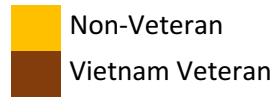
## Liver/Bile Duct/Spleen Defects

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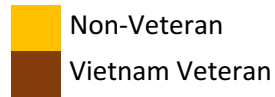
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## Immune Response Disorders

Cases per 100

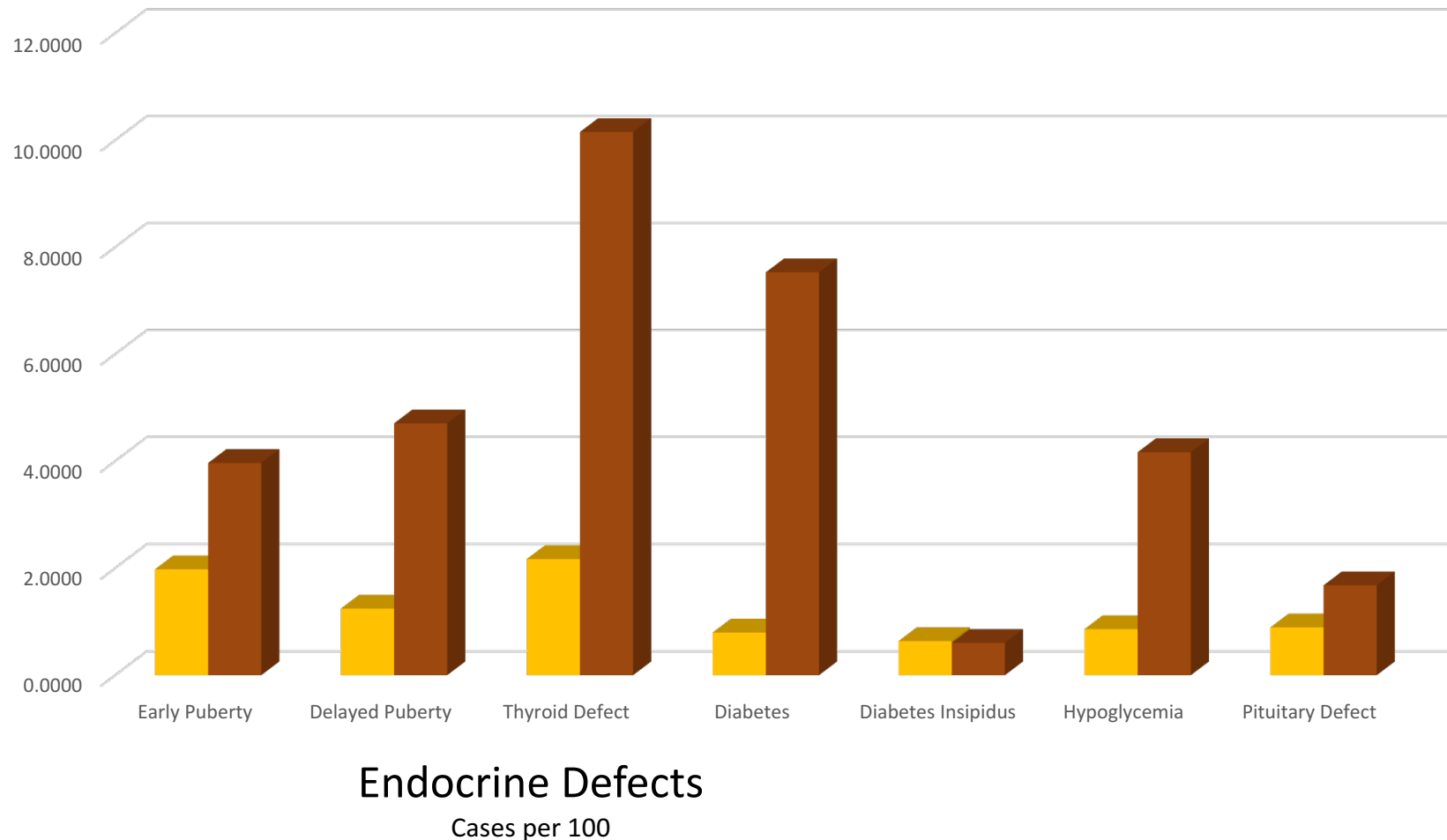
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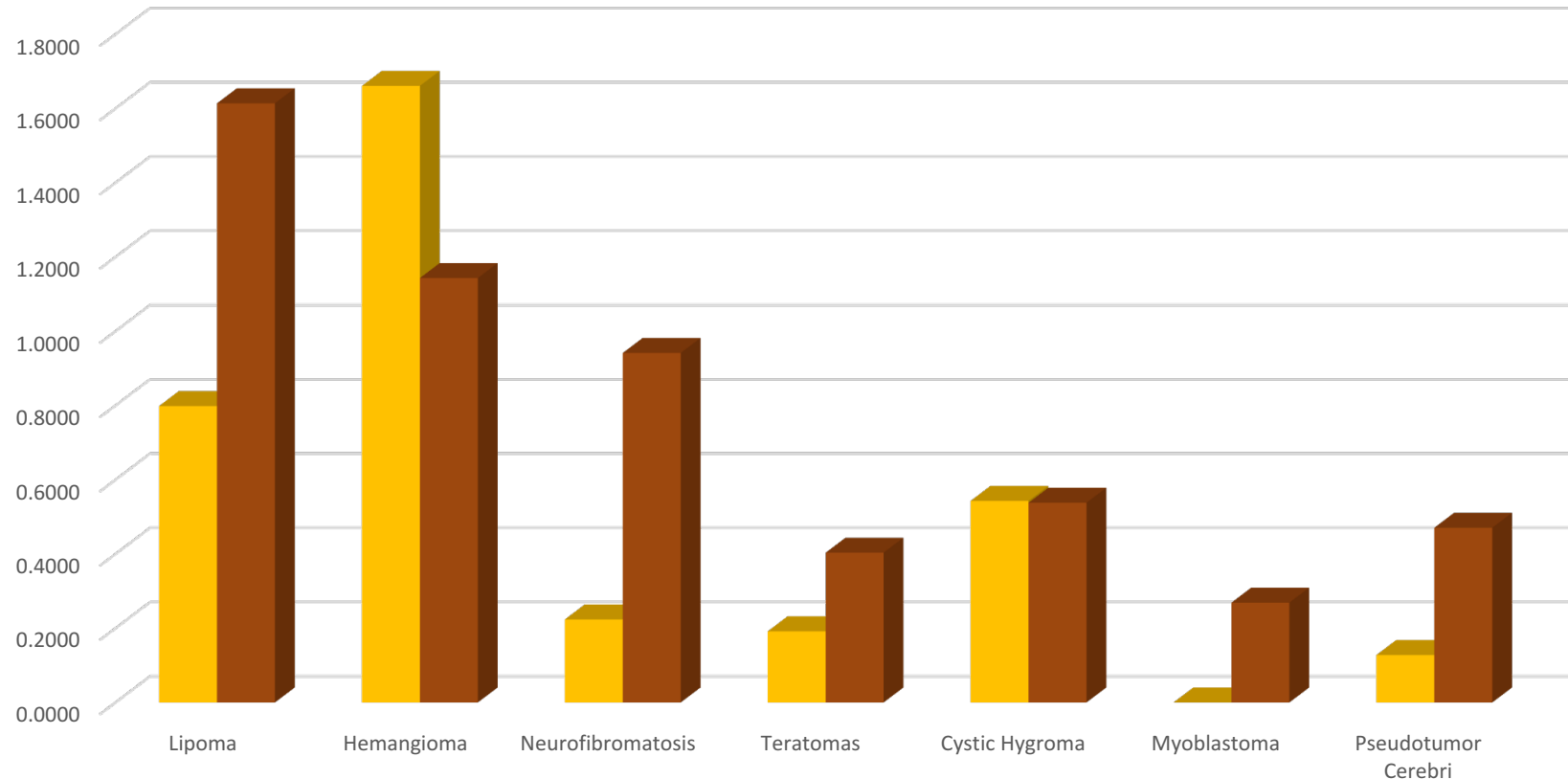
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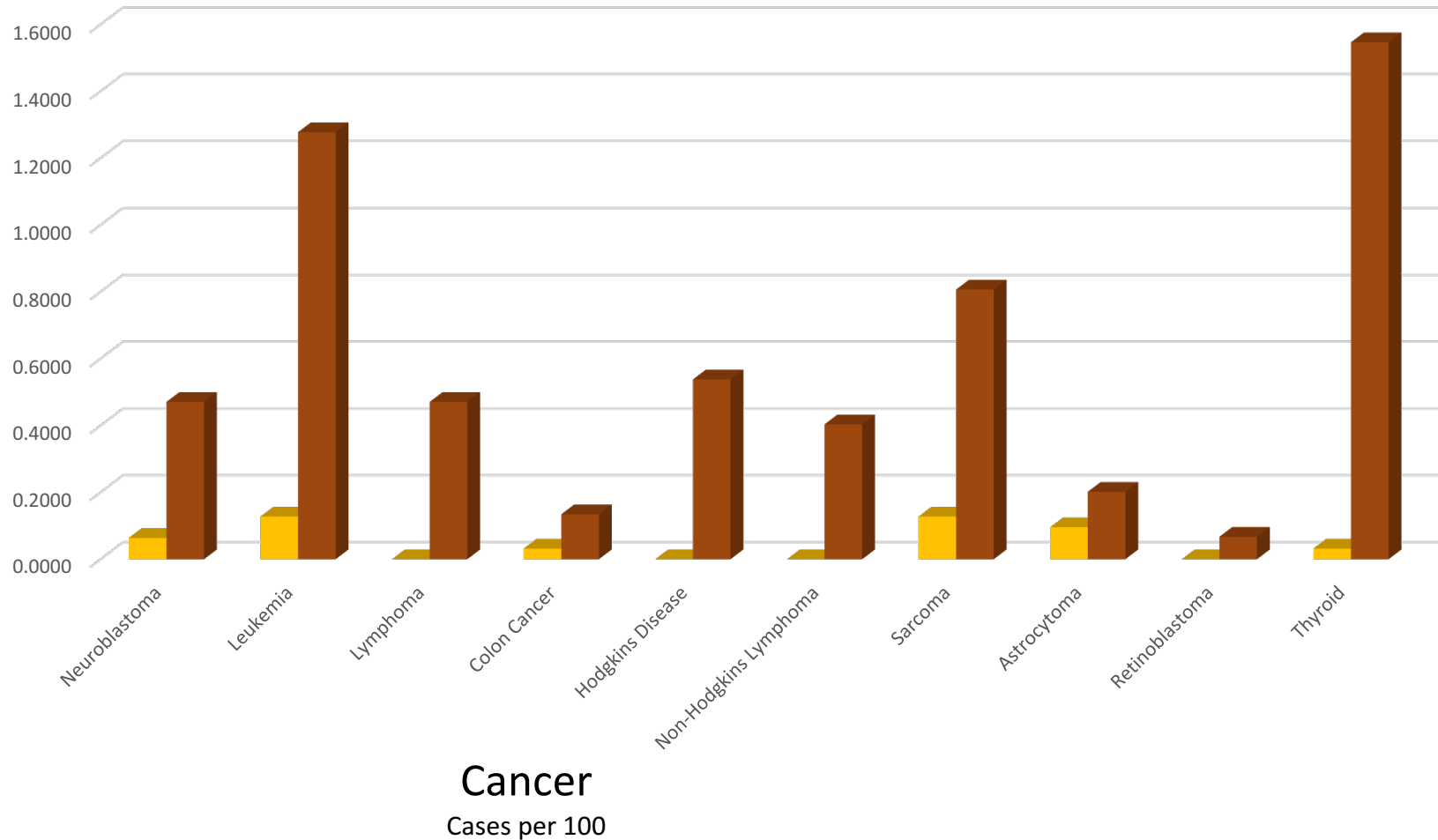
Tumors (Benign)

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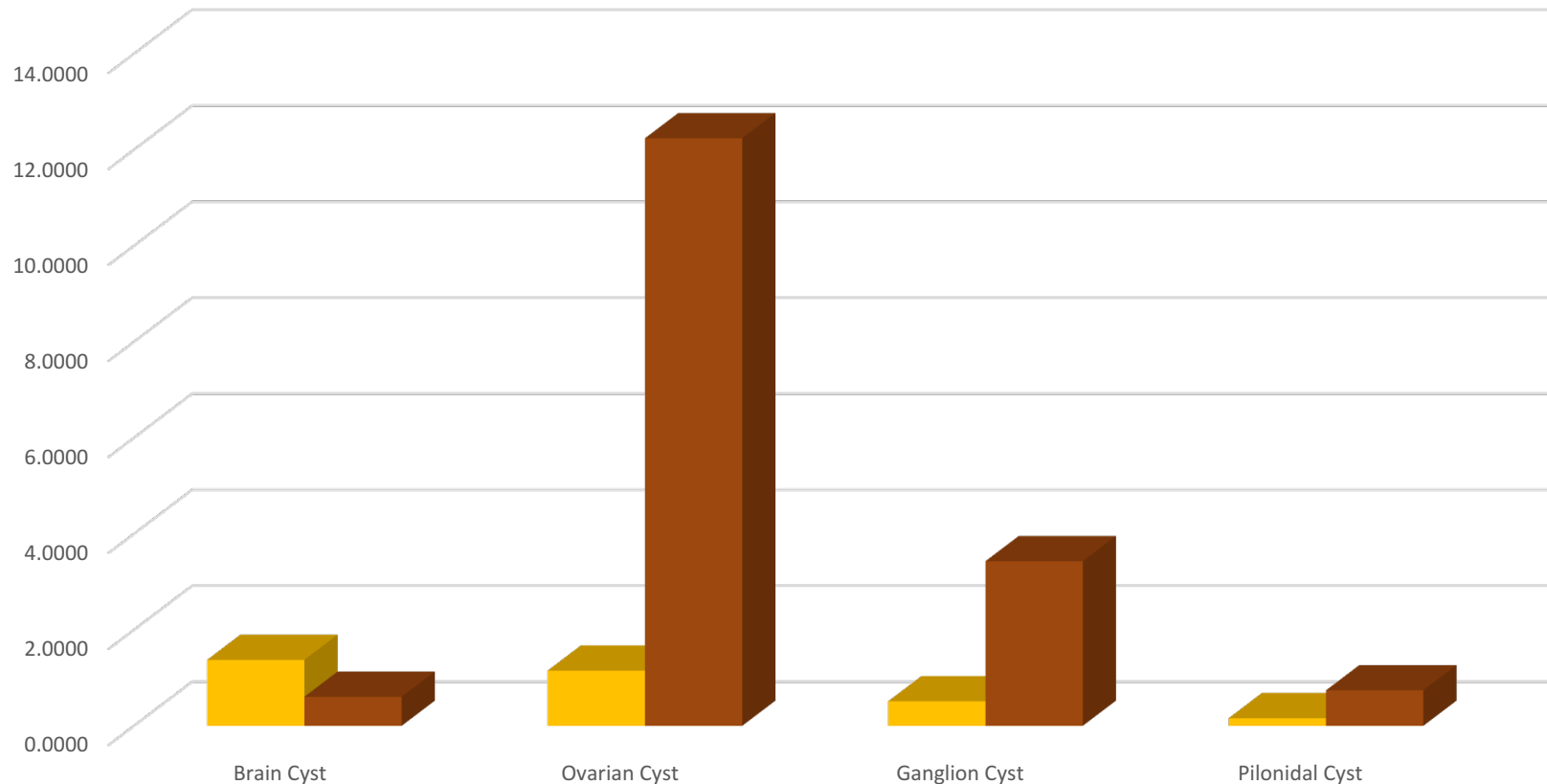
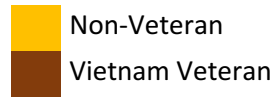
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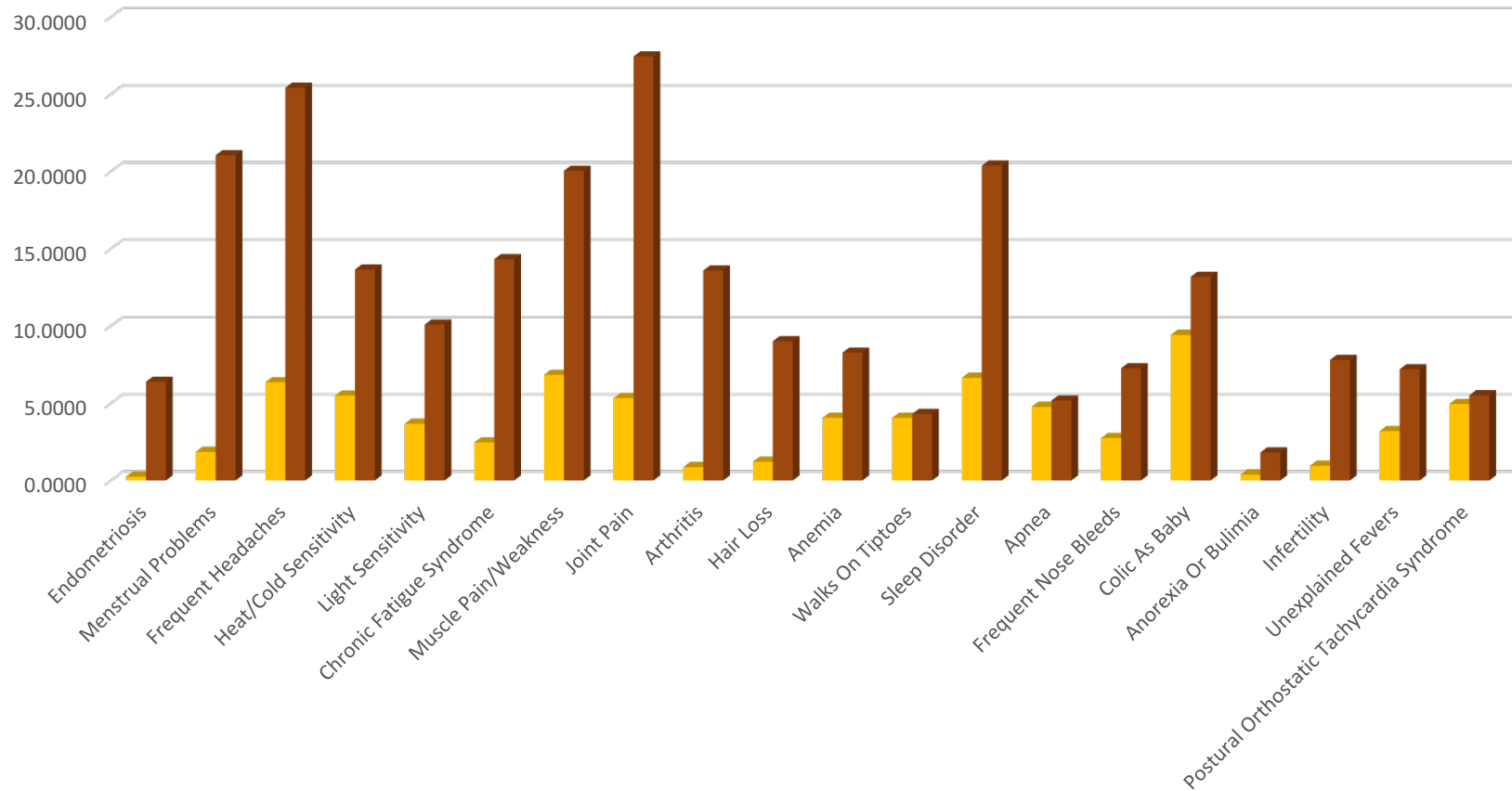
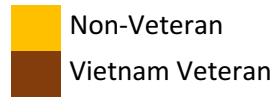
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Cysts  
Cases per 100



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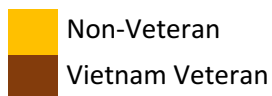
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Miscellaneous Defects

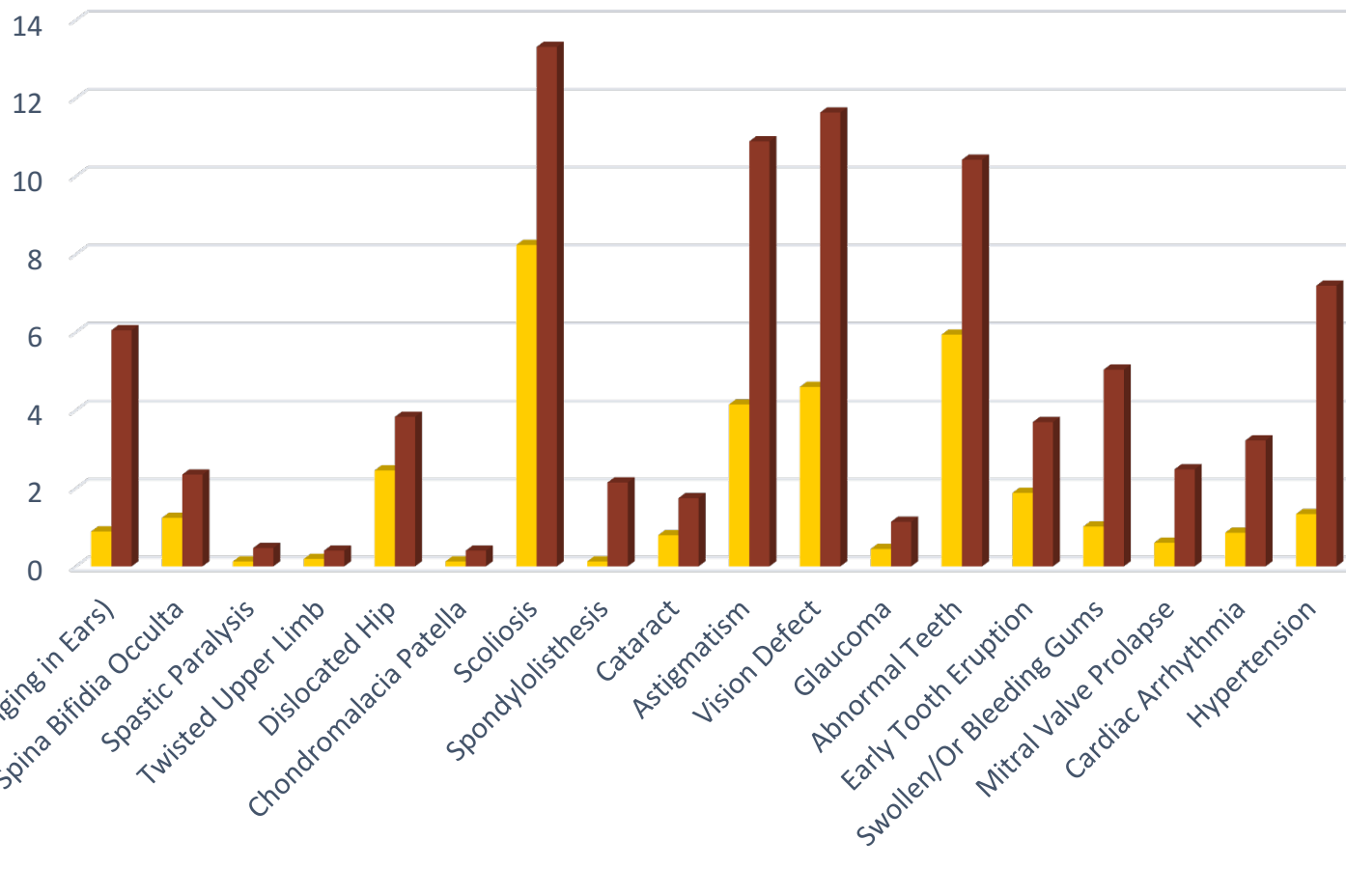
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