The changing landscape of NCDs & risk factors

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Outline

- Focus on dominant causes of death: cardiometabolic disease
- What is changing about NCD prevalence and risk?
- How do we "know"?
- Which aspects of changing risk are particularly relevant for ICPD?



Dilemmas

- Surveillance bias or true change?
- Among whom?
- Sources:
 - GYTS/GATS
 - GSAH
 - SAGE
 - GBD



Table 2. Global DALYs Caused by the 25 Leading Diseases and Injuries in 1990 and 2010.

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Cause		2010		1990		
	Rank	DALYs (95% UI)	Rank	DALYs (95% UI)		
		in thousands		in thousands		
Ischemic heart disease	1	129,795 (119,218–137,398)	4	100,455 (96,669–108,702)		
Lower respiratory tract infections	2	115,227 (102,255–126,972)	1	206,461 (183,354–222,979)		
Stroke	3	102,239 (90,472–108,003)	5	86,012 (81,033–94,802)		
Diarrhea	4	89,524 (77,595–99,193)	2	183,543 (168,791–197,655)		
HIV-AIDS	5	81,549 (74,698–88,371)	33	18,118 (14,996–22,269)		
Malaria	6	82,689 (63,465-109,846)	7	69,141 (54,547–85,589)		
Low back pain	7	80,667 (56,066–108,723)	12	56,384 (38,773-76,233)		
Preterm birth complications	8	76,980 (66,210-88,132)	3	105,965 (88,144–120,894)		
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	9	76,779 (66,000-89,147)	6	78,298 (70,407–86,849)		
Road-traffic injury	10	75,487 (61,555–94,777)	11	56,651 (49,633–68,046)		
Major depressive disorder	11	63,239 (47,894–80,784)	15	46,177 (34,524–58,436)		
Neonatal encephalopathy*	12	50,163 (40,351-59,810)	10	60,604 (50,209–74,826)		
Tuberculosis	13	49,399 (40,027–56,009)	8	61,256 (55,465–71,083)		
Diabetes mellitus	14	46,857 (40,212-55,252)	21	27,719 (23,668–32,925)		
Iron-deficiency anemia	15	45,350 (31,046-64,616)	14	46,803 (32,604–66,097)		
Sepsis and other infectious disorders in newborns	16	44,236 (27,349-72,418)	17	46,029 (25,147–70,357)		
Congenital anomalies	17	38,890 (31,891-45,739)	13	54,245 (45,491-69,057)		
Self-harm	18	36,655 (26,894–44,652)	19	29,605 (23,039–37,333)		
Falls	19	35,406 (28,583-44,052)	22	25,900 (21,252-31,656)		
Protein-energy malnutrition	20	34,874 (27,957–41,662)	9	60,542 (50,378–71,639)		
Neck pain	21	32,651 (22,783-44,857)	25	23,107 (16,031-31,890)		

The Lancet 2012; 380 (9859)



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DALYs (Disability-Adjusted Life Years) 95% UI

Other ways of "knowing"

- From the medical literature, a few key commodities are key to risk:
 - Tobacco
 - Alcohol
 - Foods high in sodium, unhealthy fats, sugars
- Who keeps track of these?



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		(1) (2)		(3)	(4)	(5)	
		Diabetes	Diabetes	Diabetes	Diabetes	Diabetes	
		prevalence (%)	prevalence (%)	prevalence (%)	prevalence (%)	prevalence (%)	
Log GDP per capita		0.94	0.86	0.95	1.00	1.07	
		(0.33)	(0.37)	(0.37)	(0.40)	(0.48)	
Change in log GDP		1.02	2.08	1.77	0.46	1.88	
		(0.97)	(1.26)	(2.39)	(2.59)	(2.54)	
Urbanization		0.048	0.022	0.0048		0.016	
		(0.015)	(0.015) (0.013)			(0.011)	
Aging		$0.17^{^{*}}$	0.11	0.039		0.049	
		(0.067)	(0.081)	(0.075)		(0.085)	
Total kilocalories			0.0010	0.00031	0.00079	0.00075	
			(0.00056)	(0.00052)	(0.0012)	(0.0011)	
Obesity				0.10	0.094	0.081***	
Sugar		Low- and n	niddle-income	(0.024)	(0.022)	(0.021)	
	- 50				0.0058	0.0072^{***}	
					(0.0019)	(0.0020)	
Fiber				-	0.00042	0.0011	
alen	valen 0-79		- 514		(0.0015)	(0.0014)	
Fruit -0000	s Preves 20 es 20 10			● JAN	0.00053	0.00011	
	ARM			(0.0023)	(0.0024)		
Meat	PEB RGB4 JUG DGK STD KG2	BOL TUN COL		-0.0032	-0.0015		
	ZARACI LSZE VÁM VUT KEN			(0.0023)	(0.0022)		
Cereal		REALT MUGA WING IDN			0.0014	0.0017	
Oils	500 10	1500 200	0	(0.0013)	(0.0012)		
		Sugar exposu (kJ/pe	re, past 10 years rson/day)		0.00060	0.0018	
					(0.0016)	(0.0018)	
Countries		173	160	152	141	137	
R^2		0.27	0.31	0.44	0.54	0.55	

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Year

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Covariate	Snacks (kg per capita)	Confections (kg per capita)	Soft drinks (litre per capita)	lce cream (kg per capita)	Oils and fats (kg per capita)	Ready meals (kg per capita)	Processed foods (kg per capita)	Packaged foods (kg per capita)	Tobacco (USD sales per capita)	Alcohol (USD sales per capita)
Log GDP per capita (constant USD, purchasing power parity)	0.81* (0.31)	1.60*** (0.28)	42.8*** (11.4)	0.82** (0.26)	2.89*** (0.78)	0.76** (0.22)	6.94*** (1.34)	26.9** (8.61)	63.8*** (13.5)	23.0** (6.73)
Foreign Direct Investment as a % of GDP	0.0085* (0.0036)	0.0085 (0.0046)	0.71** (0.21)	0.0011 (0.0034)	-0.013 (0.019)	0.0017 (0.0039)	0.061** (0.019)	0.27 (0.15)	1.34 (0.68)	0.24* (0.10)
Percentage of Population Living in Urban Settings	0.024 (0.021)	-0.025 (0.019)	2.20* (0.84)	-0.0087 (0.014)	0.043 (0.077)	-0.027* (0.012)	0.16 (0.21)	1.78 (1.17)	-2.21 (1.22)	-0.41 (0.34)
Number of Country-Years	341	560	609	560	560	489	472	560	609	609
Number of Countries	40	49	50	49	49	45	43	49	50	50
R ²	0.369	0.495	0.483	0.235	0.278	0.345	0.509	0.311	0.216	0.411

Notes: Robust-clustered errors in parentheses to reflect non-independence of country sampling.

*p<0.05,

p*<0.01, *p*<0.001.

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Euromonitor, 2013



smoking prevalence (% of adults)

Countries with a >10% decline in smoking prevalence, 1997-2010



Euromonitor, 2013



Cigarettes sold by region





Cigarettes sold by region, excluding China



Cigarettes sold, top 4 countries after China





Euromonitor, 2013





'Risky' alcohol use

- Profound risk in CEE/CIS
- High use but low 'risk' in Cyprus, Italy, Portugal, Spain
- Emerging worrisome data from SSA



Non-commodity risk

- Physical activity
 - Major decline in occupational activity
 - Not just urban, and often before motorization
 - Much higher inactivity in women, even age-adjusted
 - Unsafe public health interventions
- Activity vs sedentary as separate risks



Distribution of risk

- Persistent debates on distribution
- Longitudinal data limitations
- Inconsistencies across space and disease



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NCD Prevalence



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Dual burdens

- Within-household?
- Multiplicative risk
 - Diabetes and TB
 - Smoking and TB





Americas



Are high-income data sufficient?





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