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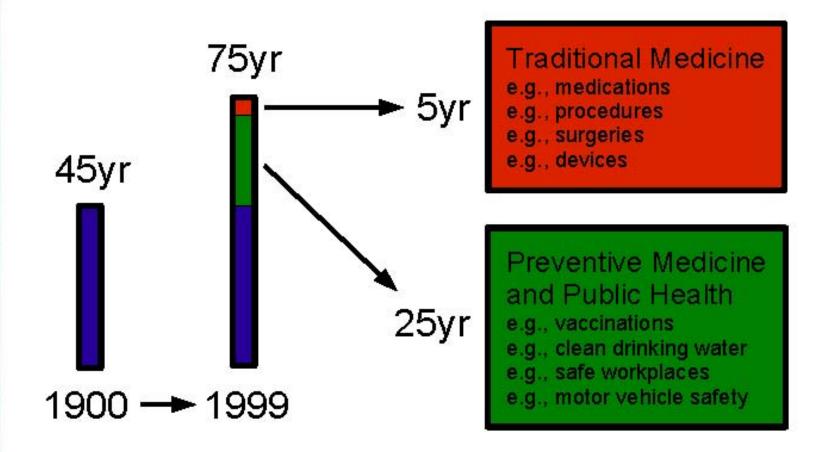
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Life Expectancy in 1900 vs 1999



CDC. MMWR 1999;48(12);241-243.

What Is Public Health?





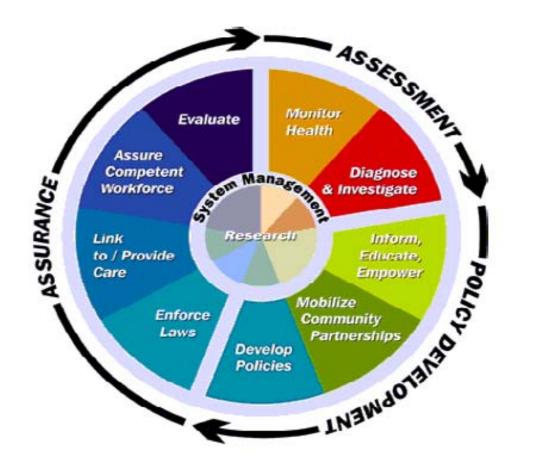
CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health Mission

fulfilling society's interest in assuring conditions in which people can be healthy



Public Health Functions



CDC: National Public Health Performance Standards Program

What Is Preventive Medicine?



prevention-focused rather than treatment





population-based rather than individual



Public Health Achievements – I

- Vaccination
- Motor-vehicle safety
- Safer workplaces



- Control of infectious diseases
- Decline in deaths from coronary heart disease and stroke

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Public Health Achievements – II

- Safer and healthier foods
- Healthier mothers and babies
- Family planning
- Fluoridation of drinking water
- Recognition of tobacco use as a health hazard

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Leading Causes of Death in 1900

- 1. Pneumonia and Influenza
- 2. Tuberculosis
- 3. Diarrhea and Enteritis
- 4. Heart Disease
- 5. Cerebrovascular

- 6. Nephritis
- Unintentional Injuries
- 8. Cancer
- 9. Senility
- 10. Diphtheria

CDC: National Center for Health Statistics

Leading Causes of Death in 2007

- 1. Heart Disease
- 2. Cancer
- 3. Cerebrovascular
- Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases
- 5. Unintentional Injuries

- 6. Alzheimer's
- 7. Diabetes
- 8. Pneumonia and Influenza
- 9. Nephritis and Nephrosis
- 10. Septicemia

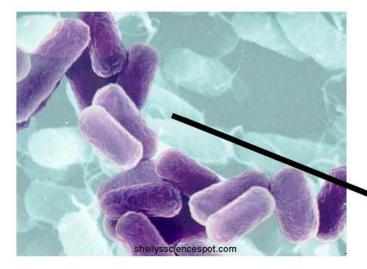
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Causes of Death: $1900 \rightarrow 2010$

CHRONIC

tobacco-facts.info



ACUTE

Actual Causes of Death in 2000

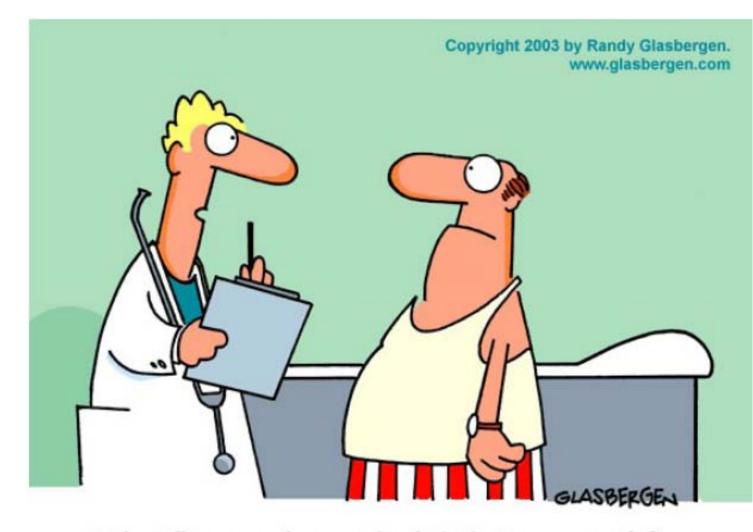
1. Tobacco 435,000 (18.1%)



- 2. Poor diet and physical inactivity 400,000 (16.6%)
- 3. Alcohol consumption 85,000 (3.5%)
- 4. Microbial agents 75,000 (3.1%)



Mokdad AH, et al. JAMA. 2004;291(10):1238-45.



"What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?"

Actual Causes of Death in 2000

- 5. Toxic agents
- 6. Motor vehicle
- 7. Firearms
- 8. Sexual behavior
- 9. Illicit drug use

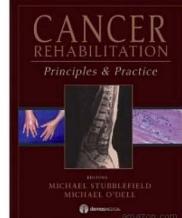
55,000 (2.3%) 43,000 (1.8%) 29,000 (1.2%) 20,000 (0.8%) 17,000 (0.7%)

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Levels of Prevention



Primary Prevention / Secondary Prevention Tertiary Prevention —



Preventive Medicine Specialties









Questions?

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