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#### Preventive Medicine Introduction

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#### **Preventive Medicine Introduction**

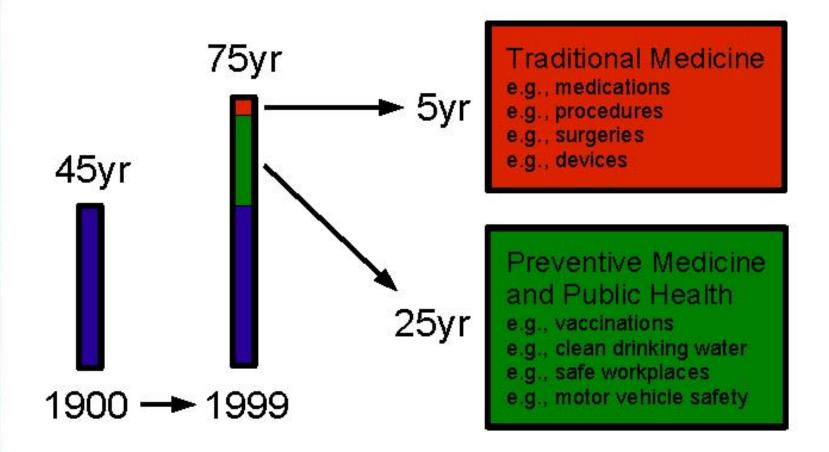
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# Life Expectancy in 1900 vs 1999



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

#### What Is Public Health?





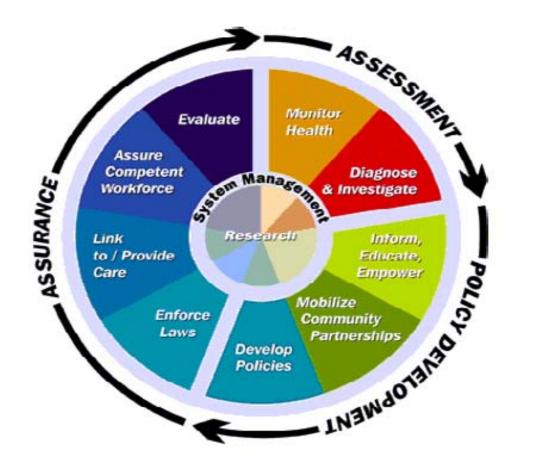
CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

#### **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

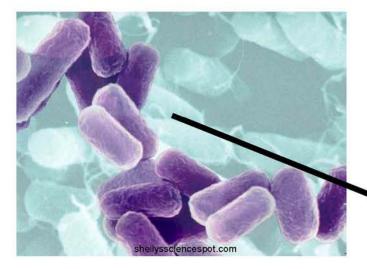
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### Causes of Death: $1900 \rightarrow 2010$

**CHRONIC** 

tobacco-facts.info



#### ACUTE

# Actual Causes of Death in 2000

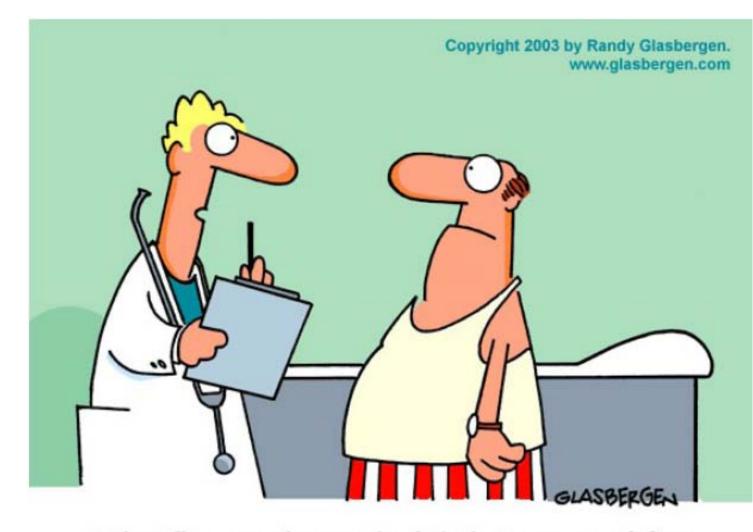
1. Tobacco 435,000 (18.1%)



- 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

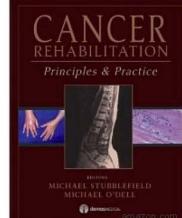
55,000 (2.3%) 43,000 (1.8%) 29,000 (1.2%) 20,000 (0.8%) 17,000 (0.7%)

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#### Levels of Prevention



Primary Prevention / Secondary Prevention Tertiary Prevention —



### **Preventive Medicine Specialties**









# **Questions?**

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