

## Community

75. Prevention of risk factors themselves considered as?

Select one:

- a. Primary prevention
- b. Secondary prevention
- c. Tertiary prevention
- d. Primordial prevention**
- e. Rehabilitation

• All the followings are Non-modifiable CVD risk factors EXCEPT?

• Select one:

**a. Diabetes mellitus .**

- b. Heredity or family history
- c. Age
- d. Ethnicity or race
- e. Gender

• Which one of the followings is INCORRECT regarding CVD death rates?

• Select one:

- a. increase in CVD morbidity and mortality in the age group of 30-44 years ✓
- b. CVD is often thought to be a disease of middle-aged men ✓
- c. Increased CVD deaths in whites compared to African American populations**
- d. Cardiovascular mortality (fatal cases) are more common among men ✓
- e. Oral contraceptives and HRT considered as a gender-specific risk factors ✓

## 1. Descriptive epidemiology:

= Describing distribution of CVD by means of certain characteristics such as : PERSON (i.e., age, gender, ethnicity) TIME and PLACE

## 2. Analytic epidemiology

= Analyzing relationships between CVD and risk factors (which elevate the probability of a disease at population level), risk model and multicausal developments

## 3. Experimental epidemiology/Interventions

= Strategies of cardiovascular prevention (**primordial\***, primary, secondary, tertiary; individual and community levels)



**\*Primordial prevention is defined as prevention of risk factors themselves: health education to children.**

**Levels of prevention**

**Phase of disease**

**Target**



Primordial

Underlying  
conditions  
leading to  
causation

Total population  
and selected  
groups

Primary

Specific  
causal  
factors

Total  
population,  
selected groups  
and healthy  
individuals

**Levels of prevention**

Secondary

Tertiary

**Phase of disease**

Early stage of disease

Late stage of disease (treatment, rehabilitation)

**Target**

Patients

Patients

**Question: What is the relative amount of CVD in death rates in different age groups?**

**Early lesions of blood vessel, atherosclerotic plaques: around 20 years - adult lifestyle patterns usually start in childhood and youth (smoking, dietary habits, sporting behavior, etc.)**

**Increase in CVD morbidity and mortality: in age-group of 30-44 years**

**Premature death (<64 years of age, or 25-64 years)**

Question: What is the relative amount of CVD in death rates in women and men?

Widespread idea: CVD is often thought to be a disease of **Middle-aged Men.**

Cardiovascular mortality (**fatal cases**) are more common among men.



**Gender-specific risk factors** (risks for women only)  
(oral contraceptives, hormone replacement therapy (HRT), polycystic ovary syndrome)

Question: What is the relative amount of CVD in death rates in different ethnic groups?

In the US: **increased** CVD deaths **in African-American** and South-Asian populations in comparison with **Whites**

Migration: Ni-Hon-San Study: Japanese living in **Japan** had the lowest rates of CHD and cholesterol levels, those living in **Hawaii** had intermediate rates for both, those living in **San Francisco** had the highest rates for both

### Major modifiable risk factors

1. High blood pressure
2. Abnormal blood lipids
3. Tobacco use
4. Physical inactivity
5. Obesity
6. Unhealthy diet
7. Diabetes mellitus

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### Other modifiable risk factors

1. Low socioeconomic status
2. Mental ill health (depression)
3. Psychosocial stress
4. Heavy alcohol use
5. Use of certain medication
6. Lipoprotein(a)

### Non-modifiable risk factors

1. Age
2. Heredity or family history
3. Gender
4. Ethnicity or race

### "Novel" risk factors

1. Excess homocysteine\* in blood
2. Inflammatory markers (C-reactive protein)
3. Abnormal blood coagulation (elevated blood levels of fibrinogen)

\*a plasma homocysteine level less than 10 micromoles/L is associated with a lower risk of CVD.

# Risk factors

- **Systolic blood pressure** >140 Hgmm and/or a diastolic blood pressure > 90 Hgmm
- **Positive family history**
- **Dietary habits** (a high intake of salt, processed food, low levels of water hardness, high tyramine content of food, alcohol use)
- **Modern lifestyle** (increased sympathetic activity, psychosocial stress, leading position in job)

# Prevention



**Primordial:** Social, legal and other (often nonmedical) activities which may lead to a lowering of risk factors (e.g., socioeconomic development, smoke-free restaurants)

**Primary:** Controlling risk factors contributing to CVD (health education programs, anti-smoking campaign, sports programs, nutrition counselling, regular check of blood pressure and certain blood parameters, e.g., cholesterol, blood lipids, glucose)

**Secondary:** Screening and treatment of symptomatic patients, set up personal risk profile



**Tertiary:** Cardiovascular rehabilitation, prevention of recurrence of CVD (new heart attack: 5-7 times higher risk among CVD patients)

- b. Rheumatoid arthritis
- c. Family history of CAD
- d. Oral contraceptive

## community

1. Primary prevention of **early stage of disease** is called **FN**
  - a. Secondary prevention
2. **Novel risk factor** for CVD **FN**
  - a. Excess homocysteine levels
3. What is **incorrect about epidemiology of CVD?** **FN**
  - a. Japanese people living in Japan have higher risk of CHD than Japanese people living in San Francisco
4. Which of the following is **incorrect about Smoking and CVD risk?** **FN**
  - a. Nicotine replaces oxygen
5. When do carbon monoxide levels return to normal after smoking cessation? **FN**
  - a. After half a day of smoking cessation

6. All of the following are **unhealthy eating habits for CVD, except** **FN**

a. Diet low in refined carbohydrates

7. Which one of the followings considered as a **Novel risk factors for CVD?**

Select one:

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a. Physical inactivity

b. inflammatory markers (C-reactive protein)

c. Cigarette smoking

d. Obesity

e. Hypertension

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Answers

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1. about Purkinje fibers all true except ?

**MN**

stain darker with H&E than other cardiac cells

2. the total peripheral resistance Increase in ?

**MN**

hyperproteinemia

3. the total peripheral resistance Decrease in?

**MN**

muscular exercise