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Cardiovascular Disease, Stroke, and Hypertension Outcomes Crisis in the Covid-19 Era

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Weekly numbers of deaths from all causes and from all causes excluding COVID-19 relative to the average expected number and the upper bound of the 95% prediction interval
Mortality from stroke adjusted to the WHO world population, by quintiles
Proportional contribution (%) of age-standardized disability-adjusted life-years (DALYs)

Circ Res. 2017;120:439-448
Proportional contribution (%) of age-standardized disability-adjusted life-years (DALYs) from stroke

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Counties with High Stroke Mortality Rates are Concentrated in the South

Rates are spatially smoothed to enhance the stability of rates in counties with small populations.

Data Source:
National Vital Statistics System
National Center for Health Statistics

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Shift in Systolic Blood Pressure Distribution 1960-2005

Circulation. 2020;142:1524–1531
Changes in Systolic Blood Pressure by Age Strata 1960-2005

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Summary

The highest mortality rates attributable to CVD in 2017 were in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

CVD prevalence was high in the United States, Central Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East.

Overall in 2017, age-standardized stroke prevalence rates were highest in Eastern Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, and Central and East Asia. Countries in Eastern Europe and Central and East Asia had the highest prevalence rates of ischemic stroke. The prevalence of intracerebral hemorrhage was high in East and Central Asia. The prevalence of subarachnoid hemorrhage was highest in Japan.

Summary

• Between 1990 and 2015, the number of deaths related to SBP ≥140 mm Hg did not increase in high-income countries (from 2.197 to 1.956 million deaths) but did increase in high-middle income (from 1.288 to 2.176 million deaths), middle-income (from 1.044 to 2.253 million deaths), low-middle-income (from 0.512 to 1.151 million deaths), and low-income (from 0.146 to 0.293 million deaths) countries.

• Based on 2015 data, there were 3.47 billion adults worldwide with systolic blood pressure of 110 to 115 mm Hg or higher. Of this group, 874 million had systolic blood pressure ≥140 mm Hg.
Clinical Implications

• The clinical strategies of high BP detection, treatment, and control implemented in the later part of the last century are effective in all patients.

• Primordial and primary prevention activities implemented at the clinical setting can have impact on BP levels.

• Early detection of hypertension using proper BP measurement and prompt appropriate treatment can be effective in high BP control for all patients regardless of population social determinants.