# **BIOE 301**

#### Lecture 3:

Leading Causes of Mortality, Ages 15-44

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# Review of Lecture Two: Leading Causes of Mortality, Birth-Age 4

- Developing world
  - 1. Perinatal conditions
  - 2. Lower respiratory infections
  - 3. Diarrheal diseases
  - 4. Malaria
- Developed world
  - 1. Perinatal conditions
  - 2. Congenital anomalies
  - 3. Lower respiratory infections
  - . Unintentional injuries

## 1. Perinatal Conditions



Question: What is the #1 way to prevent septicemia in a newborn in the developing world?

## 1. Perinatal Conditions







http://www.path.org/projects/clean-delivery\_kit.php

## 2. Lower Respiratory Infections



• Question: How can a busy health worker (or a parent) quickly screen for pneumonia in a child?

## 2. Lower Respiratory Infections





#### 3. Diarrheal Diseases

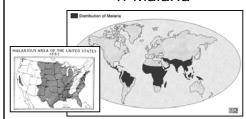


• Question: What is the #1 way to prevent diarrheal illness in a newborn?

#### 3. Diarrheal Diseases



#### 4. Malaria



Question: How was malaria eradicated from the southern U.S.? What are the challenges with implementing this technology in less developed countries?

#### 4. Malaria

- Challenges for implementing vector control technologies in developing countries
  - Mapping areas that are difficult to access
  - Poor communication
  - Direction Transfer of vector control efforts from malaria control authorities to local primary health care center
  - Financial support decreased standard of living from wars, environmental factors, migration
  - Corruption, graft



http://www.cdc.gov/malaria/history/

## Leading Causes of Mortality Ages 15-44

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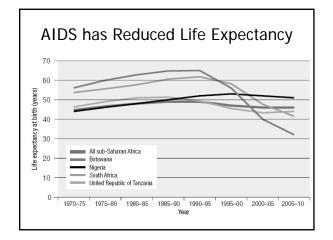
#### 1. HIV/AIDS

- Burden of HIV/AIDS
- Pathophysiology of HIV
- Clinical course of HIV/AIDS
- Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy
- Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT)

#### Burden of HIV/AIDS

- Worldwide
  - 33.2 million people are living with HIV/AIDS
  - 20 million people have been killed by the disease
  - **2007**:
    - 2.1 million deaths
    - 2.5 million new HIV infections
    - 17% of new infections occurred in children (<15 yrs)
  - 2/3 of those with AIDS and 3/4 of all AIDS deaths are in sub-Saharan Africa
  - 6800 new infections per day
    - 96% in low- and middle-income countries
    - 1200 children

Source: 2007 AIDS Epidemic Update, UNAIDS/WHO



#### Burden of HIV/AIDS in the U.S.

- 1.2 million people have HIV/AIDS (prevalence)
- 30,000-40,000 new infections per year (incidence)
- Only 7 countries in the world have more people living with HIV than the U.S.
- Routes of transmission:
  - Unsafe sex between men (53%)
  - Unprotected heterosexual intercourse (32%)
  - Non-sterile drug injection equipment (18%)

Source: 2007 AIDS Epidemic Update, UNAIDS/WHO

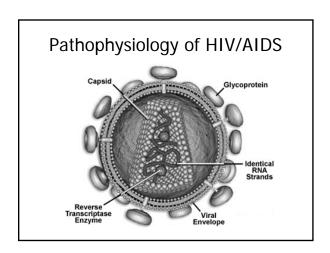
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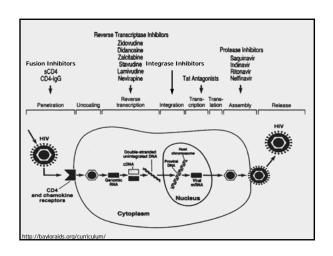
- Racial and ethnic minorities are disproportionately affected:
  - 48% of AIDS diagnoses are African-Americans (15% pop)
  - The rate of new HIV diagnoses was 21x higher in African-American women than in Caucasian women
- Women are increasingly affected:
  - The proportion of women among new HIV/AIDS diagnoses have risen from 15% to 26% in 10 years
- Question: Why is the prevalence of HIV in the U.S. continuing to increase?

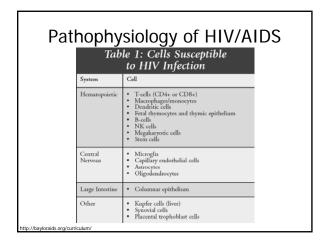
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## Burden of HIV/AIDS in the U.S.

- Anti-retroviral therapy has accounted for an 80% decrease in AIDS death rates in the last decade
- Annual cost to treat: \$15 billion

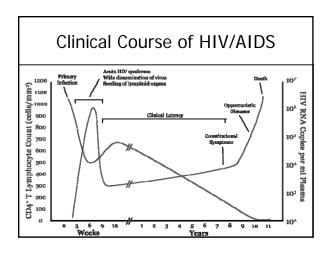


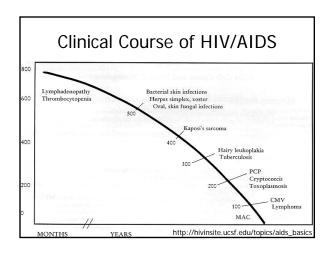


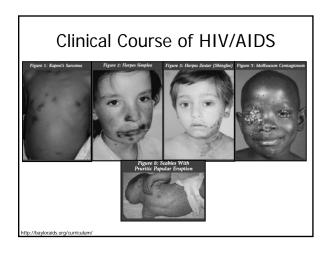


#### Clinical Course of HIV/AIDS

- HIV Infection
  - Spread by sexual contact with infected person or sharing needles with infected person or by transmission from mother to child
  - Virus deposited on mucosal surface
  - Acute infection (flu like symptoms)
  - Viral dissemination
  - HIV-specific immune response
  - Replication of virus
  - Destruction of CD4+ lymphocytes
  - Rate of progression is correlated with viral load
- Latent Period







#### Clinical Course of HIV/AIDS

- AIDS
  - Immunologic dysregulation
  - Opportunistic infections and cancers
  - Risk of infections is correlated with number of CD4+ lymphocytes
  - Average patient with AIDS dies in 1-3 years
- Within 10 years of infection (w/o Rx):
  - 50% of patients develop AIDS
  - 40% develop illness associated with HIV
  - 5-10% remain asymptomatic

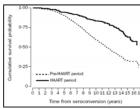
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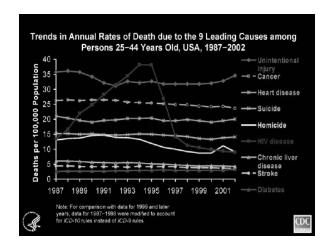
- Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor enzymes (1987)
  - Enzyme is specific to HIV
  - Combinations of RTIs appear effective
- HIV Protease Inhibitors (1995)
  - HIV proteases are distinct from mammalian proteases
  - Most significant advance in HIV therapy yet
- Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy (HAART)
  - Combination of three or more drugs
- Fusion inhibitor (2003)
- Integrase inhibitor (2007)

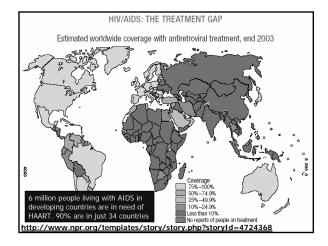


## **HIV/AIDS Therapy**

- HIV can rapidly mutate to quickly develop resistance to a single drug
- Resistance develops much more slowly to drug combinations
- Goal of HAART:
  - Reduce viral levels to undetectable levels
  - Has reduced death rate in US and Europe by 80%





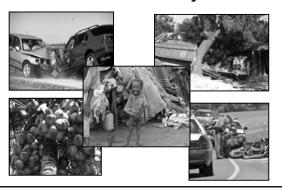


# Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT)

- 3 routes of transmission:
  - Parentally (during pregnancy)
  - Perinatally (during delivery)
  - Breast feeding (through milk)
- 4 Core interventions:
  - HIV testing and counseling
  - ARV prophylaxis (ZDV, NVP)
- Safer delivery practices
- Safer infant-feeding practices
- Reduces transmission from 30-40% to 4-6%



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- Burden of Unintentional Injuries
- Accident Physics
- Slowed Driver Reaction Time
- Prevention of Road Accidents

## **Burden of Unintentional Injuries**

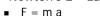
- More than 1.25 million people ages 15-44 die from unintentional injuries each year
- 1 million deaths in developing countries, 1/4 million in developed countries
- 40x this number are injured
- Major cause of disability
- Leading cause is *road accidents*:
  - 500,000 deaths per year in this age group
  - 90% of these deaths occur in developing countries

## **Burden of Unintentional Injuries**

- Road Accidents in the U.S.
  - Rates declining steadily
  - A leading cause of potential years of life lost
  - **2006**:
    - 42,642 Americans killed
    - 2,699,000 Americans injured
    - Fatal accident rates 3X higher for males than for females
    - Motorcycles: 40X higher death rate per mile traveled
  - 39% of fatalities related to alcohol use

# **Accident Physics**





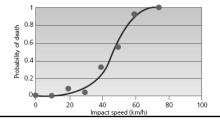
■ a = dv/dt

■ a = initial velocity/time to come to rest

- In a crash:
  - Velocity slows to zero in a very short time
  - Generates large forces
- How can we reduce these forces?
  - 1. Reduce initial velocity of impact
  - Extend time that it takes passengers to come to rest

## **Accident Physics**

- 1. Reduce initial velocity of impact
  - Excessive speed contributes to:
    - 30% of deaths in developed countries
    - 50% of deaths in developing countries

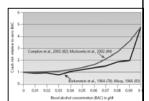


#### Slowed Driver Reaction Time

- When drivers anticipate a crash, they have time to brake and reduce initial velocity
- Factors which slow driver reaction time:
  - Alcohol use
  - Mobile phone use
  - Poor visibility
  - Driver inexperience

#### Slowed Driver Reaction Time

- Alcohol impaired drivers have 17X increased risk of being in fatal crash
- Alcohol use increases risk more in younger drivers
- 1 in 5 Americans will be involved in an alcoholrelated crash at some time in their lives
- TX BAC limit:
  - 0.08+ g/dl is illegal
  - Approx 3 drinks in a 140 lb individual
  - Significant driving impairment at just 0.04 BAC!



#### Slowed Driver Reaction Time

- Mobile phone use:
  - At any given daylight moment in US:
    - 10% of drivers are using a cell phone
  - Increases driver reaction time by 0.5-1.5 seconds
  - Risk of crash is 4X higher when using a mobile phone
  - Same as driving with a BAC of 0.09 g/ dl
- 4 states and D.C. have banned use of hand held phones while driving (NY, NJ, CT, CA)
  - Partial bans in AR, AZ, FL, GA, IL, ME, MA, MN, NH, NM, OH, PA, TN, VA, WA

#### Prevention of Road Accidents

#### 2. Extending Time to Come to Rest:

- Crumple zones
- Allow passengers additional time to decelerate
- Seat belts
  - Keep occupants in the passenger compartment
  - Stretch during impact
  - Reduce risk of death in crash by 40-60%
    - http://www.regentsprep.org/Regents/physics/phys01/accident/nobelt.htm
      http://www.regentsprep.org/Regents/physics/phys01/accident/withbelt.htm
- Air bags
  - When combined with seat belts, reduce risk of serious and fatal injuries by 40-65% http://www.accidentreconstruction.com/movies/5thper.mov
- Child restraints:
  - Reduce risk of infant death by 71% and toddler death by 54%

#### Prevention of Road Accidents

- Legislation:
  - Speed
  - Seat belts, Car seats, Air Bags
  - Alcohol use
  - Motorcycle helmets
- Engineering:
  - Restraints
  - Safety standards
- Education:
  - Seat belts, Car seats, Air Bags
  - Alcohol use

#### Prevention of Road Accidents

- Motorcycle helmets
  - Layer of foam designed to crush upon impact, extending time for head to come to rest
- Laws in Texas
  - Texas exempts riders 21 or older if they either
    - 1) can show proof of successfully completing a motorcycle operator training and safety course
    - 2) can show proof of having a medical insurance

http://www.iihs.org/laws/state\_laws/helmet\_current.html#2

#### 3. Cardiovascular Diseases

- 768,000 people ages 15-44 die as a result of cardiovascular disease every year
- Most common causes:
  - Ischemic heart disease (286,000 deaths)
  - Cerebrovascular disease (159,000 deaths)
- Will be covered in depth in *Lecture 4*



#### 4. Tuberculosis

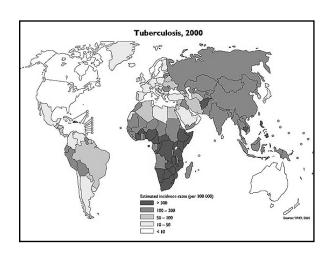
- Burden of Tuberculosis
- Natural History of TB Infection
- Diagnosis of Tuberculosis
- Drug Resistance
- Directly Observed Therapy
- TB in The Last Century

#### **Burden of Tuberculosis**

- Bacterial infection of the lungs caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*
- Bacterium infects 1 in 3 people on the planet
- Drugs that cure TB were discovered in 1940s
- Results in death in 5 years in half of cases if untreated
- Kills 600,000 people ages 15-44 each year
- Estimated that TB will kill 35 million people in next 20 years if situation does not change
- **2005** 
  - 8.8 million new cases (incidence)
  - Growing 1%/year
  - 1.6 million deaths
  - 98% of deaths occur in developing world

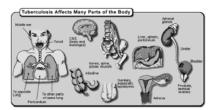
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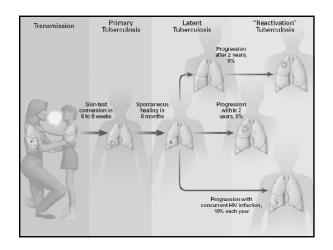
- 1/3 of world's population is infected with TB
  - Not all have active TB
  - Most have latent TB Immune system has walled off bacilli with waxy coat
- 5-10% of people with normal immune systems will go on to develop active TB
  - Higher in people with compromised immune systems (10X higher in people with AIDS)
  - TB is leading cause of death among people with HIV/AIDS
    - http://www.npr.org/rundowns/segment.php?wfld=1520699
- Follows poverty and urban crowding
- Particularly severe in:
  - AIDS patients
  - Those who can't afford medical care
  - Noncompliant patients.



# Natural History of TB Infection

- Primary TB
- Latent TB
- Secondary, or reactivation, TB





## Natural History of TB Infection

- Active TB:
  - Symptoms
    - Fever
    - Night sweats
    - Weight loss
    - Weakness
    - Coughs (productive with bloody sputum)
  - Airborne transmission
  - Left untreated, one person with active TB can cough millions of infectious droplets into the air

# Natural History of TB Infection

- TB and AIDS
  - People with AIDS are 10x more likely to develop active TB once infected
  - TB is the leading cause of death among HIV positive individuals, accounting for 13% of AIDS deaths worldwide



# Diagnosis of Tuberculosis

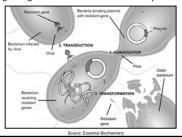
- Skin test (PPD)
- Serum test
- CXR
  - Shows nodules in active TB
- Sputum
  - Acid-fast bacilli





## **Drug Resistance**

- How does an organism acquire drug resistance?
  - Mutation and selection
  - Exchange of genes between strains and species



## **Drug Resistance**

- Selective pressure –Darwin's theory of survival of the fittest
- Resistance is expected
- Factors can reduce development of resistance
  - Complete the course of antibiotics
  - Only those who need antibiotics
  - Narrow spectrum antibiotics

## **Drug Resistance**

- Multi-Drug Resistant (MDR) TB:
  - Can develop if patients do not take all medicine
  - Growing problem
    - Present in all countries
    - 425,000 new cases per year
    - In Russia and China, 14% of new cases are MDR
  - Must be treated with second-line antibiotics
  - Poorly supervised Rx is worse than no Rx
- Extensive Drug Resistant (XDR) TB:
  - Not only resistant to first-line drugs, but also to 3 or more of the 6 second-line drugs
  - Identified in every region of the world, esp Russia
  - High fatality rate
  - 4% of MDR-TB cases in the US are XDR

#### Directly Observed Therapy (DOT)

- A health care worker watches and helps as the patient swallows anti-TB medicines in his/her presence.
- DOTS shifts responsibility for cure from patient to health care system
- Requires political commitment, accurate diagnosis, quality drugs, observation, follow up
- DOTS works well in many developing countries

#### Directly Observed Therapy (DOT)

- 6 month supply is \$10
- Cure rates of up to 95% even in poorest countries
- 17 million patients worldwide have been treated with DOT since 1995
- 25% of world's population does not have access to DOT.

## TB in The Last Century

- TB incidence declined in the 1960's and 1970's. Incidence increased in the 1980's.
  - Why?
- Drug prescription practices followed the previously mentioned guidelines.
  - Why did therapy fail?

## TB in the Last Century

- Overlapping Epidemics
  - TB and HIV
    - TB is the leading killer of people with HIV
    - In Africa, half of all TB cases are associated with HIV.
  - Malaria and HIV
    - For people with HIV, especially pregnant women, episodes of acute malaria are complicated and more serious.

## Leading Causes of Mortality Ages 15-44

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#### 3. Cancer

- 580,000 people ages 15-44 die as a result of cancer every year
- Most common causes:
  - Liver Cancer (68,000 deaths per year)
  - Leukemias (65,000)
  - Stomach Cancer (58,000)
  - Breast Cancer (57,000)
- Will be covered in depth in *Lecture 4*

## 4. Self-Inflicted Injuries

- Burden of Self-Inflicted Injuries
- Risk Factors Associated with Suicide
- Methods of Suicide
- Screening and Prevention

## Burden of Self-Inflicted Injuries

- 480,000 people ages 15-44 take their own lives each year (4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death)
- Unipolar depressive disorder ranks #1 for DALYs in this age group in developed countries
  - Second to HIV/AIDS in developing countries
- Highest rate of completed suicides
  - Men >65 years old
- Highest rate of attempted suicides
  - Men and women ages 20-24

#### Risk Factors Associated with Suicide

- Psychiatric illness
  - Affective, substance abuse, personality, other mental disorders
- Other risk factors
  - Social adjustment problems
  - Serious medical illness
  - Living alone
  - Recent bereavement
  - Personal history of suicide attempt or completion
  - Divorce or separation
  - Unemployment

#### Methods of Suicide

- Most common:
  - Firearms are used in 60% of suicides
- 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause:
  - Men: Hanging
  - Women: Drug overdose or poison
- Alcohol is involved in 25-40% of suicides
- Women attempt suicide more often; men are more often successful

# Screening and Prevention

- 50-66% of all suicide victims visit physician <1 month before event
- 10-40% in the preceding week
- Hard to identify who is at risk
  - Direct questioning has low yield
  - General questions about sleep disturbance, depressed mood, guilt and hopelessness
  - Survey instruments aren't good at predicting what will happen

# Screening and Prevention

- How do we quantify the efficacy of such questionnaires?
  - Goal of screening:
    - Catch as many positives as possible, even at the risk of some false positives
  - Sensitivity:
    - Se = probability of testing positive if you will commit suicide
  - Sensitivity of best questionnaires: 56% (low)

## Screening and Prevention

- How many false positives result?
  - Positive predictive value:
    - PPV=probability of committing suicide if you test positive
  - PPV of best questionnaires: 3% (pathetic)

## Screening and Prevention

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