

"Hospital & the City" A holistic approach to hospital planning in the urban context

Population health, need for hospital care & implications for hospital planning

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How can we measure/ express population health?



How can we intervene?





Survival curves, England, 1541-1991





How can we measure/ express population health?





- Take a societal perspective
- Aim to measure the burden of disease
- Integrate both mortality and morbidity
- Years of Life of Life (YLL) lost are determined in relation to the calculated maximum life expectancy (currently 86.6 years)
- Disability weights were originally determined by experts but 2010 Global Burden of Disease (GBD) study updated weights to include surveys about 220 health states
- Based on assumption that one year in full health is as good as two years in a health state with a weight of 0.5
- Disability weights are multiplied with prevalence \rightarrow YLD

Global Burden of Disease: YLD, 1990, 2019, % by cause





Global Burden of Disease: YLL, 1990, 2019, % by cause



Global Burden of Disease: DALYs, 1990, 2019, % by cause



nttp://vizhub.healthdata.org/gbd-compare,

Development of DALYs/ 100,000 over time





But 100 DALYs could mean

- 1,000 persons with 0.1 DALY each
- 100 persons with 1 DALY each
- 10 persons with 10 DALYs each

→ same overall burden of disease in population but very different severity per person (medical view)

Another way of looking at population health







... diagnoses where health system/ care makes a difference: "avoidable mortality"





Concept of Avoidable Mortality



- Mortality from certain causes of death, where death is avoidable according to current medical knowledge, practice and public health interventions in a defined age/sex group of the population, developed by Rutstein et al. 1976, Charlton 1983
- List of avoidable deaths based on expert opinion and consensus
- Used as a measure of health system performance
- These deaths are interchangeably referred to as "avoidable" or "amenable to health care" in the literature.
- Since 2019, differentiation of "avoidable" into "preventable" and "treatable (amenable)" by Eurostat and OECD.

But how does the health system make a difference?



accessibility but high quality lead, on the population level, to inferior outcomes.

The performance assessment framework





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Access(ibility)



Burden of disease → Need (by socio-economic status, ethnicity/ migration status etc.)







Health system
performance (the degree to which health systems
achieve their goals)

Health care quality:
"the degree to which health services for individuals and populations are (1) effective,
(2) safe, and (3) people-centred"



HOW CAN WE ASSESS THE QUALITY OF AMBULATORY CARE?

A major patient-relevant outcome:



Not being hospitalised in case of chronic conditions ("avoidable hospital admissions", here: diabetes)

Figure 6.12. Diabetes hospital admission in adults, 2009, 2019 (or nearest year) and 2020



1. Three-year average. 2. 2020 data are provisional and include England only. 3. 2020 estimate based on provisional 1 April to 30 September data from all jurisdictions except Quebec. Source: OECD Health Statistics 2021.

StatLink and https://stat.link/ozbin2

Source: OECD (2021)



HOW CAN WE ASSESS THE QUALITY OF INPATIENT CARE?

AMI case fatality of inpatients ... during hospitalision only



Note: Three-year average. 2. For linked data only: Data do not include deaths outside acute care hospitals. Source: OECD Health Statistics (2021b)



Extending the time horizon to 5 years for cancer patients



6.34. Breast cancer five-year net survival, 2000-2004 and 2010-2014

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Why does quality differ between countries? An important factor is clinical personnell, in numbers ... (2006)





Why does quality differ between countries? An important factor is clinical personnell, in numbers ... (2015)



... and availability at night-time/ weekends



Maier B, Behrens S, Graf-Bothe C et al. (2010) Time of admission, quality of PCI care, and outcome of patients with ST-elevation myocardial infarction. Clin Res Cardiol 99: 565–72

Hospital size (or rather: number of patients treated with a certain condition) also makes a big difference



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Trade-off between access(ibility) and quality ...

Krankenhausdichte in Deutschland und Dänemark



In Berlin alone, 23 hospitals do complex pancreas surgery, even though only 7 have a pancreatic carcinoma center

... leading to very different hospital structures

In Deutschland gibt es neben Hunderten Fachkliniken – 1151 »Grundversorger«: Krankenhäuser, die mindestens über eine Chirurgie sowie über eine Fachabteilung für innere Medizin verfügen.



In 2000, 56 acute care hospitals (1/100.000 pop.), currently 26 (1/220.000) – goal: 21, i.e. 1 per 270.000 (in Germany: 1/70.000)!