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# MEASURES OF DISEASE FREQUENCY

## Part 2

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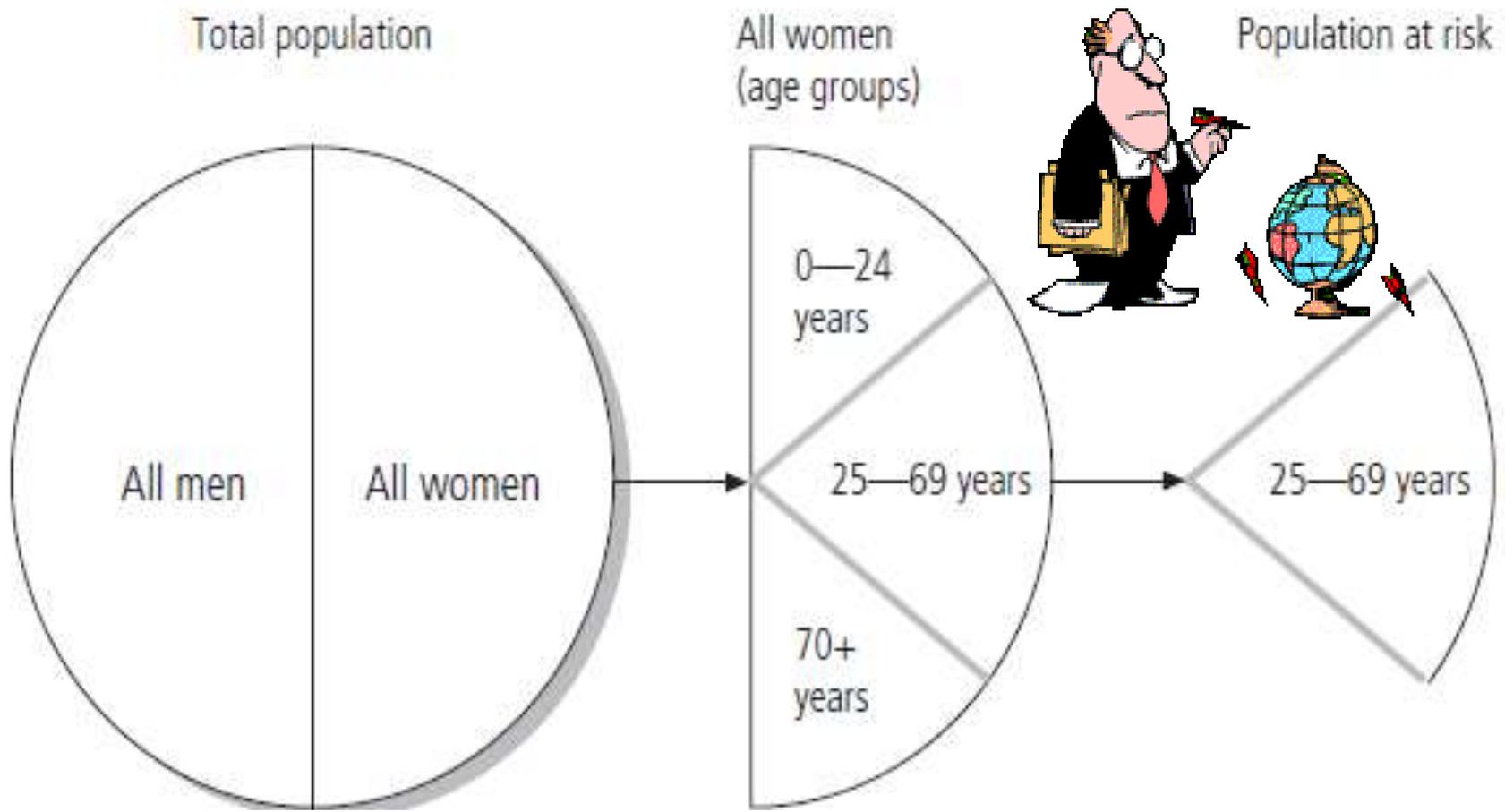
## Population at risk

- The people who **are susceptible** to a given disease are called the population at risk, and can be defined by **demographic, geographic** or **environmental** factors.
- **An important factor in calculating measures** of disease frequency is **the correct estimate of the numbers of people under study.**
- ❖ **Ideally** these numbers should only include people who **are potentially susceptible** to the diseases being studied.
- ❖ For instance, men should not be included when calculating the frequency of cervical cancer

The population at risk is the group of people susceptible to develop a characteristic. For example when studying measles, the population at risk used for the calculation should be the children under five years of age, because measles is rare after that age. The population at risk is used as the denominator when calculating proportions or rates

# Population at risk

Figure 2.1. Population at risk in a study of carcinoma of the cervix



## 2 Attack rate:

▶ A specific form of incidence rate in which there is a limited period of risk as in:

□ cases of epidemics reflecting the **virulence of** the organisms.

3 Secondary attack rate =  $\frac{\text{No. of secondary cases}}{\text{No. of susceptible}} \times 100$

❖ This rate is used to **measure the ease of communicability** in case of communicable diseases

❖ The **length of incubation period** is important to identify the secondary cases.

□ **Immune Individuals** (whether due to natural infection or immunization) **should be excluded from the denominator**

# Prevalence

morbidity  
❖ Incidence  
❖ **Prevalence**  
❖ Attack Rate

## Prevalence

is the **No** of **All cases** of disease,, or condition, present **at a particular time** , in **relation to the size of population** from which it is drawn.

**Prevalence** means **ALL**. (**Old+ New**)

## Prevalence

quantifies the **proportion** of individuals **in a population** who **have the disease at a specific time**

**Prevalence**: in the **number of cases** of a disease present **in a defined population** at a given **point of time**  
\***Proportion** of a population **already affected** by a particular disease at a particular time

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□ Incidence new cases only 2022 = 8

prevalence ?? 2022

prevalence ?? 2023

□ Prevalence 2022 =

$$20/1500 \times 1000 = 13.33/1000 \text{ population/year}$$

□ Prevalence 2023

$$= 28/1500 \times 1000 = 18.66/1000 \text{ population/year}$$

Thus, prevalence can be thought of as the status of the disease in a population at a point in time and as such is also referred to as point prevalence

example,

visual examination survey conducted in Al Karak among individuals , 52 - 85 years of age, during 2022

310 of the 2477 persons examined had cataracts at the time of the survey. ???????

The prevalence of cataract in that age group was

$$P = \frac{\text{No of existing cases of a disease}}{\text{total population at risk at a given point in time}} \times 100$$

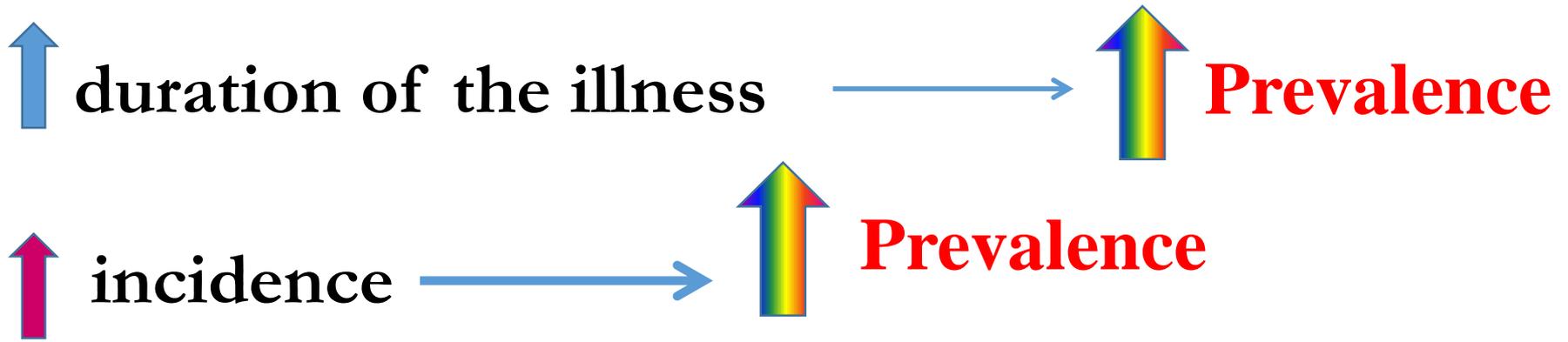
$310 / 2477 \times 100 = 12.5\%$  prevalence of cataract among population aging 52 - 85 years in Al Karak during 2022

Prevalence is controlled by two elements

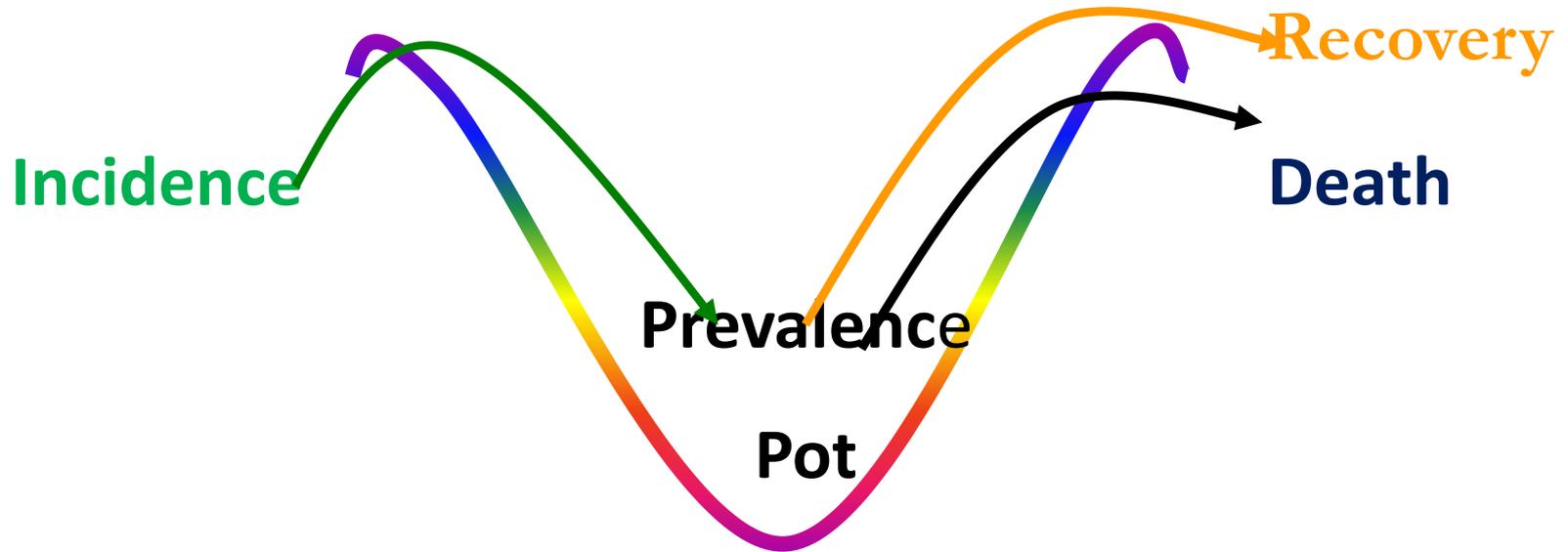
- No. of individuals who have been diseased in the past
- the length or duration of the illness.

Prevalence will vary in **direct relation**

Duration and Incidence



# Relationship Between Incidence and Prevalence



Incidence is **all new** cases of the disease.

They enter the prevalence pot.

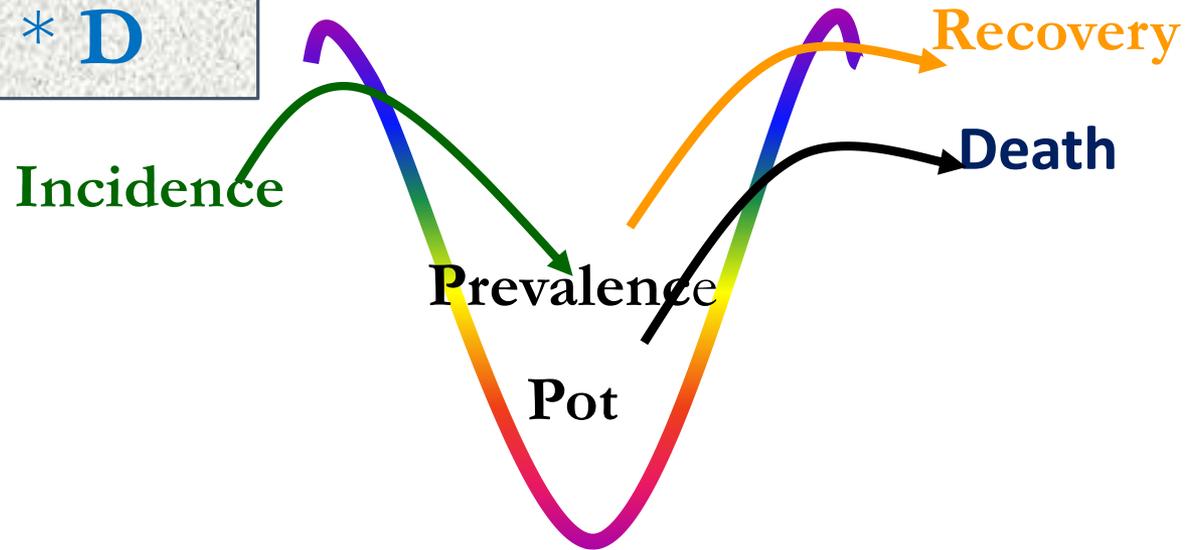
If no cases leave the prevalence pot, it continues to Fill, adding to the number of cases **unless** some cases either **recover** or **die** reducing the prevalence.

# Relationship Between Incidence and Prevalence

$$\text{Prevalence} = I * D$$

I = incidence

D = duration



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Duration and  
Incidence

## Increased by:

- longer duration of disease
- prolongation of life without cure
- Increase in the incidence of the disease
- Immigration of cases
- out migration of healthy people
- improved diagnosis
- Better reporting

## Prevalence

## Decreased by:

- short duration of disease
- high case-fatality rate from disease
- decrease incidence
- in-migration of healthy people
- Emigration of cases
- improved cure rate
- Immunization prevents new cases
- Prolongation of non diseased & healthy population

# Types of Prevalence

1. Period Prevalence

2. Point Prevalence

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## Period prevalence:

Number of cases that occur **during a specified period of time**

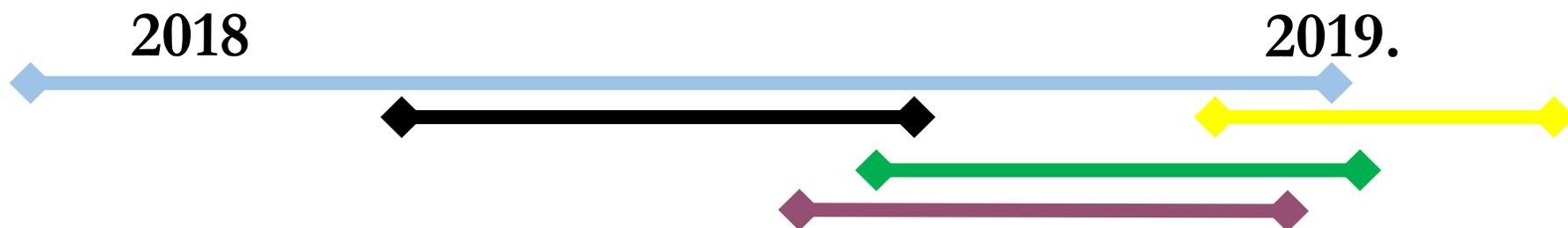
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# Period Prevalence

includes the **total individuals** who had **have the dis.** of concern at any time during the specific time period 2018-2019. **S0**

## Period .P

**started** at a point of time and **stop** at a point of time included all persons with the dis.



■ that have carried over from the previous time period or

■ have become ill at the end of the time period

■ New cases (incidence) occurring within the time period

■ recurrences during a succeeding time period

## Point Prevalence

is the No. of cases of individuals with a disease, condition, or illness at a single specific point in time  
The No. of existing cases at point in time.

$$P = \frac{\text{No. of existing cases of a disease}}{\text{total population at risk at a given point in time}} \times 100$$

## Point .P

measure the presence of the disease or condition on a **single short – time point**

## example

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**Point prevalence:**

Number of cases present at a specified moment of time 2022

$$\text{Period Prevalence} = \frac{\text{No. of existing cases of a disease within time period} \times 1000}{\text{Average study population within time period}}$$

$$\text{Point Prevalence} = \frac{\text{No. of existing cases of the disease at a point in time} \times 1000}{\text{Total study population at a point in time}}$$

### **Factors affecting the prevalence and incident rate:**

1. In and out migration of susceptible or of the resistant (immune)
2. Changes in the environmental quality (air and water sanitation)
3. Changes in the social customs (tobacco smoke) and travel abroad.
4. Changes in the reporting system.
5. Changes in the preventing program (immunization)

## Mortality rates

- ▶ Analogous to incidence but refers to the process of **dying** rather than the process of becoming ill.

Crude death rate: =

$$\frac{\text{No of deaths in certain population in a year \& locality}}{\text{No of population in the same year and locality}}$$

- ▶ The crude death rate is
- ▶ calculated for the **total population** irrespective of age, sex, or any other characteristics of importance in determining death
- ▶ If the population is **growing** or **shrinking**, use the population size at **the midpoint of the time interval** as
- ▶ an **estimate of the average population at risk**.
- ▶ E.g. death rate for 1993, use population of July 1<sup>st</sup> 1993 for the denominator.

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## 2. Age and sex specific death rate:

### A. Age Specific Death Rate:

$$\frac{\text{No. of persons dying in a certain age and a certain year and area} \times 1000}{\text{Total No. of the same age group in the same year and same area}}$$

Example of age specific mortality rates::

❖ Infant mortality rate=

$$\frac{\text{Total No. of deaths aged from zero to less than one year during a year and a given locality} \times 100}{\text{Total No. of live births in the same Year and locality}}$$

### B. Sex Specific Death Rate:

$$\frac{\text{No. of deaths in a certain sex during a year}}{\text{Total No. of the same sex during the same year \& locality}} \times 1000$$

### 3. Cause Specific Mortality Rate=

$$\frac{\text{Total No of deaths due to a certain cause during a year and a given locality}}{\text{Estimated midyear population during the same year \& locality}} \times 100$$

Estimated midyear population during the same year & locality

### 4. Case Fatality Rate=

$$\frac{\text{Total No. of deaths from certain disease in specific time \& place}}{\text{Total No of those having the same disease in the same time \& place}} \times 1000$$

Total No of those having the same disease in the same time & place

### 5. Proportionate Mortality Rates=

$$\frac{\text{Total No of deaths due to a certain cause during a year in given locality}}{\text{Total No of deaths from all causes during the same year \& locality}} \times 1000$$

Total No of deaths from all causes during the same year & locality

# Uses of Morbidity and Mortality Rates

- 1) **Case fatality rate** is used for measuring the **pathogenesis** and **virulence** of agent of the disease.
- 2) **Secondary attack** rate is used to measure the ease of **communicability** of communicable diseases.
- 3) **Morbidity** and **mortality** rates can be used to allow **comparison** of disease **frequencies and deaths** in **different population** and all over years

# Uses of Morbidity and Mortality Rates

- 4) Comparison of two rates result in a ratio (relative risk or risk ratio) e.g.:
- ▶ If the incidence rate of diarrheal disease among bottle fed (a) is 20 % while among breast fed (b) is 2 %,
  - ▶ then the **relative risk** or **risk ratio** =  $20/2 = 10$ ,
  - ▶ i. e. the bottle fed children have a **10 times greater risk** of developing diarrheal disease than the breast fed.

## interpretation

**Relative risk** = incidence **a** / incidence **b**

If both are equal then it is 1  $\longrightarrow$  (no risk)

If  $a > b$  then it is more than one,  $\longrightarrow$  **it is risky**

If  $a < b$  then it is less than one,  $\longrightarrow$  **protective**

# Uses of Morbidity and Mortality Rates

5. **Difference** between **two incidence** rates is called **attributable risk**=

$$\frac{\text{Incidence of disease rate among exposed} - \text{incidence of disease rate among non-exposed}}{\text{Incidence rate of disease among exposed}} \times 100$$

In the previous example: **Attributable risk** =  $\frac{20-2}{20} \times 100$

= **90%child/year** (this is the risk of diarrhea attributing to bottle feeding. **interpretation**

**Attributable risk** =  $\frac{\text{incidence } a - \text{incidence } b}{\text{incidence } a}$

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example

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Table 2.4. Relationship between cigarette smoking and incidence rate of stroke in a cohort of 118 539 women<sup>13</sup>

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Total	274	908 447	30.2

**Relative risk =  $49.6 / 17.7 = 2.80$**

**Attributable risk =  $\frac{49.6 - 17.7}{49.6} \times 100 = 46.31\%$**

## Risk difference (attributable risk)

- ❖ the risk difference tells you the **amount of disease that potentially** could be **prevented** if the **risk factor** could be eliminated
- ❖ Attributable risk can be useful as a **measure** of the **public health impact of a particular exposure**

## Population Attributable Risk (PARs)

PAR tells us about **the amount of extra disease** occurring in the **exposed group** because of **exposure**.

- ❖ How **much of disease** in the whole **community** can be attributed to the exposure

$$PAR = I_T - I_0$$

$I_T$  is the incidence **rate** in the **population**

$I_0$  is the incidence **rate** in the **unexposed group**



## Population Attributable Risk(PARs)

$$PAR = I_T - I_0$$

- ❖ PAR estimate the **excess rate of disease** in the **total study population** of exposed and non-exposed individuals that is attributable to the exposure.

PAR, helps determine which **exposures** have the **most relevance to the health of a community**

### □ Population AR Versus AR

AR tell us how much **disease in exposed group** can be attributed to exposure

PAR: how much **disease in the whole population can be attributed** to exposure

### □ The population attributable-risk percent (PAR%)

PAR% expresses the **proportion** of disease in the study population that is **attributable** to the exposure **and thus could be eliminated (removed)**

if the exposure were eliminated

$$PAR\% = \frac{PAR}{I_T} \times 100$$

## RISK ESTIMATES(Odds ratio)

### □ Odds ratio (OR)

Results of a study can be presented in a **2x2 table** as follow

	Case (diseases)	control	Total
Exposed	a	b	a+b
Unexposed	c	d	c+d
Total	a+c	b+d	N

$$\text{OR} = \frac{a/(a+c)}{c/(a+c)} \div \frac{b/(b+d)}{d/(b+d)} = \frac{a/c}{b/d} = \frac{ad}{bc}$$

$$\square \frac{c/(a+c)}{d/(b+d)}$$

which is the ratio of the **odds of exposure** among the **cases** to the **odds of exposure** among the **controls**.

Example:

A study was conducted to test the association between smoking and cancer of the pancreas. Of the 100 cancer pancreas cases 60 of them were smokers, while of the 400 have no cancer pancreas, 100 were smokers. Calculation of **the OR** from

Table 1. smoking and ca pancreas

Exposure	Ca pancr	no Ca pancr	Total
Smokers	60 (a)	100 (b)	160
Non Smokers	40 (c)	300 (d)	340
Total	100	400	500

$$\text{OR} = \frac{60 \times 300}{100 \times 40}$$
$$\text{OR} = 4.5$$

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THANK YOU ALL

### Example

Data from a cohort study of oral contraceptive (OC) use and bacteriuria among women aged 16-49 years

	Bacteriuria		Total
	Yes	No	
OC use			
Yes	27	455	482
No	77	1831	1908
Total	104	2286	2390

Data from D. A. Evans et al., Oral contraceptives and bacteriuria in a community-based study. *N. Engl. J. Med.* 299:536, 1978.

The population attributable risk of bacteriuria associated with OC use can therefore be calculated as:

$$PAR = I_T - I_0 = 104/2390 - 77/1908 = 316/10^5/\text{year}$$

Thus, if OC use were stopped, the-excess annual incidence rate of bacteriuria that could be eliminated among women in this study is 316 per 100,000.

$$\text{Relative Risk (RR)} = \frac{27/482}{77/1908} = 1.4$$

# example

The 11587(6213 females& 5365 males) adults ,concerning a NCD during 2020 they found , 12 female and 24 males having NCDs. One year later in 2021, the number of NCDs were 16 and 33 among female and male respectively

Calculate the prevalence and incidence rates,

If male sex was the risk factor what is the relative and attributable risks for this factor.

**Incidence among males**

**Incidence among females**

**Total incidence**

**Relative risk**

**Attributable risk**

**PAR**

**PAR%**

**Prevalence among males**

**Prevalence among females**

**Total prevalence**

# example

The following table shows the data concerning a NCD among adults during a year in a certain community. Calculate the prevalence and incidence rates, If male sex was the risk factor what is the relative and attributable risks for this factor.

	New case	Old case	Total population
females	4	12	6213
males	9	24	5365
Both sexes	13	36	11578

**Incidence among males**

**Incidence among females**

**Total incidence**

**Relative risk**

**Attributable risk**

**Prevalence among males**

**Prevalence among females**

**Total prevalence**

**(for prevalence old + new case)**