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you were to live  
forever.....**

**January 30, 2015**

**World Leprosy Eradication Day**

# Measurement of mortality

# Learning Objectives

At the end of this session, the student should be able to:

1. Describe the International Death Certificate
2. Define mortality rate
3. Describe uses and limitations of mortality data
4. Describe in detail commonly used measurements of mortality

# **International Death Certificate**

# **Medical Certification Of Cause Of Death Scheme (MCCD)**

- Under the Birth & Death Act 1969 (RBD)
- Part of International classification of disease & Related health problems formulated by WHO (ICD 10)
- Provide Reliable & scientific information on mortality data
- The causes of deaths are classified as per ICD 10

# Provision under the RBD act 1969

- Certification by Medical practitioner who has attended deceased during the last terminal illness.
- RGI instructed- 1999 State govt.
- – All private, Govt. hospital ,clinics....  
Under the coverage

# INTERNATIONAL FORM OF MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF CAUSE OF DEATH

	Cause of death	Approximate interval between onset and death
<p><b>I</b></p> <p>Disease or condition directly leading to death*</p>	<p>(a) .....</p> <p>due to (or as a consequence of)</p>	<p>.....</p>
<p><b><i>Antecedent causes</i></b></p> <p>Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause, stating the underlying condition last</p>	<p>(b) .....</p> <p>due to (or as a consequence of)</p> <p>(c) .....</p> <p>due to (or as a consequence of)</p> <p>(d) .....</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p><b>II</b></p> <p>Other significant conditions contributing to the death, but not related to the disease or condition causing it</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p><i>*This does not mean the mode of dying, e.g. heart failure, respiratory failure. It means the disease, injury, or complication that caused death.</i></p>		



**Form No.4**  
(See Rules 7)

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF CAUSE OF DEATH**

(Hospital in-patients, not to be used for still births)

To be sent to Registrar along with Form No 2 (Death Report)

For use of  
Statistical  
Office

**Name of deceased**

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2. Female					.....

<b>Cause of death</b>	<b>Time interval between onset &amp; death</b>	.....
<b>I</b>		

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State the disease, injury or complication which caused death, not the mode of dying such as heart failure, as thenia, etc.

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(b)..... due to (or as a consequences of) .....

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**Manner of Death** How did the injury occur?  
Natural/Accident/Suicide/Homicide/Pending Investigation

If deceased was a female, was pregnancy associated with the death? Yes/No

If yes, was she delivered? Yes/No

Name and signature of the Medical Attendant  
Date of verification.....

# **Death Certificate - Basis of mortality data**

- International Death Certificate (IDC)
  - Uniform & Standardised for National & International comparability
- Often > 1 cause (related? / unrelated?)

- Part-I
  - Immediate cause
  - Underlying cause
- Part-II
  - Significant associated disease that contributed to the death but did not directly lead to it
- Emphasis on underlying cause –  
ESSENCE of IDC

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**Time interval  
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& death**

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- 59 years old male was admitted to hospital died 2 days after shock & S/S of septicemia. along with patient had gangrene of left foot since 3 days. He had chronic bronchitis and DM since 5 years. Since five years patient was diagnosed pancreatic malignancy and operated for same 5 years back.

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2. Female	age in yrs <b>59</b>	months	age in Days	in hrs.

# Cause of death

## Part I

### •Immediate cause

**State the disease, injury or complication which caused death, not the mode of dying such as heart failure, asthma**

**Time interval between onset & death**

- a) **Septicaemic shock** ..... **2 days** .....
- Due to (or as a consequence of )



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**Antecedent cause**

**Gangrene of Lt.  
Foot**

**3 days**

b ) .....  
Due to (or as a  
consequence of )

.....

**Morbid condition, if  
any giving rise to the  
above cause, stating  
underlying condition  
last**

c ) **Diabetes Mellitus** ..... **5 years** .....  
Due to (or as a  
consequence of )

d ) **Ca. Pancrease** ..... **5 years** .....  
Due to (or as a  
consequence of )

.....

**Time interval  
between onset  
& death**

## **Part II**

**Other significant  
condition  
contributing to the  
death but not related  
to the disease or  
conditions causing  
it**

a) **Chronic bronchitis**    **5 years**  
.....

**Antecedent cause**

**Gangrene of** ..... **3 days**  
(b)..... **Lt. Foot** .....  
due to (or as a  
consequences of)

**Morbid condition, if any giving rise to the above cause, stating underlying condition last**

**C-Diabetes Mellitus** ..... **5 years**

**II**

**D- Ca. Pancrease** ..... **5 years**

**Other significant condition contributing to the death but not related to the disease or conditions causing it**

**Chronic bronchitis** ..... **5 years**

**Manner of death(How did injury occur?)**

**Natural/** accident/ **Suicide/ Homicide/ Pending investigation**

**If deceased was female, was pregnancy associated with death? Yes/ No**

**If yes, was she delivered? Yes/ no**

26 years old third para had Full term normal delivery at home. She was treated for anemia during her second trimester.

5 th day after delivery she developed high grade fever, severe abdominal pain & was brought to the hospital. O/E she was diagnosed as septicemic shock. 8 hrs after treatment she died.

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Medical practitioner who has attended deceased  
on during the last illness



Death Certificate



RBD dept.

After coding ICD10



Registrar General Of India



WHO



- Limitations Of Death Certificate
  - Incomplete reporting
  - Lack of accuracy
  - Lack of uniformity
  - Choosing a single cause
  - Changing (code-definition-nomenclature-concepts)
  - Disease with low fatality

# Mortality Rates & Ratios

- Crude Death Rate
- Specific Death Rate
- Case Fatality Ratio
- Proportional Mortality ratio
- Survival Rate
- Adjusted \ Standardized Rate

# Crude Death Rate

- Number of deaths (from all causes) per 1000 estimated mid-year population in one year in a given place

$$\text{CDR} = \frac{\text{Total no. of deaths (from all causes) during the year}}{\text{Estimated mid-year population in one year in a given place}} \times 1000$$

“It portrays an impression of mortality in a single figure”

Effect of factors that are summarized

- Population composition
- Age specific death rate

<b>Pop.</b>	<b>CDR</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>15.2</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>9.9</b>

Pop.	CDR	Age specific Death rate per 1000 pop.			
		0-5	6-45	45-65	>65
A	15.2	10.5	0.6	0.7	9.5
B	9.9	22.6	3.0	1.2	3.6

A) Developed countries

- High crude death rate
- Low age specific death rate

B) Developing countries

- Low crude death rate
- High age-specific death rate

# Limitation of CDR

- It lacks comparability for communities with population that differ in population composition (Age, Sex etc.) (which require standardization)

# Specific Death Rate



# Specific Death Rate

- When death rates are refined to highlight the etiological factor
  - Cause/disease specific
    - TB, Accident etc
    - Month/season etc
  - Host
    - Age, Sex, , Caste, Religion, occupation, education, etc

$$\text{SDR} = \frac{\text{Total no. of deaths (from all causes) in females}}{\text{Estimated mid-year population of females in one year in a given place}} \times 1000$$

$$\text{Ds.DR} = \frac{\text{Total no. of deaths due to TB during the year}}{\text{Estimated mid-year population in one year in a given place}} \times 1000$$

- Cause of death in HIV positive persons

In India- 90% of HIV positive persons, cause of death is Tuberculosis.

USA- Pneumonia & GI infections.

# Specific Death Rate USES

- It helps in identifying particular group/groups at risk
- Permits comparison between
  - Different causes in same population
  - Different groups in same population

# Specific Death Rate Limitations

- Data – less reliable except in developed countries where satisfactory civil registration system operates
- Examples
  - Specific death rate due to tuberculosis
  - Specific death rate for males
  - Specific death rate for age-group 15-20 years
  - Monthly death rate etc

# Mortality Ratio

- Maternal Mortality Rate
- Disease specific mortality ratio

# Mortality Ratio

Total no. of deaths due to  
Infectious diseases. = X:Y

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Total no. of deaths due to  
Infectious diseases.

# Mortality Proportion

- Age/ disease specific Proportionate mortality
- Case Fatality Rate



# Mortality Proportion

- Age/ disease specific Proportionate mortality

Total no. of deaths due to  
Infectious diseases.  $\times 100$

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Total no. of deaths

=50%

# Mortality Proportion

- Age/ disease specific Proportionate mortality

Total no. of deaths due to a  
Cancer

X 100

Total no. deaths

# Case Fatality Rate

Total no. of deaths due to a  
particular disease

$$\text{CFR} = \frac{\text{Total no. of deaths due to a particular disease}}{\text{Total no. of cases due to the same disease}} \times 100$$

Total no. of cases due  
to the same disease

# Case Fatality Rate

- It represents the killing power of a disease
- It is typically used in acute infectious diseases & is closely related to virulence

- CFR of Tetanus - 90%
- Malaria *P. Vivax*- <1%  
*P. falciparum*- 60%

# Case Fatality Rate

- Time interval – not specified
- Chronic ds. – onset → death = long and variable period

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# Proportional Mortality Rate

Example:

$$\frac{\text{No. of deaths from a specific disease in a year}}{\text{Total no of deaths (from all causes in that year)}} \times 100$$



# Proportional Mortality Rate

- To know the relative importance of
  - Specific cause/disease
  - Specific age & sex group
- Especially when population data is not available, so, it does not indicate risk.

Proportional mortality rate is dependent on two data

1. Total deaths
  2. Deaths due to disease/ in particular groups
- Both are variable (dependent), so, less reliable
  - Cause of death varies according to age, sex etc, so may indicate preventable mortality

- Mid year population of a city during the year 2011 was 1 lac. There were 40,000 females, out of which 20,000 were belonging to age 15 to 45 years. Total no. of infants 2000. During the same year following events were reported.
- Total no. of death 1000.
- Infant death- 70
- Total no. of female deaths- 500 out of which 300 within age 15 to 45 years.
- Deaths due to Infectious diseases- 600.
- Out of total 500 malaria cases (*P. vivax*-450, *P. falciparum*-50) 5 people died due to *P. falciparum* malaria.
- Find out possible Mortality rate, ratio & proportion.
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# Special Death Rate

- Denominator is different
- Not population or death but event, e.g.
  - Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)  
(No. of infant deaths in a year/ no. of live births in the year) x 1000
  - Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR)
  - Perinatal Mortality Rate

# Survival Rate

- Describes proportion of survivors in a group at the end of a particular time period (esp. used in cancers)
- For describing prognosis in a quantitative term
- Yardstick for the assessment of standards of therapy/treatment
- $\text{Survival Rate} = (\text{total no. of patients alive after 5 yrs} / \text{total no. of patients}) \times 100.$

Adjusted  
Or  
Standardized  
Rate

- CDR of village A- 12
- CDR of village B- 9

## Village- A

- CDR -12

Age	Population
0-10	12,000
11-20	15,000
21-40	40,000
41-50	10,000
51-60	60,000

## Village- B

- CDR-9

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0-10	12,000
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- CDR-9

Age	Population
0-10	5,000
11-20	12,000
21-40	60,000
41-50	40,000
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# Standardized Rates

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Problems in  
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CDR  
not comp

ASDR  
(adjustment difficult)

**SOLUTION**

**Age adjustment/  
standardization**

# Age adjustment / standardization

- It removes the confounding effect of different age structure and yields a single standard / adjusted rate.

## Standardization techniques:

Absolute age adjustment rate

Life table

Regression

Multivariate analysis

# Standard population

- A standard population is defined as one for which the numbers in each age & sex group are known

CDR of a village - 9.87

CDR of Taluka – 9.9

# Direct Standardization

CDR of a village - 9.87

When age & sex wise structure of study population is known			
Age	MYP	Death	ASDR (1000)
0-14	22000	22	<b>1.00</b>
15-44	44000	46	<b>1.05</b>
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Standard population			
Age	MYP	Death	ASDR (1000)
0-14	3,10,000	<b>1.00</b>	310
15-44	4,30,000	<b>1.05</b>	452
45-65	1,90,000	<b>51.57</b>	9798
	9,30,000	<b>11.35</b>	10560

# Direct standardization

**Study population**



**ASDR**



**Apply to standard population**



**Expected deaths**



**Standardised death rate**

# Indirect Standardization

- When age & sex wise structure of population is **not known** but ASDR of standard population is available

(Usually standard population – National Census)

# Indirect Standardization

- Instead of a standard population, a set of age specific standard rate is selected
- Although less preferable, it is more commonly used

# Indirect Standardization

<b>Age</b>	<b>Coal worker MYP</b>	<b>Observed Death</b>
<b>25-34</b>	300	
<b>35-44</b>	400	
<b>45-54</b>	200	
<b>55-64</b>	100	
	1000	<b>9</b>

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<b>Age</b>	<b>National pop. Death Rate</b>
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<b>45-54</b>	8.0
<b>55-64</b>	25.0

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		1000	<b>7.0</b>



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		1000	<b>7.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>

# Standardized Mortality Ratio (SMR)

SMR

= (Obs death / Exp. Death) x 100

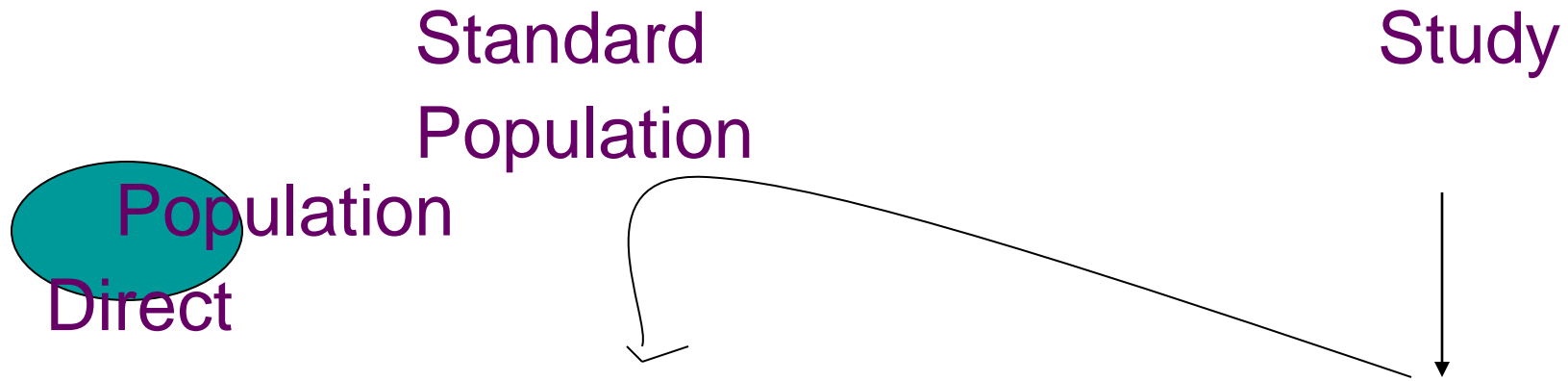
= (9/7) x 100

= 129

(29% Excess mortality than expected)

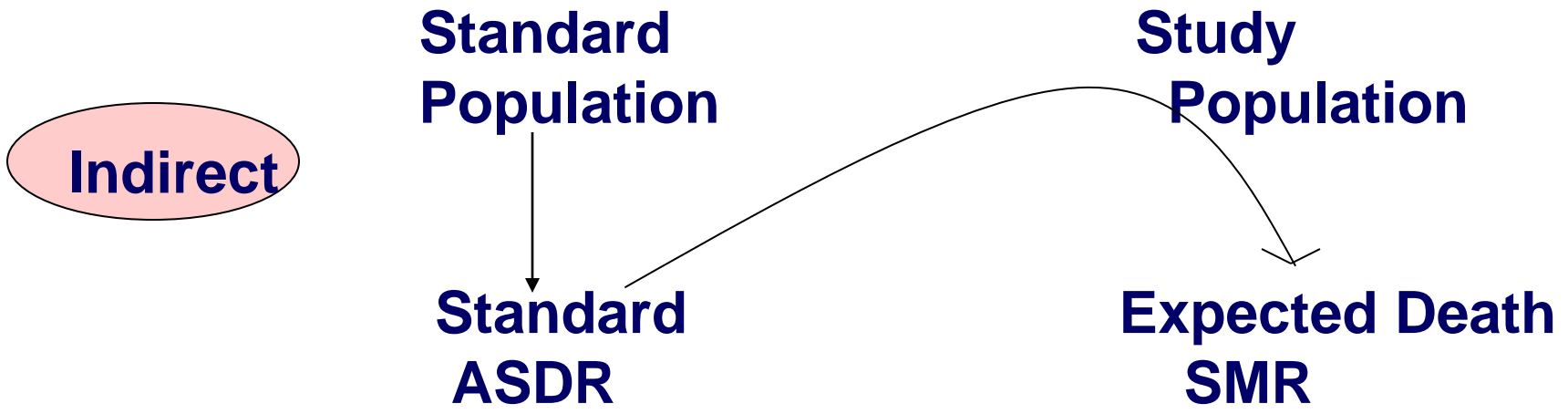
- Two indirectly standardised rates strictly **cannot** be compared even if same standard set of rates is used because of different in age-sex distribution of the population, whose rates are being standardized.
- The Only valid comparison of an indirectly standardised rate is the population from which standardized rates were derived.

# Visual comparison of Direct & Indirect Standardization



**Standardized Death Rate**

**ASDR**



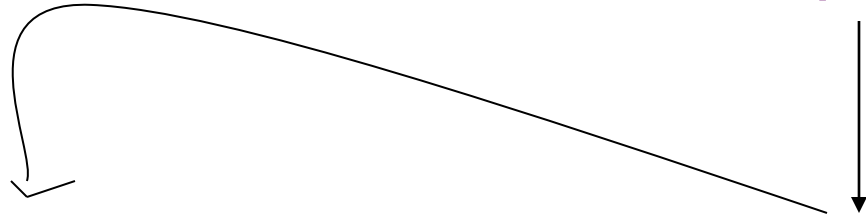
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Direct

Standard  
Population

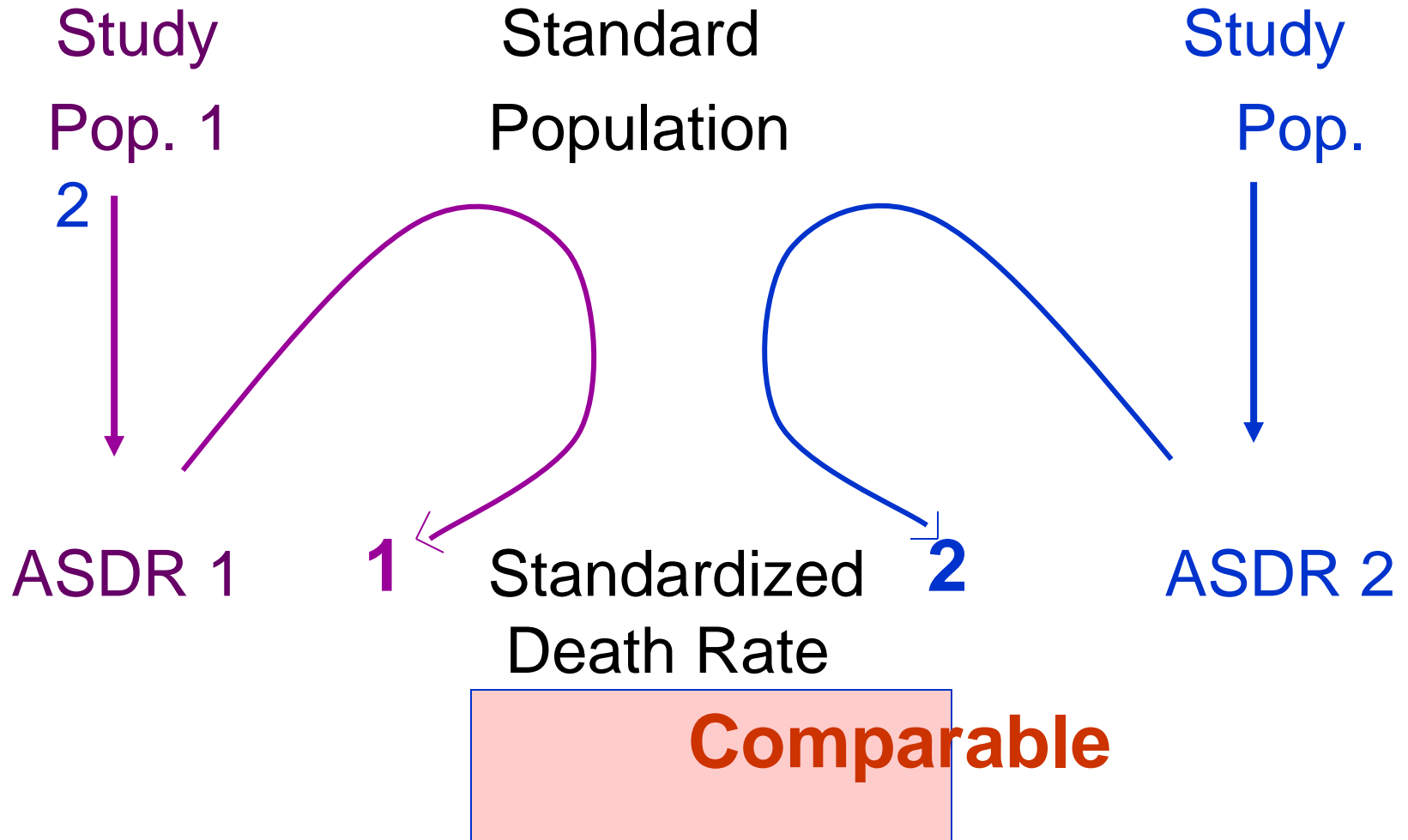
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Population-

Standardized  
Death Rate-1

ASDR-1



# Direct Standardization



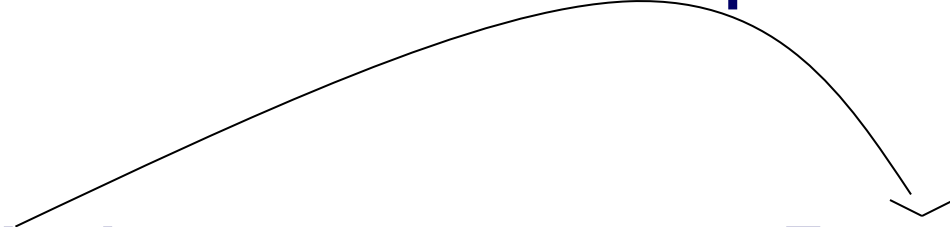
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**Expected  
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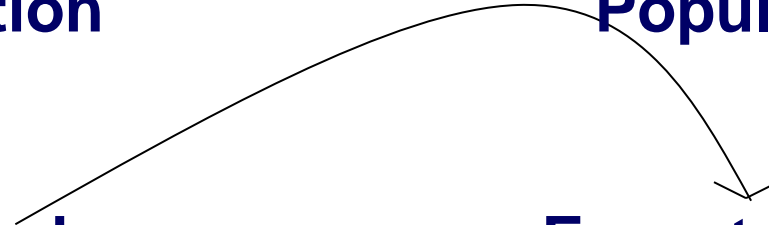
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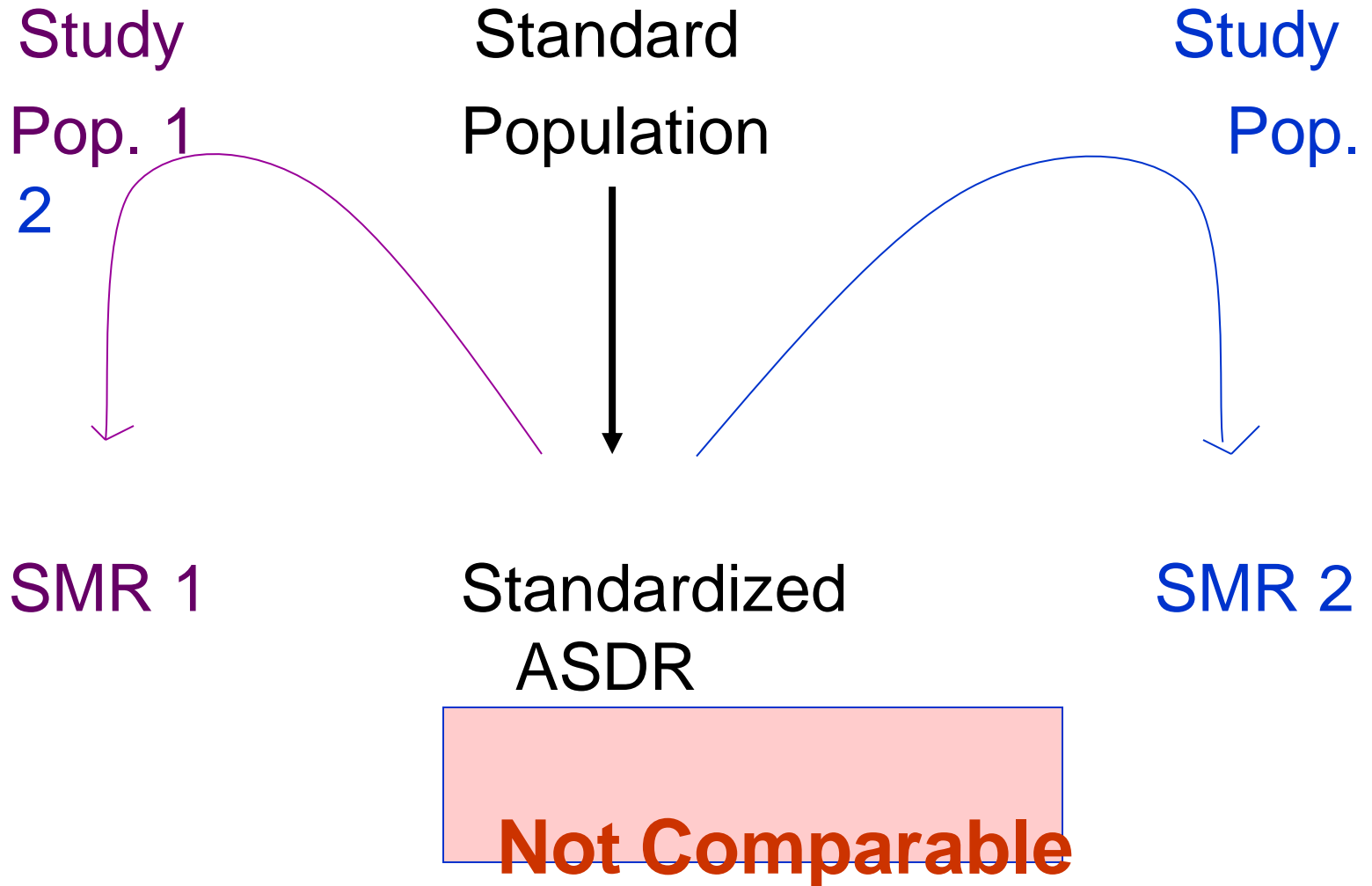
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ASDR**

**Expected Death  
SMR-1**



# Indirect Standardization



**THANK YOU**

# Questions

- Crude Death Rate
- Indicators of mortality
- MCCD scheme
- ICD 10

- 27 years old male admitted with the H/o convulsions since 5 hrs. ,CSF examination- TB meningitis. Died after 3 days.
- Pt. was taking Rx for Pulmonary TB.
- Pt. was Pt. detected HIV +ve 5 yars back.
- Pt. was hypertensive

## **Part I**

**A] TB meningitis**

**B] Pulmonary TB**

**C] HIV**

## **Part II (other significant condition)**

**Hypertension**

A] Rate

B] ratio

C] Proportion

Q.1 927 females per 1000 males

Ans. B

Q.2 4 diabetics per 1000 Mid year population

Ans. A

Q.3 Infant population- 10%

Ans. C