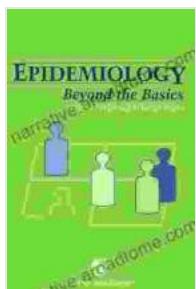


Epidemiology Beyond The Basics: Unveiling the Science of Disease Prevention and Control

: Embracing a Comprehensive Approach to Public Health

In a world grappling with a multitude of health challenges, understanding the science of disease prevention and control is paramount. Epidemiology, the study of the distribution and determinants of health-related states or events in a defined population, plays a pivotal role in safeguarding public health. 'Epidemiology Beyond The Basics' is a comprehensive guidebook that transcends the boundaries of foundational knowledge, delving into the intricacies of epidemiology and empowering you to become an active participant in preserving the well-being of our communities.



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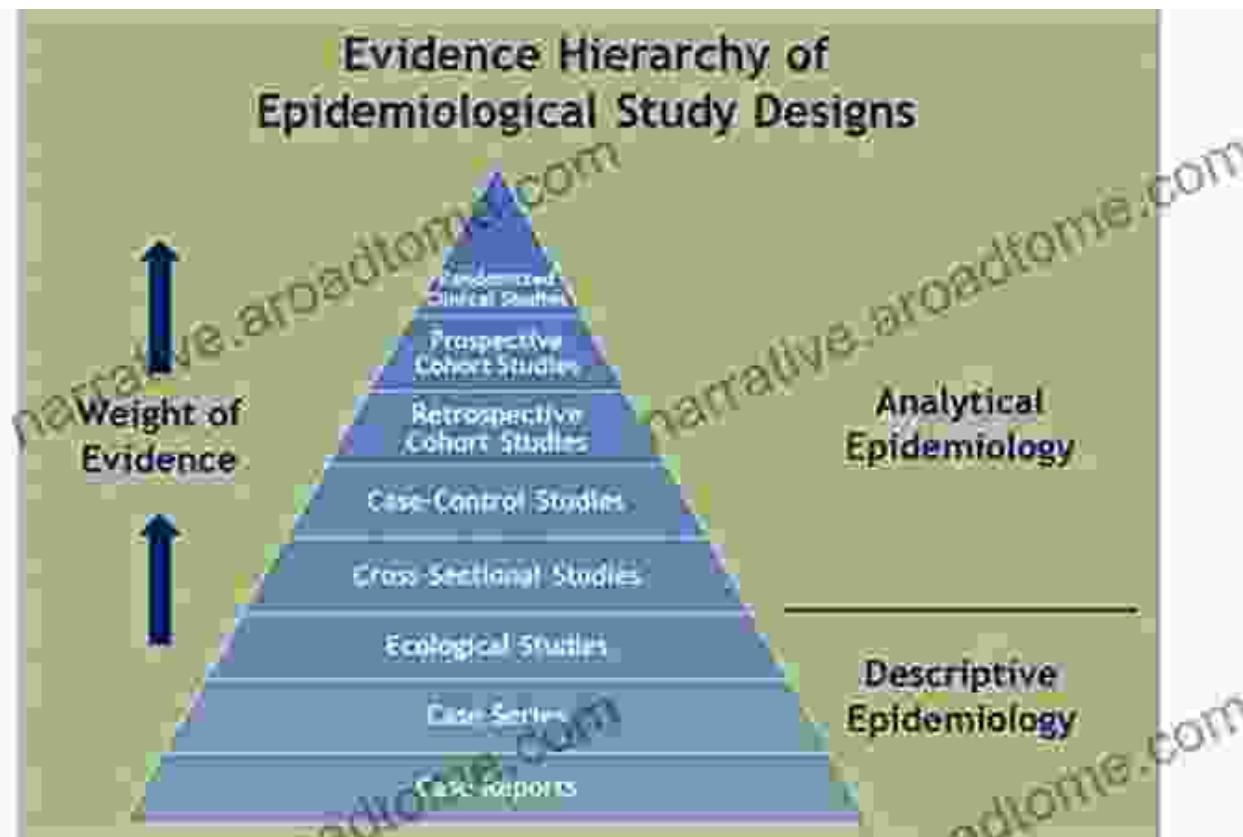
Chapter 1: Unraveling the Foundations of Epidemiology

Chapter 1 establishes a solid foundation for your epidemiological journey, meticulously explaining key concepts and principles. You will gain insights into the history, scope, and methods of epidemiology, equipping you with the essential tools to comprehend the dynamics of disease occurrence and transmission.



Measures of Disease Frequency

- Rates, Ratios, and Proportions
- Incidence versus Prevalence
- Risk
- Rate
- Risk versus Rate
- Mortality
- Risk/Rate Adjustment



Chapter 2: Exploring the Spectrum of Infectious Diseases

Chapter 2 takes you on an expedition into the realm of infectious diseases, unveiling their causes, transmission patterns, and the strategies employed to prevent and control their spread. You will delve into the principles of immunization, surveillance systems, and outbreak investigations, empowering you to contribute to the fight against infectious disease outbreaks.

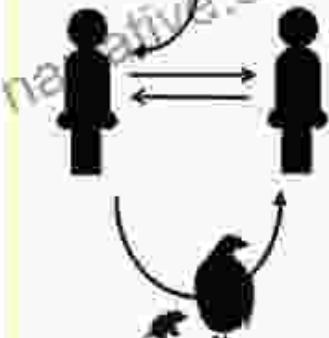
Modes of Infectious Disease Transmission

A. General Transmission

Abiotic environmental factors

- Wind
- Water

• Inhalation of dust
• Enteric intestinal



Animal vectors

- Mosquitoes (malaria, dengue)
- Fleas (bubonic plague)

Direct Contact



- Pathogen survives best inside the body
- Eg: HIV, Herpesviruses, Ebola

Indirect Contact



- Pathogen survives in harsh environment
- Picked up from surface or air
- Eg: norovirus

Droplets



- Pathogens are in droplets, but do not survive long this way
- Eg: Ebola, *Bordetella pertussis*

Airborne



- Pathogens aerosolized and stay infective
- Eg: influenza, tuberculosis

Fecal-Oral



- Through contaminated water or food
- Eg: cholera, Norovirus, hepatitis

A glance at *vaccine development* over the centuries



Control measures for an outbreak

- General measures
 - Till source and route of transmission identified
- Specific measures, based upon the results of the investigation
 - Agent
 - Removing the source
 - Environment
 - Interrupting transmission
 - Host
 - Protection (e.g., immunization)
 - Case management

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Chapter 3: Unmasking Non-Communicable Diseases and Their Risk Factors

Chapter 3 shifts the focus to non-communicable diseases (NCDs), which pose a significant health burden globally. You will explore the major NCDs, their risk factors, and the preventative measures that can be implemented to reduce their incidence and impact. This chapter emphasizes the importance of lifestyle choices, environmental factors, and access to healthcare in shaping NCD outcomes.

Deaths from non-communicable diseases since 2000

Each year, an average of 36 million people die of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), equivalent to 66 percent of global deaths.

■ NCDs-related deaths ■ Other deaths



Source: WHO Global Health Estimates

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Noncommunicable Diseases

4 Diseases, 4 Modifiable Shared Risk Factors

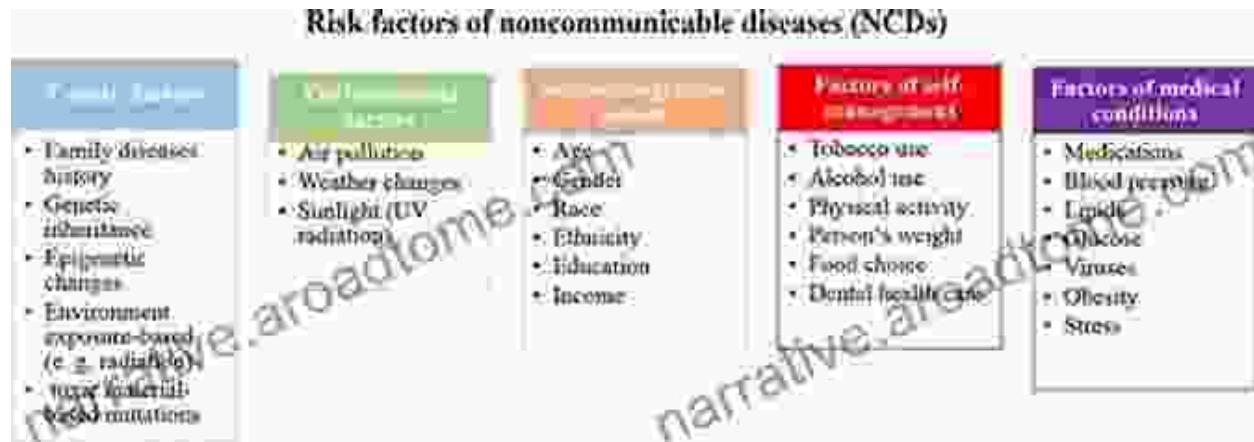
	Tobacco Use	Unhealthy diets	Physical Inactivity	Harmful Use of Alcohol
Cardio-vascular				
Diabetes				
Cancer				
Chronic Respiratory				



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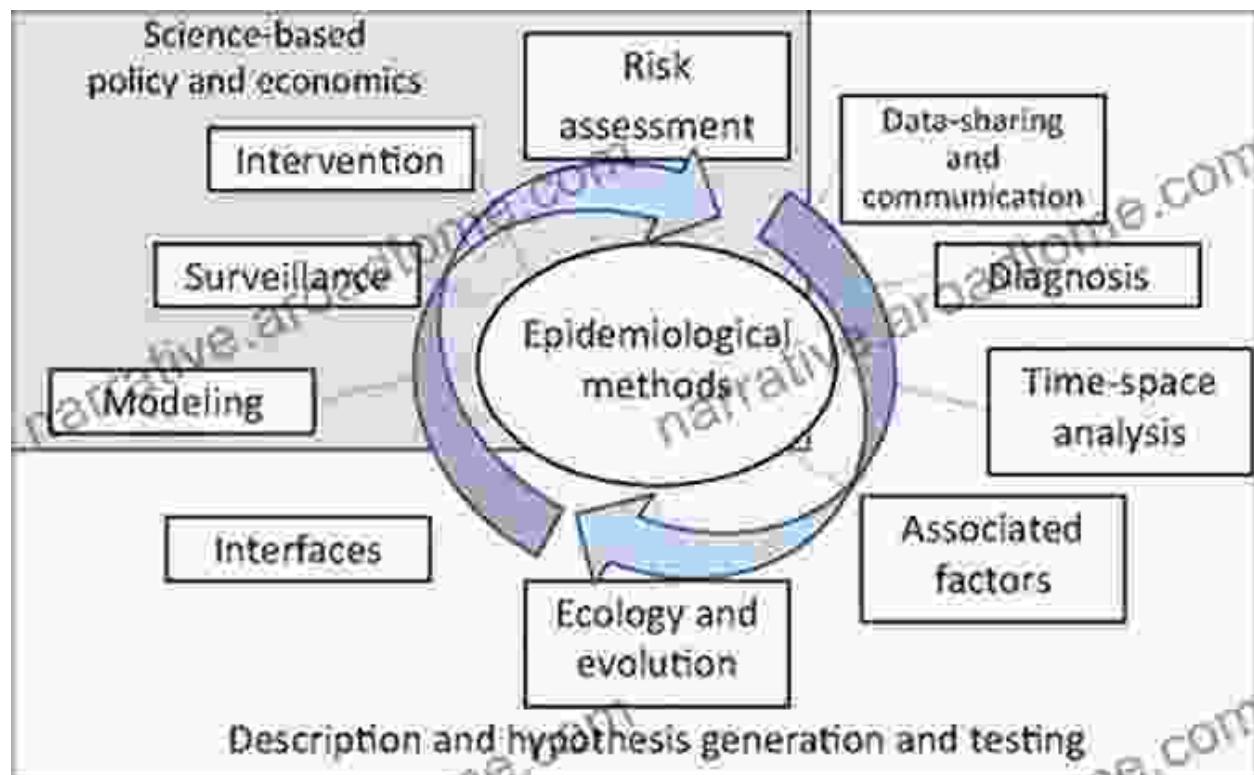


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Chapter 4: Mastering Data Analysis and Statistical Methods

Chapter 4 equips you with the essential skills of data analysis and statistical methods, which form the backbone of epidemiological research. You will learn how to collect, analyze, and interpret epidemiological data, enabling you to draw meaningful conclusions and make informed decisions regarding disease prevention and control measures.



Measures of Association

- **Measures of association**—a single summarizing number that reflects the strength of the relationship. This statistic shows the **magnitude** and/or **direction** of a relationship between variables.
- **Magnitude**—the closer to the absolute value of 1, the stronger the association. If the measure equals 0, there is no relationship between the two variables.
- **Direction**—the sign on the measure indicates if the relationship is positive or negative. In a **positive relationship**, when one variable is high, so is the other. In a **negative relationship**, when one variable is high, the other is low.

Short Communication

R-software: A Newer Tool in Epidemiological Data Analysis

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Background

Analyzing epidemiological data has always been a matter of concern especially for those researchers who have a background of biological sciences and not of mathematics. As the dataset is usually large in epidemiology, calculating even simple statistics like mean or standard deviation requires tremendous time to do manually. For many, even finding a statistician becomes difficult in their setting. So, many datasets remain unexplored, sometimes forcing us to rely on the analyzed result by simple explanatory and descriptive data analysis.

Software in Data Analysis

With the introduction of software we have statistical computations, which make the data analysis easier to perform. Software either in the realm of probability by the medical students, but for developing countries, there is still not change as expected because of the paucity of the statistical packages.

The World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control promoted free software known as Epi Info to be used by medical researchers. It was first launched as a DOS Operating System (DOS based) version, which was command driven and difficult to use by the medical researchers. In 2001, windows based version, which was user friendly, was launched and it became very popular among the medical researchers. Epi Info is still one

option for data manipulation for longitudinal studies and its important analysis (which cannot cope with repeated measures and multilevel modeling). Also the graphical facilities are limited. Other statistical softwares such as Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS), SAS, etc., are operating with newer dimension in statistical analysis but they are not affordable to most, researchers in developing countries.

What is R-software?

It is a relatively new and freely available programming language and software environment for statistical computing and graphics. The name is partly based on the names of the first two R. W. John Nelder and Roger Mead and Box (1972) and common R is taken from the name of the R.E. Legendre (1757–1833), Georges-Louis Leclerc, Comte de Buffon, and Georges-Henri Rivière de la Varenne. R software, and Minitab[®] (Statistical software) are the most commonly used software in the field of epidemiology and biostatistics. R is an environment that can handle both datasets simultaneously. R is also a programming language with an extensive set of functions. One can write their own code to build their own statistical tools. Advanced users can even incorporate宏 written in other languages, such as C, C++, and Fortran. R provides a wide variety of statistical (linear and nonlinear modeling, classical statistical tests, nonparametric methods, generalized linear modeling and graphical techniques, and much more). R is available as a free software under the terms of the Free Software Foundation's GNU General Public License in source code form. One of R's strengths is its connection with well-designed public-domain quality packages can be produced, including mathematical symbols and formulas where needed.¹

The R Environment

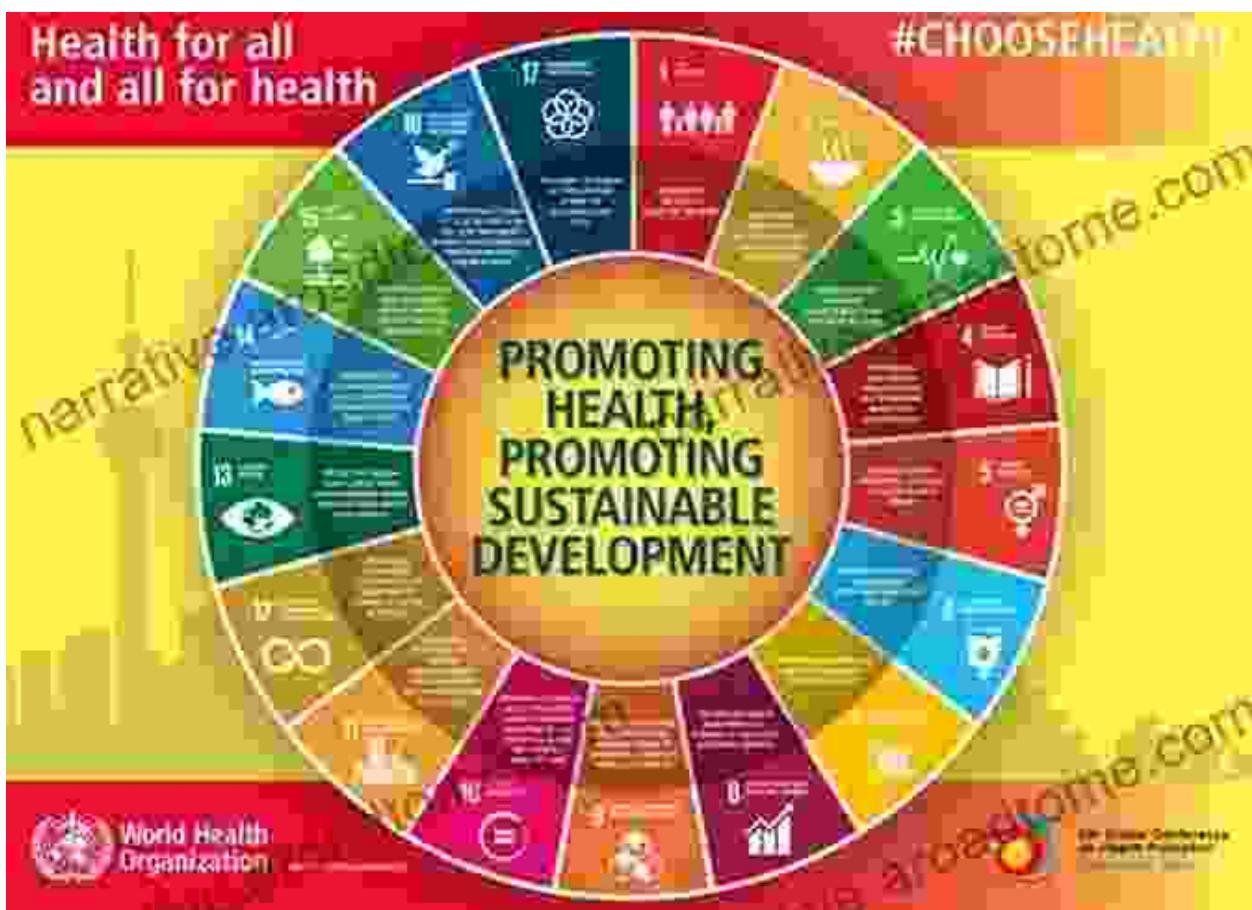
It is an integrated suite of software facilities for data



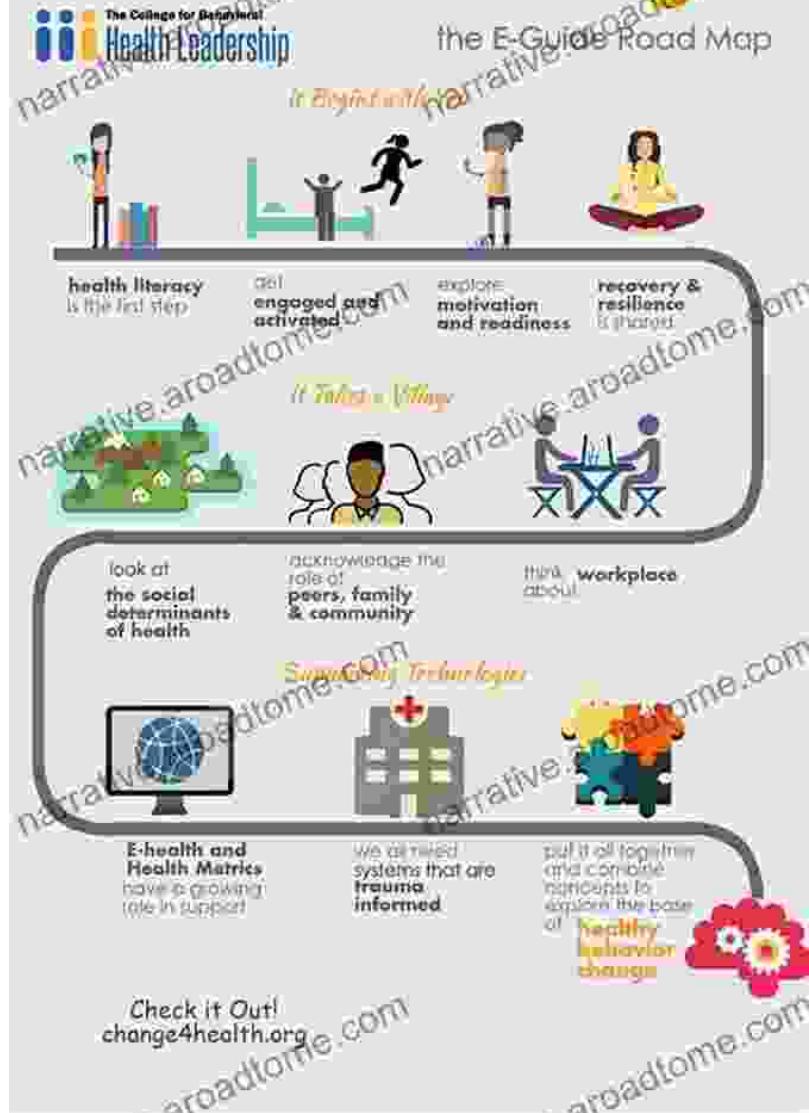
Chapter 5: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Strategies

Chapter 5 explores the multifaceted world of health promotion and disease prevention strategies, highlighting their significance in improving population health and well-being. You will gain insights into the principles of health education, behavior change theories, and the evaluation of preventive

interventions, empowering you to design and implement effective health promotion programs.



Healthy Behavior Change



Sample Intervention Assessment Framework				
Intervention	Purpose	Context	Impact Mechanism	Intervention Outcome
Smart Shelves	The ability to detect the removal of product from specific shelves or displays based on defined criteria.	<p>Members of sales staff or security guards alerted in real time when items are removed from shelves/Displays.</p> <p>Video recording triggered if the person removing items from a shelf/display.</p> <p>Members of sales staff or security guards alerted in real time when an unusual number of items are removed from shelves/Displays.</p> <p>Video recording triggered if the person removes an unusual number of items from shelves/display.</p> <p>Alert triggered when there are no items remaining in the shelves/display.</p>	<p>Staff able to address potential losses and monitor perceived sense of risk of apprehension.</p> <p>Help to provide systematic data on identification of shop theft.</p> <p>Provides mode of when the shelves/display is empty so better control of stock.</p>	<p>Losses reduced because offenders less likely to steal protected items due to presence of surveillance.</p> <p>Losses reduced because items are protected and leaving from shelves/items are detected.</p> <p>Losses from other unpredictable products because an offence is detected by the intervention.</p> <p>Losses from out of stock reduced as fewer items are leaving the store without being recorded, improving stock file accuracy.</p> <p>Losses from out of stock reduced as staff are more aware since quickly identify shelves/display.</p>

Chapter 6: Environmental Health and Disease Control

Chapter 6 delves into the intricate relationship between environmental factors and human health, examining how environmental hazards can contribute to disease occurrence and the strategies employed to mitigate their impact. You will explore the principles of environmental epidemiology, learn about air and water pollution, and gain insights into the role of environmental health policies in protecting public health.

Environmental health hazards

- ◆ Land and climate related hazards
- ◆ Atmospheric hazards –
- ◆ Water related hazards-
- ◆ Food Borne hazards
- ◆ Vector Borne Hazards
- ◆ Domestic Hazards
- ◆ Occupational Hazards
- ◆ Infrastructural hazards
- ◆ Others

Health effects of air pollution

short-term effects

exacerbation
of asthma

cough, wheezing
and shortness
of breath

Acute effects on
respiratory and heart
conditions, and on
general health and
well-being.

long-term effects

stroke

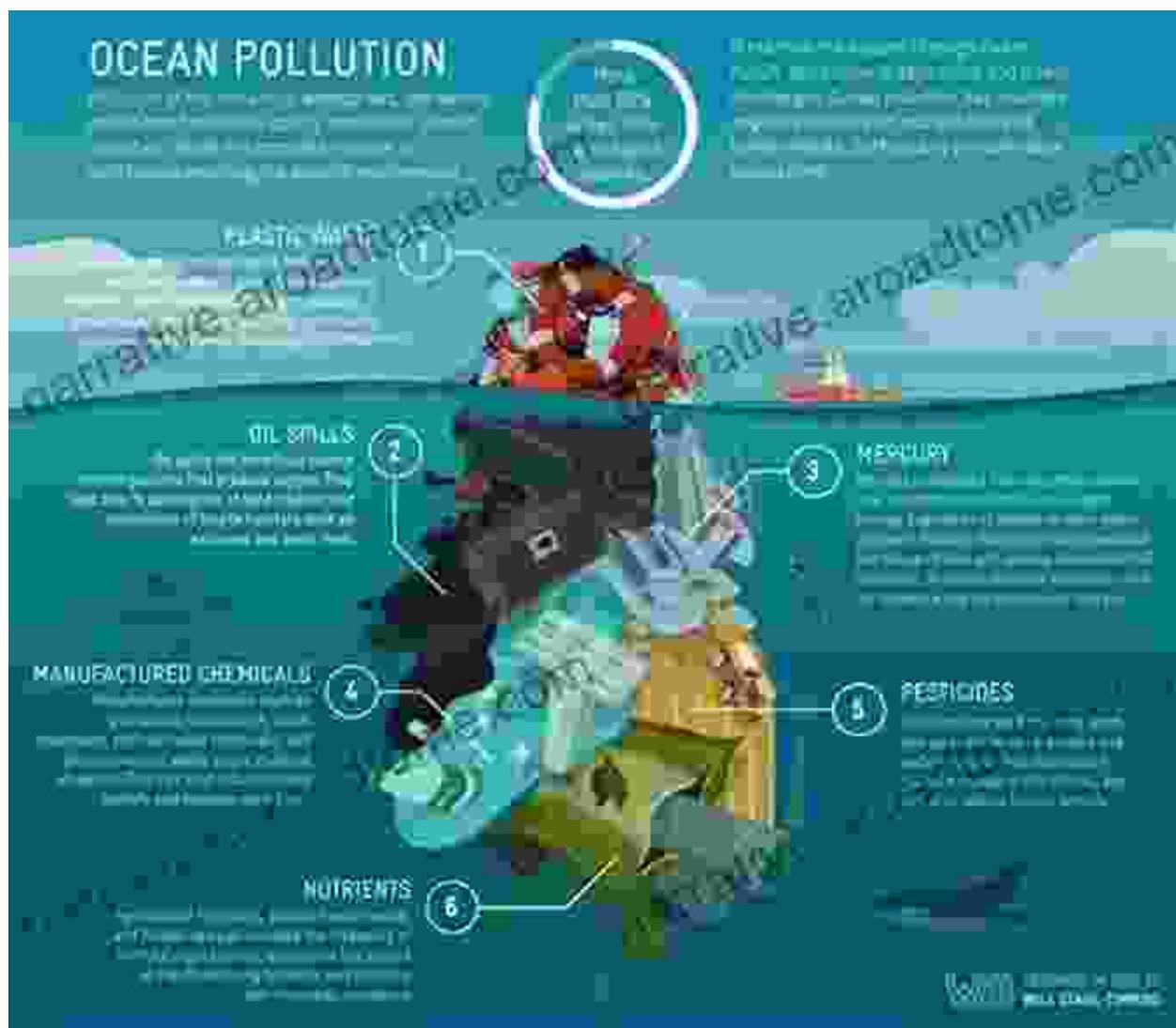
heart disease

respiratory conditions

cardiovascular disease

reduced life
expectancy





Chapter 7: Epidemiology in Action: Case Studies and Applications

Chapter 7 brings the concepts of epidemiology to life through real-world case studies and applications. You will explore how epidemiological principles and methods have been successfully utilized to address pressing public health challenges, including disease outbreaks, vaccine development, and chronic disease management. These case studies provide practical insights into the impact of epidemiology on improving health outcomes.

Steps in an OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION

DETECT A possible outbreak

GENERATE Hypotheses through interviews

TEST Hypotheses through analytical studies and laboratory testing

SOLVE Point of contamination and original source of outbreak vehicle

CONTROL Outbreak through recalls, facility improvements, and industry collaboration

DECIDE An outbreak is over

If cases continue

Not finding associations

Cases stop

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Efficacy and Safety of mRNA-1273 SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine

C. B. Fineran, et al. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2030436

Editorial Summary

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to expand. Several different SARS-CoV-2 vaccines are currently available, but more are needed. The mRNA-1273 vaccine is a lipid-exosomes mRNA vaccine encoding the prefusion stabilized spike protein of SARS-CoV-2.

Study Design

A randomized, double-blinded trial to evaluate the efficacy and safety of mRNA-1273.

16,420 participants ≥16 years old were assigned to receive either the vaccine or placebo in two immunizations 28 days apart. Participants were followed up after the development of laboratory-confirmed symptomatic Covid-19 over a median of 4 months after the second dose.

Results

Safety

Vaccine recipients had higher rates of local reactions (e.g., pain, erythema, swelling) and systemic reactions (e.g., headache, fatigue, myalgia) than placebo recipients. Most reactions were mild to moderate and resolved over 1–3 days.

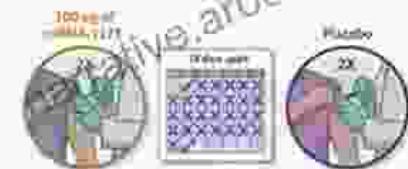
Efficacy

The incidence of Covid-19 was lower among vaccine recipients than among placebo recipients as early as 14 days after the first dose. However, in the vaccine group, personnel for the period of follow-up.

Interpretation and Remaining Questions

- Further study is required to understand the following:
- Safety and efficacy over a longer period of time, in a larger population, and in persons who are and are not children.
 - Whether the vaccine protects against asymptomatic infection and transmission to unvaccinated persons.
 - How to safely administer who miss the second dose.

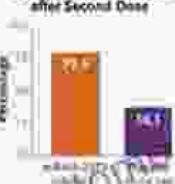
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Injection-Site Adverse Events after First Dose



Systemic Adverse Events after Second Dose



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Symptomatic Covid-19

112 / 16,420 (0.7%)

Placebo
16,420 (0%)

Severity Covid-19

6 / 112 (5.4%)

Placebo
16,420 (0%)

Vaccine efficacy of 94.1% (95% CI, 89.8%–96.3%; $P < 0.001$)

Conclusion

Two doses of the mRNA-1273 SARS-CoV-2 vaccine were well-tolerated and associated with a high rate of protection against symptomatic Covid-19.



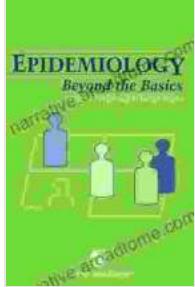
: Empowering Public Health Professionals

As you embark on this epidemiological journey, 'Epidemiology Beyond The Basics' will guide you every step of the way, equipping you with the knowledge, skills, and perspectives necessary to excel as a public health professional. By mastering the principles of epidemiology, you will become

an advocate for disease prevention and control, actively contributing to the health and well-being of your community and beyond.

Embrace the challenge, delve into the fascinating world of epidemiology, and witness the transformative power of this science in shaping a healthier future for all.

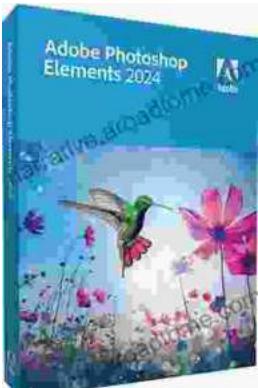
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