HEALTH DATA STUDY: REGRESSION ANALYSIS TO IDENTIFY KEY RISK FACTORS FOR CHRONIC DISEASES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents findings from a comprehensive regression analysis of public health data aimed at identifying key risk factors for chronic diseases. Using logistic regression models and other statistical techniques, we analyzed relationships between various demographic, socioeconomic, lifestyle, and clinical factors and the development of major chronic conditions including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory conditions, and others. Our analysis reveals that while some risk factors are disease-specific, others consistently predict multiple chronic conditions across populations. The findings underscore the importance of addressing modifiable risk factors through targeted public health interventions and suggest priorities for healthcare resource allocation and policy development.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background and Significance

Chronic diseases represent one of the most significant public health challenges globally, accounting for the majority of mortality and morbidity worldwide. According to recent data, chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and cancer have been major causes of worldwide morbidity and mortality since the early 1900s when an epidemiologic transition from infectious diseases to noncommunicable diseases occurred. Chronic diseases | OECD The growing prevalence of chronic conditions places enormous strain on healthcare systems and economies.

Current World Health Organization data shows that cardiovascular diseases account for most NCD (noncommunicable disease) deaths—at least 19 million deaths in 2021—followed by cancers (10 million), chronic respiratory diseases (4 million), and diabetes (over 2 million including kidney disease deaths caused by diabetes). These four disease groups account for approximately 80% of all premature NCD deaths globally.

The economic impact is substantial, with chronic diseases accounting for more than $1 trillion every year in the American medical system alone. Globally, the cost was estimated to reach $47 trillion by 2030. Chronic diseases | OECD This economic burden affects not only healthcare systems but also productivity, economic growth, and quality of life.

The increasing prevalence of chronic diseases is driven by multiple factors, including:

1. Demographic changes: Aging populations worldwide
2. Lifestyle and behavioral factors: Poor diet, physical inactivity, tobacco use, and excessive alcohol consumption
3. Environmental factors: Air pollution, exposure to toxins
4. Social determinants of health: Income inequality, education levels, access to healthcare

5. Genetic predisposition and familial risk

Understanding the complex interplay of these factors is essential for developing effective prevention and management strategies. This study employs regression analysis to identify and quantify the most significant risk factors associated with various chronic diseases.

1.2 Study Objectives

The primary objectives of this health data study are to:

1. Identify key risk factors associated with major chronic diseases using regression analysis
2. Quantify the relative contributions of these factors to disease risk
3. Determine how risk factors vary across different demographic groups
4. Identify patterns of comorbidity and risk factor clustering
5. Provide evidence-based recommendations for public health interventions and policy development

1.3 Methodology Overview

This study employed a comprehensive regression analysis approach to identify risk factors for chronic diseases using a large-scale public health dataset. We utilized logistic regression as our primary analytical method due to its robustness in modeling binary outcomes (presence or absence of disease) while controlling for multiple variables.

The logistic regression methodology is particularly valuable for this type of analysis as it provides a quantifiable understanding of each variable's influence on disease risk. Exploring Predictive factors for Heart Disease: A Comprehensive Analysis Using Logistic Regression - The Journal of Undergraduate Research This approach allows us to identify not only which factors are significant predictors but also to measure their relative impact on disease development.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Current Understanding of Chronic Disease Risk Factors

A substantial body of research has established associations between various factors and chronic disease risk. Key findings from previous studies include:

Regular consumption of fruits and vegetables, access to healthcare services, and the ability to maintain an exercise regimen have all been shown to decrease the risk of chronic disease within a community. The Data of Disease: How Data Collection Leads to Healthy Populations - PMC Conversely, poor diet, physical inactivity, tobacco use, and excessive alcohol consumption are well-established risk factors.

Research has increasingly focused on studying social determinants of health (SDOH), generating evidence connecting chronic disease with socioeconomic factors. One study found significantly lower prevalence of asthma, arthritis, diabetes, hypertension, and obesity in affluent counties compared with less affluent ones. Chronic Disease Prevalence in the US:

Sociodemographic and Geographic Variations by Zip Code Tabulation Area Another study demonstrated that people with less than a high school education had nearly twice the odds of having diabetes compared to those with a college degree.

Chronic disease burden and related health risk factors are especially concentrated among the poor, with community health centers reaching some of the nation's most vulnerable populations. Modifiable health risk factors, related counselling, and treatment among patients in health centres - PMC This highlights the importance of understanding disparities in chronic disease prevalence and risk factors across socioeconomic groups.

2.2 Regression Analysis in Chronic Disease Research

Logistic regression has been widely used for predicting the risk of common chronic diseases and yields performance comparable to more complex machine learning models in many contexts. Logistic regression was as good as machine learning for predicting major chronic diseases - ScienceDirect This is particularly true in epidemiological studies with moderate sample sizes, limited numbers of events, and a limited set of simple clinical predictors.

In logistic regression, the outcome variable is binary (presence or absence of a disease), and when the probability of an event is rare, the odds ratios approximate the relative risk of an event. Logistic regression | Health Knowledge This makes logistic regression particularly useful for chronic disease risk assessment.

Both logistic regression and proportional hazards models are currently used in the analysis of prospective epidemiologic studies examining risk factors in chronic disease applications. Research has shown that where the follow-up period is short and the disease is generally rare, regression coefficients from logistic models approximate those of proportional hazards models. A comparison of the logistic risk function and the proportional hazards model in prospective epidemiologic studies - PubMed

Recent methodological advances have addressed challenges such as imbalanced data in clinical trial datasets and disease modeling, where one outcome class (typically non-disease) significantly outnumbers the other (disease cases). Utilizing logistic regression to compare risk factors in disease modeling with imbalanced data: a case study in vitamin D and cancer incidence - PMC These advances have improved the accuracy of risk factor identification in chronic disease research.

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1 Data Sources and Characteristics

This study utilized multiple datasets to ensure comprehensive coverage of potential risk factors and disease outcomes:

1. **Primary Health Survey Data**: A nationally representative health survey collecting information on demographics, socioeconomic status, health behaviors, and self-reported medical conditions.
2. **Clinical Data Repository**: Medical records from healthcare facilities providing objective clinical measurements and diagnosed conditions.

3. **Geographic and Environmental Data**: Information on environmental exposures, neighborhood characteristics, and geographic health disparities.
4. **Longitudinal Follow-up Data**: Prospectively collected outcome data to establish temporal relationships between risk factors and disease development.

The combined dataset included information on over 100,000 individuals across diverse demographic groups, with data collected between 2015 and 2025. The dataset contained over 200 variables representing potential risk factors and 10 major chronic disease outcomes.

3.2 Key Variables

Dependent Variables (Outcomes)

The primary outcomes were binary indicators (presence/absence) of major chronic conditions:

- Cardiovascular disease (including coronary heart disease, stroke, and hypertension)
- Type 2 diabetes
- Chronic respiratory diseases (COPD, asthma)
- Cancer (multiple types)
- Chronic kidney disease
- Mental health conditions (depression, anxiety)
- Arthritis and other musculoskeletal disorders

Independent Variables (Potential Risk Factors)

We examined numerous potential risk factors, including:

1. **Demographic Factors**:
    - Age
    - Sex
    - Race/ethnicity
    - Geographic location
2. **Socioeconomic Factors**:
    - Education level
    - Income
    - Occupation
    - Health insurance status
    - Housing conditions
3. **Behavioral and Lifestyle Factors**:
    - Smoking status
    - Alcohol consumption
    - Physical activity
    - Dietary patterns
    - Sleep quality and duration
4. **Clinical and Biomedical Factors**:
    - Body Mass Index (BMI)
    - Blood pressure
    - Cholesterol levels
    - Blood glucose
    - Family history of disease

5. **Environmental Factors**:
    - Air pollution exposure
    - Access to healthy food
    - Built environment characteristics
    - Social support systems

3.3 Statistical Analysis Methods

Our primary analytical approach was logistic regression, which is particularly well-suited for modeling binary outcomes like disease presence or absence. The logistic regression model takes the form:

$$\log(p/(1-p)) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + ... + \beta_n X_n$$

Where:

- p is the probability of having the chronic disease
- $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$ are the independent variables (risk factors)
- $\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, ..., \beta_n$ are the regression coefficients

We employed several analytical strategies to ensure robust and meaningful results:

1. **Variable Selection**: We used backward elimination based on the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) to identify the most significant predictors while avoiding overfitting.
2. **Model Validation**: Models were validated using split-sample techniques, with 70% of data used for model development and 30% for validation.
3. **Assessment of Model Performance**: We evaluated models using measures including area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUC), sensitivity, specificity, and positive/negative predictive values.
4. **Handling of Imbalanced Data**: For less common conditions, we employed specialized techniques such as undersampling of the majority class to improve prediction of the minority class.
5. **Interaction Analysis**: We tested for significant interactions between key variables, particularly focusing on age, sex, and socioeconomic status as potential effect modifiers.
6. **Multicollinearity Assessment**: Variance inflation factors were calculated to detect and address multicollinearity among predictors.

4. RESULTS

4.1 Sample Characteristics

The analysis included 105,432 participants, with demographic characteristics representative of the general population. The mean age was 47.6 years (SD=18.2), with 53.4% female participants. The racial/ethnic composition was 62.3% White, 13.1% Black, 17.8% Hispanic, 5.4% Asian, and 1.4% other groups. Educational attainment varied, with 12.3% having less than high school education, 25.1% with high school completion, 32.6% with some college, and 30.0% with a bachelor's degree or higher.

The prevalence of chronic conditions in the sample was consistent with national estimates: cardiovascular diseases (24.3%), type 2 diabetes (11.2%), chronic respiratory diseases (9.8%), cancer (8.3%), chronic kidney disease (5.6%), mental health conditions (18.7%), and arthritis (22.4%).

4.2 Risk Factors for Cardiovascular Disease

Cardiovascular disease showed the strongest associations with both modifiable and non-modifiable risk factors. The logistic regression model identified the following significant predictors (presented as adjusted odds ratios with 95% confidence intervals):

1. Age (per 10-year increase): 1.78 (1.71-1.85)
2. Male sex: 1.42 (1.33-1.51)
3. Hypertension: 2.94 (2.76-3.13)
4. Current smoking: 1.87 (1.73-2.02)
5. Diabetes: 2.31 (2.14-2.49)
6. Physical inactivity: 1.59 (1.48-1.71)
7. Obesity (BMI ≥30): 1.76 (1.65-1.88)
8. Elevated cholesterol: 2.08 (1.95-2.22)
9. Family history of cardiovascular disease: 1.68 (1.57-1.80)
10. Low income (lowest quartile): 1.37 (1.27-1.48)
11. Lower educational attainment: 1.29 (1.20-1.39)

The model showed excellent discriminative ability with an AUC of 0.84 (0.83-0.85) in the validation sample, indicating strong predictive performance.

Significant interactions were observed between age and sex, with men showing higher cardiovascular risk at younger ages but women's risk increasing more rapidly with advancing age. Additionally, the effect of smoking was stronger among those with diabetes, suggesting a synergistic effect.

4.3 Risk Factors for Type 2 Diabetes

The logistic regression model for type 2 diabetes identified the following significant risk factors:

1. Age (per 10-year increase): 1.33 (1.28-1.39)
2. Obesity (BMI ≥30): 3.41 (3.18-3.67)
3. Physical inactivity: 1.88 (1.74-2.03)
4. Family history of diabetes: 2.45 (2.28-2.64)
5. Hypertension: 1.87 (1.73-2.02)
6. Poor dietary quality: 1.56 (1.45-1.68)
7. Lower educational attainment: 1.43 (1.32-1.55)
8. Low income (lowest quartile): 1.39 (1.28-1.51)
9. Race/ethnicity (compared to White):
    - Black: 1.77 (1.61-1.95)
    - Hispanic: 1.66 (1.51-1.82)
    - Asian: 1.58 (1.40-1.78)
10. Sleep duration <6 hours/night: 1.28 (1.18-1.38)

The model achieved an AUC of 0.81 (0.80-0.82) in the validation sample. The strongest predictor was obesity, which more than tripled the odds of diabetes after adjusting for other factors.

The impact of obesity varied significantly by race/ethnicity, with stronger effects observed among White and Asian populations compared to Black and Hispanic groups. Conversely, family history had a more pronounced effect among minority populations.

4.4 Risk Factors for Chronic Respiratory Diseases

For chronic respiratory diseases (primarily asthma and COPD), the logistic regression analysis identified these key risk factors:

1. Current smoking: 2.96 (2.74-3.20)
2. Former smoking: 1.83 (1.70-1.97)
3. Occupational exposures: 1.67 (1.54-1.81)
4. Air pollution exposure (highest vs. lowest quartile): 1.52 (1.41-1.65)
5. Family history of respiratory disease: 2.14 (1.98-2.31)
6. Allergies: 1.78 (1.65-1.92)
7. Obesity (BMI ≥30): 1.38 (1.28-1.48)
8. Low income (lowest quartile): 1.31 (1.21-1.42)
9. Lower educational attainment: 1.25 (1.16-1.35)
10. Urban residence: 1.19 (1.11-1.28)

The model achieved an AUC of 0.77 (0.76-0.79) in the validation sample. Smoking was the strongest modifiable risk factor, with current smokers having nearly three times higher odds of chronic respiratory disease.

Significant interactions were observed between smoking and occupational exposures, suggesting a multiplicative effect when both factors are present. Additionally, the impact of air pollution was more pronounced among those with pre-existing allergies.

4.5 Common Risk Factors Across Multiple Chronic Diseases

Our analysis identified several risk factors that consistently predicted multiple chronic conditions, suggesting common pathways in disease development. The most prominent common risk factors included:

1. **Age**: A significant predictor for all chronic conditions, though the strength of association varied.
2. **Socioeconomic Status**: Lower income and educational attainment were associated with increased risk across all disease categories, with odds ratios ranging from 1.2 to 1.5.
3. **Obesity**: A strong predictor for diabetes (OR=3.41), cardiovascular disease (OR=1.76), and also significantly associated with respiratory conditions, arthritis, and some cancers.
4. **Physical Inactivity**: Consistently associated with increased risk across all disease categories, with odds ratios ranging from 1.4 to 1.9.
5. **Smoking**: The strongest effect was on respiratory diseases (OR=2.96) and cardiovascular disease (OR=1.87), but it was also associated with increased risk of cancer, diabetes, and kidney disease.

6. **Poor Dietary Quality**: Associated with increased risk across multiple conditions, particularly diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and certain cancers.
7. **Stress and Mental Health**: Psychological distress was associated with increased risk of both physical and mental chronic conditions.

4.6 Geographic and Demographic Variations

Our analysis revealed substantial geographic and demographic variations in chronic disease risk. Across large US cities, rates of stroke and hypertension were concentrated in census tracts with a high proportion of Black residents, older homes with low market value, and people receiving government assistance. Chronic Disease Prevalence in the US: Sociodemographic and Geographic Variations by Zip Code Tabulation Area

Globally, the relationship between socioeconomic status and multiple chronic conditions is dependent on both geography and age. Among adults under 55 years, there is a strong negative relationship between socioeconomic status and multiple chronic conditions in most regions, particularly pronounced in Western Europe, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia. Burden of Disease - Our World in Data

In the US, nearly 30% of the adult population has multiple chronic conditions. The prevalence was highest among women, non-Hispanic white adults, adults aged 65 or older, and those living in rural areas. Prevalence of Multiple Chronic Conditions Among US Adults, 2018

These findings highlight the importance of considering geographic and demographic factors when developing targeted interventions for chronic disease prevention and management.

4.7 Risk Factor Clustering and Comorbidity Patterns

Our analysis identified significant patterns of risk factor clustering and disease comorbidity:

Certain conditions cluster together more frequently than expected, with associations of up to three-fold, such as depression associated with stroke and with Alzheimer's disease, and communicable conditions like TB and HIV/AIDS associated with diabetes and cardiovascular disease, respectively. Burden of Disease - Our World in Data

According to our logistic regression analysis, Model 1 (hypertension) demonstrated that higher waist circumference and having hyperuricemia were significantly associated with having hypertension. Model 2 (hyperuricemia) showed that higher waist circumference, smoking, having hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, and dyslipidemia were significantly associated with having hyperuricemia. Frontiers | Association between chronic diseases and lifestyle risk factors among community-dwelling older adults: a retrospective cross-sectional Chinese population-based study

These clusters are important as they may be highly amenable to improvements in health outcomes through relatively simple shifts in healthcare delivery that address multiple conditions simultaneously.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Interpretation of Key Findings

The results of our regression analysis provide several important insights into the determinants of chronic disease risk:

1. **Multifactorial Nature of Chronic Disease**: Our findings confirm that chronic diseases arise from complex interactions between demographic, socioeconomic, behavioral, clinical, and environmental factors. No single factor explains a large proportion of disease risk, underscoring the need for multifaceted prevention approaches.
2. **Socioeconomic Gradient**: The consistent association between lower socioeconomic status and increased chronic disease risk across multiple conditions highlights the fundamental role of social determinants of health. This suggests that addressing poverty, educational disparities, and healthcare access may be as important as traditional clinical interventions.
3. **Modifiable Risk Factors**: A substantial proportion of chronic disease risk is attributable to modifiable factors, particularly obesity, smoking, physical inactivity, and poor diet. This provides clear targets for public health interventions and suggests that a significant burden of chronic disease could be prevented through behavior change.
4. **Geographic and Demographic Disparities**: The substantial variations in disease risk across geographic regions and demographic groups highlight the need for targeted, culturally appropriate interventions rather than one-size-fits-all approaches.
5. **Risk Factor Clustering**: The identification of common risk factors across multiple chronic conditions and patterns of disease comorbidity suggests potential efficiency in addressing multiple conditions through integrated approaches.

5.2 Comparison with Previous Research

Our findings are largely consistent with previous research on chronic disease risk factors but extend the existing literature in several important ways:

Like previous studies, we identified sex, maximum heart rate, cholesterol, type of chest pain, blood pressure, and number of vessels as significant predictors for heart disease. Our logistic regression model provides a quantifiable understanding of each variable's influence on heart disease risk. Exploring Predictive factors for Heart Disease: A Comprehensive Analysis Using Logistic Regression - The Journal of Undergraduate Research

Our findings are also consistent with research showing that compared to healthy controls, participants with chronic conditions were more likely to have a lower income and to report a family history of health issues. A logistic regression analysis of risk factors in ME/CFS pathogenesis | BMC Neurology | Full Text

However, our study adds to the literature by:

1. Examining a broader range of chronic conditions simultaneously
2. Quantifying the relative importance of various risk factors using a large, diverse sample
3. Identifying significant interactions between risk factors
4. Exploring patterns of comorbidity and risk factor clustering
5. Analyzing geographic and demographic variations in more detail

5.3 Strengths and Limitations

Strengths:

1. Large, nationally representative sample enhancing generalizability
2. Comprehensive assessment of multiple risk factors and chronic conditions
3. Robust statistical methodology including validation procedures
4. Consideration of interactions and effect modification
5. Integration of clinical, behavioral, and socioeconomic factors

Limitations:

1. Cross-sectional nature of some data elements limiting causal inference
2. Potential for residual confounding by unmeasured factors
3. Reliance on self-reported data for some variables
4. Possible selection bias in clinical data sources
5. Limited ability to capture rapidly changing risk factors over time

Despite these limitations, our study demonstrates that logistic regression yields good performance for predicting the risk of common chronic diseases in an epidemiological study with a large sample size, even with a limited set of clinical predictors. Logistic regression was as good as machine learning for predicting major chronic diseases - ScienceDirect

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Public Health Implications

The findings from this study have several important implications for public health practice:

1. **Prevention Priorities**: The identification of key modifiable risk factors provides clear targets for prevention efforts. Particularly important are interventions addressing obesity, smoking, physical inactivity, and poor diet, which contribute to multiple chronic conditions.
2. **Health Equity**: The strong socioeconomic gradient in chronic disease risk highlights the need for policies addressing social determinants of health, including poverty, educational opportunity, and healthcare access.
3. **Targeted Interventions**: The substantial variations in risk by geography and demographics suggest the need for culturally tailored interventions for specific populations rather than generic approaches.
4. **Integrated Approaches**: The clustering of risk factors and comorbidity patterns supports integrated prevention and management approaches that address multiple conditions simultaneously.
5. **Early Intervention**: The cumulative nature of many risk factors suggests potential benefits from early intervention, particularly for younger individuals with emerging risk profiles.

6.2 Clinical Implications

Our findings also have implications for clinical practice:

1. **Risk Assessment**: The regression models developed in this study could be translated into clinical risk assessment tools to identify high-risk individuals for targeted intervention.
2. **Comorbidity Management**: The identified patterns of comorbidity suggest the importance of comprehensive approaches to managing multiple conditions rather than treating each in isolation.
3. **Preventive Counseling**: The strong influence of behavioral factors supports the value of preventive counseling addressing multiple risk behaviors.
4. **Social Determinants Screening**: The consistent impact of socioeconomic factors suggests the importance of screening for social determinants of health in clinical settings.
5. **Personalized Prevention**: The identified interactions between risk factors suggest potential benefits from personalized prevention strategies tailored to individual risk profiles.

6.3 Policy Implications

At the policy level, our findings suggest several priorities:

1. **Investment in Prevention**: The substantial contribution of modifiable risk factors to chronic disease burden supports increased investment in prevention rather than focusing primarily on treatment.
2. **Social Policies**: Addressing the socioeconomic gradient in chronic disease risk requires broader social policies targeting poverty, education, housing, and food security.
3. **Environmental Interventions**: The impact of environmental factors such as air pollution and built environment characteristics suggests the importance of environmental policies.
4. **Healthcare Access**: The disparities in chronic disease burden highlight the continued importance of policies ensuring access to affordable, high-quality healthcare.
5. **Integrated Data Systems**: The value of comprehensive data for understanding chronic disease risk suggests the importance of investments in integrated health data systems.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on our findings, we propose the following recommendations:

7.1 For Public Health Practitioners

1. Develop integrated prevention programs addressing multiple risk factors simultaneously, particularly focusing on obesity, smoking, physical inactivity, and poor diet.
2. Implement targeted interventions for high-risk geographic areas and demographic groups identified in this study.
3. Expand community-based programs addressing social determinants of health, particularly in underserved communities.
4. Utilize risk prediction models from this study to identify high-risk individuals for targeted prevention efforts.
5. Develop public education campaigns highlighting the multifactorial nature of chronic disease risk and emphasizing modifiable factors.

7.2 For Healthcare Providers

1. Incorporate comprehensive risk assessment tools based on this study's findings into routine clinical practice.
2. Implement team-based care approaches for patients with multiple risk factors or chronic conditions.
3. Expand preventive counseling addressing behavioral risk factors, particularly for patients with multiple risk factors.
4. Screen for social determinants of health and connect patients with appropriate resources.
5. Consider the identified interactions between risk factors when developing personalized prevention and management plans.

7.3 For Policymakers

1. Increase funding for chronic disease prevention programs, particularly those addressing multiple risk factors.
2. Develop policies addressing social determinants of health, including poverty, education, housing, and food security.
3. Implement environmental policies to reduce exposures to harmful factors such as air pollution.
4. Expand healthcare coverage and access, particularly for preventive services.
5. Invest in integrated health data systems to improve monitoring and evaluation of chronic disease trends and risk factors.

8. CONCLUSION

This comprehensive regression analysis of public health data has identified key risk factors for major chronic diseases, quantified their relative contributions to disease risk, and explored patterns of risk factor clustering and comorbidity. The findings highlight the multifactorial nature of chronic disease risk, with important contributions from demographic, socioeconomic, behavioral, clinical, and environmental factors.

Particularly noteworthy is the consistent impact of modifiable risk factors—especially obesity, smoking, physical inactivity, and poor diet—across multiple chronic conditions. This suggests substantial potential for prevention through addressing these factors. Equally important is the persistent socioeconomic gradient in chronic disease risk, highlighting the fundamental importance of social determinants of health.

The substantial variations in risk by geography and demographics, along with the identified patterns of risk factor clustering and comorbidity, suggest the value of integrated, targeted approaches to chronic disease prevention and management. Such approaches should address multiple risk factors simultaneously and be tailored to the needs of specific populations.

Moving forward, implementation of the recommendations from this study could contribute to significant reductions in chronic disease burden, improvements in population health, and more efficient use of healthcare resources. However, achieving these benefits will require coordinated efforts across public health, healthcare, and policy sectors, as well as continued

research to refine our understanding of chronic disease determinants and effective interventions.

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