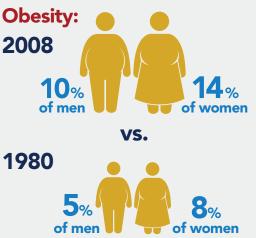


CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AROUND THE WORLD

CVD RISK FACTORS:



Hypertension:



About 40% of people over the age of 25 years have high blood pressure

CURRENT LANDSCAPE:

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the leading global cause of death accounting for

17.3 million deaths/year

30% of CVD deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries

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CVD deaths/year are expected to grow to more than 23.6 million by 2030

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Dyslipidemia: An estimated 39% of the global population

has elevated cholesterol



Smoking:

U.S. smoking rates have decreased, but at least 25% of residents living in Greece, Chile, Ireland, Hungary, Estonia, Spain, and Turkey smoke cigarettes

one half diseases (NCDs)

Source: The Worldwide Environment of Cardiovascular Disease: Prevalence, Diagnosis, Therapy, and Policy Issues: A Report From the American College of Cardiology