The Global Burden of Disease Study 2013

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Christopher J.L. Murray, MD, DPhil, is a Professor of Global Health at the University of Washington, Institute Director of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) & founder of the Global Burden of Disease (GBD) approach. A physician and health economist, his work developed a range of new methods and empirical studies to strengthen the basis for population health measurement, measure the performance of public health and medical care systems, and assess the cost effectiveness of health technologies. IHME is focused on the challenges of measurement and evaluation in the areas of health outcomes, health services, financial and human resources, evaluations of policies, programs and systems, and decision analytics.

To provide policymakers, researchers, donors, and other decision-makers with the most timely and up-to-date picture of population health to inform critical decisions, the Global Burden of Disease (GBD) will produce annual updates to its estimates. The first update, GBD 2013, uses and expands upon the infrastructure of methodology, datasets, and tools that were presented in GBD 2010, and presents estimates of all-cause mortality, deaths by cause, years of life lost, years lived with disability, and disability-adjusted life years by country, age, and sex. This project has drawn upon the efforts of a multitude of people, including more than 1,000 experts from over 100 countries. The first results from GBD 2013 were published in May 2014, and the remainder will be available in the coming months.

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