

Treating traffic deaths like an epidemic

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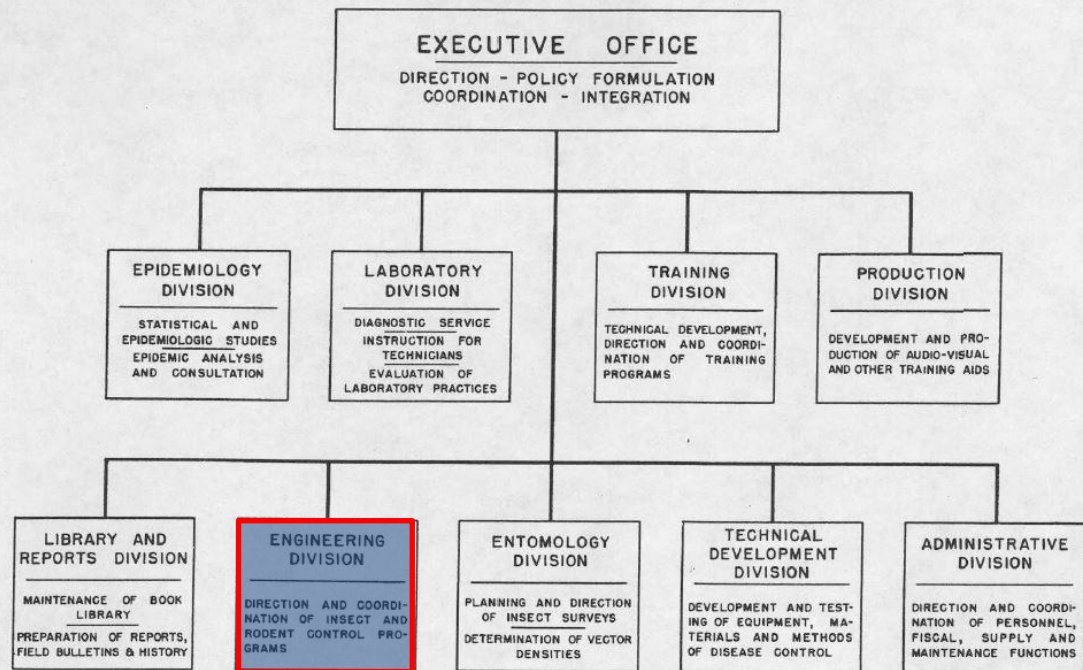
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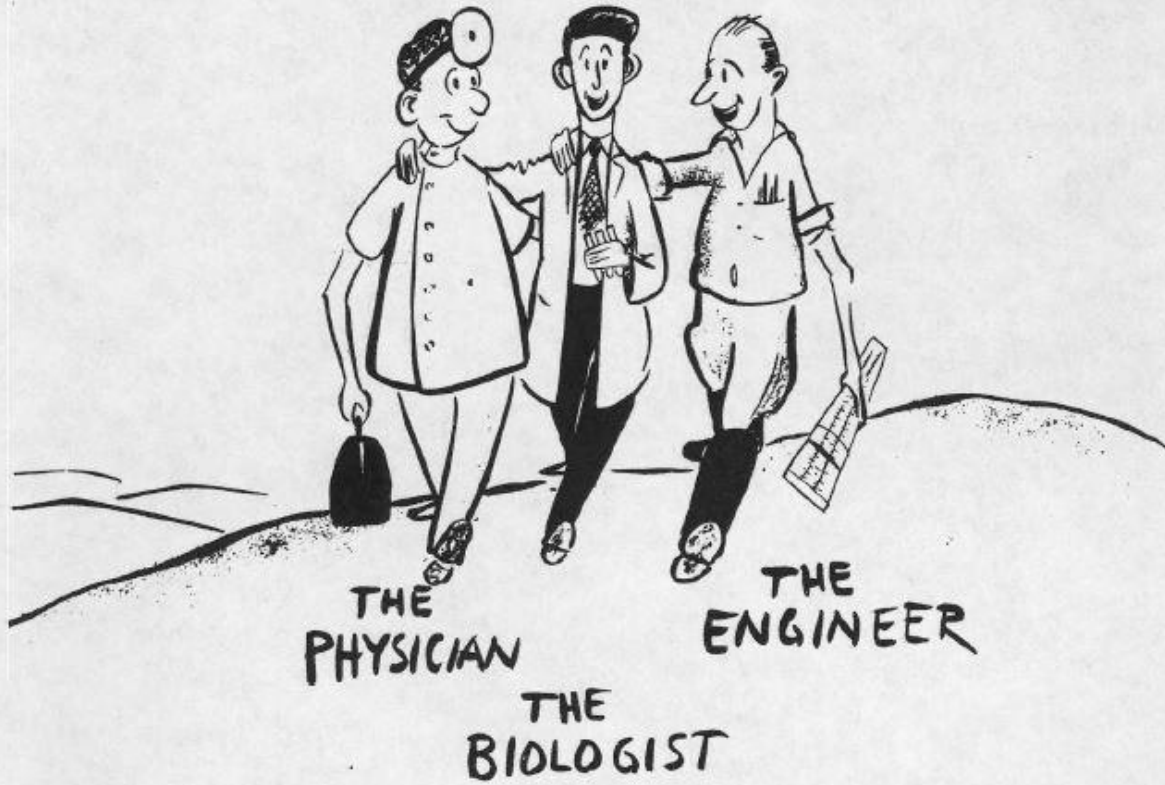
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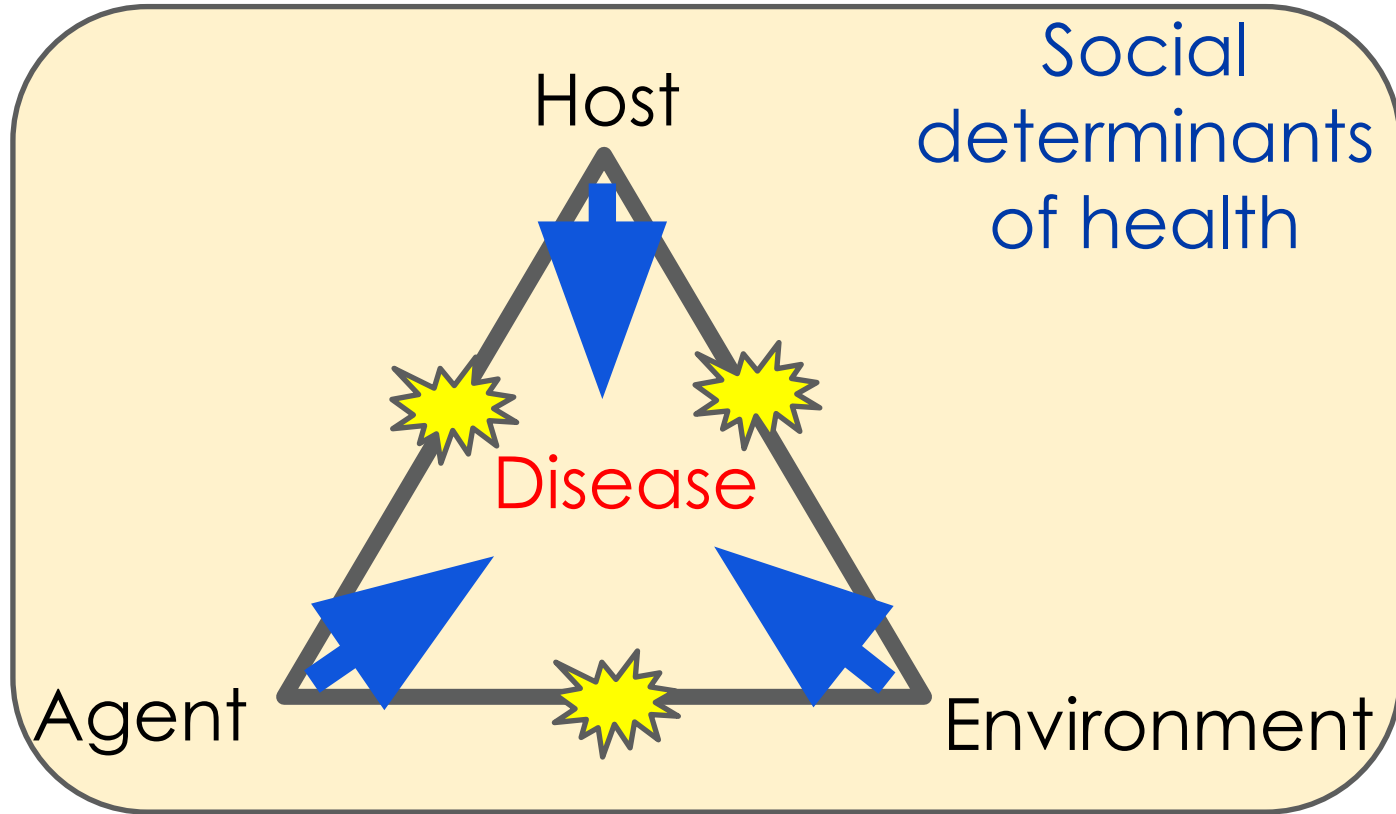
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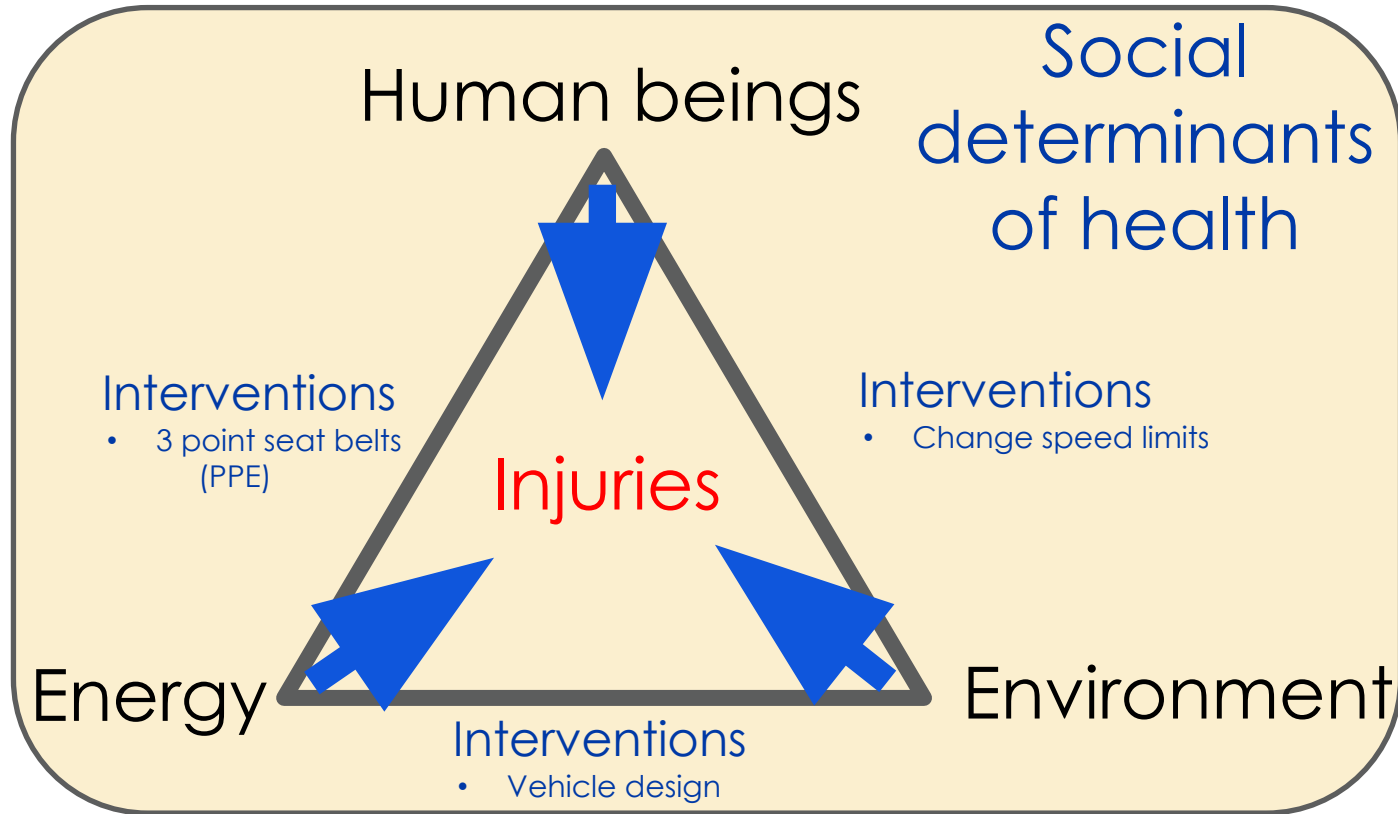
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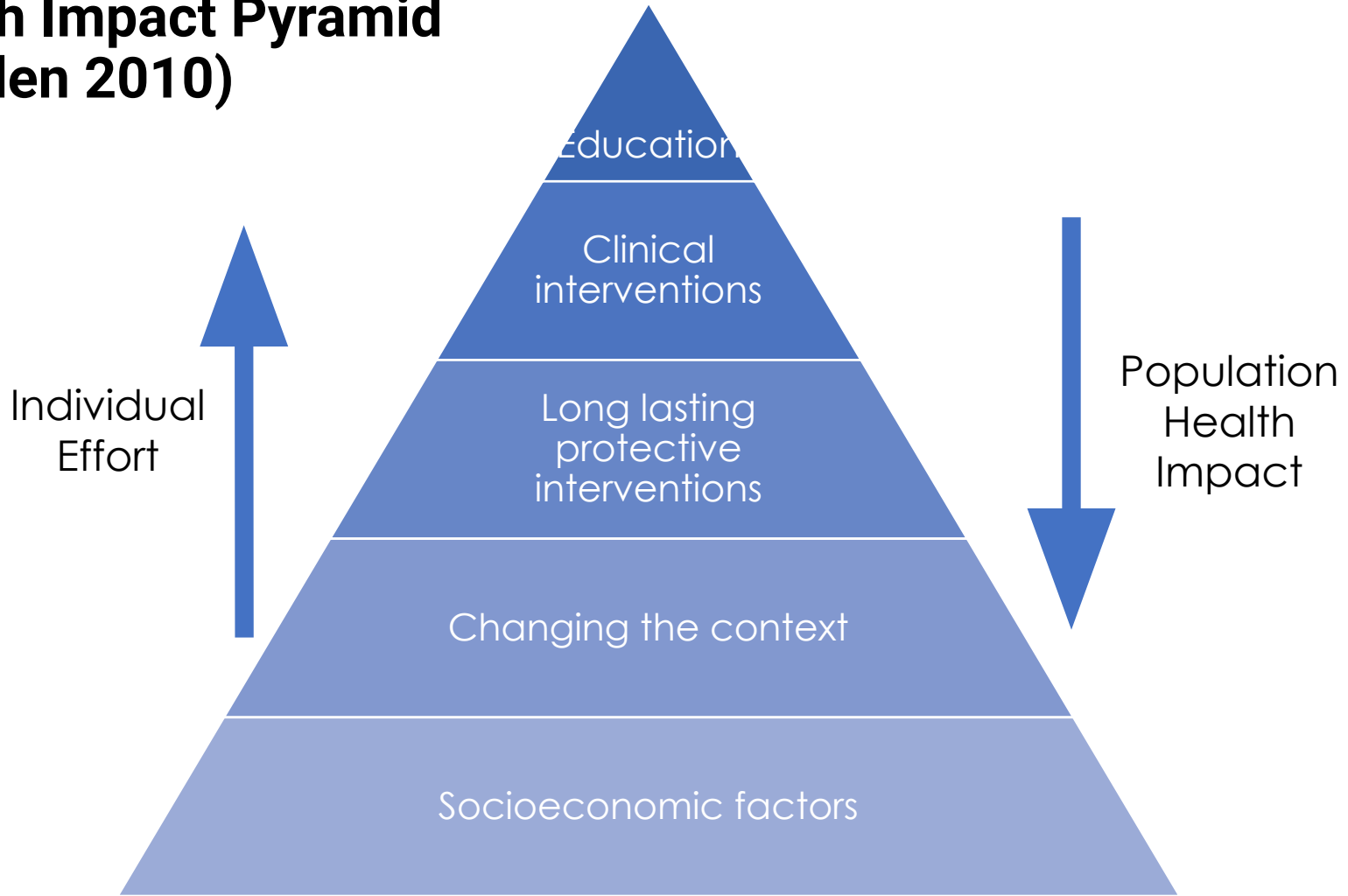
Epidemiologic Triad



Epidemiologic Triad-Injury



Health Impact Pyramid (Frieden 2010)



Safe Systems Pyramid



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Key points

- **The public health approach**
 - Prioritizes systemic change
 - Focuses on causes and effect

- **The Safe Systems Pyramid**
 - Emphasizes that multisectoral interventions are important but some have a larger influence on population health
 - Prioritizes intervention efforts based on:
 - Population health effect
 - Reduction in kinetic energy transfer

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DISCUSSION

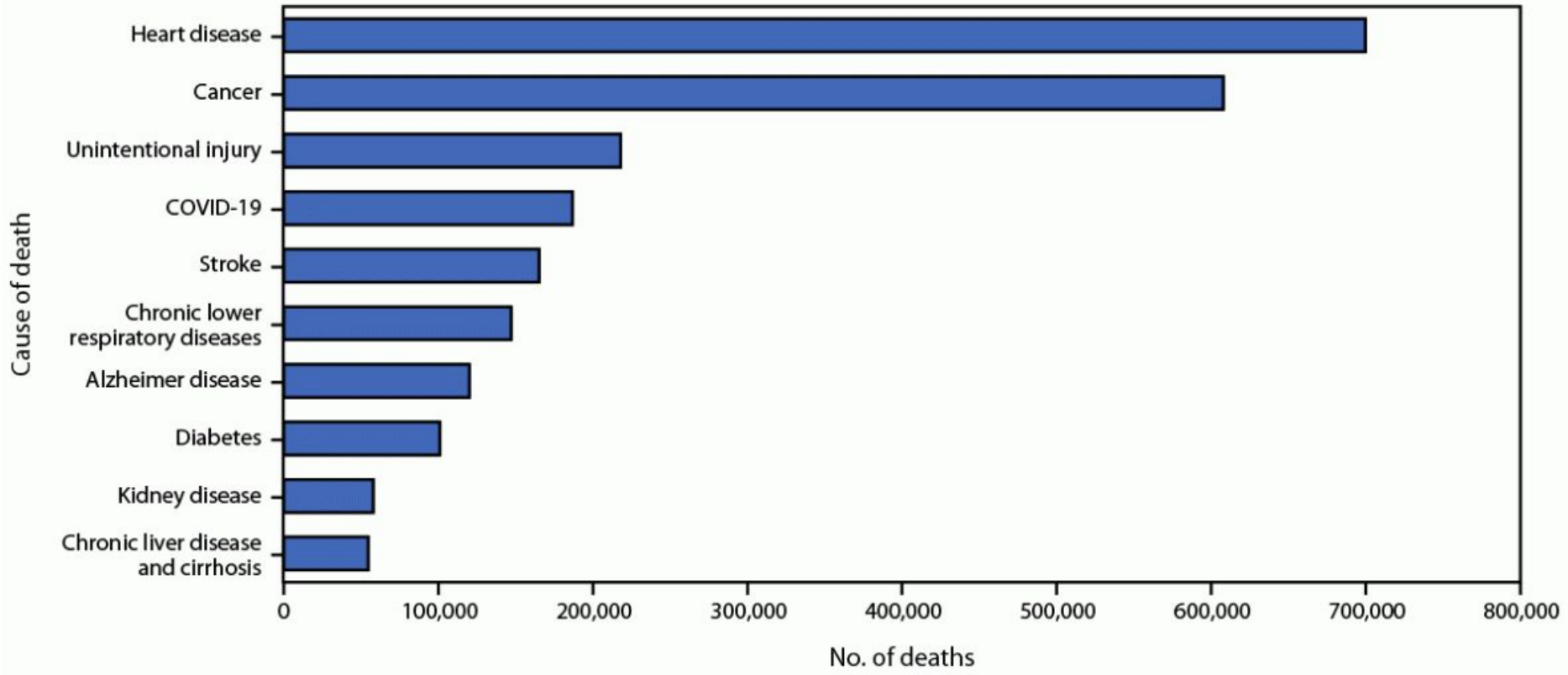
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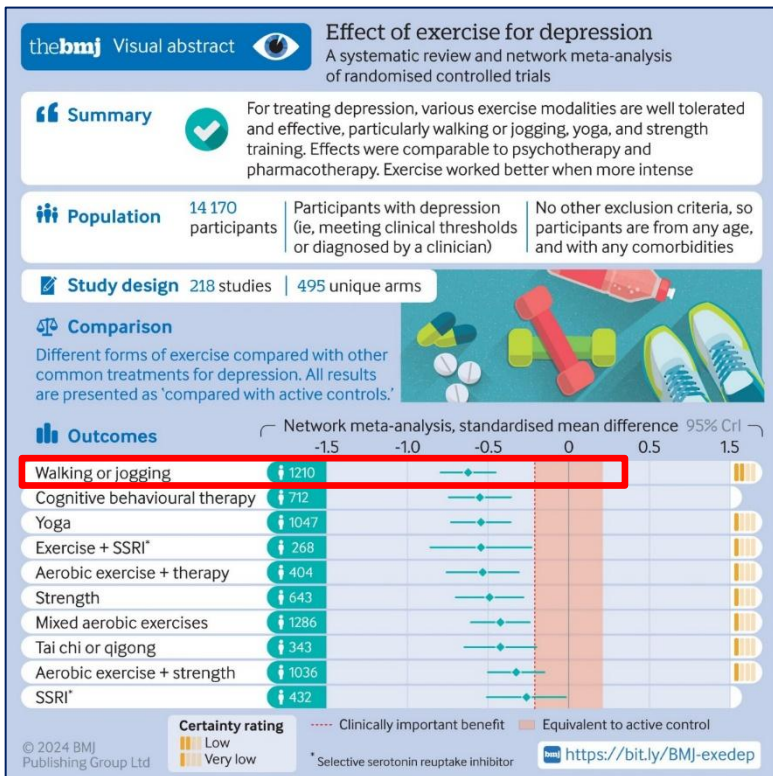
phasis. The sanitary engineer is primarily a designer or a builder. He is, in fact, a civil and hydraulic engineer specializing in a rather restricted field, confined for the most part to works relating to municipal water supply and sewerage.

The public health engineer on the other hand is primarily a student and worker in the field of public health. The range of his activities is wider, and his training and knowledge are of essentially different character. It is not so important that he know how to build a sewer as that he know why sewers are necessary and what results may be anticipated from the discharge of their contents without treatment into a body of water. Trained to think with the

FIGURE 2. Leading underlying causes of death^{*,†}— National Vital Statistics System, United States, 2022



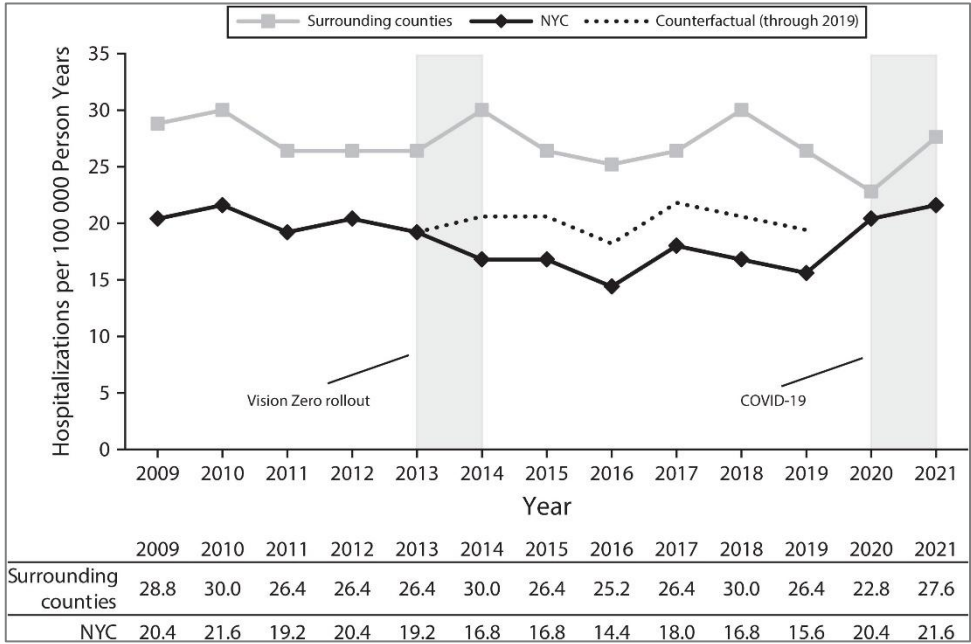
Transportation can improve people's lives



The effect of walking is comparable to that of pharmaceuticals in treating depression.



Transportation policy is health policy



Medicaid spending was \$90 million less than expected after Vision Zero was implemented in New York.

Thank you.

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