# Health Economics in the Extramural Programs of the National Institute on Aging

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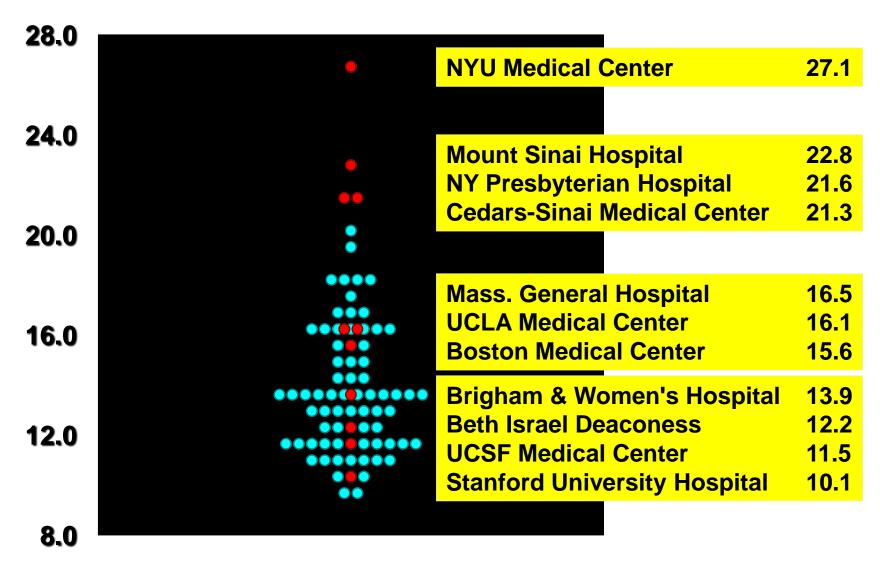
#### **NIA Health Economics**

- Roughly \$80m per year
- Range of mechanisms, including P30 center pilots, program projects, and cooperative agreements
- Major topics include
  - Burden of illness (including costs of informal care)
  - Variations in health care intensity
  - Medicare/Medicaid interactions; chronic disease
  - Behavioral economics; applications to health
  - National health accounts
  - Cross-national comparisons

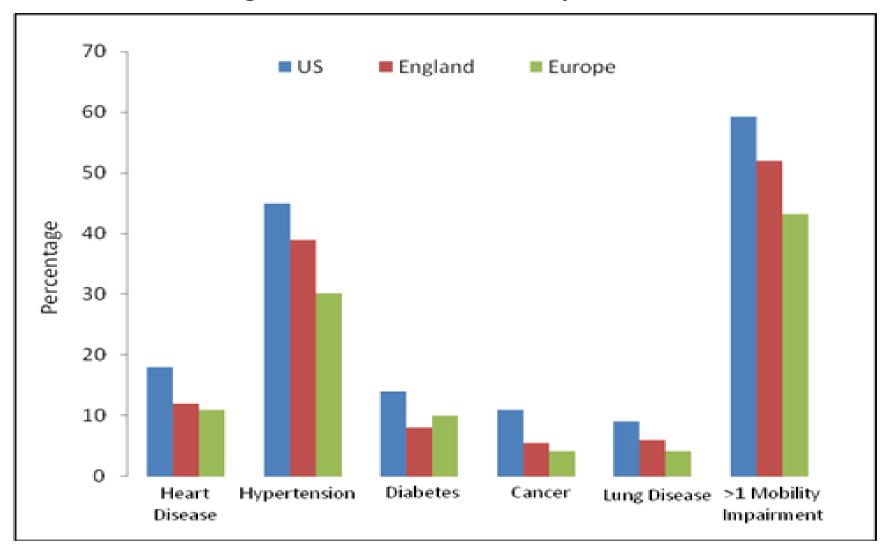




# Days in Hospitals During Last Six Months of Life Among Patients Assigned to "Best" Hospitals



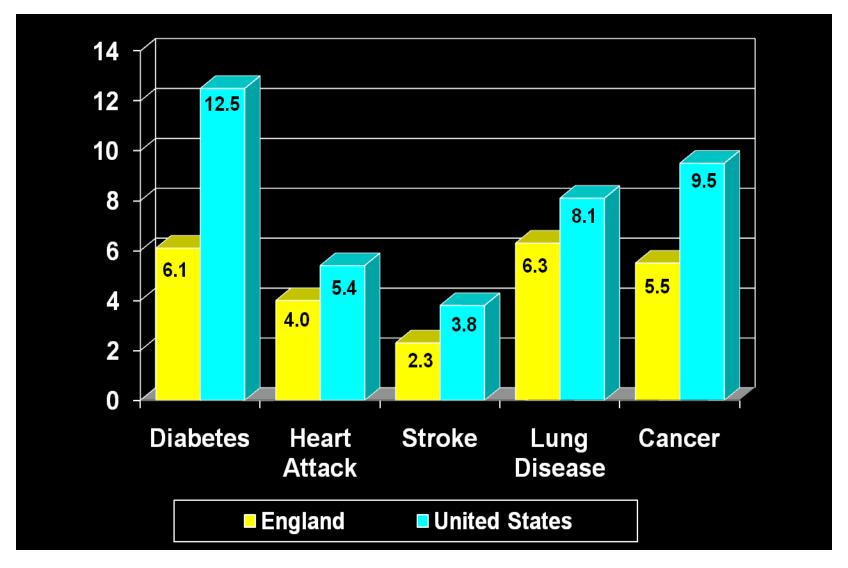
## Prevalence of Chronic Disease and Disability among People Aged 50-74 in the US, England, and 10 Other European Nations: 2004



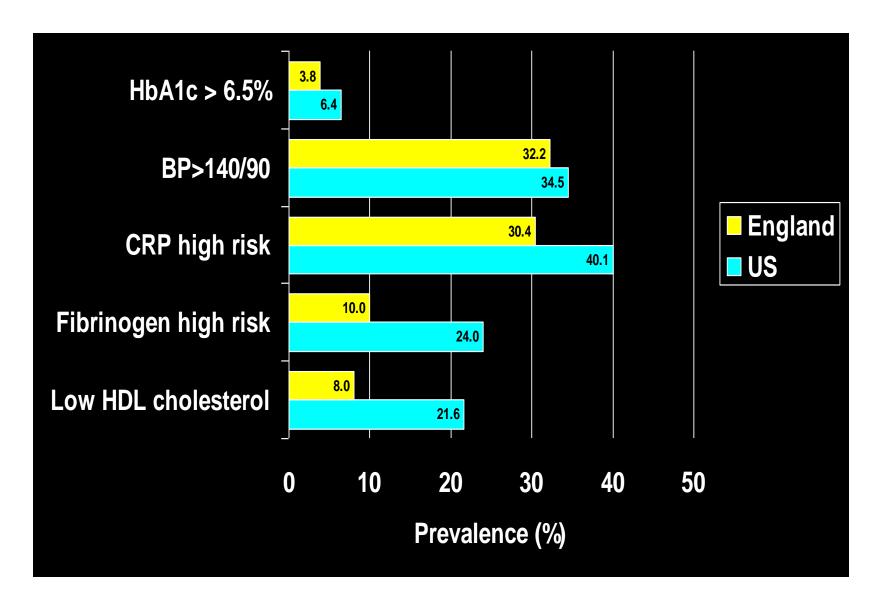
Source: Adapted from Avendano, Glymour, Banks, and Mackenbach, 2009.

#### Disease Prevalence in England and the US (ages 55-64)

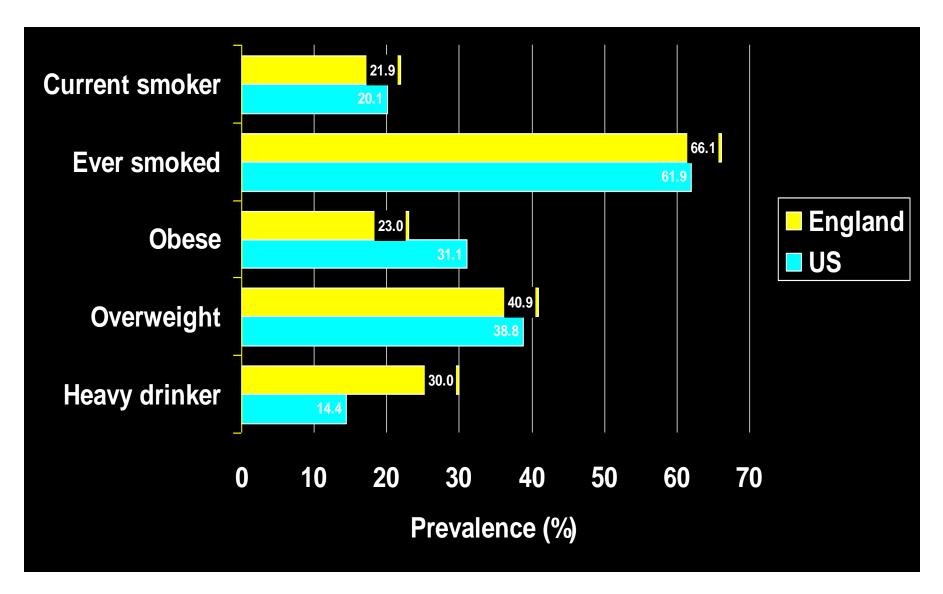
(Self-reported)



## Biological Markers Also Exhibit Large Differences (ages 40-70) (Health Survey for England; NHANES)

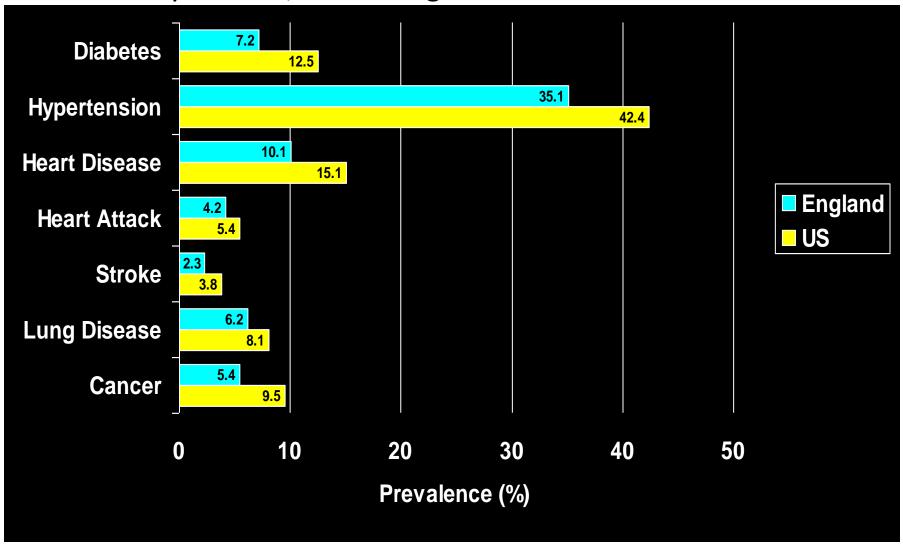


#### Some Differences in Risk Factors (ages 55-64)

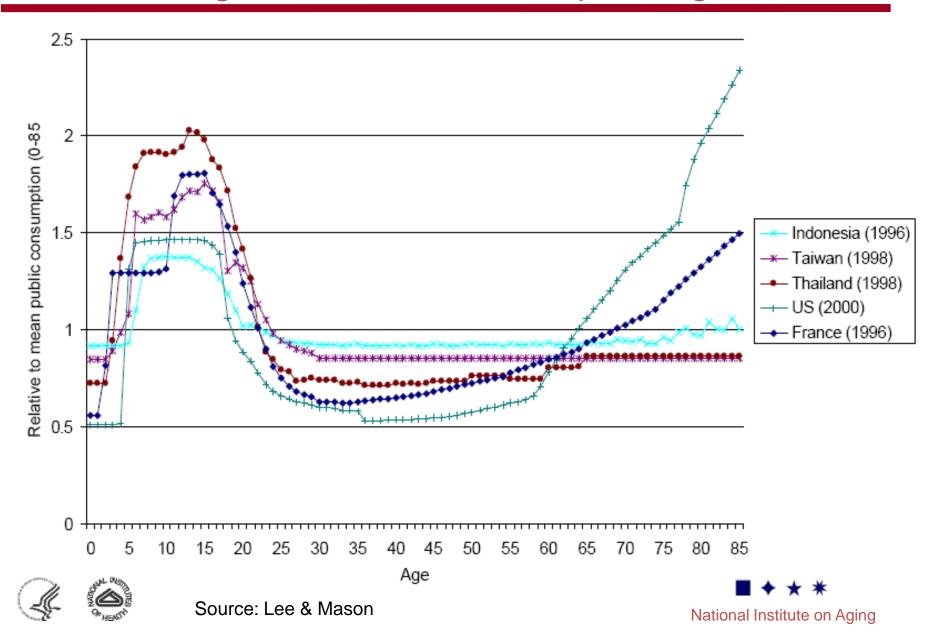


#### Americans are Sicker than the English

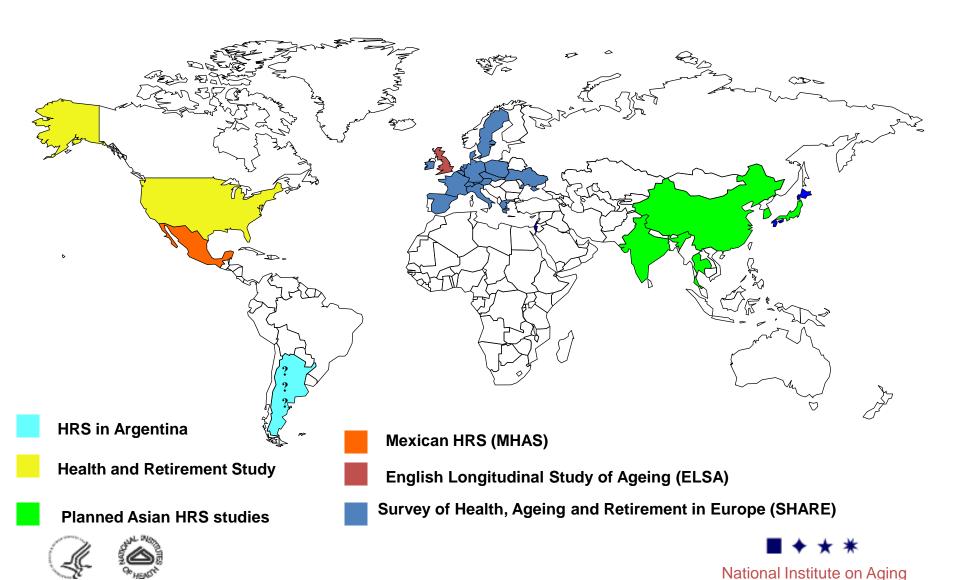
55-64 year olds; controlling for differences in risk factors



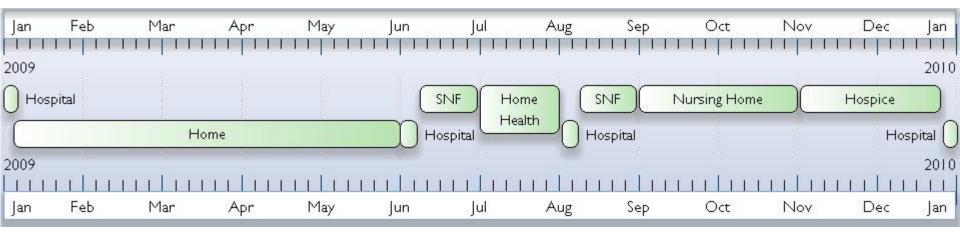
#### Age Profiles of Public Spending



#### **HRS-like Studies' Global Coverage**



### TRAJECTORIES, NOT EPISODES



CLINICAL RESEARCH TASK- What outcomes produced by different trajectories for different types of patients?

SYSTEMS RESEARCH TASK- What determines which patients get onto different trajectories?