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Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease, Diabetes and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease in Europe, 1950-2015

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In France, data on deaths are available from 1950 to 2015 in the WHO mortality database.

Of the four major causes of death considered, Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) is the most important, followed by all malignant neoplasms and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). However, since the 1990s, mortality rates from cancer are higher than from cardiovascular disease. Mortality rates from cancer, cardiovascular disease and COPD are higher in men than in women. Mortality rates from all forms of cancer increased during the period 1950-1985 in men, followed by a subsequent decline, while in women the decline in mortality rates was observed since the 1950s. For cardiovascular disease, a decrease in mortality was observed since the 1950s. Regarding COPD, a slight decrease was observed in men since the 1950s while in women the rates seemed stable over the period. An abrupt drop is notable in 2000 for COPD mortality due to a change in disease classification. Mortality from diabetes remains difficult to interpret.

Lung and breast cancers are the commonest causes of cancer death. For haematological malignancies, breast cancer and lung cancer in men, mortality trends are similar to all cancer mortality in men with increasing mortality rates from 1950 to the 1990s followed by decreasing rates until 2015. On the contrary, mortality rates from lung cancer in women have been rising since the 1980s. Decreasing mortality trends are observed since 1950 for stomach cancer in both genders and colorectal cancer in women. In men, colorectal cancer mortality increased from the 1950s to the late 1970s and then subsequently declined.



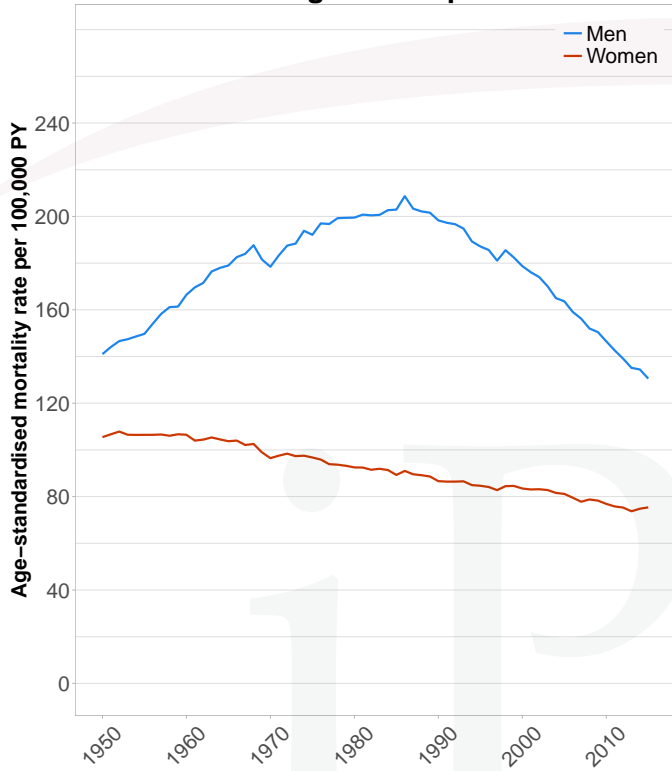
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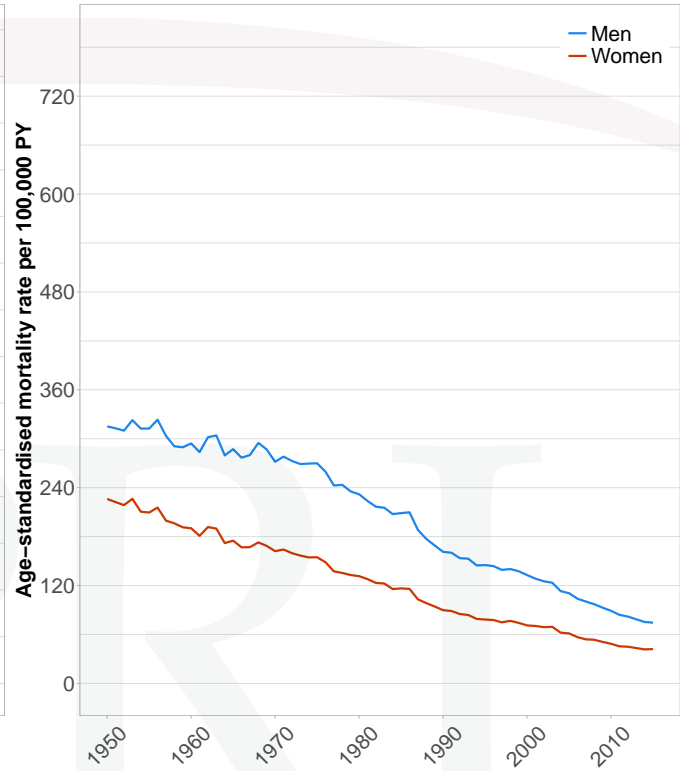
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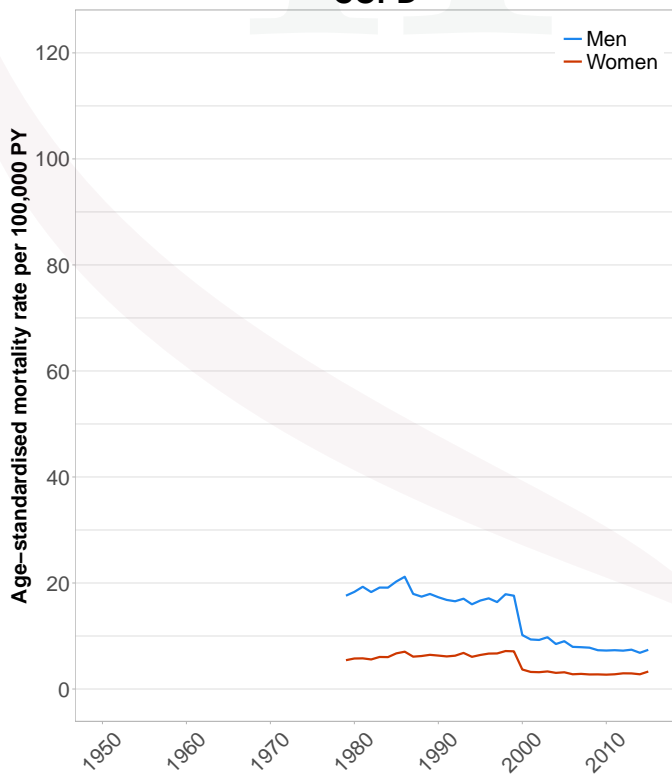
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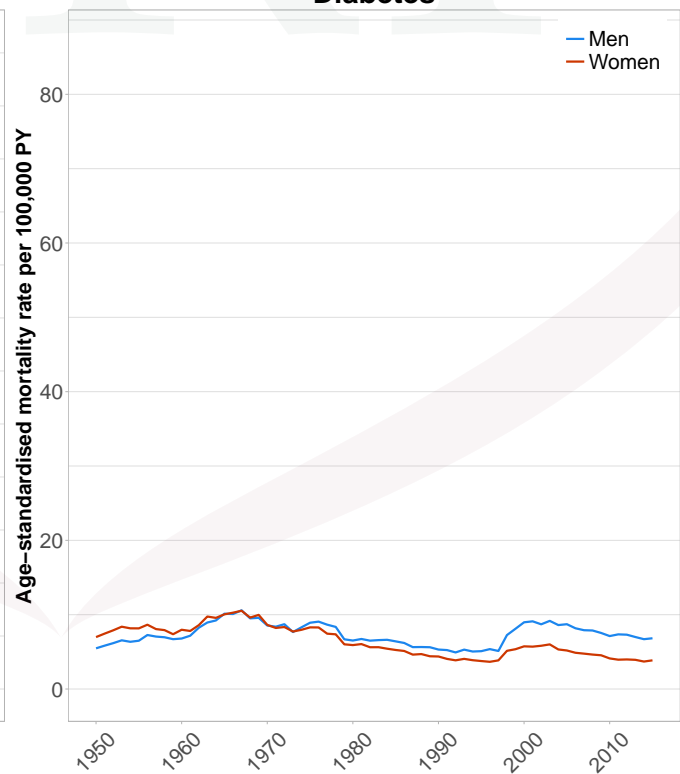
Cardiovascular disease



COPD



Diabetes



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