

# Global Burden of Disease: role and importance in understanding GH

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## Session Objectives:

When students finish this session, they should be able to:

- Discuss the basic concepts related to the Global Burden of Disease and Risk Factors studies
- Review broadly the leading causes of death and DALYs globally and how they vary by age group, sex, and country income group
- Review the leading risk factors for deaths and DALYs globally and how they vary by age and country income group
- Articulate how data on the global burden of disease and risk factors can be a foundation for understanding key global health issues and how they might

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

**Richard Skolnik** has worked for more than 40 years in education, health, and development and is one of the world's most experienced teachers of global health. Richard worked at the World Bank from 1976 to 2001, last serving as the Director for Health and Education for the South Asia region. His health work at the World Bank focused on health systems development, family planning and reproductive health, child health, the control of communicable diseases, and nutrition in low-income countries. From 2001 to 2004 and from 2009 until 2011, Richard was a lecturer in the Department of Global Health at The George Washington University (GWU), where he also served as the Director of the Center for Global Health. In 2005 and 2006, Richard was the Executive Director of the Harvard School of Public Health PEPFAR program for AIDS treatment in Botswana, Nigeria, and Tanzania. In 2007 and 2008, he was the Vice President for International Programs at the Population Reference Bureau (PRB). From 2012 to 2016, Richard was a lecturer in the Health Policy and Management Department at the Yale School of Public Health (YSPH) and from 2013 until 2016 he was also a lecturer in the Practice of Management at the Yale School of Management (SOM). At Yale, Richard taught introductory and advanced global health courses in Yale College, YSPH and SOM. Richard also developed for Yale a massive open online course, *Essentials of Global Health*, which is on Coursera. Richard continues to hold an appointment as a Lecturer at YSPH. Both at the World Bank and later, Richard participated extensively in policymaking and program development at the international level, especially on leprosy, TB, HIV, and polio. Richard received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University and a Master of Public Affairs degree from the School of Public and International Affairs of Princeton University. He is the author of *Global Health 101, Fourth Edition*, and *Global Population Health – A Primer*.

## REFERENCES