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Discourse of Cardiovascular Disease in India

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Venue : Mrs Chen Yang Foo Oi Telemedicine Centre (MTC), 2/F, William MW Mong Block, LKS Faculty of Medicine Building, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam, Hong Kong

Abstract:

As in China, there has been an increased focus on non-communicable diseases in India, especially on cardiovascular diseases and associated risk factors. This talk will scrutinize the prevailing narrative that cardiovascular disease is no longer confined to the economically advantaged groups but is an increasing burden among the poor in India. Currently evidence clearly suggests that cardiovascular disease (CVD) is more prevalent among high socio-economic position (SEP) groups in India than among the low SEP groups. Explanations for this situation will be given and for the contrasting interpretation that the positive SEP-CVD association has reversed in India, as well as implications for other Asian countries, and for our understanding of the etiology of CVD.

Bio-sketch:

S ("Subu") V Subramanian is a Professor of Population Health and Geography at the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and a senior faculty member at the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies. He is also the founding director for an interdisciplinary PhD program in Population Health Sciences at Harvard University. Professor Subramanian received his under- and post-graduate training at the University of Delhi, and completed his PhD in Geography from the University of Portsmouth in 2000. He has published nearly 500 articles, book chapters and books in the field of social and contextual determinants of health, health inequalities in India with a special emphasis on nutritional inequalities among children and adults, and applied multilevel statistical models.



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Professor Subramanian was the first to develop a course on the concept and application of multilevel statistical methods at Harvard, which he teaches both at Harvard and around the world. He has advised over 100 masters, doctoral and postdoctoral students as mentor, academic advisor and dissertation committee member. Professor Subramanian has served as a permanent member of the National Institutes of Health Community Influences on Health Behavior (CIHB) Study Section, and as reviewer for several national and international funding agencies. He is the Co-Editor-in-Chief for the international journal Social Science & Medicine (SSM) and SSM – Population Health, in addition to being a Senior Editor for the social epidemiology office of SSM, editorial consultant to The Lancet, international advisory board member for the Lancet Global Health, and academic editor to PLoS Medicine.

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