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Cultural Change Altering Patterns of Disease

Indonesia is in the midst of rapid cultural change, and this is evident through observing the changing patterns of the disease. In the past infectious diseases were most prevalent within the pattern of disease. Currently, however, the pattern of disease is shifting away from infectious disease such as traffic accidents, coronary heart disease, cancer, and kidney failure. Although infectious diseases such as tuberculosis remains prevalent problem, more attention and funding is needed to address the aforementioned four non-infectious disease within the community. The problem is that cultural change is not followed by an increase in community health education. Level of education of the community is increasing rapidly, but not followed by better health behavior. A joint effort between the government and society is needed to improve the public health level and also enhance life expectancy.