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PREVENTION OF DISABILITY

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FOUR LEVEL OF PREVENTION

- Primordial prevention
- Primary prevention
- Secondary prevention
- Tertiary prevention

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PRIMORDIAL PREVENTION

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❖ Prevention of the emergence or development of risk factors in population groups in which they have not yet appeared

❖Example ????



PRIMARY PREVENTION

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• Action taken prior to the onset of the disease, which removes the possibility that a disease will ever occur



Signifies the intervention in the pre pathogenesis phase of the disease

APPROACHES IN CHRONIC DISABILTIES



Population (mass) strategy

 Directed towards the whole population irrespective of individual risk levels

Directed towards socioeconomic, behavioral and lifestyle changes

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High risk strategy:

Aims to bring the preventive care to the individual at special risk

 Requires a detection of individual with high risk with optimum use of clinical methods

Safety and low cost and wide application



SECONDARY PREVENTION

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❖Action which halts the progression of the disease at its incipient stage & prevents complications

Provide sec. prevention for the infected individual & primary prevention for their potential contacts



The specific interventions are:

Early diagnosis (screening tests & case finding program) &
 adequate treatment thus arresting the disease progression



Drawback

❖ Patient has already been subject to mental anguish, physical pain, & the community to loss of productivity

❖ Is an imperfect tool in the control of transmission of disease

More expensive & less effective



TERTIARY PREVENTION

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Intervention in the late pathogenesis phase

- ❖All the measure available to
 - Reduce or limit the impairment & disability
 - Promote the patients adjustment to irremediable conditions



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