1990 to 2017: Critical Global Trends in LUTS/BPH

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Introduction

- Lower urinary tract symptoms attributed to benign prostatic hyperplasia (LUTS/BPH) has significant impacts on quality of life
- Current analyses of trends have focused on North America and Europe
- As life expectancy increases in low-income countries, so will prevalence of age-related non-fatal diseases





Introduction – Financial Burden of LUTS/BPH

- In the US, 28% of Medicare beneficiaries >65 years old carry the diagnosis of BPH
- Fee-for-service costs (excluding medication costs) of BPH/LUTS in the US were estimated at \$785 million in 2013
- Medication costs are similarly high, with 57% of men diagnosed with BPH filling a prescription



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Methods - Global Burden of Disease (GBD) Database

- 1171 worldwide registries and health systems from 1990-2017
- Years Lived with Disease (YLD) were calculated using weighted BPH disease codes (disability weight 0.067)
- We trended estimates for YLDs for LUTS/BPH over 27 years, with subset analyses by sociodemographic (SDI) status





Results: YLDs Attributed to BPH/LUTS



Results: BPH/LUTS vs Other Urologic Disease

Table 1. Global and United States YLDs 2017 all ages both genders, absolute number. GBD standardized methodology and disability indices used.

	YLD	(CI)	
LUTS/BPH	2,427,334	948,607	
Prostate Cancer	843,226	531,978	
Bladder Cancer	247,041	143,414	
Urolithiasis	230,893	78,687	
Kidney Cancer	141,048	88,949	

Global, Both sexes, All Ages, Urolithiasis

Global, Both sexes, All Ages, Prostate cancer

YLDs (Years Lived with Disability), number





Results: BPH/LUTS Stratified by SDI

YLDs (Years Lived with Disability), number

High-middle SDI, Both sexes, All Ages, Benign prostatic hyperplasia
Low-middle SDI, Both sexes, All Ages, Benign prostatic hyperplasia
Middle SDI, Both sexes, All Ages, Benign prostatic hyperplasia
Low SDI, Both sexes, All Ages, Benign prostatic hyperplasia
High SDI, Both sexes, All Ages, Benign prostatic hyperplasia





Discussion – Global Trends of LUTS/BPH

- LUTS/BPH is responsible for more disease impact than any other urologic disease
- Men in higher SDI countries are more likely to experience LUTS/BPH
- As lower SDI countries overcome fatal diseases, a similar rise in LUTS/BPH can be expected



Discussion –LUTS/BPH and the Urologic Workforce



Percentage Change in **Global Population of** Men Over Time as Compared to 1st World **Urologic Workforce** Trends

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Limitations

• Variability in standards of data gathering

- Challenges in non-fatal estimation
 - Identifying true variation of rates of disease
 - Differing systems of defining diseases and measuring symptoms
- Disease severity and medical claims data are generalized from high-income countries
 - Ultimately underestimating YLDs in low- and middle- income countries (disease severity likely higher without alpha-blockers or TURP)



Conclusions

- LUTS/BPH currently represents the largest demand of first-world urology resources and is poised to further accelerate in the future
- The urologic workforce in the United States is becoming inadequate to keep up with increasing demand
- Preventative, complimentary, and cost-effective treatment strategies are crucial to combat these physician-to-patient imbalances



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