Figure 1.2
Leading Causes of Death in US, 1975 vs 2011
Percent of All Causes of Death

1975
- All Malignant Cancers: 19.2%
- Heart Disease: 37.8%
- Cerebrovascular Diseases: 10.3%
- Chronic Lung Disease: 2.3%
- Accidents: 5.4%
- Pneumonia and Influenza: 2.9%
- Other Causes: 22.0%

2011
- All Malignant Cancers: 22.9%
- Heart Disease: 23.7%
- Cerebrovascular Diseases: 5.1%
- Chronic Lung Disease: 5.7%
- Accidents: 5.0%
- Pneumonia and Influenza: 2.1%
- Other Causes: 35.4%

Source: US Mortality Files, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.