Figure 1.2

Leading Causes of Death in US, 1975 vs 2017
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%

2017

All Malignant Cancers: 21.3%
Heart Disease: 23.0%
Cerebrovascular Diseases: 5.2%
Chronic Lung Disease: 5.7%
Accidents: 6.0%
Pneumonia and Influenza: 2.0%
Other Causes: 36.8%

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