



# The RTIRN Seniors Researchers Project: the MNL-AKL connection

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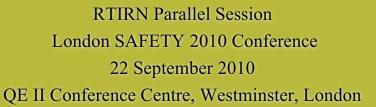
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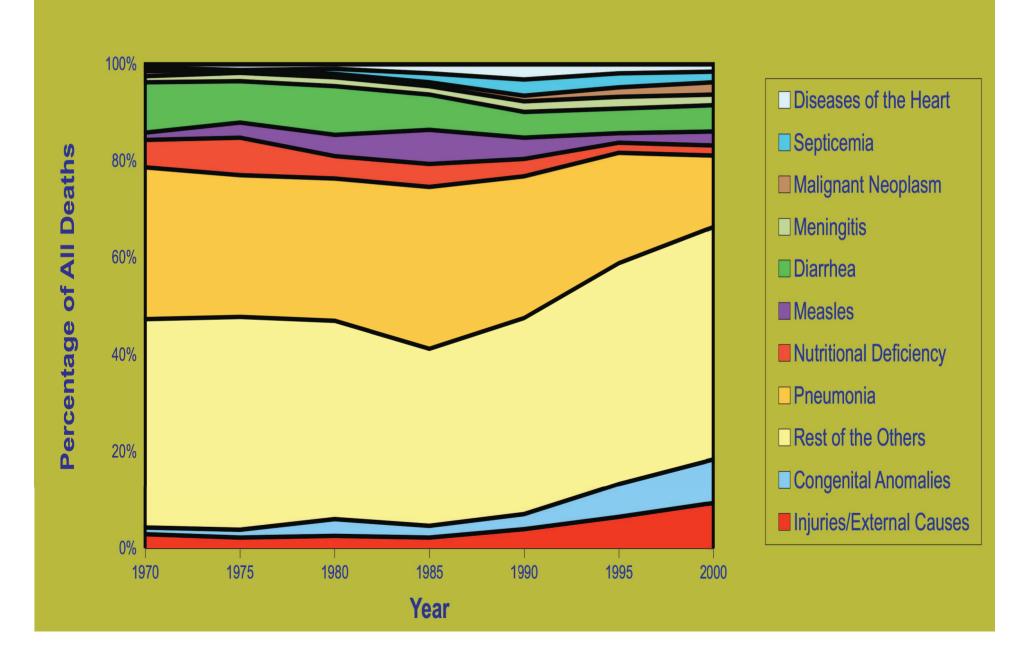








## Health Transition: Proportionate Mortality over Time (Philippines, 1970-2000, Ages 0-14 years)



Rate and Predictors of Full-Text Publication of Abstracts on Road Traffic Injuries Presented at the7th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion (Safety 2004 Conference, Vienna, Austria)

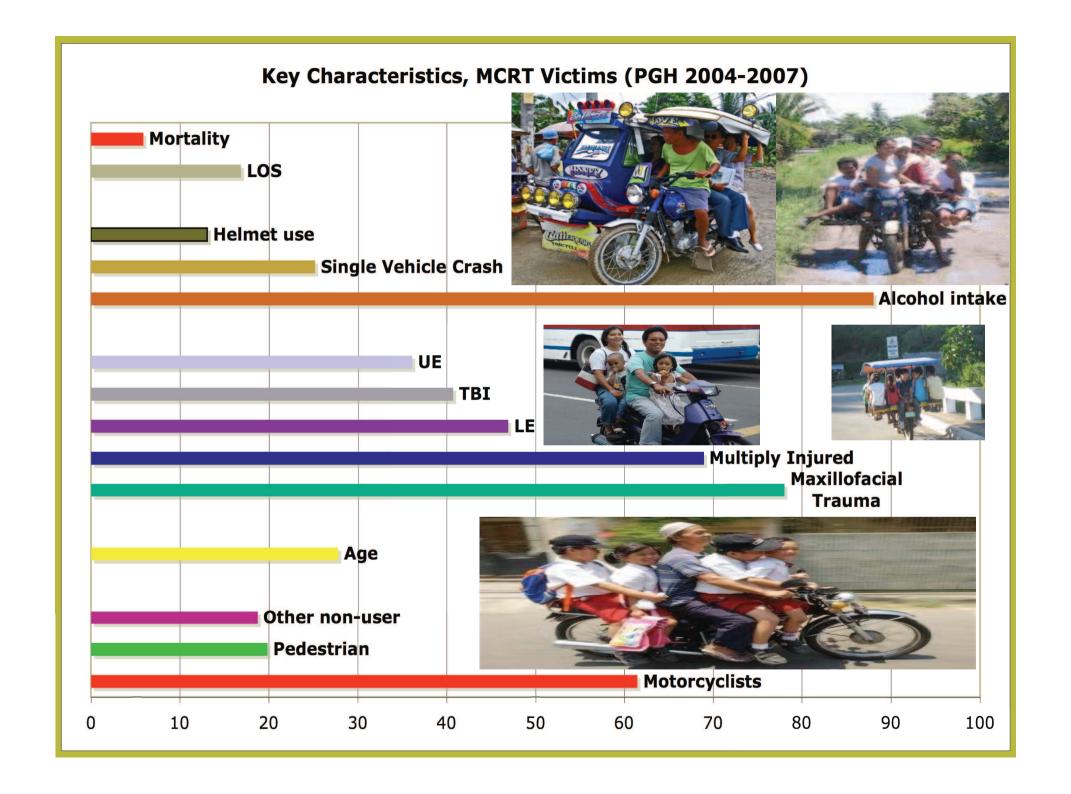
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• Of the 291 abstracts on road traffic injuries, 66 (22.7%) were subsequently published in 36 different journals, with a mean time interval of 24.9 months. Factors associated with significantly higher rate of publication include studies on risk factors for road traffic injuries (36.8%, p=0.003), multiple authorship (30.4%,p=0.000) and use of statistical analysis (39.5%, p=0.001). No significant differences in publication rate were associated with study design, population, setting and affiliation with academic institution.

## A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF ROAD TRAFFIC INJURY RISKS FOR IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS

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Study   Author	year) Title/Journal Citation	Country/Period	Data Source	Population	Comparator	Road user focus	Results	Comments
1 Hasselbe Laflamme (2008)	0, 0		individual census records on country of birth and household socio-economic position were linked to the Hospital Discharge Register so as to identify subjects'		Swedish-born	,		Young drivers from manual worker families have 80 % higher risk for RTIs compared to drivers in families with salaried employee parents (RR 1.83, CI 1.63-2.05). Type II error???
2 Yannis ei (2007)	al Accident risk of foreign drivers in various road environments.  Journal of Safety Research 38.  471–480	Greece (1985- 2000)	Data from the national accident database of Greece are used in a hierarchical log-linear analysis	_	Native Greek drivers		Results confirm that foreign drivers in Greece are at increased risk. However, immigrant permanent residents appear to have a lower risk compared to tourists, regardless of the road environment.	Small mention if immigrants, most focus was on foreign drivers. All non-Greek drivers are at statistically increased risk for RTI. Steadily increasing proportion of fb amonst RTI victims.
3 Gustaffso Falkmer (2006)	, ,	Sweden (2003)	Police reported crashes with personal injuries.	Foreign- born	Swedish born	Drivers	Among foreign born, the average relative crash risk was 50% higher for males and 10% for females compared to native born in the Swedish road transport system	Does foreign-born equal immigrant? In this study, yes because the drivers had at least 10 years iof residence in Sweden.
4 Dobson 6 (2004)	other countries at higher risk of road trauma than locally born people? Accident Analysis and Prevention 36: 375–381	Australia (1994- 1997)	occurred in the state of New South Wales, Australia, between 1 July 1995 and 30 June 1997 due to road crashes were analyzed.	in other countries	in Australia	Pedestrians & Drivers	Drivers born in other countries had rates of death or hospitalization due to road trauma equal to or below those of Australian born drivers. In contrast, pedestrians born in other countries, especially older pedestrians had higher rates of death and hospitalization due to road crashes. Pedestrians aged 60 years or more born in non-English speaking countries where traffic travels on the right-hand side of the road had risks about twice those of Australian born pedestrians in the same age	The study categorized people born in other countries according to the language (English speaking, non-English speaking) and the road convention (left-hand side, right-hand side) of their country of birth. Australia has the left-hand side driving convention.
5 Yannis ei (2007)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Greece (1996- 2001)	Data from the national accident database of Greece are used to calculate accident relative fault risk rates under induced exposure assumptions.		Native Greek drivers	Drivers	Results clearly indicate that foreign drivers in Greece are at increased risk. But no relevant research is available on immigrant permanent residents.	Moreover, foreign nationalities corresponding to permanent residents (i.e. Greeks and Albanians) appear to be at lower fault risk compared to foreign nationalities corresponding to tourists and visitors (e.g. EU



#### **Unfinished Business**

- RTI's in migrant workers in the Middle East.
- Trauma registry- based survey of immigrant RTI's.
- Rural/remote trauma in the Philippines.

### In Closing

- The mentor-mentee relationship cannot be overemphasized.
- The dollar travels much further in LMIC's.
  - RA's
  - Protected time
- Institutional education is important.
- We are making the case for 'outsourcing' and maximizing technologies that connect us.
- The true potential has not yet been seen, we shold work to actualize it.

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