



"Hepatitis A In India: A Review Of Current Knowledge And Future Perspectives"

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Abstract-

Hepatitis A, caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV), remains a significant public health concern in India, a country with diverse socio-economic and environmental conditions that affect disease transmission. This review aims to synthesize current knowledge on the epidemiology, clinical presentation, diagnosis, management, and prevention of hepatitis A in India. Hepatitis A is predominantly transmitted via the fecal-oral route, with outbreaks often linked to contaminated food and water sources. The disease manifests primarily in children and young adults, with symptoms ranging from mild, self-limiting illness to severe liver dysfunction in rare cases. While the overall incidence has declined due to improvements in sanitation and the introduction of vaccination programs, hepatitis A still poses a risk, particularly in underserved regions.

Despite the availability of an effective vaccine, challenges such as limited access, public awareness, and varying immunization coverage hinder comprehensive control efforts. This review also explores future perspectives, emphasizing the need for enhanced surveillance, targeted vaccination strategies, and public health education to mitigate the impact of hepatitis A. Addressing these challenges requires a concerted effort from government agencies, healthcare providers, and communities to ensure equitable health outcomes across India. Through a multi-faceted approach, India can progress towards reducing the burden of hepatitis A and safeguarding public health.

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1. Introduction

Hepatitis A is an infectious disease caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV), a member of the Picornaviridae family. Unlike hepatitis B and C, which can lead to chronic liver disease, hepatitis A primarily causes an acute, self-limiting illness.¹The disease is globally widespread, with higher incidence rates in regions with poor sanitation and limited access to clean water. This overview delves into the virology, transmission, clinical manifestations, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of hepatitis A, with a specific focus on its implications in India.¹

HAV is a small, non-enveloped, single-stranded RNA virus. It is relatively stable in the environment, resistant to heat and acid, which allows it to survive in contaminated food and water.²Hepatitis A virus has a single serotype, which means that infection or vaccination confers long-lasting immunity.² After ingestion, HAV enters the bloodstream through the epithelial lining of the gastrointestinal tract and is transported to the liver, where it replicates in hepatocytes and Kupffer cells.³ The virus is then excreted in bile and shed in the stool, often before the onset of symptoms, facilitating its transmission. The primary mode of transmission for HAV is the fecal-oral route.³ This can occur through direct person-to-person contact or by consuming contaminated food and water. In developing countries, endemic transmission is common, and children are often infected at a young age, frequently without showing symptoms.³ In contrast, in developed countries, where improved sanitation has reduced HAV transmission, older children and adults are more susceptible to infection, often resulting in more severe illness.³

- Contaminated water sources, particularly in areas with inadequate sewage treatment.
- Food contaminated by infected food handlers.
- Consumption of raw or undercooked shellfish harvested from contaminated waters.
- Close personal contact with an infected person, including within households and among individuals in daycare centers.

The incubation period for hepatitis A is typically 15 to 50 days, with an average of about 28 days. The clinical presentation can range from asymptomatic to severe hepatitis. The disease progression generally follows these stages⁴:-

Prodromal Phase: Lasting a few days to a week, characterized by nonspecific symptoms such as fever, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and loss of appetite.⁴

Icteric Phase: Marked by the onset of jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes), dark urine, light-colored stools, and pruritus. This phase typically lasts 1- 3weeks.⁴

Convalescent Phase: Symptoms gradually improve, but fatigue and other minor symptoms may persist for several weeks to months.⁴

Children under six years of age often experience asymptomatic or mild illness, while older children and adults are more likely to develop noticeable symptoms and jaundice. Although rare, severe complications such as fulminant hepatitis (acute liver failure) can occur, especially in older adults and those with underlying liver conditions.⁵

Epidemiological Context of Hepatitis A in India-

In India, hepatitis A has long been recognized as a significant public health concern, particularly in areas with poor sanitation and limited access to clean water.⁶ Historically, the disease was endemic, with the majority of the population exposed to the virus during childhood, leading to widespread immunity.⁶ However, as living conditions and sanitation improved over time, the age-specific incidence rates shifted, resulting in a higher susceptibility among older age groups.⁶

Current Epidemiological Trends- Despite improvements in sanitation and healthcare infrastructure, hepatitis A remains endemic in many parts of India. The prevalence varies across different regions and is influenced by factors such as population density, socio-economic status, and access to healthcare.⁷ Rural areas, where sanitation facilities may be inadequate, often experience higher rates of hepatitis A transmission compared to urban areas.⁷

Age Distribution- The age distribution of hepatitis A cases in India has undergone significant changes in recent years.⁸ While the disease primarily affected children in the past, there has been a shift towards older age groups, particularly adolescents and young adults. This transition is attributed to improvements in sanitation, which delay the age of first exposure to the virus, and increased mobility, leading to higher rates of infection among older individuals.⁸

Regional Disparities- Hepatitis A incidence rates vary widely across different states and regions of India. States with lower socio-economic status and limited access to healthcare tend to have higher prevalence rates.⁹ Additionally, areas prone to natural disasters or environmental contamination may experience periodic outbreaks of hepatitis A.⁹ Addressing these regional disparities requires targeted interventions tailored to the specific needs and challenges of each area.⁹

Urban-Rural Divide- The epidemiology of hepatitis A also reflects the urban-rural divide in India.¹⁰ While urban areas generally have better sanitation infrastructure, they may still face challenges related to overcrowding and poor waste management, contributing to the transmission of the virus.¹⁰ In rural areas, where access to clean water and sanitation facilities is limited, hepatitis A remains a significant public health issue, particularly among marginalized communities.¹⁰

Socio-Economic Factors- Socio-economic factors play a crucial role in shaping the epidemiology of hepatitis A in India. Poverty, lack of education, and inadequate healthcare access are key determinants of disease prevalence.¹¹ Individuals from lower socio-economic backgrounds are more likely to be exposed to contaminated food and water sources, increasing their risk of hepatitis A infection.¹¹ Addressing these underlying socio-economic factors is essential for effective disease prevention and control.¹¹

Impact of Vaccination Programs- The introduction of the hepatitis A vaccine has had a significant impact on the epidemiology of the disease in India.¹² Vaccination programs targeting high-risk populations, such as children in endemic areas and travelers to regions with high hepatitis A prevalence, have helped reduce transmission rates.¹² However, challenges remain in achieving universal vaccine coverage, particularly in remote and underserved areas.¹²

Surveillance and Monitoring- Surveillance systems play a crucial role in monitoring hepatitis A trends and identifying areas of concern.¹² The Indian government, in collaboration with healthcare agencies and non-governmental organizations, conducts regular surveillance to track disease incidence, detect outbreaks, and assess the effectiveness of control measures.¹² Improving surveillance infrastructure and data collection methods is essential for informed decision-making and resource allocation.¹²

Material methods:- This study was done at department of paramedical science, subharti medical college, subharti vivekanand subharti university, meerut, up, india. Article for review are taken from different research websites like PubMed, Google Scholar, Web of Science and different journal websites.

Results and Discussion:-

In this study we comprehensively analyze the changing epidemiology of Hepatitis A Virus in India, with a focus on identifying trends and implications for public health strategies. By synthesizing recent epidemiological data and research findings, the review aims to elucidate shifts in HAV transmission dynamics, including changes in disease incidence, age-specific prevalence patterns, and regional variations. Furthermore, to explore the underlying factors driving these epidemiological changes, such as improvements in sanitation infrastructure, vaccination programs, socio-economic factors, and environmental influences. Ultimately, the aim is to provide insights that can inform evidence-based public health interventions tailored to address the evolving landscape of HAV transmission in India, thereby contributing to the effective control and prevention of Hepatitis A in the population.

Sharma, A. et al; (2023)¹, In this study outlining the historical context and global perspective of HAV, setting the stage for a more focused discussion on the Indian scenario. Sharma presents a succinct summary of HAV's virology and its clinical manifestations, which serves as a foundation for understanding the epidemiological data that follows. In the core sections of the article, Sharma delves into the epidemiological trends of HAV in India. Using a wealth of statistical data, the author illustrates the incidence rates, demographic distribution, and temporal patterns of HAV infections. The analysis reveals significant regional variations, with higher incidence rates in areas with poor sanitation and limited access to clean drinking water. Sharma highlights the endemic nature of HAV in India, where sporadic outbreaks are common, particularly in densely populated urban areas and underserved rural regions. One of the article's key strengths is its detailed examination of the socio-economic and environmental determinants of HAV transmission. Sharma identifies critical risk factors, including inadequate sanitation infrastructure, limited public health education, and socio-economic disparities that contribute to the persistence and spread of HAV. The author underscores the importance of addressing these underlying issues to effectively control and prevent HAV outbreaks. Sharma also evaluates the public health response to HAV in India, focusing on vaccination strategies and their impact on disease incidence. The review of vaccination programs reveals mixed results; while some regions have achieved notable success in reducing HAV cases through immunization, others continue to struggle due to logistical challenges, vaccine hesitancy, and resource constraints. The author advocates for a more coordinated and equitable approach to vaccination, coupled with enhanced public health education and improved sanitation practices. The article further discusses the clinical and economic burden of HAV on the Indian healthcare system. Sharma provides insights into the direct and indirect costs associated with HAV infections, emphasizing the need for early detection and efficient management to reduce healthcare costs and improve patient outcomes. The discussion on the economic impact of HAV highlights the broader implications for public health policy and resource allocation.

Patel, S et al; (2024)²:- In this Study authors begin by detailing the virological characteristics of HAV, including its genetic composition, replication mechanisms, and the immune response it elicits. This section is particularly informative for readers looking to understand the fundamental biology of the virus. Patel and Desai describe how the virus's stability in varying environmental conditions contributes to its persistence and spread, a critical factor in understanding its epidemiology. The discussion then shifts to the transmission dynamics of HAV in India. The authors highlight the primary routes of transmission, such as fecal-oral transmission, often through contaminated water and food. They present statistical data on incidence rates and demographic patterns, indicating higher prevalence rates in regions with inadequate sanitation infrastructure. This section is enriched with epidemiological data, offering insights into the factors contributing to HAV outbreaks in different Indian states. One of the strengths of this article is its focus on the socio-economic and cultural factors influencing HAV transmission. Patel and Desai examine how population density, migration, and public health policies affect the spread of the virus. They also discuss the role of vaccination programs and the challenges in achieving widespread immunization coverage in India. Their analysis suggests that while vaccination has significantly reduced HAV incidence in certain areas, disparities in vaccine accessibility and public health education remain significant hurdles. The authors also address the clinical manifestations and complications of HAV infection, underscoring the importance of early detection and management. They review current diagnostic methods and treatment protocols, emphasizing the need for improved diagnostic facilities and healthcare access, particularly in rural regions.

Kumar, R. et al; (2023)³:- This study begins by providing an overview of HAV, summarizing its virology and transmission modes. This sets the context for understanding the subsequent discussion on clinical manifestations. Kumar and Singh describe the typical clinical course of HAV infection, noting that while many cases are asymptomatic or mild, a significant proportion of patients experience more severe symptoms. The review is particularly valuable in highlighting the spectrum of clinical presentations, from asymptomatic infections to fulminant hepatitis. The core of the article focuses on the clinical manifestations of HAV in the Indian population. The authors provide detailed descriptions of common symptoms, such as jaundice, fever, fatigue, and gastrointestinal disturbances. They also discuss the variations in clinical presentation across different age groups, noting that while children often experience milder symptoms, adults and older individuals may face more severe health challenges. This section is well-supported by epidemiological data and clinical case studies from various regions of India, offering a nuanced understanding of how HAV affects diverse demographic groups. One of the significant contributions of this review is its in-depth analysis of the complications associated with HAV infection. Kumar and Singh describe several potential complications, including acute liver failure, prolonged cholestasis, and relapsing hepatitis. The authors emphasize that although these complications are relatively rare, they can have serious health implications and require prompt medical intervention. The review also highlights the factors that increase the risk of complications, such as pre-existing liver disease and other comorbidities, providing valuable insights for healthcare providers. In addition to discussing the clinical and medical aspects of HAV, the authors address the broader public health implications. They underscore the importance of early diagnosis and effective management of HAV infections to prevent severe outcomes and reduce the burden on the healthcare system. The review also touches on the role of vaccination in preventing HAV and mitigating its impact, although it primarily focuses on clinical management. Kumar and Singh conclude by summarizing the key findings and emphasizing the need for continued research and public health efforts to address HAV in India. They call for improved diagnostic facilities, greater awareness among healthcare providers, and enhanced public health strategies to manage and prevent HAV infections and their complications. Overall, "Clinical Manifestations and Complications of Hepatitis A in Indian Population: A Review" by Kumar and Singh is a thorough and informative article that provides a detailed look at

the clinical aspects of HAV infection in India. The authors combine clinical data with epidemiological insights to offer a comprehensive review that is valuable for clinicians, researchers, and public health professionals. This review is an essential resource for understanding the diverse clinical presentations and potential complications of HAV in the Indian context and underscores the importance of effective management and prevention strategies.

Reddy, S et al; (2024)⁴:- In this Study authors begin by providing context for the study, acknowledging the significant burden of infectious diseases in rural India and the limited healthcare infrastructure in these areas. They highlight the importance of understanding the specific challenges posed by HAV outbreaks in rural settings, where factors such as poor sanitation, limited access to clean water, and inadequate healthcare facilities can exacerbate the spread of the virus. The core of the article focuses on the epidemiology of HAV outbreaks in rural India. Reddy and Gupta present epidemiological data illustrating the incidence and distribution of HAV cases in rural communities, highlighting the seasonal variations and demographic patterns observed in outbreak settings. The authors emphasize the role of contaminated water sources and poor sanitation practices in driving HAV transmission, underscoring the need for targeted interventions to address these underlying risk factors. A significant strength of this article is its discussion of the challenges faced in responding to HAV outbreaks in rural India. Reddy and Gupta identify several barriers to effective outbreak control, including limited healthcare infrastructure, logistical constraints in accessing remote communities, and socio-cultural factors influencing healthcare-seeking behavior. The authors also highlight the importance of community engagement and culturally sensitive approaches in implementing interventions, recognizing the diversity of rural populations in India. In the latter part of the article, Reddy and Gupta explore potential intervention strategies to mitigate HAV outbreaks in rural areas. They discuss the role of vaccination programs, emphasizing the need for expanded vaccine coverage and innovative delivery mechanisms to reach remote communities. The authors also advocate for improved sanitation infrastructure and hygiene education initiatives as fundamental components of outbreak prevention efforts. The article concludes with a call to action for policymakers, public health officials, and community stakeholders to prioritize the prevention and control of HAV outbreaks in rural India. Reddy and Gupta stress the importance of multi-sectoral collaboration and sustainable interventions that address the underlying determinants of HAV transmission in rural communities.

Khan, S., et al. (2023)⁵:- The authors begin by outlining the rationale for the study, emphasizing the need to understand the socio-economic drivers of infectious diseases such as HAV to inform targeted public health interventions. They highlight the lack of comprehensive research in this area, underscoring the novelty and importance of their study. The methodology section of the article provides a detailed overview of the study design, sampling strategy, and data collection methods employed by Khan et al. The authors describe how they conducted a cross-sectional survey among a representative sample of individuals across different socio-economic strata in India. They collected data on demographic characteristics, socio-economic status, living conditions, and HAV seroprevalence, allowing for a robust analysis of the socio-economic determinants of HAV. The core findings of the study are presented in the results section, where Khan et al. analyze the relationship between various socio-economic factors and HAV prevalence. The authors identify several key determinants, including household income, education level, access to clean water and sanitation facilities, and housing conditions. They demonstrate how individuals from lower socio-economic backgrounds are disproportionately affected by HAV, highlighting the role of socio-economic disparities in driving disease transmission. A significant strength of this study is its use of multivariate analysis to control for confounding variables and identify independent predictors of HAV prevalence. Khan et al. employ statistical techniques to elucidate the complex relationships between socio-economic factors and disease outcomes, providing valuable insights for public health practitioners and policymakers. The discussion section of the article synthesizes the study's findings and discusses their implications for HAV prevention and control efforts in India. Khan et al. underscore the importance of addressing socio-economic inequalities as a fundamental strategy for reducing HAV transmission. They advocate for targeted interventions aimed at improving access to clean water, sanitation, and healthcare services in socio-economically disadvantaged communities. The authors also highlight the need for comprehensive public health policies that address the underlying social determinants of health to achieve sustainable reductions in HAV prevalence. In conclusion, the socio-economic determinants of HAV in India make a significant contribution to the literature on infectious disease epidemiology. By systematically examining the relationship between socio-economic factors and HAV prevalence, the authors provide valuable insights that can inform evidence-based public health interventions. This study is essential reading for researchers, policymakers, and public health professionals seeking to understand and address the socio-economic drivers of infectious diseases in India.

Joshi, P., & Patel, A. (2024)⁶:- In this study authors begin by providing an overview of the importance of understanding HAV transmission routes in India, emphasizing the relevance for public health interventions aimed at reducing disease burden. They highlight the lack of comprehensive research specifically focused on HAV transmission dynamics in India, underscoring the novelty and significance of their systematic review. The methodology section of the article outlines the rigorous approach employed by Joshi and Patel to systematically identify and analyze relevant literature. They describe their search strategy, inclusion criteria, and data extraction process, ensuring transparency and reproducibility of their findings. By adhering to systematic review principles, the authors enhance the reliability and validity of their study. The core findings of the systematic review are presented in the results section, where Joshi and Patel summarize the key transmission routes identified in the literature. They categorize transmission routes into environmental (e.g., contaminated water, food) and behavioral (e.g., poor hygiene practices, lack of sanitation infrastructure) factors, providing a comprehensive overview of the pathways through which HAV spreads in India. A

significant strength of this review is its synthesis of evidence from diverse sources, including epidemiological studies, outbreak investigations, and environmental assessments. Joshi and Patel critically evaluate the quality of included studies and assess the consistency and coherence of findings across different contexts and populations. The discussion section of the article synthesizes the findings of the systematic review and discusses their implications for HAV prevention and control strategies in India. Joshi and Patel highlight the importance of addressing both environmental and behavioral determinants of HAV transmission through targeted interventions. They emphasize the role of water and food safety measures, hygiene promotion campaigns, and sanitation infrastructure improvements in reducing HAV incidence in India. In conclusion, Joshi and Patel's systematic review on HAV transmission routes in India fills a significant gap in the literature and provides valuable insights for public health practitioners and policymakers. By synthesizing existing evidence, the authors contribute to a better understanding of the complex dynamics of HAV transmission in India and identify opportunities for intervention. This review is essential reading for researchers and stakeholders involved in infectious disease control and environmental health in India.

Agarwal, V., & Singh, R. (2023)⁷:- The authors commence by contextualizing the significance of HAV prevention within the broader public health landscape of India. They highlight the burden of HAV infections and their impact on individual and population health, emphasizing the need for effective prevention strategies to reduce morbidity and mortality associated with the disease. Agarwal and Singh systematically review the range of prevention strategies implemented in India, providing a comprehensive overview of both traditional and innovative approaches. They discuss the role of vaccination programs in preventing HAV infections, highlighting the importance of immunization as a primary prevention measure. The authors assess the coverage and effectiveness of existing vaccination initiatives, identifying gaps and opportunities for improvement. In addition to vaccination, the article explores other key components of HAV prevention, such as sanitation improvements, hygiene promotion, and public health education. Agarwal and Singh underscore the interconnectedness of these interventions and advocate for a holistic, multi-sectoral approach to HAV prevention in India. They emphasize the importance of integrating HAV prevention efforts with broader public health agendas, such as water and sanitation infrastructure development and health education campaigns. A significant strength of this article is its emphasis on evidence-based strategies and policy implications for HAV prevention in India. Agarwal and Singh critically evaluate the effectiveness of different prevention measures, drawing on empirical research and international best practices. They highlight the need for targeted interventions tailored to the socio-economic and cultural context of India, advocating for context-specific policy responses. The discussion section of the article synthesizes the findings of the review and identifies priority areas for future research and policy action. Agarwal and Singh call for increased investment in HAV prevention programs, greater collaboration between government agencies, civil society organizations, and the private sector, and enhanced monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to track progress and ensure accountability.

Gupta, N., & Mishra, S. (2023)⁸:- The authors embark on their exploration by situating the prevalence of Hepatitis A within the context of urbanization in India. They highlight the rapid pace of urban growth and its implications for sanitation infrastructure, emphasizing the importance of understanding how these factors intersect with disease burden. Gupta and Mishra employ a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative data analysis with qualitative insights, to comprehensively examine the relationship between sanitation infrastructure and HAV prevalence. They draw on epidemiological data to assess the incidence and distribution of HAV in urban areas, while also incorporating qualitative assessments of sanitation facilities and practices. One of the notable findings of the study is the significant impact of inadequate sanitation infrastructure on HAV transmission in urban India. Gupta and Mishra demonstrate how factors such as poor access to clean water, inadequate sewage disposal systems, and overcrowded living conditions contribute to the proliferation of HAV in urban settings. They underscore the urgent need for investment in sanitation infrastructure as a fundamental strategy for HAV prevention and control. A key strength of this article is its emphasis on the socio-economic disparities underlying HAV prevalence in urban India. Gupta and Mishra highlight how marginalized communities, including slum dwellers and informal settlements, bear a disproportionate burden of HAV due to their limited access to basic sanitation services. They advocate for targeted interventions aimed at addressing these disparities and promoting health equity in urban areas. The discussion section of the article delves into the policy implications of the study findings, calling for a multi-sectoral approach to improving sanitation infrastructure and reducing HAV burden in urban India. Gupta and Mishra stress the importance of collaboration between government agencies, urban planners, public health officials, and community stakeholders to develop and implement effective interventions.

Choudhury, S., et al. (2024)⁹:-The authors begin by contextualizing the importance of surveillance and monitoring in the context of infectious disease control, emphasizing the role of robust surveillance systems in detecting outbreaks, tracking disease trends, and guiding public health interventions. They highlight the specific relevance of surveillance for Hepatitis A in India, given its endemicity and public health impact. Authors systematically review the existing surveillance and monitoring mechanisms for Hepatitis A in India, drawing on both primary research and government reports. They assess the coverage, quality, and timeliness of surveillance data, as well as the integration of surveillance systems with response mechanisms. One of the key findings of the study is the significant variability in the quality and scope of Hepatitis A surveillance across different regions of India. This study Identifies the disparities in reporting practices, diagnostic capacity, and data management systems, highlighting the need for standardization and capacity building at the national level.

A notable strength of this article is its exploration of innovative approaches to enhancing Hepatitis A surveillance in India. Author discussed the potential role of digital technologies, such as mobile health applications and syndromic

surveillance systems, in improving real-time data collection and analysis. They also advocate for greater collaboration between public health agencies, healthcare providers, and academic institutions to strengthen surveillance networks and promote data sharing. The discussion section of the article synthesizes the study findings and proposes recommendations for future directions in Hepatitis A surveillance and monitoring in India. Choudhury et al. call for increased investment in surveillance infrastructure, capacity building initiatives, and research collaborations to address the gaps identified in the study. They emphasize the importance of adopting a multi-sectoral and evidence-based approach to surveillance, incorporating both traditional and novel methodologies.

Thakur, R., et al. (2023)¹⁰:-The authors begin by contextualizing the historical epidemiology of Hepatitis A in India, highlighting past trends in disease incidence, prevalence, and demographic distribution. They emphasize the endemic nature of HAV in India and the significant burden it imposes on public health systems. Authors systematically review the recent epidemiological data on Hepatitis A in India, drawing on national surveillance reports, research studies, and population surveys. They analyze trends in HAV incidence, age-specific prevalence, and geographical distribution, identifying patterns of change over time. One of the key findings of the study is the emergence of shifting epidemiological patterns in HAV transmission in India. Thakur et al. highlight trends such as a decline in HAV incidence among younger age groups and an increase in cases among older adults, suggesting a cohort effect and changes in population immunity over time. They also identify regional variations in disease burden, with certain states experiencing higher HAV prevalence rates than others. A notable strength of this article is its exploration of the factors driving the changing epidemiology of Hepatitis A in India. Thakur et al. discuss potential contributors such as improvements in sanitation infrastructure, increased access to clean water, and the impact of vaccination programs. They also consider socio-economic and demographic factors, as well as environmental changes, in their analysis of HAV transmission dynamics. The discussion section of the article synthesizes the study findings and discusses their implications for public health policy and practice. Thakur et al. emphasize the need for targeted interventions to address the evolving epidemiology of Hepatitis A in India, including vaccination strategies tailored to high-risk populations and enhanced surveillance systems to monitor disease trends.

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