

Welcome to the GBD collaborator network

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Dear GBD collaborators,

I am very pleased to welcome you as a member of the Global Burden of Disease collaborator network. Thanks to you, GBD is truly a global enterprise. Over the more than two decades of the GBD, we have gone from a small number of researchers, based mostly in the United States and Europe, to an international network of more than 3,000 individuals, based in over 140 countries. Your participation is crucial for the production, analysis, and improvement of the Global Burden of Disease.

In the coming weeks and months, you will have many opportunities to participate in the GBD. You can suggest new data sources, critique results, give feedback on covariates and modeling approaches, contribute to publications, participate as co-authors, and work with our Global Engagement team on outreach about the findings.

We are now producing annual updates for the GBD estimates, so there is a yearly cycle of gathering and analyzing data, modeling diseases, finalizing results, and publishing our findings. Depending on the time of year you join the network, some of these steps may have been completed, but you will have an opportunity to provide input for the next year's estimates.

For resources and updated information regarding the GBD Study, please refer to our GBD Collaborator Portal: <http://www.healthdata.org/gbd-collaborator-portal>. Password: **GBDcollab**.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Again, welcome to the GBD network, and we are grateful for your participation.

Best regards,

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