

This month's issue is dedicated to the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, to accompany the Prince Mahidol Award Conference on the same theme, as introduced by Viroj Tangcharoensathien (74) in the editorial section.

Nicholas Banatvala et al. (75) list actions needed to prevent noncommunicable diseases and improve mental health. Manjulaa Narasimhan & Mukesh Kapila (76) discuss the implications of self-care for health service provision.

Sophie Cousins (79–80) reports on the introduction of a ban on coal-burning in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Kalpana Balakrishnan explains to Gary Humphreys (81–82) how her training in neurotoxicology has informed her public health work at the Center for Advanced Research on Air Quality, Climate and Health in India.

Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam

Tobacco, alcohol, salt, activity, health systems

Titiporn Tuangratananon et al. (129–141) analyze implementation of national action plans.

Botswana

Towards consistent clinical care

Neo M Tapela et al. (142–153) describe primary care guideline implementation.

Philippines

Obesity prevention by taxation

Frances Claire C Onagan et al. (154–159) describe the development of a tax on sweetened beverages.

Is the tax cost-effective?

Akshar Saxena et al. (97–107) model the impact of a tax on sweetened beverages.

Fruit and vegetables, tobacco and alcohol

Krycia Cowling et al. (83–96) track changes in domestic commodities after countries join the World Trade Organization.

Law, medicine, public health and economics

Roger S Magnusson et al. (108–117) discuss the legal capacities needed to work on current population health issues.

A range of health impacts

Sowmya Kadandale et al. (118–128) call for closer examination of the links between the palm oil industry and noncommunicable diseases.

Air pollution, climate change and human health

Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum & Annette Prüss-Ustün (160–161) discuss the interactions between climate change, air pollution and noncommunicable diseases.

People in motion

Harry Rutter et al. (162–165) map the factors influencing physical activity.

Understanding risks

Meri Tuulikki Koivusalo (166–168) reviews the risks in some finance, data and technology initiatives for disease control.