



# COMMUNITY NURSING

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## CHAPTER 7

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### Community Health Diagnosis



# Episodes 1-3

## Community Health Diagnosis/ Community Diagnosis



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# Objectives

**After studying this chapter learners can:**

1. explain the concepts and principles of community health diagnosis.
2. explain the process of community health diagnosis.
3. explain how to create a web of causation of health problems.



# Lesson Contents

1.

Concepts  
and  
Principles

Community  
Health  
Diagnosis

2.

The Process  
of  
Diagnosing

Community  
Health  
Diagnosis

3.

Web of  
Causation

(Linking to Find  
the Cause of the  
Problem)

# Episode 1

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Rajabhat University



## Concepts and Principles

OF

## Community Health Diagnosis







# Community Health Diagnosis

## Clinical Diagnosis vs. Community Diagnosis

*Clinical diagnosis = History + Examination +  
Test*

Clinical diagnosis “Decision to give a treatment of the patient”

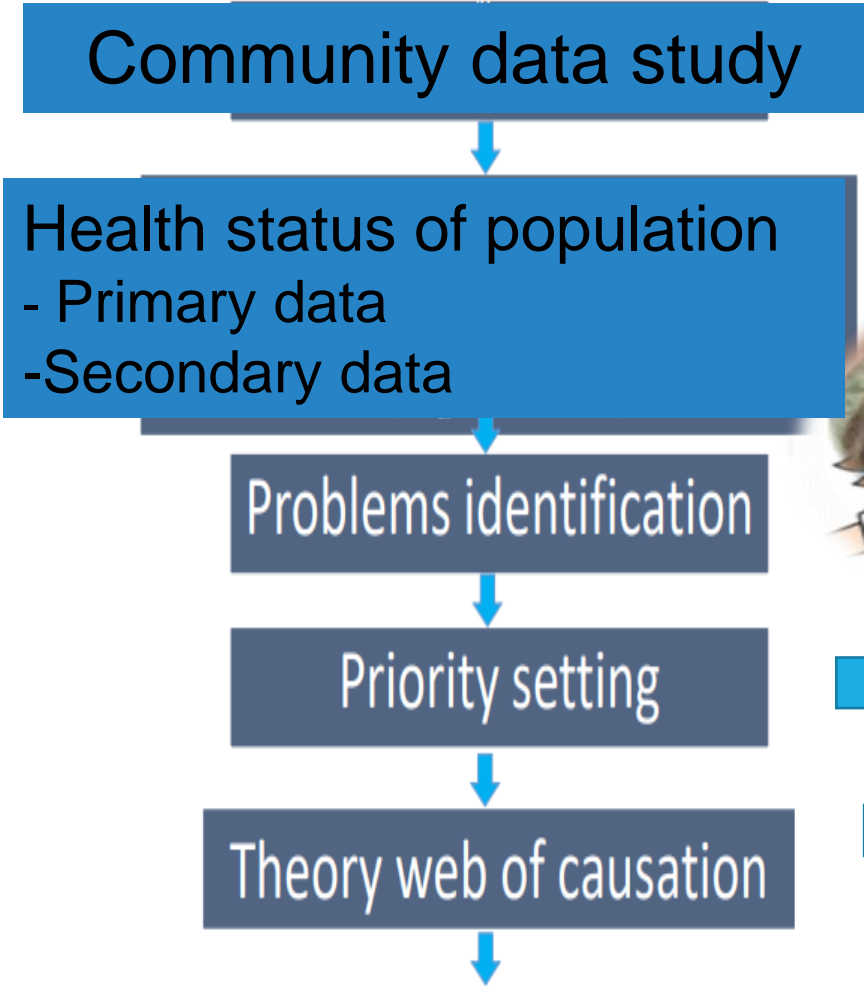
*Community diagnosis = epidemiological data +  
Conducting Survey + Talk with community*

Community diagnosis “Decision to improve health of population in community”

(Krit Thongbanchob, 2020 )



# How to Conduct Community Diagnosis?



(Krit Thongbanchob, 2020 )

## The Process of Diagnosing



**1. Identify Problem**

**2. Priority Setting**

**3. Web of Causation of Community Health Problem**



# What is the problem?

## Concepts about community health problems

### **Concept 1:** Problem approach

Community health problems must be ***problems in themselves***, that is, they are things that directly affect the health of people and communities, such as sickness and death. It is primarily a community health problem.



# What is the problem?



## Concepts about community health problems

### Concept 2

Community health problems are not problems in themselves but are ***causes/tools that lead to community health problems***, such as unclean water, and dirty food, which lead to the spread of diarrhea outbreaks.

(Parinya Jitaram, 2021)



# What is the problem?

Epidemiological principles & Community concerns.  
If any **D** found is considered a problem.

- If a problem consists of many **D** factors, it will make the problem:

- 1) increase the size of the problem
- 2) increase the importance of the problem
- 3) greater impact on the health of the community

1) Death  
อัตราการตาย

2) Disability  
ความพิการ

3) Diseases  
ปัญหาหรืออัตรา  
ป่วย

4)  
Discomfort  
ความรู้สึก  
ไม่สุขสบาย

5)  
Dissatisfaction  
ความรู้สึก  
ไม่พึงพอใจ



# What is the problem?

## Compare criteria/standard values

- Criteria/standard values can be obtained from WHO, national development plans, etc.
- The problem information must be presented in quantitative form such as percentages, or ratios.

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(Parinya Jitaram, 2021)



# Community Health Problem

Community health problem is caused by disease, risky behavior, or risky problems that lead to disease or health problems resulting in people in the community not living as long as they should.

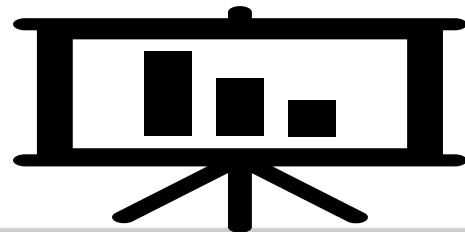


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## The Process of Diagnosing

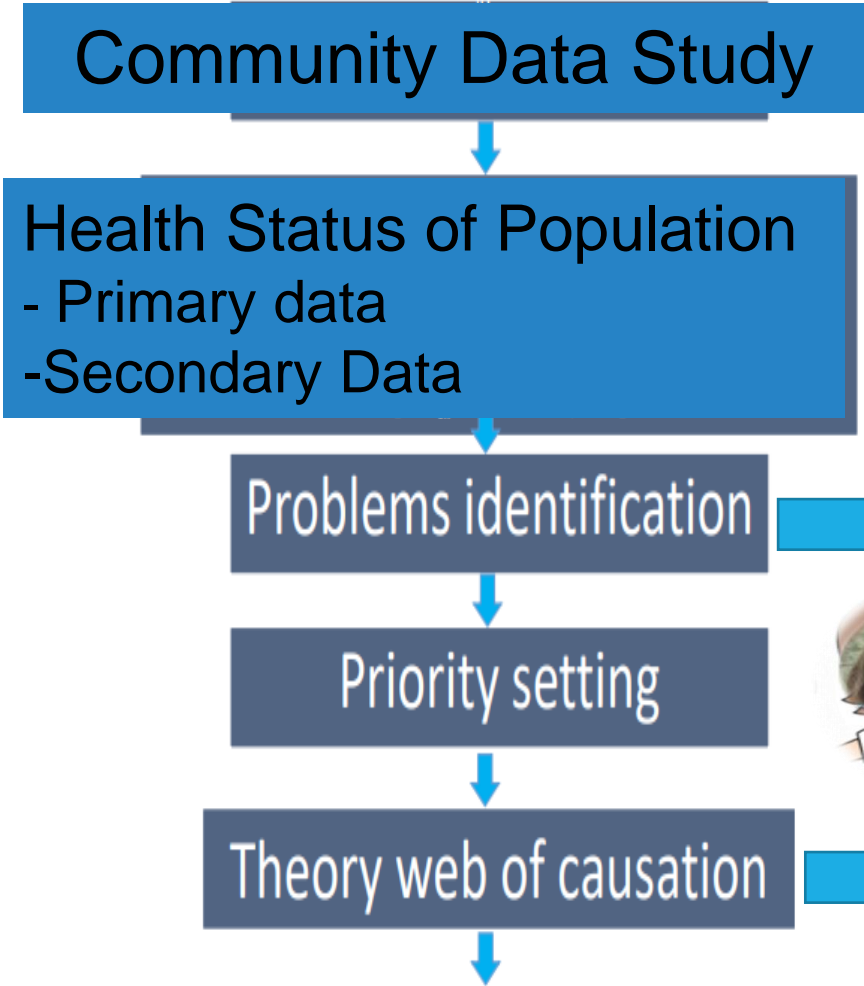


## Community Health Diagnosis





# How to Conduct Community Diagnosis?



## The Process of Diagnosing

1. Identify Problem



2. Priority Setting

3. Web of Causation of Community Health Problem

(Krit Thongbanchob, 2020 )



# Prioritizing Community Health Problems

The process of deciding which problems to solve in order of priority using appropriate methods.

**using 6 methods**



# 1. John J. Halon method (Hanlon & Pickett, 1984)

This method must come from the continuous work of the same team in considering 4 components:

## Component of Problem Identification

1) A : Size of the Problem

2) B: Seriousness of the Problem

- Urgency (ความเร่งด่วน)
- Severity (ความร้ายแรง)
- Economic Loss (การสูญเสียทางเศรษฐกิจ)
- Involvement of Other Peoples (ความเกี่ยวข้องของประชากรกับปัญหา)

3) C:  
Effectiveness  
of intervention

4) D:  
Limitation



# 2. World Health Organization method

Determine how to prioritize  
problems to suit the situation.

## 1) Public Health In the Western Pacific

(Complex problem)

Suitability

Size of problem

Community interest

Policy support

(Parinya Jitaram, 2021)

## 2) Guide Index (Uncomplex problem)

Size of problem

Importance of the  
problem

Suitability of Technology



## 3. The 5 D method

This method can be used to identify problems and prioritize them by using the principles of epidemiology.

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# 4. Nominal Group Processing

The method of group process (Nominal Group Processing) is leadership/selection.

## Components

1) The importance of the problem or the impact of the problem on the community

2) Pro and con in solving problems.

3) The ability of the community to solve problems





## 5. Method of the Department of Provincial Administration, Ministry of Interior (วิธีของกรมการปกครองกระทรวงมหาดไทย)

- ✓ The size of the affected group
- ✓ Seriousness and urgency
- ✓ The future damage
- ✓ Community acceptance

(Parinya Jitaram, 2021)



## 6. Method of the Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University

### Components

1. Size of  
problem

2. Severity  
of the  
problem

3. Difficulty and  
readiness in  
problem solving

4. Community  
awareness and  
cooperation in  
solving  
problems

### Summarize Score

Additive  
Method

Multiplicative  
Method



# Components Criteria

## 1. Size of problem

Size of problem	Score
No Problem	0
>0 – 25%	1
26% - 50%	2
51% - 75%	3
76% - 100%	4

## 2. The severity of the problem

The severity of the problem	Score
No Problem	0
>0 – 15%	1
16% - 50%	2
51% - 75%	3
76% - 100%	4

(Parinya Jitaram, 2021)

# Components Criteria



## 3. Ease of management of susceptibility to management/Feasibility

Ease of management	Score
Cannot solve	0
Very difficult to solve	1
Difficult to solve	2
Easy to solve	3
Very easy to solve	4

## 4. Community concern

Number of people who concern	Score
0	0
1 - 25%	1
26 - 50%	2
51 - 75%	3
76 - 100%	4

(Parinya Jitaram, 2021)

# Prioritizing Health Problems Worksheet



Problem identified	Components Score				Total score		Ranking
	Prevalence	Severity	Feasibility	Community Concern	Additive Method	Multiplicative Method	
1. 37.5% of the population 35 years and over suffer from HT.							
2. 58% of households have unsanitary waste disposal.							
3. 74% of older people have a poor (low) level of mental quality of life.							



# Organizing a community forum

## Organizing a community forum

A community is a gathering of community members to join together in various activities of the community themselves.

It is a stage for discussion, exchange, and discussion statements (not used to argue) about information.

character

**Official: by organizing a forum or meeting**

***Informal, such as small group discussions in the temple hall, occasional meetings***





# Organizing a community forum

## 1. Preparatory stage

- Study community information
- An operations team
- set objectives
- target group
- Period for organizing a community forum
- Content issues in organizing important community forums

## 2. Process

- Build familiarity
- Inform the purpose and agreement of the meeting.
- Set expectations
- Community education
- Identify problems together
- Find good things in the community
- Find development partners
- Set development goals
- Working together to plan projects
- Select a core group to be responsible for implementing the project

## 3. Evaluation and follow-up steps

- - Operators and stage participants summarized the results of the community forum together.
- - Community leadership officers, local leaders, and stakeholders coordinate with various sectors and organizations to support operations.
- - Officials, local leaders, and community leaders help stimulate the next community forum.



**Pictures of the community forum at Thung Khwang Subdistrict,  
Kamphaeng Saen District**



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2. 58% of households have unsanitary waste disposal	3	2	3	1	9	18	2
3. 76% of older people have a poor (low) level of mental quality of life.	4	2	3	2	11	48	★ 1



# Prioritizing Health Problems Worksheet



WEIGHTING



Problem identified	Components Score				Total score		Ranking
	Prevalence (x1)	Severity (x2)	Feasibility (x1)	Community Concern (x2)	Additive Method	Multiplicative Method	
1. 37.5% of the population 35 years and over suffer from HT.	2x1=2	3x2=6	2x1=2	4x2=8	18	192	1
2. 58% of households have unsanitary waste disposal	3x1=3	2x2=4	3x1=3	1x2=2	12	72	3
3. 76% of older people have a poor (low) level of mental quality of life.	4x1=4	2x2=4	3x1=3	2x2=4	15	192	2

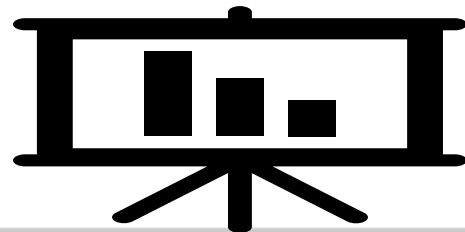


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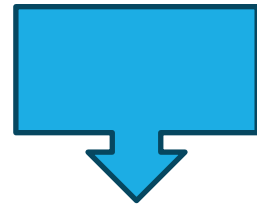
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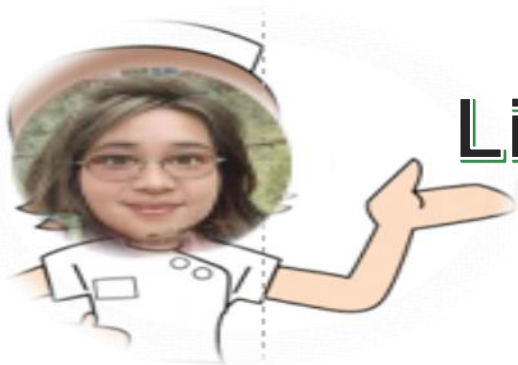
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## Web of Causation of Community Health Problem



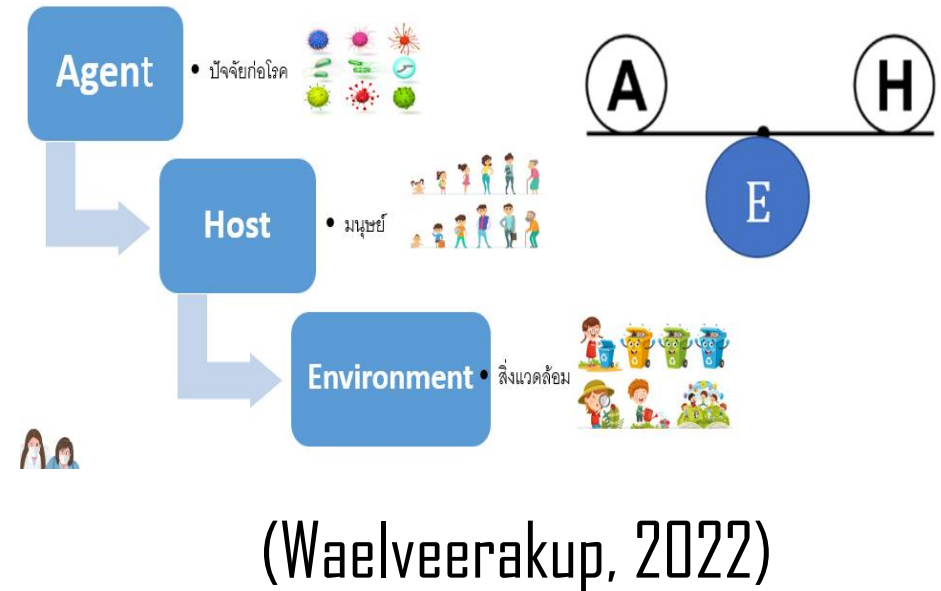
Linking to Find the Cause of the Problem



# Web of Causation

Web of causation is the way to explain where a disease comes from in the most holistic way possible, taking into account that diseases originate from different factors and considering the person as a whole.

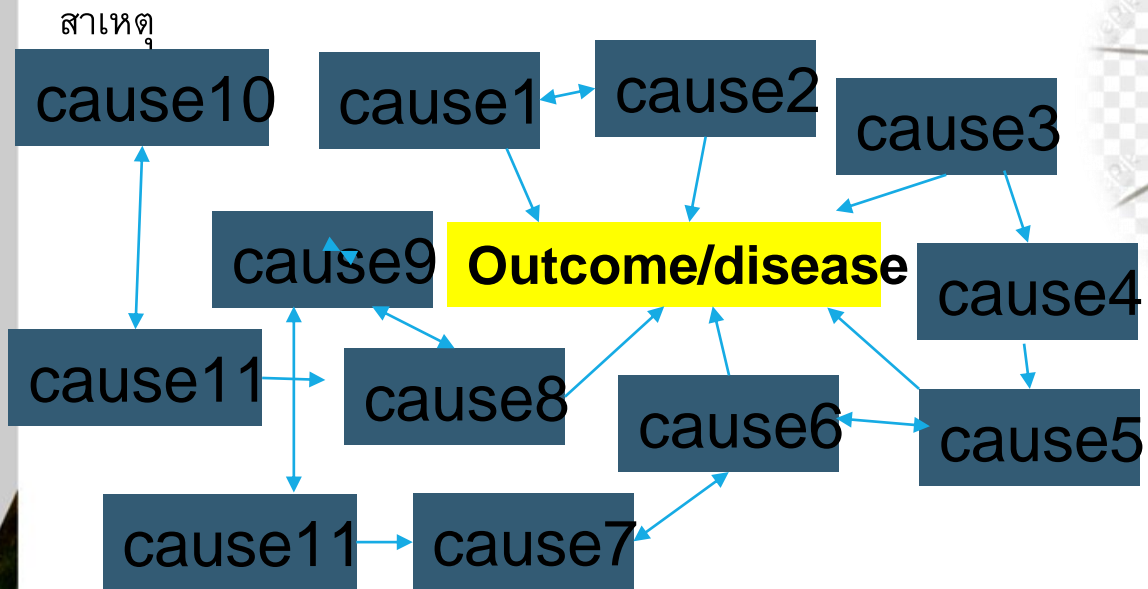
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# Web of causation of disease

- A "web of causation" includes all the predisposing factors of any type and their complex relations with each other and with the disease.

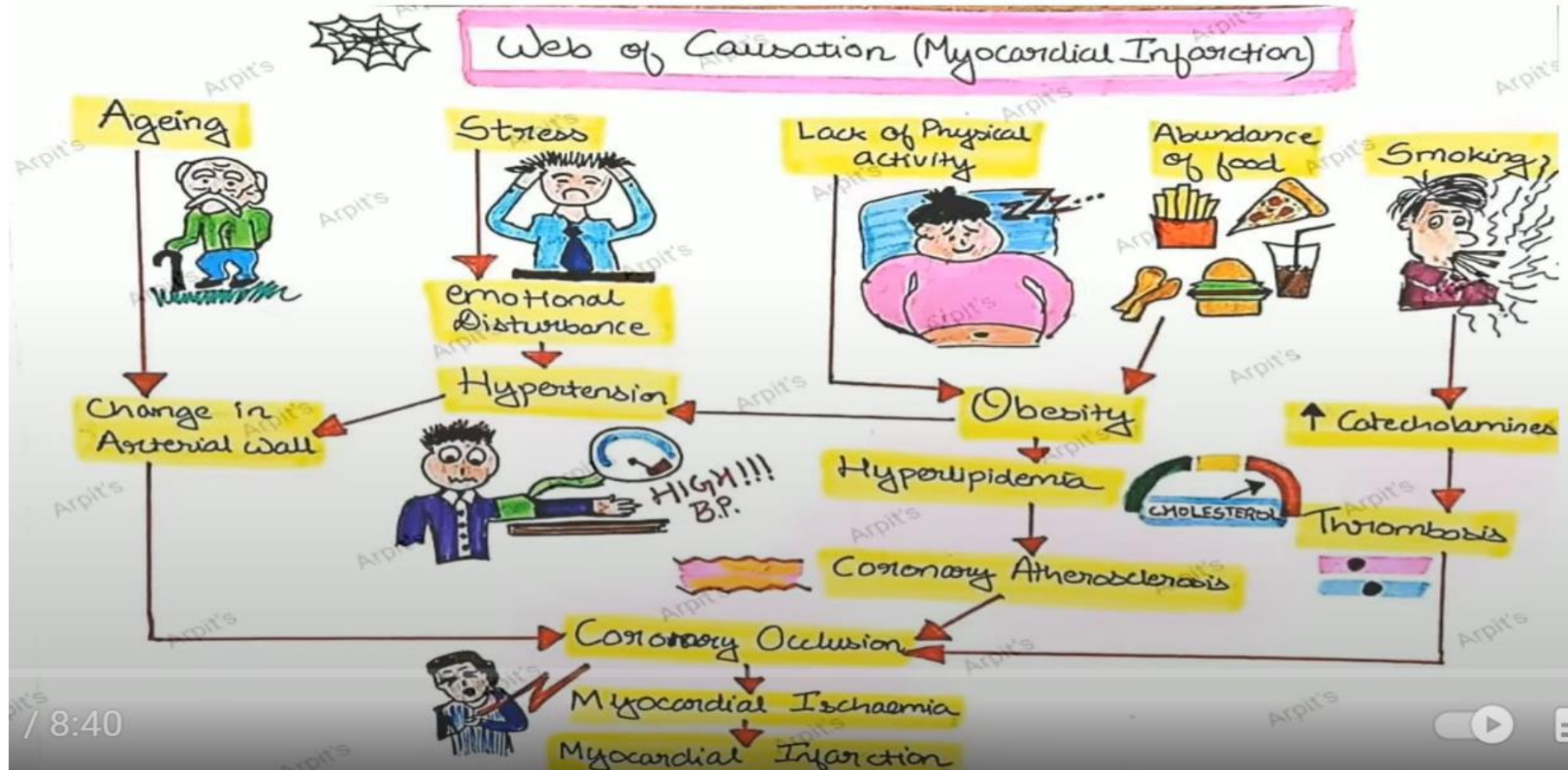


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# Example

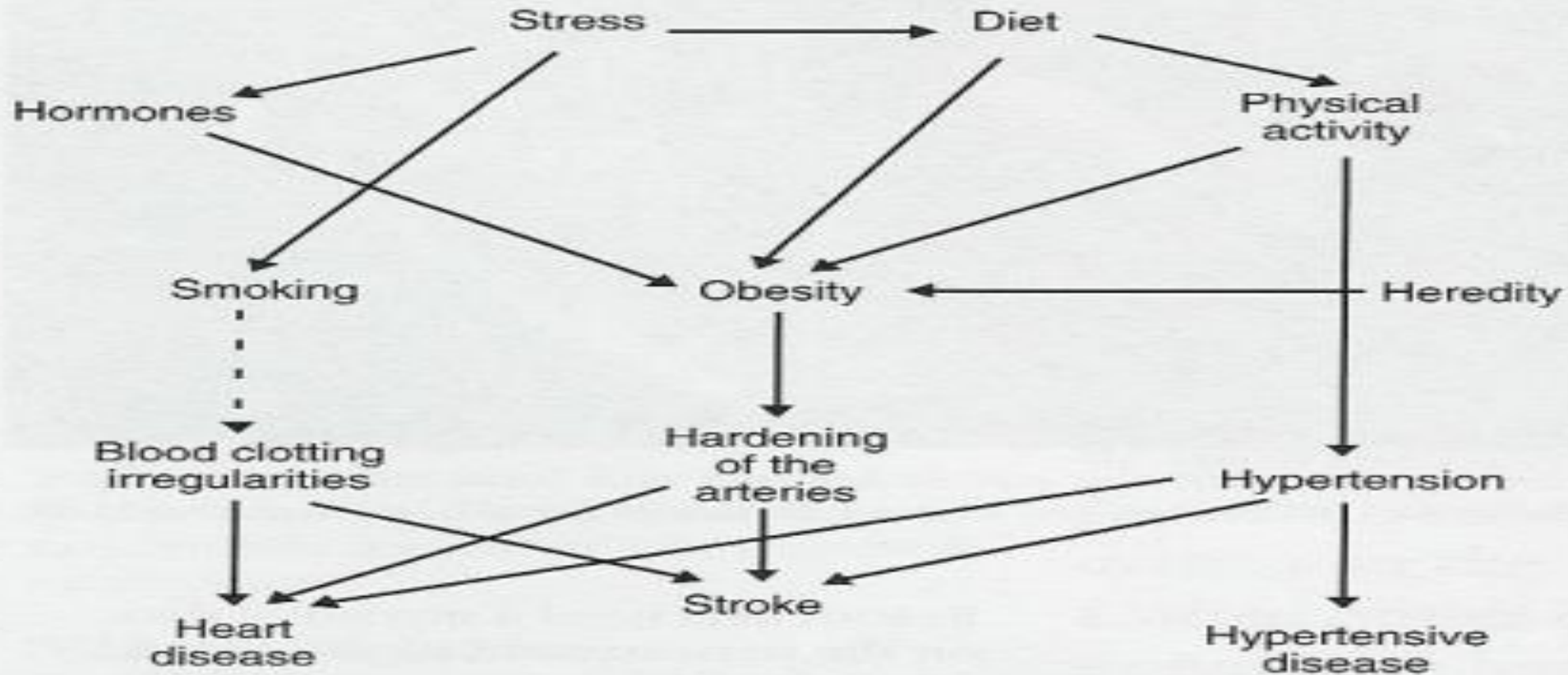
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# Example

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Department of Community Medicine  
and Injury Control Research Center  
West Virginia University School of Medicine  
Prepared under the auspices of the Southeast  
Public Health Training Center, University of  
North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2005.



Note: Some intermediate links were omitted in this example.

Source: Adapted from R.A. Stallones, *Public Health Monograph* 76 (1966): 53.

(Rockett, 2005)



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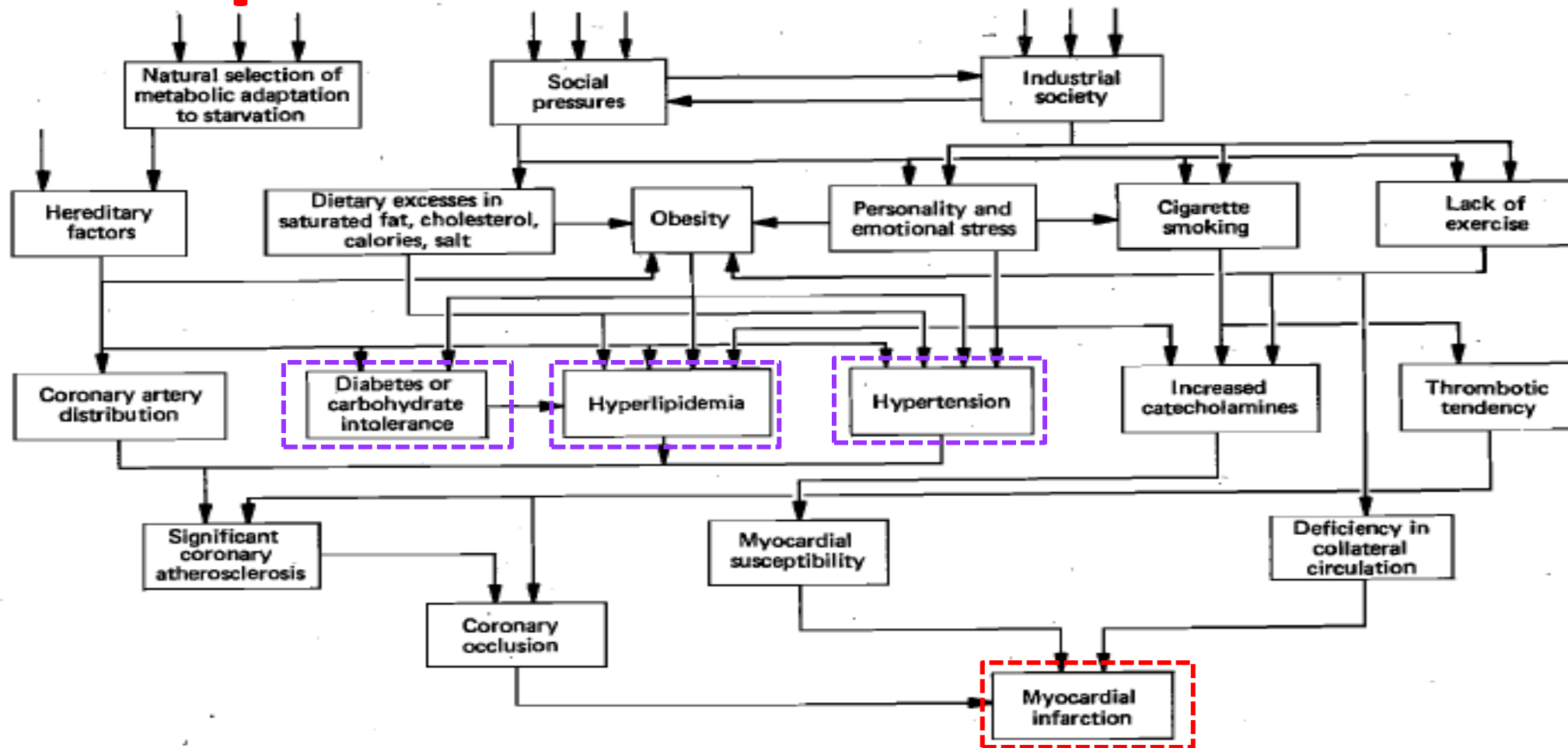
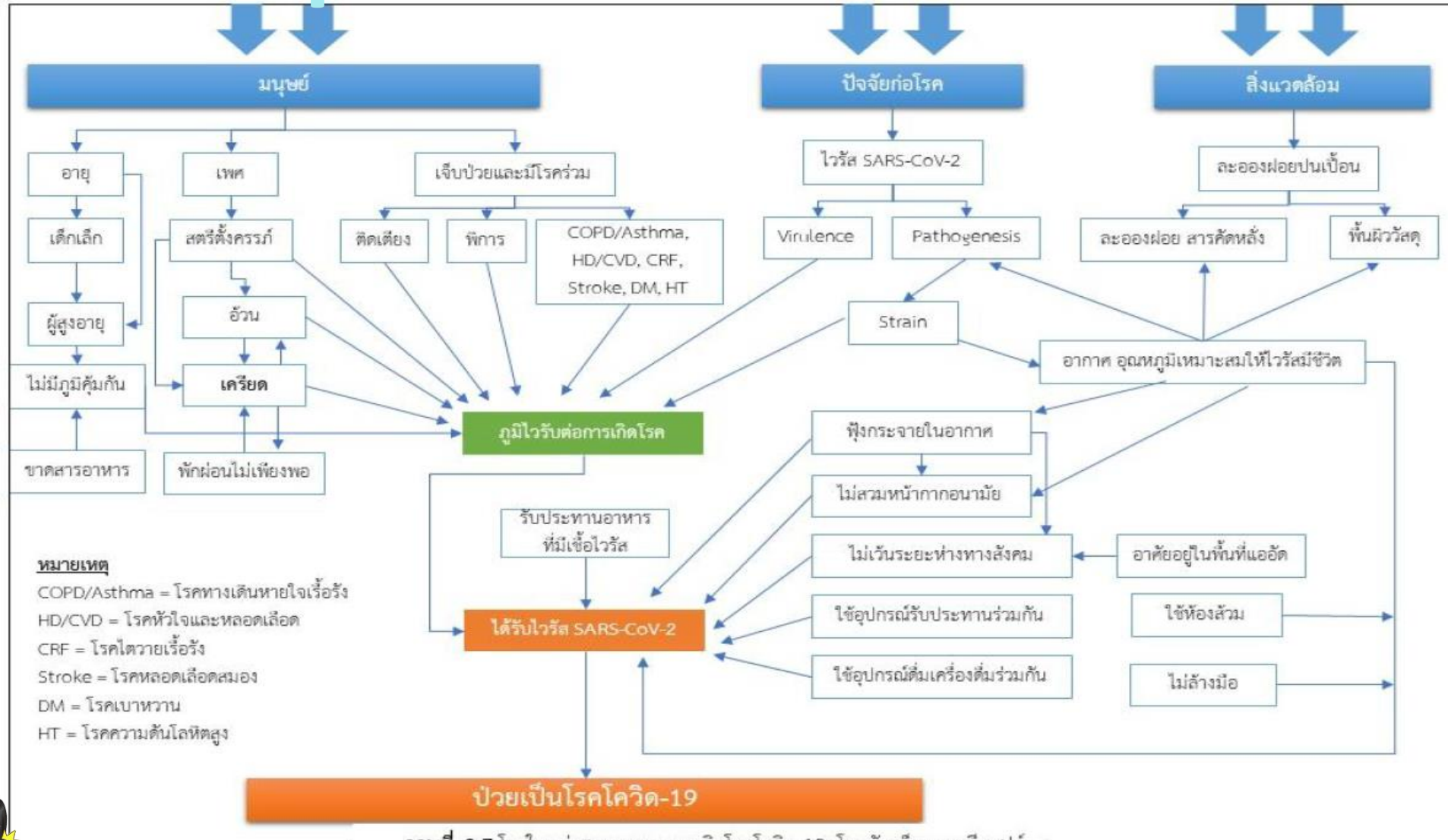


Figure 1-1 The web of causation for myocardial infarction: a current view.

(Friedman, 1974)



# Example



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# Summarize

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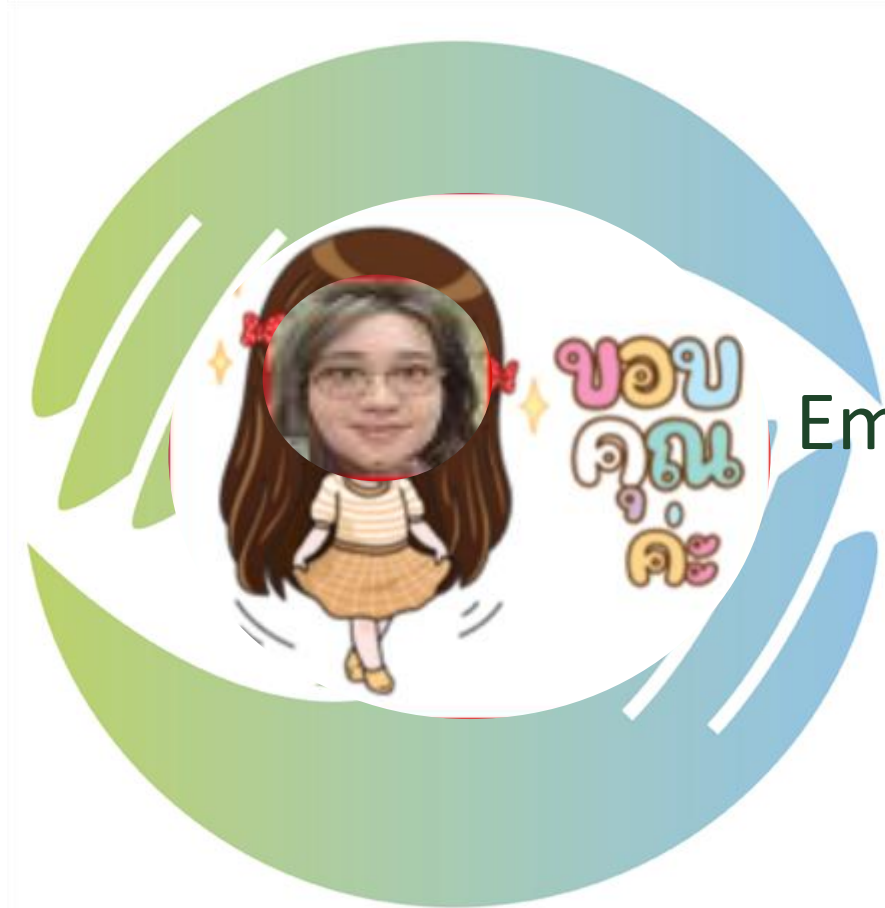
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