

**EXHIBIT 6**  
**Age-Standardized Death Rates (SDRs) Per 100,000 Among Males And Females Ages 0–74, From Selected Causes In The United States, United Kingdom, And France, 1998 And 2002 or 2003**

Disease	Males								
	United States			United Kingdom			France		
	1998	2002	Ratio	1998	2003	Ratio	1998	2003	Ratio
All amenable	128.51	123.36	0.96	148.62	116.62	0.78	85.87	72.62	0.85
Infectious diseases	4.77	6.06	1.27	1.90	2.03	1.07	1.87	3.35	1.79
Neoplasms	17.06	16.22	0.95	19.12	17.18	0.90	17.36	16.38	0.94
Diabetes	1.93	2.09	1.08	0.70	0.65	0.93	0.56	0.69	1.23
IHD (50%)	48.69	47.78	0.98	63.05	46.28	0.73	20.35	16.79	0.83
Other circ. diseases	30.08	27.64	0.92	31.21	25.87	0.83	24.20	20.07	0.83
Resp. diseases	10.41	6.68	0.64	17.52	9.79	0.56	7.26	4.06	0.56
Surgical cond. and medical errors	8.38	8.09	0.96	7.37	7.21	0.98	4.64	4.82	1.04
Perinatal, maternal, and congenital cond.	6.56	8.23	1.26	5.82	5.44	0.93	7.71	4.19	0.54
Other <sup>a</sup>	0.63	0.58	0.92	1.93	2.16	1.12	1.92	2.28	1.19
	Females								
All amenable	101.59	96.41	0.95	111.93	89.64	0.80	65.89	57.40	0.87
Infectious diseases	3.78	5.05	1.34	1.43	1.53	1.08	0.89	1.80	2.02
Neoplasms	35.19	31.73	0.90	40.75	35.29	0.87	34.85	31.86	0.91
Diabetes	1.31	1.37	1.05	0.36	0.38	1.05	0.25	0.34	1.35
IHD (50%)	19.95	19.48	0.98	22.60	15.44	0.68	4.83	3.75	0.78
Other circ. diseases	22.50	20.74	0.92	23.88	19.56	0.82	13.26	10.97	0.83
Resp. diseases	6.51	4.46	0.69	11.83	6.48	0.55	2.88	1.58	0.55
Surgical cond. and medical errors	7.11	6.83	0.96	5.89	6.20	1.05	4.18	3.96	0.95
Perinatal, maternal, and congenital cond.	4.68	6.21	1.33	4.04	3.45	0.85	3.65	1.91	0.52
Other <sup>a</sup>	0.57	0.55	0.97	1.15	1.33	1.16	1.10	1.23	1.12

**SOURCE:** Authors' calculations based on data from the World Health Organization mortality database.

**NOTE:** IHD is ischemic heart disease.

<sup>a</sup>Thyroid disease, epilepsy.

in 2002–03 U.S. rates' exceeding French rates by a factor of three (men) to five (women).

**Discussion**

This analysis of mortality from causes potentially avoidable through timely and effective health care in nineteen industrialized countries found a clear decline in these deaths between 1997–98 and 2002–03 in all of the countries studied, although the scale and pace of change varied. The largest reductions were seen in countries with the highest initial levels, including Portugal, Finland, Ireland, and the United Kingdom, but also in some countries that had been performing better, such as Australia and Italy. In contrast, the United States also started from a relatively high amenable mortality level but experienced smaller reductions.