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Health Transitions Epidemiology and the Hepatitis A Paradox

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The lowest-income and highest-income countries have very different health profiles, but the transition away from a heavy burden from infectious diseases is not always a smooth one. This talk will explain some of the methods that are used to study health transitions and will discuss the reasons why safe drinking water does not always lead immediately to reduced outbreaks of waterborne infectious diseases and improved community health.

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