

Glossary

Disease - The term disease broadly refers to any condition that impairs the normal functioning of the body.

Communicable diseases - It refers to diseases that can be transmitted and make people ill.

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) – They are those diseases which cannot be transmitted from one person to another.

Chronic disease - A chronic disease is one that lasts for a long time, usually at least six months.

Mortality – It is the state of being subject to death.

Morbidity - It is a diseased state, disability, or poor health due to any cause.

Infection - The invasion and multiplication of microorganisms such as bacteria, viruses, and parasites that are not normally present within the body.

Disorder –It means to disturb the regular or normal functions.

Symptom - A symptom is any subjective evidence of disease.