Relationship between the Biomedical model of health and Social model of health

- **Biomedical:** Focuses on the physical or biological aspects of disease and illness. Involves diagnosing and treating illnesses and conditions when symptoms are present.
- **Social:** Focuses on prevention of illnesses and conditions before the symptoms are present, by promoting health, educating individuals and behavior changes.

The biomedical and social model of health work together to reduce incidence of illnesses and provide adequate treatment to the people who do get sick, both to reduce mortality rates. This provides an efficient overall health care system for Australians.

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**Lung Cancer**

Lung Cancer rates increased due to tobacco smoking and the decline in this disease was due to both the social model of health and biomedical approach to health.

Biomedical: improved technology (better diagnosis and more effective treatment)

Social: health promotion strategies & public health policies

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**Injuries and Poisoning**

The prevalence of Injuries and Poisonings has decreased over time due to the social and biomedical models of health.

Biomedical: Development of technology resulting in better diagnosis of injuries (MRI machines) and effective treatments (such as life support machines, more advanced surgery procedures to stop bleeding)

Social: Labels of toxic substances and child proof lids reduced the number of incidents from poisoning