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Section E

Building Conceptual Frameworks
Steps: But Not a ‘‘Cookbook’’

- Identify outcome of interest

- Identify any determinants of specific interest
Steps: But Not a “Cookbook”

- Identify outcome of interest
- Identify any determinants of specific interest
- Array determinants
  - Literature
  - Detail where necessary given focus
- Give it to someone to look at
Variables and Generalizability

- Variables = variation
- General
Proximate and Distal Determinants

- Proximate determinants—close or immediate to the outcome
- Distal determinants—farther removed from the outcome
Pathways, Mediators, and Moderators

- Pathways and moderators picture
- Moderators picture and def.
A (Simple) Conceptual Framework for CVD

- SES of neighborhood
- Types of food available
- Quality of diet
- Buildup of arterial plaque
- Cardiovascular disease
A (Simple) Conceptual Framework for CVD

1. Economic organization
2. SES of neighborhood
3. Types of food available
4. Quality of diet
5. Buildup of arterial plaque
6. Cardiovascular disease
A (Simple) Conceptual Framework for CVD

Economic organization

SES of neighborhood

SES of individual

Types of food available

Quality of diet

Buildup of arterial plaque

Cardiovascular disease
A (Simple) Conceptual Framework for CVD

Economic organization

SES of neighborhood

Types of food available

SES of individual

High stress job

Quality of diet

Endothelial function

Buildup of arterial plaque

Cardiovascular disease