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Multiple Logistic Regression

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Section A

Multiple Logistic Regression

In the previous sections of this lecture, we observed a positive association between CHD and positive association between CHD and smoking

What if smoking is also associated with age?

Age could be a confounder of the smoking-CHD relationship (and vice-versa)

Can we estimate the age adjusted relationship between CHD and smoking?

Multiple Logistic Regression

Multiple logistic regression allows us to have more than one predictor in our model

We can also estimate the association between each predictor and $\Pr(y = 1)$ controlling for all other predictors

Multiple Logistic Regression

Here, we need a logistic regression model with two predictors:

$$\mathbf{\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1x_1 + \hat{b}_2x_2}$$

$p = \text{Pr}(\text{CHD}), x_1 = \text{age}, x_2 = \text{smoke}$

How would we interpret the coefficients from a multiple logistic regression? And the resulting odds ratio estimated?

$$\mathbf{\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1x_1 + \hat{b}_2x_2}$$

$p = \text{Pr}(\text{CHD}), x_1 = \text{age}, x_2 = \text{smoke}$

x_1 is the age variable

\hat{b}_1 is the estimated regression coefficient associated with age

\hat{b}_1 estimates the $\log(\text{OR})$ for comparing two individuals (groups) who differ by one year in age and are either both smokers or non-smokers

Write out two equations

- ★ *Obs 1: smoker, k years-old*
- ★ *Obs 2: smoker, $k+1$ years-old*

Write out two equations

$$\log(\text{odds } 2) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1(k + 1) + \hat{b}_2$$

$$\log(\text{odds } 1) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1k + \hat{b}_2$$

Simplify

$$\log(\text{odds } 2) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1 k + \hat{b}_1 + \hat{b}_2$$

$$\log(\text{odds } 1) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1 k + \hat{b}_2$$

Multiple Logistic Regression

Subtract

$$\begin{aligned} \log(\text{odds } 2) &= \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1 k + \hat{b}_1 + \hat{b}_2 \\ \log(\text{odds } 1) &= \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1 k + \hat{b}_2 \end{aligned}$$

Continued

Multiple Logistic Regression

Subtract

$$\log(\text{odds } 2) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1 k + \hat{b}_1 + \hat{b}_2$$

$$\log(\text{odds } 1) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1 k + \hat{b}_2$$

\hat{b}_1

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So, $\hat{b}_1 = \log(\text{odds of CHD for Obs \#2}) - \log(\text{odds of CHD for Obs \#1})$

By property of logs:

$$\star \hat{b}_1 = \log \left(\frac{\text{odds_of_CHD_Obs\#2}}{\text{odds_of_CHD_Obs\#1}} \right)$$

x_1 is the age variable

$e^{\hat{b}_1}$ is the estimated adjusted OR of CHD associated with age, after adjusting for smoking status

- ★ *This \hat{OR} compares two individuals (groups) of the same smoking status where one individual (group) is one year older than the comparison group*

x_2 is the smoking variable

\hat{b}_2 is the estimated regression coefficient associated with smoking

\hat{b}_2 estimates the $\log(\text{OR})$ for comparing two individuals (groups) of the same age, where one is a smoker and the other is a non-smoker

x_2 is the smoking variable

$e^{\hat{b}_2}$ is the estimated adjusted OR of CHD associated with smoking, after adjusting for age

- ★ *This \hat{OR} compares two individuals (groups) of the same age where one individual (group) is a smoker and the other is a non-smoker (reference)*

Inference in Multiple Logistic Regression

We can calculate CIs and p-values for each coefficient and hence for each adjusted OR

Each coefficient estimate has its own associated standard error

Inference in Multiple Logistic Regression

Stata results

```
. logit chd age smoke
```

```
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```

```
Iteration 5: log likelihood = -23.931297
```

```
Logit estimates
```

```
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```

```
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```

```
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```

```
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|-------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| age | .1599163 | .0419051 | 3.816 | 0.000 | .0777838 | .2420489 |
| smoke | 2.396168 | .8591632 | 2.789 | 0.005 | .7122387 | 4.080096 |
| _cons | -8.567143 | 2.171859 | -3.945 | 0.000 | -12.82391 | -4.310378 |

```
.
```

P-value for testing:

- ★ $H_o: b_1 = 0$
- ★ $H_a: b_1 \neq 0$

Answering question:

- ★ *After adjusting for smoking status, is there a CHD/age relationship in population?*

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★ *After adjusting for age, is there a CHD/smoking relationship in population?*

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. logistic chd age smoke
```

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In a sample of 58 individuals, a multiple logistic regression was performed to estimate the relationship between CHD evidence and an individuals' age and smoking status

Both age ($p < .001$) and smoking ($p = .005$) were found to be significant predictors of CHD

The adjusted OR associated with a one year increase in age was 1.17 (95% CI 1.08 to 1.27)

The adjusted OR associated with smoking was 11.0 (95% CI 2.0–59.2)

The adjusted OR associated with smoking was 11.0

When we estimated the OR between CHD and smoking, without adjusting for age, our estimate was 4.7

Coefficients, from a multiple logistic regression, estimate the magnitude of each predictor/outcome relationship after adjusting for all other predictors in the model

The estimates can be exponentiated to get associated adjusted odds ratios



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Section A

Practice Problems

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Practice Problems

```
. logit
```

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Logit estimates                    Number of obs   =       472
                                   LR chi2(2)         =       375.97
                                   Prob > chi2         =       0.0000
Log likelihood = -132.02134        Pseudo R2      =       0.5874
```

| bf | Coef. | Std. Err. | z | P> z | [95% Conf. Interval] |
|----------|-----------|-----------|---|------|----------------------|
| sex_chld | -.3110831 | .3158853 | | | |
| agechldc | -.1867791 | .0176001 | | | |
| _cons | -.9197549 | .2251506 | | | |

That Darn Cat!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Here sex_chld is the sex of the child (1 = female, 0 = male), and agechldc is the age of the child in months.

- a. Write out the logistic regression equation described by this output.
- b. What is the interpretation of the coefficient of `sex_chld`?
- c. Give a 95% CI for the age adjusted odds ratio for the odds of being breast-fed for female children as compared to male children.

d. Is child's age (statistically) significantly associated with the odds of breast-feeding even after adjusting for sex?

- e. Suppose we are comparing two male children: One is 23 months old; the other is 13 months old. What is the estimated odds ratio of being breast-fed for the 23-month-old compared to the 13-month-old? Give a 95% confidence interval for this estimate.



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Continued

- a. Write out the logistic regression equation described by this output.

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = -.92 + (-.31)x_1 + (-.19)x_2$$

Where p = probability a child is breast-fed

x_1 = sex, x_2 = age

b. What is the interpretation of the coefficient of `sex_chld`?

It is the estimated difference in the log odds of being breast-fed for a female child when compared to a male child of the same age (the adjusted log OR).

- c. Give a 95% CI for the adjusted odds ratio for the odds of being breastfed for female children as compared to male children.

c. Same old same old! Start with a 95% CI for sex_chld (b_1):

$$\hat{b}_1 \pm 2SE(\hat{b}_1)$$

$$-.31 + 2 * .32$$

$$(-.95, .33)$$

c. Exponentiate to get the 95% CI!

So the 95% CI for the OR is as follows:

$$(e^{(-.95)}, e^{(.33)}) \rightarrow (0.36, 1.39)$$

d. Is child's age (statistically) significantly associated with the odds of breast-feeding even after adjusting for sex?

d. Compute the test statistic:

$$z = \frac{\hat{b}_2}{se(\hat{b}_2)} = \frac{-0.19}{.018} = -10.6!$$

So $p < .001$, which for most researchers' α levels would be considered statistically significant!

- e. Suppose we are comparing two male children: One is 23 months old; the other is 13 months old. What is the estimated odds ratio of being breast-fed for the 23-month-old compared to the 13-month-old? Give a 95% CI for this estimate.

e. We need to first find the 95% CI for $10b_2$. Start with the 95% CI for b_2 :

$$\hat{b}_1 + 2SE(\hat{b}_1)$$

$$-0.19 \pm 2*(.018)$$

$$(-0.23, -.15)$$

Then, multiply the endpoints by 10:

$$(-2.3, -1.5)$$

e. Now, exponentiate to get the 95% CI for $10b_2$!

$$(e^{(-2.3)}, e^{(-1.5)})$$

$$(0.10, 0.22)$$



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Section B

Statistical Interaction and Logistic Regression

Between January, 1974 and May, 1984, a double-blinded randomized trial of patients with primary biliary cirrhosis (PBC) of the liver was conducted at the Mayo clinic

A total of 312 patients were randomized to either receive the drug D-penicillamine (DPCA) or a placebo

Patients were followed until they died from PBC or until censoring

Data, as it appears in Stata

```
. list death drug sex in 1/10
```

| | death | drug | sex |
|-----|-------|------|--------|
| 1. | 0 | 0 | Female |
| 2. | 0 | 1 | Female |
| 3. | 0 | 0 | Male |
| 4. | 0 | 1 | Female |
| 5. | 0 | 0 | Female |
| 6. | 0 | 1 | Female |
| 7. | 0 | 1 | Female |
| 8. | 0 | 1 | Female |
| 9. | 0 | 0 | Female |
| 10. | 0 | 1 | Female |

Logistic regression of death as predicted by treatment (1 = DPCA, 0 = placebo)

```
. logistic death drug
```

```
Logistic regression                Number of obs   =       312
                                   LR chi2(1)         =         0.15
                                   Prob > chi2        =       0.6946
Log likelihood = -209.98341         Pseudo R2      =       0.0004
```

| death | Odds Ratio | Std. Err. | z | P> z | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|-------|------------|-----------|------|-------|----------------------|----------|
| drug | 1.094982 | .2531334 | 0.39 | 0.695 | .6960329 | 1.722599 |

Logistic regression of death as predicted by sex (1 = female, 0 = male)

```
. logistic death sex
```

```
Logistic regression           Number of obs   =          312
                              LR chi2(1)           =           7.34
                              Prob > chi2           =          0.0067
Log likelihood = -206.39105    Pseudo R2       =          0.0175
```

| death | Odds Ratio | Std. Err. | z | P> z | [95% Conf. Interval] |
|-------|------------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| sex | .3788755 | .1378462 | -2.67 | 0.008 | .1856966 .773017 |

Is it possible that sex confounds the relationship between death and the treatment?

- ★ *Sex would have to be related to both death AND treatment*
- ★ *Sex should not be related to treatment—why?*

Tabulation of sex and treatment group

```
. tab drug sex, row chi2
```

```
+-----+
| Key   |
+-----+
|       |
| frequency |
| row percentage |
+-----+
```

| drug | sex | | Total |
|-------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Male | Female | |
| 0 | 15 9.74 | 139 90.26 | 154 100.00 |
| 1 | 21 13.29 | 137 86.71 | 158 100.00 |
| Total | 36 11.54 | 276 88.46 | 312 100.00 |

```
Pearson chi2(1) = 0.9634 Pr = 0.326
```

What should happen when we perform a multiple logistic regression of death on both treatment and sex?

How should the adjusted estimates of the relationship between death and treatment and death and sex compare to the unadjusted estimates?

Results of logistic regression

```
. logistic death sex drug
```

```
Logistic regression
```

```
Log likelihood = -206.36138
```

```
Number of obs   =      312
LR chi2(2)      =       7.40
Prob > chi2     =      0.0247
Pseudo R2      =      0.0176
```

| death | Odds Ratio | Std. Err. | z | P> z | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|-------|------------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|----------|
| sex | .3806878 | .1387036 | -2.65 | 0.008 | .1863947 | .7775068 |
| drug | 1.05873 | .2480293 | 0.24 | 0.808 | .6689195 | 1.675702 |

So, a recap

| | Odds Ratio of Death (95% CI) | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Unadjusted | Adjusted |
| Treatment (1 = drug) | 1.09 (0.69 - 1.72) | 1.06 (0.67 - 1.68) |
| Sex (1 = female) | 0.38 (0.19 - 0.77) | 0.38 (0.19 - 0.78) |

It appears that the treatment is not associated with death (either an increase or decrease) after taking into account sampling variability

Females have a lower odds of death

Because it is a relatively large randomized trial, sex does not confound the relationship between death and treatment

However, is it possible that the death/treatment relationship is different for men and women?

The previous regression model with both treatment and sex as predictors “assumes” the same death/treatment relationship for each sex

Suppose we wanted allow for different estimates of the relationship between death and treatment depending on sex

We could run two logistic regressions, death on treatment for males and females separately, and report the results separately

Let's examine death/treatment relationship in women

```
. logistic death drug if sex==1
```

```
Logistic regression
```

```
Number of obs = 276
```

```
LR chi2(1) = 0.00
```

```
Prob > chi2 = 0.9748
```

```
Log likelihood = -182.33361
```

```
Pseudo R2 = 0.0000
```

| death | Odds Ratio | Std. Err. | z | P> z | [95% Conf. Interval] |
|-------|------------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| drug | .9921735 | .246971 | -0.03 | 0.975 | .6091262 1.616099 |

Let's examine death/treatment relationship in men

```
. logistic death drug if sex==0
```

```
Logistic regression                Number of obs   =          36
                                   LR chi2(1)         =           0.65
                                   Prob > chi2        =          0.4192
Log likelihood = -23.730647         Pseudo R2      =          0.0136
```

| death | Odds Ratio | Std. Err. | z | P> z | [95% Conf. Interval] |
|-------|------------|-----------|------|-------|----------------------|
| drug | 1.75 | 1.215138 | 0.81 | 0.420 | .448739 6.824679 |

Overall unadjusted odds ratio of death, drug compared to placebo

★ *1.09 (95% CI 0.69 – 1.72)*

Sex specific odds ratio of death, drug compared to placebo

★ *Females: 0.99 (95% CI 0.61–1.61)*

★ *Males: 1.75 (95% CI 0.45–6.82)*

Does this Suggest Effect Modification?

Coefficient estimates for treatment “look different” for males and females

But are they really different? We would need to do a formal hypothesis test/estimation of the difference comparing elevation coefficient across models (a pain!)—although we could note crossover in CIs

Is there anyway this could be done without running separate regressions?

More Elegant Solution!

Add an interaction term to the model which already includes treatment (x_1) and sex (x_2) as predictors

Add $x_3 = x_1^* x_2$

New model

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1x_1 + \hat{b}_2x_2 + \hat{b}_3x_3$$

Where p is probability of death

What is value of x_3 for Females? Males? (recall $x_2 = 1$ if subject is female, 0 if subject is male)

Model for males ($x_2 = 0$)

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1 x_1$$

So \hat{b}_1 estimates the association between death and treatment in males—it is the log odds ratio of death for men on the drug compared to men not on the drug

Model for females ($x_2=1$)

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1x_1 + \hat{b}_2x_2 + \hat{b}_3x_1$$

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_2x_2 + (\hat{b}_1 + \hat{b}_3)x_1$$

So $(\hat{b}_1 + \hat{b}_3)$ estimates the association between death and treatment in females—it is the log odds ratio of death for women on the drug compared to women not on the drug

So \hat{b}_3 is an estimate of the difference in the relationship between death and treatment for males and females

It allows for the estimated “effect” of treatment on death to be different depending on the sex of the subject

If there is no difference in the death/treatment relationship between men and women, then the true value of b_3 would be 0

Testing the following hypothesis:

★ $H_o: b_3 = 0$

★ $H_a: b_3 \neq 0$

Is sometimes called a “test of interaction”

To create interaction term, use generate command:

```
generate interact = drug*sex
```

Results from Stata

```
. generate interact=drug*sex
```

```
. logit death drug sex interact
```

```
Iteration 0: log likelihood = -210.06047
Iteration 1: log likelihood = -206.06515
Iteration 2: log likelihood = -206.06426
```

Logit estimates

Log likelihood = -206.06426

```
Number of obs = 312
LR chi2(3) = 7.99
Prob > chi2 = 0.0462
Pseudo R2 = 0.0190
```

| death | Coef. | Std. Err. | z | P> z | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|----------|
| drug | .5596158 | .6943637 | 0.81 | 0.420 | -.8013121 | 1.920544 |
| sex | -.6481958 | .5464266 | -1.19 | 0.236 | -1.719172 | .4227806 |
| interact | -.5674731 | .7376325 | -0.77 | 0.442 | -2.013206 | .8782601 |
| _cons | .1335314 | .517549 | 0.26 | 0.796 | -.880846 | 1.147909 |

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\hat{b}_1

\hat{b}_2

\hat{b}_3

\hat{b}_0

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Model for males ($x_2 = 0$)

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = 0.13 + 0.56x_1$$

The estimated relationship between death and treatment for males is positive. The estimated odds ratio of death for males on treatment relative to males on placebo is $e^{(.56)} = 1.75$.

Model for females ($x_2 = 1$)

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \hat{b}_0 + 0.56x_1 - 0.65 - 0.57x_1$$

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = 0.13 - 0.65 + (0.56 - 0.57)x_1$$

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = -0.52 + (-.01)x_1$$

The estimated relationship between death and treatment for females is negative. The estimated odds ratio of death for females on treatment relative to females on placebo is $e^{(.01)} = 0.99$.

Confidence interval is trickier—must appeal to Stata and *lincom* command

```
. lincom drug + interact
```

```
( 1) drug + interact = 0
```

| death | Coef. | Std. Err. | z | P> z | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|----------|
| (1) | -.0078573 | .2489192 | -0.03 | 0.975 | -.4957299 | .4800154 |

The p-value suggests we do not need interaction term

```
. generate interact=drug*sex
```

```
. logit death drug sex interact
```

```
Iteration 0: log likelihood = -210.06047
Iteration 1: log likelihood = -206.06515
Iteration 2: log likelihood = -206.06426
```

```
Logit estimates                                Number of obs   =           312
                                                LR chi2(3)      =             7.99
                                                Prob > chi2     =            0.0462
Log likelihood = -206.06426                    Pseudo R2      =            0.0190
```

| death | Coef. | Std. Err. | z | P> z | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|----------|
| drug | .5596158 | .6943637 | 0.81 | 0.420 | -.8013121 | 1.920544 |
| sex | -.6481958 | .5464266 | -1.19 | 0.236 | -1.719172 | .4227806 |
| interact | -.5674731 | .7376325 | -0.77 | 0.442 | -2.013206 | .8782601 |
| _cons | .1335314 | .517549 | 0.26 | 0.796 | -.880846 | 1.147909 |

Can be done with logistic command too

```
. logistic death drug sex interact
```

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| death | Odds Ratio | Std. Err. | z | P> z | [95% Conf. Interval] |
|----------|------------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| drug | 1.75 | 1.215137 | 0.81 | 0.420 | .4487398 6.824668 |
| sex | .5229885 | .2857748 | -1.19 | 0.236 | .1792144 1.526199 |
| interact | .5669563 | .4182054 | -0.77 | 0.442 | .1335598 2.406709 |

```
. lincom drug + interact
```

```
( 1)  drug + interact = 0
```

| death | Odds Ratio | Std. Err. | z | P> z | [95% Conf. Interval] |
|-------|------------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| (1) | .9921735 | .246971 | -0.03 | 0.975 | .6091261 1.616099 |



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Section B

Practice Problems: Another Example—Statistical
Interaction and Logistic Regression

Recall the results from a fictitious data set comparing two treatments for a fatal disease as to the impact of each on reducing deaths (lecture two)

- ★ *The data presented is stratified by two age groups, “young” and “old”*

Effect Modification / Interaction

The data:

| | YOUNG | | OLD | |
|----------|---------|------|---------|------|
| | Surgery | Drug | Surgery | Drug |
| Died | 100 | 200 | 200 | 100 |
| Survived | 200 | 100 | 100 | 200 |
| Totals | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 |

Continued

Effect Modification / Interaction

Surgery is better for this group!

| | YOUNG | | OLD | |
|----------|---------|------|---------|------|
| | Surgery | Drug | Surgery | Drug |
| Died | 100 | 200 | 200 | 100 |
| Survived | 200 | 100 | 100 | 200 |
| Totals | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 |

33% (100/300) of those who had surgery died, as compared to 67% (200/300) of those taking the drug!

(RR = .50, OR = .25)

Effect Modification / Interaction

Taking the drug is better for this group!

| | YOUNG | | OLD | |
|----------|---------|------|---------|------|
| | Surgery | Drug | Surgery | Drug |
| Died | 100 | 200 | 200 | 100 |
| Survived | 200 | 100 | 100 | 200 |
| Totals | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 |

67% (200/300) of those who had surgery does, as compared to 37% (100/300) of those who took the drug!

(RR = 2, OR = 4)

What happens when we combine tables?

| | Combined Young and Old | |
|----------|------------------------|------|
| | Surgery | Drug |
| Died | 300 | 300 |
| Survived | 300 | 300 |
| Totals | 600 | 600 |

Surgery and drug groups have identical proportions dying! (RR = OR = 1, 50% in each group!)

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1x_1 + \hat{b}_2x_2 + \hat{b}_3x_3$$

Where p = probability of death

x_1 = treatment (1 if surgery, 0 if drug therapy)

x_2 = age group (1 if older, 0 if younger)

x_3 = treatment X age

Model for younger patients ($x_2 = 0$)

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1 x_1$$

So \hat{b}_1 estimates the association between death and surgery (as compared to drug therapy) in younger patients—it is the log odds ratio of death for younger patients who have surgery compared to younger patients who get drug therapy

Model for older patients ($x_2 = 1$)

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1 x_1 + \hat{b}_2 x_2 + \hat{b}_3 x_1$$

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_2 x_2 + (\hat{b}_1 + \hat{b}_3) x_1$$

So $(\hat{b}_1 + \hat{b}_3)$ estimates the association between death and surgery (as compared to drug therapy) in older patients—it is the log odds ratio of death for older patients who have surgery compared to older patients who get drug therapy

Here are the regression coefficients estimated by the computer:

```
. logit death age treatment interact
```

```
Iteration 0: log likelihood = -831.77662
Iteration 1: log likelihood = -763.91077
Iteration 2: log likelihood = -763.817
Iteration 3: log likelihood = -763.817
```

Logit estimates

```
Number of obs   =      1200
LR chi2(3)      =      135.92
Prob > chi2     =      0.0000
Pseudo R2      =      0.0817
```

Log likelihood = -763.817

| death | Coef. | Std. Err. | z | P> z | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| age | -1.386294 | .1732051 | -8.00 | 0.000 | -1.72577 | -1.046819 |
| treatment | -1.386294 | .1732051 | -8.00 | 0.000 | -1.72577 | -1.046819 |
| interact | 2.772589 | .244949 | 11.32 | 0.000 | 2.292498 | 3.25268 |
| _cons | .6931472 | .1224745 | 5.66 | 0.000 | .4531016 | .9331928 |

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Regression Results

The interaction term estimates the difference in the log odds of death (surgery versus drug) between younger and older patients

```
. logit death age treatment interact
```

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Model for younger patients ($x_2 = 0$)

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = 0.69 + (-1.39x_1)$$

The estimated relationship between death and surgery (as compared to drug therapy) for younger patients is negative. The estimated odds ratio of death for younger patients getting surgery relative to younger patients on drug therapy is $e^{(-1.39)} = 0.25$.

Model for older patients ($x_2 = 1$)

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = 0.69 + (-1.39)x_1 + (-1.39) + 2.77x_1$$

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = 0.13 - 1.39 + (-1.39 + 2.77)x_1$$

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = -1.26 + 1.38x_1$$

The estimated relationship between death and surgery (as compared to drug therapy) for older patients is positive. The estimated odds ratio of death for younger patients getting surgery relative to younger patients on drug therapy is $e^{(-1.38)} = 4.0$.

Results using logistic command

```
. logistic death treatment age interact
```

```
Logistic regression                               Number of obs   =       1200
                                                    LR chi2(3)      =       135.92
                                                    Prob > chi2     =       0.0000
Log likelihood =   -763.817                       Pseudo R2      =       0.0817
```

| death | Odds Ratio | Std. Err. | z | P> z | [95% Conf. Interval] |
|-----------|------------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| treatment | .25 | .0433013 | -8.00 | 0.000 | .1780359 .3510528 |
| age | .25 | .0433013 | -8.00 | 0.000 | .1780359 .3510528 |
| interact | 16 | 3.919184 | 11.32 | 0.000 | 9.899632 25.85955 |

```
. lincom treatment+interact
```

```
( 1) treatment + interact = 0
```

| death | Odds Ratio | Std. Err. | z | P> z | [95% Conf. Interval] |
|-------|------------|-----------|------|-------|----------------------|
| (1) | 4 | .6928203 | 8.00 | 0.000 | 2.848574 5.616845 |

Odds Ratio Presentation

Results, as they might be presented in a journal
(remember, though, this example is fictitious)

| Table 1: Logistic Regression Results | | | | | | |
|---|---------|--------------------------------|---------------|--|-------------------------|----------------|
| | | Bivariate (Unadjusted) Results | | | Multivariate Results ** | |
| Predictor | | Odds Ratio | 95% CI | | Odds Ratio | 95% CI |
| Treatment | Drug | 1.00 | | | 1.00 | |
| | Surgery | 1.00 | (0.79,1.25) | | 0.25 | (0.18,0.35) * |
| Age | Young | 1.00 | | | 1.00 | |
| | Old | 1.00 | (0.79,1.25) * | | 0.25 | (0.18, 0.35) * |
| * p < .05 | | | | | | |
| ** Multivariate Analysis Included Interaction Between Treatment and Age: See Table 1A for details | | | | | | |

Continued

Interactions can be detailed in a second, separate table

Table 1A: Age Specific Death/Treatment Associations

| | | Odds Ratio of Death Surgery to Drug | 95% Confidence Interval |
|-----|-------|--|----------------------------|
| Age | Young | 0.25 | (0.18,0.35) |
| | Old | 4.00 | (2.85,5.61) |



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Section C

Predictors of Death among Patients with Severe
Sepsis: An Example of Multiple Logistic Regression

Many predictors

$$\mathbf{log}\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = b_0 + b_1x_1 + b_2x_2 + b_3x_3 + \dots$$

Which we will estimated by:

$$\mathbf{log}\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1x_1 + \hat{b}_2x_2 + \hat{b}_3x_3 + \dots$$

Predicators of death for patients with severe sepsis (blood poisoning) undergoing surgery

★ *Can we predict the risk of death (y) from five predictors (x 's) in one model?*

A sample of 106 patients who had surgery with severe sepsis was collected (Pine, et al.)

This is an observational study

Outcome of interest—death

$$y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{Death} \\ 0 & \text{Survive} \end{cases}$$

Potential predictors

- ★ *Shock* (X_1)
- ★ *Malnutrition* (X_2)
- ★ *Alcohol use* (X_3)
- ★ *Age* (X_4)
- ★ *Bowel infarction* (X_5)

Shock, malnutrition, alcohol, and bowel infarction are all recorded as binary

Each is coded "1" or "0" in a dummy variable

Age is continuous and measured in years

Patients with Sepsis: The Data

Snippet from data set

| ID | Death | Malnut | Shock | Alcohol | Age (yrs) | Bowel Inf |
|----|-------|--------|-------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 0 |
| 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 66 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 36 | 1 |
| 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 85 | 1 |

Continued

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| 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 |
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| 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 85 | 1 |

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Patients with Sepsis: The Data

Twenty-one of the 106 (19.8 %) patients died following surgery

The average age of the patients is 51 years and the age range in the sample is from 17 to 94 years

We want to answer some questions:

- ★ *How is death following surgery for patients with severe sepsis associated with these five potential predictors?*
- ★ *Do certain predictors confound each other's relationship with death?*
- ★ *Can we estimate risk (proportion of patients who will die) given patient characteristics at time of surgery?*

Can employ (multiple) logistic regression

Patients with Sepsis: The Model

First step—estimate unadjusted associations between death and each predictor using simple logistic regression models

The data is entered as follows

| | death | shock | malnut | alcohol | age | infarc |
|-----|-------|-------|--------|---------|-----|--------|
| 1. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 0 |
| 2. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 0 |
| 3. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 0 |
| 4. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 |
| 5. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 0 |
| 6. | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 87 | 0 |
| 7. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 |
| 8. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 69 | 0 |
| 9. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 0 |
| 10. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 76 | 0 |

Example—death and shock

```
. logistic death shock
```

```
Logistic regression                Number of obs   =       106  
                                   LR chi2(1)       =       13.55  
                                   Prob > chi2      =       0.0002  
Log likelihood = -45.988289        Pseudo R2      =       0.1284
```

| ----- | | | | | | |
|-------------|--|------------|-----------|------|-------|----------------------|
| death | | Odds Ratio | Std. Err. | z | P> z | [95% Conf. Interval] |
| -----+----- | | | | | | |
| shock | | 13.66667 | 10.22543 | 3.49 | 0.000 | 3.153493 59.22885 |
| ----- | | | | | | |

Second step—fit a logistic regression with all five predictors

$$\mathbf{log}\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1x_1 + \hat{b}_2x_2 + \hat{b}_3x_3 + \hat{b}_4x_4 + \hat{b}_5x_5.$$

$x_1 - x_5$ defined as before

$p = \Pr(y = 1)$, the probability of death

Results from Stata

```
. logistic death shock malnut alcohol age infarc
```

```
Logit estimates                               Number of obs   =       106
                                                LR chi2(5)      =       49.13
                                                Prob > chi2     =       0.0000
Log likelihood = -28.19964                    Pseudo R2      =       0.4656
```

| death | Odds Ratio | Std. Err. | z | P> z | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|---------|------------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|----------|
| shock | 30.94636 | 32.74522 | 3.244 | 0.001 | 3.889816 | 246.2011 |
| malnut | 2.568156 | 1.766134 | 1.372 | 0.170 | .6671843 | 9.885465 |
| alcohol | 18.39333 | 15.99545 | 3.349 | 0.001 | 3.34524 | 101.1332 |
| age | 1.086349 | .0300663 | 2.993 | 0.003 | 1.02899 | 1.146906 |
| infarc | 6.368962 | 6.266786 | 1.882 | 0.060 | .9258118 | 43.81417 |

Note—at this point, we could review other potential models, leaving out non-statistically significant predictors from the previous model, or including interactions, etc.

Model building is part art, part science

Frequently, the results of the unadjusted and adjusted analyses are presented in one table

Not only is this a concise summary, it allows for side-by-side comparisons of the unadjusted and adjusted estimates for each predictor which helps give a sense of confounding amongst the predictors

Table of results

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| Infarction | 5.6 (1.7, 18.4) | 6.4 (0.9, 43.8) |
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After controlling for age, alcohol use, malnutrition, and whether or not the patient experienced a bowel infarction, patients who experience shock have an estimated 30.9 the odds of death compared to those who do not experience shock (95% CI 2.9 – 246.2)

After controlling for age, shock, malnutrition, and whether or not the patient experienced a bowel infarction, patients who used alcohol had 18.4 times the odds of death (95% CI 3.4 to 101.1) compared to those who did not use alcohol

After controlling for shock, malnutrition, alcohol usage and whether or not the patient experienced a bowel infarction, a statistically significant relationship was found between the risk of death and age

The odds ratio of death associated with a one year increase in age, all other factors being equal, was 1.08 (95% CI 1.02 to 1.14)

Odds ratios give an estimate of relative odds of outcome—can help us assess risk factors

However, odds ratios are neither direct comparisons of risk, nor do they tell us anything about the actual risk of death for different subsets of patients with different characteristics at the time of study

As this is not a case-control study, we are allowed to estimate risk and relative risk via the sample—how can we do this with logistic regression results?

We can actually estimate the logistic regression equation (using the *logit* command)

```
. logit death shock malnut alcohol age infarc
```

```
(iteration information deleted by John)
```

```
Logit estimates                                Number of obs   =          106
                                                LR chi2(5)      =           49.13
                                                Prob > chi2     =           0.0000
Log likelihood = -28.19964                    Pseudo R2       =           0.4656
```

| death | Coef. | Std. Err. | z | P> z | [95% Conf. Interval] |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| shock | 3.432255 | 1.058128 | 3.24 | 0.001 | 1.358362 5.506149 |
| malnut | .9431883 | .6877051 | 1.37 | 0.170 | -.404689 2.291066 |
| alcohol | 2.911988 | .8696332 | 3.35 | 0.001 | 1.207538 4.616438 |
| age | .0828228 | .0276765 | 2.99 | 0.003 | .0285779 .1370677 |
| infarc | 1.851436 | .9839573 | 1.88 | 0.060 | -.0770843 3.779957 |
| _cons | -8.675357 | 2.226694 | -3.90 | 0.000 | -13.0396 -4.311116 |

Our estimated equation (multiple logistic regression)

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = -8.67 + 3.43 \times \text{SHOCK} + 0.94 \times \text{MALNUTRION} + 2.91 \times \text{ALCOHOL} \\ + 0.082 \times \text{AGE} + 1.9 \times \text{INFARCTION}$$

We can use this to estimate the log odds of death for any group of patients with any combination of values for the five predictors

By the formulation of logistic regression:

$$RISK(\hat{p}) = \frac{ODDS}{1 + ODDS} = \frac{e^{(\log(ODDS))}}{1 + e^{(\log(ODDS))}}$$

How Can You Present these Results?

Translate equation back into (estimated) probability function

$$\hat{p} = \frac{e^{\hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1 x_1 + \hat{b}_2 x_2 + \hat{b}_3 x_3 + \hat{b}_4 x_4 + \hat{b}_5 x^5}}{1 + e^{\hat{b}_0 + \hat{b}_1 x_1 + \hat{b}_2 x_2 + \hat{b}_3 x_3 + \hat{b}_4 x_4 + \hat{b}_5 x^5}}$$

How Can You Present these Results?

So for example, the estimated log odds of death for a 50 year old patient with sepsis who uses alcohol, but is not in shock, not malnourished, and does not have infarction at the time of surgery is given by . . .

$$\begin{aligned}\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) &= -8.67 + 3.43 \times 0 + 0.94 \times 0 + 2.91 \times 1 \\ &+ 0.082 \times 50 + 1.85 \times 0 = \\ &= -8.67 + 2.91 + 4.1 \\ &= -1.66\end{aligned}$$

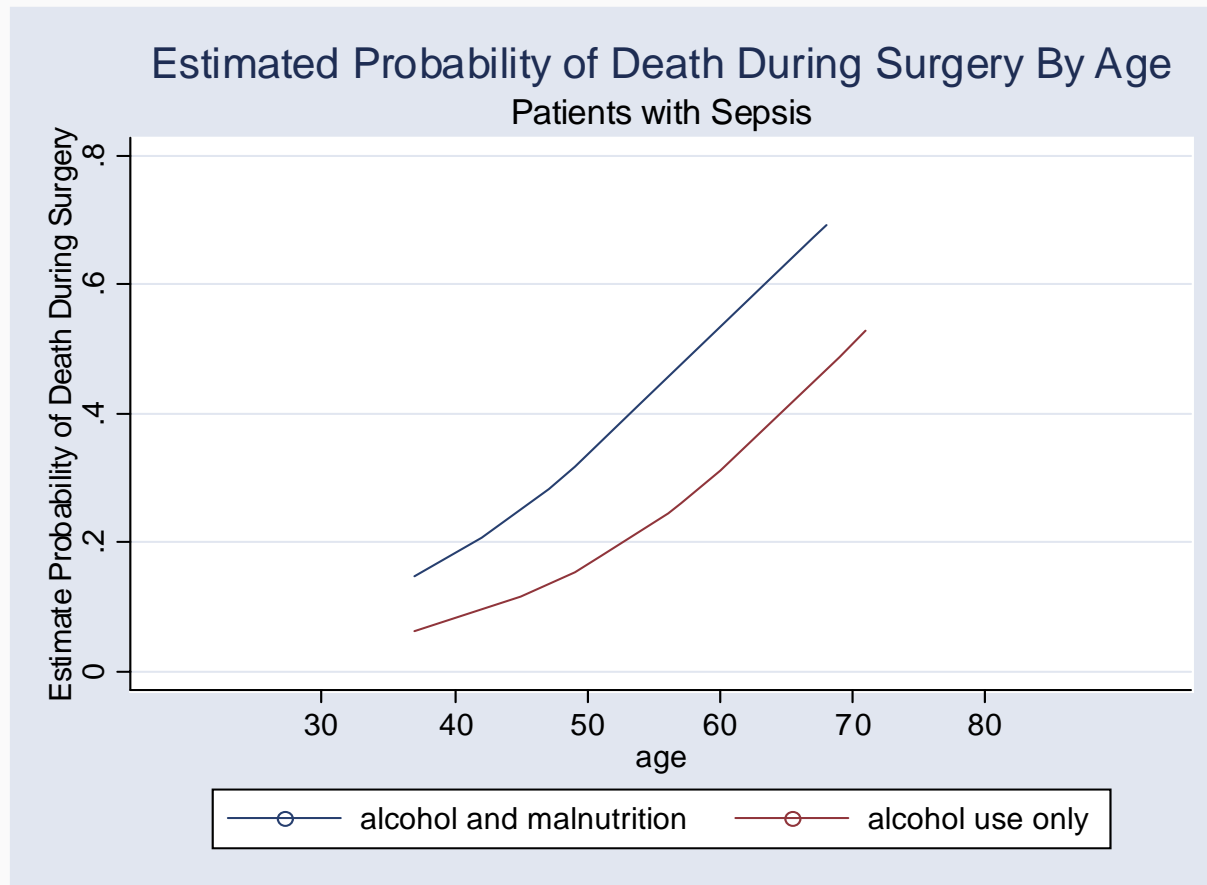
How Can You Present these Results?

So the estimate proportion (probability, risk) of death during surgery for this group of patients is given by ...

$$RISK(\hat{p}) = \frac{ODDS}{1 + ODDS} = \frac{e^{-1.66}}{1 + e^{-1.66}} \approx \frac{0.19}{1.19} \approx 0.16$$

How Can You Present these Results?

Possible graphical display





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Section C

Practice Problems

1. On the next slide, you will see both the unadjusted and adjusted odds ratio for the association between death and five predictors amongst a sample of 106 surgery patients with sepsis. Compare the unadjusted and adjusted odds ratios relating death to alcohol use at the time of surgery. Do the results suggest the death/alcohol relationship is confounded by the other predictors?

Table of results

Results from Logistic Regression
Outcome is Death (yes/no)

| Predictor | Undadjusted Odds Ratio (95% CI) | Adjusted Odds Ratio (95% CI) |
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2. Use the results to estimate the odds ratio of death for a group of 60-year-old malnourished patients in shock at the time of surgery compared to 40-year-old malnourished patients in shock at the time of surgery.

3. Recall the estimated equation (multiple logistic regression).

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = -8.67 + 3.43 \times \text{SHOCK} + 0.94 \times \text{MALNUTRION} + 2.91 \times \text{ALCOHOL} \\ + 0.082 \times \text{AGE} + 1.9 \times \text{INFARCTION}$$

Recall we estimated the risk of death for 50-year-old patients using alcohol at the time of surgery at 17% (these patients were not malnourished, in shock or with infarction at time of surgery).

Use the equation to estimate the risk for comparable 50-year-old patients who did not use alcohol at the time of surgery.



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Section C

Practice Problem Solutions

1. On the next slide, you will see both the unadjusted and adjusted odds ratio for the association between death and five predictors amongst a sample of 106 surgery patients with sepsis. Compare the unadjusted and adjusted odds ratios relating death to alcohol use at the time of surgery. Do the results suggest the death/alcohol relationship is confounded by the other predictors?

Table of results

Results from Logistic Regression Outcome is Death (yes/no)

| Predictor | Undadjusted Odds Ratio (95% CI) | Adjusted Odds Ratio (95% CI) |
|------------------|--|---|
| Shock | 13.7 (3.2 , 59.2) | 30.9 (3.9, 246.2) |
| Malnutrition | 3.4 (1.3, 9.0) | 2.6 (0.7, 9.9) |
| Alcohol | 5.5 (1.9 , 15.8) | 18.4 (3.4, 101.1) |
| Infarction | 5.6 (1.7, 18.4) | 6.4 (0.9, 43.8) |
| Age (yrs) | 1.05 (1.02,1.08) | 1.08 (1.03, 1.15) |

The unadjusted estimated odds ratio for alcohol use is 5.5 as compared to the adjusted odds ratio estimate of 18.4.

The adjusted estimate is larger than the unadjusted estimate—but to see “how different” these estimates actually are after taking into account sampling variation, let’s look at the corresponding CI’s.

The lower endpoint for the unadjusted odds ratio is 1.9 as compared to 3.4 for the adjusted odds ratio

So it does appear that the relationship between alcohol use and death in these patients is decidedly larger when taking into account the other predictors—some evidence of confounding.

Use the results to estimate the odds ratio of death for a group of 60-year-old malnourished patients in shock at the time of surgery compared to 40-year-old malnourished patients in shock at the time of surgery.

As the only difference in terms of the five predictors between these two groups of patients is age, we only need to focus on the adjusted results for age.

The adjusted odds ratio for a one year difference in age is 1.08. We have two groups of persons who differ by 20 years, how can we compute the odds ratio comparing these two groups?

It's best to go back to the coefficient scale where everything is linear—the corresponding regression coefficient for age is $\ln(1.08) = .082$.

This is the estimated difference in log odds of death for a one year difference in age. To get the corresponding difference in the log odds of death for a 20-year difference, we would take $.082 * 20 = 1.64$.

To convert this to the odds ratio scale, exponentiate this result (i.e., take $e^{(1.64)}$): this gives the resulting odds ratio estimate of 5.5—this is the estimated odds ratio of death comparing two otherwise comparable groups of patients who differ in age by 20 years (older relative to younger).

3. Recall the estimated equation (multiple logistic regression)

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = -8.67 + 3.43 \times \text{SHOCK} + 0.94 \times \text{MALNUTRION} + 2.91 \times \text{ALCOHOL} \\ + 0.082 \times \text{AGE} + 1.9 \times \text{INFARCTION}$$

Recall we estimated the risk of death for 50 year old patients using alcohol at the time of surgery at 16% (these patients were not malnourished, in shock or with infarction at time of surgery).

Use the equation to estimate the risk for comparable 50-year-old patients who did not use alcohol at the time of surgery.

The estimated log odds of death for a 50-year-old patient with sepsis who does not use alcohol, and is not in shock, not malnourished, and does not have infarction at the time of surgery is given by ...

$$\begin{aligned}\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) &= -8.67 + 3.43 \times 0 + 0.94 \times 0 + 2.91 \times 0 \\ &+ 0.082 \times 50 + 1.85 \times 0 = \\ &= -8.67 + 4.1 \\ &= -4.57\end{aligned}$$

So the estimate proportion (probability, risk) of death during surgery for this group of patients is given by ...

$$RISK(\hat{p}) = \frac{ODDS}{1 + ODDS} = \frac{e^{-4.57}}{1 + e^{-4.57}} \approx \frac{0.01}{1.01} \approx 0.01$$