

Middle East Health Trends: Shifting Culture, Digital Health, and NCDs on the Rise

Middle East Health · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. What is a significant cultural barrier to the widespread adoption of telemedicine in many Middle Eastern countries?

- A) Lack of advanced technological infrastructure
- B) Patient and doctor resistance due to cultural norms**
- C) High cost of internet access
- D) Limited availability of smartphones

2. Which of the following non-communicable diseases (NCDs) is a major health concern in the Middle East, often linked to lifestyle changes?

- A) Influenza
- B) Tuberculosis
- C) Diabetes**
- D) Malaria

3. In Saudi Arabia, the Vision 2030 plan aims to transform the healthcare sector by emphasizing:

- A) A complete shift away from traditional medicine
- B) Increased reliance on expatriate healthcare professionals
- C) Technology adoption for improved healthcare accessibility and quality**
- D) A reduction in public health campaigns

4. Mental health was historically considered a taboo topic in which Middle Eastern country, but awareness is now increasing?

- A) Iran
- B) United Arab Emirates**
- C) Saudi Arabia
- D) Qatar

5. What is a primary driver for the increased adoption of digital health solutions in Saudi Arabia, according to its demographic profile and cultural values?

- A) A predominantly elderly population
- B) High smartphone penetration and a young population**
- C) Limited access to physical healthcare facilities
- D) Government policies discouraging digital health

6. Which traditional medicine system has seen a resurgence in modern healthcare, particularly in Iran?

- A) Traditional Indian Medicine
- B) Traditional Chinese Medicine
- C) Traditional Persian Medicine**
- D) Traditional Arabic Medicine

7. What is a key factor contributing to the rising prevalence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the Middle East, according to the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region?

- A) Decreased consumption of processed foods
- B) Increased physical activity
- C) Increased fat consumption and lifestyle changes**
- D) Widespread adoption of plant-based diets

8. In the UAE, which demographic group is noted for leading the prioritization of health and well-being?

- A) Elderly men
- B) Emirati women**
- C) Young children
- D) Expatriate men

9. What is a significant challenge hindering the full utilization of telemedicine in many Middle Eastern countries, as noted in research?

- A) Lack of interest from healthcare providers
- B) Over-reliance on traditional healing practices
- C) Insufficient technological infrastructure and regulatory hurdles**
- D) Limited patient demand for remote services

10. Which of the following is a cultural factor that has historically contributed to delays in women seeking healthcare in some parts of the Middle East, such as Saudi Arabia?

- A) The availability of female healthcare providers
- B) Emphasis on community health centers
- C) The need for male permission prior to a hospital visit**
- D) Extensive public health education programs

11. Initiatives like the 'Your Safety is Our Safety' campaign in Abu Dhabi aim to reinforce:

- A) The importance of personal safety contributing to community well-being**
- B) The need for more private healthcare facilities
- C) The benefits of traditional medicine over modern healthcare
- D) The use of social media for political discourse

12. The rising prevalence of obesity and diet-related non-communicable diseases in GCC countries is largely attributed to:

- A) A return to traditional diets
- B) Increased consumption of whole grains and vegetables
- C) A shift towards more Westernized diets and diminished physical activity**
- D) Government-mandated healthy eating programs

13. In countries like the UAE, mental health awareness campaigns are working to overcome:

- A) A lack of medical professionals
- B) The stigma associated with seeking psychological help**
- C) The high cost of mental health treatment
- D) A preference for traditional healing methods

14. Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 emphasizes digital healthcare, with a goal to implement a unified digital medical records system for what percentage of the population by 2025?

- A) 50%
- B) 75%
- C) 88%
- D) 100%**

15. Which of the following is a key behavioral risk factor contributing to the epidemic of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region?

- A) Regular consumption of whole grains
- B) High levels of physical activity
- C) Low intake of processed foods
- D) Tobacco use**