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Health and Healthcare Utilization in Rural Bangladesh

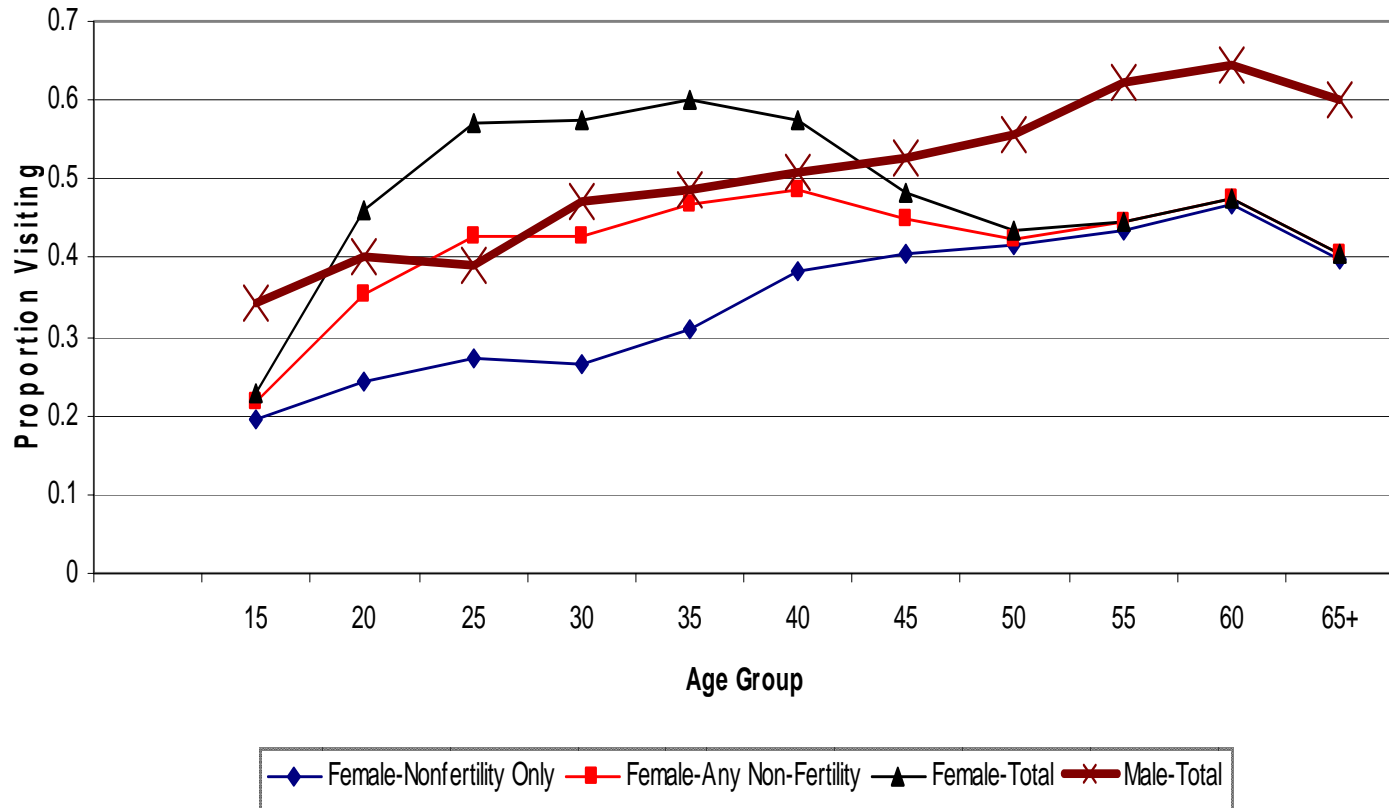
Theory and Data

- Andersen and Aday model
- Predisposing, enabling, need and systems factors
- Matlab Health and Socio-economic Survey
- Regression models focusing on age and gender differences in health and healthcare utilization

Health Differences

- Women have poorer self-reported health than men regardless of age
- Even one year of education improves health
- More acute illness and chronic illness for women

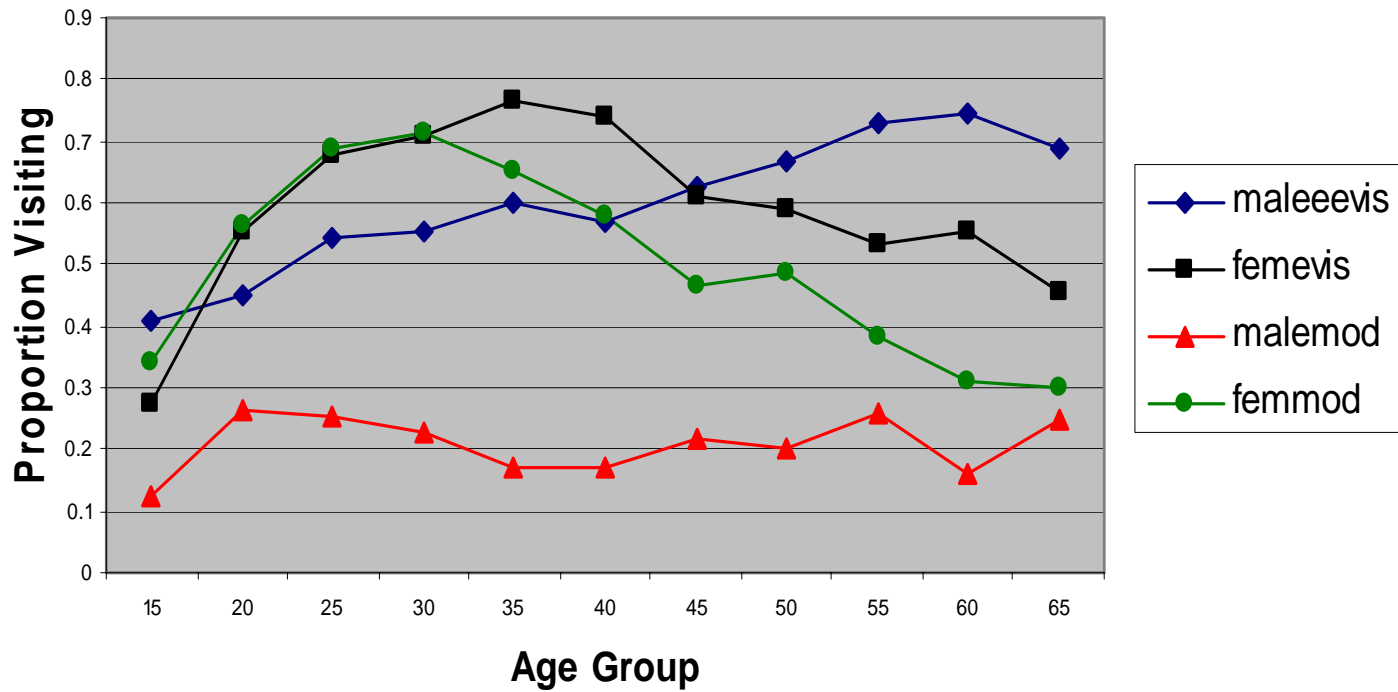
Proportions of Persons Visiting A Healthcare Provider by Age, Sex and Visit Type, MHSS 1996 (Weighted)



Healthcare Utilization

- Men use care more despite better self-reported health and need differentials
- Modern allopathic care is used more by women
- Education, age, ever married status, and need increase use

Proportion of Visits by Age, Sex and Visit (Total and Modern)



New research

- Comparison with Indonesian Family Life Survey
- Who Health Initiative
- Comparisons with other countries using similar methodologies