Friday Questions

1. Many of the lectures this week have described mortality of specific diseases, both nationally and globally, and over time. In fact, mortality is commonly used to classify diseases as “major”. Discuss whether mortality is a good measure to use when assessing efficacy of efforts to control the diseases discussed in this class.

2. There is an effective vaccine against hepatitis B, but not against hepatitis C. Based on the characteristics of hepatitis B virus and hepatitis C virus, why do you think this is the case?