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40 **ABSTRACT**

Background. The associations between cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk and later physical
functioning have been observed, but few studies with follow-up into old age exist. We
investigated the association between cardiovascular status in midlife and physical functioning
trajectories in old age.

Methods. In the Helsinki Businessmen Study cohort (Caucasian men born in 1919-1934) three 45 CVD status groups were formed based on clinical measurements carried out in 1974: signs of 46 47 CVD (diagnosed clinically or with changes in ECG, chronic disease present or used medication, n=563); healthy and low CVD risk (n=593) and high CVD risk (n= 1222). Of them, 1560 men had 48 data on physical functioning from at least one of four data collection waves between 2000-49 50 2010. Ten questions from the RAND-36 (SF-36) survey were used to construct physical functioning trajectories with latent class growth mixture models. Mortality was accounted for 51 52 in competing risk models.

Results. A five-class solution provided the optimal number of trajectories: 'intact', 'high stable', 'high and declining', 'intermediate and declining' and 'consistently low' functioning. Compared to low CVD risk, high CVD risk in midlife decreased the risk of being classified into the 'intact' (fully adjusted β -3.98, SE 2.0, p=0.046) relative to 'consistently low' physical functioning trajectory. Compared to low CVD risk, those with signs of CVD were less likely to follow the 'intact', 'high stable' or 'high and declining' relative to the 'consistently low' trajectory (all p<0.018).

60 **Conclusions.** Among businessmen, a more favorable CVD profile in midlife was associated with

61 better development of physical functioning in old age.

62 Key words: Cardiovascular health, physical functioning trajectories, growth mixture model,

63 life course epidemiology, healthy ageing

64 INTRODUCTION

Adequate physical functioning is important in maintaining independence and quality of life with advancing age.¹ Associations between poor physical functioning and adverse outcomes such as geriatric syndromes, nursing home admission and premature mortality²⁻⁶ stress the importance of identifying modifiable risk factors in time. Knowledge on these risk factors may help in designing interventions aimed at maintaining the ability to actively engage in society and live independently.⁷

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Evidence from longitudinal studies suggests that individual modifiable cardiovascular risk 72 factors such as high blood pressure and cholesterol, smoking, obesity and hyperglycemia are 73 linked with later physical functioning.⁸⁻¹² While the association of clusters of three or four CVD 74 risk factors¹³⁻¹⁵ and established composite CVD risk indices¹⁶⁻¹⁹ and later physical functioning 75 measures have been studied, only few studies with follow-up from midlife into old age 76 exist.^{15,16,18,19} Furthermore, little is known about whether and how midlife cardiovascular status 77 is associated with various trajectories of physical functioning in old age. There is marked 78 heterogeneity in the progression of physical functioning with advancing age²⁰ and it is 79 80 influenced by current, but also past risk factors. More information on early risk factors for patterns of physical functioning in older age would provide insight into more targeted 81 82 promotion of functioning. We investigated the association between modifiable midlife cardiovascular risk factors measured in the year 1974 and physical functioning trajectories in 83 old age, which had been assessed at four time points over a 10-year period between 2000 and 84 2010. 85

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88 MATERIALS AND METHODS

89 Study population

The Helsinki Businessmen Study (HBS) cohort has been described in detail earlier.²¹ Briefly, the 90 91 present study population consisted of white men born between 1919 and 1934. They shared a 92 similar working status and belonged to the highest socioeconomic class. Between the years 93 1964 and 1973, 3490 men participated in voluntary health check-ups at the Finnish Institute of 94 Occupational Health that included measurements on CVD risk factors which were considered 95 to be important at that time. Of these men, 3309 formed the baseline cohort for later examinations, see Figure 1. During the years 1972-73 these men were screened for eligibility 96 for a CVD primary prevention trial and in 1974, 1222 men were assessed as having high or low 97 CVD risk or signs of CVD (see below for definitions of CVD risk).²¹ During 1974-1980, 1222 high 98 CVD risk men participated in a multifactorial prevention trial,²² but participation in the trial did 99 not affect the present analyses and all men were included to improve statistical power. Of the 100 2378 men who had data on CVD status in 1974, 1560 had data on physical functioning from at 101 102 least one of the four subsequent data collection waves carried out in the years 2000, 2003, 2007 103 and 2010 (response rates were 81.5%, 66.3%, 65.1%, 67.8%, respectively) and they formed the 104 analytical sample of this study. The follow-up studies of the HBS have been approved by the 105 Ethics Committee of the Department of Medicine, Helsinki University Hospital, Finland and the 106 study has been registered as Clinical Trials.gov identifier: NCT02526082.

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108 Cardiovascular status and risk definitions in midlife

Examinations for CVD risk factors and health status were carried out in 1974 at a mean age of 47.3 (SD 4.0) years. Overweight was determined by relative body weight (%) (body weight in kilograms x 100 divided by height in centimeters minus 105).²³ Smoking was inquired in a

112 questionnaire asking how many cigarettes per day they smoked. Blood pressure was measured 113 in a sitting position after 10 min rest using a mercury sphygmomanometer. Fasting serum 114 cholesterol and triglycerides were measured using standard methods. Blood glucose (mmol/L) 115 was measured 1 hour after a glucose load of 1g/kg of body weight administered orally. Resting 116 and exercise electrocardiograms were taken at the laboratory and medical history was 117 recorded. In 1974, cohort members were classified into groups according to risk factors and possible signs of CVD and other chronic diseases.²² The CVD risk factors and cut-offs were 118 119 defined as follows: 1) relative body weight \geq 120% (corresponds to BMI \geq 27.8 kg/m²); 2) smoking 120 >10 cigarettes/day; 3) blood pressure ≥160/95 mmHg; 4) serum cholesterol ≥7.0 mmol/L 121 (corresponds to 6.4 mmol/L with current laboratory methods); 5) serum triglycerides \geq 1.7 mmol/L; and 6) 1-hour post-load glucose ≥9.0 mmol/L.²² The distribution of risk factors in our 122 123 analytical sample (according to cut-offs described above) was as follows: 41.4% had one, 32.2% 124 had two, 17.0% had three and 9.4% four or more CVD risk factors. It is of note that risk 125 definitions reflected the situation in the 1970's. Albeit according to current standards, low-risk 126 men would rather be defined to be at "intermediate" risk, we wanted to use the original CVD grouping that has been reported in several papers.^{22,24} 127

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Three CVD status groups were formed: 1) *low CVD risk* (n=593, healthy, no signs of CVD, none of the aforementioned risk factors); 2) *high CVD risk* (n=1222, healthy, no signs of CVD, but had at least one of the CVD risk factors, mean 2.1 risk factors); and 3) *signs of CVD* (n=563, CVD diagnosed either clinically or with changes in ECG, receiving regular medication for hypertension, hyperlipidemia or diabetes, or having been diagnosed with serious non-CVD). The last group was named 'signs of CVD' while the majority of the conditions that the men had were cardiovascular diseases or related to the metabolic system. 136

137 **Physical functioning**

138 In the year 2000 at a mean age of 73.3 (SD 4.1) years, physical functioning was assessed using ten items included in the physical functioning domain from the validated RAND-36 Health 139 Survey (Version 1.0) (identical with the Short Form SF-36).^{25,26} Cohort members were asked to 140 141 what extent their health limited daily activities such as walking two or half a kilometer or 100 142 meters or climbing 1 or several flight of stairs. If the participants had no difficulties, some 143 difficulties or they were unable to perform a task, these were coded as 100, 50 and 0, respectively, they were summed up and divided by 10. Scores range from 0 to 100 and a higher 144 145 score indicated better physical functioning. For each data collection wave, 7 out of the 10 physical functioning items were required for the score to be calculated (and in that case the 146 147 summed score was divided by the respective number of answered items). The proportion of 148 those who had data missing on three items at most ranged between 1.0 and 1.7% across the 149 four data collection waves and when considering all four follow-ups the percentage of those with 7 out of 10 answers for each follow-up we were able to include 48 persons (3.1%). 150

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152 Health characteristics in midlife and old age

The cohort members were inquired in 1974 about self-rated health with response alternatives: very good, fairly good, average, fairly poor and very poor. For the analyses, two latter ones were coded into one category "poor" due to few cases in the very poor category.²⁷ In the year 2000, the participants were asked about physician-diagnosed illnesses in a mailed questionnaire. The men who reported having at least one of the following diseases: stroke, transient ischemic attack, high blood pressure, coronary artery disease, heart failure, or dysfunction in cerebrovascular or lower extremity circulation were classified as having CVD. Dates of death were retrieved from the Finnish Population Register Center for the entire cohort between 1974and 2010.

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163 Statistical methods

164 We identified different physical functioning trajectories by fitting latent class growth mixture 165 models (LGMM) to all available physical functioning data of the 1560 cohort members from the years 2000, 2003, 2007 and 2010 using Mplus version 7.0.²⁸ In the analyses, we used LGMM 166 167 with Full Information Maximum Likelihood, in order to capture unobserved subpopulations 168 (latent groups) in all available data with similar physical functioning trajectories, but which were 169 distinct across the latent groups over the follow-up time. Grouping was based on the likelihood of the membership calculated for each individual's own trajectory. Each latent group had their 170 171 own growth parameters, intercept (indicating similar trajectories over time) and slope 172 (indicating changes in physical functioning scores over time). We estimated the quadratic and 173 cubic shapes of the trajectories in order to identify all potential differences in the development of physical functioning. We used several model fit indices to determine the optimal number of 174 latent groups.²⁸ For Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) and Akaike Information Criterion (AIC), 175 176 lower values indicate a better fit of the model. Clarity of classification into trajectory classes 177 was assessed with 1) high percentage of individuals falling into the latent class based on the 178 posterior probabilities (indicates the probability of a participant belonging in a given trajectory class) and 2) high model entropy (an aggregate of posterior probabilities), which ranges 179 180 between 0 and 1, with values near 1 indicating clear classification.

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The conceptual model for investigating the association between CVD status in midlife andphysical functioning trajectories in old age is presented in Figure 2. We constructed a competing

184 risks multinomial regression model to model the risk related to physical functioning trajectory 185 class membership while simultaneously accounting for mortality risk during the physical 186 functioning assessments between the years 2000 and 2010. Kaplan-Meier survival curves did not cross for the major part of time thus supporting proportionality. The proportionality of 187 188 hazards was tested using the scaled Schoenfeld residuals, where non-significant p-values lend 189 support for the proportionality assumption. The proportionality was supported for all 190 covariates with an effect in the mortality part of the model: CVD status in y. 1974 (high risk vs. 191 rest, p=0.575; sick vs. rest, p = 0.797), self-rated health in y. 1974 (p=0.629), CVD in y. 2000 (p=0.669) and the global estimate of proportionality (p=0.875). We estimated unstandardized 192 193 regression coefficients (β), their mean errors (SE) and related p-values for the associations. Based on the proportional hazards model, the latent effect of excess mortality risk was used to 194 195 adjust the physical functioning trajectory class for mortality risk. In addition, the model was 196 adjusted for birth year, self-rated health in midlife and self-reported CVD in the year 2000. 71 197 (4.6%) individuals had missing data for self-rated health, which were imputed using multiple 198 imputation in SPSS with data on all intact variables included in the prediction of missing values. 199 Significance level was set at 0.05 and tests were two sided.

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201 **RESULTS**

The model fit indices used to determine the best model fit for the physical functioning data in the 10-year follow-up indicating the optimal number of latent classes, i.e. physical functioning trajectories, are presented in the Supplementary Table S1. BIC was lowest for the five-class solution. Average membership probabilities in the five latent classes ranged between 0.78 and 0.88, while model entropy was 0.71 indicating reasonable classification clarity. The five physical functioning trajectories were named *'intact'* (approximately 10% of the cohort belonged to this class), 'high stable' (32%), 'high and declining' (29%), 'intermediate and declining' (23%), and *'consistently low'* (6%) (Figure 3). Individual observations belonging to each physical functioning
trajectory are presented in Supplementary Figure S1.

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212 There were statistically significant differences in the characteristics of the cohort members 213 across the physical functioning trajectories presented in Table 1. The men classified into the 214 'intact' and 'high stable' trajectory were younger at baseline, 45.2 (SD 3.6) and 46.5 (SD 3.9) 215 years, respectively, whereas those in the 'consistently low' trajectory were the oldest 49.0 (3.8) years. The proportion of men with signs of CVD was higher in the poorer physical functioning 216 217 trajectories (7.7% in the 'intact' vs. 33.7% in the 'consistently low' trajectory). There were also 218 differences for self-rated health in midlife across the trajectories; of those in the 'intact' 219 trajectory, 44.0% rated their health very good or fairly good, whereas the corresponding 220 proportion was 19.0% in the 'consistently low' trajectory. The prevalence of CVD in the year 2000 was 31.0% for the men assigned to the 'intact' trajectory and increased in the poorer 221 222 physical functioning trajectories being 85.4% in men belonging to the 'consistently low' 223 trajectory. Out of the 1560 cohort members, 539 (34.6%) died between the years 2000 and 224 2010. Mortality during ten years was higher among those who were classified into the poorer 225 physical functioning trajectories (17.6% in the 'intact' trajectory vs. 84.3% in the 'consistently low' trajectory). 226

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The results of the associations between midlife CVD status and physical functioning trajectories in old age for the competing risk multinomial regression models are presented in Table 2. Compared to those with low CVD risk in midlife, those with high CVD risk were less likely to be

232 classified into the 'intact' (fully adjusted β -3.98, SE 2.0, p=0.046) trajectory relative to 233 'consistently low' physical functioning trajectory. In terms of effect size, the associations were parallel for the 'high stable' and 'high and declining' trajectories but not statistically significant. 234 235 Compared to the men with low CVD risk, those with signs of CVD in midlife were also less likely to be classified into the 'intact', 'high stable' and 'high and declining' physical functioning 236 237 trajectory relative to the 'consistently low' trajectory, all p-values <0.018. The association was 238 also parallel but statistically non-significant for the 'intermediate and declining' trajectory. The 239 proportion of those who died during the follow-up increased gradually with declining physical 240 functioning trajectories. The prevalence of mortality was lowest among those in the 'intact' 241 trajectory (approximately 18%) and highest among those in the 'intermediate and declining' 242 (54%) and 'consistently low' trajectories (84%), p-value <0.001.

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244 DISCUSSION

We identified five distinct physical functioning trajectories during a 10-year period in a cohort 245 246 of old business executives who have been followed up from midlife. Albeit around forty percent 247 of the men were classified into the 'intact' or 'high stable' physical functioning trajectory, a fair 248 number of cohort members showed signs of declining physical functioning which progressed during the follow-up period in old age. A clinically significant decrease of 5 or more points²⁹ in 249 250 the RAND-36 physical functioning sub-category score was observed in all other trajectories 251 expect for the 'intact' trajectory. A more favorable CVD profile in midlife was associated with better development of physical functioning in old age. Compared to low CVD risk, those with 252 253 high CVD risk or signs of CVD were less likely to follow one of the four more favorable physical 254 functioning trajectories. The association persisted after adjustment for CVD in old age and also after accounting for mortality as a competing risk. Our findings provide new evidence on the 255

256 long-term association between modifiable CVD risk factors and subsequent patterns of physical257 functioning.

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Previous studies have found that higher CVD risk scores, indicating impaired cardiovascular 259 health, are related to poorer subsequent physical functioning.¹⁶⁻¹⁹ However, to the best of our 260 261 knowledge, there are no previous studies on the patterns of physical functioning that are 262 related to earlier CVD status. In the present study, high CVD risk in midlife decreased the 263 probability of being assigned to a physical functioning trajectory that was intact across the 10-264 year follow-up of physical functioning in old age. For the men with signs of CVD in midlife, i.e. 265 CVD diagnosed either clinically or with changes in ECG, receiving regular medication for hypertension, hyperlipidemia or diabetes, or having been diagnosed with serious non-CVD, the 266 267 association was more pronounced. Signs of CVD decreased the probability of being assigned to 268 a more favorable physical functioning trajectory in old age. This association was observed for those men who were assigned to the 'consistently low', 'high and declining' and 'high stable' 269 270 functioning trajectories compared to those in the 'intact' trajectory. This might be due to 271 disease-related impairments and decreased level of reserve capacity and compensation ability in midlife which may have later led to functional decline.³⁰ 272

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The mechanisms underlying impaired physical functioning are complex and may include many physiological changes related to disease processes and geriatric syndromes.^{6,31} For example, smoking and hypertension may lead to peripheral artery disease which predisposes to declining physical functioning.³² Furthermore, damage to the musculoskeletal and peripheral nervous systems start to occur well before the consequences for physical functioning can be detected. Evidence that the onset of the chronic disease burden starts already early on in life is growing.³³ Notably, early detection of risk factors that are known to subsequently be related to disability
later in life help to identify individuals who potentially stand to gain from preventive health care
measures.³⁰ Modelling physical functioning trajectories provide more knowledge on the
progress of limitation and the timing of preventive measures for maintaining physical capability.

285 The strengths of our study include the well-characterized sample of businessmen and 286 executives who came from a homogenous background and who have been followed up across 287 several decades. Midlife cardiovascular determined status was based on measurement/assessment of several CVD risk factors which is similar to other established CVD 288 risk scores such as the Framingham Risk Score.³⁴ Physical functioning was assessed using the 289 ten items included in the sub-scale of physical functioning from the validated RAND-36 Health 290 Survey questionnaire²⁵ and having several data collection waves allowed for modeling 291 trajectories over time. GMM analyses are data-driven and a person-centered approach to 292 293 classifying study participants into sub-groups in a post-hoc manner. The method can be used to 294 describe differences in longitudinal change between and within the unobserved groups. We 295 used a competing risk model to account for mortality that occurred during the 10-year physical 296 functioning follow-up among the old businessmen.

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Some limitations of the study should be recognized. The cohort comprised of men only and included individuals belonging to the highest socioeconomic strata which limits generalizability. The business executives and managers at that time worked typically long hours and the work was often stressful. These aspects of work have been shown to contribute to a higher prevalence of CVD.³⁵ We did not have the same measures of CVD risk available in old age that we had in midlife and were not able to investigate the long-term association between CVD risk

304 status and later outcomes. During the follow-up of physical functioning between the years 2000 305 and 2010, mortality was relatively high. Using a maximum likelihood method in the GMM 306 analyses, which uses all existing information and does not require complete data, we accounted 307 for non-random missingness related to mortality. We also further accounted for mortality 308 during the follow-up by using a competing risk model in the multinomial regression analyses. 309 We did not have data on physical functioning in midlife and thus adjusted for self-rated health, 310 which is a good general measure of health and is related to adverse outcomes in later life such as frailty.³⁶ 311

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313 In conclusion, in a cohort of older businessmen and executives, midlife cardiovascular status was related to physical functioning patterns in old age which varied greatly among the men. 314 315 Trajectories that indicate stability/maintenance of physical functioning into old age are markers 316 for healthy ageing and quality of life and important outcomes in terms of the individual's ability to lead an independent and active life. Our results indicate that CVD risk status in midlife is a 317 318 useful measure in determining the risk of poor physical functioning decades later. Furthermore, 319 intervening in these modifiable risk factors already in midlife might help mitigate decline in 320 physical functioning in older age.

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348	Figure 1 Study flowchart.
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351	trajectories in old age when accounting for birth year, self-rated health in midlife, CVD in older
352	age and excess mortality risk. Squares are observed values and circles are latent values.
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		Physical	functioning trajed	ctories [*]		p-value
	Intact	High stable	High and declining	Intermediate and declining	Consistently low	
	n=142	n=518	n=440	n=371	n=89	
Birth year, %						<0.001
1919-1925	20.4	31.1	40.2	54.2	53.9	
1926-1933	79.6	68.9	59.8	45.8	46.1	
Age in 1974, years, mean (SD)	45.1 (3.6)	46.5 (3.9)	47.6 (3.9)	48.5 (3.8)	49.0 (3.8)	<0.001
CVD status in 1974, %						<0.001
Low risk	43.0	33.6	32.7	18.6	13.5	
High risk	49.3	51.5	51.1	57.1	52.8	
Signs of CVD	7.7	14.9	16.2	24.3	33.7	
Self-rated health in 1974, %						<0.001
Very good	13.9	3.9	3.8	1.7	0.0	
Fairly good	40.1	35.1	32.9	22.7	19.0	
Average	40.9	50.8	52.6	54.3	51.2	
Poor	5.1	10.2	10.7	21.3	29.8	
CVD [*] in year 2000 <i>,</i> %	31.0	52.1	62.7	69.0	85.4	<0.001
Died between 2000 and 2010, %	17.6	21.4	28.9	54.2	84.3	<0.001

Table 1 Characteristics of the Cohort Members According to Physical Functioning Trajectories

SD= standard deviation

* Assessed between 2000 and 2010

[†]CVD included self-reported prevalence of stroke, transient ischemic attack, high blood pressure, coronary artery disease, heart failure, or dysfunction in cerebrovascular or lower extremity circulation.

Table 2 Unstandardized Betas, Standard Errors and P-values for Path Coefficients of Models for Midlife CVD Status Predicting Physical Functioning Trajectories in Old Age in the Helsinki Businessmen Study

	Intact vs. Consistently low			High stable vs. Consistently low			•	and declin onsistently l	0	Intermediate and declining vs. Consistently low		
	β	S.E.	p-value	β	S.E.	p-value	β	S.E.	p-value	β	S.E.	p-value
CVD status in midlife [*]												
Low CVD risk	ref.			ref.			ref.			ref.		
High CVD risk	-3.981	1.991	0.046	-3.768	1.984	0.058	-3.697	1.968	0.060	-2.311	1.841	0.209
Signs of CVD	-6.291	2.425	0.009	-5.752	2.402	0.017	-5.634	2.375	0.018	-3.812	2.198	0.083

CVD=cardiovascular disease

*Estimated with adjustment for birth year, self-rated health in midlife, CVD status in the year 2000 and excess mortality risk between 2000 and 2010.

Figure 1

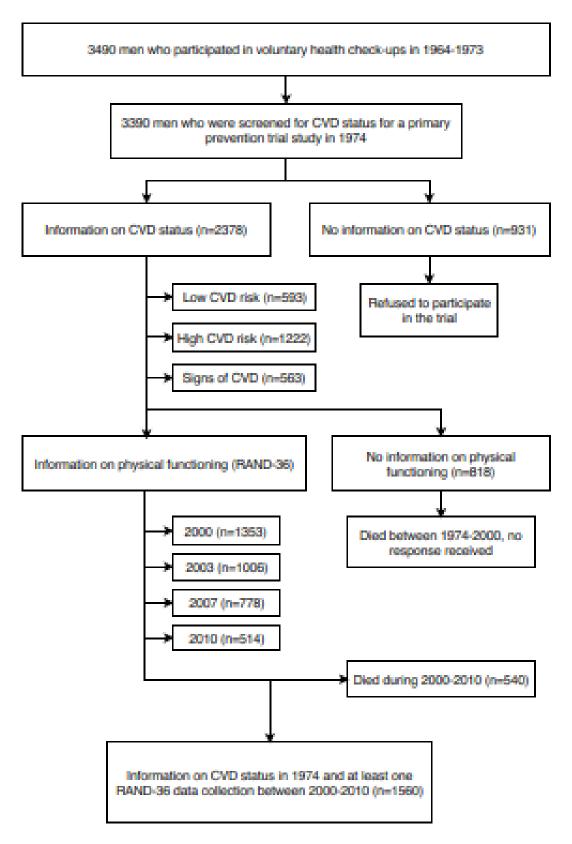


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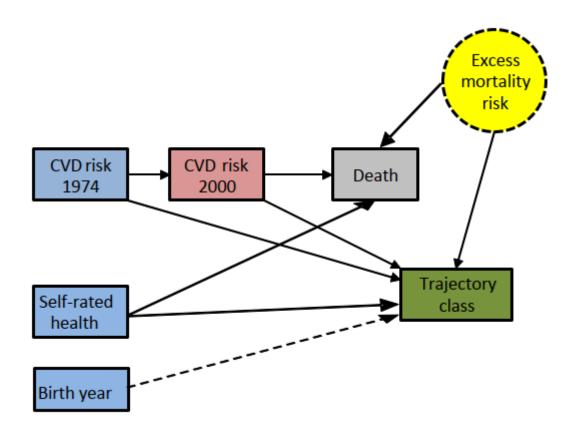
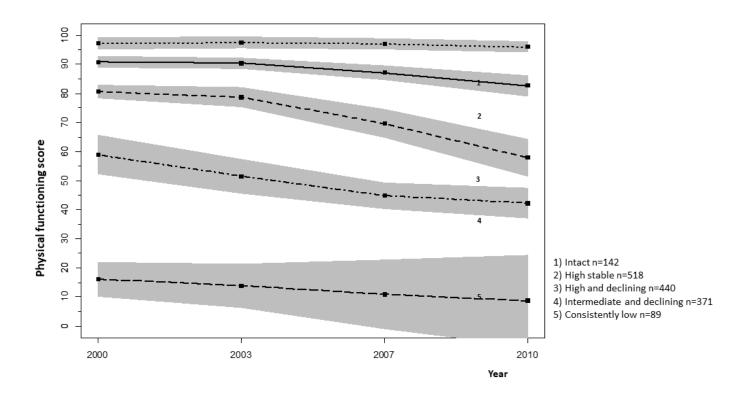


Figure 3



		Scaling		Infor	mation cr	iteria		Group size (Average latent class probability for most likely latent class membership)					
Classes	LL		Free parameters	AIC	BIC	aBIC	Entropy	<i>n</i> 1	n ₂	n 3	n 4	n ₅	n 6
1	-21939	1.88	13	43904	43977	43935	1.000	1991 (1.00)					
2	-20815	1.26	27	41684	41835	41749	0.742	960 (0.95)	1031 (0.91)				
3 ^b	-20597	1.49	38	41270	41483	41362	0.712	742 (0.93)	818 (0.84)	431 (0.81)			
4 ^c	-20495	1.31	49	41087	41361	41206	0.691	610 (0.78)	198 (0.80)	517 (0.92)	666 (0.78)		
5 ^d	-20453	1.24	54	41009	41312	41140	0.712	556 (0.78)	191 (0.79)	461 (0.84)	631 (0.78)	152 (0.88)	
6 ^e	-20422	1.18	65	40973	41337	41131	0.658	535 (0.73)	189 (0.78)	139 (0.66)	619 (0.79)	377 (0.66)	132 (0.79)

Supplementary Table S1. Model Fit Statistics, Group Sizes and Average Latent Class Probabilities for Most Likely Class Membership.

Note. LL = loglikelihood, scaling = Robust maximum likelihood scaling factor, AIC = Akaike information criterion, BIC = Bayesian information criterion, aBIC = sample size adjusted Bayesian information criterion.

^bParameter restrictions in class 3: var(Q)=0, cov(I,Q)=0, cov(S,Q)=0.

^cParameter restrictions in class 2: var(Q)=0, cov(I,Q)=0, cov(S,Q)=0, and in class 3: var(Q)=0, cov(I,Q)=0, cov(S,Q)=0.

^dParameter restrictions in class 2: var(Q)=0, cov(I,Q)=0, cov(S,Q)=0, and in class 3: var(I) = 0, var(S), var(Q)=0, cov(I,Q)=0, cov(I,S) = 0,

cov(S,Q)=0, and in class 4: intercept(Q)=0, var(I) = 0, var(Q)=0, cov(I,Q)=0, cov(I,S) = 0, cov(S,Q)=0.

^eParameter restrictions in class

Supplementary Figure S1

