

Mock FRQ #2

In a long-term study of 3462 randomly selected adults from Lausanne, Switzerland, researchers investigated the relationship between weekly napping frequency and whether or not a person experienced an event related to cardiovascular disease (CVD), such as a heart attack. The two-way table summarizes the data.

		Napping frequency per week				Total
		None	1-2	3-5	6-7	
CVD event status	Yes	93	12	22	28	155
	No	1921	655	389	342	3307
Total		2014	667	411	370	3462

- (a) In the sample, 4.5% of people experienced a CVD event. To what population can this result be generalized? Explain your answer.
- (b) One person from those surveyed will be selected at random.
- What is the probability that the person selected will be someone who reported taking at least 3 naps per week? You can leave your answer as an unreduced fraction.
 - What is the probability that the person selected will be someone who has experienced a CVD event given that the person reported taking at least 3 naps per week? You can leave your answer as an unreduced fraction.

Let p_F = the proportion of people who have experienced a CVD event among those in the population who would report frequent napping (at least 3 naps per week) and let p_I = the proportion of people who have experienced a CVD event among those in the population who would report infrequent napping (2 or fewer naps per week). A 95% confidence interval for $p_F - p_I$ is (0.0062, 0.0435).

- (c) One condition for constructing this confidence interval is that the number of people who experienced a CVD event and the number of people who did not experience a CVD event in each of the two groups is at least 10. Explain why it is necessary for this condition to be satisfied.
- (d) Interpret the confidence interval.
- (e) Even though all the values in the confidence interval are positive, a cause-and-effect relationship between napping and CVD cannot be established from this study due to possible confounding. Identify a potential confounding variable in this context. Justify your answer.