

MEDICAL COSTS OF MOTORCYCLE CRASHES

Question

How do the costs of medical care provided after motorcycle crashes compare with the costs after automobile crashes?

Background

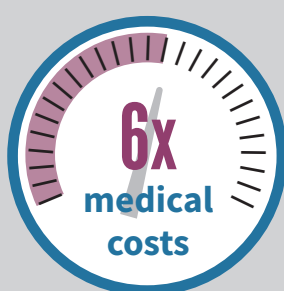
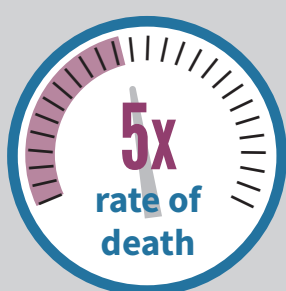
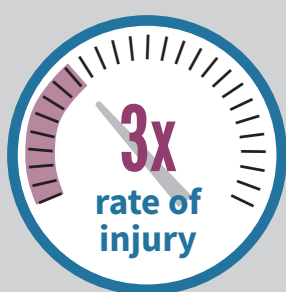
- Although motor vehicle safety has improved in recent years, deaths and injuries from motorcycle crashes have not decreased.
- There is no reliable estimate of costs incurred by motorcycle crashes.

Study

- Population-based, matched cohort
- Adults in Ontario (2007–2013) who were hospitalized because of a motorcycle or automobile crash

Results

Risks associated with
MOTORCYCLE versus **CAR CRASHES**:



Interpretation

1. An understanding of the higher rate of injury and medical costs could inform public health strategy aimed at improving motorcycle safety.
2. Future research should investigate indirect or opportunity costs incurred by motorcycle crashes.

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