



Major cardiovascular diseases and malignant neoplasms as fractions of all US deaths. The solid data points denote actual data and dashed lines indicate logistic fit.

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