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## DISTRIBUTION OF INJURY DEATH AND OUTPATIENTS IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS OF CHINA IN 2006

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**Objectives** To know the distribution features of injury of Chinese population in rural and urban areas, and further to provide basic scientific data for injury prevention and control in different areas.

**Methods** Fatal injury data were derived from official death certificates by the National Disease Surveillance Points System (DSP). Hospital injury visit data were from emergency and outpatient rooms of the 126 hospitals of the National Injury Surveillance System (NISS). Descriptive analysis was used to explore the differences between and similarities in rural and urban areas.

**Results** While the order of the five main causes of injury deaths were the same in rural and urban areas, mortalities of injury and main types of injury were higher in rural areas than urban areas in 2006. Most of the hospital injury visits from emergency and outpatient rooms were male, 15–64 years old both in rural and urban areas in 2006. The cause

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or mechanism, location, activity and intent of injury and the clinical conditions of injury patients have both differences and similarities in rural and urban areas.

**Conclusion** The epidemiologies of both death and hospital visits from injury are different between rural and urban areas in China according to the national surveillance systems. Thus, appropriate strategies and schemes should be taken in injury prevention and control in different areas.