



FIG. 1.—The rectangularizing survival curves, drawn from life tables of the United States, both sexes. Note the marked improvement each 20 years, the approximately constant insertion point at the tail of the curves, the small amount of area for additional improvement at ages below 50, and the consequent requirement that future gains must be made at the ages of chronic disease. (From [2]; reprinted with permission.)

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