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Screening Tests

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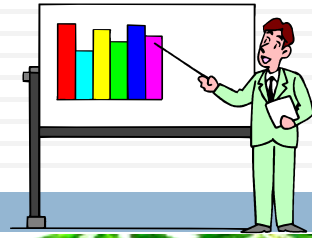
LECTURE OBJECTIVES

To describe screening tests

To identify validity & reliability

To evaluate screening tests

What is screening test?



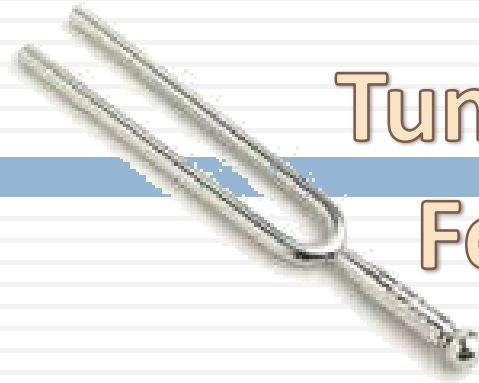
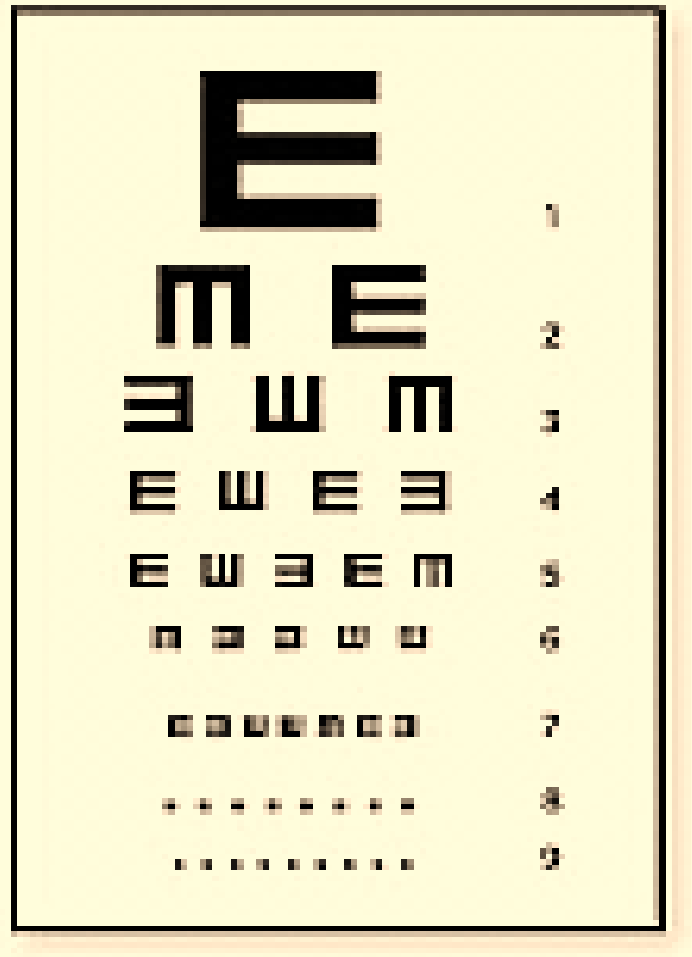
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It is dichotomous test that is:

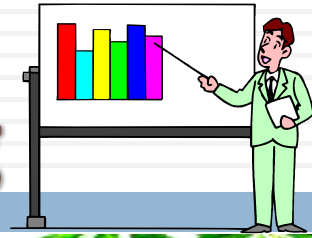
- ✓ Acceptable by the population
- ✓ **Reliable** (repeatable, precise)
- ✓ **Valid** (accurate)
- ✓ Quick & Safe (why?)
- ✓ Not costly



Snellen chart



Tuning
Fork

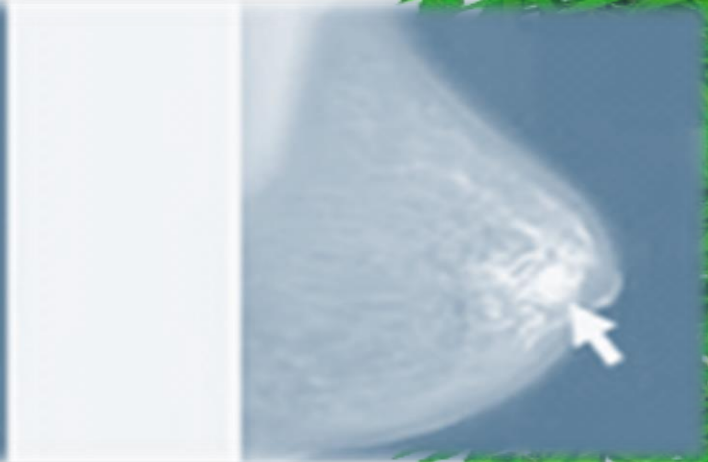
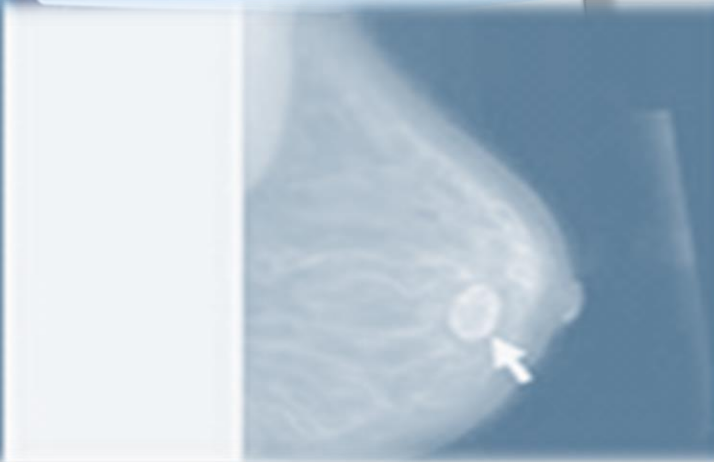
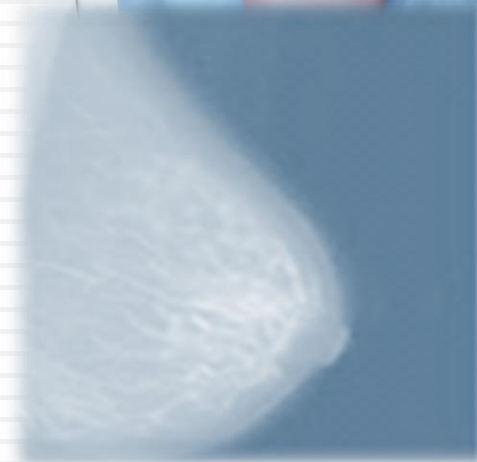


Stethoscope

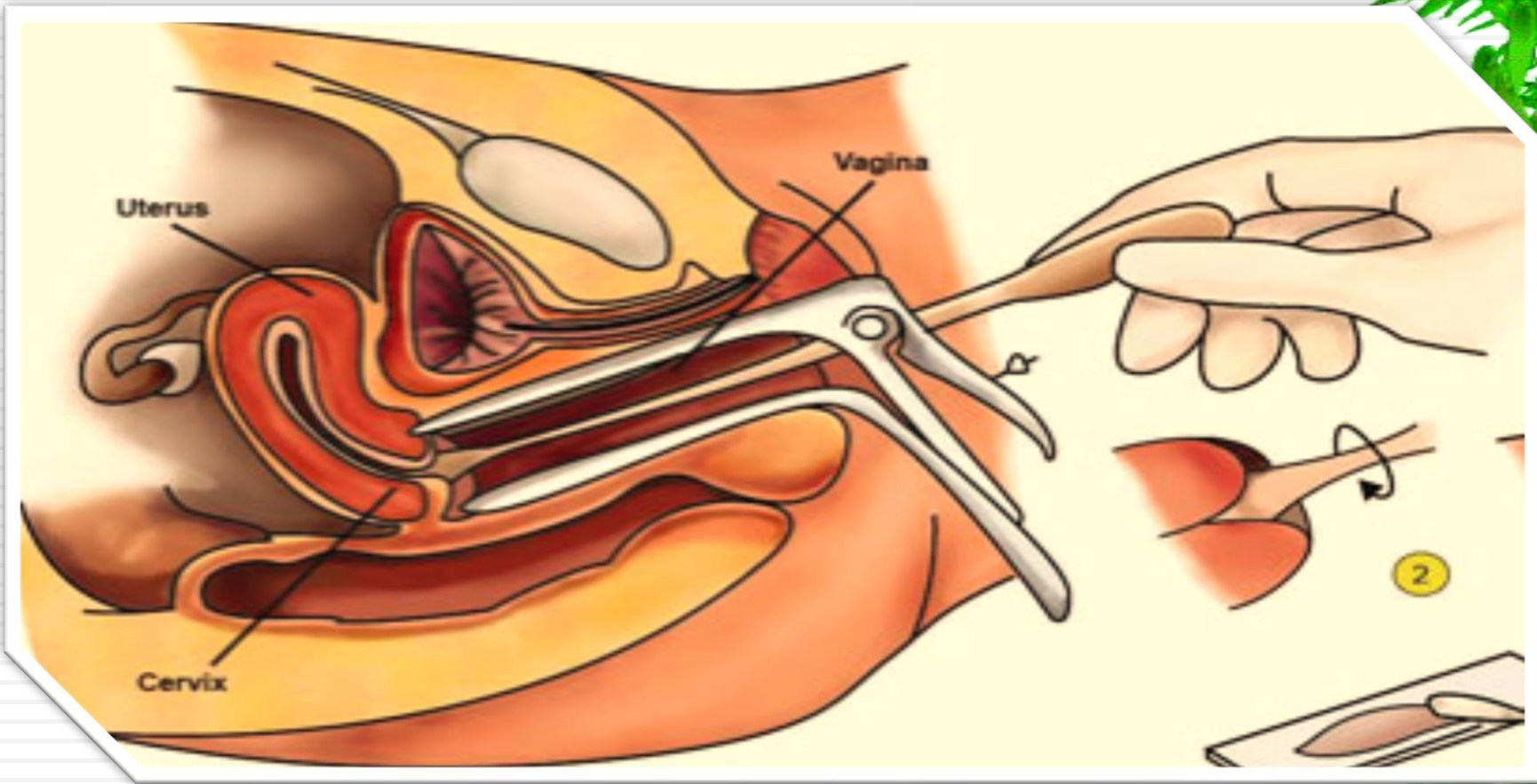
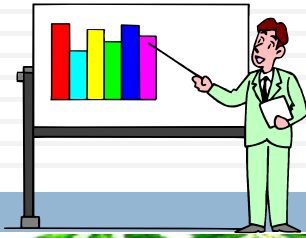




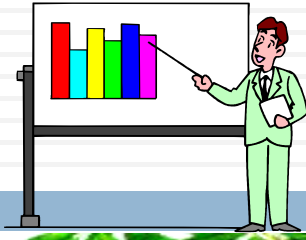
Mammogram screening for breast cancer

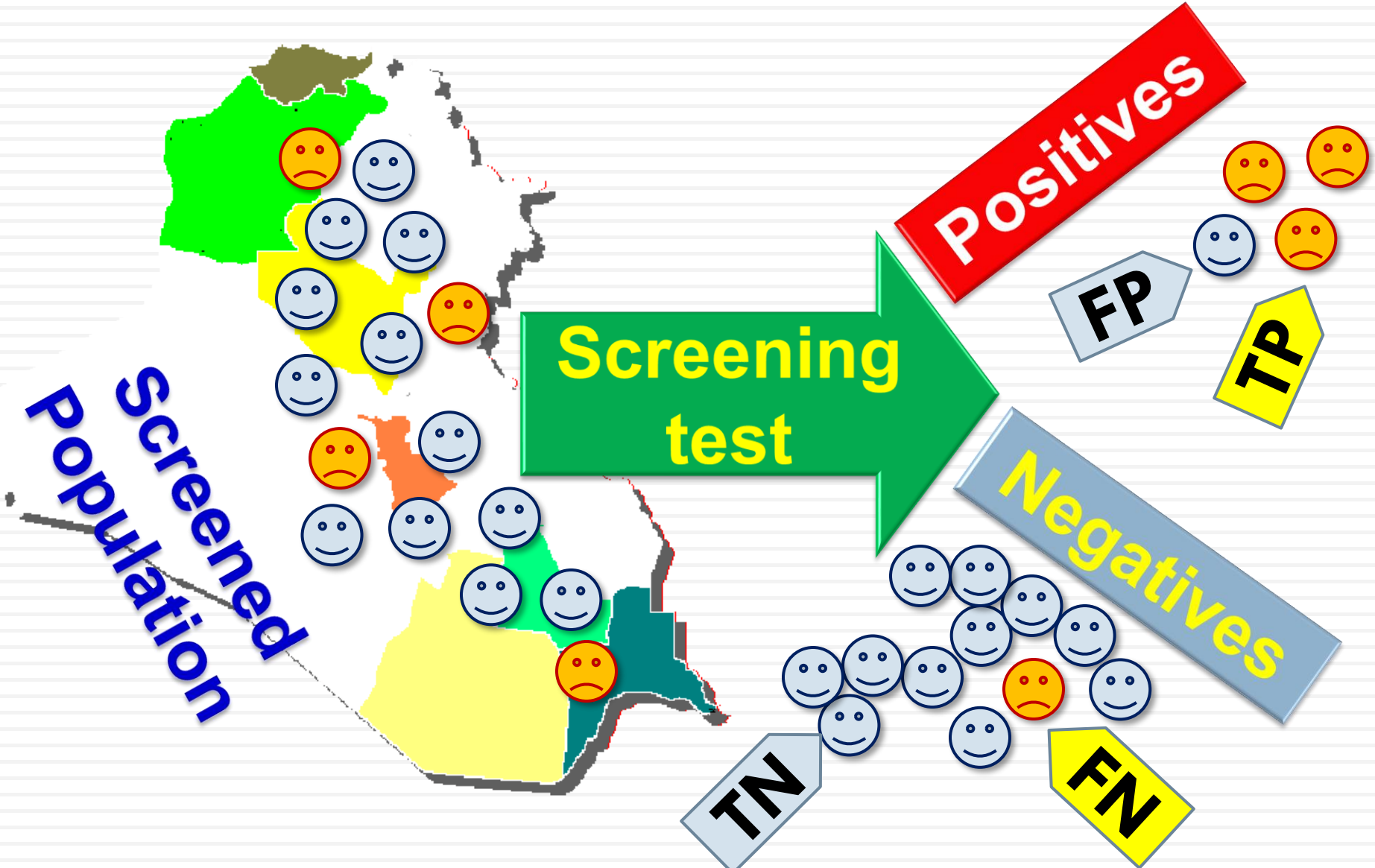


Pap Smear

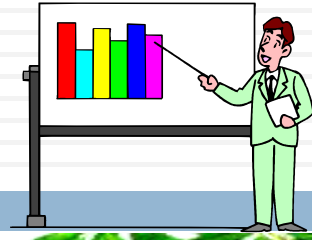


Mobile Lab Screening





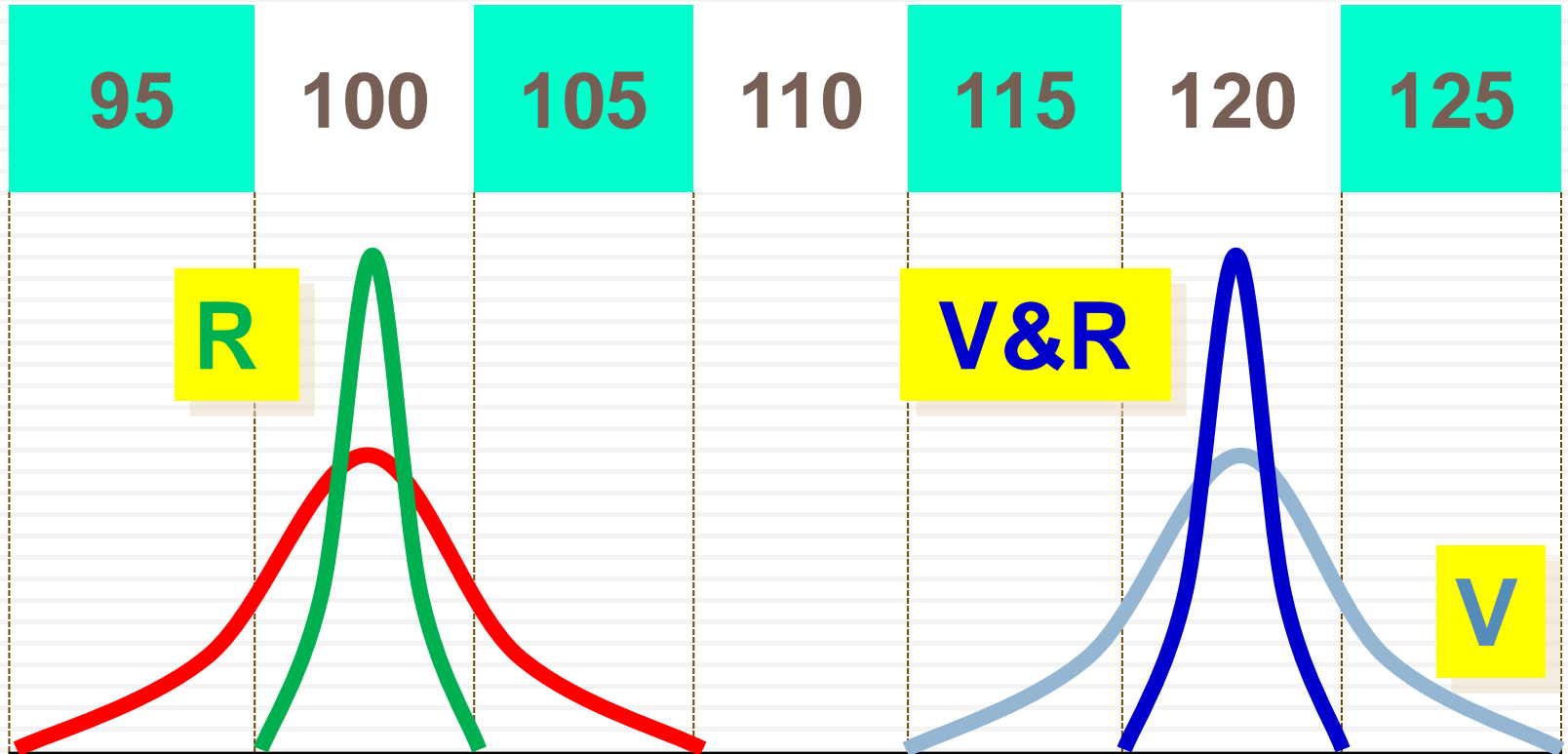
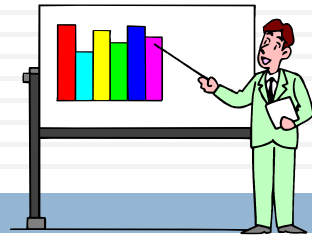
Validity & Reliability



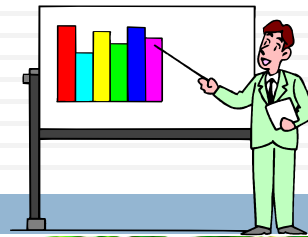
- **Valid test** صادق measures what is supposed to measure. It includes: Sensitivity and specificity
- **Reliable test** ثابت gives similar results when repeated to the same person under similar conditions.



Systolic BP for healthy



Diagnosis



DISEASED

HEALTHY

Test +

TP

FP

Test -

FN

TN

All positives
All negatives

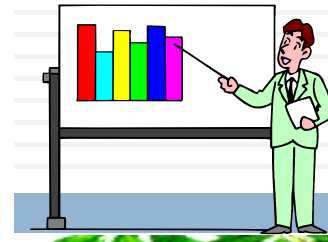
All
Diseased

All
Healthy

Screened Pop

Screening test

Sensitivity: ability of screening test to identify diseased people or % of diseased people who were positive in the test حساسية الاختبار



→ TP%

$$Sensitivity = \frac{TP}{Diseased} \times 100$$

Percentage of false negatives: % of diseased people who were negative in the test (% missed cases) → 100 - Sn

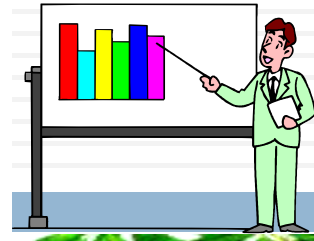
$$FN\% = \frac{FN}{Diseased} \times 100$$

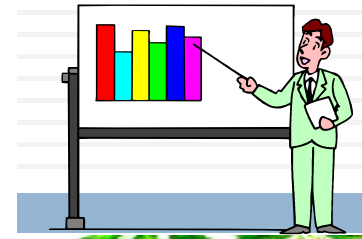
Specificity: ability of screening test to identify healthy people **نوعية الاختبار**
(% of healthy people who were negative) → **TN**

$$\text{Specificity} = \frac{TN}{\text{Healthy}} \times 100$$

Percentage of false positives: % of healthy people who were positive in the test → **100 - Sp**

$$FP\% = \frac{FP}{\text{Healthy}} \times 100$$





Predictive value of positive test:

% of people with +ve test who have disease (diagnostic power of test)

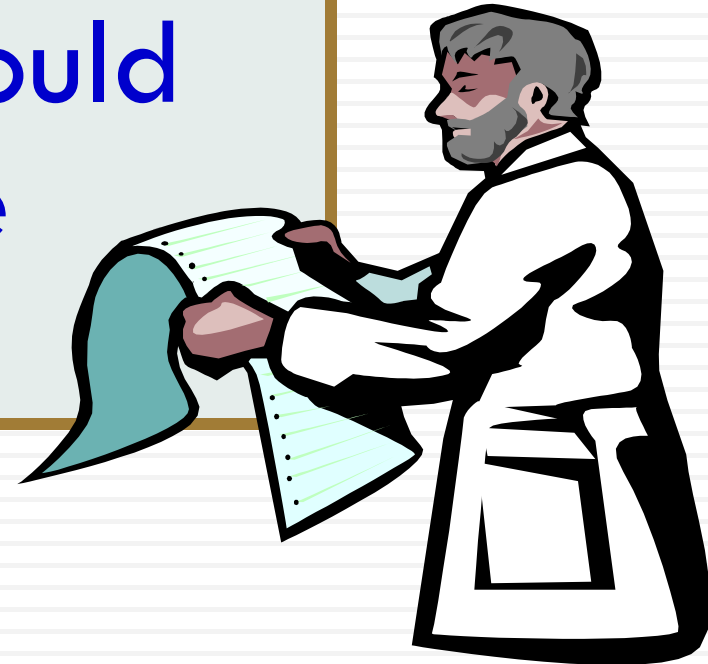
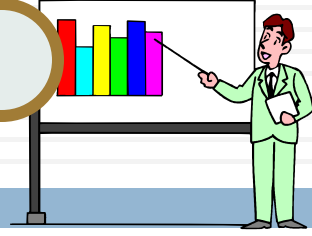
$$\text{Pr}(+) = \frac{TP}{\text{All Positives}} \times 100$$

Predictive value of negative test:

% of people with -ve test who are healthy

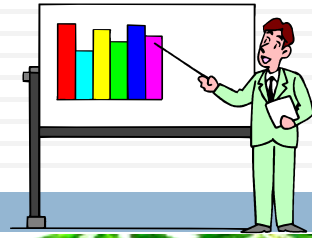
$$\text{Pr}(-) = \frac{TN}{\text{All Negatives}} \times 100$$

Although Screening tests are not intended to be diagnostic, they should be valid & reliable



Closing Remarks

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Thank You

