

- (1) Does a nicotine patch help a person to quit smoking? 150 people have joined a clinical trial that is testing the effectiveness of a nicotine patch on a person's ability to quit smoking. The 150 subjects were divided into two groups, one given the nicotine patch and the other a placebo. After 12 weeks, the number of people who had quit smoking was recorded:

	Still Smoking	Quit Smoking	Total
Patch	58	22	80
No Patch	57	13	70
Total	115	35	150

- (a) Find the conditional probability of someone quitting smoking if they are on the nicotine patch.
- (b) Find the conditional probability of someone quitting smoking if they are *not* on the nicotine patch.
- (c) Is smoking status independent of the treatment received?
- (d) Construct a 95% confidence interval for the difference in the proportion of people who quit smoking on the nicotine patch compared with a placebo. Does this appear to be a significant difference? Why or why not?
- (e) At the 5% level of significance, test the claim that the nicotine patch is effective at helping people to quit smoking.
- (f) Determine the odds ratio of still smoking while on the nicotine patch. Interpret as: estimated odds were  $z\%$  higher or the odds are  $z$  times the odds for the other group

- (2) Suppose that at any given time, approximately 1% of people in Worcester have the flu. Suppose that the typical flu test that you take at your doctor's office has 60% sensitivity and 90% specificity. Given that your flu test came back positive, what is the probability that you actually have the flu? Note: This is called the positive predictive value of the test.

Does this result surprise you? How can the PPV be so low given the relatively high sensitivity and specificity?