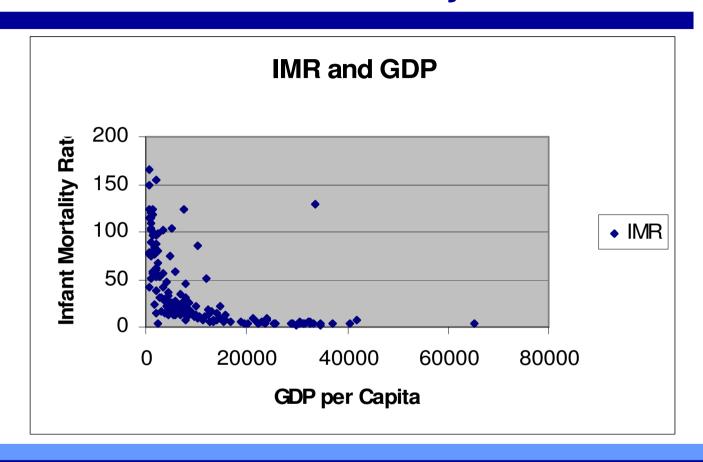
# Why are the Poor Healthier than the Rich?

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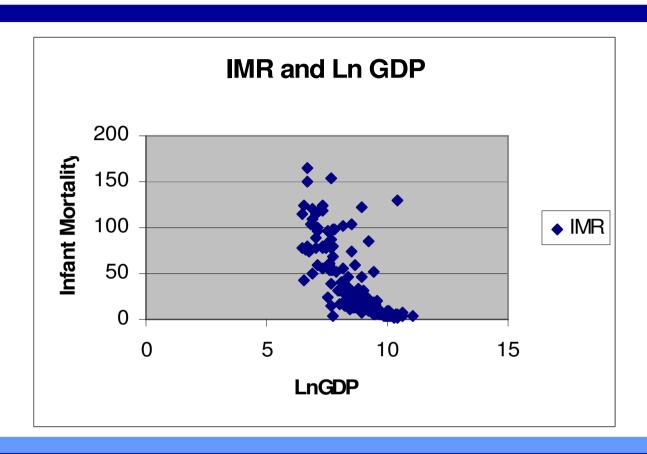
#### **Income Definitions**

- Level of income is how much is earned in currency.
  - GDP per capita
  - positive relationship with health
- Income inequality is your relative income.
  - Gini Coefficient
  - negative relationship with health
  - only for comparisons between countries
- Income position is where you are in the income distribution.
  - income quintile
  - positive relationship with health
  - comparisons within the same country
  - Rich and/or poor definition

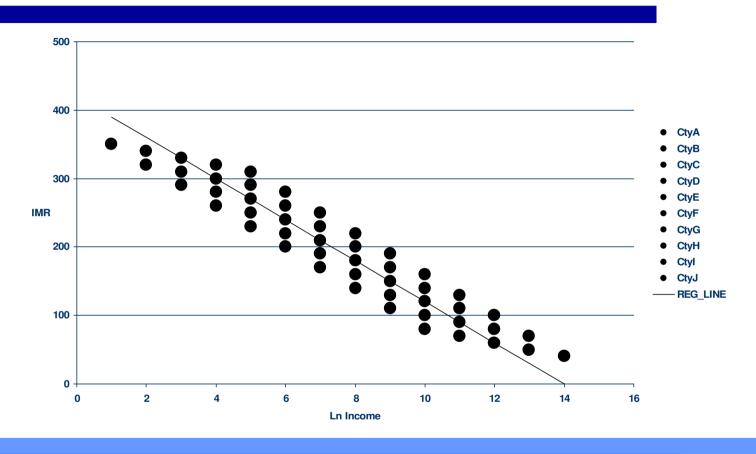
#### **Income and Infant Mortality Rate 2005**



### **Infant Mortality Rate and Log GDP 2005**



## Income Quintiles and IMR by country - Model



### Regression Results for Income and Health (n=110)

•		IMR			U5M	
<ul><li>Variables</li></ul>						
<ul><li>Constant</li></ul>	289*	324*		502*	594*	
<ul><li>InIncome</li></ul>	-28*	-34*	-34	-53*	-70*	-70*
<ul><li>Gini</li></ul>	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.05	-0.06	-0.06
• L20			324*			597*
• S20		7	331*		21*	616*
• T20		14*	339*		35*	629*
• F20		18*	343*		46*	640*
• H20		29*	354*		78*	672*
<ul><li>Adj-R2</li></ul>	0.7	0.73	0.95	0.67	0.74	0.93

<sup>• \*</sup> indicates statistical significance at least at the 0.05% level.