## Supplementary material 1. Details on variables and coding.

Variable	Question text	Answer categories	Variable coding
	Independent	variables	
Anxiety (HADS-A)	What describes you feeling the last week?  I get a sort of frightened feeling like 'butterflies' in the stomach  Worrying thoughts go through my mind  I can sit at ease and feel relaxed  I get a sort of frightened feeling as if something awful is about to happen  I feel restless as if I have to be on the move  I get sudden feelings of panic  In the last two weeks have you felt nervous and restless?	Definitely as much (0)  Not quite so much (1)  Only a little (2)  Hardly at all (3)	Sum of anxiety variables if all 7 are answered  0-7 = no anxiety  8-21 = anxiety
Depression (HADS-D)	What describes you feeling the last week?  I still enjoy the things I used to enjoy	Definitely as much (0)  Not quite so much (1)	Sum of depression variables if all 7 are answered 0-7 = <b>no depression</b>

	I can laugh and see the funny side of things  I feel cheerful  I feel as if I'm slowed down  I have lost interest in my appearance  I look forward with enjoyment to things  I can enjoy a good book or radio/TV program	Only a little (2) Hardly at all (3)	8-21 = depression
Self-rated health	How is your health at the moment?	Poor Not so good Good Very good	Poor = poor + not so good Good = good + very good
Life satisfaction	Thinking about your life at the moment, would you say that you by and large are satisfied with life, or are you mostly dissatisfied?	Very satisfied Satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Dissatisfied Very dissatisfied	Satisfied = very satisfied + satisfied + somewhat satisfied  Dissatisfied = neither satisfied nor dissatisfied + somewhat dissatisfied + dissatisfied + very dissatisfied

Daily smoker	Do you smoke?	Never smoked daily Ex smoker daily Current smoker daily	Corrected for answers in HUNT1 and HUNT3  Current smoker daily  Not current smoker daily
Alcohol	Have you ever felt that you should reduce your alcohol intake?  Have other people ever criticised your use of alcohol?  Have you ever felt bad or guilty because of your use of alcohol?  Have you ever had a drink first thing in the morning as a pick-me-up or to calm your nerves or to cure a hangover?	No = 0 Yes = 1	Problematic alcohol behaviour = ≥ 2 yes  Not problematic alcohol behaviour = ≤ 1 yes
Sleep duration	How many hours do you usually spend lying down during a 24-hour period?	Report number of hours	Short or prolonged sleeping time = ≤ 6 or ≥ 10 hours  Normal sleeping hours = 7-9 hours
Sitting time	How many hours do you usually spend sitting down	Report number of hours	Prolonged sitting time = $\geq 8$ hours

	during a 24 hour period?		Normal sitting time = ≤ 7 hours	
Social participation	How often do you usually participate in social activities such as a sewing club, athletic club, political association, religious or other groups?	Never, or only a few times a year  1-2 times a month  About once a week  More than once a week	Never or seldom socially active = never, or only a few times a year  Socially active = 1-2 times a month + about once a week + more than once a week	
Physical activity	Average of hours of low physical activity per week in the last year (not panting for breath or sweating)?  Average hours of vigorous physical activity per week in the last year (panting for breath or sweating)?	None Less than 1 hour 1-2 hours 3 hours or more	Physically inactive = ≤ 3 hours light & no hard physical activity per week  Physically active = 3 hours or more light physical activity or ≥ 1 hour hard physical activity	
	Adjustment variables			
Gender	Register	Man Woman	Man Woman	
Education	Register		Primary (10 years)  Secondary (13 years)  Tertiary (higher	

			education)	
Age	Registered at participation	Age in whole years	60-69 years in HUNT2	
Martial status	National registry, Norway	Unmarried  Married  Widow/widower  Divorced  Separated  Registered partner	Married Unmarried = all else	
Chronic illness	Do you suffer from any long- term illness or injury of a physical or psychological nature that impairs your functioning in your everyday life? (Long-term means at least one year.)	No Yes	No Yes	
	Outcome variables			
Basic Activities of Daily Living (ADL)	Can you manage, without the help of others, in everyday life  Walk around indoors on the same floor  Go to the toilet	No Yes	Sum of all no's  ADL disability = ≥ 1  no  ADL independent = all else	
	Wash yourself			

Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL)	Take a bath or shower  Dress and undress yourself  Go to bed and get up  Eat  Can you manage, without the help of others, in everyday life  Prepare warm meals  Do light housework (ex: wash dishes)  Do heavier housework (ex: wash floors)  Do heavier housework (ex: wash floors)  Do the shopping	No Yes	Sum of all no's  IADL disability = ≥ 1 no  IADL independent = all else
	Pay bills  Take the medicines  Go out  Take the bus		
Mortality	Current status in national records	Died Emigrated Alive	Participated in HUNT2 (1995-97) and died before the start of HUNT3 (October 2006)
Non- participation	Not participated in HUNT3	Participated	Participated in HUNT2 but not in

in HUNT3	Invited, not	HUNT3
	participated	