Definitions

- **Control**: reduction of disease incidence, prevalence, morbidity or mortality to a locally acceptable level as a result of deliberate efforts.

- **Elimination**: reduction to zero of incidence of infection (or disease) caused by a specific agent in a defined geographical area as a result of deliberate efforts.

- **Eradication**: permanent reduction to zero of the worldwide incidence of infection caused by a specific agent as a result of deliberate efforts.

- **Extinction**: the specific infectious agent no longer exists in nature or in the laboratory
  
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