

Medical Peace Work

An emerging field of expertise
in **health work,**
violence prevention
and **peace building**

and seven
interactive online courses



Health workers as agents for peace

The role of physicians and other health workers in the preservation and promotion of peace is the most significant factor for the attainment of health for all.

(World Health Assembly, 1981)



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Framework and definitions

- What is Medical Peace Work?



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What Medical Peace Work is NOT:



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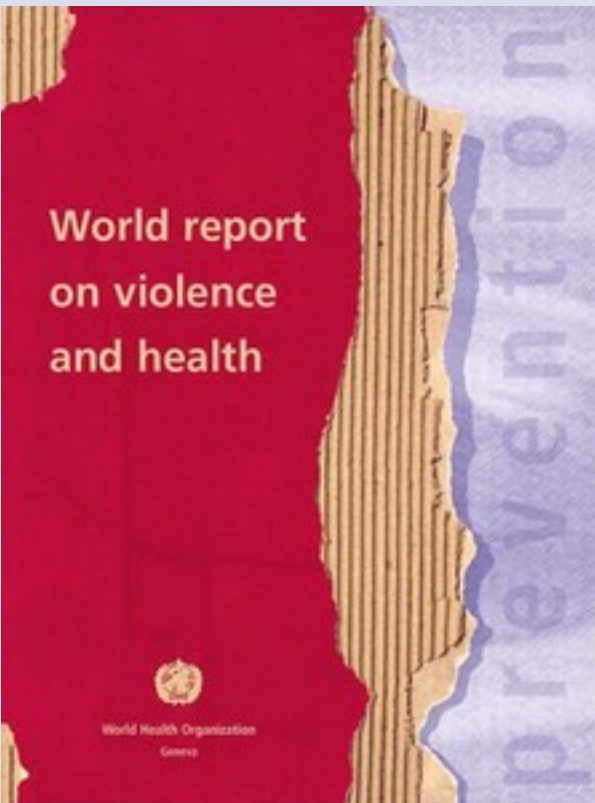
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 Interactive online courses for health workers

Violence – a public health problem



“Violence is often predictable and preventable. Like other health problems, it is not distributed evenly across population groups or settings. Many of the factors that increase the risk of violence are shared across the different types of violence and are modifiable.”

Gro Harlem Brundtland
(WHO 2002)

Basic concepts used in MPW

- **Peace** = capacity to handle conflicts with empathy, creativity and in a non-violent way
- **Conflict** = incompatible goals in a goal seeking system
- **Violence** = unnecessary insult of basic human needs
- **Human needs**: physical, mental, social and spiritual
- **Peace work**: preventing/reducing violence and promoting peace

(Galtung 1996 and 2002, Rosenberg 2003)

Holistic concepts of peace and health overlap

Peace

Health

- Wellbeing
- Basic needs
- Human security
- Human rights
- Absence of suffering, trauma, harm



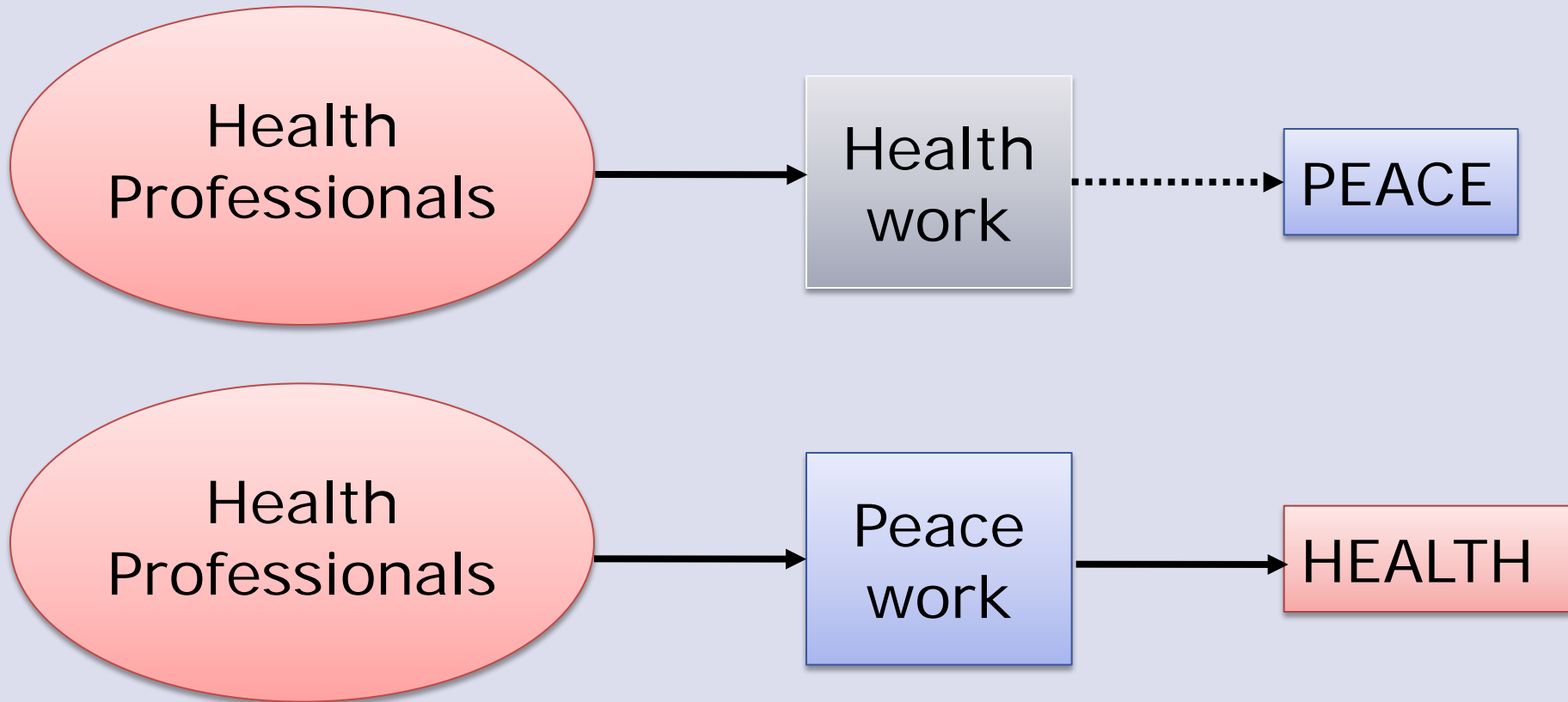
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Implicit & explicit medical peace work



Characteristics of MPW-framework

- Holistic peace concept
 - Peace work NOT only at the top level
 - Peace work NOT only in war zones
 - Peace work NOT only for peace activists
- Public health approach to violence and peace
- Explicit peace work – for the sake of HEALTH

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- Web-based teaching resource centre
- Seven MPW online courses
 - free of charge
 - 83 textbook lessons
 - 350 multiple-choice questions
 - 21 problem-based e-learning cases

Peace training for health workers - why?

- Power abuse causes health problems
- Health workers at risk of doing harm
- Health workers as agents for peace
- Peace capacity can be strengthened



Target groups

- Physicians
- Nurses
- Public health workers
- Psychologists and psychotherapists
- other health professionals
- and students in these fields



Goals of MPW training material

- **Prevent** war, terror, human rights violations, and other abuses of power.
- **Promote** compassion, caring relationships, fair structures, and a culture of peace.
- **Improve** health outcomes for patients and communities in violent settings.
- **Strengthen** the health professionals' competencies in peace and conflict work.



Learning objectives (1)

When you have finished this course
you should be able to:

- **apply a public health approach** to war and other forms of violence.
- **demonstrate knowledge about the health impact** of direct and structural violence on individuals and societies.

Learning objectives (2)

- **highlight the range** of different ways in which health care workers can contribute to the reduction of peace deficits.
- **identify health professionals' own peace qualities** and demonstrate awareness of other useful peace skills.
- **recognize and exploit opportunities** for violence prevention and peace promotion at your workplace and in clinical practice.



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course 2

course 3

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CONFLICT AND PEACE**



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**MEDICINE, HEALTH AND
HUMAN RIGHTS**




**COURSE
02**

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**WAR, WEAPONS AND
CONFLICT STRATEGIES**



**COURSE
03**

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**STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE AND
THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF
VIOLENT CONFLICT**




**COURSE
04**

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**PEACE THROUGH HEALTH
IN VIOLENT CONFLICT**



**COURSE
05**

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**REFUGEE AND
MIGRATION CHALLENGES**



**COURSE
06**

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**PREVENTION OF
INTER-PERSONAL AND
SELF-DIRECTED VIOLENCE**



**COURSE
07**



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- Croatian Medical Journal, HR
- Finnish Psychologists for Social Responsibility, FI
- Global Doctors, DK Norwegian Medical Association, NO
- Human Rights Foundation of Turkey, TR
- Institute of Public Health of the Republic of Slovenia, SI
- IPPNW Germany, DE
- International Federation of Health and Human Rights Organizations, NL
- Johannes Wier Foundation, NL
- Medact, GB
- Norwegian Centre for Telemedicine, NO
- Nuremberg Clinic - Centre for Communication, Information, Education, DE
- NVMP Gezondheidszorg en Vredesvraagstukken, NL
- University of Bergen, Centre for International Health, NO
- University of Bradford, Centre for Conflict Resolution, GB
- University College London, Centre for International Health & Development, GB
- University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, DE
- County Governor in Troms, NO



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