

Health Care in Danger





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HEALTH CARE IN DANGER
A MATTER OF LIFE & DEATH







At the core...

- Health care must not be attacked, obstructed or abused
- Wounded / sick have a right to health care



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Ethics in humanitarian action

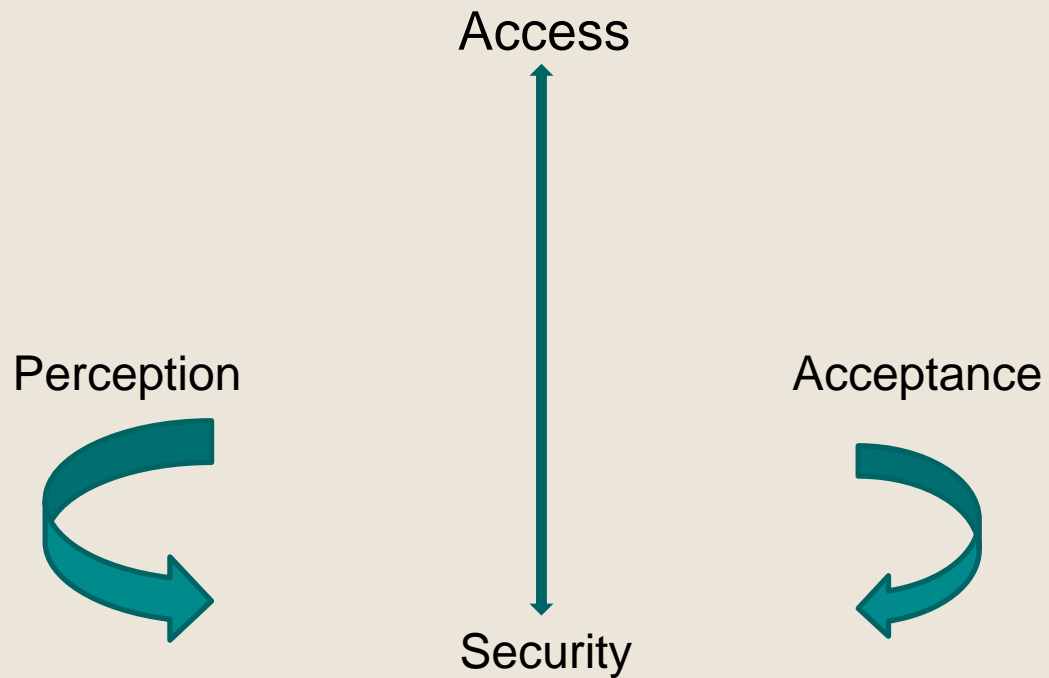
*What shall we do together,
to act humanely ?*

Values in humanitarian ethics

- **HUMANITY** to promote the dignity, protect the life and integrity of any person acting humanely in every circumstance
- **Impartiality**
- **Neutrality**
- **Independence**



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Ethical Principles

How to make legal protection of the wounded and sick, health care personnel, facilities and transports more effective?

How to legally protect medical ethics and confidentiality?



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Medical ethics and confidenti ality

Recommendations

- Reaffirm the necessity to **protect medical confidentiality as an abiding principle**. **Exceptions** should be **limited** and specifically circumscribed in domestic legislation;
- Ensure **training** for health-care personnel to apply and respect their ethical duties, particularly for **resolving ethical dilemmas**

Ethical Principles

- **Health-Care ethics do not change in times of conflict**
- Increased need to educate all healthcare personnel about these principles

If professionals have conflicting loyalties,
their primary obligation is to the beneficiaries

In peace time as well



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▲ Ebola burial team attacked



**8 EBOLA "AID WORKERS" MURDERED IN GUINEA
ACCUSED OF SPREADING THE DISEASE**



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Together we can





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IFMSA

International Federation of
Medical Students' Associations



World Confederation
for Physical Therapy

SAFEGUARDING
HEALTH
IN CONFLICT



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World Health
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Mobilization at Global Level

Health Associations/ MedNGOs

- **World Medical Association**
- **International Council of Nurses**
- **The International Committee Military Medicine**
- **International Pharmaceutical Federation**
- **International Hospital Federation**
- **MSF**
- **WHO**
- **World Confederation for Physical Therapy**

Academia/ Medical Students:

- **International Federation of Medical Students' Association**



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"Knowing is not enough, we must apply.
Willing is not enough, we must do,"

Goethe



**I WAS IN LABOUR FOR THREE DAYS.
MY BABY AND I COULD HAVE DIED.
WE SURVIVED BECAUSE THE MILITARY HOSPITAL
TREATED THE MOST URGENT CASES FIRST.**

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