

Do your students know what Health is?

Please teach your new students the WHO Definition of Health

This is an exciting time of year where over 5 million students worldwide will be new medical, Public Health, Nursing, Veterinary, Agriculture, Dental, Nutrition and Environmental students. These students are learning about health, and will be the future of health in the world.

What has been surprising to us at our former WHO Collaborating center is that so few students are taught a definition of health in training. We found that only 20% of my MD Public Health students knew this WHO

Definition:

"Health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity". (WHO)

We think that all new students should be taught a definition of health early in their training.

We have built a poster presenting the definition of health at:

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/globalhealth/What%20is%20Health.htm>

The poster presents the definition, and it has been translated into over 70 languages including Arabic, Chinese, Danish, French, Hebrew, Kazakh, Pashtu, Spanish, Tagalog and many others.

We would appreciate if you could teach the definition of health to all your new students, and share with them the WHO Definition of Health poster. Also, please link to the definition from your web site.

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We would appreciate your thoughts on how to reach as many new students as we can. Please send your ideas to ronaldlaporte@gmail.com

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