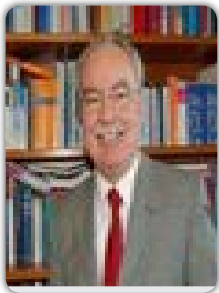


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THE NEED TO ENRICH THE INSTRUMENT BOX OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICS: MERGER THE BIO-MEDICAL AND THE BIO-PSYCHO-SOCIAL DISEASE MODEL!

Socio-political and economic Health Care decisions are often made on the basis of disease statistics alone. However, due to the changing panorama of diseases taking place in our century, especially healthcare of chronically diseased persons is often going along with impairing and cost-intensive, life-long concomitant personal and insurance-straining sequelae like rehabilitation, psycho-social assistance, sick-benefits, invalidity pension or long-term care. These impacts must be considered simultaneously for appropriate decisions. In social welfare states legislature is increasingly following the Bio-Psycho-Social Disease Model instead of the Bio-Medical Disease Model alone, aiming to achieve an inclusive society and putting into effect the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Therefore time has come to merger both disease models. A merger of the two underlying WHO classifications, ICD and ICF, is overdue to enrich the instrument box of public health statistics for political decision makers.

Biography

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