

The Budapest Declaration on Health Promoting Hospitals

Part 1

Content and Aims for Hospitals participating in Health Promoting Hospitals - an International Network.

Beyond the assurance of good quality medical services and health care, a Health Promoting Hospital should:

1. Provide opportunities throughout the hospital to develop health-orientated perspectives, objectives and structures.
2. Develop a common corporate identity within the hospital which embraces the aims of the Health Promoting Hospital.
3. Raise awareness of the impact of the environment of the hospital on the health of patients, staff and community. The physical environment of hospital buildings should support, maintain and improve the healing process.
4. Encourage an active and participatory role for patients according to their specific health potentials.
5. Encourage participatory, health-gain orientated procedures throughout the hospital.
6. Create healthy working conditions for all hospital staff.
7. Strive to make the Health Promoting Hospital a model for healthy services and workplaces.
8. Maintain and promote collaboration between community based health promotion initiatives and local governments.
9. Improve communication and collaboration with existing social and health services in the community.
10. Improve the range of support given to patients and their relatives by the hospital through community based social and health services and/or volunteer-groups and organisations.
11. Identify and acknowledge specific target groups (e.g. age, duration of illness etc.) within the hospital and their specific health needs.
12. Acknowledge differences in value sets, needs and cultural conditions for individuals and different population groups.

13. Create supportive, humane and stimulating living environments within the hospital especially for long-term and chronic patients.
14. Improve the health promoting quality and the variety of food services in hospitals for patients and personnel.
15. Enhance the provision and quality of information, communication and educational programmes and skill training for patients and relatives.
16. Enhance the provision and quality of educational programmes and skill training for staff.
17. Develop an epidemiological data base in the hospital specially related to the prevention of illness and injury and communicate this information to public policy makers and to other institutions in the community.

Part 2

Criteria for Hospitals participating as Pilot Hospitals in Health Promoting Hospitals - an International Network.

Basic Recommendations

- Acceptance of the principles declared in the «Ottawa Charter on Health Promotion».
- Acceptance of the document «Content and Aims for Health Promoting Hospitals»

Specific Recommendations

Acceptance of the criteria of the European «Healthy Cities» project as they relate to the hospital:

1. Approval to become a Health Promoting Hospital to be sought from the owner, management and personnel of the hospital (including representatives of unions, working council). A written submission will be required.
2. Willingness to co-operate and ensure the funding of programmes with an independent institution in relation to planning, consultation, documentation, monitoring and evaluation.
3. Evaluation to be undertaken annually in order to guide future action.

4. Willingness to develop an appropriate organisational structure and process, supported by project management to realise the aims of the Health Promoting Hospital.
5. Establishment of a Joint Project Committee (with representatives from the Pilot Hospital and institutions of research and/or consultation).
6. Nomination of a project manager by the hospital, who is accountable to the Joint Project Committee.
7. Provision of necessary personnel and financial resources as agreed by the Joint Project Committee.
8. Readiness to develop at least five innovative health promoting projects related to the hospital, the people who work within it, and the population served, with goals, objectives and targets for each project. Projects should be complementary to health promotion initiatives in primary health care.
9. Public discussion of health promotion issues and possible health promoting activities within the hospital by
 - Internal Newsletter
 - Public presentations within the hospital.
10. Provision of evaluation information at least annually to
 - the Joint Project Committee
 - the management
 - the staff
 - the public and to those who provide funding
 - other organisations, both local, national and international including WHO and the Co-ordinating Centre for the Network.
11. Exchange experience by networking with
 - other hospitals
 - Health Promoting Hospitals
 - an International Network (participation in Business Meetings etc.)
 - National Network (group of nominated observers from different institutions with an interest in health).
12. Link the Health Promoting Hospital projects with congruent local health promotion programmes, especially those within the Healthy Cities Network.
13. Prospective running period of the model: 5 years.

This declaration has been issued at the 1st Business Meeting of the International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals.