Monitoring Health for all: New Insights into the Health and Progress of Nations from the Global Burden of Disease Study

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Abstract:

In this paper Professor Martin McKee will describe how the Global Burden of Disease (GBD) study is providing new ways of monitoring the health of nations and, especially, progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He will describe the Health Access and Quality Index, which draws on work that he and Ellen Nolte undertook on mortality amenable to health care. Working with colleagues at the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation, this concept has now been applied to the GBD data to provide a new measure of performance of health systems that offers valuable lessons to inform policies on the health Sustainable Development Goals.

Bio-sketch:

Professor Martin McKee qualified in medicine from Queen’s University Belfast, Northern Ireland, with subsequent training in internal medicine and public health. He is Professor of European Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine where he founded the European Centre on Health of Societies in Transition (ECOHOST), a WHO Collaborating Centre. He is also research director of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies and Immediate Past President of the European Public Health Association.

Professor McKee has published over 980 academic papers and 44 books and his contributions to European health policy have been recognised by, among others, election to the UK Academy of Medical Sciences and the US National Academy of Medicine, by the award of honorary doctorates from Greece, Hungary, The Netherlands, and Sweden and visiting professorships at universities in Europe and Asia, the 2003 Andrija Stampar medal for contributions to European public health, in 2014 the Alwyn Smith Prize for outstanding contributions to the health of the population, and in 2015 the Donabedian International Award for contributions to quality of care. In 2005 Professor McKee was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE). He has an active following on Twitter as @martinmckee.