

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH EQUITY: LITERATURE REVIEW

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ABSTRACT

Introduction

Equity is an important principle of all religions; Equity is a moral principle where people are treated equally or in the same manner as human beings. Equity is a needed principle throughout people's life; in religion, culture, law, education as well as health.

Aim

The aim of this review was to track main milestones in the journey of health equity.

Search Strategy

A systematic search in the electronic databases of EBSCO and Google Scholar has been performed, the search were to all articles, reports and books that published in English language. Thirty results were revealed, from 1960 to 2014.

Results

The actual origination of equity in health is unknown, but in this review the start was with the publication of tittmus in 1960 and continues until the present time. The main mile stones of this journey were themed to the Origination, Alma-Ata and Beyond, The Black Report, Health Equity and Health Policy, Health Equity as a Concept, Health Equity and Social Determinants, And the Sustainable Development Goals and Beyond.

Conclusion

The historical development of health equity was tracked, the results revealed that health equity passed through important milestones. Despite the long journey, health equity is not yet proved in all countries, or in all component,. reaching health equity required a well-organized and a well-developed health system, and required a national and international cooperation.

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