# The concept of human health

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## **OPERATIONAL DEFINITION**



The WHO definition of health is not an "operational" definition, i.e. it does not lend itself to direct measurement, studies of epidemiology of health have been hampered because of our inability to measure health and wellbeing directly.

## Concepts, Construct

- A scientific concept really consists of three parts: a label, a theoretical definition, and an operational definition.
- The theoretical definition specifies the verbal *meaning* which is attached to the concept label.
- We call self-defining concepts like "age" primitive terms.
- Primitive terms are adequately defined by their attached concept labels.
- These are the labels which appear at the bottom of the level of abstraction hierarchy.
- RECOMMENDATION: explicitly specify the meaning associated with each concept, regardless of the extent to which we think the meaning is shared.



#### **Take Care of You!**

5 Quick Ways to Practice Self-Care Right Now!



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#### Exercise. Get outside.

Pay attention to nature around you and get out of your own head.



#### Breathe deeply.

Focus on the sensation of your breath. Notice how your body feels, from your head down to your toes.

#### Write or journal.

Write about things you are grateful for. Write down reasons you are proud of yourself, or things to appreciate about yourself. Or just free write whatever comes into your head.

#### Be social.

It's not just fun. It's also good for us. Sometimes the day when you feel least social is when you need it most.



## Do something just for you.

Take a bath, do a facemask, read a book, make art, or take yourself on a coffee or tea date.

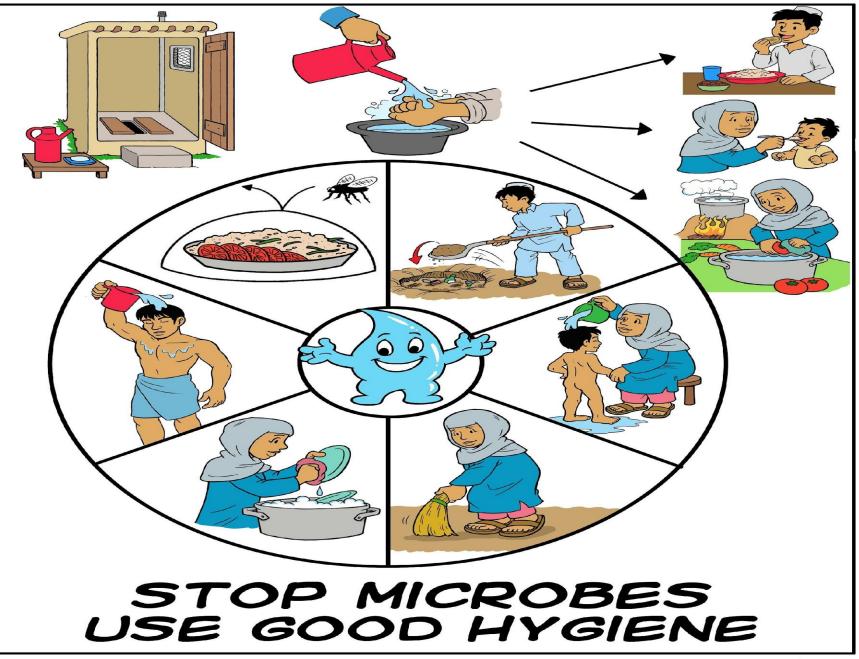


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## PERSONAL HYGIENE

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## Ten Great Public Health Achievements

- Vaccination
  Motor-vehicle safety
  Safer workplaces
  Control of infectious
- diseases Dealing in death
- Decline in deaths from coronary heart disease and stroke

- Safer and healthier foods
- Healthier mothers and babies
- Family planning
- Fluoridation of drinking water
- Recognition of tobacco use as a health hazard CDC, 1999

## What Is Epidemiology? Peering Into This Public Health Topic



## **Definition of epidemiology**

« The study of the distribution and determinants of health related states or events in specified populations and the application of this study to the control of health problems. »

Last, 1988



#### Example quarantine for corona virus

## Before

#### After corona

#### Monitoring and Evaluation of Health Services

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### WHO stepwise framework

PLANNING STEP 1 Where are we now?

Investigate the present state of the cancer problem, and cancer control services or programmes.





Formulate and adopt policy. This includes defining the target population, setting goals and objectives, and deciding on priority interventions across the cancer continuum.

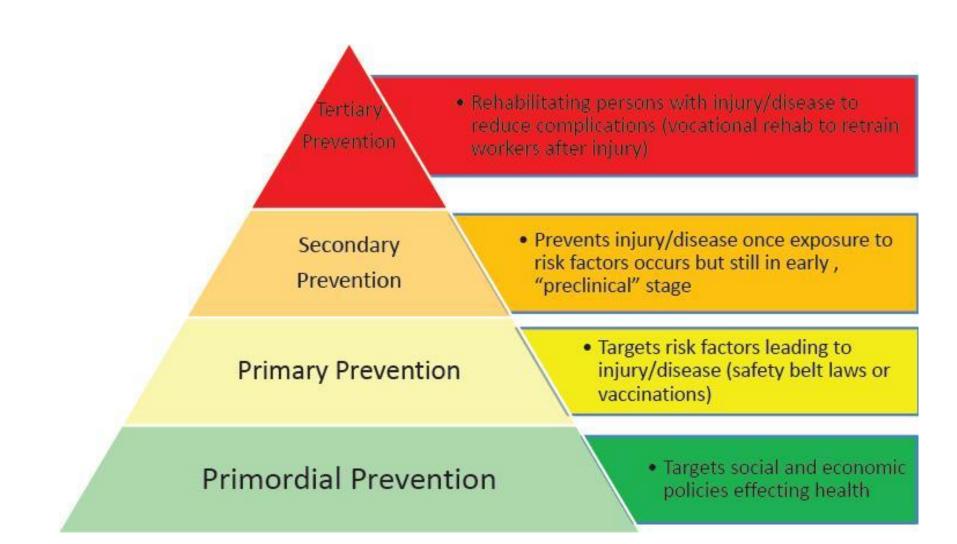


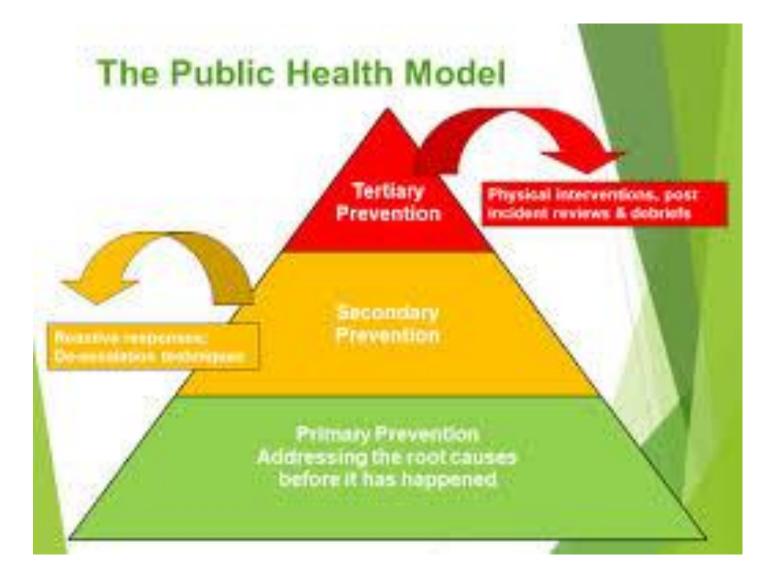


Identify the steps needed to implement the policy.

The planning phase is followed by the policy implementation phase.

Implementation step 1 CORE	Implement interventions in the policy that are feasible now, with existing resources.
Implementation step 2 EXPANDED	Implement interventions in the policy that are feasible in the medium term, with a realistically projected increase in, or reallocation of, resources.
Implementation step 3 DESIRABLE	Implement interventions in the policy that are beyond the reach of current resources, if and when such resources become available.







## Prevention of public health

