Impact of Media in Health Care Delivery

Principles followed by the media

- 1. Obligation to the truth.
- 2. Loyalty to citizens.
- 3. A discipline of verification.
- 4. Independence from those covered.
- Make the significant interesting and relevant.
- Keep news comprehensive and proportional.

Media looks at health from different perspectives.

- * Medical issues.
- * Ethical issues.
- * Social issues.
- * Economic issues.

Media looks at health from different perspectives.

- From accidents to biodiversity,
- * bioterrorism,
- * blindness,
- * cancer,
- * chemical weapons,
- climate,
- * costs,
- diet,

- drugs,
- ecosystem,
- environmental pollution,
- ethics,
- family planning,
- gender,
- genetics,
- health economics,
- * Health education,

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- * immunisation,
- life expectancy,
- * malnutrition,
- * nutrition,
- occupational health,
- * poverty,
- * radiation,
- * research,

- refugees,
- rehabilitation,
- * smoking,
- * traditional medicine,
- vaccines,
- * waste management,
- water,
- women's rights et al.
- Bottomline is people's WELL BEING.

Role of media

- Disseminate information on diseases, discoveries
- 2. Partner in efforts to provide world class health care at affordable cost.
- 3. Highlight disparities urban / rural, rich / poor, gender An advocacy role.
- 4. Watchdog role -- ensure implementation of programmes / legislations governing health.

