

Integrating with other Global Health movements

A Lancet perspective

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- A surgeon!
- A reformer and campaigner
- Not afraid to upset the establishment
- Not a collaborator!
- Bare fist fighting in pubs

Wakley quote

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"The Council of the College of Surgeons remains an irresponsible, unreformed monstrosity in the midst of English institutions – an antediluvian relic of all... that is most despotic and revolting, iniquitous and insulting, on the face of the Earth".

Global Health

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“an area for study, research, and practice that places a priority on improving health and achieving equity in health for all people worldwide” (Koplan et al, Lancet 2009)

Global health

- Huge area
- Major health movements of the current era – e.g.: SDGs (MDGs), NCDs, MCH, One Health
- Enormous numbers of players
- Multitudinous contexts
- Permutations of possible solutions
- Top down silos of aid are no longer tenable

Main areas of importance for collaboration

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- Funding
- Action
- Evaluation
- Accountability
- Policy

The Lancet and Collaboration

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- Key points:
- Authoritative
- Independent
- Aspirational
- Avoid of bias
- Used to provoke action
- Adopted widely
- Have longevity

Useful representations

- Government/policy makers
- Multilateral/bilateral health organisations
- NGOs
- Academics
- Funders
- Industry
- Local experts
- Service users
- Draw on strengths of each actor

A tricky balance

- Too many cooks vs views not heard
- Enormity of task vs unrealistic goals
- Top heavy international expertise vs local experience

Success

- A commission is a political animal
- All voices heard, taken account of, reasoned with, acted upon
- Something in it for everyone
- More than the sum of its parts
- Experience....



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In a press statement released last week (13 January), the non-profit medical organisation said the series fails to address key areas of

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