

# A Lancet Commission

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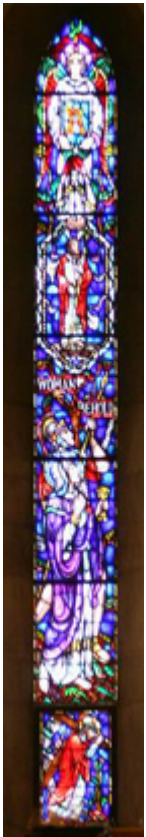
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# Thomas Wakley



"A lancet can be an arched window to let in the light or it can be a sharp surgical instrument to cut out the dross and I intend to use it in both senses"

# Since Wakley

- Death in 1862
- Weekly issues
- Inform, Enlighten, and Entertain
- High impact research journal
- A British medical journal?
- 2003!!!

# The Lancet journal





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# Commission history

- Started towards GH focus in 2003
- Individual research articles and reviews
- Series of review style articles on one topic
- 2009 – Commission – Managing the Health Effects of Climate Change
- 10 Commissions since 2009 across all TL journals

## Commissions

[Antibiotic resistance—the need for global solutions](#): published November 17, 2013

[Planning cancer control in Latin America and the Caribbean](#): published April 26, 2013

[Technologies for Global Health](#): published August 1, 2012

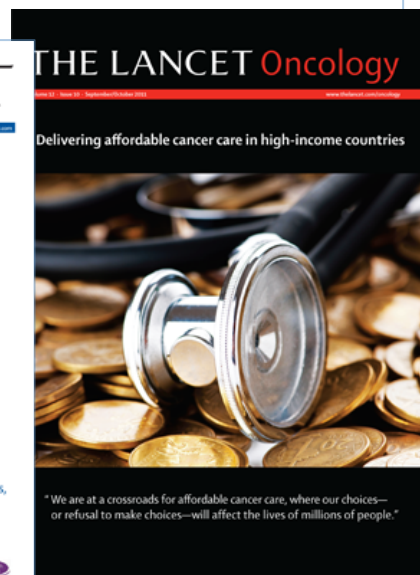
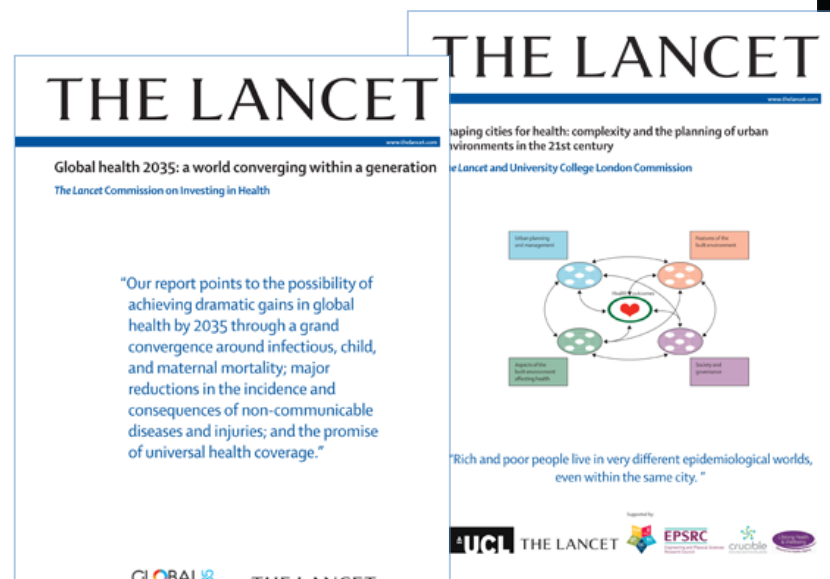
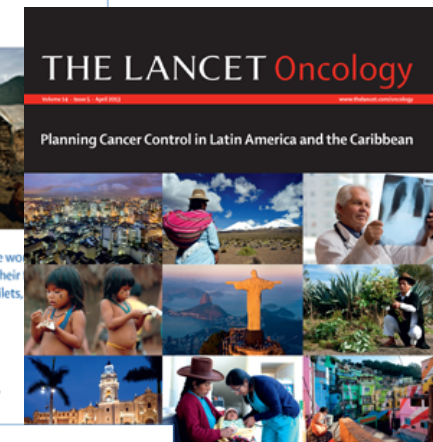
[Shaping Cities for Health](#): published May 30, 2012

[Delivering affordable cancer care in high-income countries](#): published September 26, 2011

[Medical education for the 21st century](#): published November 29, 2010

[Millennium Development Goals](#): published September 13, 2010

[Managing the Health Effects of Climate Change](#): published May 13, 2009



not whether we add more to the abundance of those  
 we provide enough for those who have too little."  
 Franklin D Roosevelt, 1937



# Why a Commission?

- A problem needs a solution!
- 15 - 30,000 word published document
- In depth exploration into a topic
- Bring together key people in a position to solve the problem
- Independent platform provided by the Lancet

# How a Commission

- Identify area of need!
- Core group of lead commissioners
- Group of (15-30) commissioners
- Total 1-3 years work
- Surgery – an area of need!

# How a Commission

- Put the problem into context: review of literature
- Identify the extent of the problem: review of available data
- Identification of gaps
- New data/analyses to fill gaps

# Who is involved?

- Depends on the problem and knowledge gaps
- Academics
- Modellers
- Health economists
- Ministers of health
- Local experts
- Charities
- Bi/multilateral health organisations
- INVOLVE PEOPLE FOR THEIR KNOWLEDGE NOT THEIR AFFILIATION

# Results

- **NEW THINKING AND RECOMMENDATIONS!**
- Identify metrics and measurables
- Use metrics and measurables for future assessment and accountability



# GBD 2010 launch, London, 2012





# China Series launch, Beijing, 2008



# Results

- Key output is a publication in the Lancet (+ other)
- Solutions are made widely available
- Policy makers can utilise solutions
- Metrics are used to judge success
- It is a living process – plan to revisit and assess outcomes at regular intervals after publication

IT IS MORE THAN A  
PUBLICATION!

