



# Is there a human right to health?

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*The*  
HUMAN RIGHT  
*to* HEALTH

The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights asserts that each individual has a 'right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health'. Philosophers, to this day, have raised questions as to how this is to be understood, and some have argued that there is no human right to health, at least as understood in these terms. On the other hand, many health activists have found the idea of the human right to health highly beneficial in achieving progressive aims such as access to expensive medication for poor people. Should philosophers insist on conceptual purity even if it impedes social progress, or is it possible to use philosophical resources to strengthen rights-based campaigns?

**Admission free. No advance booking.**

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