



International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health

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The WHO Perspective

Public Health

Public Health Goals

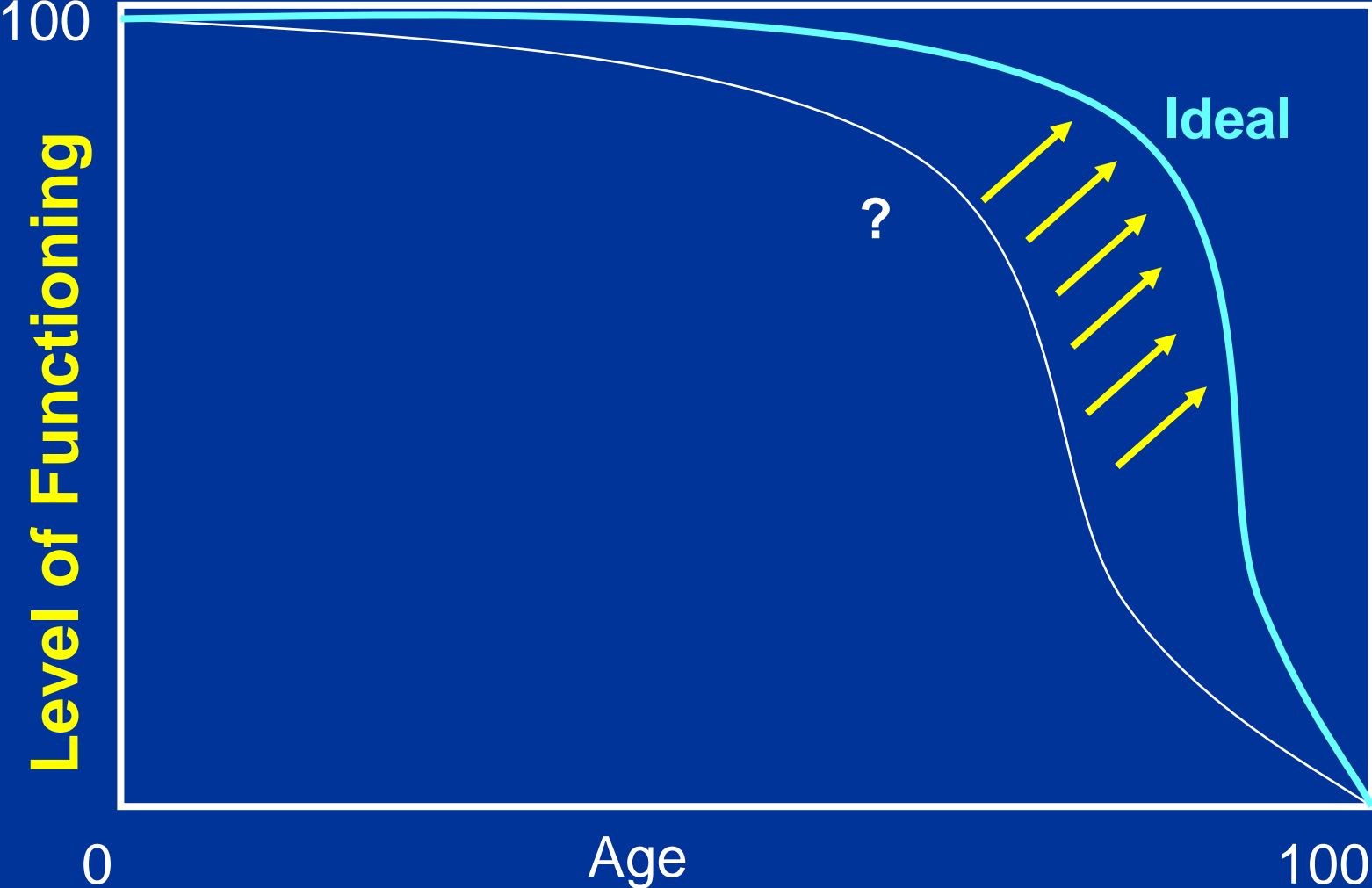
#1 Public Health Goal: Survival

#2 Public Health Goal: Functioning

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- about six hundred million people live with physical and mental disabilities of various types
- there is a rapid increase in the number of persons with disabilities as a result of
 - population growth, aging, chronic conditions
 - malnutrition, war, violence, road-traffic, domestic and occupational injuries
 - and other causes often related to poverty

#2 Public Health Goal: Functioning



New emphasis of WHO on Functioning and Disability

Resolutions

World Health Assembly

2001

ICF

2005

Disability, including prevention, management and rehabilitation



Health Condition

- A health condition is an umbrella term for disease, disorder, injury or trauma
- A health condition may also include other circumstances, such as ageing, stress, congenital anomaly, or genetic predisposition
- Health conditions are coded using the ICD-10

The bio-medical Model of disease

Health Condition
(disease, trauma)



Functioning

ICD - 10: S 83.3 Tear of articular cartilage of knee

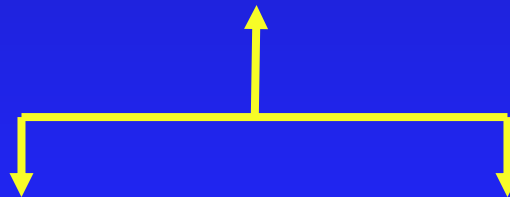


The integrative model of functioning and disability

Health condition
(disease, trauma)



Functioning

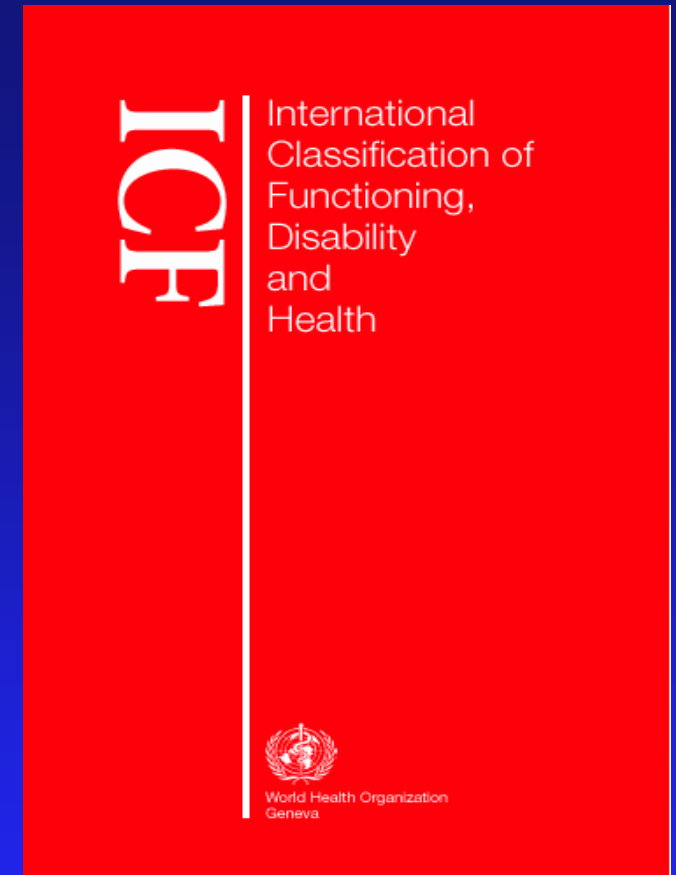
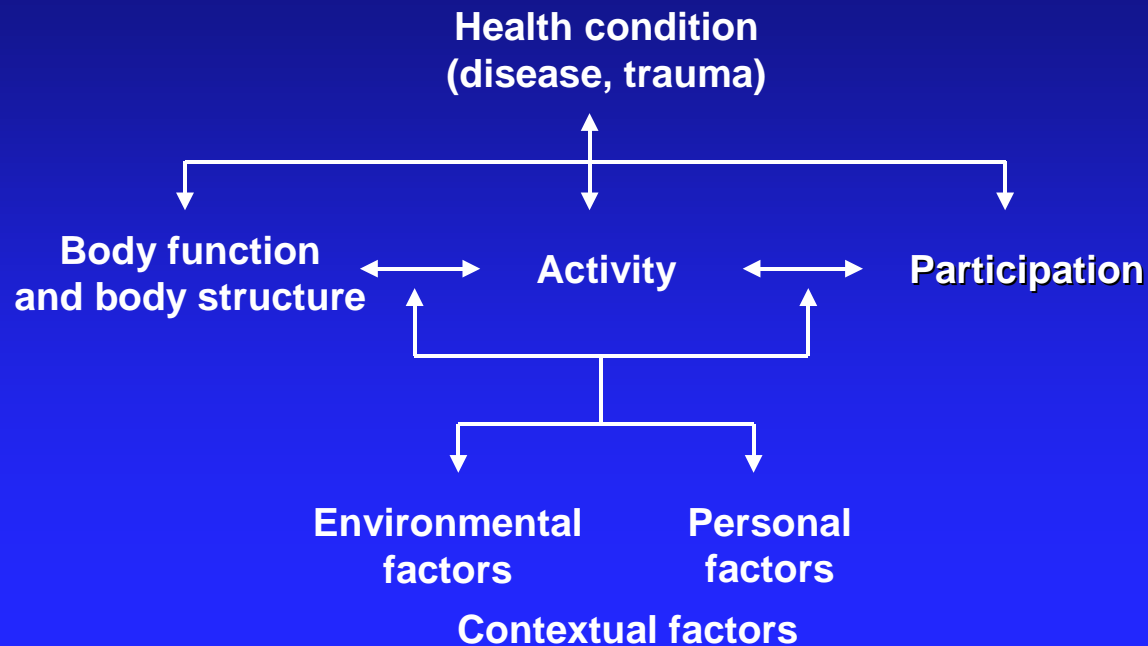


Environmental
factors

Personal
factors

Contextual factors

The biopsychosocial model of functioning and disability

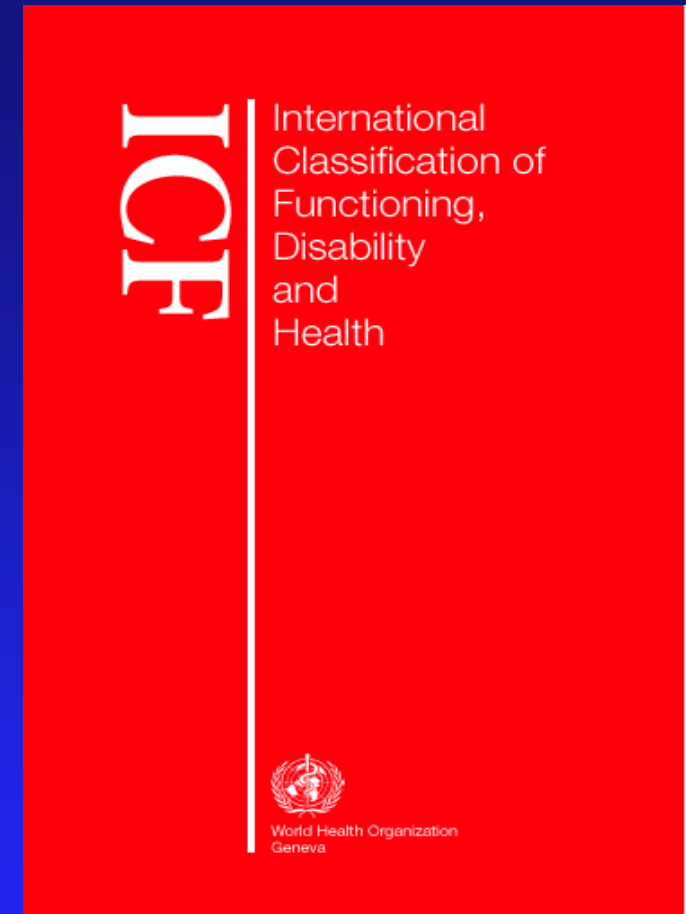
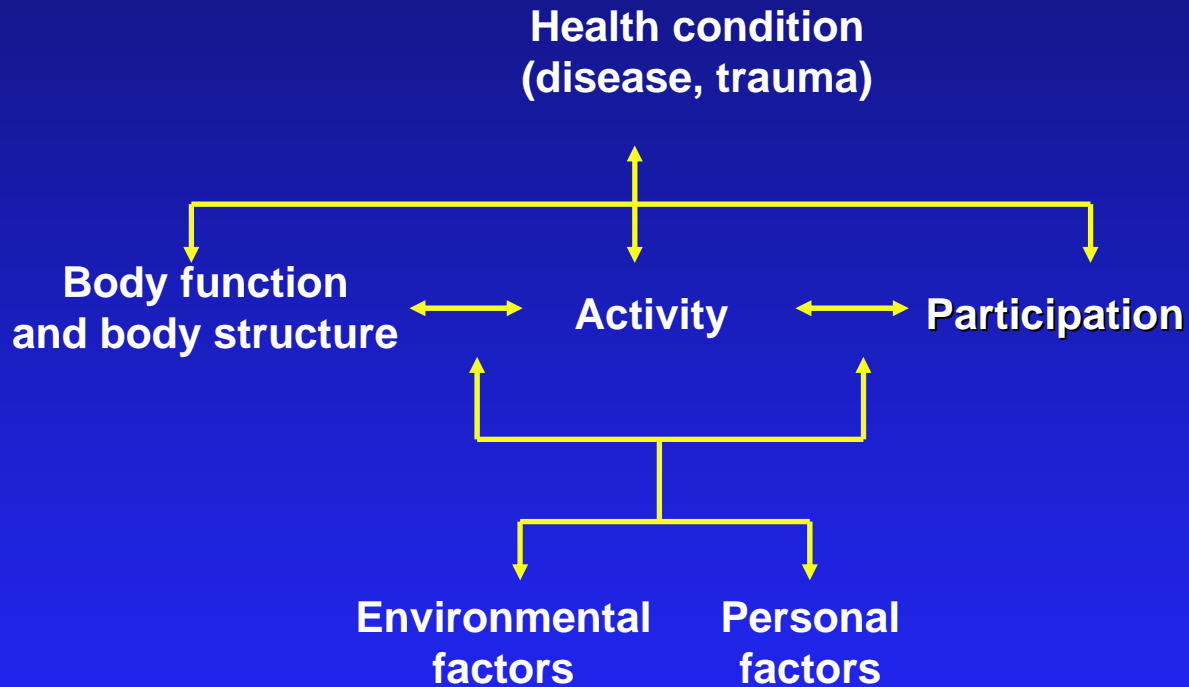


ICF provides an international common language and universal conceptual framework for describing functioning, disability and health

Foundations of the ICF

- International
- Independent of health condition / etiology
- Independent of (health) profession

Framework of functioning and disability



The ICF provides a common understanding

and a dictionary of functioning