

Copenhagen Statement

The international Preventing Overdiagnosis conference was held in Copenhagen in August 2018 with delegates from over 30 countries. The following statement was adopted by the participants at the end of the conference:

This conference regrets the fact that the draft Astana Declaration on Primary Health Care 2018 (From Alma-Ata towards Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals) makes no reference to the public health and clinical challenges of overdiagnosis and overtreatment. These challenges include direct harms to patients and citizens, misallocation of resources, and, over the longer term, they threaten the sustainability of universal healthcare systems and so undermine global health. Sustainable health systems must explicitly manage the twin problems of underuse and overuse.


<http://www.who.int/primary-health/conference-phc/DRAFT-Declaration--9-April-2018.pdf>


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