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At heart of the matter: Human Rights Imperative for Public Health. In the crossroads of Fair and Just Health Care.

This powerpoint presentation presents an overview of ideas and thoughts related and associated to Professor Jonathan Mann, former director of the Centre for Health and Human Rights, Harvard School of Public Health, with the emphasis placed on his contributions to matters of Human Rights and Public Health and discussions on the theme of Fair and Just Health Care.

The questions that will be addressed in this presentation include discussions on health; among others: is it a fundamental right, or can it be seen as a commodity to be sold at a profit? Epidemic diseases, for example HIV/AIDS, global health and security problems: are human rights to public health respected, protected, or fulfilled; are there negligent omissions or violations? The aim of the presentation is to broaden the spectrum for thought on ethics and human rights dimensions of access to health care and the quality of that care, and to acknowledge the impact of poverty and lack of physical support.

Drawing on the ideas presented by Jonathan Mann, the role of bioethics in conscientious medical care is equated to that of human rights in public health care. When the micro-ethics of medical care are translated into the macro-ethics of public health, the transition compels some compromise of personal autonomy, a key feature of Western bioethics, in favour of societal analysis.