

**Social accountability
and accreditation of medical schools**
Are new norms needed ?

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Social accountability of medical schools :

« the *obligation* to direct their education, research and service activities towards addressing the *priority health concerns* of the community, region and/or nation they have the mandate to serve.

The priority health concerns are to be identified *jointly* by governments, health care organizations, health professionals and the public «

Defining and measuring social accountability of medical schools,WHO 1995

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relevance

quality



equity

Cost-benefit

Grid of social accountability

Functions of a medical school

Values	Education	Research	Service
* Quality			
* Equity			
* Relevance			
* Cost-benefit			

Society's needs



Role of medical school



Educational program



Society's satisfaction

Society's needs

Norms

Role of



Conceptualization

Medical school

of the professional



Educational
program



Production

of the professional



Society's
satisfaction



Usability

of the professional

Social accountability and norms for medical schools

	Conceptualization	Production	Usability
Current norms	+	+++	+
New norms	+++	+++	+++

Questions

- 1- To what extent are medical schools **proactive** in addressing priority health issues in society ?
- 2- Does the **notion of excellence** imply outstanding achievements in improving health development at community and national level ?
- 3- Which **partnership** should medical schools develop to be in a better position to improve a health system ?
- 4- Which factors should influence **accreditation systems** to take into account principles of social accountability ?