



## MEDICINE AS A CURRENCY OF PEACE IN IRAQ



AMERICAN AND IRAQI PHYSICIANS HAVE OPENED A DIALOGUE TO HELP RETURN IRAQ TO THE MODERN MEDICAL AGE AND REBUILD THE NATION'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

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**I**n late December 2003, Dr. Khudair Abbas, the Iraqi minister of health, appeared on "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer." Asked by Susan Duster what he intended to do in terms of reinvigorating the training and education of Iraqi physicians, nurses and others going forward, Dr. Abbas responded: "We are going to hold the first international conference in Iraq in mid-February in order to tell the international community that we are back, and we are standing on our feet..."

Indeed, optimism was high as more than 350 Iraqi medical specialists and 30 American and two British physicians

“ With it, nothing can fail.  
Without it, nothing can  
succeed.”

A. Lincoln

## 4 H's

- Hospitals
- Homes
- Houses (coffee, tea, worship)
- Hair salons





sorry for this late card ... but I was busy getting over the shock of a car bomb which I was a one of the victims ... pray for us to get over these problems and help to make the world a better place to live in



## Seven Uniformed Services of the United States

**DOD**

**Armed**

**Military**



**Non-DOD**

**Armed**

**Military**



**(DHS)**

**Non-DOD**

**Non-Armed**

**Can Be Militarized**



**(HHS)**



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## ***USPHS Commissioned Corps***

**1798: Marine Hospital Service**

**1889: Commissioned Corps**



1918



*From Ellis Island...  
...To Tribal lands  
Across America...  
... Around the World*  
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2007



2008



# USPHS Personnel

- Collaborative Missions with Multiple Partners
- Sequential Teams of Officers
- Ship and/or Land Based



# USPHS Focus



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## Public Health Initiatives:

- Food and Water System Assessments
- Epidemiologic/Public Health Consultation
- Vector Control
- Water/Sewer System Assessments
- Preventive Medicine Education
- Preparedness Planning
- Immunizations



## Infrastructure Support:

- Basic Biomedical Repair and Training
- Environmental Engineering

## Direct Medical Care:

- Primary / Consultative Care for Children and Adults
- General / Specialty Surgical Care

## Medical/Nursing Education:

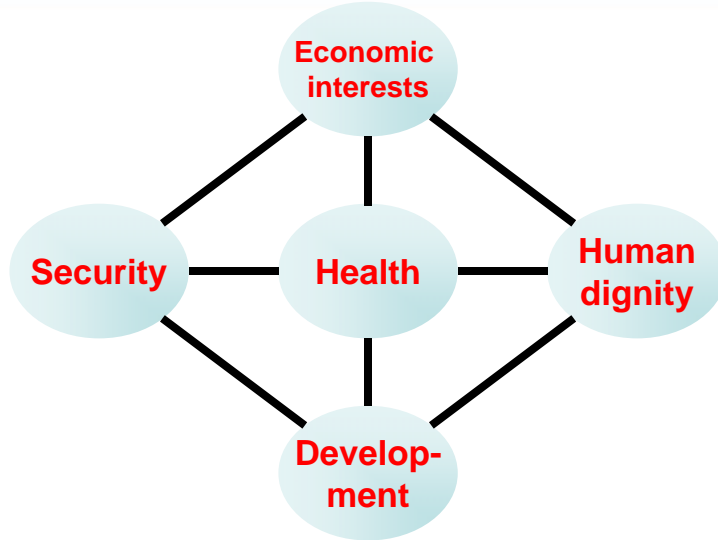
- Basic Medical/Surgical Nursing
- BLS, ACLS, Skill Training
- Community Health

## Pharmacy Services:

- Dispensing
- Inventory Control



# Health as foreign policy: an integrated public good and diplomatic challenge



Source: International Health Regulations 2005, World Health Organization (WHO).

# International Health Regulations (2005)

- An international legal instrument that is binding on 194 countries across the globe, including all the member states of WHO
- To help the international community prevent and respond to acute public health risks that have the potential to cross borders and threaten people worldwide