

Enforcing health rights:  
*'Rights and Reality'*

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# Where do I come from

- Research on 'Right to Health'
- Advising on the privatisation of the Dutch health care system

# This presentation

- Health rights
- Enforceability
- Health realities
- Health policy solutions

# ‘Health and human rights’

# Interdependence

- life
- remedy
- privacy and family life
- information
- physical integrity
- health
- social and medical assistance
- food
- housing

# Core right

‘Right to the highest attainable  
standard of health’

# Right to health

- 12 ICESCR
- 11 ESC (right to the protection of health)

# Right to health

- Access to health care
- Access to underlying conditions for health

# General Comment 14

- ‘AAAQ’: policy analysis
- State obligations: legal analysis

