

The 10 health issues and showcasing Thai people of the year

Criteria for selecting the health issues

- Occurred in 2010
- Have a significant impact on health, safety, and security, broadly defined
- Include public policies with effects on health during 2010
- Are new or emerging
- Recurred during the year

Health showcases are success stories in innovation, advances in health technologies, and new findings that positively affected health in general.

Procedur/e for ranking the issues

- A survey was conducted using a questionnaire listing significant issues in 2010 before the survey date. The situations obtained from the survey were ranked using a Likert scale with three levels: high (3 points), medium (2 points), and low (1 point).
- The ranking data were analyzed using the SPSS statistics package. Issues with high mean scores were given high priority.
- The Steering Committee for the Thai Health Report Project made the final decision to approve the content.

The special topic

There are two types of special topics: target group oriented and issue oriented. The types alternate each year. The topic is sometimes selected from the 10 health issues.

Important criteria in selecting the special topic include:

- Political significance
- Public benefits
- The existence of diverse views and dimensions

Working process

1. The Steering Committee met to select the topic
2. The working group outlined a conceptual framework for the report
3. Experts were contacted to act as academic advisors
4. The working group compiled and synthesized the contents. Each article's content were thoroughly checked for accuracy by academics and experts.
5. The report was revised in line with reviewers' suggestions.

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