



## APPENDICES

### The Lancet as a Political Platform for NGOs: Study of Articles on Palestinian Health Care 2001 - 2014

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**APPENDIX A: 2001-2008: Items published in *The Lancet* prior to the LPHA Series**

Article	Author(s)	Year	Type	Intent	Comments
<a href="#">Gaza's humanitarian crisis deepens</a>	Jan McGirk	2008	World Report	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> The article blames Israel alone for the border closures, ignoring that Egypt had closed its border with Gaza. It names the closing at Rafah as if that's an Israeli decision, when Rafah is on the Egyptian border. Article refers to the Israeli blockade as the "Israeli siege".</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> "After explosions brought down the frontier wall separating the Gaza Strip from Egypt just before sunrise on Jan 23, a throng of desperate Palestinians scrambled over the rubble and flattened barbed wire into the border town of Rafah for a long-delayed shopping spree to replenish dwindling supplies of food, medicine, and fuel...Margaret Chan, WHO director general, detailed the medical crisis. "In Gaza, the lack of electrical power, arising from a fuel shortage, and restrictions on the movement of people and goods, including medicines, jeopardise the continuity of basic health care and curtail access to specialist care outside Gaza..."</p> <p>"To go through Israel's Erez crossing, the only exit point permitted from Gaza, was problematic because his doctors deemed him too weak to undergo interrogation at the border. In November, the man died after his seminoma spread to his liver."</p> <p>"The number of permit denials increased most dramatically in June, July, and October last year, linked to the closing of Erez and Rafah crossings and the decision by Israel to allow only those whose lives were in immediate risk to exit at Erez."</p>
<a href="#">Medical ethical violations in Gaza</a>	Colin Green Ghada Karmi Chris Burns-Cox Martin Birnstingl David Halpin Derek Summerfield and others	2007	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> The tone of the article is to blame Israel for the crisis in Gaza, even when Palestinian factions are fighting among themselves and causing havoc to the health care system and other social institutions.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> "Patients in Gaza are pleading for their lives while Israel is closing the gates to receive medical treatment', said Hadas Zvi, director of Physicians for Human Rights. 'Israel is designating Gaza residents as Hamas enemies and turning its back on their urgent needs.' Israeli authorities said it would not allow a humanitarian crisis to develop, but as of June 20, no clear policies were formulated."</p> <p>"Instead of the Israelis gloating over the terrible things happening in Gaza, they should look and understand Israel's contribution to creating this impossible pressure cooker, and do everything they can to improve the situation or the atrocities will reach their doorstep,' said Zvi."</p>
<a href="#">Health in the West Bank</a>	Sharmila Devi	2007	World Report	Political	<p><b>OMISSION:</b> Name the uprising as the cause of the intensive Israeli security measures, put in place to stop terror attacks on Israeli civilians.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> "But Barghouti listed some of the other remaining impediments that seriously disrupt Palestinian health: more than 500 Israeli army checkpoints and obstacles across the West Bank; the separation barrier and system of gates with erratic opening times; and lack of ambulance access to the main clinical centres in Jerusalem.... Although violence has subsided compared with recent years, it continues to exact a toll—more than 50 Palestinians were killed in Israeli army operations in August. The lack of a political solution coupled with the recent boycott has</p>

					<p>meant a deepening of the economic and social crisis since the uprising started in 2000.</p> <p>“The checkpoint system is meant not only to protect Israel from terrorism but also to provide easier access and better quality of life for the more than 450 000 Jewish settlers who live in the West Bank and east Jerusalem contrary to international law.”</p> <p>“Palestinians continue to encounter difficulties in gaining access to advanced and specialist health care in predominantly Arab east Jerusalem, and this was the subject of a petition led by Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) at the Israeli High Court.”</p>
<p><a href="#">NGOs say lack of medicines is costing Palestinian lives</a></p>	Sharmila Devi	2006	World Report	Political	<p><b>NOTES:</b> The sentence, “Even before Hamas came to power, Israeli-controlled borders were often closed in the name of security, leading to many shortages in the occupied territories...” is worded in a way to cast doubt on the security claims by Israel.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Even before Hamas came to power, Israeli-controlled borders were often closed in the name of security, leading to many shortages in the occupied territories...Palestinian NGOs, many of which do not even support Hamas, have been more outspoken. “I was asked by donors to help bypass the government and I refused”, says Eyad Sarraj of the Gaza Community Mental Health Programme, which has waived fees for patients. “It’s unacceptable to work for a foreign agent against your own government. In the USA, you would be charged with treason.” He pointed out that the international community funded the Palestinian Authority under the late Yasser Arafat without placing any conditions to ensure respect for human rights and other principles. “I think Hamas should also be given a chance but we need to keep our eyes open.”</p>
<p><a href="#">War and health in the West Bank and Gaza</a></p>	Rita Giacaman	2006	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTES:</b> Giacaman’s writing is highly politicized in both content and tone.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “This is because knee-jerk responses, often deployed by Israelis from the medical and scientific establishment, or their supporters, to defend Israel’s indefensible actions in the OPT, seem always to go back to the same old tunes, and obfuscate reality.”</p> <p>“Second, when pushed into a corner over Israel’s excesses and violations of every human rights convention known to man, that tune of nice Israelis trying “to assist in the Gaza Strip’s crumbling health system”, or treating Palestinian patients in Tel Aviv keeps reappearing. I truly find the logic behind such statements incomprehensible: first, you destroy the OPT health system, infrastructure, and economy, then you offer some of the victims treatment at your wonderful hospitals? Perhaps a more effective and honest method of “humanitarian assistance” would be to protest the occupation and work for its removal, while assisting Palestinians with their difficult medical and health conditions. Indeed, this is what the organisation Israeli Physicians for Human Rights does.”</p>
<p><a href="#">Health crisis in Gaza</a></p>	Dekel Raz Wiesel Ory	2006	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTES:</b> Includes Israeli perspective</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Governmental and non-governmental organisations alike try to assist in the Gaza Strip’s crumbling health system. They could have been forgiven for abandoning a medical system that was often shown using health facilities and</p>

					even ambulances for ammunition stockpiling and transport. But even such outright betrayal of the neutrality of medical personnel and facilities could not and should not justify parallel steps from our side.”
<a href="#">Health crisis in Gaza</a>	Steven M Albert	2006	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Includes Israeli perspective</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Sharmila Devi’s World Report on health conditions in Gaza<sup>1</sup> cites only Palestinian, non-governmental, and UN sources; not a single Israeli source was consulted....Confidence in the report is further undermined by unsupported claims such as miscarriages or premature labour being caused by sonic boom flyovers—an old canard with no medical basis....But when recounting the effect of the war on civilians, the report mentions the numbers injured or displaced in Lebanon, but does not mention that half a million Israelis were also forced to leave their homes because of Hezbollah rocket attacks explicitly targeted toward civilians.”</p>
<a href="#">Health crisis in Gaza</a>	Michael C Moran	2006	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Includes Israeli perspective</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> <i>The Lancet</i> showed a lapse in editorial judgment with the publication of the World Report on Gaza by Sharmila Devi.<sup>1</sup> That report included several major factual errors, although perhaps the most troubling feature of all was the item’s subtle, yet persistent, anti-Israel tone.</p>
<a href="#">Gaza crisis continues to worsen as all eyes turn to Lebanon</a>	Sharmila Devi	2006	World Report	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Refers to Hizbollah as a “movement” not a terror group. Mentions Hamas, but fails to mention its terror attacks on Israeli civilians. Blames Israel for humanitarian crisis, not Hamas’s poor governance, or violence.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> Introduced by Lancet as such: “Israel’s war against the Lebanese Hizbollah movement, which has now been raging for the past 2 weeks, has deflected attention away from its other battle against the Palestinians in the occupied territories, where the situation has sharply deteriorated. Shamila Devi reports from Jerusalem.”</p> <p>“Médecins du Monde (MDM) has been outspoken about the aid boycott. ‘Nowadays, all humanitarian actors working in the Palestinian territories unanimously agree on the disastrous consequences of the policy of economic embargo imposed by Israel and the international community’, the group said in a statement. “Although MDM continues to carry out humanitarian actions, it refuses to cover up the responsibilities of the western governments and the international donors, whose financial aid is vital to meet the fundamental needs of the population.”</p>
<a href="#">Gaza’s crisis must not be overshadowed</a>	<i>The Lancet</i>	2006	Editorial	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> The problem for the deteriorating health care situation is the Israeli and Western “boycott of Hamas-controlled Gaza, not Hamas’ behavior as a terrorist group.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Years of underinvestment in the health system means this financial boycott has hit the health sector especially hard.”</p> <p>“Aid agencies and non-governmental organisations are attempting the near-impossible task of acting as an</p>

					alternative provider, delivering health and other services to the increasingly isolated Palestinians. And despite a recent agreement by international donors to resume funding, the situation remains perilous...But Gaza's residents will continue to suffer if international pressure to solve current aid blockages is not maintained."
<a href="#">Rising tensions boost humanitarian concern for Palestinians</a>	Sharmila Devi	2006	World Report	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Blames Israel primarily for health care crisis and does not name other significant factors. Also falsely claims Israeli Arab health care is less than equal to that of the Israeli Jewish sector.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> "The West Bank and Gaza Strip have been under Israeli occupation since 1967 when Arab east Jerusalem was annexed in a move not recognised internationally. Even before the Oslo accords on limited self-rule in the mid-1990s, the West Bank and Gaza health systems were severely under-funded. Israel handed over health care to the PA in 1994. But under international law its responsibility did not end as there remains no sovereign state in the territories. Israel is the only state that holds effective control over vital border crossings and water resources." "At the moment, the Palestinian Authority (PA) pays for some treatments in Israel even though it should be Israel's responsibility as it is the occupying power"...The letter said the role of these ventures was "limited to enhancing Israel's institutional reputation and legitimacy, without restoring justice to Palestinians". It urged Israeli health professionals to become actively involved to end the "root cause of ill health: the occupation." "Israeli Arabs say their health system matches their status as second-class citizens. 'The Jewish population has more diagnostic testing because the Arab health sector has fewer resources', says Kareem Azab, an Israeli Arab who is finishing a doctorate at Jerusalem's Hebrew University. 'In the Arab sector, I see more cancer, heart disease, and genetic disorders. We need more prophylactic medicine and campaigns to raise awareness of diabetes, high blood pressure, and cholesterol.'"</p>
<a href="#">Patterns of global tobacco use in young people and implications for future chronic disease burden in adults</a>	Dr CW Warren PhD NR Jones PhD Prof MP Eriksen ScD S Asma DDS, for the Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS) collaborative group	2006	Article	Medical	
<a href="#">Peacebuilding through health in Israel and Palestine</a>	Itamar Raz	2005	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Includes Israeli perspective</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> "In March this year, it was announced in the media that the hospital where I work is a serious candidate to receive the Nobel peace prize. The nominating committee noted our outstanding ability to treat terrorists who require medical attention in the same dedicated manner that we treat their victims."</p>
<a href="#">Promoting Arab and Israeli cooperation: peacebuilding through health initiatives</a>	DR, Prof Harvey Skinner PhD Prof Ziad Abdeen PhD	2005	Public Health	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> A positive article written jointly by Israeli and Palestinian MDs discussing the many ways the two medical communities cooperate in a way the promotes peacebuilding.</p>

	Hani Abdeen MD Phil Aber MSc Mohammad Al-Masri PhD Joseph Attias PhD and others				<b>QUOTES:</b> “Over the past 10 years Israeli, Jordanian, and Palestinian health professionals have worked together through the Canada International Scientific Exchange Program (CISEPO). In the initial project, nearly 17 000 Arab and Israeli newborn babies were tested for early detection of hearing loss, an important health issue for the region.”
<a href="#">Protecting the mental health of Gaza’s inhabitants</a>	Sharmila Devi	2005	World Article	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> Article features Eyad El-Sarraj of the Gaza Community Mental Health Programme. He attributes Israel’s positive response to upgrade health care in Gaza to Israel’s concern over its image, not due to any humanitarian motivations.  <b>QUOTES:</b> “During the first Palestinian intifada or uprising of 1987—93, some 45% of children witnessed the beating or humiliation of their fathers at the hands of Israeli forces, says Eyad El-Sarraj of the Gaza Community Mental Health Programme. “But in the course of therapy, we were astounded to find that kids wanted to play Jews during games of Arabs versus Jews”, he says. “In our culture, fathers represent power as do the Jews. But these games were traumatic because the children also see Jews as the enemy.”  Over the course of the 1970s, and in between further study in the UK, he complained to the Israeli authorities and WHO and tried to alert them to the dire situation. “The Israeli administration didn’t like it, it was bad propaganda for the occupation”, he says.
<a href="#">Effect of the security fence on zoonotic visceral leishmaniasis in Israel and Palestine</a>	Abdelmajeed Nasereddin Prof Charles L Jaffe	2004	Reflection	Medical	
<a href="#">Ambulances and curfews: delivering health care in Palestine</a>	J Jaime Miranda	2004	Correspondence	Political	<b>QUOTES:</b> “The documentary’s title derives from Article 17 of the Geneva Convention, Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War: “The Parties to the conflict shall endeavour to conclude local agreements for the removal from besieged or encircled areas, of wounded, sick, infirm, and aged persons, children and maternity cases, and for the passage of ministers of all religions, medical personnel, and medical equipment on their way to such areas.”
<a href="#">Ambulances and curfews: delivering health care in Palestine</a>	Mark A Pearl	2004	Correspondence	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> Includes Israeli perspective
<a href="#">Ambulances and curfews: delivering health care in Palestine</a>	Kim Kwiatek	2004	Correspondence	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> Includes Israeli perspective
<a href="#">Health under fire</a>	Sharmila Devi	2004	World Report	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> Article relies on one source (PHR-I) to make claims that Israel did nothing to improve Palestinian health care since 1967. The article is dedicated entirely to PHR-I and its perspective.  <b>QUOTES:</b> “Under the Geneva Convention, the Israeli government is still responsible for health in the Palestinian territories because it is still the occupier”, says Ruchama Marton, a doctor and the founder of PHR. “Israel did nothing to

					invest in Palestinian health.”  She says since the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip began in 1967, Israel intentionally created a dependency on Israeli health services, adding no medical centres or beds in the territories. In the mid-1990s, Israel formally handed over responsibility for health care to the Palestinian Authority, under the Oslo peace accords, but retained control over movement of patients, medical personnel, and medical supplies.  “Israel handed the Palestinian Authority responsibility for health in the mid-1990s, but retained control over movement of doctors and medical supplies...The restrictions have encroached on every aspect of life and the Palestinians say they amount to collective punishment...The convoy had to pass through two more impromptu checkpoints, consisting of a few soldiers and army jeeps and armoured personnel carriers with Palestinians waiting nearby. ‘This is a good example of how they try to make things miserable for the people’, says Marton.”
<a href="#">Common mental disorders in postconflict settings</a>	Prof Joop TVM de Jong MD Dr Ivan H Komproe PhD Mark Van Ommeren PhD	2003	Research Letters	Medical	
<a href="#">Maintaining public health education in the West Bank</a>	Rita Giacaman Samia Halileh	2003	Health and Human Rights	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> Over-emphasis on checkpoints and soldiers as a barrier to learning  <b>OMISSION:</b> Context of war, terror and use of checkpoints as a security measure  <b>QUOTES:</b> “In 2001, permanent checkpoints, barriers, and frequent destruction of roads made vehicular travel impossible and pedestrian crossing more difficult. Roads were sometimes opened and suddenly blocked again, leaving people stranded on both sides of the checkpoint. When open, a checkpoint would often delay what was once a 15-min journey by 2—3 h. Students missed classes and were sometimes beaten, arrested, or had tear gas or stun grenades thrown at them. Strife has continued into 2003.”
<a href="#">Palestine, Israel, and Araz</a>	Richard Garfield	2003	Correspondence	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> Article relies on one source (PHR-I) to make claims
<a href="#">Emotional problems of Palestinian children living in a war zone</a>	Martin Sidis	2003	Correspondence	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> Criticizing Shuter
<a href="#">Emotional problems of Palestinian children living in a war zone</a>	Jonathan Shuter	2002	Correspondence	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> Includes Israeli perspective  <b>QUOTES:</b> “Children who grow up knowing their parents’ fondest hope is for them to become suicide or homicide bombers cannot be expected to perform normally on standard tests of emotional wellbeing.”
<a href="#">Emotional problems in Palestinian children</a>	Abdel Aziz Mousa Thabet MBChB	2002	Article	Political	<b>NOTES:</b> The article ascribes exposure to various traumatic events solely to Israeli actions. Missing from this narrative is any

<a href="#">living in a war zone: a cross-sectional study</a>	Yehia Abed MBChB Prof Panos Vostanis MD				<p>description of possible trauma caused by violence instigated by Palestinian armed factions ( Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, PFLP, etc.)</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Since the start of the Al Aqsa Intifada, children have been exposed to various traumatic events, often reported by media across the world. Particular events have been bombardment and home demolition. During the 2-month period of data collection (January and February, 2001), 333 homes were demolished and families were evacuated into tents or flats.15 Highly exposed regions included the borders of the Gaza strip, Rafah border (Salah El Dine gate), Khan Younis (El Toufah area), and Dear El Balah (Kefar Daroum settlements region).”</p>
<a href="#">Health needs of Palestinians</a>	Johan von Schreeb	2002	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Decontextualization of the causes for the IDF’s security measures: violence against Israeli civilians by Palestinian suicide bombers.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Direct violence and psychosocial stress are known effects of the conflict. However, in our assessment the combined effects of the lack of freedom of movement consistently stands out as the greatest threat to the health of the Palestinian population. Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) checkpoints, physical roadblocks, and curfews systematically impede patients, staff, and supplies from reaching health facilities. The limitation of movement also makes the population vulnerable by inducing unemployment, impoverishment, and decreased access to basic needs.</p>
<a href="#">WHO gives warning on failing Palestinian health</a>	Clare Kapp	2002	News	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Though a political report, it is balanced in its presentation of the views of both sides.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> The report was based on information from the UN and other aid agencies in the area. Brundtland said she had not “been given the opportunity” to implement last May’s World Health Assembly (WHA) resolution calling on her to visit the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Israel opposed the WHA resolution as politicised and unrelated to health, and has been unwilling to grant Brundtland access on that basis. Its Geneva-based ambassador Yaakov Levy criticised the report as “one-sided”.</p>
<a href="#">US human-rights organisation reports on Jenin</a>	Haroon Ashraf	2002	News	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> HRW claim of “war crimes” is incendiary and without merit: “strong prima facie evidence” is but a first impression and is not in itself the kind of full evidence required to prove a point.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “HRW found no evidence to support allegations of a massacre or large-scale executions by the IDF in Jenin but said “there is strong prima facie evidence that...IDF personnel committed grave breaches of the Geneva Convention, or war crimes”.</p>
<a href="#">Blunt and penetrating injuries caused by rubber bullets during the Israeli-Arab conflict in October, 2000: a retrospective study</a>	Ahmad Mahajna MD, Nabil Aboud MD, Ibrahim Harbaji MD Afo Agbaria MD Zvi	2002	Article	Medical	

	Lankovsky MD, Moshe Michaelson MD and others				
<a href="#">Failure to address the health toll of the Middle East crisis</a>	<i>The Lancet</i>	2002	Editorial	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Tenor of entire article is to lay primary blame on Israel for the deteriorating health care situation. Not a single Palestinian actor is named.</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b>  Hamas, Tanzim, Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, Fatah, etc.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “A striking component of this process of dehumanisation has been the flood of examples of blatant disregard for medical neutrality, and other internationally agreed rules of conflict, notably by the IDF during its relentless attacks in the West Bank ordered by Ariel Sharon, and continued despite overwhelming international condemnation. “</p>
<a href="#">United Nations agency launches new appeal for Palestinian refugees</a>	Clare Kapp	2001	News	Political	<p><b>QUOTES:</b> “On June 22 the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) appealed for US\$77 million for Palestinian refugees to provide basic food and medical aid and to help rebuild accommodation shattered by 9 months of unrest in the West Bank and Gaza.”</p>
<a href="#">Refuge for the selected few</a>	Michael J Toole	2001	Refugees	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> The article is a neutral survey of the nexus of refugee populations around the world and the delivery of health care to these stressed populations.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Meanwhile, more than three million Palestinians remain stateless in the Middle East, 50 years after the events that forced them to flee their homeland.<sup>2</sup> Because peace remains elusive, they are neither able to return home nor permanently resettle in neighbouring countries.”</p>

**APPENDIX B: 2009-2013: LPHA Series: Medical vs. Political Items**

Article	Author(s)	Year	Type	Intent	Comments
<b>Progress of <i>The Lancet</i> Palestinian Health Alliance</b>	G Watt and others	2013	Full Text	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Infers politically opinions about the status of the state of the Palestinian authority, an international legally disputed claim</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “For clarification, oPt, also referred to as the State of Palestine, comprises the Gaza Strip and West Bank (including East Jerusalem).”</p>
<b>Palestinian health research</b>	G Watt and others	2013	Full Text	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Attributes the Palestinian refugee problem to the establishment of the state of Israel; refers to Palestinians as living under “Israeli military occupation.” Reviews extremely politicized issues in past LPHA series including prisoners and checkpoints. Omits the crimes of the prisoners or the security purpose of checkpoints Re-states LPHA’s political goals including to develop “new measures of mental health status and social suffering related to political violence” and LPHA as “a basis for values-based advocacy.”</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> Provides in-depth Palestinian historical perspective but eliminates Israeli perspective and context.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “The West Bank has been under Israeli military occupation since 1967. The Palestinian Authority controls 22% of the land and has access to 13% of the water. In 2012, about 350 000 Jewish settlers lived in officially recognised settlements in the West Bank, while an estimated 200 000—300 000 Israelis lived in settlements in East Jerusalem. The Gaza Strip is one of the most densely populated areas in the world. It was invaded by the Israeli army in 2008—09, attacked again in 2012, and has been under economic siege since 2006...Later, a case report of the clinical effects of white phosphorus on civilians was published in <i>The Lancet</i>, and followed up with a Cochrane review of the management of phosphorus burns...not only a way of obtaining clear answers to clear questions, it is also a basis for values-based advocacy, and pursuing social justice and peace”</p> <p>“The research included specific aspects of the military occupation, such as the clinical consequences and legality of delaying pregnant women at checkpoints, interviews with recently released long-term Palestinian prisoners in the West Bank, and an investigation by the local WHO office of the extent and experience of Israeli permits restricting Palestinian access to hospital care.”</p>
<b>Comparison of pethidine and tramadol for pain relief after a caesarean: a randomised controlled trial</b>	K I Abu El-Aish H S Zourob	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
<b>Access to care for women reporting postnatal complications in the occupied Palestinian territory: a cross-sectional study</b>	H A Abu Nabaa and others	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
<b>Midwives’ and women’s views of childbirth in the Gaza</b>	I Abu Ward	2013	Abstracts	Medical	

Strip, occupied Palestinian territory: an exploratory study					
Diagnosis of new cases of $\beta$ -thalassaemia major after prenatal testing: a cross-sectional survey	N A Al-Shami and others	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
Cognitive caregiving for parents in the occupied Palestinian territory: a cross-sectional survey qualitative assessment	N A Al-Shami and others	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
Emergency preparedness and response of the Palestinian health system to an Israeli assault on the Gaza Strip, occupied Palestinian territory, in 2012: a	M Ashour and others	2013	Abstracts	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Refers to 2012 Gaza war as an “Israeli assault”. Political recommendations include “to stop the Israeli violence and end the isolation of the Gaza Strip through international efforts.”</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> Context of war; inclusion of the facts that Israel was targeting a terrorist and Palestinian militant groups retaliated by launching missiles, rockets and shells into civilian areas</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Although the Gaza Strip, occupied Palestinian territory, has been subjected to repeated Israeli assaults, its health system preparedness and response to emergency situations have rarely been assessed. The response of the health system to the Israeli assault on the Gaza Strip during Nov 14—21, 2012, was assessed...The best form of preparedness for an avoidable emergency is to stop the Israeli violence and end the isolation of the Gaza Strip through international efforts.”</p>
Effect of chronic exposure to humiliation on wellbeing in the occupied Palestinian territory: an event-history analysis	B K Barber and others	2013	Abstracts	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Title indicates a political discussion, not health-oriented, apolitical research. Claims to investigate “long-term effects of political violence.” Indicates that Israel is causing chronic exposure to humiliation</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> Terrorism as a major entity within the Palestinian government Palestinian mismanagement of finance, government and areas of growth Security restrictions at checkpoints and investigations as a result of security concerns</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> Investigation of the long-term effects of political violence is needed. Patterns of past exposure to political violence since the first intifada were identified in a large sample of adults in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) and assessed for associations with current adult functioning...Substantively, they show the particular risks to long-term wellbeing of individuals with chronic exposure to humiliation.”</p>
Risk factors for cerebral palsy in Palestinian children: a case-control study	S Daher, L El-Khairy	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
Integration of mental health-	M El Masri and	2013	Abstracts	Medical	

care with primary health-care services in the occupied Palestinian territory: a cross-sectional study	others				
Food security and health assessment of vulnerable households in the occupied Palestinian territory: a cross-sectional study	R H El-Sughayyar and others	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
Priority setting for prevention and control of coronary heart disease in the occupied Palestinian territory: a pilot study	R Ghandour and others	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
Incidence and case-fatality rate of meningococcal meningitis and meningococcal septicaemia in the Gaza Strip, occupied Palestinian territory, during 2011	N Ghuneim and others	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
Patient flow and medical consequences of the Israeli operation Pillar of Defence: a retrospective study	M Gilbert, S Skaik	2013	Abstracts	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Written by Mads Gilbert, who has out rightly claimed his “solidarity with the Palestinians” and “all doctors are politicians whether they like it or not.” Infers politically opinions about the status of the state of the Palestinian authority, an international legally disputed claim Indicates Israel as the aggressor stating “2012 Israeli military attack versus the Israeli military attacks in 2008—09”</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> Comparison to an Israeli hospital or a comparative amount of Israeli statistics</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “The Israeli military attack Pillar of Defence on the Gaza Strip, occupied Palestinian territory (also referred to as State of Palestine), from Nov 14—21, 2012, killed more than 190 and injured more than 1490 Palestinians...A large influx of patients who had war trauma was managed in Al-Shifa Hospital despite the erosion of infrastructure, supplies, and general population health from the previous 5-year Israeli siege.”</p>
Use of gynaecological laparoscopy in a hospital ward in the West Bank, occupied Palestinian territory: a retrospective audit	O S Halayqa, S H Karakra	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
Effect of infertility on women in the occupied Palestinian	D Hammoudeh and others	2013	Abstracts	Medical	

territory: a pilot qualitative study					
<b>Determinants of stunting in children younger than 5 years between 2006 and 2010 in the occupied Palestinian territory: a cross-sectional study</b>	W Hammoudeh and others	2013	Abstracts	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Indicates Israel is to blame for “stunting” of Palestinian children</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> Other factors which may contribute to slow growth i.e. eating habits, genetic disposition etc.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “These results need further analysis because the situation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip is volatile and affected by many independent factors such as closures of areas by the Israeli military and the recent Egyptian efforts to close tunnels between Egypt and the Gaza Strip that have been a lifeline for the Gaza Strip during the siege.”</p>
<b>Political fertility in the occupied Palestinian territory: an ethnographic study</b>	L N Hansson and others	2013	Abstracts	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Title indicates a political discussion, not health-oriented, apolitical research Research is focused on “political fertility,” investigating whether mothers give birth because of the occupation Sample size (8 women) inadequate to reach significant conclusions</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> Inclusion of the research questions to prove interviewers were not leading the interviewees Interviews of Israeli mother’s fertility decisions</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “The high fertility rate has been explained by the importance attributed to the size of the population (political fertility) in the context of the conflict between Israel and the oPt. We assessed how political fertility is perceived by refugee mothers in the West Bank, oPt....The results of this study show that perceived risks of adolescent imprisonment and mortality affect decisions about fertility.”</p>
<b>Medicalisation of childbirth in the occupied Palestinian territory: an operational study</b>	S Hassan and others	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
<b>Self-care and glycaemic control: a cross-sectional study</b>	S Imseeh and others	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
<b>Time to pregnancy and exposure to pesticides in farmers in the West Bank, occupied Palestinian territory: a 1-year follow-up of newly married couples</b>	Y Y Issa and others	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
<b>Assessment of the cause of death registry in the occupied</b>	B G Iversen and others	2013	Abstracts	Medical	

<b>Palestinian territory: a qualitative study</b>					
<b>Prevalence, awareness, treatment, and control of hypertension in adult Palestinians: a cross-sectional study</b>	M R Khmour and others	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
<b>Quality of life for Palestinian patients with cancer in the absence of a palliative-care service: a triangulated study</b>	M H Khleif, A M Imam	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
<b>Perceptions of drug use and sexual behaviours of adolescents in the West Bank, occupied Palestinian territory: a qualitative study</b>	S Massad and others	2013	Abstracts	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> The designation of “East Jerusalem” as being part of the West Bank and the “oPt” is highly politicized given a parallel claim by the other party to the dispute, Israel. Until a final agreement between the two disputants is agreed upon, a more neutral designation is suggested for a scientific journal such as <i>The Lancet</i>.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “West Bank, including East Jerusalem, oPt.”</p>
<b>Prediction of health with human insecurity and chronic economic constraints in the occupied Palestinian territory: a cross-sectional survey</b>	C McNeely and others	2013	Abstracts	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> The article refers to violence by only one party, the Israel Defense Forces. There is no reference to other sources of violence in the PA, such as criminal violence, sectarian violence, clan feuds, disputes between rival political groups, etc.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Direct personal exposure to political violence was related only to trauma-related stress (heard or felt effects of a bomb <math>\beta=0.13</math>, <math>p=0.049</math>); ever hit, kicked, shot at, or verbally abused by the Israeli Defense Forces (<math>\beta=0.07</math>, <math>p=0.008</math>).”</p> <p>“Research into the effects of political conflict has focused predominantly on the association between exposure to violence and psychological trauma. This focus was expanded by investigation of the association of a broad array of political and economic factors with four health outcomes in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt).”</p>
<b>Contraceptive behaviour as a marital responsibility in the occupied Palestinian territory: a cross-sectional survey</b>	S Memmi	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
<b>Prevalence of birth defects in the Gaza Strip, occupied Palestinian territory, from 1997 to 2010: a pedigree analysis</b>	A Naim Roberto Minutolo Simona Signoriello Prof Paula Manduca	2013	Abstracts	Political	<p>Funded by Interpal</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> One of the authors is Poala Manduca. The use of the phrase “air-delivered weaponry” is a clear reference to the Israel Air Force. No other possible source of chemical contamination is considered. The study does not appear to take into account several other potential containment factors: the Gaza government’s regulation of toxic chemicals -- pesticides, fertilizers other industrial waste products -- is likely very weak or Hamas has developed a home-grown arms manufacturing industry that</p>

					likely leaves chemical pollution. The article points its finger at only one potential source, all the while admitting that a key item of data is missing: “There are no reliable records of the prevalence of birth defects from 1997 to 2010 in the Gaza Strip, occupied Palestinian territory. We therefore estimated the prevalence of birth defects for these years, using data from the first pilot registration of births in 2011.”  <b>QUOTES:</b> “In the Gaza Strip, the trend in the increase in prevalence of birth defects began in 2005. The first documented use of air-delivered weaponry on the Gaza Strip started in 2001, and since then use of this weaponry has been a major environmental stress. Our data, in agreement with results obtained with other methods, reinforce our concern that toxic remnants of war could be a source of long-term effects on reproductive health. Further studies are warranted to ascertain the association between the accumulation of the toxic remnants and the prevalence of birth defects.”
<b>Waist circumference and hypertension in Palestinian women: a population-based cross-sectional survey</b>	N O Rizkallah and others	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
<b>Environmental and public health effects of polluting industries in Tulkarm, West Bank, occupied Palestinian territory: an ethnographic study</b>	Dr Danya M Qato PharmD Ruhan Nagra	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
<b>Use of medicines in communities of Palestinian refugees: a mixed-methods study</b>	D M Qato	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
<b>Disability and food insufficiency in the Palestinian refugee population in Lebanon: a household survey</b>	N Salti and others	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
<b>Seawater intrusion into the coastal aquifer in the Gaza Strip: a computer-modelling study</b>		2013	Abstracts	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> The article ignores Israel’s importation of fresh water into the Gaza Strip as per the Oslo Accords, and the article ignores the results of mismanagement by Gaza authorities of Gaza’s water resources.  <b>QUOTES:</b> “The Israeli authorities tightly control the quantity of water from the aquifer that Palestinians in the Gaza Strip can extract.”
<b>Salt reduction as a population-based intervention for the prevention of coronary heart diseases:</b>	A Shoaibi and others	2013	Abstracts	Medical	

an economic assessment					
Child discipline in the occupied Palestinian territory: a cross-sectional study	H Shojaia and others	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
Prenatal and postnatal care of gestational diabetes and gestational hypertension in clinics for high-risk pregnancies in the West Bank, occupied Palestinian territory: a follow-up comparative study	I Titi N El Sharif	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
Incidence of congenital heart disease in Palestinian children born in the Gaza Strip, occupied Palestinian territory: a cross-sectional study	M Zaqout and others	2013	Abstracts	Medical	
Health and living conditions of Palestinian refugees residing in camps and gatherings in Lebanon: a cross-sectional survey	Rima R Habib Karin Seyfert Safa Hojeij	2012	Abstract	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Reviews refugees specifically in Lebanon. Comparison to articles written about Israel demonstrates imbalance. The authors do not blame the Lebanese government or claim changing refugee camps is the first step to impacting health for Palestinians. Instead authors call to “assess the social roots of poor physical and mental health.”</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Palestinian refugees have lived in camps and gatherings in Lebanon for more than 60 years. They are socially, politically, and economically disadvantaged as a result of discriminatory laws and decades of marginalisation, as shown by the absence of property rights and being banned from more than 30 occupations.”</p>
Monitoring of diabetes and hypertension services provided by the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	Yousef Shahin	2012	Abstract	Medical	
Double burden of undernutrition and obesity in Palestinian schoolchildren: a cross-sectional study	Salwa Massad Steve Holleran Mehari Gebre-Medhin Omar Dary Maysoun Obeidi Paula Bordelois Richard J Deckelbaum Umairah	2012	Abstract	Medical	

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<b>Pharmacy practice in occupied Palestinian territory: reality and difficulties</b>	Khaled Qadah Mai Al-Aker Haleama Al Sabbah	2012	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Food insecurity among Palestinian refugees living in Lebanon: a household survey</b>	Hala Ghattas Karin Seyfert Nadine R Sahyoun	2012	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Insecurity in Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon: a pilot study</b>	Rouham Yamout Sarah Farran Niveen M E Abu Rmeileh Dennis Hogan Rita Giacaman	2012	Abstract	Political	<p>Funded by MAP</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Attributes the Palestinian refugee problem to the establishment of the state of Israel; Depicts Israel as the aggressive side (Israeli war during the winter of 2008-09).</p> <p><b>OMISSIONS:</b> Arab countries war against Israel following the declaration of the state of Israel, during which the Palestinians were “dispossessed and dispersed”; Hamas rocket attacks on Israel precipitating the Israeli response.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “With the creation of the state of Israel in 1948, about 700,000 Palestinians were dispossessed and dispersed, mostly to neighbouring countries”. “In a study of the quality of life and wellbeing of Palestinians living in the occupied Palestinian territory, a team from Birzeit University, Ramallah, West Bank, investigated classic and war-related indicators of insecurity in the Gaza Strip 6 months after the Israeli war during the winter of 2008–09, using locally developed scales for the measurement of insecurity and individual distress.”</p>
<b>Contraceptive use by Palestinian-refugee mothers of children aged 0-3 years attending the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East’s maternal and child health clinics in the occupied Palestinian territory (West Bank and Gaza Strip), Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria: a follow-up study</b>	Haifa Madi	2012	Abstract	Medical	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Interviews of personnel from UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, Palestine Red Crescent Society, Medical Aid for Palestinians, Norwegian Aid Committee, Norwegian People’s Aid, and UNICEF)</p>
<b>Rapid assessment of the health needs of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon in 1996: a randomised study</b>	Yoga Nathan Velupillai	2012	Abstract	Medical	

<b>Efficiency analysis of the health-care facilities of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East in Jordan: a retrospective, descriptive study</b>	Xavier Modol Stefania Pace-Shanklin Wendy Venter Ishtaiwi Salman Abu-Zayed	2012	Abstract	Medical	
<b>UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East's medicine procurement processes and prices: a comparative performance assessment</b>	Margaret Ewen Maisa Al Sakit Rawan Saadeh Catherine Vialle-Valentin Akihiro Seitā	2012	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Positive emotions and life satisfaction in Palestinian children growing up amid political and military violence: a pilot study</b>	Guido Veronese Miras Natour Mahmud Said	2012	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Role of political factors in wellbeing and quality of life during long-term constraints and conflict: an initial study</b>	Brian K Barber Clea McNeely Carolyn Spellings	2012	Abstract	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Does not mention Israel. Presents Palestinian adults as suffering from increasing political constraints and protracted political violence since the first intifada.</p> <p><b>OMISSIONS:</b> No mention of the security threat that political Palestinians activists pose on Israel. No mention of the violent nature of that Intifada</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> "This difficulty is especially true for populations whose constraints extend beyond economic disadvantage to include persistent political conflict and its associated constraints, as is the case for Palestinians living in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt). In this study, the first phase of a project designed to assess the wellbeing of adult Palestinians, we sought to answer some fundamental questions about wellbeing and quality of life. This population cohort is of particular interest in terms of wellbeing because of its high political activism during the first intifada, and because it has endured a steady economic decline, increasing political constraints, and protracted political violence since then"</p>
<b>Barriers to the access to health services in the occupied Palestinian territory: a cohort study</b>	Anita Vitullo Abdelnasser Soboh Jenny Oskarsson Tasneem Atatrah Mohamed Lafi Tony Laurance	2012	Abstract	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> "Occupation" terminology</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> The reasons for the movement restrictions (Palestinians suicide bombers) and the "blockade" on Gaza Strip (reign of terror organization Hamas and rocket launching at Israel)</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> "Israel's military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and annexation of East Jerusalem, occupied</p>

					Palestinian territory (oPt), in contravention of international law restrict the movement of Palestinians within and between these regions. Patients' access to specialised health care is hindered by difficulties in obtaining the permits required by the Israeli authorities and by restrictions on the modes and routes of travel, with increased cost, time, and difficulty caused by the blockade of the Gaza Strip, presence of Israeli settlements in the oPt, and separation wall around Jerusalem. We assessed the extent and effect of these barriers for Palestinian patients needing health care and for Palestinian service providers who encounter difficulties in travelling to work"
<b>Proximate determinants of Palestinian fertility: a decomposition analysis</b>	Weeam Hammoudeh Dennis P Hogan	2012	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Forecasting prevalence of type 2 diabetes mellitus in Palestinians to 2030: validation of a predictive model</b>	Niveen M E Abu-Rmeileh Abdullatif Husseini Martin O'Flaherty Azza Shoaibi Simon Capewell on behalf of the MedCHAMPS project	2012	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Development assistance for health to the occupied Palestinian territory from 1990 to 2008: a database analysis</b>	Rajaie Batniji	2012	Abstract	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> Does not mention Israel. Focus on aid and development assistance, not health  <b>QUOTES:</b> "The reporting of contributions of DAH to the oPt by Muslim and Arab countries through formal international channels have been neither meaningful nor consistent. Measurement of the effect and distribution of DAH to the oPt could be improved through better adherence to global guidelines for monitoring and accountability of aid, including the Paris Declaration."
<b>Physical and mental health of long-term Palestinian political prisoners: a qualitative study</b>	Randa May Wahbe	2012	Abstract	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> What is the source of the data on "Palestinians political prisoners in Israeli prison facilities". Who defines them as political?  <b>QUOTES:</b> "4489 Palestinians are political prisoners in Israeli prison facilities (IPS)" "The prison environment exacerbates the physical health problems of detainees. Insufficient nutrition over a long period is the main contributing factor in the types of ailments, particularly dental hygiene and digestive or stomach problems, affecting prisoners. Inadequate provision of health care in Israeli prisons seems to be the cause of poor health in prisoners. Continued follow-up of long-term prisoners is needed to monitor and improve their physical health."
<b>Association of maternal psychosocial, economic, and political stressors with low birthweight in the Gaza Strip, occupied Palestinian territory, 2006: a case-control study</b>	Akram Abusalah Abdalkarim Radwan	2012	Abstract	Medical	

<b>Determinants and risk factors of neonatal mortality in the Gaza Strip, occupied Palestinian territory: a case-control study</b>	Imad El Awour Yehia Abed Majdi Ashour	2012	Abstract	Medical	Funded by Union of Health Work Committee
<b>Outcomes of cardiac surgery in the Gaza Strip, occupied Palestinian territory: a cross-sectional study</b>	Amal Jamee Yehia Abed	2012	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Tele-education for teaching of evidence-based medicine and burn care in the occupied Palestinian territory: a pilot study</b>	Ali M Ghanem Malik Zaben Nafiz Abu Shaban Colin Green Ghassan Abu-Sitta Simon Myers	2012	Abstract	Political	Funded by MAP  <b>OMISSION:</b> The reasons for the “blockade” on Gaza Strip - reign of terror organization Hamas and rocket launching at Israel  <b>QUOTES:</b> “The continued Israeli blockade of the Gaza Strip, occupied Palestinian territory (oPt), has detrimental effects on health care. Palestinian health-care workers have few opportunities for continuous professional development outside the oPt.”
<b>Structural birth defects in the Gaza Strip, occupied Palestinian territory: a cohort study</b>	A Naim, H Al Dalies M El Balawi E Salem K Al Meziny R Al Shawwa R Minutolo, P Manduca	2012	Abstract	Political	Funded by Interpal  <b>OMISSION:</b> Evidence for IDF use of white phosphorus against civilians? Possible connection between Hamas acts and the poor living conditions, which can be a factor in the widespread phenomenon of birth defects in Gaza Strip  <b>QUOTES:</b> “We investigated possible associations between birth defects and exposure to weapons during Israel’s Operation Cast Lead on the Gaza Strip from Dec 27, 2008, to Jan 18, 2009...The collaboration of the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process allowed us to confirm the subjective report of exposure to white phosphorus in 19 of 20 couples with children who had birth defects through the confirmation of retrieval of the ammunitions on the ground.”
<b>Major structural birth defects in children aged 0-2 years in the Gaza Strip: a cross-sectional study</b>	Abed Yehia Nabil Al Barqouni Paola Manduca Mofeed Mokhallalati Awny Naim Roberto Minutolo	2012	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Nosocomial infection in patients admitted to an intensive care unit at Al-Shifa Hospital in the Gaza Strip, occupied Palestinian territory: a retrospective assessment</b>	Majdi Ashour Khalil El-Nakhal	2012	Abstract	Medical	

<b>Nutrition, tobacco use, and physical activity in the West Bank, occupied Palestinian territory: an environmental profile of community health</b>	Rasha Khatib Clara K Chow Salim Yusuf	2012	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Palestinian women's feelings and opinions about vaginal examinations during normal childbirth: an exploratory study</b>	Sahar Hassan Johanne Sundby Abdullatif Husseini Espen Bjertness	2012	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Dignity and its components in Palestinian adolescents and young people: a pilot study</b>	Zeina Amro Rita Giacaman	2012	Abstract	Political	Funded by MAP  <b>NOTE:</b> Indicates "negative health" stems from "chronic exposure to military occupation" Article seeks to "identify features of the obverse of humiliation," inferring the occupation subjects Palestinians to humiliation, therefore impacting their health Scientific reasoning not provided  <b>QUOTES:</b> "The results of previous studies have indicated an association between loss of dignity, or humiliation, with negative health outcomes in Palestinian youth living under chronic exposure to military occupation and violence in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem, occupied Palestinian territory. We therefore sought to identify features of the obverse of humiliation—namely, dignity—because the results would be useful for the development of a measure of dignity and its association with health outcomes."
<b>Maternal near miss in four governmental hospitals in the West Bank, occupied Palestinian territory, in 2010: a retrospective, facility-based survey</b>	Asma Mohammad Imam Salwa Najjab Enas Dhaher Waleed Barghouti Souzan Ahmad Abdo Ali Nashaat Shaar Said Sarahneh Stephanie M Hansel	2012	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Assessment of services for diabetes mellitus in clinics in Ramallah, West Bank, occupied Palestinian territory: an evaluation study</b>	Nahed Mikki Azza Shoaibi Rana Khatib Abdullatif Husseini	2012	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Sex selection in the Palestinian society: a pilot study</b>	Sarah Memmi	2012	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Incidence of cleft lip and palate in the occupied</b>	Hala T Borno Emad A K Hussein	2012	Abstract	Medical	

<b>Palestinian territory: a retrospective study</b>	Anwar Dudin John A van Aalst				
<b>Is academia meeting the needs of non-academic users of the results of research?</b>	Iain Chalmers Adib Essali Emtithal Rezk Sally Crowe	2012	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Palestinian health-related publications in international medical journals: an analysis of the trend</b>	Rika Fujiya Haruka Usuki	2012	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Offline: Palestinian health—science for accountability</b>	Richard Horton	2012	Full Text	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Defines the 2012 LPHA as an effort to “better define social suffering as a measure of Palestinian health.” Compares an Australian conference to a Palestinian one, stating at the Australian conference there was “no sense that the existence of the societies in which delegates were living was under constant threat of extinction.” Both statements including political undertones and are not scientifically based Does mention the Palestinian Authority and regional Arab nations as responsible for Palestinian health</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Brian Barber describes how political dimensions of Palestinian life (solidarity, freedom of expression, mobility, and safety and security) influence wellbeing. Anita Vitullo reports ongoing barriers to care, such as delayed or denied permits from Israeli authorities—barriers that apply to patients and medical staff alike.”</p>
<b>Civilians’ experience in the Gaza Strip during the Operation Cast Lead by Israel</b>	Majdi Ashour Nedal Ghuneim Aed Yaghi	2011	Abstract	Political	<p>Conducted by PMRS</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Title indicates a political discussion, not health-oriented, apolitical research. Study conducted by biased and political NGO PMRS</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> Context of war, terror and Israeli security</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Interpretation The effects of the Operation Cast Lead on the life of civilians living in the interviewed households were, according to their reported perceptions, devastating, and geographically linked to the intensity of activities of the operation.”</p>
<b>Human insecurity and associated factors in the Gaza Strip 6 months after 2008-09 Israeli attack: a cross-sectional survey</b>	Maisa Ziadni Weeam Hammoudeh Niveen M E Abu-Rmeileh Dennis Hogan Harry Shannon Rita Giacaman	2011	Abstract	Political	<p>Conducted by MAP</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Refers to Cast Lead as “2008–09 Israeli attack” as opposed to an ongoing war Focus on political insecurity, health as a secondary issue</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “The human-insecurity framework focuses on an individual’s protection from social, psychological, health, economic, and political threats. It lends itself to supporting health and wellbeing, and addresses threats to survival and development in conflict...Although intervention through support of Gazans with food and other aid is important, interventions need to address the cause of human insecurity—namely, the violence of war and the</p>

					sieges.”
<b>Use of maternal health services in the Gaza Strip, occupied Palestinian territory: a survey of households</b>	Majdi Ashour Graham Watt	2011	Abstract	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Claims economic adversity of the Palestinian population is a result of the Israeli siege</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> Context of terror, war, internal adversity and mishandling of international aid</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “..suggest that the economic adversity of the Palestinian population, as a result of the Israeli siege, has led to increased use of childbirth services that are provided free of charge”</p>
<b>Childbirth at checkpoints in the occupied Palestinian territory</b>	Halla Shoaibi	2011	Abstract	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Indicates that Israel prevents women in labor from reaching hospitals, accuses Israel of “crimes against humanity” without substantial legal credentials. Research suggests pursuing a case at the ICC, entirely political by nature.</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> Israeli context and checkpoints as a necessity in enhancing the security of Israel</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “However, no legal recourse has been taken to address the issue of pregnant Palestinian women giving birth at Israeli checkpoints. The aims in this study are to describe the context of childbirth in the occupied Palestinian territory and the effects of checkpoint activity on the access of pregnant women to hospital during labour. The status of maternal and infant deaths at checkpoints in the context of international law are considered, and, particularly, the criteria for crimes against humanity in accordance with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.”</p>
<b>Variation in service-providers’ prescribing behaviour and policy implications for women with genitourinary tract infections in Ramallah, occupied Palestinian territory</b>	Rula Ghandour Rana Khatib	2011	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Health-seeking behaviour and acknowledgment of illness by rural Palestinian women</b>	Linda Majaj Majed Nassar Manuela De Allegri	2011	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Parents’ perceptions of care for chronically ill children in a paediatric intensive care unit in the occupied Palestinian territory</b>	Ibtisam M Ghayeb	2011	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Parental discipline of children: results of a national family health survey in the occupied Palestinian territory</b>	Samia Halileh Mahasin F Saleh	2011	Abstract	Medical	

<b>Smoking among adolescents and teenagers living under conflict: cross-sectional surveys in three settings</b>	Niveen M E Abu-Rmeileh Ethel Alderete Luis Fernando Duque Nilton E Montoya Eliseo Pérez-Stable Abdullatif Hussein	2011	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Pharmacy practice in occupied Palestinian territory: reality and difficulties</b>	Khaled Qadah Mai Al-Aker Haleama Al Sabbah	2011	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Cross-shift changes in lung function in Palestinian farmers during low and high exposure to pesticides: a longitudinal study</b>	Farid Kamel Abu Sham'a Marit Skogstad Khalidoun Nijem Espen Bjertness Petter Kristensen	2011	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Veterinary practice in the West Bank: an assessment of antibiotic prescriptions</b>	Khawla Salem Njourn-Odeh	2011	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Health in the occupied Palestinian territory, 2011</b>	Richard Horton	2011	Full Text	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Indicates Israeli aggression and omits the Palestinian role. Focus of the 2011 LPHA series, as stated by Horton, is Cast Lead, rather than the health system as a whole Accuses Israel of committing “crimes against humanity.”</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> Cast Lead as Israel’s response to prolonged rocket fire by Gaza militants and weapons smuggling into the Gaza Strip.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “The themes that emerge this year perhaps fall into three broad categories. First, health in the Gaza Strip. The echoes of Operation Cast Lead among civilians are still being heard and documented. The spread of widespread human insecurity was a neglected consequence of the Israeli attacks. And the more chronic effects of the Israeli siege are also measurable, notably on use of maternal health services”</p>
<b>Humanitarian crisis and social suffering in Gaza Strip: an initial analysis of aftermath of latest Israeli war (abstract)</b>	Niveen M E Abu-Rmeileh Weeam Hammoudeh Rita Giacaman	2010	Abstract	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Repeated use (3x) of the phrase “the Israeli attack on the Gaza Strip.” Headline refers to “aftermath of latest Israeli war” instead of a more neutral “aftermath of latest conflict between Israel and Hamas.”</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> of Hamas rocket attacks on Israel precipitating the Israeli response.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Interpretation: The Israeli attack on the Gaza Strip has had a negative effect on the quality of life of adults in the</p>

					general population, and has resulted in high levels of reported distress, human insecurity, and social suffering. The siege on this region continues to be the main obstacle for improvement of the living conditions and quality of life of the population, and is a priority for action.”
<b>Women in labour and midwives during Israeli assault on Gaza Strip: between bullets and labour pains</b>	Sahar Hassan Laura Wick	2010	Abstract	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Implies Israel targeted women in labor Uses emotive language and perspective, no scientific basis provided</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> Israeli women’s perspective during the same time period. Mention of terrorism</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Background: We report the personal accounts of childbirth experiences and coping skills of women and midwives during the 23 days of the Israeli assault on the Gaza Strip, occupied Palestinian territory, in December, 2008, and January, 2009.”</p> <p>“The women (n=11) and midwives (n=5) described childbirth during the bombings, with dead and injured people around them; and how they coped with the violence, fear, uncertainty, and the loneliness and pain of waiting for labour to begin, for the baby to be born, and to be reunited with their loved ones.”</p> <p>“Interpretation: These women were living a process of healing while surrounded by destruction, and with nowhere else to go, they had begun to remake their lives. ‘I cannot believe that I did not die. Actually I feel I was sent to life again. Now I try not to think of that time.’”</p>
<b>Effects of non-fatal injuries during the war on Gaza Strip on quality of life: a cross-sectional study</b>	Nedal Ismael Ghuneim Yehia Abed	2010	Abstract	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Refers to people affected by the “Israeli war” instead of a more neutral “conflict between Israel and Hamas.”</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “An increase in the numbers of mental health services and facilities is needed to care for people affected by the Israeli war.”</p>
<b>Health-service use and choice of health-care provider in the Gaza Strip: a household survey</b>	Majdi Ashour	2010	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Nutritional status in Palestinian schoolchildren living in West Bank and Gaza Strip: a cross-sectional survey</b>	Kholoud Nasser Faisal Awartani Jamal Hasan	2010	Abstract	Medical	
<b>Development of a disability programme in West Bank and Gaza Strip</b>	Ghada Harami David Henley Cindy Greer	2010	Abstract	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> States the occupation is responsible for Palestinian disabilities without context Indicates that to impact disabilities, responses need to focus on the occupation</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> No inclusion of information on Israeli disabilities</p>

					<p><b>QUOTES:</b>  “A systematic approach to disability began in the early 1990s, in response to the effects on disability of the harsh conditions in the oPt and the first intifada that resulted in a substantial increase in the number of individuals with disabilities. Most were young people, who were celebrated as national heroes.”</p> <p>“increasing numbers of people with disabilities because of Israeli military incursions”</p> <p>“The struggles associated with the development of a disability programme in the oPt has had much to do with the responses taken to address the effects of the occupation.”</p>
<p><b>Parity and risk factors for coronary heart disease in Palestinian women in two refugee camps in the West Bank: a population based cross-sectional survey</b></p>	<p>Najwa Odeh  Rizkallah  Tom Marshall  Donna Kritz-Silverstein</p>	<p>2010</p>	<p>Abstract</p>	<p>Medical</p>	
<p><b>Effect of emergency health insurance scheme on place of birth in the West Bank during conflict: a retrospective analysis</b></p>	<p>Rika Fujiya  Niveen M E Abu-Rmeileh  Masamine Jimba</p>	<p>2010</p>	<p>Abstract</p>	<p>Political</p>	<p><b>OMISSION:</b>  Context of war and the impact of violence and terrorism</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b>  “Security of Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territory has been under threat, especially since the beginning of the second Palestinian uprising in September, 2000.”</p>
<p><b>Fecundability in newly married couples in agricultural villages in the occupied Palestinian territory: a prospective study</b></p>	<p>Yaser Younes Issa  Markku Sallmén  Khaldoun Nijem  Espen Bjertness  Petter Kristensen</p>	<p>2010</p>	<p>Abstract</p>	<p>Medical</p>	
<p><b>Dietary habits of Palestinian adolescents in three major governorates in the West Bank: a cross-sectional survey</b></p>	<p>Nahed Mikki  Hanan F Abdul-Rahim  Zumin Shi  Gerd Holmboe-Ottesen</p>	<p>2010</p>	<p>Abstract</p>	<p>Medical</p>	
<p><b>Lung function and respiratory symptoms in male Palestinian farmers: a cross-sectional survey</b></p>	<p>Farid Kamel Abu Sham’a  Marit Skogstad,  Khaldoun Nijem  Espen Bjertness  Petter Kristensen</p>	<p>2010</p>	<p>Abstract</p>	<p>Medical</p>	
<p><b>Lung function, respiratory symptoms, skin problems, and</b></p>	<p>Maysaa Nemer  Marit Skogstad</p>	<p>2010</p>	<p>Abstract</p>	<p>Medical</p>	

chemical exposures in female hairdressers in Hebron City, occupied Palestinian territory: a cross-sectional study	Khaldoun Nijem Petter Kristensen Espen Bjertness				
Storage, use, and cost of drug products for Palestinian households: a cross-sectional survey	Waleed M Sweileh Ansam F Sawalha Saed H Zyoud Samah W Al-Jabi Fadi F Bani Shamseh Heba S Khalaf	2010	Abstract	Political	<p><b>OMISSION:</b> Indicates that drug stock piling is a result of the occupation, omits context of war and domestic factors</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Drug products are stored in large quantities in Palestinian households, and many of them are not used. This stockpiling of drug products might be attributable to Israeli curfews or movement restrictions for Palestinians, leading to concern among families about access to potentially useful or life-saving drugs.”</p>
Effect of shift work on mental health of Palestinian nurses: a comparative study	Yousef Jaradat Khaldoun Nijem Espen Bjertness Lars Lien Petter Kristensen Rita Bast-Pettersen Hein Stigum	2010	Abstract	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Places blame on the occupation for affecting “the population’s insecurity, fear, helplessness, and unemployment.”</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “The results are unlikely to be generalisable for all districts in the occupied Palestinian territory, especially districts in which the occupation affects the population’s insecurity, fear, helplessness, and unemployment, such as in the Gaza Strip.”</p>
15 years of cooperation in research and higher education between the Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo, and Palestinian institutions	Espen Bjertness Khaldoun Nijem Abdullatif Husseini Rita Giacaman Gerd Holmboe-Ottesen Petter Kristensen	2010	Abstract	Medical	<p>Studies which resulted from the cooperation discussed in this article: <a href="http://download.thelancet.com/flatcontentassets/pdfs/palestine/S0140673610608203-web-appendix.pdf">http://download.thelancet.com/flatcontentassets/pdfs/palestine/S0140673610608203-web-appendix.pdf</a></p>
Qaderoon youth mental health promotion programme in the Burj El Barajneh Palestinian refugee camp, Beirut, Lebanon: a community-intervention analysis	Rema Afifi Rima Nakkash Taghreed El Hajj Ziyad Mahfoud Suad Hammad Judy Makhoul Sawsan Abdulrahim Mayada Kanj Pascale Haddad	2010	Abstract	Medical	
Health in the Occupied Palestinian Territory [audio recording reviewing the series”	Richard Horton	2010	Audio	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Horton continues to clarify the LPHA’s role as a political vehicle; making one sided and biased claims. Depicts Israel as the aggressor; engaged in terror and collective punishment</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> Any context of Israeli perspective or security motives</p>

					<p><b>QUOTES:</b>  “How are we suppose to focus on health, when there was so much terror, quite literally terror, happening on the Gaza Strip?”</p> <p>“Detailed appraisals of the Israeli attack on Gaza in 2008-2009. There has been an enormous amount of rhetoric and calls on both sides about this and its very hard to get reliable data.</p> <p>“The most substantial finding is a survey of over 3000 households on the Gaza Strip looking at about 1/3 of homes were completely or partially destroyed, 1/4 of which have yet to be repaired, 1/3 of the population were displaced, there were a large number of injury and disabilities, quality of life got substantially worse, measurable high levels of insecurity ,fear, threat, distress, despair suffering, all attributable to the siege, occupation and of course the war itself.”</p> <p>“The responsibility [of] the occupiers and those who are responsible for the siege of Gaza, and that of course is the government of Israel.”</p> <p>“An 18 year old civilian who had 30% wounds over his body thanks to the chemical burns caused by white phosphorus, which of course according to the UN convention on conventional weapons which is provided on attacks on civilians but yet this is what was used in attacks on civilians.”</p> <p>“Best way to bring international attention to a neglected people...this is not a matter of just criticising the occupying government of Israel. This occupation and the collusion of the international community in this occupation is literally destroying families, lives of children, ruining prospects of lives of adult and women who have every single right to a future as we do...yet are being collectively being punished by the Israeli government and international community because of where they live.”</p>
<b>The Lancet—Palestinian Health Alliance in 2010</b>	Richard Horton	2010	Full Text	Political	<p><b>OMISSION:</b>  Claims LPHA is seeking “negotiations for peace and justice in the region” but no mention of Israeli perspective or security</p> <p>“New research findings provide compelling reasons to bring political leaders together to devise long-term solutions to the many and varied health injustices that Palestinian people face.”</p>
<b>The remaining facts on the ground</b>	Rita Giacaman, Rana Khatib	2010	Full Text	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b>  Depicts Israel as the aggressor state, inciting violence, referring to Israel as “the Israeli military occupation”  Indicates Palestinians are de-humanized, portrayed as “either terrorists or hopeless victims.”  Frames the LPHA as a solution to influence change, due to” feelings of incapacitation.”</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b>  “There was tension in the air; the smell of violence everywhere; and denial or restricted access from one part of the West Bank to another and to East Jerusalem.”</p> <p>“In this second international conference on the health of Palestinians under occupation, Palestinian and international academics presented various topics, including the consequences of the Israeli incursion into the Gaza Strip from Dec 27, 2009 to Jan 18, 2010, on: health and human security; disability and mental health; the environmental determinants of health; women’s health; child and adolescent nutrition; challenges to the</p>

					Palestinian health-care system under Israeli military occupation; and success against all odds and the way forward. Presenters came from various academic institutions, sectors, and educational backgrounds, and included students.”
<b>The unhealthy aid provided for the health of Palestinians</b>	Angelo Stefanini, Enrico Pavignani	2010	Full Text	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Claims aid ineffectiveness is a result of Israeli policies and occupation. No other factors are discussed or attributed. Political article in entirety, health is mentioned as a secondary issue</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> Aid is not only ineffective but might also be harmful. The International Court of Justice has ruled that states are under obligation not to render aid that might maintain the situation created by the occupying power, to ensure Israel’s respect for international humanitarian law, and not to substitute for the responsibility of the occupying power. For example, financing highly localised health facilities to mitigate the delays</p>
<b>Making the future ours in the occupied Palestinian territory</b>	Abeer Ayesh et al.	2010	Full Text	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Depicts Israel as the aggressor, aims to explain the struggle of the Palestinians Discusses UN agreements and political history, health is included as a secondary issue Claims the land of Israel as Palestinian Recommends ending the “military occupation” as the first step in improving health</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> No inclusion of domestic or internal issues Eliminates the context of war or Israeli security</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Not possible to convey the pain of living here. Israeli occupation continues to harm Palestinians. Denial of self-determination, political and geographical separation, fundamental human-rights violations, isolation, lack of control of resources, and severely restricted mobility are all obstacles for community development.”</p> <p>“Our forebears were born in Palestine and contributed to a flourishing Palestinian society before 1948, when Israel was created with the dispossession and dispersion of three-quarters of the Palestinian population to different parts of the world. “</p>
<b>White phosphorus burn</b>	Loai Nabil Al Barqouni, Sobhi I Skaik, Nafiz R Abu Shaban, Nabil Barqouni	2010	Full Text	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Indicates that Israel targets civilians with white phosphorus without factual support or citations</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “According to the UN Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons it is prohibited to make civilians the object of attack by incendiary weapons.”</p>
<b>The occupied Palestinian territory: peace, justice, and health</b>	Richard Horton	2009	Full Text	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Horton states that LPHA’s purpose is to understand Palestinian territories “under” occupation. And identifies “the occupation” as the sole source of Palestinian “de-development.” No other causes are named.</p> <p>He highlights LPHA’s partnerships with politically biased NGOs: the Palestine Medical Relief Society, the Gaza Community Mental Health Programme and UNWRA and claims “latest Israeli air and ground attacks on Gaza” led to the “violation of human rights.”</p>

					<p><b>QUOTES:</b>  “The people of the Palestinian territory matter, most importantly, because their lives and communities are continuing to experience an occupation that has produced chronic de-development for nearly 4 million people over many decades. But the future of Palestinians also matters because of the continued conflict with Israel, the failure of the peace process to make any substantial progress, and the internally catastrophic and violent divisions within Palestinian politics...If a way could be found to strengthen Palestinian political institutions and find common ground for negotiations with Israel and western governments, great regional and even international benefits could follow.”</p>
<b>Lancet Steering Group on the occupied Palestinian territory</b>	Iain Chalmers Jennifer Leaning Harry S Shannon Huda Zurayk	2009	Full Text	Medical	<p><b>NOTE:</b>  biographies of original LPHA steering committee</p>
<b>Teaching child health in the occupied Palestinian territory</b>	Tony Waterston Samia Halileh Jumana Odeh Mary Rudolf Patricia Hamilton	2009	Full Text	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b>  Identifies the occupation as a main factor in damaging children’s health and asserts medicine is “inseparable from politics.” The study was funded by Medical Aid for Palestinians.</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b>  Places significant blame on Israel but does not include all other domestic factors</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b>  “The aims of the programme are to improve the quality of primary child-health care in the various sectors, and thereby to improve children’s health. These are hard objectives to meet because the main determinants of child health are poverty, violence, and stress exacerbated by the occupation.”</p>
<b>Keys to health: justice, sovereignty, and self-determination</b>	Andrea Becker Katherine Al Ju’beh Graham Watt	2009	Full text	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b>  The designation of “East Jerusalem” as being part of the West Bank and the “oPt” is highly politicized given a parallel claim by the other party to the dispute, Israel. Until a final agreement between the two disputants is agreed upon, a more neutral designation is suggested for a scientific journal such as <i>The Lancet</i>. The study was funded by Medical Aid for Palestinians.  Discusses highly disputed political issues that have no relation to health i.e. the security barrier, settlements etc. Indicates extreme bias claiming Palestinian health is “dominated” by “Israel’s siege, bombardment, and invasion of the Gaza Strip.”</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b>  Calls for an end to the current conditions of occupation and siege but provides no context</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b>  “A very powerful determinant of Palestinian health is the State of Israel, whose economic, political, and military superiority continue to be applied, not only to the blockade and recent bombardment and invasion of Gaza, but also to the territorial project within the West Bank, involving 149 new Israeli settlements (housing nearly half a million settlers), and their exclusive road systems, the separation wall, military checkpoints, confiscations, and economic uses of 70% of land in the West Bank over which the Palestinian Authority has no control. The international community, led by the USA, either endorses or largely tolerates these uses of Israel’s power.”</p>
<b>Palestinian refugees outside the occupied Palestinian territory</b>	Guido Sabatinelli Stefania Pace-Shanklin Flavia Riccardo	2009	Full text	Political	<p><b>OMISSION:</b>  Provides no citations for statistics regarding refugees, omits the political issues surrounding UNRWA. Title indicates a politicized discussion that is not health-oriented, apolitical research</p>

	Yousef Shahin				<p><b>QUOTES:</b>  “The 1948 Arab—Israeli war not only marked a crucial moment in the history of Palestine, but generated the largest refugee population in the world, thus affecting all its neighbouring countries. Of 4-6 million Palestinians with refugee status, 2·8 million reside outside the occupied Palestinian territory, in Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan. They are assisted by the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine Refugees, which is their main health provider and therefore the most accurate source of information on their health status.”</p>
<b>The responsibilities of the World Medical Association President</b>	John S Yudkin	2009	Full text	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b>  Accuses Israel of ethical violations, indiscriminate attacks and neglecting its humanitarian leadership role. Reveals significant bias, claiming it is “unverifiable” that Hamas was using medical facilities to store weapons. Thanks Physicians for Human Rights-Israel, a politicized NGO.</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b>  No context provided of terrorist attacks at checkpoints. One reference to violence in the article indicates that alleviation of Palestinian suffering will remove “the grievances which drive people to violence.”</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b>  “Israel has a right to act in pursuit of its security, but security might be used as a cover for many authoritarian actions. Some actions of the Israeli General Security Services, under the umbrella of security, have superseded human rights, including the right to health care. Recent events in Gaza have led to widespread distress at the suffering of civilians; international agencies have reported the Israeli Defense Force targeting medical stores and ambulances, and health workers have been killed. There were disturbing reports of the military refusing access to care for the injured, including one of children in a building found clinging to their dead mother 4 days after the house was shelled. Such acts are contrary to the principles stated in the Israeli Medical Association’s paper, Assurance of medical and health services during the Israel-Palestine conflict, as well as contravening international conventions.”</p>
<b>Health status and health services in the occupied Palestinian territory</b>	Rita Giacaman Rana Khatib Luay Shabaneh Asad Ramlawi Belgacem Sabri Guido Sabatinelli Marwan Khawaja Tony Laurance	2009	Full Text	Political	<p><b>NOTES:</b>  Identifies political factors as determinates in health i.e. “colonization,” “land confiscation” and “violations of human rights” Provides a long, inaccurate historical overview, eliminating the impact of both intifadas on Israel. Utilizes the term “Nakba,” Arabic for catastrophe denoting Israel’s establishment. The article claims such that “humiliation is a central tactic of war” conducted by Israel. Minimal scientific research or facts are provided . Funded by MAP</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b>  Historical overview: “This traumatic situation—called the nakba (or catastrophe) by Palestinians—is engrained in the collective memory, and is still felt by third-generation refugees, especially those living in refugee camps.<sup>13</sup> Since then, Palestinian identity has been reinforced through resistance to dispossession and extinction.”</p> <p>“Interim political solution exploded with the second Palestinian uprising, fuelled by widespread discontent with the failure of the Oslo Accords to address accelerating Israeli confiscation and colonisation of Palestinian lands in defiance of international law, and by the shortcomings of the Palestinian National Authority.”</p> <p>“The truce with Hamas is broken (Nov 4, 2008). Israel invades Gaza Strip (Dec 27, 2008). Destruction of infrastructure and buildings, including homes, universities, schools, clinics, mosques, and welfare organisations. Hundreds of civilians are killed and thousands injured, intensifying Gaza’s humanitarian crisis.”</p>

<b>Maternal and child health in the occupied Palestinian territory</b>	Hanan F Abdul Rahim Laura Wick Samia Halileh Sahar Hassan-Bitar Hafedh Chekir Graham Watt Marwan Khawaja	2009	Full Text	Medical	Funded by MAP
<b>Cardiovascular diseases, diabetes mellitus, and cancer in the occupied Palestinian territory</b>	Abdullatif Husseini Niveen M E Abu-Rmeileh Nahed Mikki Tarik M Ramahi Heidar Abu Ghosh Nadim Barghuthi Mohammad Khalili Espen Bjertness Gerd Holmboe-Ottesen Jak Jervell	2009	Full Text	Political	Funded by MAP  <b>NOTE:</b> Indicates the occupation is to blame for health problems. States that “the Palestinian Ministry of Health is the main provider of health care to people living in the occupied Palestinian territory” yet the article focuses on Israeli faults instead of issues within the PMOH.  <b>OMISSION:</b> Article compares Israeli disease statistics with Palestinian disease statistics with no context, implying Israeli responsibility.  <b>QUOTES:</b> “The geographic and administrative fragmentation of the occupied Palestinian territory, the military checkpoints and barriers to movement, and the separation wall and many other fences and barriers, all have detrimental effects on the ability to deliver good health care. The separation of Gaza Strip and the near impervious blockade of its population can only worsen health status and ability to deliver health care.”
<b>Health as human security in the occupied Palestinian territory</b>	Rajaie Batniji Yoke Rabaia Viet Nguyen-Gillham Rita Giacaman Eyad Sarraj Raija-Leena Punamaki Hana Saab Will Boyce	2009	Full Text	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> Article reviews political discussions with little inclusion of medical research. Focus is on “human security” and the political factors which influence Palestinians. Health is discussed as a secondary issue. The study was funded by Medical Aid for Palestinians.  <b>QUOTES:</b> “Palestinian security has deteriorated rapidly since 2000. More than 6000 Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli military, with more than 1300 killed in the Gaza Strip during 22 days of aerial and ground attacks ending in January, 2009. Israeli destruction and control of infrastructure has severely restricted fuel supplies and access to water and sanitation. Palestinians are tortured in prisons and humiliated at Israeli checkpoints. The separation wall and the checkpoints prevent access to work, family, sites of worship, and health-care facilities. Poverty rates have risen sharply, and almost half of Palestinians are dependent on food aid. Social cohesion, which has kept Palestinian society intact, including the health-care system, is now strained. More than US\$9 billion in international aid have not promoted development because Palestinians do not have basic security.”  Discusses mass displacement, home demolition, “Israeli restrictions and military incursions” “Palestinians are effectively incarcerated” “torture in Israeli prisons” demoralization, “Palestinians do not have access to resources such as land, water, cultural sites, and telecommunications frequencies in the occupied territory.”
<b>The health-care system: an</b>	Awad Mataria	2009	Full Text	Political	<b>NOTE:</b>

<p><b>assessment and reform agenda</b></p>	<p>Rana Khatib Cam Donaldson Thomas Bossert David J Hunter Fahed Alsayed Jean-Paul Moatti</p>				<p>Political article with little inclusion of medical research. Places blame on “Israeli destruction and control of infrastructure.” Accuses Israel of “imprisonment of Palestinians,” “torture,” “public humiliation,” “medical extortion.” Summary calls for a “political solution to prevent many of the identified threats to Palestinian security”</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> No discussion of terrorism or internal Palestinian political issues</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Palestinian security has deteriorated rapidly since 2000. More than 6000 Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli military, with more than 1300 killed in the Gaza Strip during 22 days of aerial and ground attacks ending in January, 2009. Israeli destruction and control of infrastructure has severely restricted fuel supplies and access to water and sanitation. Palestinians are tortured in prisons and humiliated at Israeli checkpoints. The separation wall and the checkpoints prevent access to work, family, sites of worship, and health-care facilities. Poverty rates have risen sharply, and almost half of Palestinians are dependent on food aid. Social cohesion, which has kept Palestinian society intact, including the health-care system, is now strained. More than US\$9 billion in international aid have not promoted development because Palestinians do not have basic security.”</p>
<p><b>What is health? The ability to adapt</b></p>	<p><i>The Lancet</i></p>	<p>2009</p>	<p>Full Text</p>	<p>Medical</p>	
<p><b>A Palestinian physician’s memoir of life in Israel</b></p>	<p>Emma Williams</p>	<p>2009</p>	<p>Full Text</p>	<p>Political</p>	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Refers to Israel’s treatment of Palestinians as “Kafkaesque”</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> Omits war context, indicates Israel “isolated its Palestinian citizens,” motivated by hatred Medical scientific research is not substantiated</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “The outcries against these events were loud and impassioned, as were the voices raised in denial, defence, or justification. Truckloads of medical supplies, many assembled by Israeli humanitarian groups, were sent through the gates to Gaza to help the wounded. But this only emphasised that the recipients are a people locked inside a large cage, dependent on those whom they regard as their gaolers to feed and supply them, and unable to find any shelter—let alone flee—when those who hold the keys decide to bomb them.”</p> <p>“Zionism leaves little manoeuvring space for an Israeli citizen; if you do not serve its goals, you must be its enemy.”</p>
<p><b>Rita Giacaman and Rana Khatib: promoting health for Palestinians</b></p>	<p>Jan McGirk</p>	<p>2009</p>	<p>Full Text</p>	<p>Political</p>	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Interview with Rita Giacaman and Rana Khatib. Interviewer claims “Giacaman and Khatib do not push political advocacy platforms” yet Giacaman also claims “we just want the chance to expose the truth.” Scientific research and “knowing the truth” are a polarization, implying the authors’ impartiality.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “A recent quality-of-life study by the Institute of Community and Public Health revealed that the separation barrier erected by the Israelis in the West Bank damages health by splitting up extended families. Without in-laws on hand to impart traditional child care and folk medicine and with the local midwives blocked from free access by internal checkpoints and curfews, the negative effect on maternal and child health is measurable. Another pressing concern is dealing with chronic diseases while coping with insecurity and violence across the West Bank. Diabetes, metabolic</p>

					disease, and cancers are prevalent, but turning research results into action to tackle these diseases is complicated by the political and socioeconomic situation.”
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## APPENDIX C: 2009-2014: Medical vs Political Items Published Apart from the LPHA Series

Article	Author(s)	Year	Type	Intent	Comments
<a href="#">Gaza's health and humanitarian crisis</a>	Kristin Solberg	2014	World Report ( <a href="#">News Podcast</a> )	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Podcast which relays an imbalanced review of the war and attacks on health facilities Indicates "Israel has not provided enough information about the target to justify such damage to the hospital."</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> Context of war, role of Hamas, rockets and terror, Israeli security and self-defense.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> "The conflict in Gaza has claimed hundreds of civilian lives and damaged or destroyed numerous health facilities. Kristin Solberg, who was in Gaza at the start of the war, reports."</p>
<a href="#">Improving mental health is key to reduce violence in Israel and Gaza</a>	Daphna Canetti Brian J Hall Talya Greene Jeremy C Kane Stevan E Hobfoll	2014	Correspondence	Medical	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Balanced article which mentions the effects of PTSD on both Israelis and Palestinians</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> "Our research in the past decade suggests that mental health is a key contributor to many of the underlying attitudes that perpetuate the continued cycle of hatred and aggression between Israelis and Palestinians. The dearth of available psychological support services in Gaza is not only a humanitarian problem, but also a barrier to progress towards reconciliation."</p>
<a href="#">Health of Palestinians, water and coastal aquifer in Gaza</a>	Stephen Halpern Anna L Reisman	2014	Correspondence Re: LPHA	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Responds to the 2013 LPHA abstract "<a href="#">Does the influence of stroke on post-stroke dementia vary by different levels of prestroke cognitive functioning? A population-based cohort investigation</a>" Includes Israeli perspective</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> "In their abstract for the 2013 Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance, Reem Sarsak and Mohammad Almasri1 identified the salination of the coastal aquifer because of seawater intrusion as an important threat to public health for the population of Gaza...However, in the background section1 they seem to implicate Israeli water policy as the primary issue."</p>
<a href="#">Health of Palestinians, water and coastal aquifer in Gaza – Authors' reply</a>	Reem Sarsak Mohammad N Almasri	2014	Correspondence Re: LPHA	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to "<a href="#">Health of Palestinians, water and coastal aquifer in Gaza</a>" Indicates it is not possible to discuss water without making political commentary</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> "First, when we mention Israel we have to keep in mind that we are referring to a powerful occupying state that controls the borders of the Gaza Strip...In our opinion, it is not possible to appreciate the water situation in the Gaza Strip without understanding the political aspects. These aspects are not 'gratuitous political innuendo', but facts."</p>
<a href="#">Health of Palestinians and chronic humiliation</a>	Janice Halpern	2014	Correspondence Re: LPHA	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to the 2013 LPHA abstract "<a href="#">Effect of chronic exposure to humiliation on wellbeing in the occupied Palestinian territory: an event-history analysis.</a>" Includes Israeli perspective</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b></p>

					<p>"In their abstract for the 2013 Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance, Brian Barber and colleagues are not maintaining 'the highest scientific standards' by insinuating that the strong presence of Israeli forces at checkpoints and barriers explains the chronic humiliation suffered by Palestinians in the West Bank."</p>
<p><a href="#">Health of Palestinians and chronic humiliation – Authors'reply</a></p>	<p>Brian K Barber Clea McNeely Joseph A Olsen Carolyn Spellings Robert F Belli</p>	2014	<p>Correspondence Re: LPHA</p>	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to "<a href="#">Health of Palestinians and chronic humiliation</a>" Interchanges assumption and fact Reliance on political and bias NGOs</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> "Humiliating treatments by Israeli forces at these interfaces are well known to those who traverse them and have been reported widely, including in reports of Israeli human rights organisations such as B'Tselem. Residents of these neighbourhoods have to interact with Israeli forces in their daily lives. Therefore, it is reasonable to propose that these interactions might be the source of the chronic humiliation reported by the participants of the analysis."</p>
<p><a href="#">A tapestry of Palestinian life: remembering Samar Alhallag</a></p>	<p>Jan Chalmers Iain Chalmers</p>	2014	Perspectives	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Authors claim to be bias No medical or scientific research is included States several extreme political points, including utilizing legal jargon, without context</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> "She stitched a small panel entitled Samidoun, which means 'We Are Steadfast' (figure 1). It is based on a symbol used to express solidarity with women hunger strikers in Israeli prisons."  "As one of us wrote in <i>The Lancet</i> after Israel's 2008—2009 attack on Gaza: 'Israel defines itself as 'the Jewish State'; yet, within the territory it controls and continues to colonise, there is now approximate parity in the numbers of Israeli Jewish people and non-Jewish, Palestinian Arab people (of whom 3.7 million live in the occupied territories and 1.2 million in Israel). For many, Israel will continue to be judged by its attitudes and actions towards the non-Jews whose lives it controls.'"  "We are biased in favour of the oppressed and biased against oppressors."</p>
<p><a href="#">Political Lancet</a></p>	<p>Simon Nadel</p>	2013	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Objects to the politicized and unscientific nature of Lancet content</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> "Unfortunately, articles such as this report, which raise the spectre of the possible political assassination of an emotive figure, might lead to severe consequences. <i>The Lancet</i> has a moral duty to report important medical facts, and it should heed the important principle of 'first do no harm'".</p>
<p><a href="#">Political Lancet</a></p>	<p>Jeffrey Fessel</p>	2013	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Objects to the politicized and unscientific nature of Lancet content</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> "It is shocking and reprehensible that <i>The Lancet</i> published such a report that could become a political bombshell without providing all the information needed for proper assessment of the validity of the data."</p>
<p><a href="#">Offline: Celebrating progress in Palestinian health research</a></p>	<p>Richard Horton</p>	2013	<p>Comment Re: LPHA</p>	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Reviews the events which led to the birth of LPHA Comments on the correspondence "<a href="#">Political Lancet</a>" which protests against 'medical journal advocating political issues' but in Horton's reply he claims "Palestinians have benefited from the research activity we have</p>

					<p>encouraged.”</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b>  “Observation, measurement, and interpretation of research has generated actionable new knowledge for people living in settings of occupation, displacement, and siege. It is necessary to constantly question, refine, and even redefine the meanings of health, suffering, and wellbeing—concepts whose content changes in situations of violence and oppression.”</p> <p>“A critical transition in the history of any nation is the struggle by its citizens for the freedom to examine, question, and criticise the policies, institutions, and practices of that country. The necessary condition for freedom is knowledge...but definitely real achievements of self-determination, emancipation of identity, and delivery of political power—a power from which people can continually strengthen their claims for sovereignty.”</p>
<a href="#">Offline: Occupied Palestine, an eternal alliance for health</a>	Richard Horton	2013	Comment Re: LPHA	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b>  Reviews research presented in the 2013 LPHA conference</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b>  No context of war and terror, places blame on the occupation alone</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b>  “Science, explained Birzeit researcher Samia Halileh, enabled her and her colleagues to ‘write about the life and struggle of Palestinians’. That struggle is considerable. The effects of occupation on children featured strongly in Cairo. During the 2012 Gaza war, in which 190 Palestinians were killed and 1490 injured, a third of the casualties were children (16 children under the age of 5 years were killed and 200 under 5 were injured). <b>The heavy weaponry directed against civilians</b> in Gaza (the most densely populated place on earth)—phosphorus bombs, dense inert material explosives, bunker busters, silent and cluster bombs—kills and maims.”</p>
<a href="#">Health in the occupied Palestinian territory</a>	Janice Halpern Stephen H Halpern	2013	Correspondence Re: LPHA	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b>  Response to “<a href="#">Offline: Occupied Palestine, an eternal alliance for health</a>”  Includes Israeli perspective</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b>  “By contrast, Palestinians in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza Strip all receive basic human rights.<sup>4</sup> Despite slowdowns at the Gaza—Israel border crossing, 90% of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and West Bank receive travel permits to seek and receive medical services in Israel”  “He does not mention the thousands of rockets terrorising the small Israeli town of Sderot for the past decade, which are without a doubt directed against civilians.”</p>
<a href="#">Worsening plight of Palestinian refugees in Syria</a>	Akihiro Seitā Irshad Ali Shaikh	2013	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b>  Does not mention Israel or the occupation  Health as a secondary issue to the plight of the refugees.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b>  “Adam Coutts and Fouad M Fouad's report (June 29, p 2242)<sup>1</sup> clearly describes the humanitarian catastrophe in Syria. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)—which has been providing relief and support (including health services) for over 5 million Palestinian refugees in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Gaza, and the West Bank for more than six decades—urges all stakeholders to also be concerned for the more than 500 000 Palestinian refugees in Syria.<sup>2</sup> Their plight has become disproportionately darker and bloodier.”</p>

<a href="#">Life expectancy in the Occupied Palestinian Territory</a>	Sam Shahin	2013	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Indicates Israel is conducting “apartheid” Distinguishes between “indigenous Palestinians” and “their Israeli counterparts,” making the extreme political statement that Israel does have the right to exist.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “This astonishing gap highlights yet again the apartheid-like regime that is in place in the Occupied Palestinian Territories....Medical practitioners in Palestine, Israel, and around the world can have a substantial role in narrowing the gap between the indigenous Palestinian population and their Israeli counterparts.”</p>
<a href="#">Health in the occupied Palestinian territory</a>	Zeev Feldman	2013	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to “<a href="#">Life expectancy in the Occupied Palestinian Territory</a>” Includes Israeli perspective</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Health inequalities exist elsewhere, even in London; so blaming an ‘apartheid-like regime’ when issues such as consanguinity have not been factored into the equation is incorrect, naive, and ludicrous. Concerning discrimination, the educational status of women should be considered, it is a key factor in inequalities.”</p>
<a href="#">Protecting the rights of Palestinian children detained in Israel</a>	<i>The Lancet</i>	2013	Editorial	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Commentary on a politicized NGO report Provides legal policy recommendations: “Palestinian children should be treated in accordance with international law and standards” Medical or scientific relevance is not mentioned</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “In the past 10 years, around 7000 Palestinian children, aged 12—17 years, have been detained, interrogated, prosecuted, or imprisoned within the Israeli military justice system. Although Palestinian minors have been used as suicide bombers to attack Israeli targets in the past, most detainments are for throwing stones. These disturbing facts are detailed in a new UNICEF report, Children in Israeli Military Detention: Observations and Recommendations.”</p>
<a href="#">Palestinian children in Israeli detention</a>	Amir Ofek	2013	Correspondence Re: LPHA	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to “<a href="#">Protecting the rights of Palestinian children detained in Israel</a>” Includes Israeli perspective</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Israel works hard at fulfilling its commitments to improve the conditions of Palestinian minors caught carrying out terror attacks, and understands the importance of establishing better protocols for dealing with them. But the best method of improving these children’s lives would be to stop carrying out attacks on others.”</p>
<a href="#">Health in the Occupied Palestinian Territory 2012</a>	Norbert Goldfield	2012	Correspondence Re: LPHA	Political	<p><b>NOTES:</b> Praises the 2012 LPHA series Advertises the authors’ interest in partnering his NGO with the LPHA</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “I would like to applaud your publication of the ongoing series of abstracts on health in the territories where Palestinians are living. As executive director of Healing Across the Divides, I would also like to bring the attention of <i>The Lancet</i>’s readers to our ongoing efforts to fund initiatives that improve the health of Palestinians initially in the West Bank and hopefully eventually in Gaza.”</p>
<a href="#">Health of Palestinian people in</a>	Majdi Ashour	2012	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b></p>

<a href="#">the ghettos: from Gaza to Shatila</a>			Re: LPHA		<p>Comments from a participant in the LPHA</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b>  “Finally, I managed to get out of Gaza! For two successive years, I had been able to participate in scientific events outside the Strip only through video conferencing. This year, with a few others from Gaza, I passed through Egypt, successfully arriving in Lebanon to present a paper at the third Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance Conference at the American University of Beirut.”</p> <p>“For decades after the dispossession of Palestinians in 1948, their health was treated as the health of Arab refugees scattered in the Near East. The occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in 1967 and the way the Palestinian socioeconomic sphere, including health, was de-developed by Israel, forced health activists on the ground to put health in the occupied Palestinian territories (OPT) on a separate itinerary, away from Palestinians elsewhere.”</p>
<a href="#">Offline: Pitching for France (and Palestine)</a>	Richard Horton	2012	Comment	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b>  Advocates for political involvement in Palestine by the Swedish Ambassador for Global Health Anders Nordstrom  Encourages the work of MAP  Places the onus on Israel which Horton claims “has no impulse for peace”</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b>  “A further matter that political leaders—well beyond France—prefer to ignore is the health crisis facing Palestinians living under occupation and siege, and as refugees in Lebanon and elsewhere. Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) is a health charity dedicated to improving the lives of these forgotten peoples.”</p> <p>“Diplomacy isn't working. Politics is failing. Europe is paralysed. The media are fatigued. Palestinians remain divided. There is no genuine impulse for peace in Israel. Who can speak up for these marginalised and disqualified Palestinian communities? One small but emerging group is the ambassadoriate for global health. And here Hans Rosling's Sweden could possibly play a significant part.”</p>
<a href="#">Health care and the Palestinian bid for statehood</a>	Ruchama Marton	2011	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b>  Indicates the occupation is to blame for Palestinian health problems in addition to having the responsibility to fix them, stating “ Israeli policy makers have the inherent obligation of mending all the wrongs inflicted by them during the 44 years of occupation.”  Political article with little inclusion of medical research.</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b>  Responsibility of Palestinians and faults of internal domestic structures</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b>  “Everything one can say about the health-care system in Palestine was summed up by the physician and political leader Haidar Abdel-Shafi in the wake of the Oslo Agreement in September, 1993. He said: ‘We cannot take care of health and education as long as we live under occupation’”.</p> <p>“Israel has used health and medicine as an instrument of control and oppression of the Palestinian people and leadership in the occupied Palestinian territory throughout the years since 1967.”</p>
<a href="#">Response to health in the Occupied Palestinian Territory</a>	Aaron Ciechanover Yehuda Shoenfeld Joshua Shemer	2011	Correspondence Re: LPHA	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b>  Response to the 2011 LPHA series, noting it's bias  Includes Israeli perspective</p>

	Leonid Eidelman Malke Borow				<p><b>QUOTES:</b>          “We are writing with respect to your most recent Series on health in the Palestinian territories (published online July 5). As has been the case in virtually all your reports on the Middle East, the Series presents a one-sided, biased view of the situation... if one intends to perpetually display Israel in a negative light—as has been the case with <i>The Lancet</i>—one wonders whether the guiding force is scientific truthfulness or a biased political agenda.”</p>
<a href="#">Response to health in the Occupied Palestinian Territory — Author's reply</a>	Halla Shoaibi	2011	Correspondence Re: LPHA	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b>          Response to <a href="#">“Response to health in the Occupied Palestinian Territory”</a>          Extreme political bias, intent on blaming Israel and it’s “colonization”          Example of <i>The Lancet</i> publishing political debates rather than medical ones</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b>          “Their protest cannot be taken seriously while they themselves fail to refer to the reason for the ongoing tragedy in the region. Were it not for Israeli occupation and colonisation, there would be no shelling in southern Israel or violence in the West Bank and Israel.          The root cause of the unequal exposure to violence of Palestinians and Israelis is Israel's use of its massive military superiority to defend its illegal occupation and colonisation of Palestinian land.”</p> <p>“Ciechanover and colleagues seem not to realise that we do not want Israeli charity. We want justice, and an end to illegal Israeli occupation and colonisation of Palestinian land.”</p>
<a href="#">Scalpel solidarity: surgery in Palestine</a>	David Holmes	2011	World Report Re: LPHA	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b>          Reviewing organizational efforts behind the LPHA, in partnership with Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh</p>
<a href="#">Association between exposure to political violence and intimate-partner violence in the occupied Palestinian territory: a cross-sectional study</a>	Dr Cari Jo Clark ScD, Susan A Everson-Rose PhD, Shakira Franco Suglia ScD, Rula Btoush DNSc, Alvaro Alonso MD, Dr Muhammad M Haj-Yahia PhD	2011	Article	Medical	
<a href="#">Domestic and political violence: the Palestinian predicament</a>	Rita Giacaman Yoke Rabaia Viet Nguyen- Gillham	2010	Comment	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b>          Disputes domestic violence statistics by claiming domestic violence is a result of the occupation.          Indicates Israel as the aggressor          Claims domestic violence will lessen with an end to the political crisis</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b>          Context of war and terror</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b>          “In the occupied Palestinian territory, violence is everywhere, existing in the ‘weave of life’. People face violence, brutality, and life chaos every day. Despite its pervasiveness, men are overwhelmingly the direct victims of political violence. By linking intimate-partner violence with exposure to direct and indirect forms of political violence, Clark and colleagues highlight some of the complexities entailed in the occurrence of intimate-partner violence.”</p> <p>“On one hand, Israeli military occupation's violence against the population as a whole is associated with the</p>

					occurrence of intimate-partner violence; on the other, it weakens the Palestinian Authority's power to deal with social problems like intimate partner violence. These constraints show that the effective enforcement and implementation of law depends on resolution of the political crisis and establishment of democratic governance.”
<a href="#">Palestinian domestic violence: unwarranted political conclusions</a>	Daniel H Jacobs	2010	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to “<a href="#">Domestic and political violence: the Palestinian predicament</a>” Includes Israeli perspective</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “In the accompanying Comment (p 259), Rita Giacaman and colleagues draw the unwarranted political conclusion that the Palestinian Authority had not addressed the domestic problems because of constraints placed on it by the Israeli occupation. However, they present no evidence that the establishment of courts to address criminal domestic violence is or would be a priority for any Palestinian justice system, secular or Islamic, but merely use the possibility that it might to blame Israel.”</p>
<a href="#">Palestinian domestic violence: unwarranted political conclusions – Authors' reply</a>	Rita Giacaman Yoke Rabaia Viet Nguyen-Gillham	2010	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to “<a href="#">Palestinian domestic violence: unwarranted political conclusions</a>” Addresses previously made statement, claiming the authors of the correspondence meant to state the problem of domestic violence lies with the Palestinian Authority. However, re-states that the PA's problems are due to the occupation.</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> Context of war</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Jacobs has incorrectly understood our Comment as blaming the ‘Israeli army's presence’ in the area. The issue is not about blame, but about trying to understand the factors associated with domestic violence, so that we can address this important public-health problem... The problem lies in the Palestinian Authority's lack of power to implement new measures.”</p> <p>“Thus, the continuing Israeli occupation of Palestinian land and the ensuing inability of the Palestinian Authority to provide human security and a just peace to Palestinians undermine Palestinian rule of law, including the application of reform measures.”</p>
<a href="#">The Lancet—Palestinian Health Alliance</a>	Claudia Chaufan	2010	Correspondence Re: LPHA	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to the 2010 LPHA series Includes bias and political commentary including comparing Israel's actions to the Holocaust and “standards of human rights and international law.”</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “I wholeheartedly commend <i>The Lancet</i> for continuing to publish on Palestine and for its advocacy for justice in health. The most recent Israeli attack on the Gaza Strip, and the less visible, albeit equally inhumane, decades-long occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem, are a brutal onslaught on human health, as the abstracts and comments presented at the Second Lancet—Palestinian Health Alliance Conference at Birzeit University compellingly illustrate.”</p> <p>“Hopefully <i>The Lancet's</i> insistence on making these atrocities visible will remind citizens of the world, particularly those who are both American and Jewish like myself, that the motto ‘Never Again’ was not meant to legitimise crimes against humanity by any particular group, but rather to protect all humanity from those crimes.”</p>

<a href="#">Health in the occupied Palestinian territories</a>	Simon Nadel	2009	Correspondence Re: LPHA	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to the 2009 LPHA series Includes Israeli perspective</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Failure to ensure justice, sovereignty, and self-determination for the Palestinian people does not rest solely with Israel. In reality, the refugee camps, including those in Jordan and Lebanon, were thought of initially as temporary dwellings that would not be necessary once the ‘Zionist enemy’ was overrun in future conflicts.”</p>
<a href="#">Health in the occupied Palestinian territories</a>	Amit Tirosh Ronit Zaidenstein Renana Shor Ahuva Golik	2009	Correspondence Re: LPHA	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to the 2009 LPHA series Includes Israeli perspective</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “In the March 7 issue, <i>The Lancet</i> devoted several articles to Israel's effect on health status in the Palestinian Authority territories. These articles reflected only a narrow point of view, ignoring the complicated reality”</p>
<a href="#">Health in the occupied Palestinian territories</a>	Ruth Stalnikowicz	2009	Correspondence Re: LPHA	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> PHR staff member claims PHR should be included in LPHA discussions about positive Israeli-Palestinian “coordination”</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “I believe that PHR-I activity, which encourages cooperation in the health field based on the values of human rights, presents a positive alternative to the violence, and provides a bridge to achieving a genuine and just peace.”</p>
<a href="#">Health in the occupied Palestinian territories – Author's reply</a>	Rita Giacaman	2009	Correspondence Re: LPHA	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to “<a href="#">Health in the occupied Palestinian territories</a>” Encourages reliance on NGO reports Indicates that politically and biased NGOs such as PHR and B’tselem are on the “side of justice.”</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “The improving trends in health indices began to reverse in the 1990s, with stalling infant mortality rates and increasing stunting of children younger than 5 years. Our Series referred repeatedly to the multiple factors associated with these trends: Israeli military occupation of Palestinian land and its policies and practices; corruption and mismanagement of the Palestinian Authority; and a multiplicity of donors with different agendas and priorities.”</p> <p>“Finally, we agree that Physicians for Human Rights—Israel is an outstanding organisation, which works with Palestinian partners on an equal footing. That is why we included many references to their reports and those of B’tselem, the Israeli human rights organisation. We wish to make clear that there are groups and individuals in Israel who are on the side of justice, including justice in health.”</p>
<a href="#">Health in the occupied Palestinian territories</a>	Ted H Tulchinsky Elihu D Richter Steven M Albert Elliot M Berry	2009	Correspondence Re: LPHA	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to <a href="#">Health in the occupied Palestinian territories – Author's reply</a> Includes Israeli perspective</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b></p>

					<p>“Rita Giacaman and colleagues (March 7, p 837) misrepresent trends in public health and health services for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza in 1967—94, before the Palestinian National Authority assumed leadership. Population health improved substantially under the Israeli Civil Administration.”</p>
<p><a href="#">Health and human rights in the Palestinian West Bank and Gaza</a></p>	<p>David Worth Su Metcalfe John Boyd Adrian Worrall Paola Canarutto</p>	2009	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Advocates for BDS Politically motivation, no inclusion of medical or health related research Indicates Israel as the aggressor</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> Context of war or terror</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Palestine is split geographically into the West Bank and the Gaza strip. Gaza is the most densely populated area on earth: after first being crippled by blockade of its borders since 2007, Gaza is currently being bombed by the Israeli armed forces. Unlike Gaza, the West Bank does not threaten Israel with missiles, but nevertheless suffers widespread erosions of human rights which we witnessed on a fact-finding tour in November, 2008.”</p> <p>“This report is for our colleagues around the world who might be unaware of the deliberate erosion of human rights in both the West Bank and Gaza. We suggest that, in view of the failure of other measures to influence those in power, serious consideration be given to targeted academic and trade boycotts.”</p>
<p><a href="#">In solidarity with Gaza</a></p>	<p>Rami Abdou Iyah Romm , Davida Schiff Kirsten Austad , Sam Dubal Simeon Kimmel and others</p>	2009	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Extreme political bias, intent on blaming Israel in an effort to demonize, utilizing phrases such as “collective punishment”, “disproportionate” and “in violation of international humanitarian law. Example of <i>The Lancet</i> publishing political advocacy campaigns, as the title suggests, “in solidarity” in the Palestinians</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “With sadness and urgency we, medical students, express our outrage at the brutal Israeli attacks and subsequent humanitarian disaster that is occurring in Gaza. As we write, more than 600 Palestinians have been killed and more than 2700 wounded in Israel's disproportionate assault that began on Dec 27, 2008. Not just as medical students, but as Christians, Jews, and Muslims; as Arabs, Americans, Israelis, and Palestinians, we write in solidarity with the people of Gaza as they suffer yet another major humanitarian disaster.”</p> <p>“Meanwhile, the bombardment of Gaza—one of the most densely populated regions in the world—continues unabated and the international community refuses to address Israel's abhorrent policy of collective punishment. Israel claims only to target militants, yet the lists of wounded and dead are rife with civilians, many of them children.”</p>
<p><a href="#">Response to medical students' letter of solidarity with Gaza</a></p>	<p>Rebecca Braunstein David Faleck David Stern , on behalf of 805 medical students 503 doctors, 236 health professionals , 275 other concerned individuals</p>	2009	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to “<a href="#">In solidarity with Gaza</a>” Includes Israeli perspective Speaks against violence incurred by both Israelis and Palestinians</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “It is against these war crimes, the indiscriminate targeting of innocent civilians, that the Israeli military has been forced to respond. As US President-elect Barack Obama asserted in a campaign visit to Israel in July, 2008, “If somebody was sending rockets into my house where my two daughters sleep at night, I would do everything to stop that, and would expect Israel to do the same thing.” After years of restraint and after exhausting all</p>

					<p>diplomatic avenues, it is this very principle of defending its civilians, one of the founding tenets of democracy, which has driven Israel to take up arms against Hamas.”</p> <p>“There is no question that the loss of Palestinian life in Gaza is terribly tragic and that every effort should be made to avoid civilian casualties and to provide medical aid and supplies to those suffering. Although no party is blameless for the Palestinian death toll, the stark contrast between Israel's and Hamas' treatment of the people in Gaza must be asserted.”</p>
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Frida Barak Nava Siegelmann-Danieli Shimon Scharf	2009	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to <a href="#">“In solidarity with Gaza”</a>, written by medical staff in Ber Sheva Includes Israeli perspective Requests balanced reporting and claims to treat every individual equally</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “We do not argue with your decision to open up this discussion, but we would like to see the same attitude of solidarity manifested toward the Israeli people living in Shderot, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Beer-Sheba, and other settlements in southern Israel. For 8 years in a row, southern Israel has been attacked by shells and rockets fired from Gaza. Thousands have been wounded physically and mentally and their homes destroyed. Civilians have been killed, many remain invalids, and now there is a huge population of children growing up with post-traumatic syndrome, including enuresis, nocturia, diabetes, etc. We have never seen any notice in your journal in their favour.”</p>
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Miles Weinberger	2009	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to <a href="#">“In solidarity with Gaza”</a> and <a href="#">“Health and human rights in the Palestinian West Bank and Gaza”</a> Includes Israeli perspective Claims Palestinians commit war crimes but does not provide Palestinian perspective</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Israel's recent military operation in Gaza, whose goal was to halt 8 years of rocket bombardments of Israeli cities from Gaza, was as morally justified as any military operation can be and, unfortunately, was long overdue. As it has done in previous wars, Israel went to great lengths to minimise civilian casualties. Its efforts were complicated by Hamas's intentional use of Gazan civilians as human shields, and of mosques, schools, and homes as launching pads for rockets and storage sites for munitions—all war crimes.”</p>
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Fernando Galvan Andrew D Pinto Marianne Tellier on behalf of more than 300 students, faculty and staff at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	2009	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to <a href="#">“In solidarity with Gaza”</a> and <a href="#">“Health and human rights in the Palestinian West Bank and Gaza”</a> States several extreme political points, including accusing Israel of using illegal tactics on civilians Relies on bias and politicized NGO sources to support opinions</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “We condemn the actions of the Israeli government and military on the basis of its negative effect on human life in Gaza. These actions include the disproportionate use of force and the indiscriminate use of area weapons in a dense civilian area, the destruction of civilian infrastructure, the illegal use of white phosphorus, and the obstruction of humanitarian aid. We feel that these actions are war crimes and stand with others in this condemnation, including Amnesty International and the Special Rapporteur for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories.”</p>
<a href="#">Israel-Gaza Conflict</a>	Hind Khalifeh	2009	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to <a href="#">“In solidarity with Gaza”</a> States several extreme political points, including utilizing legal jargon without context</p>

					<p>Accuses Israel on using illegal weapons tactics on civilians and of “war crimes” Relies on bias and politicized NGO sources to support opinions</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Israel's 3-week offensive against Gaza killed around 1400 people and injured 5600—almost a third of whom were children. Converging evidence from the UN, human rights organisations, medical charities, and the international media strongly suggests Israeli breaches of international humanitarian law, in many instances amounting to war crimes.”</p>
<a href="#">Israel-Gaza Conflict</a>	Mark S Silverberg , David T Rubin , A Hillary Steinhart , Lawrence B Cohen , Jerome I Rotter	2009	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to “<a href="#">In solidarity with Gaza</a>” Includes Israeli perspective but does not provide a balanced analysis</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “The sad stories described of impediments to health care in Gaza and the West Bank are unfortunately in large part a result of use by Palestinians of medical facilities and ambulances to store and transport munitions and terrorists. This is an illegal activity occurring in the West Bank and Gaza and a clear breach of human rights that has resulted in the deaths of innocent Arabs and Jews. If Palestinian terrorists did not use women and children as suicide bombers<sup>5</sup> there would be no need for the checkpoints and security barriers that result in delays for those in need of medical assistance.”</p>
<a href="#">Israel-Gaza Conflict</a>	Joanna Santa Barbara	2009	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Response to “<a href="#">In solidarity with Gaza</a>” Politicized without context Accuses Israel of “war crimes” and advocates for a Palestinian state</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Deliberate attacks on many health facilities and on UN humanitarian and educational institutions, as well as obstruction of rescue and treatment of war-injured people, are crimes we must protest as health-care professionals. <i>The Lancet</i> stands out among news journals of all types for being unintimidated about telling the truth.”</p>

## APPENDIX D: “An Open Letter for the People in Gaza” and Replies (July 23 –August 30, 2014)

Article	Author	Year	Type	Intent	Comments
<a href="#">An open letter for the people in Gaza</a>	Paola Manduca Iain Chalmers Derek Summerfield Mads Gilbert Swee Ang , on behalf of 24 signatories	2014	Correspondence	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> Under the guise of presenting “the facts,” these six authors demonize Israel for “the perversity of a propaganda that justifies the creation of an emergency to masquerade a massacre.” In response, the Israeli Ministry of Health reportedly identified the letter as “bordering on blood libel.”
<a href="#">Gaza: an urgent call to protect civilian life and health</a>	<i>The Lancet</i>	2014	Editorial	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> <i>The Lancet’s</i> explanation and ongoing support for its choice to publish the “An open letter for the people in Gaza”  <b>QUOTES:</b> “On July 22, we published a letter from Paola Manduca, Sir Iain Chalmers, Derek Summerfield, Mads Gilbert, Swee Ang, and colleagues drawing attention to the terrifying events taking place in Gaza these past weeks. Their letter has led to a debate about the appropriateness of a medical journal giving space to opinions about an issue that lies at the intersection between health and politics. But here is a war that is having far-reaching effects on the survival, health, and wellbeing of Gaza's and Israel's civilian residents. It is surely the duty of doctors to have informed views, even strong views, about these matters; to give a voice to those who have no voice; and to invite society to address the actions and injustices that have led to this conflict. Our responsibility is to promote an open and diverse discussion about the effects of this war on civilian health.”
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Qanta Ahmed Alon Y Avidan Aaron Ciechanover Daniel Shechtman Daniel Zajfman Uriel Reichman and other	2014	Correspondence	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> Supportive response to “An open letter for the people in Gaza”  <b>QUOTES:</b> “As ethical, apolitical, and professional members of the academic community, we find the open letter for the people in Gaza an outrageous diatribe lacking context and a deliberate vilification of the sovereign state of Israel and, by extension, every Israeli. In publishing such invective, <i>The Lancet</i> has allowed itself to become a platform for distorted political activism, as has been previously noted by others. Because we are scientists and physicians who are accustomed to incorporating all data into the formation of educated opinions (even public commentary), we are obliged to redress the imbalance.”
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict – Authors' reply</a>	Paola Manduca Iain Chalmers Derek Summerfield Mads Gilbert Swee Ang , on behalf of 24 signatories	2014	Correspondence	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> Authors’ response to correspondences, resulting from “An open letter for the people in Gaza”  <b>QUOTES:</b> “We may respectfully disagree with correspondents on many issues regarding this conflict. But we believe our critics and supporters would all agree that the best way of advancing health, human security, peace, and justice for Palestinians and Israelis alike is through adherence to international law and a positive commitment to negotiation and political solutions to remove what we see as the major causes of this conflict—occupation and

<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Leslie London , David Sanders , Barbara Klugman , Shereen Usdin , Laurel Baldwin- Ragaven , Sharon Fonn and others	2014	Correspondence	Political	blockade.” <b>NOTE:</b> In support of the “An open letter for the people in Gaza” and <i>The Lancet</i> as a political platform  <b>QUOTES:</b> “Remaining neutral in the face of injustice is the hallmark of a lack of ethical engagement typical of docile populations under fascism. More recent understandings of the role of humanitarianism in health (often involving noble and courageous actions) have highlighted the limitations of non-engagement as a moral choice and have argued that apolitical approaches that focus on emergency relief are wholly inadequate”
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Leonid Eidelman Arnon Afek	2014	Correspondence	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> Unsupportive response to “An open letter for the people in Gaza” and <i>The Lancet</i> as a political platform  <b>QUOTES:</b> “The recent open letter for the people in Gaza1 is a political manifesto without any medical connection. It is a reminiscent of another article printed in a respected scientific publication. On April 30, 1938, half a year before Kristallnacht, J Stark wrote in Nature: “I have also directed my efforts against the damaging influence of Jews in German science, because I regard them as the chief exponents and propagandists of the dogmatic spirit.” It is shocking that <i>The Lancet</i> would allow the publication of such a clearly political and biased letter.”
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Nancy Murray	2014	Correspondence	Political	<b>NOTES:</b> NGO support for the “An open letter for the people in Gaza”  <b>QUOTES:</b> “As cofounder of the Gaza Mental Health Foundation in the USA, I thank <i>The Lancet</i> for publishing Paola Manduca and colleagues’ letter about the terrible effect of the Israeli attacks on the people of Gaza.”
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Hind Khalifeh	2014	Correspondence	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> UK Doctors’ support for “An open letter for the people in Gaza”  <b>QUOTES:</b> “It is an ethical necessity to be outraged at the avoidable killing of hundreds of Palestinian civilians, and the shelling of the hospitals in which they are treated. A medical journal is a fitting place for health professionals to express such outrage.”
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Jeffrey J Goldberger Richard L Popp Douglas P Zipes on behalf of 43 signatories	2014	Correspondence	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> Unsupportive response to the “An open letter for the people in Gaza” due to imbalanced approach  <b>QUOTES:</b> “To reuse Manduca and colleagues’ comments, their letter ‘has insulted our humanity, intelligence, and dignity and our professional ethics’. They claim to represent facts, but instead obscure their description of human suffering in Gaza with inflammatory falsehoods, deliberately misleading the reader. The aim of our letter is not to refute their many factual

					errors, but to promote a balanced humanitarian approach that all who are truly concerned about protecting human health and lives can adopt.”
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Cindy Sousa Amy Hagopian Nancy Stoller 17 signatories	2014	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Supportive response to “An open letter for the people in Gaza”</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “We commend the commitment of <i>The Lancet</i> to publishing sound documentation from experts who detail the massive health consequences of the Israeli–Palestinian conflict on civilians.”</p>
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Yoram Blachar	2014	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Unsupportive response to “An open letter for the people in Gaza” due to imbalanced blame</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “No one owns the monopoly on these universal human values, including the biased, anti-Israel, authors and editors of <i>The Lancet</i>, and it is disgraceful to slander 95% of Israeli academics.”</p>
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Adi Leiba Moshe Pinkert Yitshak Kreiss	2014	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Unsupportive response to “An open letter for the people in Gaza” due to imbalanced blame and inaccurate statistics</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “We strongly protest that <i>The Lancet</i> published the sadly prejudiced political diatribe by Paola Manduca and colleagues that, among other distortions, accuses 95% of Israeli physicians of being complicit of war crimes.”</p>
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Faheem Ahmed Na'eem Ahmed Yahya Hussin ,Bayard Roberts Shameq Sayeed	2014	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> General commentary on modern warfare</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Health-care facilities in conflict zones face the prospect of no longer being safeguarded by international law, but instead becoming military objectives. Bound by the Hippocratic oath, condemnation of these violations should not be limited to a few signatories but rather a universal call to bring an end to these atrocities and restore the sanctity of our hospitals worldwide.”</p>
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Tanya Haj-Hassan Tony McShane Imran Mahmud Peter Watkinson Chris Conlon Terence Hope and others	2014	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Supportive response to “An open letter for the people in Gaza”</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “We are physicians and surgeons who have been involved in supporting medical professionals in the occupied Palestinian territories through medical education and service over the last decade. We fully support the recent open letter<sup>8</sup> published in <i>The Lancet</i> and Médecins Sans Frontières' appeal, deploring the indiscriminate killing of innocent civilians.”</p>
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Espen Bjertness	2014	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Supportive response to “An open letter for the people in Gaza”</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “I appreciate and fully support the recent publication ‘An open letter for the people in Gaza’”</p>

<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Tamir Wolf Danielle H Brown Shachar M Aharony	2014	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Unsupportive response to “An open letter for the people in Gaza” and lack of objectivity</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “The authors of this Correspondence hijacked <i>The Lancet</i>, spewing propaganda that would fail any peer review. Under false claims of ‘no competing interests’, these authors, deeply involved in pro-Palestinian organisations, cower behind their medical degrees to slander Israel, spread Hamas defamations, and betray our profession. We are baffled by <i>The Lancet</i>'s decision to publish such a slanted, evidence-less, open letter.”</p>
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Jeremy M Levin Ron Cohen	2014	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Unsupportive response to “An open letter for the people in Gaza” and the lack of responsibility placed on Gazan leadership “that uses its own people as pawns.”</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “However, we want to denounce the falsehoods and inaccuracies in Paola Manduca and colleagues’ letter. Their unjustified claims do nothing to help the suffering but do serve to promulgate hatred.”</p>
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Tom Konikoff Fred M Konikoff Yehuda Shoenfeld	2014	Correspondence Re: LPHA	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Unsupportive response to “An open letter for the people in Gaza” and <i>The Lancet</i>'s political agenda</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Every conflict has two sides and innocent civilians always suffer the most. Medicine should not take sides. Israeli physicians have managed to live up to this principle when it comes to humanitarian aid in Gaza and in Syria. We believe a prestigious medical journal like <i>The Lancet</i> should do the same and focus on humanitarian medical aid instead of giving stage to those who just wish to incite and introduce politics where there is no place for it.”</p>
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Randall Kuhn	2014	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Supportive response to “An open letter for the people in Gaza”</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “I commend the Editors of <i>The Lancet</i> for publishing ‘An open letter for the people in Gaza’ by Paola Manduca and colleagues. Israel's presentation of its disproportionate and indiscriminate use of force as a form of self-defence is insulting to Palestinian dignity and medical ethics.”</p>
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Bruce M Marmor Beverly A Spirt	2014	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Unsupportive response to “An open letter for the people in Gaza” and it’s political advocacy</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “The editors of <i>The Lancet</i>, which is supposed to be a medical journal, should have recognised the letter for what it is—a gross example of anti-Jewish bigotry, pure and simple. Publishing such a letter, and soliciting additional signatures online, destroys your credibility as an objective scientific journal.”</p>
<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Ruchama Marton	2014	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Written by Founder and President of Physicians for Human Rights Israel Supportive response to “An open letter for the people in Gaza” and it’s political advocacy</p>

<a href="#">Israel–Gaza conflict</a>	Nicoletta Dentico Gianni Tognoni on the behalf of the OISG (Osservatorio Italiano per la Salute Globale)	2014	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>QUOTES:</b> “I want to point to a fundamental issue omitted in Manduca and colleagues' Letter: the root cause of the ongoing tragedy is Israeli occupation of Palestinian land and people, and the suffocating siege imposed on Gaza”</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Italian NGO support for the “An open letter for the people in Gaza”</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “We, the members of the Italian Global Health Watch, fully endorse the points so clearly denounced by Paola Manduca and colleagues in their letter<sup>1</sup> about Gaza. The renewed tragedy of the ongoing intolerable violation of the right to life and self-determination of Palestinian people by the Israeli troops must be stopped urgently.”</p>
<a href="#">Open letter for the people in Gaza—more than a military conflict</a>	Nathan M Stall Philip B Berger Joel G Ray Tali Bogler Chaim M Bell, on behalf of 1234 Canadian physicians	2014	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Unsupportive response to “An open letter for the people in Gaza,” due to biased authors and unsubstantiated facts</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “We are concerned with an apparent oversight in the process leading to the publication of this open letter in <i>The Lancet</i>. Some of its leading authors have important conflicts of interest that are not consistent with their declaration of no competing interests. Swee Ang is founding trustee of Medical Aid for Palestinians and Mads Gilbert is a representative of the pro-Palestinian Norwegian Aid Committee, both organisations are hostile to Israel.”</p>

## APPENDIX E: 2001-2014 Israel related articles

Article	Author(s)	Year	Type	Intent	Comments
<a href="#">Save a Child's Heart project in Israel</a>	Tiberiu Ezri Lior Sasson Sion Houri Yitzhak Berlovitz Akiva Tami	2014	Correspondence	Medical	
<a href="#">Insulin pump treatment compared with multiple daily injections for treatment of type 2 diabetes (OpT2mise): a randomised open-label controlled trial</a>	Dr Yves Reznik MD Ohad Cohen MD Ronnie Aronson MD FRCPC FACE Ignacio Conget MD Sarah Runzis MSc Javier Castaneda MSc and others	2014	Article	Medical	
<a href="#">Implant-based multiparameter telemonitoring of patients with heart failure (IN-TIME): a randomised controlled trial</a>	Prof Gerhard Hindricks MD Prof Milos Taborsky MD, Prof Michael Glikson MD Ullus Heinrich MD Prof Burghard Schumacher MD Prof Amos Katz MD and others	2014	Article	Medical	
<a href="#">Israeli doctors accused of collusion in torture</a>	Sharmila Devi	2013	World Report	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Includes quotes from both Palestinian and Israeli sources Tone of article insinuates Israelis conduct torture Does not include information regarding the privileges prisoners often receive in Israeli prisons Utilizes Derek Summerfield as a source</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “The Israeli Medical Association (IMA) denied that medical professionals were involved in torture or abuse and said that as far as it knew, torture was not approved or used by Israeli security forces or prisons. However, human-rights campaigners say Palestinian prisoners have long suffered from beatings, sleep deprivation, prolonged and painful handcuffing, humiliation, and medical neglect—considered torture under international standards.”</p>
<a href="#">Cell-free DNA screening for trisomy is rolled out in Israel</a>	Anna Petherick	2013	World Report	Medical	
<a href="#">Polio lessons 2013: Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza</a>	Theodore H Tulchinsky Asad Ramlawi Ziad Abdeen Itamar Grotto Antoine Flahault	2013	Comment	Medical	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Avoids use of politically-charged labels for territories of West Bank and Gaza Strip.</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “In 2013, Israel's Ministry of Health reported that wild poliovirus (ie, non Sabin) type 1 (WPV1) had been detected in many environmental sewage samples from southern and central Israel.<sup>1</sup> WHO also reported that WPV1 had been isolated in Israeli sewage samples and in stool samples; by contrast, there were only three positive sewage samples in the West Bank and one in the Gaza Strip, with no</p>

					<p>positive stool samples from ten samples from patients with suspected acute flaccid paralysis.<sup>2</sup> The virus has been identified as the same virus present in Egypt; both viruses are related to the WPV1 still endemic in Pakistan...”</p> <p>“Israel and the West Bank and Gaza were declared polio free by WHO in 2002 and 2010, respectively...”</p> <p>“This immunisation policy was continued by the Palestinian Authority, which took over health responsibilities in 1994...”</p>
<a href="#">Political will ushers in a new era for tobacco control in Israel</a>	LJ Rosen Haim Geva Greg Connolly	2011	Correspondence	Medical	
<a href="#">Doctors striking in Israel</a>	<i>The Lancet</i>	2011	Editorial	Medical	
<a href="#">Teplizumab for treatment of type 1 diabetes (Protégé study): 1-year results from a randomised, placebo-controlled trial</a>	Dr Nicole Sherry MD, William Hagopian MD Prof Johnny Ludvigsson MD Sunil M Jain MD Jack Wahlen MD Prof Robert J Ferry MD and others	2011	Article	Medical	
<a href="#">Unrestricted randomised use of two new generation drug-eluting coronary stents: 2-year patient-related versus stent-related outcomes from the RESOLUTE All Comers trial</a>	Prof Sigmund Silber MD, Prof Stephan Windecker MD Pascal Vranckx MD Prof Patrick W Serruys MD, on behalf of the RESOLUTE All Comers investigators	2011	Article	Medical	
<a href="#">A new law for allocation of donor organs in Israel</a>	Prof Jacob Lavee MD Tamar Ashkenazi MSc, Prof Gabriel Gurman MD, Prof David Steinberg MD	2010	Viewpoint	Medical	
<a href="#">A new law for allocation of donor organs in Israel</a>	Linda Wright Diego S Silva	2010	Comment	Medical	
<a href="#">A new law for allocation of donor organs in Israel</a>	Irwin Kleinman	2010	Correspondence	Medical	
<a href="#">A new law for allocation of donor organs in Israel – Authors' reply</a>	Jacob Lavee Tamar Ashkenazi David Steinberg	2010	Correspondence	Medical	
<a href="#">A new law for allocation of donor organs in Israel</a>	Victoria Y Fan Steven C Lin Carmel Salhi	2010	Correspondence	Medical	

<a href="#">A new law for allocation of donor organs in Israel</a>	Navalkishor Udgiri Amanpreet Oberoi Randeep Kashyap Karthik Raghavan Venkata Kella	2010	Correspondence	Medical	
<a href="#">Zoledronic acid and risedronate in the prevention and treatment of glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis (HORIZON): a multicentre, double-blind, double-dummy, randomised controlled trial</a>	Prof David M Reid MD Prof Jean-Pierre Devogelaer MD Prof Kenneth Saag MD Prof Christian Roux MD, Prof Chak-Sing Lau MD Prof Jean-Yves Reginster MD and others	2009	Article	Medical	
<a href="#">Mutations of JAK2 in acute lymphoblastic leukaemias associated with Down's syndrome</a>	Dani Bercovich PhD, Ithamar Ganmore BMedSc Linda M Scott PhD Gilad Wainreb MSc Yehudit Birger PhD Arava Elimelech MSc and others	2008	Article	Medical	
<a href="#">Effectiveness of PTC124 treatment of cystic fibrosis caused by nonsense mutations: a prospective phase II trial</a>	Dr Eitan Kerem MD Samit Hirawat MD Shoshana Armoni BSN, Yasmin Yaakov MSc, David Shoseyov MD Michael Cohen MD and others	2008	Article	Medical	
<a href="#">Reduction of vaccine-preventable communicable diseases in a Bedouin population: summary of a community-based intervention programme</a>	Dr I Belmaker MD, L Dukhan MD, M Elgrici RN, Y Yosef RN, L Shahar-Rotberg RN	2006	Article	Medical	
<a href="#">Mental health and religion in Israel's ultra-Orthodox Jews</a>	Sharmila Devi	2005	World Report	Political	<b>NOTE:</b> Mentions the war and its effect on Ultra-Orthodox Jews but does not include perspective on why settlers were moved  <b>QUOTES:</b> "The beliefs and psychology of Jewish settlers, many of whom are fiercely nationalistic and religious, came under the media spotlight recently after some 8000 of them were evacuated by Israeli forces from the Gaza Strip and northern West Bank in August."
<a href="#">Research scandal forces Israel to</a>	Sharmila Devi	2005	World Report	Medical	

<a href="#">tighten up supervision</a>					
<a href="#">Rasagiline as an adjunct to levodopa in patients with Parkinson's disease and motor fluctuations (LARGO, Lasting effect in Adjunct therapy with Rasagiline Given Once daily, study): a randomised, double-blind, parallel-group trial</a>	Prof O Rascol MD, Prof DJ Brooks MD, Prof E Melamed MD, Prof W Oertel MD, Prof W Poewe MD, F Stocchi MD and others	2005	Article	Medical	
<a href="#">Doctors in conflict: understanding Israel's despair</a>	Richard Horton	2003	Commentary	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Discusses war and its effect on both sides Claims doctors are not politicians, but should be involved in peace and “discussion.”</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “The Israeli attack was in retaliation for the Café Hillel suicide bombing (which took place on the same evening as another suicide bombing at a bus stop, killing eight). These suicide bombings were themselves responses to Israel's latest policy of assassination (or “targeted killings”), directed against those its government sees as responsible for violence. That policy was instigated after a suicide bombing on Aug 19, which left 22 dead. And so on and so on, back into history. Parallel lines of killing continue to be drawn, their preservation and continuity all that seems to matter to the protagonists of violence—lines that mark out proximate cultures, with death their only defence and increasingly a part of their justification.”</p>
<a href="#">Decline in the AIDS and death rates in the EuroSIDA study: an observational study</a>	Dr A Mocroft PhD, B Ledergerber PhD Prof C Katlama MD O Kirk MD, P Reiss MD, Prof A d'Arminio Monforte MD and others	2003	Article	Medical	
<a href="#">What is the WMA for? The case of the Israeli Medical Association</a>	Derek Summerfield	2003	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Accuses Israel of complicity in torture Reliance on information from politicalized and bias NGOs Compares Israel to Apartheid Insinuates that the WMA is a product of Nazi Germany</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “The then Head of Ethics of the Israeli Medical Association (IMA), Eran Dolev, gave an interview on Nov 25, 1999, to a four-member delegation from the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture, London, UK, headed by the director, Helen Bamber. During the interview, Dolev stated that “a couple of broken fingers” during the interrogation of Palestinian men was a price worth paying for information. Imagine if the Head of Ethics of the British Medical Association (BMA) had said this in relation to police or army interrogations in Northern Ireland.”</p>
<a href="#">The role of the Israel and World Medical Associations</a>	Yoram Blachar	2003	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTES:</b> Response from the President of the IMA Provides substantial examples of cooperation between Israeli and Palestinians regarding health</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “The IMA has, notwithstanding the report of PHR, been involved in several endeavours to improve</p>

					health care for the Palestinian population. My response to Derek Summerfield mentioned the statement issued by the IMA, and our futile overtures to our Palestinian counterparts to issue a joint statement condemning terror and calling for the assurance of health care. I also referred to our attempt to hold a joint symposium on health care during the current conflict. Both our efforts and those extended on our behalf by neutral, international bodies, were rejected.”
<a href="#">Israel Medical Association: response to Derek Summerfield</a>	Yoram Blachar	2003	Health and Human Rights	Political	<p><b>NOTES:</b> Refutes Summerfield’s accusations of torture</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Torture is abhorrent and the IMA in no way endorses it. The IMA was, and remains, a signatory to the Declaration of Tokyo. Similarly, the Israeli Supreme Court banned the use of physical pressure during interrogations in 1999, and the IMA stands firmly behind the law. Even before this decision, the IMA always unequivocally stated that no doctors should be involved in torture. This last fact leads us to conclude that Summerfield is deliberately blurring the lines between Israeli government policy and the IMA’s role in monitoring the conduct of its members.”</p>
<a href="#">The role of the Israel and World Medical Associations</a>	Iain Chalmers	2003	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTES:</b> Depends on unreliable, political and bias NGO publications</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Yoram Blachar (Feb 1, p 425)<sup>1</sup> claims that “the IMA has been fighting to better the daily existence of the Palestinian population and improve the provision of health care to the innocent civilians suffering as a result of the past 2 years of unceasing terrorism”. These and other passages of his article will ring hollow to those who have read the recent report published by Physicians for Human Rights-Israel (PHR-Israel).”</p>
<a href="#">The role of the Israel and World Medical Associations</a>	Hadas Ziv	2003	Correspondence	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Presents the point of view of PHR-Israel Accuses Israel of complicity in torture Utilizes political terminology to demonize Israel</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “The ongoing joint work of PHR-Israel with our colleagues in the Palestinian medical and human rights community has engendered an alternative to the discourse of occupation, dispossession, and violence; one that is based on human rights. We believe that this different voice, which does exist locally, should be heard and used in international fora today. We urge the WMA to make its stand clear on the issue of occupation and human rights violations in our region.”</p>
<a href="#">Shooting at ambulances in Israel: a cardiologist's viewpoint</a>	Dr Sami Viskin	2003	Viewpoint	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Reports on the impact of terrorism on Israelis Does not responsible Palestinians or Palestinian government, provides prospective on the harm inflicted by suicide bombers utilizing medical equipment as a farce Makes several notes of the suffering of Palestinian civilians as well</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Civilians are being killed on both sides. There is, however, a fundamental difference between the civilian losses suffered by Israel and Palestine. I do not pretend to have the absolute truth and I will not pretend to be unbiased. I can only give you the truth as I know it. This truth is so simple that it may be difficult for some to accept. Deaths among Palestinian unarmed civilians, caught in the crossfire between fighting forces, were unintentional.<sup>5</sup> This is a tragic, yet unavoidable consequence of war, of</p>

					all wars. Genuine, continuous efforts are being made by the IDF to keep Palestinian civilian losses to a minimum, at times at the cost of Israeli soldiers' lives. By contrast, civilian losses in Israel are nothing short of deliberate.”
<a href="#">Frequency of Down's syndrome and neural-tube defects in the same family</a>	Prof Gad Barkai MD, Prof Svetlana Arbutova MD, Michal Berkenstadt PhD, Sigal Heifetz MD, Prof Howard Cuckle DPhil	2003	Article	Medical	
<a href="#">Conflict and public health: report from Physicians for Human Rights-Israel</a>	Ayelet Shauer Hadas Ziv	2003	Health and Human Rights	Political	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Accuses Israel of intentionally delaying or refusing health care to Palestinians</p> <p><b>OMISSION:</b> Context of war, terror and the use of medical equipment as a ploy in suicide bombing</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “The golden hour rule—immediate medical care on the spot (airway, breathing, and haemodynamic stabilisation) and quickest transport to the nearest hospital—has become impossible to implement because of checkpoints and physical obstacles on most routes. Even if Israel were to comply with the demands of the International Committee of the Red Cross to limit the delay at each checkpoint to 15 min at most, critical care patients are at risk of losing their lives. According to PRCS reports, ambulances reach the homes of only about 30% of callers. The remaining 70% have to reach a checkpoint to meet the ambulance.”</p>
<a href="#">Public health education in a conflict area: a report from Israel</a>	Alex Leventhal Lilach Melville Elliot M Berry	2003	Health and Human Rights	Medical	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Written by Israelis but give an all-encompassing perspective of how war effects public health</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Both sides are experiencing destructive economic, educational, health, and welfare effects and share the view that the only way to unravel the cycle of violence is political. It is up to the leaders of both entities to promote peaceful coexistence between Israelis and Palestinians. Palestinians and Israelis share a small geographical area and it is essential that in the future they will be able to cooperate again in public health.”</p>
<a href="#">Israeli patients given more choice in state-run hospitals</a>	Rachelle HB Fishman	2002	News	Medical	
<a href="#">Israel suggests limits on right to die</a>	Rachelle HB Fishman	2002	News	Medical	
<a href="#">Mixed reactions to approval of human ova imports into Israel</a>	Rachelle HB Fishman	2002	News	Medical	
<a href="#">Israelis adopting more children</a>	Rachelle HB Fishman	2002	News	Medical	
<a href="#">Israeli Parliament set to debate euthanasia bill</a>	Rachelle HB Fishman	2001	News	Medical	
<a href="#">Israeli psychiatrists propose new law for forced incarceration of patients</a>	Rachelle HB Fishman	2001	News	Medical	
<a href="#">Another Israeli Health Minister</a>	Rachelle HB Fishman	2001	News	Medical	

<a href="#">resigns</a>					
<a href="#">Israel Medical Association proposes “rescue project” for health</a>	Rachelle HB Fishman	2001	News	Medical	
<a href="#">New psychiatric centre in Israel tackles “society wide” stress</a>	Rachelle HB Fishman	2001	News	Political	<p><b>OMISSION:</b> Context of war, including Palestinian perspective</p> <p><b>QUOTES:</b> “Post-traumatic-stress disorder (PTSD) is becoming a society wide phenomenon in Israel, according to Israeli psychiatrists this week. People have PTSD not only in war-torn areas, they warn, but increasingly after chronic, graphic exposure to violence and devastating disasters through the media—such as the collapse of a Jerusalem wedding-hall building that buried 21 people alive last month.”</p>