Health Care in Danger
HEALTH CARE IN DANGER
A MATTER OF LIFE & DEATH
At the core…

• Health care must not be attacked, obstructed or abused
• Wounded / sick have a right to health care
Ethics in humanitarian action

What shall we do together, to act humanely?
Values in humanitarian ethics

- **HUMANITY** to promote the dignity, protect the life and integrity of any person acting humanely in every circumstance

- Impartiality
- Neutrality
- Independence
Access

Perception

Security

Acceptance
Ethical Principles

How to make legal protection of the wounded and sick, health care personnel, facilities and transports more effective?

How to legally protect medical ethics and confidentiality?
Recommendations

Medical ethics and confidentiality

• Reaffirm the necessity to **protect medical confidentiality as an abiding principle.** Exceptions should be **limited** and specifically circumscribed in domestic legislation;

• Ensure **training** for health-care personnel to apply and respect their ethical duties, particularly for **resolving ethical dilemmas**
Ethical Principles

• Health-Care ethics do not change in times of conflict

• Increased need to educate all healthcare personnel about these principles

If professionals have conflicting loyalties, their primary obligation is to the beneficiaries
In peace time as well

8 EBOLA "AID WORKERS" MURDERED IN GUINEA
ACCUSED OF SPREADING THE DISEASE
Together we can
Mobilization at Global Level

**Health Associations/ MedNGOs**
- World Medical Association
- International Council of Nurses
- The International Committee Military Medicine
- International Pharmaceutical Federation
- International Hospital Federation
- MSF
- WHO
- World Confederation for Physical Therapy

**Academia/ Medical Students:**
- International Federation of Medical Students’ Association
"Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Willing is not enough, we must do,"

Goethe
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• Many Thanks for your attention

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