

# Essential points contained in General Comment 14 .... highest attainable standard of health

## *Availability:*

- Services, facilities, goods, programme in sufficient quantities
- Trained personnel
- Essential drugs
- Determinants of health e.g. water, sanitation etc.

## *Accessibility:*

- Non-discrimination
- Physical accessibility including for vulnerable groups (old, dalits, disabled...)
- Economic accessibility
- Information (along with confidentiality)

## *Acceptability:*

- Culturally appropriate (Life –cycle, gender, minorities)
- Medical ethics

## *Quality:*

- Scientifically, medically appropriate
  - Skilled personnel
  - Rational, unexpired, quality drugs
  - Aseptic procedures
  - Safe blood
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## Obligations of the State

- ▲ **To respect:** *no obstacles in enjoyment of rights*
- ▲ **To protect:** *to protect against violations by third parties*
- ▲ **To fulfill:** *to create enabling conditions so that rights can be met – legislations, policies, budgets*