

HOW HOSPITALS AND CLINICS CAN HELP GET RID OF ALL* NUCLEAR WEAPONS



Not "some,"
not "theirs," but
every single one



Hospitals and clinics can put
pressure on the US and other nuclear
nations to sign, ratify and implement the
Nobel Peace Prize-winning **Treaty on the
Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**.

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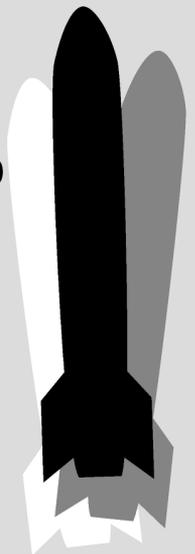
NUCLEAR

Nuclear weapons are the most destructive, inhumane and indiscriminate weapons ever created. There has not been a nuclear war – yet. None of the world’s 15,000 nuclear weapons have been detonated by accident – yet. But even a single detonation on purpose or by accident would be a humanitarian catastrophe of unparalleled proportions. A “limited” exchange of nuclear weapons, for example between India and Pakistan, could put enough soot into the atmosphere to cause climate disruption and global famine.

A full scale nuclear war between the US and Russia would be the end of human civilization as we know it, if not the end of all life on earth.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS QUICK FACTS

- The modernization of the US nuclear arsenal is expected to cost taxpayers **\$1.7 trillion** in inflation-adjusted dollars over the next 30 years, in addition to the \$30-40 billion per year already being spent
- Most nuclear warheads today are many times larger than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima
- There are **15,000** nuclear warheads in the world today



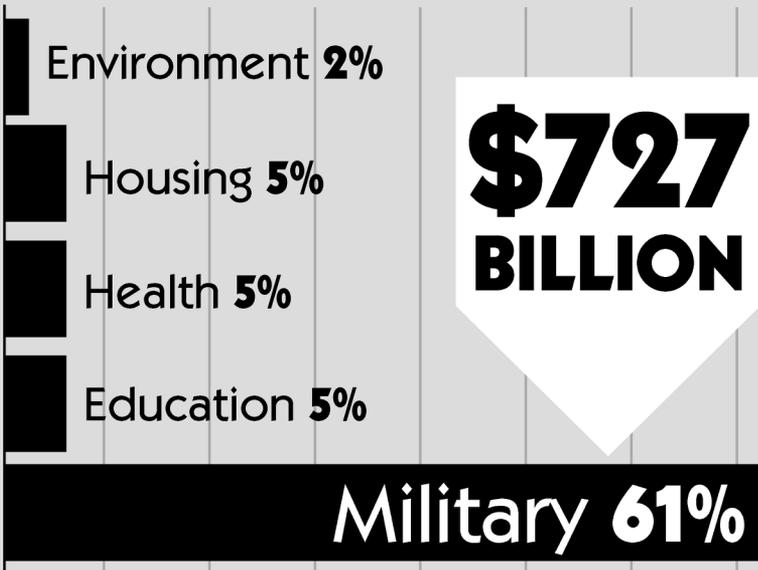
WEAPONS

Many of these weapons are kept on hair-trigger alert. Sooner or later, they will be used. There have been many close calls already. We are at more risk now than we have ever been. The money and effort that goes into nuclear weapons is a waste of precious human and financial resources needed to solve our most pressing problems. It's important to limit access to the nuclear "button," end hair-trigger alert, renounce the first use of nuclear weapons, and take other legislative steps towards reducing the risk of nuclear war by accident or by design. **But the only way to reduce this risk to zero is to eliminate the weapons - all of them.**

Fortunately, we now have a tool to make that happen.

2019 FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY BUDGET

President's Request to Congress 2/12/18



The remaining 22% includes Veterans, Transportation, etc.

SOURCE: National Priorities Project

THE TREATY

There is now an international Treaty making nuclear weapons *illegal*. It's known as the **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** (or 'Nuclear Ban Treaty'). Article 1, Section 1 makes it illegal to "develop, test, produce, manufacture...use or threaten to use nuclear weapons." The Treaty was negotiated at the United Nations and has the support of over 120 countries, the international Red Cross and Red Crescent movement, the Pope, the Dalai Lama, and millions of ordinary people across the globe.

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) won the 2017 **Nobel Peace Prize** for their part in making this Treaty possible. This campaign was inspired by the successful international campaigns which led to the prohibition, under international law, of biological, chemical and other inhumane and indiscriminate weapons.



THE PROBLEM

The US government is currently unwilling to sign the Treaty, and in fact, boycotted the negotiations. They are trying to prevent NATO, other allies, and other countries from signing it – even those countries whose people strongly favor it. And the other 8 nuclear nations won't sign it either: Russia, UK, France, China, Israel, India, Pakistan, N. Korea.

THE SOLUTION

The US and the other nuclear nations will sign this Treaty once there is sufficient pressure on them to do so. Hospitals and clinics can play an important role in this by **boycotting the companies that make both nuclear weapons and medical equipment.**



There are currently **26 companies** that profit from making nuclear weapons. These companies have significant control over the re-election budgets of many legislators. That's why the federal government has utterly failed to put an end to these weapons.

But these companies exist to make money, not just to make nuclear weapons. Boycotts, divestment campaigns, and bad publicity can persuade them to focus on other products. For example, a national consumer boycott of General Electric convinced them to move out of the nuclear weapons business.

Hospitals and clinics can help these companies to start making the inevitable shift toward legal, globally acceptable activities that address climate change and other social needs.

Once these 26 companies get the message, they will be the ones to pressure the US government. They will demand a shift in federal funding away from nuclear weapons. In the meantime, this campaign will encourage other countries to take the Treaty more seriously, and that will build momentum toward global abolition.



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HOW YOUR HOSPITAL OR CLINIC CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Remember when the federal government announced their intention to withdraw from the **Paris Climate Accords**? Cities, states, businesses, faith communities and others defiantly committed themselves to complying with the Accords anyway. That inspired us, because we can also comply – as far as we are able to – with the **Nuclear Ban Treaty**. We are calling this “Treaty Alignment” and it is an important way to help rid the world of nuclear weapons.

Hospitals and clinics, like many other institutions, can decide to be “Treaty Aligned,” by divesting and boycotting the companies involved in the nuclear weapons business. Many hospitals and clinics buy **medical devices, IT services, and other products** made by the same 26 companies that make nuclear weapons.

Boycotting and divesting affects those companies directly, and it can also be a strong encouragement to local businesses, organizations, cities and states to do the same.



HERE ARE THE STEPS TO TAKE:

1. DECIDE

Who is empowered to make your hospital or clinic “Treaty Aligned” and what information will they need to make this decision? Some hospitals or clinics may want a presentation or workshop to take in all the facts and concerns relating to the Treaty, nuclear weapons, and the campaign. Others may be happy to make a commitment right away.

2. DISCONNECT

Your hospital or clinic will probably start by creating a committee, including those responsible for finance and purchasing, to determine what, if anything, can be done in order to be Treaty Aligned.

“Treaty Alignment” means your hospital or clinic does not buy medical equipment or IT services from any of the companies who make nuclear weapons.

For example:

- Honeywell makes pulse oximeters – and nuclear weapons.
- Moog makes enteral feeding pumps – and nuclear weapons.

3. DECLARE

Treaty Alignment for hospitals and clinics means approving, publishing and enforcing a policy statement that clearly commits the institution to adhering, as far as it is able, to the provisions of the Nuclear Ban Treaty. This must be made public and continue to be monitored by a committee of some kind.

TAKING IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Countries that sign the Treaty are expected to encourage other countries to sign it too. Likewise, Treaty Alignment by a hospital or clinic includes a commitment to encourage other hospitals and clinics – as well as your town, city and state -- to become “Treaty Aligned.”

That includes medical care providers, hospitals, clinics, medical schools, medical associations, and public health institutions, both here and abroad.

You might also check to make sure that your hospital or clinic has no connection to banks, insurance companies, investment companies and pension funds who themselves are investing in the 26 nuclear weapons companies. NuclearBan.US will help you identify these institutions.

Hospitals and clinics can play a crucial role in the unstoppable movement worldwide to make the nuclear nations sign, ratify, implement and enforce the Treaty, before the earth’s civilization is destroyed in a war, or by accident.

“Visited Hiroshima, conditions appalling...city wiped out, eighty percent all hospitals destroyed or seriously damaged; inspected two emergency hospitals, conditions beyond description full...”

Telegram from Fritz Bilfinger
International Red Cross Red Crescent delegate
August 30, 1945



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