

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Joav Merrick was born in 1950 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Medical degree (MD) and Master of Medical Science (MMedSci) in 1977, Child Public Health in 1979 (MCPH) and later Pediatric specialist from the University of Copenhagen and degree in medical science (DMSc).

Resident and Attending Physician at various Pediatric Departments in the Copenhagen region and later positions as Director of the Section for Ambulatory, Community and Psycho-Social Pediatrics, Director of the Prospective Pediatric Research Unit, University Hospital, Copenhagen and Director of the Child Protection Team at one of the Municipalities in the Copenhagen County.

Initiator and Director of the Children's House, National Hot-line, National Center for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Copenhagen. Initiator of the establishment for a Danish Ombudsman and initiator of the biannual Scandinavian Congresses on Child Abuse and Neglect since 1983.

Clinical Professor in Child Health and Community Pediatrics at the University of Copenhagen, visiting Professor at the Mount Sinai Hospital in Chicago and the C. Henry Kempe National Center for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Denver, USA, Visiting Professor at the Nordic School of Public Health, Gottenburg, Sweden and Honorary Professor at the Australian Institute for Coordinated Research, State of Victoria. Today affiliated with Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Division of Pediatrics, Community Health and School of Continuing Medical Education. From 2007 professor of Pediatrics at the Kentucky Children's Hospital, University of Kentucky, Lexington, United States.

Numerous published articles, chapters in books, educational material, radio- and television programs on child health, human development, disability, rehabilitation, health, welfare, abuse, advocacy, quality of life and prevention.

Several books like "Children and the Emergency Room", "Incest", "Child Abuse", "Child Sexual Abuse", "Children in Alcohol- and Drug-abusing families", "Children at risk", "Childhood" and "Child Development", "Suicidal behavior in adolescence". Also textbooks, such as "The Scandinavian Textbook on Social and Community Pediatrics", "The Scandinavian Textbook on Child Abuse and Neglect" and "Principles of Holistic Medicine".

Thesis on "Child Abuse and Neglect in Denmark. Epidemiological, clinical and Social Pediatric aspects".

Received the Peter Sabroe Child Award for outstanding work on behalf of Danish Children in 1985 and the International LEGO-Prize ("The Children's Nobel Prize") for an extraordinary contribution towards improvement in child welfare and well-being in 1987.

Member and boardmember in several Danish, Scandinavian, Israeli and International organizations and societies. Executive Council of the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect 1984-96. Chairman of the Finance Committee, 1986-88 and Chairman of the Journal Committee from 1994-96. On the Editorial Board of the "International Journal on Child Abuse and Neglect" from 1984-94, but continues to perform referee work. From 1999 Editorial Board of the International Journal of Religion, Disability

and Health published by Haworth Press, New York. From 1999 review work for the Israel Medical Association Journal (English Journal) and from 2000-2008 the Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Adolescent Medicine and Health published by Freund Publishing House (London and Tel Aviv). From 2001 review work for the International Quarterly Public Health Review (Int Scientific Publications, Tel Aviv) and Journal of Intellectual Disability Research (Blackwell Science, Oxford). From 2002 on the editorial board of the Internet Journal of Pediatrics and Neonatology (Internet Scientific Publications, Ispub.com) and the International Nursing Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability (internet journal launched in 2004 by the Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association, Blaine, Washington). From 2003 the Principal Editor of the "Child Health and Human Development" domain of the on-line Scientific World Journal published by Scientific World Ltd operating from Newbury, UK and New York and in 2006 the Principal Editor of TSWJ-Holistic Health and Medicine published by Scientific World Ltd. From 2007 the editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Child Health and Human Development (Nova Science, New York), the International Journal of Child and Adolescent Health (Nova Science) and co-editor of the Journal of Pain Management (Nova Science). From 2007 the editor-in-chief of the book series Health and Human Development (Nova Science).

Immigrated to Israel in 1989 to take up the position of Attending Physician at the Department of Pediatrics and Director of the Child Protection Team, Chaim Sheba Medical Center, Tel-Hashomer.

Also work as Community Pediatrician in Neve Monoson, Kupat Holim Clalit and later as Community Pediatrician in several settlements for Kupat Holim Leumit and Kupat Holim Makabi.

Since 1991 appointed the Medical Director of the Division for Mental Retardation (DMR) in Israel under the Ministry of Social Affairs responsible for the medical care of over 8,000 persons with intellectual disability in more than 60 residential care centers and 60 community related residential care facilities (hostels, protected apartments). The DMR today provides services to 25,000 persons with intellectual disability.

From 1998 the initiator and also the director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, an academic virtual research institute on children, the disabled and the intellectually disabled in Israel affiliated with the Office of the Medical Director, Ministry of Social Affairs, Jerusalem, Israel.

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