

HEN Report Uptake Summary

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Presented at the following events:

- [Second meeting of the expert group on Cultural Contexts of Health and Well-being](#) (Copenhagen, 2016)
- 66th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe
- 2017 European Public Health Conference

Summary of uptake

NCBI Bookshelf:

- Number of content views: **2102**
- Number of PDF downloads: **277**

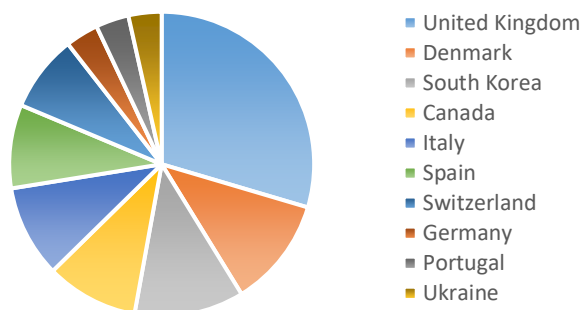
Social media:

- Number of tweets: **129 from 124 users**

WHO Regional Office for Europe website:

- Number of landing page views: **858**
- Number of PDF downloads: **1126**
- Views by top ten viewing countries

Views by Top 10 Viewing Countries



Citation tracking:

- Cited in six academic journal articles, three books, ten websites and four local databases

Academic articles

Atkinson S, Bagnall S, Corcoran R, South J. 2017. What is community wellbeing? [Conceptual review](#). London: What Works Centre for Wellbeing; 2017.

Bell R, Smith C, Hale L, Kira G, Tumilty S. [Understanding obesity in the context of an Indigenous population – a qualitative study](#). *Obes Res Clin Pract*. 2017;11(5) 558–66.

Cicerali LK, Cicerali EE. [Parental influences on youth delinquency](#). *J Crim Psychol*. 2017;8(2):138–49.

Zeegers Paget D. [European public health news](#). *Eur J Public Health*. 2017;27(1):187–90.

Marini MG, Chesi P, Bruscaignin M, Ceccatelli M, Ruzzon E. [Digits and narratives of the experience of Italian families facing premature births](#). *J Matern Fetal Neonatal Med*. 2018;31(17):2258–64.

Sanders P, Wadey R, Day M, Winter S. [Qualitative fieldwork in medical contexts: confessions of a neophyte researcher](#). *Qualitative Research in Sport, Exercise and Health*. 2017: e-publication, doi: 10.1080/2159676X.2017.1351390.

Books

Peeters, B. and Marini, MG. [Narrative medicine across languages and cultures: using minimal english for increased comparability of patients' narratives](#). In: Goddard C, editor. *Minimal English for a global world: improved communication using fewer words*. London: Palgrave Macmillan; 2018:259–86.

Greenhalgh T. [How to implement evidence-based healthcare](#). Oxford: John Wiley & Sons; 2018.

Bongiovanni M, Travagliante P. [La medicina narrativa strumento trasversale di azione, compliance e empowerment](#) [in Italian]. Milan: FrancoAngeli; 2017.

Newsletters and web articles

[Ministry of Health Library \(New Zealand\) A Collection of Recent NGO, Think Tank and International Government Reports](#) (October 2016).

[University Hospitals Bristol NHS: Medically Unexplained Symptoms Current Awareness Newsletter Quarterly](#) (November 2016).

[Health and humanities: an interdisciplinary venue for exploration](#). University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (October 2016).

[Cultural contexts of health: policy engagement](#). University of Exeter.

[Medicina Narrativa EU. Interview with author](#) [in Italian and English]. (September 2016).

[Medicina Narrativa EU. Interview with Hen 53 peer reviewer](#) [in Italian].

[CINEAS Sanita. Narrative medicine as a tool for risk management](#) [in Italian].

[BABCP-Independent Practitioners Special Interest Group](#) (branch of the British Association for Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapies).

[Societa Italiana di Medicina Narrativa \(SIMeN\). Narrative approach to health: WHO Regional Office for Europe report](#) [in Italian]. Memini F, editor.

[Reflections on medical profession, bioethics and patient-to-patient relationship: the world health organization explores narrative medicine](#). In: Claudio Rabbia. (December 2016).

Databases

[Trip Clinical Search Engine](#)

[National Institute for Health and Care Excellence \(NICE\), United Kingdom](#)

[Government of Western Australia \(South Metropolitan Health Service, East Metropolitan Health Service\) Library and Information Service, Australia](#)

[Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences Medical Sciences Division University of Oxford Publications, United Kingdom](#)



Other notable mentions:

- Received "Highly commended" recognition in the public health category of the 2017 British Medical Association Medical Book Awards.
- Used by Ted Fischer, anthropologist, to teach a course at Vanderbilt University in the United States.

Added values described by commissioners and reviewers

"The report has been used to **start and legitimize a new conversation** about narrative research method" – Nils Fietje, Research Officer, Division of Information, Evidence, Research and Innovation, WHO Regional Office for Europe (commissioner).

"This document is **a small seed that could have a significant impact on health systems**, involving all players in the industry: by now, narrative approaches are among the fundamental tools for European health policies in 53 countries The cut of this document is very strict: it was the strategy chosen to **make the main message that health narrative methods have their "methodology"** [translated from Italian]. Maria Giulia Marini, Epidemiologist and Head of International Relations of SIMeN (Societa Italiana di Medicina Narrativa), Director of Health and Health of the ISTUD (Istituto Studi Direzionali) Foundation (peer reviewer).

"The importance of this report is primarily in the **scientific community's recognition of the value and utility of the narrative approach.**" [translated from Italian] –Professor Antonio Virzì, President of the Italian Society of Narrative Medicine.

"One of the conclusions of the report, is the need for specific and appropriate training for researchers For SIMeN, this translates into the need to ensure quality training." [translated from Italian] – Stefania Polvani, chairman of SIMeN (peer reviewer).