

Brief Profile



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Established in 2001, The Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC) undertakes initiatives with the United Nations (UN) and the World Health Organization (WHO), to achieve the hopes and dreams of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with special focus on Maternal and Child Health. <http://www.WomensHealthSection.com> – knowledge that touches patients, is a vision for the globalized world. It was launched in collaboration with UN DPI on 24 October 2002. It is now serving in 227 countries and territories. It is available in 6 official languages of the UN. *Special Consultative Status with ECOSOC of the UN* was granted to WHEC, in 2008.

She has worked with various international organizations, such as the UNA-USA, Peace Corps, Population Council and World Health Organization. Dr. Luthra's main interest is international health and development. She has 30 years of expertise in the project/program development at the National and International levels with various respectable international organizations, and innovative health technology systems such as telemedicine, online distance education and various e-Health management systems.

The use of information science and telecommunications to support the practice of medicine when distance separates the caregiver from the patient is the way forward to make medical care more affordable and more accessible in every country. A strong and vital health workforce is an investment in health for today and the future. It has profound effect on all the citizens of the world, political, social, and economic systems.

In 2018, during ECOSOC High Level Political Forum (HLPF), Side Event at UN Headquarters, New York, she presented WHEC Global Health Line's (WGHL's) **LINK** (Learning and Innovation Network for Knowledge Solutions) **Access Project** – *To provide access to reproductive health research worldwide*. Available @ **UN Web TV**: <http://webtv.un.org/watch/player/5807660229001>

She was born and grew up in Bikaner, Rajasthan, (India) and currently resides in Massachusetts (MA), USA. She received her education and medical degree (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery) **M.B.B.S.** from University of Rajasthan, Jaipur (India) in 1974. **M.D.** (Doctor of Medicine) in Obstetrics and Gynecology, in 1978 from The Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh (India). After finishing the residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, Boston, MA (USA) she received Fellowship in Obstetrics and Gynecology from the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, in 1986. She practiced Obstetrics and Gynecology mostly in Massachusetts (USA)

from 1979 till 2015. Currently she is working with the UN and WHO on various initiatives to achieve Universal Health Care (UHC) and improve maternal and child health, worldwide.

She is Editor-in-Chief of the e-learning knowledge platforms:

<http://www.WomensHealthSection.com> and [WHEC Update](#).

The initiatives of WHEC are also posted on CSO Net (Civil Society Net) under Best Practices and **Projects on World Map** ID # 364, title: Continuing Medical Education for the Globalized World.

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