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The World Health Organization (WHO) has long identified health information systems as critical for achieving Health for all by the year 2000 (Mahler, 1986). A report of WHO meeting (1987) clearly links improved management to improved health information systems: "Of the major obstacles to effective management, information support is the one most frequently cited." There is a need for well-designed health management information system for ensuring that services are delivered according to standards as changing the way information is gathered, processed, and used for decision-making implies changing the way an organization operates.

Development of rationally structured computerized health information system, closely adapted to the information needs of tertiary health care services can potentially contribute to the overall improvement of health service management. Moreover it will provide an ample opportunity to medical students to learn regarding our priority health problems and their management.