Public Health in Cuba: present and future

The Cuban Ministry of Public Health is responsible for developing programs, such as infectious diseases and non-communicable diseases among others. Cuba has achieved success on Public Health, these included creating a high quality primary network and unequaled public health system sustaining a local research infrastructure. Cuba represents an important alternative example where modest infrastructure investments combined with a well-developed public health strategy have generated health status measures comparable with those of industrialized countries. Areas of success include control of infectious diseases, reduction in infant mortality, establishment of a research and biotechnology industry, and progress in control of chronic diseases, among others. We are going to present the main health indicators in the last two decades in Cuba and the current process of transformations that the health system is doing to improve the indicators and the quality of services.