**Scientific Biography - Dr. Dorit Weiss**

Dr. Dorit Weiss was born on Kibbutz Mishmar Ha’Emek in 1953. Her parents immigrated to Israel from Europe in 1947, after their own parents had perished in the Holocaust, and were filled with determination to fulfill their ideals by living on kibbutz. Her father began teaching at the pioneering Shomriya Educational Institute and went on to pursue an academic career, eventually becoming a professor at Tel Aviv University and a globally renowned Egyptologist. Dr. Weiss has one sister, a son and daughter, and four grandchildren. She currently resides on the Gat Rimon moshav.

Dr. Weiss’ **key scientific contribution** has been in groundbreaking interdisciplinary studies combining historical research of medical, nursing, and healthcare policy in the health services (medical and morbidity nursing) prior to the establishment of the State of Israel, during the War of Independence, and in the first decade after the state’s establishment. She has also focused on the following exceptional, previously unstudied issues in the field of nursing history in Israel both before and after the establishment of the state.

1. **The health services prior to the establishment of the state**

This line of research began with her Ph.D. thesis on “Jewish Health Services in Mauritius, Aden, Cyprus and Atlit Refugee Camps.” The study is currently about to be published as a book by Resling Publications in Israel. A follow-up study on health services in detention camps is due to be published soon in the *European Journal of Nursing History and Ethics.* It was presented at an international workshop held in Heidelberg, Germany in September 2021 and at the Nahariya Conference in May 2021, together with Professor Hava Golander (Tel Aviv University). Additional studies by Dr. Weiss examine organizations involved in providing health services in Israel during this period, including those from the United States, such as the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and the Hadassah Women’s Organization of America, as well as Israel’s health maintenance organizations (see also publications 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23).

1. **The initial years of the State of Israel**

Dr. Weiss has conducted and published groundbreaking research on the issue of nursing during the battles in Jerusalem during Israel’s War of Independence. Her research has also led to a series of articles on the initial years of the state, including articles on the polio epidemic (see publications 1, 3, 5 & 12) and the health services in the immigrant and transit camps (*ma’abarot*) during the first decade of the state. Her study of the work of nurses in the *ma’abarot* was presented at Israel’s prestigious Ben-Zvi Institute as part of a conference entitled *Ma’abarot* and a follow-up article is due to be presented at the international Association of Israel Studies Conference at Bar-Ilan University later this year.

1. **Studies on the history of nursing in pre-state Israel and the State of Israel**

Dr. Weiss has conducted interdisciplinary research combining health policy with a historical examination of specific processes and issues, including: the establishment of the mother and child clinics (during the British Mandate era); the medical treatment given to Dr. Arlosorov as a view into quality assurance and risk management; the development of quality assurance in the Ministry of Health; nursing leaders in the Israeli health service (Ida Wissotzky and Dina Kepelnovich); and the history of the Israel Nurses’ Association. The studies on these topics were published in a number of journals, including *Iyunim (Multidisciplinary Studies in Israeli and Modern Jewish Society), HaRefu’a (Israeli Medical Association) and Guf Yeda*ʻ (*Body of Knowledge*, the Journal of the Israeli Association for Nursing Research) and have been presented at conferences throughout Israel.

Dr. Weiss is a co-founder of the Association for the History of Nursing in Israel and still serves as a member of its board. The Association holds annual conferences and seminars and supports nurses involved in research and writing historical memoirs.

1. **Healthcare policy and clinical research**

Additional studies in which Dr. Weiss has been involved have evaluated courses of treatment and case management programs for chronically ill patients, including the treatment of anemia, diabetes, cardiac insufficiency, vaccinations, Nursing Outcomes Classification (NOC), and more. In her position as Chief Nursing Officer of Clalit Health Services between 2003–2018, Dr. Weiss investigated the impact of academization and the National Health Insurance Law on nursing, both in historical terms and in relation to healthcare policy. Her studies have been presented at numerous conferences, in Israel and internationally, on a broad variety of issues on healthcare policy, clinical outcomes, and the history of medicine. Most of the conferences in which she has participated and given presentations have dealt with her professional field of activity, focusing on healthcare policy, case management, and the promotion of the role of nursing within the health system.

**Teaching and academic activity**: In light of her important research contributions, expertise in healthcare policy and administration, and her professional experience as Chief Nursing Officer of Clalit Health Services, the largest HMO in Israel and the second largest in the world, Dr. Weiss has been invited to teach advanced courses at a number of academic institutions: **Ben Gurion University of the Negev** – *History of Nursing in Israel*, an elective course as part of the Master of Nursing (MN) degree at the Faculty of Health Sciences; **Ono Academic College** – an MA degree course for healthcare personnel on the topic of *Case Management in the Community and Clinical Experience*; **The Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo** – a lesson on *Healthcare Law & Ethics* at the School of Nursing Science; and **The Netanya Academic College** – a BA degree course on the topic of *Patient-Practitioner Relations* at the School of Healthcare Systems Management.

**Professional experience**: Dr Weiss enjoys many years of experience in training, teaching, and the study of academic nursing. She gained her initial professional experience while studying at the HaSharon Hospital Nursing School. Following the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War in 1973, she asked to be stationed in the hospital Emergency Room (ER). After the war, and upon being drafted for military service in the IDF, she served as an officer in the ER at Tel HaShomer Hospital. She was honorably discharged with the rank of lieutenant and returned to work in the ER at HaSharon Hospital, where she also trained as an intensive care nurse. Subsequently, she began her academic studies at Tel Aviv University and completed both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees, graduating cum laude. She completed her Ph.D. studies at the Tel Aviv University Faculty of Medicine while concurrently studying for a diploma in Medical Administration at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. She subsequently completed Continuing Professional Development courses at Clalit Health Services and at Reichman University (IDC Herzliya) in topics relevant to her professional field (Directors Course, innovation, creative marketing), and more.

The many management positions Dr. Weiss has held are clear evidence of her professional leadership abilities. In 1993, she was appointed **Director of Long-term Care in Clalit HMO’s Jerusalem District,** a position which enabled her to take part in forging Clalit’s policies following the enactment of the National Health Insurance Law. In 1997, she was appointed Head of the Community Long-Term Care (CLTC) Department in Clalit’s senior management. In this position, which she held for 11 years, Dr. Weiss introduced new clinical and organizational emphasis on the role of the nurse and focused on nursing care plans for selected populations, such as the chronically ill, the elderly, the vulnerable, and preventive medicine. In 2008, she was appointed **Chief Nursing Officer** of Clalit Health Services, (a position equivalent to that of a vice-president). This role included her **membership in the HMO’s executive management**, formulating and leading the organizational strategy, and adapting it to her field of responsibility of long-term care (LTC). In addition to being the largest HMO in Israel and the second largest in the world, Clalit is considered to be a leader in healthcare policy and LTC working processes in Israel. As Chief Nursing Officer, Dr. Weiss was responsible for 13,000 nurses working in community hospitalization and education.

In her capacity as a member of the executive management, she launched leadership programs and was a trusted partner in leading nationwide processes. She also served as a member of numerous committees that had a profound impact on healthcare and social welfare policy in Israel. The main national forums in which she has been active have addressed issues such as the field of **geriatrics** (on committees in Clalit, the Ministry of Health, the National Insurance Institution and the Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute); the **professional role development of nurses** with the Ministry of Health’s Nursing Administration and its Principal Nurse; as well as **preventive medicine,** in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and the other fellow HMOs.

Dr. Weiss has engaged in a broad range of voluntary work to complement her formal professional activity. In 2014, she was selected to serve as a member of the **first Israel Government “Directors’ Team.”** She has served as a director of Clalit - Medical Engineering Ltd., a subsidiary of Clalit Healthcare Services, and of the **Council for a Beautiful Israel** non-profit organization, founded by the late Ora Herzog (the wife of Israel’s sixth president). She is also a member of the managerial board of **Amcha**, a leading non-profit organization providing mental health and social support services for Holocaust survivors in Israel, where she continues to volunteer today. Dr. Weiss has been a member of several committees dealing with social welfare in the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs, the National Insurance Institution’s Long-term Care Department, and the JDC Israel, in which she was an active partner in decision-making and framing healthcare and social welfare policy.

**Her current and future research activity** involves expanding into new areas of study as part of a research group led by Professor Golander, as well as supplementing and expanding areas of academic research in which she has engaged in the past. She frequently appears as a guest lecturer in her fields of specializations at leading colleges and nursing schools. Today, she is devoting much of her time to establishing a nursing program as part of the **Netanya Academic College** School of Healthcare Systems Management. She brings to this project not only her rich experience and professional ties, which help her in building a curriculum and recruiting leading lecturers, but also an innovative vision for teaching nursing and planning future research studies. The key area of research in which she is currently occupied, a natural continuation of her studies on the refugee and immigrant camps, is focused on the health services at the detention camps. She is also jointly editing a book on nursing in Israel, together with Professor Golander and Professor Shifra Shvarts (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev). In addition, she has adapted her MA thesis on nursing during the War of Independence into a reference book, and this is currently under review by the publisher.

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