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THE POLICY FRAMEWORK AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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- **Multi-Level Governance**
- **Models of Intergovernmental Relations**
- **Symmetry and Asymmetry**
- **Mechanisms of Intergovernmental Relations**



- **Common pattern of multi-level governance**
 - Determination of the policy framework
 - Delivery of Health services
- **Problem of managing intergovernmental relations**



- **Classical Federalism**
 - traditional model
 - “overlap and duplication”
- **Shared-Cost Federalism**
 - conditional grants (Australia)
 - block grants (Canada)
 - unilateralism
- **Joint Decision-Making Federalism**
 - strong coordination (Germany)
 - danger of paralysis



- **The Classical Model of Symmetrical Relations**
- **Growing Pattern of Asymmetry**
 - Belgium
 - Spain
 - United Kingdom
- **Resistance to Formal Asymmetry**
 - Canada

Mechanisms of Intergovernmental Relations



- **Formal Intergovernmental Bodies**
 - strong mechanisms (Germany, Australia)
 - weak mechanisms (Canada, United States)

- **Political Processes**
 - political parties (Germany, Belgium)
 - intergovernmental political conflict

Population Health Status



	Life Expectancy (1998)	Infant Mortality (1998)
Australia	78.3	5
Belgium	77.3	6
Canada	79.1	6
Germany	77.3	5
United States	76.8	7
Average	77.8	6

Source: *United Nations Human Development Report 2000*