



COMMONWEALTH NURSES AND MIDWIVES FEDERATION

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Global HEALTHY START campaign launched



World leaders have promised that everyone, everywhere will have water, sanitation and hygiene by 2030, and that Universal Health Coverage will be a reality. Let's make sure they keep their promise.

Clean water, proper toilets and soap for hand-washing are fundamental to delivering quality health care for mothers and babies. But as many of us know, too many health clinics and hospitals lack these basics.

On Global Handwashing Day (15 October), the CNMF, ICM and WaterAid launched a global campaign to change this. We aim to ensure every health professional (midwives, nurses, doctors, obstetricians and others) and every health care facility in the world has water, sanitation and hygiene by 2030.

In a WHO and UNICEF study of 66,000 health facilities across 54 low- and middle-income countries:

- 38% did not have an improved water source.
- 19% did not have improved sanitation.
- 35% did not have water and soap for handwashing.

The consequences are heart breaking:

- One in five babies die in their first month of life in the developing world even though just being washed in clean water and cared for in a clean environment by people who have washed their hands could have prevented their deaths.
- Four babies die every five minutes in Sub-Saharan Africa or Southern Asia from highly-preventable causes such as sepsis, meningitis or tetanus – all infections strongly linked to unhygienic conditions.

JOIN THE HEALTHY START CAMPAIGN

Sign the petition:

http://www.wateraid.org/policy-practice-and-advocacy/healthy-start-join-the-campaign?utm_source=CNMF&utm_medium=c omms&utm_content=partner&utm_campaign= Global Health Professionals

WaterAid has produced simple, powerful campaign materials to enable individuals, and health care professional associations and unions, to take action. From organising national events to writing to health ministers; from meeting parliamentarians to signing a petition: you CAN make a difference.

For more information and to access campaign materials visit:

<http://www.wateraid.org/healthystart> or

Email: DanJones@wateraid.org

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

<https://cyna.org/pfds/recent-advances-in-nursing-future.pdf>

12th European Conference of the Commonwealth Nurses' & Midwives Federation

Recent Advances in Nursing & Midwifery: Towards a Safer Future

Friday - Saturday 10 & 11 March 2017
Ajax Hotel, Limassol, Cyprus

First Announcement & Call for Abstracts

The organising Committee invites abstract submissions from nurses and midwives, who are interested in sharing their skills and knowledge with a European audience.

CONFERENCE THEMES
Leadership - Evidence Based Nursing and Midwifery - Women's Health - Mental Health - Innovations in Nursing and Midwifery Practice, Research, Education and Management - Moving Nursing and Midwifery Forward - Practice Development Nursing and Midwifery - Information Technology in Nursing and Midwifery - Life Long Learning - Community Nursing and Midwifery

Abstracts should ideally fall within one of these categories, although other areas will be considered. However, presenters are reminded that papers need to include an indication of how their work addresses and adds value to nursing and midwifery.

Closing date for abstracts: Friday 16 December 2016



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MEDICAL AID FILMS

<http://www.medicalaidfilms.org>



Among the most common causes of maternal mortality, severe bleeding, infections and pregnancy-associated high blood pressure account for over half of all maternal deaths worldwide.

Medical Aid Films has produced two new films to demonstrate the use of the CRADLE Vital Signs Alert (VSA) – a novel device that detects heart rate and blood pressure and calculates shock index – the most consistent predictor of maternal morbidity or death in low-resource settings.

Developed by Kings College London to meet the World Health Organisation criteria for use in a low-resource setting, the CRADLE VSA is a robust, low cost, portable device that uses a simple traffic light system to show when abnormalities in vital signs are detected. It can be easily recharged using a standard micro USB. The films demonstrate how to use this device and how to interpret the results.

4TH Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference

The 23rd CNMF Biennial Meeting and the 4th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference will be held in London 9 to 11 March 2018. CNMF members should start planning **NOW** to attend including alerting their membership, fund raising, and considering abstracts for the conference.

COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY- GENERAL CALLS FOR ACTION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



Global leaders have endorsed the Commonwealth Secretary-General's call to work more effectively together to end the suffering of women and girls facing violence at the hands of their partners.

Speaking at the *Economic Cost of Violence against Women* event at the United Nations General Assembly, 21st September 2016, Secretary-General Patricia Scotland said that domestic violence was the greatest cause of death in women and girls.

"That is a fact and yet it's quite shocking that knowing this, so little has been done to address it" she said. "If this was something that was killing and injuring one in three men in our world, there would be an outcry."

Secretary-General Scotland said that tackling violence against women and children was one of the Commonwealth's top priorities. She said she was asking the Secretariat to determine the economic cost in the 53 nation state of the Commonwealth so members had the figures available to them to campaign for change. She said that too many women and girls were suffering unnecessarily because nations were choosing not to work together.

See more at:

<http://thecommonwealth.org/media/press-release/if-there-was-something-killing-one-three-men-then-there-would-be-outcry-says#sthash.5mfgBWBQ.dpuf>