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3rd Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference

London UK 12-13 March 2016

The 3rd Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference will be held in London UK 12-13 March 2016 at the Royal College of Physicians Regent's Park. The theme of the conference is: *Toward 2020: celebrating nursing and midwifery leadership*. The conference will showcase and celebrate the work of nursing and midwifery leaders who have followed in the footsteps of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, the first nursing theorists, a great nursing leader and a role model for nurses and midwives everywhere.

Presentations will demonstrate leadership in:

- clinical practice;
- research and innovation;
- policies and projects;
- education and training;
- management and administration.

Register online at:

<http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2016>

or email: jill@commonwealthnurses.org.

BECOME A CNMF MEMBER

Membership of the CNMF is open to national nursing associations; national midwifery associations; specialist nursing associations (such as mental health, critical care, paediatrics, operating theatre etc); regional and international nursing, midwifery and health associations; regulatory bodies, universities, and individuals. By becoming a member of the CNMF, you can support the work of the CNMF and become involved in that work. Members can promote their own work through the monthly e-News, the CNMF website or the extensive CNMF network. You can join online through the CNMF website: <http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/membership.html>.

CUBA ELIMINATES MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION OF HIV

On 30 June 2015, the WHO announced that Cuba has become the first country in the world to receive WHO validation that they have successfully eliminated mother to child transmission of HIV and syphilis. This is a wonderful achievement for Cuba.

According to the WHO, every year an estimated 1.4 million women living with HIV become pregnant. Untreated, they have a 15-45% chance of transmitting the virus to their children during pregnancy, labour, birth or breastfeeding. However, that risk drops to just over 1% if antiretroviral medicines are given to both mothers and children throughout the stages when infection can occur.

Nearly 1 million pregnant women worldwide are infected with syphilis annually. This can result in early foetal death and stillbirth, neonatal death, low-birth-weight infants and serious neonatal infections. However, simple, cost-effective screening and treatment options during pregnancy, such as penicillin, can eliminate most of these complications.

Cuba has been working to ensure early access to antenatal care, HIV and syphilis testing for both pregnant women and their partners, treatment for women who test positive and their babies, caesarean deliveries and substitution of breastfeeding. These services are provided as part of an equitable, accessible and universal health system in which maternal and child health programs are integrated with programs for HIV and sexually transmitted infections.

As treatment for prevention of mother-to-child-transmission is not 100% effective, elimination of transmission is defined as a reduction of transmission to such a low level that it no longer constitutes a public health problem. In 2013, only two babies were born with HIV in Cuba, and only 5 babies were born with congenital syphilis. The success of Cuba demonstrates that universal access to health care and universal health coverage are feasible and that an AIDS-free generation can be achieved if there is a will to do so.

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2015/mtct-hiv-cuba/en/>

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UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

Investing in health: an economic imperative for sustainable development



The Commonwealth Civil Society Forum (CCSF), in conjunction with the 2015 Commonwealth Health Ministers' meeting was held in Geneva Switzerland on Saturday 16 May 2015. Speakers included:

- Sir George Alleyne, Director Emeritus, Pan American Health Organisation; Chancellor, University of the West Indies.
- Mr K M Gopakumar, Legal Advisor to the Third World Network.
- Mr Ravindra Rannan-Eliya, Director of the Institute for Health Policy, Columbo, Sri Lanka.

The CCSF was hosted by the Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance, the Commonwealth Foundation, and McKinsey and Company. Speaker presentations can be downloaded from the CHPA website: <http://www.chpa.co>.



MCAI Maternal & Childhealth
Advocacy International

Maternal and Childhealth Advocacy International has released two textbooks: *Maternal and child health care: a practical manual for hospitals worldwide* and *Pocket book of hospital care for maternal emergencies including major trauma and neonatal resuscitation*. These two textbooks are available for free download from the MCAI website (<http://www.mcai.org.uk/>) or (<http://books.mcai.org.uk/>) where internet speeds are slow.

Written and reviewed by over 100 experts from around the world, the textbook is written specifically for health workers treating pregnant women and adolescents, their newborn infants, and children admitted to hospitals in countries all over the world. Based on the latest evidence, including Cochrane Reviews and WHO Guidelines, the textbook identifies an internationally applicable, minimum standard of care in poorly-resourced hospitals and reflects the management of problems often inherent in resource-limited countries

NEW ZEALAND NURSES ORGANISATION CONFERENCE 2015



Registration is open now.

Go to: <http://www.nzno.org.nz/2015conference>

URGENT PUBLIC CONSULTATION WHO Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health

The WHO has announced a public consultation on the development of a Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health. In May 2014, the 67th World Health Assembly requested the WHO Director-General to develop and submit a new global strategy on human resources for health to be considered by the 69th World Health Assembly in May 2016.



The draft strategy is now open for public consultation until **31 August 2015**. It represents a critical component of the WHO strategic vision toward universal health coverage (UHC) in the framework of the post 2015 health development agenda. The draft will also be discussed at various global health events as well as a number of WHO regional technical consultations.



This global dialogue will inform a final version to be submitted to the WHO Executive Board in January 2016. It is imperative that nurses and midwives and their representative associations make submissions to this consultation.

To access the online consultation, go to:

http://who.int/hrh/resources/online_consult-globstrat_hrh/en/.

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