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20th CNF BIENNIAL CONFERENCE and GENERAL MEETING

Nurses and midwives: meeting the challenges of the 21st century

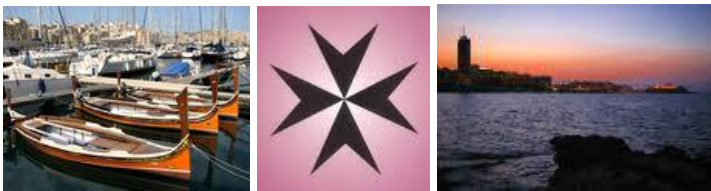
**Friday 29 and Saturday 30 April, 2011
Radisson BLU Resort, St Julian's, Malta**

The 20th CNF Biennial Conference and General Meeting will be held Friday 29 and Saturday 30 April 2011 at the Radisson BLU Resort, St Julian's, Malta <http://www.radisson.com.mt>. For information about registration, accommodation and the draft program please go to: <http://www.commonwealthnurses.org>. CNF members are encouraged to advise their members of the dates; to put the dates in their diaries; and start planning to attend.

The 20th CNF Biennial Conference and General Meeting is hosted by the Malta Union of Midwives and Nurses



The ICN Committee of National Representatives meeting is being held in St. Julian's Malta 2-4 May 2011 with the ICN Congress being held in Valetta Malta 2-8 May 2011.



15TH SOUTH PACIFIC NURSES FORUM

8-11 November 2010

Aotea Centre, Queen Street, Auckland New Zealand

NURSES AT THE HELM ***Steering health across the Pacific***



For more information see:

<http://www.spnf.org.au/news.html>

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SUPPORT FOR GUYANESE NURSES

The Association of Guyanese Nurses and Allied Professionals (AGNAP) recently held their AGM in London. The CNF was an invited speaker. AGNAP is comprised of Guyanese nurses and allied professionals who now live in the United Kingdom. Far from forgetting their colleagues in Guyana, AGNAP raises funds to support nurses and allied professionals in Guyana. Among other things, they sponsor awards and fellowships and facilitate expert knowledge exchange particularly in the areas of cancer and sickle cell disease. This is all done on a voluntary basis. Congratulations AGNAP and well done.





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RATIONAL USE OF MEDICINES



The World Health Organization has released a new fact sheet on the rational use of medicines (Fact sheet No.338 May 2010). The WHO note that:

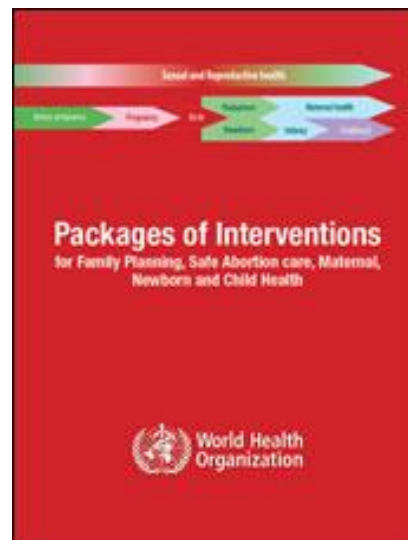
- * More than 50% of all medicines are prescribed, dispensed or sold inappropriately, and half of all patients fail to take medicines correctly.
- * The overuse, underuse or misuse of medicines harms people and wastes resources.
- * More than 50% of all countries do not implement basic policies to promote rational use of medicines.
- * In developing countries, less than 40% of patients in the public sector and 30% in the private sector are treated according to clinical guidelines.
- * A combination of health-care provider education and supervision, consumer education, and an adequate medicines supply is effective in improving the use of medicines, while any of these interventions alone has limited impact.

The fact sheet covers the incorrect use of medicines; the consequences of the incorrect use of medicines; factors which contribute to the incorrect use of medicines; and what can be done to improve the rational use of medicines. A copy of the fact sheet is available at: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs338/en/>.



The United Nations held a high level summit on the Millennium Development Goals in New York 20-22 September 2010. The speeches by the UN Secretary General, the President of the World Bank and by world leaders who attended were recorded and can be viewed on the UN website. A lot of grand promises and pledges were made and civil society now has a responsibility to make sure that these promises and pledges are kept. You can hear what your national leader said by visiting: <http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/2010/09/opening-statements-mdg-debate.html>.

WHO MATERNAL HEALTH RESOURCE



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This WHO publication describes key interventions to improve maternal health care. The interventions are organised in packages across the continuum of maternal health care through pre-pregnancy, pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum, newborn care and care of the child. The packages are designed for community and/or facility levels in developing countries and provide guidance on the essential components needed to assure adequacy and quality of care. The publication is available from: http://www.who.int/making_pregnancy_safer/documents/fch_10_06/en/index.html.

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