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BOOKS/REPORTS

Neurological disorders: Public health challenges (2007)

Author: World Health Organization

Description: The neurological conditions covered include dementia, epilepsy, headache disorders, multiple sclerosis, neuroinfections, neurological disorders associated with malnutrition, pain associated with neurological disorders, Parkinson's disease, stroke and traumatic brain injuries. These are considered from the point of view of their impact on public health and interventions to lessen this.

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [232p.]

URL: http://www.who.int/mental_health/neurology/neurodiso/en/index.html

AIDS and Social Policy in China (2006)

Author: Harvard University Asia Center. Edited by Joan Kaufman, Arthur Kleinman, and Tony Saich

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [292p.]

URL:

<http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~asiactr/publications/pdfs/AIDS%20Volume%20complete.pdf>

A Health Handbook for Women with Disabilities

Author: Jane Maxwell, Julia Watts Belser, and Darlena David

Description: "A Health Handbook for Women with Disabilities will help women with disabilities overcome these barriers and improve their general health, self-esteem, and abilities to care for themselves and participate in their communities". Health professionals, caregivers for women with disabilities, and trainers working with disability groups will also find it an essential resource.

How to obtain: Available online

URL: http://www.hesperian.org/publications_download.php#wwd

Communities for Health: Learning from the Pilots (2007)

Author: UK Department of Health, Health Inequalities Unit

Description: "Learning case examples and best practice from the pilot areas of Communities for Health. These pilots detail how communities have addressed a wide range of health issues and tackled health inequalities. Rural and urban deprived areas have worked to address obesity, healthy eating, mental health and sexual health.

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [92p.]

URL: <http://www.dh.gov.uk/assetRoot/04/14/32/25/04143225.pdf>

An Idea Whose Time Has Come: New Opportunities for Health Impact Assessment in New Zealand Public Policy and Planning (2007)

Author: The Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC) is a sub-committee of the National on Health and Disability - National Health Committee, NHC

Description: "Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is a formal process that aims to ensure public policies, programs and plans enhance the potentially beneficial effects on health and wellbeing and reduce or mitigate the potential harm with innovative solutions. Although relatively new in New Zealand, it is a well-established approach internationally... Evaluations

in New Zealand show positive responses to the process by agencies who have undertaken HIA. Completed HIAs have significantly influenced the policies and plans being assessed.”

How to obtain: Available online as PDF and as a Word document

URL: http://www.nhc.govt.nz/phac/phac_pubs.htm#an-idea

Health Systems in Transition: Template for analysis (2007)

Author: World Health Organization on behalf of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. Edited by Elias Mossialos, Sara Allin, Josep Figueras

Description: The Health Systems in Transition (HiT) profiles are produced by country experts in collaboration with the Observatory’s research directors and staff. The profiles are based on a template that, revised periodically, provides detailed guidelines and specific questions, definitions, suggestions for data sources, and examples needed to compile HiTs

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [145p]

URL: <http://www.euro.who.int/Document/E88699.pdf>

Comparing Child Well-Being in OECD Countries: Concepts and Methods (2007)

Author: Jonathan Bradshaw, Petra Hoelscher, Dominic Richardson.

Description: “This paper is produced alongside *Innocenti Report Card 7 Child Well-being in Rich Countries*. It provides more detail on how the indicators were chosen for the Report Card, and how they were combined into components and then into dimensions. It also provides additional analysis to complement the Report Card.” Working Papers -United Nations Children’s Fund, The UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre in Florence, Italy.

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [117p.]

URL: <http://www.unicef-icdc.org/cgi-bin/unicef/Lunga.sql?ProductID=464>

Do Visas Kill? Health Effects of African Health Professional Emigration

Author: Michael Clemens

Description: “In this new working paper, CGD research fellow Michael Clemens uses new data on African health worker migration to test whether decreases in emigration raise the number of domestic health professionals, increase the mass availability of basic primary care, or improve a range of public health outcomes. The results suggest that Africa’s generally low staffing levels and poor public health conditions are the result of factors entirely unrelated to international movements of health professionals, and that the option to emigrate has positively affected Africans’ decisions to enter the health field. Bottom line: impeding the migration of skilled health professionals, by sending and receiving countries, does little to improve health systems or health outcomes in Africa.” Working Paper Number 114, March 2007, The Center for Global Development, Washington DC - USA

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [58p.]

URL: <http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/13123>

What Works in Fighting Diarrheal Diseases in Developing Countries? A Critical Review

Author: Alix Peterson Zwane, Michael Kremer

Description: “In dispersed rural settlements, providing complete piped water and sanitation infrastructure to households is expensive. Many poor countries have therefore focused instead on providing community-level water infrastructure, such as wells. Various traditional child health interventions have been shown to be effective in fighting diarrhea. Among environmental interventions, hand washing and point-of-use water treatment both reduce

diarrhea, although more needs to be learned about ways to encourage households to take up these behavior changes”. Center for International Development at Harvard University (CID), Working Paper No. 140, March 2007

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [48p.]

URL: <http://papers.nber.org/papers/W12987>

The Role of Health Impact Assessment (2006)

Author: Kelley Lee, Karen Lock, Alan Ingram

Description: “The application of Health Impact Assessment to foreign policy and security remains contingent on the development of appropriate methodologies and datasets. One of the strengths of Health Impact Assessment is the diversity of approaches and accompanying methods that can be drawn upon.” The Nuffield Health and Social Services Fund - The Nuffield Trust, UK Global Health Programme.

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [96p.]

URL: <http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/publications/detail.asp?id=0&PRid=242>

Core Resources for Clinical Research: A Guide to Information (2007)

Author: Korjonen-Close H.

Description: The guide includes information about key books, periodicals, data bases, guidelines related to clinical research, and about online clinical trials registries.

How to obtain: Available online. This book is free to download and print

URL: http://www.icr-global.org/documents/ebooks/eBook_core_resources.pdf

The Value of the Divisions Network: An Evaluation of the Effect of Divisions of General Practice on Primary Care Performance (2007)

Author: Anthony Scott, Bill Coote

Description: “Divisions of General Practice are regionally based organizations supporting the delivery of primary care services provided by General Practitioners. There are 120 covering all of Australia... Compared to primary care organizations in other countries, Divisions are unique as they were the first to operate as a network rather than a funding body or health care service provider. Their main role has been to provide support for general practitioners (GPs) and encourage integration with other parts of the health care system and community. Their role has therefore always been one of support and facilitation, although more recently Divisions are becoming involved in the direct management and provision of primary care services.” The purpose of this report was to: summarize the development of Divisions of General Practice in Australia, outline the wide range of activities undertaken by Divisions, and to conduct a quantitative econometric analysis of the impact of the Division network on primary care performance. Melbourne Institute Report No. 8, March 2007. Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research - The University of Melbourne

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [73 p.]

URL: http://www.melbourneinstitute.com/publications/reports/AScott_8.pdf

Causes of health expenditure growth: the predominance of changes in medical practices over population ageing

Author: Brigitte Dormont, Helene Huber

Description: “The increase in total health care expenditures in France can be explained by three distinct factors: the purely demographic effect (namely, the increase in the proportion of

elderly people, given that health expenditure is an increasing function of age); the changes in morbidity at a given age; the changes in practices, for a given age and morbidity level (e.g. technological progress). The aim of this paper is basically to disentangle, evaluate and interpret the respective effects of these three factors". Equipe Universitaire de Recherche - Institutions: Coordination, Organisation - EURISCO, Universite Paris Dauphine.

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [40p.]

URL: http://www.dauphine.fr/eurisco/eur_cr/cah0603.pdf

CD-ROM

Pharmaceutical Sciences CD

Author: Wiley

Description: 160 hot research papers in leading Pharmaceutical Sciences journals, The Pharmacology and Toxicology Backfile Collection presents the complete contents of 15 leading titles, "Best-practices" collections of lab protocols.

How to obtain: To request your free copy of the Pharmaceutical Sciences CD, please email pharm-cd@wiley.co.uk

URL: http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/aboutus/topics/form_request_pharamCD.html

WHO TB Epidemiology and Surveillance Virtual Workshop CD

Author: World Health Organization

Description: The WHO TB Epidemiology and Surveillance Virtual Workshop addresses three key questions: What is the burden of TB in your country? What is the overall trend of TB in your country? How effective is your TB control program? This teaching tool uses explanatory text, Power Point presentations, exercises, examples and data templates. You can explore the material provided at your own pace.

How to obtain: If you would like the workshop in the form of a CD-rom please also contact us via the e-mail tuberculosis@who.int

URL: <http://www.who.int/tb/surveillanceworkshop/>

Ideas for Working with Girls

Author: International Women's Tribune Center

Description: The International Women's Tribune Centre (IWTC) is an international non-governmental organization established in 1976 following the United Nations International Women's Year World Conference in Mexico City. With a commitment to empowering people and building communities, IWTC provides communication, information, education, and organizing support services to women's organizations and community groups working to improve the lives of women, particularly low-income women, in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, Eastern Europe and Western Asia. This free CD contains a resource collection of free games, training manuals, workshop guides etc. for teachers, trainers and development workers who are working for and with girls. It includes interactive and participatory training guides and resources on rights, empowerment, violence against women and girls, HIV/AIDS, sexuality and reproductive health and leadership development.

How to obtain: The CD is free and there will be no postage charge for organizations and individuals who request a copy from the Global South. North-based groups or individuals will be charged a \$10 shipping and handling fee. Write to joey@womenink.org for more information.

