

Author: Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

Description: This report is comprised of UN HIV/AIDS Learning Strategy case studies from sixteen countries: Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, India, Indonesia, Macedonia, Madagascar, Morocco, Nigeria, the Pan American Health Organization PAHO/WHO (United States), Pakistan, Paraguay, Vienna (Austria), Vietnam, and Yemen. It presents each country's unique experience in implementing the strategy.

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URL: http://data.unaids.org/pub/Report/2007/jc1311-un-learning-strat07_en.pdf?preview=true

The Essentials of Antiretroviral Therapy for Health Care and Program Managers (2007)

Author: Pathfinder International

Description: The fifth publication in the Pathfinder Technical Guidance Series - The Essentials "provides basic information and practical guidance on antiretroviral therapy and wider care and treatment issues for program implementers and health care managers. It includes information on vigorous prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections, nutrition support, and spiritual, psychosocial, and economic support, and discusses community participation and services necessary for use of facility-based services."

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Healthcare in developing countries

Extending Social Protection in Health - Developing Countries' Experiences Lessons Learnt and Recommendations (2007)

Author: GTZ-ILO-WHO-Consortium on Social Health Protection in Developing Countries

Description: "This book represents the combined insight into social health protection from over 200 academics, policy makers and politicians, who gathered at the *International Conference on Social Health Insurance in Developing Countries* in Berlin in December 2005. The book tackles issues as diverse as universal coverage, social dialogue, poverty reduction or mixed financing systems and draws on experiences spanning four continents."

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Health Aid and Infant Mortality (2007)

Author: Prachi Mishra, David Locke Newhouse. International Monetary Fund

Description: Working Paper WP/07/100 - April, 2007. This paper examines the relationship between health aid and infant mortality, using data from 118 countries between 1973 and 2004. The estimated effect is small, relative to the targets envisioned by the Millennium Development Goals

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Healthcare in Europe

Healthy Ageing: A Challenge for Europe (2007)

Author: The Swedish National Institute of Public Health

Description: “This Report brings together information from the *Healthy Ageing project*: literature on intervention, statistical data, examples of good practice and facts about policies and strategies for healthy ageing. It also proposes recommendations.” A Short Report is under production, and will be translated into seventeen languages

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URL: <http://www.healthyageing.nu/templates/Page.aspx?id=1258>

Mental health policy implementation guide: A Learning and Development Toolkit for the whole of the mental health workforce across both health and social care (2007)

Author: National Institute for Mental Health in England (NIMHE), National Workforce Programme

Description: “The purpose of this toolkit is to set out the current learning and development issues for mental health; the priorities local health and social care organizations may wish to consider in developing their own learning and development strategies; and the future learning and development issues coming round the corner.”

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World Medical Association Medical Ethics Manual

Author: World Medical Association

Description: Since its official launch in January 2005, the WMA Medical Ethics Manual has been distributed to medical journals and medical schools throughout the world. It is translated into 8 languages, and translations in progress are Chinese (simplified Mandarin), Armenian, Estonian, Persian, Hungarian, Polish, Lithuanian and Greek. Announcements of completed translations will be made on the WMA web-site.

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file. Copies of the print version of the Manual in English can be ordered from the WMA free of charge

URL: <http://www.wma.net/e/ethicsunit/resources.htm>

The role of public health in supporting the development of integrated services (2007)

Author: The Integrated Care Network (ICN) - Care Services Improvement Partnership (CSIP)

Description: “Integrated services are designed to respond more effectively to the needs of service users and carers than services planned and delivered by individual agencies... This briefing paper is intended for use by managers and professionals who are either involved in the direct management and delivery of integrated services in England, or the commissioning of these services. It is a comprehensive resource, and of relevance both to those who have a detailed knowledge of public health and to readers who are relatively new to the field... The paper provides an overview of the scope of public health practice, outlines some of the tools and techniques that might be used in designing and evaluating integrated services and explains how they might be used as a lever for change and service improvement.”

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<http://www.erpho.org.uk/Download/Public/16302/1/PublicHealthAndIntegratedServices.pdf>

Analyzing Changes in Health Financing Arrangements in High-Income Countries A Comprehensive Framework Approach (2007)

Author: Reinhard Busse, Jonas Schreyugg, and Christian Gericke. Health, Nutrition, and Population Family (HNP) - World Bank's Human Development Network.

Description: "The authors review evidence on health financing arrangements in high income countries as well as reforms over the last 30 years and to identify key policy lessons from this experience for low and middle income countries... Decisions on coverage and benefit entitlements as well as various functions of health care financing (i.e. collecting, pooling and purchasing) are described and analyzed... Next to the precondition of economic growth, the most essential lessons are to initiate pilots for health insurance schemes on a voluntary and/or local basis, to foster the ability to administrate, to ensure political commitment to expand population coverage, to combine expansion of population coverage with risk-pooling and to ensure evaluation of products and services at each stage."

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<http://siteresources.worldbank.org/HEALTHNUTRITIONANDPOPULATION/Resources/281627-1095698140167/BusseAnalyzingChangesinHealthFinancingFinal.pdf>

Committed to Safety: Ten Case Studies on Reducing Harm to Patients (2006)

Author: D. McCarthy, D. Blumenthal. The Commonwealth Fund

Description: "This report presents 10 case studies of health care organizations, clinical teams, and learning collaborations that have designed innovations in five areas that hold great promise for improving patient safety nationally: promoting an organizational culture of safety, improving teamwork and communication, enhancing rapid response to prevent heart attacks and other crises in the hospital, preventing health care-associated infections in the intensive care unit, and - preventing adverse drug events throughout the hospital.... Overall, the cases demonstrate that improvement can occur in any organization where there is leadership, purposeful application of methods, and the will to change for the sake of patient safety."

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URL: http://www.commonwealthfund.org/usr_doc/McCarthy_safetycasestudies_923.pdf

How to Regulate Health Care in England? An International Perspective

Author: Richard Lewis, Arturo Alvarez-Rosete, Nicholas Mays. UK King's Fund

Description: "Across the world, the appropriate role of government in the planning and delivery of public services has been the subject of intense debate: how should the state control the provision of public services and how far should markets be allowed to determine the provision of those services? ...This report compares the regulatory framework in four health systems: the Autonomous Community of Catalonia in Spain, Germany, the Netherlands and New Zealand."

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A rational way forward for the NHS in England. A discussion paper outlining an alternative approach to health reform - May 2007

Author: British Medical Association

Description: “Doctors at the BMA's annual conference in 2006 expressed their alarm at the incoherence of the government's NHS policies...The 24 recommendations call for an alternative way forward which could deliver better services to patients while safeguarding the core values of the NHS.”

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Future Trends and Challenges for Cancer Services in England: A Review of Literature and Policy

Author: Rebecca Rosen, Alex Smith, Anthony Harrison. King's Fund

Description: “A literature review was conducted to assess the current state of cancer services and the epidemiological and technological trends that were likely to impact on the number of people living with cancer and the services they would receive.”

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Accessing information about health and social care services (2007)

Author: Picker Institute for the UK Department of Health

Description: The study by Picker Institute Europe was designed to address three key questions: how do patients, service users and carers currently find out about locally available services and how to access them; to what extent are local information resources well signposted so that people can find the information for themselves; and what additional support is required to enable people to find information about services that is appropriate to their needs.

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Funding Health Care: 2008 and Beyond

Author: John Appleby (editor). King's Fund

Description: Report from the Leeds Castle summit. “In order to help inform the debate about funding health over the next five to ten years, the King's Fund organized a meeting of senior managers, health economists and policy advisers at Leeds Castle. They discussed not only what level of public funding is feasible and desirable, but also the process by which such decisions should be reached and the framework that ought to guide and inform policy-makers. The paper includes presentations on key aspects of current system reforms and a summary of the discussions....”

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Healthcare in the US and Canada

Achieving Public Protection through Collaborative Self-regulation: Reflections for a New Paradigm (2007)

Author: The Conference Board of Canada

Description: “This report explores health profession legislation and regulation. It finds they neither hinder nor support collaboration among health care providers, and suggests recommendations to bring about more effective health care.”

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Ending the Tobacco Problem: A Blueprint for the Nation (2007)

Author: Richard J. Bonnie, Kathleen Stratton, and Robert B. Wallace, Editors. Committee on Reducing Tobacco Use: Strategies, Barriers, and Consequences IOM (Institute of Medicine).

Description: “The report reviews effective prevention and treatment interventions and considers a set of new tobacco control policies for adoption by federal and state governments. Carefully constructed with two distinct parts, the book first provides background information on the history and nature of tobacco use, developing the context for the policy blueprint proposed in the second half of the report.”

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Mirror, Mirror on the Wall: An International Update on the Comparative Performance of American Health Care

Author: Karen Davis, Cathy Schoen, Stephen C. Schoenbaum, Michelle M. Doty, Alyssa L. Holmgren, Jennifer L. Kriss, and Katherine K. Shea. The Commonwealth Fund

Description: “Despite having the most costly health system in the world, the United States consistently underperforms on most dimensions of performance, relative to other countries. This report includes data from surveys of patients, as well as information from primary care physicians about their medical practices and views of their countries health systems...Compared with five other nations - Australia, Canada, Germany, New Zealand, the United Kingdom - the U.S. health care system ranks last or next-to-last on five dimensions of a high performance health system: **quality, access, efficiency, equity, and healthy lives**. The U.S. is the only country in the study without universal health insurance coverage, partly accounting for its poor performance on access, equity, and health outcomes. The inclusion of physician survey data also shows the U.S. lagging in adoption of information technology and use of nurses to improve care coordination for the chronically ill.”

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