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BOOKS/REPORTS

Family Planning: A Global Handbook for Providers

Author: Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Description: This new handbook offers clinic-based health care professionals in developing countries the latest guidance on providing contraceptive methods. The book has been prepared through a unique collaboration between Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, the United States Agency for International Development and over 30 organizations around the world.

How to obtain: available as PDF [372 p.]. Print copies of *Family Planning: A Global Handbook for Providers* and its accompanying wall-chart, "Do You Know Your Family Planning Choices?" can be ordered from The INFO Project's Orders Department (<http://www.infoforhealth.org/ccpOrderForm/index.php?section=7>). For organizations in developing countries, the handbook is free. For organizations in developed countries a \$24.95 fee per copy will apply.

URL: <http://www.fphandbook.org>

Windmill 2007. The Future of Health Care Reforms in England

Author: Sarah Harvey, Alasdair Liddell, Laurie McMahon

Description: "The NHS has undergone many reforms over the past decade. To test out where the reforms – and interactions between them – might lead the NHS, the King's Fund formed a partnership with Loop2, Monitor and Nuffield Hospitals to produce Windmill 2007. This initiative included a two-day simulation of a fictional but realistic health economy from 2008 to 2011 and extensive discussions of the emerging findings from that event with clinicians, managers, policy-makers, regulators and analysts. The paper discusses what lessons can be learnt from the simulation and what messages there are for the health system of the future." UK King's Fund - June 2007

How to obtain: Available online as PDF [82p.]

URL:

http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/kings_fund_publications/windmill_2007.html

Health: a vital investment for economic development in Eastern Europe and Central Asia – 2007

Author: Marc Suhrcke, Lorenzo Rocco, Martin McKee. The European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Description: Despite some improvement, over 60 million people remain poor and over 150 million are economically vulnerable in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States. This report is the first comprehensive effort to analyse the economic impact of ill health in this region, and much of the evidence it presents about the economic implications of chronic disease - growing rapidly in many low- and middle-income countries - applies equally well elsewhere

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [280p.]

URL: <http://www.euro.who.int/document/e90569.pdf> (English)

Russian Summary -

http://www.euro.who.int/observatory/Publications/20070704_1?language=Russian

Advanced Training of Trainers. Comprehensive Reproductive Health and Family Planning Training Curriculum - 2007

Author: Pathfinder International

Description: This module includes manuals for both the trainer and participant and is designed to prepare trainers who already have skills as reproductive health trainers to proceed to a higher level of training implementation. The manual prepares trainers to conduct a training needs assessment, develop detailed plans for training, develop and pilot test a training curriculum, conduct training using more advanced training techniques, conduct training follow up, and evaluate training.

How to obtain: Both the Trainer's Guide and Participant's Guide can be downloaded as PDF files. Hard copies are available by contacting tech-comm@pathfind.org

URL:

http://www.pathfind.org/site/PageServer?JServSessionIdr007=133omviz61.app7a&pagina me=Pubs_Training_Curriculum

Following the Money: Toward Better Tracking of Global Health Resources - 2007

Author: Global Health Resource Tracking Working Group

Description: "Without information about what resources are expected -- from whom, and for what purpose -- and without better tracking of how those funds have been spent, policy leaders, advocates and analysts are unlikely to be able to effectively raise additional resources and allocate them toward the populations and types of services that are vital to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals... None of the existing tracking systems or efforts provide up-to-date, comprehensive information in a form that addresses central policy questions... This report calls for a move: from tracking expenditures on specific health programs in an uncoordinated way to coherent and long-term support to improve government budgetary and financial systems in the developing world; to institutionalizing standard approaches to documenting and analyzing health sector expenditures; and to providing more timely, predictable and forward looking data on external assistance to the health sector."

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

URL: http://www.cgdev.org/files/13711_file_Resource_Tracking.pdf

Towards health security - 2007

Author: WHO Regional Office for Europe

Description: A discussion paper on recent health crises in the WHO European Region. "The health security of Europe is increasingly threatened by communicable diseases, natural disasters and large-scale accidents, conflicts, complex emergencies and climate change. Recent health crises such as avian influenza and the threat of a human influenza pandemic, the heat wave of 2003 and armed conflict in south-eastern Europe have brought these threats into focus. This publication reviews the lessons learned in tackling these threats... Targeted at policy-makers, this publication offers guidance on how the international community can apply the lessons learned to future threats, emphasizing the importance of preparing health systems for future challenges."

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [80p.]

URL: <http://www.euro.who.int/Document/E90175.pdf> (English)

<http://www.euro.who.int/Document/E90175R.pdf?language=Russian> (Russian)

Neglected diseases: a human rights analysis. Social, Economic and Behavioural Research. Special Topics No.6, 2007

Author: Paul Hunt, Rébecca Steward, Judith Bueno de Mesquita, Lisa Oldring

Description: “This review authored by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health aims to introduce and explore some of these connections. ..Addressing the human rights issues that cause or are a consequence of neglected diseases has an important role to play in helping to prevent and treat these diseases, as well as in ensuring the dignity and well-being of those afflicted. This report aims to equip practitioners with an understanding of human rights, how human rights abuses cause and result from neglected diseases, and it signals how a human rights approach can contribute to the fight against neglected diseases.”

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [64p.]

URL: http://www.who.int/tdr/publications/publications/seb_topic6.htm

Linked by a common purpose: Global efforts for improving pediatric heart health - 2007

Author: Children’s HeartLink

Description: “...The report discusses factors influencing the difficulty of diagnosis and treatment of congenital heart disease outside of developed countries. It builds on the past investigation of the incidence and prevalence of congenital and acquired heart disease in children, but also highlights trends and issues in the attraction and retention of specially trained nurses and physicians into the pediatric heart health arena. The report shows that congenital and acquired heart diseases affect millions of children around the world, but the majority of them will never receive the treatment they need....”

How to obtain: Available online PDF [84p]

URL: <http://www.childrensheartlink.org/docs/Global%20Report%205-17.pdf>.

Challenging health inequity through health systems. Final Report - Knowledge Network on Health Systems - June 2007

Author: Lucy Gilson, Jane Doherty, Rene Loewenson, Victoria Francis. Health Systems Knowledge Network of the World Health Organization’s Commission on the Social Determinants of Health

Description: “In the report, health systems are seen to include **all activities whose primary purpose is to improve health**. The report discusses important health system features and actions that can address health inequity. While it focuses on low- and middle-income countries, many of the recommendations may be appropriate to high-income countries. The messages are complementary to, and do not repeat, those in the reports of the *Women and Gender Equity* and *Globalisation Knowledge Networks*. More detailed messages on the role of public health programmes in addressing health inequity will be presented in the forthcoming report of the *Priority Public Health Conditions Knowledge Network*.”

How to obtain: Available online as PDF [146p.]

URL:

http://www.who.int/social_determinants/resources/csdh_media/hskn_final_2007_en.pdf

Strategies to achieve universal coverage: are there lessons from middle income countries? 2007

Author: Anne Mills, Health Economics and Financing Programme, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Description: Literature review commissioned by the Health Systems Knowledge Network World Health Organisation’s Commission on Social Determinants of Health. “Countries that have yet to achieve universal coverage face many options with respect to strategies which will move them closer to universal coverage. Moreover, given that universal coverage requires

cross-subsidies of various types, especially from richer groups to poorer groups, political dynamics and broader social influences are very important in affecting both the choice of strategies and the speed of progress.”

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [42p.]

URL: <http://www.wits.ac.za/chp/kn/Mills%202007%20Universal%20coverage.pdf>

Electronic health records: a manual for developing countries. 2006

Author: World Health Organization for the Western Pacific Region

Description: This manual has been designed as a basic reference for use when exploring the development and implementation of Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems. It provides a general overview, some basic definitions and examples of EHR practices. Also covered are points for consideration when moving towards the introduction of an EHR, some issues and challenges which may need to be addressed and some possible strategies, along with steps and strategies to implementation.

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [76p.]

URL: http://www.wpro.who.int/publications/PUB_9290612177.htm

Health in prisons. A WHO guide to the essentials in prison health. 2007

Author: Lars Müller, Heino Stuver, Ralf Jürgens, Alex Gatherer and Haik Nikogosian. WHO Regional Office for Europe

Description: “Based on the experience of many countries in the WHO European Region and the advice of experts, this guide outlines some of the steps prison systems should take to reduce the public health risks from compulsory detention in often unhealthy situations, to care for prisoners in need and to promote the health of prisoners and prison staff. This requires that everyone working in prisons understand how imprisonment affects health, what prisoners' health needs are and how evidence-based health services can be provided for everyone needing treatment, care and prevention in prison. Other essential elements are being aware of and accepting internationally recommended standards for prison health; providing professional care with the same adherence to professional ethics as in other health services; and, while seeing individual needs as the central feature of the care provided, promoting a whole-prison approach to care and promoting the health and well-being of people in custody.”

How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [198p.]

URL: http://www.euro.who.int/InformationSources/Publications/Catalogue/20070521_1

CD-ROM

Research Ethics Training Curriculum (RETC)

Author: Family Health International

Description: The RETC CD-ROM is a teaching aid for international biomedical and social science researchers who conduct research that involves human participants and who want to include basic ethical considerations in their work

How to obtain: Available online. To order free copies of publications, you may fill out the form at <http://www.fhi.org/nr/shared/enfhi/cmswraps/orderint.asp> and e-mail, fax or mail to Family Health International

URL: <http://www.fhi.org/en/RH/Training/trainmat/ethicscurr/index.htm>

Orphans & other vulnerable children Toolkit. Version 2

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