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## WHO CC Regional Update

Dear Colleagues,

What a first half of the year we have all had. WHOCC UTS is currently preparing for the General Meeting for the Global Network of World Health Organization Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery (GNWHOCC) and handover of the Secretariat role to John Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA. Congratulations to John Hopkins for taking on this four-year role! Handover will happen at the GNWHOCC General Meeting on July 20th in Cairns as part of the 12th Biennial Conference. [Click here](#) for more information on the upcoming conference.

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate Dr Isabelle Skinner for her appointment as CEO to the International Council of Nursing (ICN), and Dr Barbara Stilwell on her appointment as Executive Director for Nursing Now.

This update links to relevant publications and documents of the WHOCC, please also visit [our website](#) for current information. You can also reach us at [whocc@uts.edu.au](mailto:whocc@uts.edu.au).

For information on the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery [click here](#). For information on the South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers Alliance (SPCNMOA) [click here](#).

## 71st World Health Assembly

A full report of the World Health Assembly in Geneva, May 2018, will be given in the next Regional Newsletter. In the meantime, you can check out the link <http://www.who.int/world-health-assembly/seventy-first> for all the documentation and related information.



Official Documents:



**12th Biennial Conference of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery**



**WHO recommendations: Intrapartum care for a positive birth experience**



**Intrapartum Care INFOGRAPHICS**



**Noncommunicable**

## World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH)

**Professor James Buchan**, Adjunct Professor has been appointed to a working group preparing an evidence paper for the fourth *World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH)* which will take place on 13-14 November 2018 in Doha, hosted by the Qatar Foundation. The aims of the report will be to describe the potential and actual contribution of nurses and midwives to UHC, identify barriers that currently prevent nurses from making their maximum contribution to achieving UHC, and propose practical methods for enabling nurses to maximise their contributions – highlighting innovations in practice and how this is achieved in a global context.



Co-chairs of the group are **Lord Nigel Crisp**, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health, UK House of Lords, and **Sharon Brownie** (co-chair), Dean, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Aga Khan University, East Africa.

## WHO recommendations: Intrapartum care for a positive birth experience

On 15 February, WHO issued a [press release](#) to launch new guidance on intrapartum care. This forms part of WHO's efforts to improve the quality of care around the time of childbirth in the SDG era. The guideline contains 56 recommendations related to supportive care throughout labour and childbirth; care during the first, second and third stages of labour; and immediate care of the woman and newborn after birth.

- Full guideline document: "WHO recommendations: intrapartum care for a positive childbirth experience" and the supporting evidence document – available [here](#).
- WHO Department of Reproductive Health and Research (RHR) Web Story – available [here](#).
- Special Commentary by the Assistant Director-General [Family, Women's, and Children's Health (FWC) Cluster] – available [here](#).
- User-friendly slide deck summarising the rationale, methods, and highlights of the recommendations (*best viewed in slide show mode; Quicktime ® player required for Slide #8*) – available for download [here](#).
- Infographics highlighting the overarching messages of the guidelines – available [here](#).

We encourage you to disseminate the guideline and the related publications through your networks. You can learn more and contribute to further discussion by following [@HRPresearch](#) on twitter.

For more information [click here](#).

### Factors



WHO Health Workforce 2030 - HRH Strategy



WHO Universal Health Coverage data portal



## LINKS Global Network of WHOCCs for Nursing and Midwifery

For all the past issues of the LINKS magazine, please go to <http://www.globalnetworkwhocc.com/links-magazine.html>

### Shaping the Future of Nursing

Yonsei University College of Nursing (CON) is hosting an international nursing conference (2018 YINC) in November.

This event will mark several special occasions for Yonsei CON: 30 years since the WHO CC was established there, 40 years since the first PhD in Nursing was started, and 50 years since the school gained 4-year college status. These amazing events are all "firsts" in Korean nursing.

The overall theme of the conference is *Shaping the Future of Nursing: Pathway to serve the Public and Nursing Profession*.

Aside from the plenary speakers, there will also be an exciting panel session on *Nursing Development and Health Equity*, with WHO CC experts.

Information on the event and abstract submission (deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018) are attached, and further info can be found at <https://sites.google.com/view/yinc2018>

### Midwifery Education in Cambodia

**Provision of Technical Support to Strengthen the Quality of Midwifery Education in Cambodia - Workshops for Teaching Team and Midwifery Bridging Curriculum, March-April 2018.**

To strengthen midwifery education and reduce the incidence of maternal and newborn mortality in Cambodia by 2020, the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and their World Health Organization Collaborating Centre (WHOCC) has collaborated with the UNFPA Cambodia, Cambodian University of Health Sciences (UHS) and its Technical school of Medical Care (TSMC) to provide technical support to Cambodian midwives.

One key component of this work is to upgrade the qualifications of Cambodian midwifery educators to a Bachelor of Science in Midwifery through a Ministry of Health approved Bridging Curriculum. A Team Teaching Workshop (opened on 23 March) was also implemented to provide additional support and capacity building for national educators. The first sessions of the Midwifery Bridging Curriculum began in March, with fifty-two female midwives from urban and rural areas across Cambodia attending a series of lectures and workshops as part of the Bridging Curriculum.



Prof Vorthanak (UHS), Ms Catherine Breen Kamkong (UNFPA) with Ms Bou Molika (AVI), Midwifery Consultant Ms Julia Stewart, and UTS Team.

Whilst in Phnom Penh, the UTS team met with key stakeholders from UNFPA. Two further in-country visits are planned for the UTS Team to work with national educators from TSMC to deliver the remaining subjects of the Midwifery

Bridging Curriculum. The next visit by members of the UTS Team (Ms Rachel Smith, Professor Caroline Homer, Professor Joanne Gray, Ms Vanessa Scarf and Ms Amanda Neill) is planned for June 2018, with a final visit and workshops in September 2018.

## Regional Medical Councils and Directors of Clinical Services

Senior health leaders from 22 Pacific Island countries and territories and international health professionals met in April in Nadi, Fiji, to review current issues and contribute towards decisions that impact regional health policy. For the first time ever, nurses were formally represented at these meetings through the South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers Alliance (SPCNMOA) and the American Pacific Nursing Leaders Council (APNLC).

The Regional Medical Councils' (RMC) meeting covered challenges and opportunities experienced by the Australian and New Zealand Medical Councils, registration and licensing of clinical specialists and experiences outlined from the various Pacific Medical Councils.

The Directors of Clinical Services (DCS) meeting covered updates on regional clinical services, key issues impacting the delivery of clinical services in the region and an open discussion of related country perspectives and challenges. Partners provided updates on services to the Pacific Island Countries and plans for 2018; presentations covering regional cancer registry, dialysis options for Tuvalu, radiology across borders, regional procurement options, general practice and rural medicine.

The following recommendations were prioritised to address ongoing challenges for Pacific Nursing and Midwifery:



- Revision of nursing and midwifery services legislation and regulations;
- Establishing standards for educational quality, accreditation and continuous professional development;
- Establishing a regional registration framework practitioners/specialist programmes;
- A regional meeting of Pacific nursing and midwifery leaders to develop minimum standards in line with global standards.

The Directors of Clinical Services (DCS) meetings acknowledged the need for a regional mechanism for nursing and midwifery to provide continuing professional development, capacity building for training, protocols and standards development.



A regional meeting has been planned for October 2018 alongside the South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers Alliance meeting in the Cook Islands to review these recommendations and to update, discuss and plan effective programs for the Pacific in regulation, education, legislation and service delivery.

## Congratulations to Dr Isabelle Skinner of ICN



The appointment of Dr Isabelle Skinner as Chief Executive Officer of the International Nursing Council (ICN) was announced on June 4. Dr Skinner is a highly qualified and experienced nurse with a special commitment to improving rural and remote health.

Dr Skinner is currently a senior research fellow with James Cook University's Mount Isa Centre for Rural and Remote Health and has experience in nursing education, research and leadership. She has worked with health teams and students in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Singapore, Zimbabwe and China. "This is an exciting time for nurses to use our collective voice to lead in transforming our health systems and improving the health of our global community" - Dr Skinner.

## Congratulations to Dr Barbara Stilwell of Nursing Now



Dr Barbara Stilwell has been appointed Nursing Now's new Executive Director. She brings enormous experience and expertise and will be invaluable in ensuring that Nursing Now remains a truly global campaign.

'Nursing Now is promoting the essential role that nurses play in today's health care system and advocating not only for adequate funding for education and jobs, but also for the recognition that nurses are skilled, competent professionals, with many complex roles' - Dr Barbara Stilwell.

## Upcoming Events

### STTI 4th Biennial European Conference

4th to 6th June 2018, Cambridge, UK [Learn more](#)

### Canadian Doctoral Nursing Network Conference

11th to 13th June 2018, Saskatchewan, Canada [Learn more](#)

### Biennial Conference - Global Network WHO Collaborating Centres

17th to 20th July 2018, Cairns, Australia.

GNWHOCC General Meeting will be held on the last day, 20th July. [Learn more](#)

### 29th International Nursing Research Congress

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

19th to 23rd July 2018, Melbourne, Australia [Learn more](#)

### 4th World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH)

Hosted by the Qatar Foundation

13-14 November 2018, Doha, Qatar [Learn more](#)

## Media

### Report by Director General WHO

[Better value, better health. Strategy & implementation plan for value for money in WHO](#)

## Publications

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

#### WHO Bulletin July issue

- The cost of chronic kidney disease care in India
- Reducing hepatitis B: the milestones
- Cholera vaccination in crisis settings
- Primary health care for Japan's ageing population
- Including men in maternity care
- How much does a health system cost?
- The impact of China's tobacco tax

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/en/>

#### WHO Independent High-level Commission on NCDs starts its work.

<http://www.who.int/ncds/governance/high-level-commission/en/>

#### UHC2030

More countries support the global UHC movement with UHC2030

<https://www.internationalhealthpartnership.net/en/news-videos/article/more-countries-support-the-global-uhc-movement-with-uhc2030-408186/>

#### Lancet (offline)

Owning up on gender equality

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(18\)30863-9/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(18)30863-9/fulltext)

#### Lancet Global Health August issue

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/issue/current>

Globalisation and Health - Health system innovations: adapting to rapid change

Gerald Bloom et al

<https://globalizationsandhealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12992-018-0347-8>

#### Lancet series -

Pathology and laboratory medicine in low-income and middle-income countries

<http://www.thelancet.com/series/pathology-and-laboratory-medicine>

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