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## BIENNIAL ODN CONFERENCE 2010

The Oceania Development Network (ODN), GDN's network partner in the South Pacific region, will hold its third biennial conference entitled 'Regionalism and Service Delivery: Meeting the needs of Pacific Island People' on April 14-15 at Naviti resort, Fiji.

Discussions at the conference will focus on the themes 'The changing situation: Issues, gaps, successes and challenges,' 'Implementing new approaches: Governance, Economic Downturn and Consequences' and 'Development Challenges to Pacific Island Countries. For more information visit ODN's [website](#).

## TEACHING CLINICAL JUDGEMENT THROUGH SIMULATION

On Friday the 16th April, a symposium will be held at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) for professionals and educators involved in clinical simulation. For more information see the [UTS website](#). This will be an opportunity to discuss and share educational health care strategies with a clinical focus.

Professor Christine Tanner and Associate Professor Kathie Lasater will be proudly hosted by the UTS Nursing and Midwifery Faculty. Friday the 9th April is the closing date for submissions. [Submission information](#)

## THE WHO WESTERN PACIFIC INFECTION CONTROL TOOLKIT

The Infection Control Toolkit on Emerging Infectious Disease Outbreaks, and the Training Program provide health care professionals involved in infection control and prevention with research and education, patient safety, risk management and quality improvement, as well as documentation, disaster preparedness, and policy development. The toolkit has been compiled by the Hong Kong Task Force who welcome your comments and feedback. For more information see the [Infection Control Toolkit](#).

## WHO PATIENT SAFETY: A WORLD ALLIANCE FOR SAFER HEALTH CARE



The WHO Patient Safety Research examines the burden of unsafe care in hospital settings where the majority of health care is delivered. There is little evidence into that burden within developing countries where limitations of infrastructure, technology and resources may contribute to a greater risk of harm. This [report](#) examines the objectives of research into unsafe care, the research priorities in developing countries, and presents the areas and practices where more

### [Scaling-up professional competencies of primary health care providers](#)

Aimed to develop and maintain a competent workforce, the resource package helps training and education institutions produce more competent health care professionals who work in rural and remote areas, along with avenues for professional development for health practitioners.



### [Right to Health: New report on maternal and child health](#)

The launch of the report in New York and Nairobi marked the start of the first global campaign that will run for five years which aims to influence governments to

information and research is required.

ensure MDGs 4 and 5  
are met

## UNDP GEF GLOBAL HEALTHCARE WASTE PROJECT UPDATE REPORT, FEB 2010

This project aims to address the dioxin levels released through the incineration of healthcare waste which releases toxins. The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) was implemented to demonstrate best practice and techniques for healthcare waste to avoid dioxin and mercury releases in eight countries. Assessment, policy and guidance are described. [Click here](#) to view the report, or for more information visit the [Global Healthcare Waste Project](#)



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