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BOOKS/MANUALS/REPORTS

Global State of Pain Treatment: Access to Palliative Care as a Human Right (2011)

Author: Human Rights Watch
Description: The report details the failure of many governments to take even basic steps to ensure that people with severe pain due to cancer, HIV, and other serious illnesses have access to palliative care, a health service that seeks to improve quality of life.
How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [128p].
URL: *http://www.hrw.org/reports/2011/06/02/global-state-pain-treatment-0*

Data strategies for policymaking: Identifying international good practice (2011)

Author: Philipp-Bastian Brutscher, Jan Tiessen, Ala'a Shehabi, Daniel Schweppenstedde, Claire Celia, Christian van Stolk, Tom Ling
*Description: "*With the move towards evidence-based policymaking, the need for high-quality data — which can include statistical and qualitative data, but also existing research — has increased for policy makers and public sector organisations. Against this background DG SANCO asked RAND Europe to explore international good practice of using data in policymaking. Based on previous research in this field, this report develops a conceptual framework for characterising and classifying the different elements of a data strategy for public sector organisations. This framework comprises the key questions of how to identify and define data needs, how to collect data, how to analysis and how to use data. This framework is then applied to the analysis of thirteen cases studies. These thirteen case studies illustrate how different organisations in the fields of health, consumer, food and feed safety and animal welfare policy handle their data needs in policy making. The report concludes by identifying the key choices that need to be made in developing and implementing a data strategy for policymaking." Prepared for the European Commission Directorate General for Health and Consumers (DG SANCO) by the RAND Corporation.
How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [99p].
URL: http://www.rand.org/pubs/technical_reports/TR769.html

Pocket Book of Obstetric, Neonatal and Paediatric Emergencies including Major Trauma (2011)

Author: Maternal and Childhealth Advocacy International - Nottingham international charity
Description: In collaboration with the Government of the Gambia and WHO the Gambia. Available in English and Spanish. Strengthening Emergency Care programme – SEC. Last updated June 2011
How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [6.69MB].
URL: http://www.mcai.org.uk/assets/content/documents/pocket-book_English.pdf

Maximizing the Impacts of your Research: A Handbook for Social Scientists (2011)

Author: LSE Public Policy Group
*Description: "*For the past year a team of academics based at the London School of Economics, the University of Leeds and Imperial College have been working on a 'Research Impacts' project aimed at developing precise methods for measuring and evaluating the impact of research in the public sphere. …Part of the task was to develop guidance for colleagues interested in this field. In the past, there has been no one source of systematic advice on how to maximize the academic impacts of your research in terms of citations and other measures of influence. And almost no sources at all have helped researchers to achieve greater visibility and impacts with audiences outside the university… The book provides advice and guidance on how to ensure that your work achieves its maximum visibility and influence with both academic and external audiences."
How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [298p].

Accelerating the education sector response to HIV : five years of experience from Sub-Saharan Africa (2010)

Author: The World Bank
Description: The work described in this review shows the commitment of education teams throughout Africa to contribute to the multisectoral response to HIV/AIDS. It is also a testament to the leadership shown by Ministries of Education, in helping the new generation of children and youth grow up better able to challenge HIV, and in providing care and support for the educators who often represent more than half the public sector workforce. The work described in this review does not suggest any single solution. Instead, the approach is based on the recognition that Africa is a diverse continent, and countries need to find their own local approaches to the epidemic
How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [132p].
URL:
http://www.schoolsandhealth.org/Documents/Accelerating_education%20sector%20response%20to%20HIV%20in%20Africa.pdf

Improving Retention, Adherence and Psychosocial Support within PMTCT Services: A Toolkit for Health Workers

Author: Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University
Description: The document is a resource recently developed by ICAP for adaptation in sub-Saharan Africa. The materials in this Toolkit are designed to aid multidisciplinary care teams in providing women, families, and babies with increased support for retention, adherence, and psychosocial wellbeing throughout the continuum of PMTCT care. The materials are intended to improve the knowledge, skills, and confidence of a range of professional and lay health workers within PMTCT programs, thus enhancing the scope and quality of services available to PMTCT clients and their families. All of the materials included in the Toolkit are generic in form, and thus allow Ministries of Health, provincial and district authorities, health facilities and health workers, and implementing partners to adapt the content to suit specific programmatic and policy contexts.
How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [33,94MB] or can be downloaded by sections.
URL: http://www.columbia-icap.org/resources/pmtct/index.html

Measuring Up: HIV-related advocacy evaluation training pack (2010)

Author: International HIV/AIDS Alliance
Description: This training pack is published by the Alliance and the International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO) and consists of two guides designed for advocacy, monitoring and evaluation staff of civil society organizations (including networks) who are involved in designing, implementing and assessing advocacy projects at different levels. The purpose of these guides is to increase users' capacity to evaluate the progress and results of their advocacy work.
How to obtain: Available online as PDF files
URL:
Guide for learners http://issuu.com/AIDS_Alliance/docs/measuring-up-a-guide-for-learners
Guide for facilitators http://www.aidsalliance.org/publicationsdetails.aspx?id=477

Method for Synthesizing Knowledge about Public Policies (2010)

Author: Public Health Agency of Canada through funding for the National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy
*Description: "*Public policy can act as a lever for action that affects population health. Therefore, public health actors are called upon to produce knowledge syntheses in order to inform decision makers during the promotion, adoption and implementation of public policies. But studying these policies raises specific challenges. Drawing inspiration from political science, literature on evidence-informed decision making in public health, literature on evaluation and on deliberative processes, the NCCHPP has developed a knowledge synthesis method that is applicable to public policies. Using this method, one can document the effects and equity of the policies under study, as well as implementation issues of concern to decision makers (costs, feasibility, acceptability), based on the construction of logic models, on the scientific and grey literatures, and on deliberative processes organized to gather contextual information."
How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [65p].
URL: http://www.ncchpp.ca/docs/MethodPP_EN.pdf

Reasons for a differential impact of policies and interventions on the social gradient of health: A literature review

Author: Annemiek Dorgelo, Sarah Pos, Janine Vervoordeldonk, Jan Jansen
Description: Tackling the Gradient in Health – Project. The main purpose of this literature review is to map the current knowledge and information about the impact of policies and interventions on the social gradient of health and to find reasons for a differential impact of policies and interventions on health across different SES groups and age groups of children (and their families). Based on this knowledge and information the purpose is to find an explanation for why people respond differently to policies and interventions. In this chapter policies with an effect or an impact on the health gradient are described.
*How to obtain***:** Available online as PDF file [64p].
URL: http://members.kwitelle.be/GRADIENT/_images/wp3literaturereviewdifferentialimpact.pdf

Laboratory Quality Standards and Their Implementation (2011)

Author: World Health Organization, Regional Office for South-East Asia
Description: Establishing and maintaining laboratory quality standards are essential to generate reliable results to support clinical and public health actions. The Laboratory Quality Standards present a minimum set of standards that can be readily adapted by countries and applied to laboratories at every level of the health-care system. This document also outlines mechanism to implement them. This document will be of help to national policy-makers as well as regulators in developing national laboratory quality standards. It provides a simple approach to meet the minimum requirements set with the ultimate objective to comply with ISO 15189 in a logical and step-by-step manner
How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [74p].
URL:
http://www.searo.who.int/LinkFiles/Publications_Laboratory_Quality_Standards_and_Impl.pdf

Making Shared Decision-Making a Reality. No decision about me, without me

Author: Angela Coulter, Alf Collins
Description: The King's Fund - London UK – July, 2011. "The principle of shared decision-making in the context of a clinical consultation is that it should:support patients to articulate their understanding of their condition and of what they hope treatment (or self-management support) will achieve;inform patients about their condition, about the treatment or support options available, and

about the benefits and risks of each; ensure that patients and clinicians arrive at a decision based on mutual understanding of this information; record and implement the decision reached. The paper outlines the importance of communication skills and sets out how clinicians might approach consultations to arrive at shared decisions. It also suggests that tools that help patients in making decisions are just as important as guidelines for clinicians. Clinicians will find evidence for the benefits of shared decision-making and practical support in implementing it.
How to obtain: Available online as PDF file [56p].
URL: http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/document.rm?id=9190

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Software

Jing

Description: Jing is a free screencapture/screencasting tool from TechSmith, the company that also produces SnagIt and Camtasia. The free version of Jing produces .swf (Flash) videos up to five minutes in length. Jing videos can be saved to your own computer, sent directly to an ftp server, hosted at screencast.com, embedded in a blog or web page, or shared with Flickr or YouTube. For $14.95 a year, Jing Pro removes Jing branding from your videos, allows for simultaneous recording from a webcam, and uses a different format (MPEG-4) to maximize quality and minimize file size.
How to obtain: Free download. The free versions displays Jing branding.
URL: http://www.jingproject.com/

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