GHDonline: Communities of Practice for Global Health Implementers
Health delivery in resource-limited settings

The Challenges

- Limited infrastructure
- Limited access to information
- Professional isolation
- Difficulties receiving training
- Difficulties sharing knowledge
Millennium Development Goals

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Global partnership for development
Bridging the Knowledge Gap

The Solutions

• Open Access Journals
• Database Initiatives: HINARI, Ptolemy, eGranary
• Web 2.0/3.0 technologies: Wikis, etc.
• Professional Virtual Communities
Professional Virtual Communities are “an association of individuals identified by a specific knowledge scope with an explicit business orientation, aimed at generating value through members’ interaction, sharing and collaboration.”

Global Health Delivery Project
GHDonline.org is...

• …where professionals share proven practices, connect with colleagues, and find resources they need to improve health outcomes in resource-limited settings.

• …home to practice-based communities run by members, not by any single organization.
GHDonline.org: Facts

• Launched in July 2008

• Open collaboration in 7 public and 30+ private communities moderated by experts from multiple organizations

• Communities focused on specific health delivery challenges chosen for their potential impact on delivery of care
Welcome to GHDonline, the online platform of communities developed by the Global Health Delivery Project. GHDonline is where health care implementers share proven practices, connect with colleagues, and find resources they need to improve health outcomes in resource-limited settings.

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The Global Health Delivery Project
The Global Health Delivery Project aims to improve health among disadvantaged populations worldwide by systematicizing the study of global health delivery and rapidly disseminating knowledge to practitioners through a range of coordinated initiatives.

- Global Health Delivery

COMMUNITIES

Professionals representing 935 organizations across 124 countries are collaborating in GHDonline communities to improve the delivery of health care in resource-limited settings. Join one or several of the public communities below, or click here to learn more about the 35 private GHDonline communities designed to support the work of individual organizations and partnerships.

- Adherence & Retention
  - Members from 539 organizations across 87 countries are working together on Adherence & Retention challenges.

- Global Health Nursing & Midwifery
  - Members from 244 organizations across 57 countries are working together on Global Health Nursing & Midwifery challenges.

- Global Surgery
  - Members from 32 organizations across 9 countries are working together on Global Surgery challenges.

- Health IT
  - Members from 474 organizations across 91 countries are working together on Health IT challenges.

- Malaria Treatment & Prevention
  - Members from 206 organizations across 55 countries are working together on Malaria Treatment & Prevention challenges.

- MDR-TB Treatment & Prevention
  - Members from 463 organizations across 95 countries are working together on Tuberculosis and drug-resistant TB management challenges.

- TB Infection Control
  - Members from 541 organizations across 103 countries are working together on TB Infection Control challenges.

Search the Knowledge Base
Find the information you need in:

- Discussions and resources from GHDonline communities
- Content from our partners
- Our news feed from selected organizations
- Our selection of external websites' content

International Grant Subscription Program
The GHD Project and UpToDate, a leading electronic medical information provider, are teaming up to offer a limited number of one-year subscriptions to qualifying clinicians and organizations.

Supporting Medical Providers in Haiti
UpToDate is granting requests for donated subscriptions to medical providers in Haiti. Click here for more information.
GHDonline.org: Facts

- More than 2,600+ members representing 930+ organizations across 120+ countries
GHDonline.org: Mapping worldwide collaboration
GHDonline.org Use Cases

• **Builds bridges** between professionals, academics, and policy-makers

• **Strengthens bonds** within existing communities

• **Leverages partnerships** to democratize health information
A member, Director of a program in Lesotho, asks about Tuberculosis Infection Control interventions at home

- 27 replies received from 14 members
- 18 replies in less than 72 hours
- 12 organizations and 10 countries
TB Infection Control: Discussion

Infection control at home

Started by Hind Seth, MD on 09 Mar 2009

Dear colleagues,

I am a director of the MDR TB program in Lesotho. Our program is community based program, we manage and treat patients at home.

I would like to share with you what we are doing for infection control at home:

- We provide community health workers with N95 masks, each will get 3/month.
- We conduct home visit assessment before initiation of treatment to design intervention for infection control at home.
- Cough hygiene education for the patient and the family members.
- Separation where possible, if the patient lives in one room house we reallocate our patient temporary until he/she become non-infectious.
- Screening for TB and HIV for all household contacts.

I would like to hear from others what you are doing?

Thanks

Hind

Attached resource: "Whirly Bird" ventilation

Keywords: Personal Respiratory Protection, TB IC Guidelines

REPLIES (28)

1 Virginia Lipke RN, MHA, CIC

Dr. Sotti,
I wonder if your home-workers are making any suggestions on improving ventilation within the family home for summer months and winter months.
Partners In Health clinicians discuss with each other and Boston based colleagues complicated cases they encounter in the field.

- Subspecialty consult: Management of multiple myeloma
- Interdisciplinary collaboration: Breast Cancer patient
- Improved patient care: 25 yo F with progressive weakness
GHDonline: Leveraging Partnerships

• UpToDate® The clinical decision support tool for more than 360,000 clinicians in over 145 countries use as their clinical-decision support tool

• Journal Watch Produced by the publishers of the New England Journal of Medicine

• Endeca Search engine software

• Brightcove Video streaming
Facing the challenges of health delivery together

Professional Virtual Communities are an ideal environment for the production and sharing of knowledge in global health delivery.

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