



Positive practice environments for health care professionals

Quality Workplaces for Quality Care

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PPE partners publish a new Fact Sheet on the information needs of health professionals

Geneva, Switzerland, 31 August 2010 – “*Positive Practice Environments: Meeting the information needs of health professionals*” is the new tool in the PPE Campaign toolkit.

The Fact Sheet posted today on the PPE website www.ppecampaign.org has been prepared by Dr Neil Pakenham-Walsh and fellow members of the HIFA2015 Steering Group with input from HIFA 2015 members and the PPE Secretariat.

The central message of the Fact Sheet is that information access is critical for health professionals to provide safe, appropriate and effective care. Reliable and relevant information is considered as equally important as access to medicines and equipment. All are essential tools in the delivery of health care and/or advice. Up-to-date information is vital in guarding against adverse clinical events. Health information underpins quality service delivery and supports the continuing professional development of health professionals. Information needs are contextual and highly variable in place and time, and vary according to different health professionals in diverse circumstances.

We hope you find this new fact sheet a valuable resource.



Healthcare Information for All by 2015 (HIFA2015) is a global campaign and knowledge network with more than 3000 members from 1800 organisations in 150 countries worldwide, all working towards the HIFA2015 goal: ‘By 2015, every person worldwide will have access to an informed health care provider.’ HIFA2015 is administered by the Global Healthcare Information Network, a PPE International Collaborating Partner. For further information, see www.hifa2015.org

The PPE Campaign aims to improve work environments, staff recruitment and retention and quality of health services through the development of positive practice environments (PPEs).

PPEs are settings that ensure the health, safety and personal well-being of health professionals, improve the motivation, productivity and performance of individuals and organisations, and thus, support the provision of quality patient care.

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The **International Council of Nurses (ICN)** is a federation of 135 national nurses associations representing the millions of nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses and leading nursing internationally, ICN works to ensure quality nursing care for all and sound health policies globally (www.icn.ch).

The **International Hospital Federation (IHF)**, established in 1947, is an international non-governmental organisation, supported by members from over 100 countries, which include hospital associations, healthcare authorities, hospitals and healthcare institutions as well as various organizations playing a role in healthcare service delivery. As the worldwide body for health care and hospital organisations, it develops and maintains a spirit of cooperation and communication among them, with the primary goal of improving performance in service delivery, patient safety and of promoting access to health care for all (www.ihf-fih.org).

The **International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)** is the global federation of national associations of pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO). Through its 122 Member Organisations and 4000 Individual Members, FIP represents and serves almost two million practitioners and scientists around the world. Throughout its almost 100 year history, FIP's priorities have expanded to meet the needs and expectations of the profession in expanding healthcare services and integrating emerging scientific developments. FIP's Mission is to improve global health by advancing pharmacy practice and science to enable better discovery, development, access to and safe use of appropriate, cost-effective, quality medicines worldwide (www.fip.nl).

The **World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT)** is the sole international voice for physical therapy, representing more than 350,000 physical therapists worldwide through its 101 member organisations. WCPT believes that every individual is entitled to the highest possible standard of culturally appropriate healthcare underpinned by sound clinical reasoning and scientific evidence. It is committed to furthering the physical therapy profession and improving global health by encouraging high standards of research, education and practice, supporting the exchange of information and collaborating with national and international organisations (www.wcpt.org).

The **FDI World Dental Federation** is a federation of approximately 200 national dental associations and specialist groups. The organisation's vision of "leading the world to optimal oral health" acknowledges that oral health is an integral part of general health and well-being. The main roles of the FDI World Dental Federation are to bring together the world of dentistry; to represent the dental profession of the world; and to stimulate and facilitate the exchange of information across all borders, with the aim of optimal oral health for all people (www.fdiworldental.org).

The **World Medical Association (WMA)** is the global federation of National Medical Associations representing the millions of physicians worldwide. Acting on behalf of patients and physicians, the WMA endeavors to achieve the highest possible standards of medical care, ethics, education and health-related human rights for all people. The WMA provides ethical guidance to physicians through its Declarations, Resolutions and Statements (www.wma.net).

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