

EBM Africa Network: Networking a community of Evidence Based Practice in Middle Africa

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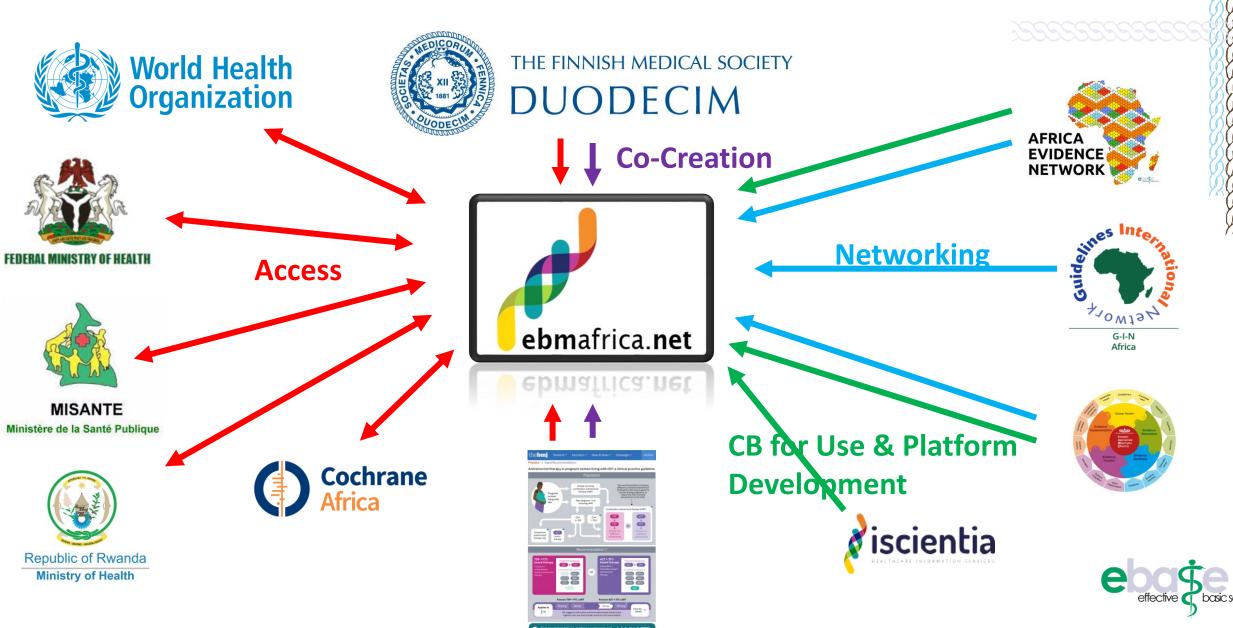


Components of Middle Africa Ecosystem

- Import of a comprehensive PoC guidelines collection in French and English: DUODECIM, WHO and National guidelines
- Access to scientific information through a digital library
- Local contextualization by editorial team
- Strong technical support for editing, publishing and providing decision support: iScientia



The Era of Evidence Use



The Editorial Team for Middle Africa





















Flow Chart of Contextualization Process

Need to add evidence based information on a specific topic?

National guideline exists!

WHO guideline exists!

Write a resume containing basic info, aetiology, diagnosis, treatment and medication.

Integrate the resume on the ebmafrica.net platform, add a link to the source guide line and publish! Write a resume containing basic info, aetiology, diagnosis, treatment and medication.

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Duodecim guide line exists!

Check to see if all the information is available.

Change the status to Adapted guideline and publish!

Add contextual information to the guideline.

Change the status to Adapted guideline and publish!





A Community of Practice (CoP) for Best Practices in Health for Middle Africa **Electronic Health Record** In the cloud Referral Hospital **District Hospitals** PHC PHC PHC PHC PHC

... Best Evidence for Best Practice Decision Making ...

Discussions

- How do we ensure training of clinicians, community health workers, developers, and consumers?
 - ©EBHC trainings (Systematic reviews primers, EIDM, audits and feedback, search etc)
- How do we ensure sustainability?
 - **Punding**
 - Engaging policy makers
 - Co-creation and co-production
- How can the EBHC get involved?
 - Collaborations
 - Opportunities to share experiences





Thank you for your kind Attention

Plenary session J | 11.00 - 13.00

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A fellowship of evidence in clinical practice: adapting foreign guidelines for Middle Africa Patrick Okwen, Effective Basic Services Africa (Cameroon)

