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

Access

Co-Creation

Networking

CB for Use & Platform Development
The Editorial Team for Middle Africa
Need to add evidence based information on a specific topic?

- **National 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 guideline and publish!

- **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 guideline and publish!

- **Duodecim guideline exists!**
  - Check to see if all the information is available.
  - 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

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... 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?

- Funding
- 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

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