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Prevalence of new born care practice and its associated factors among women who gave birth in the last one year in Adigrattown, Adigrat, Tigray, Ethiopia, 2018/19

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Background: Newborn care is a set of comprehensive recommendations designed by the World Health Organization to improve health of the newborn through intervention before conception, during pregnancy, soon after birth and during the postnatal period. Lack of effective use of the recommendations of the health care providers may lead to increased neonatal mortality. The ...

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Why anaemia in infants can't be solved by iron supplementation alone: Notes from the ethnic underground

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Author(s): Lutfi Jaber* and Gary Diamond

Aim: Our objective was to estimate the trends in incidence of anaemia among Israeli infants aged 9 to 18 months.

Methods: This was a cross-sectional retrospective study for the years 2002, 2007 and 2012 in two districts. Data was analyzed for geographic distribution, age, infant's haemoglobin level, ethnic origin, type of clinic where the infants received treatment, ...

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Knowledge, Attitude and Practices of Skilled Birth Attendants towards Immediate

Postpartum Family Planning Services

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Background: Postpartum Family Planning (PPFP) is one of the “High Impact Practices” to reduce maternal and infant mortality in Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs). Health Service Providers (HSPs) need to integrate these services as a core component of maternity services. This study aims to evaluate HSPs’ “knowledge, attitude and practices” regarding immediate PPFP ...

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Pesticide exposure and ocular toxicity

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Pesticide residues accumulate in homes with higher amounts that are found in the Child Breathing Zone. Negative health effects are known to exist from exposure to pesticide residues, including ocular toxicity. This paper reports on a study of pesticide residues found in a random sample of 132 homes in non-metropolitan counties of New York State. Fifteen pesticides wer ...

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Enhancing health facility-based data quality and use for decision making at primary health care units to improve health service delivery of maternal newborn child and adolescent health, Tigray Ethiopia 2018

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Objective: information use is fundamental for evidence based decision making but data quality and information use in health facility is limited in low and middle income countries. Therefore, a facility based cross sectional using mixed approach was conducted to assess data quality and use for decision making in 12 selected health facilities of Tigray, Ethiopia, 2018. ...

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Epidemiology of drug-resistant tuberculosis in Bahrain, five years review

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Introduction: Tuberculosis (TB) remains a major cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide, drug resistance is one of the major contributors to that. No existing published data about the burden of Multi-Drug Resistant (MDR) TB in the kingdom of Bahrain, the aim of our study is to estimate the prevalence of MDR TB in the kingdom and to define its resistance profile. ...

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Risk Factors of Sexually Transmitted Infections among Women of Child-Bearing Age in IDP camps in Abuja

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Author(s): Judith I Ukwajiunor, Okwuoma C Abanobi, Chikere Ifeanyi C Ebirim*, Sally NO Ibe and Christain C Nwachukwu

Background: Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) are a major public health concern which is responsible for acute illness, infertility, long-term disability and death globally. The adverse effect is however profound in developing countries and among women when left untreated. In Nigeria, the Boko haram insurgency and other conflicts has given rise to internally disp ...

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Study on Excreta Disposal Methods and the Occurrence of Faeco-oral Diseases in Owerri-North L.G.A, Imo State

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Author(s): Chidinma Miriam Chikwe, Chike C Okereke, Chikere I C Ebirim*, Sally N O Ibe, Rita O Chukwu and Emmanuel U Nwakwasi

Introduction: Access to excreta disposal facility (sanitary toilet) is a necessary human right of everybody and the fundamental sign of sustainable development. Children and adults regularly suffer from diarrhea and typhoid fever which are diseases that are spread mostly through faeco-oral route. The general objective of this study was to determine the excreta disposa ...

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Compliance with Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDTs) and pre-packaged Artemisinin-based Combination Therapy (ACTs) guidelines among pharmaceutical outlets in Port Harcourt, Nigeria

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Author(s): Ogechi Kingdom Nwankwo, Chikere Ifeanyi Casmir Ebirim* and Sally NO Ibe

Background: Malaria remains the major public health problem in Nigeria which accounts for more cases of death in Nigeria than in any other country in the world. It also accounts for 60% of outpatient visits and 30% of hospitalizations among children under 5 years of age in Nigeria. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends malaria to be tested, track prior to tre ...

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Strategies and methods to improve compliance in special patient groups and with specific health problems

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Adherence to long-term treatments for chronic conditions remains a challenging issue in general medicine. A low proportion of patients follow the recommendations from general practitioners. The attention of all recurrent or chronic health problems and turning points of natural or physiological situations but that present medical health risks requires co-operation with ...

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China's contribution to gut microbiota research

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Gut microbiota research is a hot topic. With the advancement of high throughput sequencing technology, gut microbiota provides a sally port for the pathogenesis of diseases, the mechanism of drug action and the strategy of treatment selection. The transformation potential of gut microbiota research is gradually being valued. This paper focuses on the study of gut micr ...

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The novel coronavirus in Palestine and risk for health care worker /case report

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Since December 2019, in Wuhan, China, a new type of coronavirus called novel coronavirus (COVID-19) was identified. The COVID-19 has then rapidly spread to all over China and the world. It can cause many symptoms including fever, difficulty in breathing and cough [1]. ...

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Boosting Research for Health in Libya and Developing Countries. Research Incubtors

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Author(s): Aisha Nasef* and Adel El Taguri

Research is a search for knowledge and an attempt to find out in a systematically and scientific manner to establish facts. It is characterized by clarity, objectivity, precision, validation, verification and generalizability. ...

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Letter to Editor

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Challenges and opportunities of medical research in Libya

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Medical research is needed at community, hospital and individuals levels. Governments and hospitals benefit from medical research to solve problems, identify priorities, monitoring intervention, analyzing out come and benchmarking. Medical research help in assessment of community health status. ...

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Increasing sexual misconduct: Going beyond victim blaming

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India is a country known for its heritage. Man protecting woman has been long considered a virtue rather than good conduct in our country. Just like good clinical practices in research there are few basic tenets on which every society stands and socio-cultural systems are built up. ...

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Is non-alcoholic steatohepatitis caused by alcohol?

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Author(s): Hubert E Blum*

Obesity and the associated diseases such as the metabolic syndrome, ...

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Technology transfer model for the formulation stage in biological products for public health

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Technology transfer is a tool used to absorb knowledge and technology, in addition to increasing a country's technological innovation. ...

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Interventions for prevention of Nipah virus transmission and infection in Bangladesh

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Author(s): Lamisa Ashraf*

Nipah virus (NiV) infections have been prevalent in Bangladesh since 2001. This virus is usually transmitted from infected bats to humans, and from humans to humans in Bangladesh. The most common source of transmission of Nipah virus in Bangladesh is through the consumption of a drink made from raw date palm sap that has been contaminated by infected bats' saliva or u ...

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Occupational burnout

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Author(s): Tzu-Ching Sung*

During the 1960s, the term "burnout" originated as an explanation of the effect on an individual who struggled with substance use disorder [1]. Burnout was first identified as a potential cause of attrition in various fields by Freudenberger in 1974 [2]. Since 1974, many scientific studies on this mental circumstance have been published. ...

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Social isolation, loneliness and health in the time of COVID

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Author(s): Thomas L Campbell*

Humans are social beings. We rely on others for our survival and well-being. Lack of social relationships have an enormous impact on our physical and emotional health and are a stronger risk factor for early mortality than most traditional health risk factors [1]. Our social connections have been threatened by the COVID-19 pandemic ...

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So close yet so distant: evidence from Lombardy and Veneto to plan COVID-19 recovery strategy

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Author(s): Silvia Ussai*, Marzia Calvi, Benedetta Armocida, Beatrice Formenti, Francesca Palestra and Eduardo Missoni

As Italy is approaching a new phase in the response to the COVID-19 epidemic, the analysis of policy choices and their impact offer a useful learning opportunity. Lombardy and Veneto, two neighbouring Regions with comparable socio-economic features, implemented different policies in response to the epidemic, which resulted in divergent outcomes. ...

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Why we should universally cover our mouth and nose in public while battling COVID-19?

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Most of us are faithfully practicing the 6-foot social distancing rule in public. Some, are even wearing masks while driving alone. On April 3, 2020, the CDC issued voluntary guidelines for the use of cloth face mask (such as a scarf, bandanna or homemade mask) while in public spaces [1,2]. In support of CDC's recommendations for decreasing the transmission rate of CO ...

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Outbreak of Respiratory Tract Infection Score (ORTIS): Objective Screening for Children to Rule Out COVID-19 and Prevent Nosocomial Spread

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Author(s): Varnit Shanker*

Since December 2019, over two million people worldwide have been affected by coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Because of quarantine measures, overcrowded healthcare facilities, fear of contracting the disease and forced behavioural modification to suspect every respiratory tract infection as a potential COVID-19 case – parents of sick children are hesitant to cont ...

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Health Alert Network

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“Always plan ahead. It wasn’t raining when Noah built the Ark.” Having said that quote from Richard Cardinal Cushing about emergency preparation, let us move on to our topic “Health Alert Network”. ...

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Perspective Study

Project ECHO, Communities of Practice, and a Successful Opioid Reduction Outcome

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Author(s): Ryan Spaulding, Whitney Henley*, Shawna Wright and Peggy Parker

Introduction: Project ECHO offers a virtual, interactive sessions to connect health care providers with specialists.

Evaluation efforts have focused on quantitatively identifying the implementation process and provider’s perspectives. This case demonstrates that patient success stories are able to provide a wealth of information that can be used as part of

evaluation ...

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Phased Reopening during COVID-19 in a nut shell

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Author(s): Joshua Chadwick Jayaraj*

As the COVID-19 pandemic is rapidly progressing, most countries have implemented physical distancing measures community-wide. As transmission dynamics begin to decline, along with incidence of COVID-19 cases, there will be a need for decisions at the country level about how to transition out of strict physical distancing and into a phased reopening. ...

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COVID-19: An unprecedented crisis that needs an extraordinary response

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Author(s): Tabish SA*

Today we are confronted with an unprecedented crisis world has never experienced before. Coronavirus pandemic has affected 213 countries, areas and territories. With 3,139,000 cases and 218,020 deaths globally (as on 29 April, 2020), there is no stop to the spread. The USA, Italy, Spain, France, UK, Germany, Belgium, Turkey and Iran have more cases and deaths than res ...

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Possibility of Community Transmission of COVID 2019 Infection In India: A WTSO Analysis Outcomes

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Author(s): Sanjeev Davey*, Anuradha Davey and Rajesh Jain

Background: With modest 1.3% of GDP spent on health, India is yet to develop robust primary care, quality emergency response infrastructure, and a surveillance system which can manage COVID 2019 infections Community Transmission with Corona +ve load of 8360 by 15th April 2020. Objective: So a Study of analysis of available cases pointing towards Community Transmission ...

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