

HRH EXCHANGE

The HRH Exchange is a virtual discussion platform holding regular discussions among health professionals, policy makers and individuals around the world to share experiential knowledge on topical subjects relevant to HRH.

Invitation to join the moderated discussion on MID-LEVEL HEALTH WORKERS 4 - 18 May 2010

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OBJECTIVES OF THE DISCUSSION FORUM

- Share evidence and good practice examples relating to mid-level health workers
- Address policy and programmatic questions of relevance to the topic
- Synthesize existing evidence and provide policy-relevant reflections on the mid-level health workers discourse through the production of appropriate knowledge products

POINTS TO PONDER

- Who are mid-level workers? What is their role in broader HRH and health sector strategies?
- Can mid-level workers improve distribution of the health workforce and access to services? If so, are there trade-offs with the quality of care provided?
- What are the most appropriate education and management strategies for mid-level health workers?
- What accreditation and regulation issues need to be considered? What are the health policy and system factors that enable a successful use of mid-level providers?

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