WHO updates guidelines for TB Infection Prevention and Control

In advance of World TB Day on March 14, WHO released updated recommendations for TB Infection Prevention and Control.

The guidelines outline a new evidence-based framework that promotes implementation of an integrated package of IPC interventions.

More information here, with systematic reviews from LSHTM’s TB Centre here.

Umoya omuhle is a 3 year study that began in 2017 and uses a whole systems approach to look at infection prevention and control for drug-resistant tuberculosis in clinical settings of South Africa in an era of decentralised care.

The name, Umoya omuhle, means good air in Zulu, and embodies the project vision of bringing a ‘breath of fresh air’ to current thinking on infection prevention and control.

For more information, visit: lshtm.ac.uk/UO

Umoya omuhle has been awarded £199,000 from the Bloomsbury SET group. The funding was earmarked by Research England for activities addressing the challenges of ‘pathogen emergence’.

The grant will be used to support the system dynamics modelling component of Umoya omuhle.

NEWS

Idriss Kallon has written a piece for the University of Cape Town on ‘Personal Protective Equipment for Tuberculosis Infection Prevention and Control in the Western Cape: Disjunctures Between Policy and Practice’ (Mar 24, 2019)


SA health system is putting workers at risk of getting TB - unions call for improved conditions and ventilation (Mar 24, 2019, The Citizen)

A human-rights approach is essential to end the global TB epidemic (Mar 24, 2019, Qrius)

Poor ventilation is noted as an issue in South Africa in the article TB patients still shunned by family (Mar 25, 2019, Daily Maverick)

Infection Prevention in Practice has put out a call for papers on IPC relating to HCAI

Funding News

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LITERATURE


UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

Sanj Karat releasing carbon dioxide to measure ventilation in a clinic waiting area in South Africa, March 2019.

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Umoya omuhle is a collaborative project between the following institutions: