11th GENEVA CONFERENCE
ON PERSON-CENTERED MEDICINE

Person - Centered Women’s Health
40 Years after Alma Ata
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Conference Participants are clinicians and scholars in medicine and other health fields as well as other interested individuals. ICPCM Continuing Professional Development (CME) Certificates will be e-mailed upon request to all registered participants. The registration fee is 500 Euros for persons residing in World Bank Group A (High Income Countries) and 350 Euros for persons in other countries. Full time students and official representatives of patient and family organizations pay discounted half rates.

Presentation Formats include Lectures, Plenary Symposia, Parallel Symposia, Interactive Workshops and Brief Oral Presentations.

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**11th Geneva Conference Program**

**WORKMEETINGS SUNDAY APRIL 8TH 2018**
Geneva University Hospital E-Rooms under Marcel Jenny Auditorium

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| 9:00 - 16:00 | Pre-Conference Institutional Work Meetings:  
   *Chairs: Jon Snaedal and Jim Appleyard*  
   - Person Centered Care Educational Programs: J. Appleyard, J. Snaedal, J. Mezzich, R. Wilson (120 min)  
     [11:00 - 11:15 AM, Coffee Break]  
   - Person Centered Integrative Diagnosis: J. Mezzich, I. Salloum, R. Cloninger, L. Kirmayer, M. Botbol, W. Van Staden (75 min)  
     [13:00-14:15 PM, Lunch Break]  
   - Membership, Meetings and Fund Raising: H. Millar, M. Botbol, J. Snaedal, J. Mezzich (20 min)  
   - Person Centered Nursing Network: T. Ghebrehiwet, A.K. Helgesen, V. Grondahl et al (15 min)  
   - Person-centered Mental Health Network: M. Botbol (15 min)  
   - Global Research Network and PCI: I. Salloum, L. Kirisci, J. Mezzich (15 min)  
   - Regional Networks: O. Chezet, W. Van Staden, V. Grondahl, W. Van Lerberghe, (25 min)  
     [15:45-16:00 PM, Coffee Break]  
| 16:00 - 17:00 | IJPCM Editorial Board Meeting  
| 17:00 - 18:30 | ICPCM Board Meeting

**CORE CONFERENCE FIRST DAY, MONDAY APRIL 9TH 2018**
Geneva University Hospital Marcel Jenny Auditorium (Plenaries and Sessions A) and E-Rooms (Sessions B)

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| 8:30 - 9:00 | Opening Session  
   Words of Welcome: J. Snaedal (ICPCM), O Kloori (WMA), Manjula Narasimhan (WHO), Lembit Rago (CIOAMS), Bettina Borisch (Geneva University).  
   Inaugural Lecture: Person-centered Women’s Health 40 Years after Alma Ata: Ruth Wilson (Kingston, Canada)  
| 9:00 - 10:30 | Plenary Symposium I: Person-centered Care 40 Years after Alma Ata  
   *Chairs: Chris Van Weel, Helen Millar*  
   - Person-centered care: What Alma Ata meant then and what it means now: Wim Van Lerberghe (Trieste)  
   - ICPCM Clinical Perspectives: Robert Cloninger (St. Louis)  
   - Inter-Cultural Challenges: Laurence Kirmayer (Montreal)  
   - Crossing the 90 biological threshold: The challenge of primary care: Salman Rawaf (London)  
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Coffee Break                                                                                       |
| 11:00 - 12:15 | Plenary Symposium 2: Precision Medicine and Whole Person Medicine: Science, Ethics and Society  
   *Chairs: Jon Snaedal (Reykjavik), Juerg Kesselring (Valens, Switzerland)*  
   - The biological bases of Person Centered Medicine: Robert Cloninger (St. Louis)  
   - Precision Medicine and Mental Health: Thomas Schulze (Munich)  
   - Ethical dimensions: Jim Appleyard (Canterbury, UK)  

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• Public Health Perspectives: Bettina Borisch (UGE, Geneva)
• Whole Person Medicine Integrative Approaches: Juan Mezzich (New York)

12:15 -13:30 Group Photograph and Lunch (open)

13:30 -14:45 Parallel Session 1A: Symposium on Burn-out and Sustaining a Healthy Workforce
Chairs: Meg Casson (Toronto), Werdie Van Staden (Pretoria, South Africa)

• Wellness and Burnout: Robert Cloninger (St. Louis, USA)
• Teaching self-care to the carer in Person Centered Medicine: Oscar Cluzet (Montevideo, Uruguay)
• Contributions and challenges for nursing in delivering person-centred women’s health: Ann Karin Helgesen (Halden, Norway)
• Balancing professional and personal lives: challenges for early career health workers: Zachary Bordman (Toronto, Canada)
• Cultivating the primary care workforce: Chris Van Weel (Nijmegen, The Netherlands)

Parallel Session 1B: Workshop on Mediation and Collaboration
Aleksandra Weber (Munich)

14:45 -15:15 Coffee Break

15:15 -16:30 Parallel Session 2A: Symposium on Research on Gender and Person-centered Care
Chairs: Laurence Kirmayer (Montreal), Manjulaa Narasimhan (WHO)

• Diagnostic research for person-centered women’s health: Ihsan Salloum (Miami, Florida, USA)
• Taking the medical history at first consultation: Iris Veit (Herne, Germany)
• Communication research: Evelyn van Weel–Baumgarten (Nijmegen, The Netherlands)
• Research on empathy in women’s health: Michel Botbol (Brest, France)
• Comparative study of Lima hospitals using the Person-centered Care Index: Alberto Perales (UNMSM, ANM), Levent Kirisci (University of Pittsburgh, USA), Juan E Mezzich (ICPCM), Elard Sanchez (UNMSM), Salomón Zavala (UNMSM), Edgar Amorín (INEN)

Parallel Session 2B: Person-Centred Health Care Beyond Slogans
Chairs: V. Grondahl (Halden, Norway) and Tesfa Ghebrehiwet (Alberta, Canada)

• The influence of technology and standards on healthcare staff’s job satisfaction: VA Grondahl et al (Halden, Norway)
• Challenges for female staff in person-centered care for male residents in nursing homes: AK Helgesen, EA Skaug, VA Grondahl (Halden, Norway)
• A pattern approach to analyzing perceptions of the quality of palliative care and satisfaction: T. Sandidalen, VA Grondahl, B. Wilde-Larrou (Halden, Norway)
• How to increase students’ practical knowledge of person-centered care in health and welfare education: L.S. Tvete et al (Halden Norway)

16:30 -17:45 ICPMC General Assembly (including a discussion of the 2018 Geneva Declaration)

17:45 -18:45 Cultural Group Walk (University of Geneva and Old Town)

19:00 Conference Dinner (at Restaurant des Vieux-Grenadiers, 92 rue de Carouge; tickets at Conference reception table)
• Wonca perspectives: Ruth Wilson (Kingston, Canada)
• Dementia and Caregivers: Jon Snaedal (Reykjavik)
• Diabetes and Comorbidities: Helen Millar (Dundee, Scotland)
• Physical activity and substance abuse in male and female adolescents: Levent Kirisci (Pittsburgh)
• The importance of self-care in the new setting: Austen El-Osta (London)

10:15 - 10:45  Coffee break

10:45 - 12:00  Parallel Session 3A: Symposium on Designing Primary Health Care Systems to Meet Women’s Needs
Chairs: Gail Webber (Ottawa), Mohammed Abou-Saleh (London)

• PHC contributions to meeting women’s needs: Chris van Weel (Nijmegen, The Netherlands)
• Setting health priorities under slow economic growth: Salman Rawaf (London)
• Inter-professional collaboration: Tesfa Ghebrehiwet (Alberta, Canada)
• Person-centered care and inter-sectoral collaboration: Aleksandra Weber (Munich)

Parallel Session 3B: Workshop on Clinical Communication
Evelyn Van Weel (Nijmegen, the Netherlands)

12:00 - 13:15  Lunch break (open)

13:15 - 14:30  Plenary Symposium 4: Respectful Maternity Care
Chairs: Charlotte Warren (Population Council), Jim Appleyard (London)

• Guidelines for safe maternity care: Ozge Tuncałp (WHO)
• Equity and access to respectful maternity care: Between hope and current challenges: Patricia Perrenoud (Lausanne)
• Caesarean section by maternal request: A woman-centered dilemma: Meg Casson (Toronto)
• Person-centered neonatal health care: Ornella Lincetto (WHO)
• Integrative Perspectives: Ruth Wilson (Kingston, Canada)

14:30 - 15:00  Coffee break

15:00 - 16:15  Parallel Session 4A: Symposium on Education and Research in Woman-centred Reproductive Care
Chairs: Evelyn van Weel-Baumgarten, (Nijmegen), Ihsan Salloum (Miami)

• User initiated interventions: Manjulaa Narasimhan, (WHO)
• Respectful Maternity Care in Tanzania: Gail Webber (Ottawa)
• How respectful care has been implemented: Centering group prenatal care: Rupa Patel (Kingston, Canada)
• Overcoming implementation challenges for respectful maternity care in Kenya: Charlotte E. Warren (Population Council, Washington, DC))
• Safe abortion care: Bela Ganatra (WHO)

15:00 - 16:15  Parallel Session 4B: Symposium on Human Rights and Women's Health
Chairs: Aleksandra Weber (Munich), Oscar Cluzet (Montevideo, Uruguay)

• WHO Quality Rights Initiative: Transforming mental health services and promoting rights: Michelle Funk (WHO)
• Philosophical perspectives: Werdie Van Staden (Pretoria, South Africa)
• Sexual violence against women in conflict situations: Mohammed Abou-Saleh (London)
• Impact of socio-economic status on cardiovascular risk and belief among women in Saudi Arabia: Mashael Alshaikh (London)
• Learning for caregivers in Europe: Spyros Zorbas (Greece)

16:15-17:30 Parallel Session 5A: Antoine Besse & Jitendra Trivedi Memorial Symposium on Person-centered Mental Health

Chairs: Afzal Javed (Nuneaton, UK), Michel Botbol (Brest, France)

• Preventive Psychiatry and Person-centered Care: Roy Kallivayalil (Kerala, India)
• Culture and person-centered psychiatric diagnosis: Werdie Van Staden (Pretoria, South Africa)
• Person-Centred Mental Health in England: Mohammed Abou-Saleh (London)
• Patient-centered perinatal mental health care in Uganda: Nandini Sarkar (Antwerp, Belgium)
• The development of health and personality following an 8-week health promotion intervention: Julie Jacquet (Grenoble, France)

Parallel Session 5B: Brief Oral Presentations

Chairs: Hans-Rudolf Pfeifer (Zurich), Zack Bordman (Toronto)

• Biopsychosocial determinants of opioid use disorder and implications for maternal and child health research: Imelda Medina et al (Miami)
• Quality circles with self-help groups: Ottomar Bahrs (Goettingen, Germany)
• Person-centered care and inter-professional collaboration: Aleksandra Weber (Munich)
• Development of a Short-form of the Quality from the Patient-Perspective Questionnaire for Palliative Care: T. Sansdalen et al (Halden, Norway)
• Operational efficiency of an immunization clinic in North Central Nigeria: A Time and Motion Study: Ibraheem Shola Abdulraheem (Amara City, Kano, Nigeria)

19:30 Networking Dinners (informally organized by interest groups)

CORE CONFERENCE THIRD DAY, WEDNESDAY APRIL 11, 2018
Geneva University Hospital Marcel Jenny Auditorium; last Seminar at WHO Headquarters

8:30-9:15 Paul Tournier Prize Session

Chairs: Jon Snaedal (Reykjavik), Frederic Von Orelli (Basel), Alain Tournier (Geneva), H-R Pfeifer (Zurich)

• Laudatio for C Robert Cloninger: Juan Mezzich (New York)
• 2018 Paul Tournier Prize Lecture: C. Robert Cloninger (St. Louis)
• Presentation of the 2018 Paul Tournier Prize Plaque: Jon Snaedal and Alain Tournier

9:15-9:45 Coffee break

9:45-11:45 Special Collaborative Session on Empowerment and People-centered Care

Chairs: Manjula Narasimban (WHO), Juan Mezzich (New York)

• Introductory remarks by the chairs.
• Empowering women through person-centered care: Ruth Wilson (Kingston, Canada)
  Discussion
• Empowering a healthy work force through training on healthy lives and well-being: Robert Cloninger (St. Louis)
  Discussion
• Empowering the people through self-care: Manjula Narasimban (WHO)
  Discussion
• Empowering the inter-professional health team: Howard Catton (International Council of Nurses, Geneva)
  Discussion
• Empowering youth through engagement: Michalina Drejza (WHO)
  Discussion
• Empowerment through engagement and empathy developments: Juan Mezzich (New York and Lima)
Discussion
- Session Conclusions: Manjulaa Narasimhan and Juan Mezzich

11:45-12:30  Conference Closing Session
Chair: Jon Snaedal, Ruth Wilson, Juan Mezzich
- 2018 Geneva Declaration on Person-centered Women’s Health 40 Years after Alma Ata: Ruth Wilson
- Conference Conclusions: Jon Snaedal
- Next Steps: Juan Mezzich

12:30-13:30  Transfer time from HUG to WHO

13:30-15:00  WHO Seminar on Person/People-centered Neo Natal Health
Room M-501, M Building Fifth Floor, WHO Headquarters
Chair: Ornella Lincetto (WHO), Hernan Montenegro (WHO) and Jim Appleyard (London)

13.30-13.40  Welcome and introductions: Ornella Lincetto / Hernan Montenegro / Jim Appleyard

13.40-13.50  Person/People Centered care: Applying the principles to neonatal health: Ornella Lincetto (WHO)

13.50-14.00  Midwife-led continuity of care for integrated newborn and mother care: Fran McConville (WHO)

14.00-14.10  Family centered care in LMICs: Experience from India: Arti Maria (New Delhi)

14.10-14.20  Family integrated care in HICs: Experience from Canada: Ruth Wilson (Kingston, Canada)

14.20-14.25  Response: Laurence Kirmayer (Montreal)

14.25-14.40  Comments: Werdie Van Staden (Pretoria), Evelyn and Chris Van Weel (Nijmegen) and Nandini Sarkar (Antwerp, Belgium)

14.40-14.55  Discussion

14.55-15.00  Conclusions: Ornella Lincetto, Hernan Montenegro, Jim Appleyard, Juan Mezzich
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ABSTRACTS

PRE CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONAL WORK MEETINGS

Person Centered Care Educational Programs

11GC ORGANIZING COMMITTEE EXPECTATIONS

The planning of this WorkMeeting by the 11th Geneva Conference organizing Committee has gradually evolved into two major expectations:

1. The first one involves the Development of an ICPCM Educational Program on Person-centered Clinical Care, building on a long effort most recently lead by Jim Appleyard and Jon Snaedal towards the design of Guiding Principles for Person-centered Clinical Care. The need for having such effort focused on the development of an ICPCM Educational Program has become apparent from recent meetings of the ICPCM Board and also from requests from the Indian Medical Association and the Latin American Network of Person Centered Medicine for collaboration on this topic.

2. The second expectation involves the initial planning of an ICPCM contribution, in collaboration with the WMA and other relevant institutions, to a prospective WHO European Office flagship project for the retraining of the existing workforce related to a major WHO Conference 40 Years after the Alma Ata Declaration.

It is hoped that the substantial time scheduled on 8th April for this important WorkMeeting will allow the presentation and discussion of ideas and recommendations leading to progress on the above two expectations.

PERSON CENTERED CLINICAL CARE:
PRINCIPLES AND STRATEGIES TOWARDS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
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The development of person-centered clinical care is inscribed within an international programmatic movement towards a medicine focused on the totality of the person. This movement, with broad historical bases, has been maturing since 2008 through conferences with global health institutions, research projects and academic publications.

This paper is aimed at elucidating the conceptual principles of person-centered medicine (PCM) and to delineate strategies for the practical application of such principles in clinical care services.

The above objectives have been approached through literature reviews, international consultations, and reflections on the patterns and indications obtained.

Books on Person Centered Medicine & People Centered Health Systems

WORKMEETING ON BOOKS ON PERSON CENTERED MEDICINE AND PEOPLE-CENTERED HEALTH SYSTEMS
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These textbooks would summarize solid evidence on how to go about putting concepts of person-centered medicine and people-centered health systems into practice. They would be multi-editor and multi-author books, engaging some of the principal international clinicians and scholars on the field. They are being requested by Springer, which recently published the textbook Person Centered Psychiatry [1] prepared under the auspices of the International College of Person Centered Medicine and co-sponsored by the World Psychiatric Association.
The Person Centered Medicine book would tentatively be structured into the following sections:
A. Principles of Person Centered Medicine (PCM)
B. Methods for Person Centered Clinical Care (PCCC) (content, structure, processes)
C. Settings for Clinical Care and Clinical Governance
D. Clinical Specialties

The People-centered Health Systems book would be structured as follows:
A. Principles
B. Policies for People-Centred Health Systems.
C. Illustrative Country Experiences

Person Centered Integrative Diagnosis

PERSON CENTERED INTEGRATIVE DIAGNOSIS: OVERVIEW AND PROSPECTS
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Diagnosis is a fundamental activity in medicine and health care, as it involves developing an adequate informational base to understand a clinical condition and substantiate and guide clinical care. It is argued logically that for practicing Person Centered Medicine (a medicine that places the whole person in context as the focus and goal of clinical care), Person Centered Diagnosis is needed. A theoretical model for person centered diagnosis has been developed and published by the International College of Person Centered Medicine as Person-centered Integrative Diagnosis (PID)[1]. This theoretical model has been applied for the development of the Latin American Guide for Psychiatric Diagnosis (GLADP-VR), published by the Latin American Psychiatric Association (APAL)[2] for the use of health professionals in that continental region. At an earlier Geneva Conference on Person Centered Medicine, a consultational exploration was conducted towards the development of a practical guide for person-centered diagnosis in general medicine, which is expected to move forward.

At the Work Meeting on Person-centered Integrative Diagnosis within the framework of the 11th Geneva Conference on Person Centered Medicine, the following activities are planned:
• Brief overview of the work accomplished so far.
• Review of prospects for the description and classification of diseases in general, including the Wonca classification for primary care and ICD-11 in general.
• Review of prospects for advances in the diagnosis of disabilities and quality of life, contributory factors for health, and experience and values for health.
• Review of prospects for enhancing the interview process, engagement and the establishment of empathy.
• Review of prospects for conceptualizing and formulating a basic unit of assessment (CR Cloninger).
• Review of prospects for enhancing the assessment of culture and context: Insights for enactivism (L Kirmayer).
• Other contributions towards enhancing the further development of Person-centered Integrative Diagnosis.

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PERSON-CENTERED INTEGRATIVE DIAGNOSIS: WHAT IS THE NATURAL UNIT OF ASSESSMENT?
C Robert Cloninger (St Louis)

Summary for discussion:
• Nearly all genes for human personality have been uncovered along with interacting environmental influences that integrate health as a complex adaptive system
• These genes code for profiles of traits describing the whole person, not for individual traits
• The genes for personality directly influence physical, emotional, and social aspects of health, so these aspects are fundamentally indivisible
• Regulatory processes that integrate functions for adapting to the biopsychosocial milieu orchestrate all the organs of a person as components of ever larger wholes (community to cosmos) as people develop and evolve in awareness
• Consequently, effective/efficient care needs to be universal, person-centered, people-centered, integrated across sectors of government, and focused on fostering opportunities to develop character strengths
• Social determinants of health like poverty and inequity need to be understood as influences on biopsychosocial processes of adaptation, not something independent of genetics, biology, psychology, or spirituality
CULTURE AND CONTEXT IN PERSON-CENTERED INTEGRATIVE DIAGNOSIS: INSIGHTS FROM ENACTIVISM

L Kirmayer (Montreal)

Culture and context are essential dimensions of person-centered integrative diagnosis (PCID). Cultural identity, knowledge and skills shape illness experience, help-seeking and the response to treatment. Progress has been made in developing interview protocols and assessment strategies to capture aspects of culture and context and there is evidence that the use of these tools and strategies can improve the accuracy of diagnostic assessment. However, the field faces a major challenge in developing systematic ways to incorporate culture in diagnostic formulation. This presentation will suggest ways to advance PCID by incorporating insights from enactivist cognitive science. While previous work in cultural psychology and psychiatry have approached culture in terms of internalized representations, enactivism emphasizes that individuals are in constant transaction with their local environments. These environments constitute ecopsychosocial niches that provide cultural affordances, which people use to co-construct personal and collective meanings of health and illness. Experience and adaptation then involve loops of action and perception that include brain, body and the social world. Disease etiology, vulnerability, resilience, healing and recovery can be characterized in terms of the dynamics of these brain/body-person-environment loops. The example of depression will illustrate how an enactivist view can enrich PCID by formulating health problems in ways that more fully integrate culture and context into assessment, treatment planning, and the ongoing negotiation of the clinical relationship.

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Regional Networks

LATIN AMERICA NETWORK OF PERSON CENTERED MEDICINE
Oscar Cluzet (Montevideo, Uruguay)

BACKGROUND
The foundational event of Latin America activities in Person Centered Medicine (PCM), with Professor Juan Enrique Mezzich’s leadership, under the theme of “Toward PCM and Health: an University and National Dialogue” took place in December 2013 (1). The Latin American Network of Person Centered Medicine (LANPCM) was founded one year later, at a Lima Symposium 2014, with Professor Alberto Perales as first president.

OBJECTIVES
1. To analyze continental events since 2013 to the present as well as the documents produced in those events.
2. To present the main Latin American contributions to PCM development.

MATERIAL AND METHODS
“Contribution” was defined as an adequate solution to a specific regional problem. Reference documents produced in each instance: Act of Lima, Declarations of Buenos Aires (2), Declaration of Bogota (3) and three successive Lima Declarations, were analyzed and their leading contributions are grouped for this event.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

Ten proposals are listed, four of them in educational areas, the last ones coming from Third Latin American Conference of PCM, Lima, 2017. Finally, forthcoming actions of LAN-PCM planned for this year are listed.

CONCLUSIONS
Despite many difficulties, the level of activity and creativity of Latin American Network of PCM seems high and its contributions to PCM development are solid and consistent but need to be integrated further into a global vision that articulates the best regional solutions.

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CORE CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Opening Session: Inaugural Lecture

PERSON-CENTERED WOMEN’S HEALTH 40 YEARS AFTER ALMA ATA
Ruth Wilson (Kingston, Canada)

Objectives: To describe the opportunities arising from intersection of three important movements in health—women’s health, person-centered medicine, and the renewal the commitment to primary health care described 40 years ago at Alma Ata.

Findings: Over eight hundred women die every day in childbirth. Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of mortality in women. Sexual and gender-based violence are a reality in too many women's lives. Women’s health involves women’s emotional, social, cultural, physical and spiritual well-being and is determined by the social political cultural and economic context of women’s lives, as well as by biology. This definition of women’s health recognizes the validity of women’s life experiences and women’s own beliefs about and experiences of health.

The Declaration of Alma Ata called for primary health care which at a minimum addressed maternal and child health care, including family planning. It states that this orientation of health care requires and promotes maximum community and individual self-reliance and participation in the planning, organization, operation and control of primary health care.

Person centered medicine describes health care which is

- of the person (i.e., addressing the whole person's physical, mental, social, and spiritual needs, including strengths and vulnerabilities, while caring for illness and promoting positive health);
- by the person (i.e., engaging in joint decision making with caregivers, who in turn extend themselves as full human beings);
- for the person (i.e., empowering people to fulfill aspirations for their own health and personal life projects); and
- with the person (i.e., expressing mutually respectful and assertive relationships in which there is co-active communication and joint understanding).

These three movements together can work address the major challenges in women's Health in 2018. Women's empowerment, revitalization of the promise of primary health care, and the promotion of person-centered medicine can work in concert to address the important global challenges for women's health.

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1. Declaration of Alma Alta
   http://www.who.int/publications/almaata_declaration_en.pdf
2. Geneva Declaration

Plenary Symposium 1: Person-centered Care 40 Years after Alma Ata

ICPCM CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES
Robert Cloninger (St. Louis)

Objectives: To understand how person-centered care can be provided universally, we need to recognize what are the key processes that permit effective health promotion in both developed and undeveloped countries and across inequities in social determinants of health within countries

Methods: review of the ultimate causes of health and well-being, including biological, mental, and social determinants of health

Findings: Access to medical care is a less potent influence on morbidity, mortality, and other health outcomes than psychosocial variables, such as health behaviors, income, education (1). The psychosocial variables that influence health can in turn be understood in terms of profiles of personality variables that account strongly and directly for variability in physical, mental and social well-being (2).

Discussion: Healthy people are responsible, cooperative, and creative persons, and vice versa. Health outcomes depend on personality organization regardless of socioeconomic circumstances. Genetic, psychosocial, and socioeconomic circumstances do influence the development of healthy or unhealthy personalities.

Conclusions: Effective disease prevention and health promotion depends on policies that promote healthy personality development, which in turn lead to healthy behaviors and appropriate utilization of health care.

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INTER-CULTURAL CHALLENGES FOR PERSON-CENTERED MEDICINE
Laurence Kirmayer (Montreal)

Given the great diversity of experience in families, communities, and societies, every clinical encounter is, to some degree, intercultural. Even in the same geographic region, people may face very different exposures to risk and protective factors that affect
their health, access to care, and processes of healing and recovery. Understanding these differences requires an intersectionality framework that considers age, gender, social class, education, ethnicity, racialized identity, and other aspects of social position. Major challenges to providing intercultural care include: i) structural constraints of time and resources in the health care system; ii) conceptual limitations of current models of disease, doctor-patient communication, and health care delivery; and iii) the politics of recognition and redistribution in the larger society. Clinicians must attend to the social determinants of health to understand patients’ illness experience, communicate effectively, and devise interventions that address key concerns. This requires conceptual models of the ways in which cultural knowledge and social position shape disease etiology, symptoms, help-seeking, illness course, and treatment response. However, the kinds of cultural difference that are recognized and given attention in health care systems and services reflect the local politics of alterity. In the current global context of increased forced migration, politicized anxiety about the other, and reactionary populism, many people are exposed to systemic racism and discrimination. These same issues influence the clinical encounter and impede communication and recognition of structural inequalities. Person-centered medicine must engage the politics of social marginalization and exclusion to address major determinants of health and provide effective care.


CROSSING THE 90 BIOLOGICAL THRESHOLD: THE CHALLENGE OF PRIMARY CARE
Salman Rawaf (London)

Introduction
Longevity is a key mark of the 21st century with many people lives over the age of 90. Many of them can enjoy reasonable good health and independence. However, many in this important group of population provide health systems and services with many challenges due to the multiple morbidities and complex interventions they needs. They also require services outside traditional health in term of personal support, mainly from social services. This paper will address the complexity of care in this age group; some of the solutions; and the way forwards, as number (and hence percentage) of this age group will continue to multiply in the future

Methods
1. Review of the current literature on ageing population and what does it mean for health systems

2. Analyse the costs of interventions and what does it mean to the health system

3. Focusing on some of the good examples exist around the world in addressing this important age group’s needs

4. Reflect on policies should be developed and how the public and patients should be at the centre of it.

Conclusion
With improved socioeconomic situation around the world, people are living longer and healthier. Many health services are accommodating to this age group needs despite complexity. Health professionals should be aware of this ‘new norm’ in our society and put in place policies and plan to ensure this age group needs are fully addressed.

Plenary Symposium 2: Precision Medicine and Whole Person Medicine: Science, Ethics and Society

THE BIOLOGICAL BASES OF PERSON CENTERED MEDICINE
Robert Cloninger (St. Louis)

Objectives: To describe the biological bases of Person-centered Medicine

Methods: Review of prior reports and new findings about the genetics and evolution of human personality

Findings: There are three systems of learning and memory that account for human personality development: (1) Habit learning by behavioral conditioning, (2) intentional self-regulation to achieve goals and maintain social relations, and (3) episodic learning and memory, as in autobiographical narratives. These have different psychological properties, unique genetic influences, and distinct brain circuitry and regulate health in general, not only mental health (1).

Discussion: Understanding and caring for persons requires understanding of who the person is as well as cultivation of healthy personality traits (2). Healthy personality traits account for most but not all variability in health outcomes.

Conclusions: PCM integrates humanism with science, and the humanistic aspect depends on the determinants of healthy personality development. Studies of the causes of human personality therefore provide fundamental information about the biological basis of PCM to guide the development of its methods and practices in a coherent way.

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PRECISION MEDICINE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Thomas Schulze (Munich)

While precision medicine or personalized medicine approaches are widely considered to be driven by biological advancements, they cannot be pursued without person-centered concept of disease and treatment, in particular for psychiatric disorders. To illustrate this, I will present latest findings from (1) one of the largest prospective cohort and biobanking projects in psychosis research, the multicenter PsyCourse initiative (www.psycourse.de) and (2) the international Consortium on Lithium Genomics (wwwنمونت.ORG). Using the PsyCourse example, I will show how a systematic longitudinal assessment can help stratify patients according to their course of illness, life events, and/or biological parameters. These stratification approaches delineate highly individualized trajectories of course and outcome that can be used in downstream biological analyses (like generation of induced pluripotent stem cells). Using the unique ConLiGen resource, I will demonstrate how genomic research may eventually advance translational research aimed at personalized prescribing of lithium.

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ETHICAL DIMENSIONS

Jim Appleyard (Canterbury, UK)

One of the intentions behind the application of the prefix ‘precision’ to Medicine was to broaden the discourse from concept of personalized medicine which has the expectation that medicines would be synthesised personally for single patients to the broader concepts of the precise tailoring of therapies to sub categories of disease which are often defined by genomics. Biomedical technologies have enabled a greater understanding of genetic diseases pharmacogenomics and oncology. They have raised new ethical dilemmas particularly for research ethics committees because of the enormous amounts of data generated by clinical whole-genome or whole-exome sequencing and the extent of current uncertainties with respect to data interpretations and disease associations. Among the most ethically challenging issues for clinicians are the complicated informed consent processes, returning results – particularly secondary and incidental findings– and privacy and confidentiality. The fundamental ethical principles underpinning the practice of medicine provide an essential framework within which these new challenges must be considered so that the safety and best interests of each person are ensured At the heart of this is the patient-physician relationship which is based on the dialogue between the patient as a person and the physician allowing trust to develop between two individuals so that the best interest of the person can be jointly sought through shared decision making within this clearly understood ethical framework. The key principles are respect for the individual, beneficence, non-malfeasance, truthfulness, confidentiality with the protection of privacy, and justice. At times it is enormously difficult to balance these principles as they may internally conflict within the individual circumstances the physician.

The physician’s professional independence must include the absence of any conflict of interest. These ‘principles’ need to be ‘internalized’ and become our professional conscience, to act as a compass through the complex scientific and medico social scene.

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THE PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE OF PERSON-CENTERED MEDICINE
Bettina Borisch (UGE, Geneva)

Person-centered medicine (PCM) has become a buzz-word. The individualistic approach and the population-based approach of individualized medicine and the public health (PH) may seem contradictory. This work will present the links and contradictions between the two by using the Global Charter systematic.

Methods
The Global Charter for the Public’s Health is a tool-kit used to analyze and facilitate the implementation of public health policies. It was created conjointly by the World Federation of Public Health Associations and WHO. It was created via a world-wide consultation with stakeholders. Since then several countries, institutions and projects are implementing the Charter.

Findings
The person-centered approach needs a local and cultural definition. This being done the obvious contradiction with Public Health is not as clear as hypothesized. On the contrary basic principles of both “disciplines” converge to the same objectives.

Discussion
The main aims of both PCM and public health should be the same: promotion and protection of health and prevention of diseases. There are bridges between the two apparently different approaches. They go back to the Alma Ata declaration and its goals set in this declaration are still valid. The question as why are we not there yet and how can the goals be reached?

Conclusions
The links between to Public Health have to be strengthened as both approaches have complementary views. The use of a framework like the Charter can be of help.


WHOLE PERSON MEDICINE INTEGRATIVE APPROACHES
Juan E. Mezzich (New York)

This presentation will formulate and discuss concepts on the theory and practice of Person Centered Medicine (PCM). To this effect, it will build on the various papers presented in this symposium, selected papers published in the International Journal of Person Centered Medicine [1-3] and other vehicles as well as major research projects of the ICPCM relevant to the systematic conceptualization and measurement of PCM and the development of a Person-centered Integrative Diagnosis model [5] and its practical application in a Latin American Guide for Psychiatric Diagnosis [6]. Emerging from such analysis are the prospects of a view of PCM involving a holistic dynamic understanding of health and aimed at care informed by bio-psycho-social evidence, experience and values.

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Parallel Session 1:
A: Symposium on Burn-out and Sustaining a Healthy Workforce

WELLNESS AND BURNOUT
C. Robert Cloninger (St. Louis)

The problem of burnout is not limited to physicians in the USA.

Burnout is now a worldwide problem encountered in all workers around the world who are treated impersonally like objects as a means to material profit, rather than as human beings with intrinsic dignity worthy of mutual respect.

The fundamental problem is the dehumanization of the human being with a consequent loss of feelings of dignity, trust, hope, and compassion, which are needed to give meaning and purpose to everyone’s life.

Therefore, we need to encourage person-centered approaches to medicine. The growing prevalence of burn-out is the Achilles heel of dehumanized approaches to medical care.
TEACHING SELF-CARE FOR THE CARER: ITS PLACE IN PERSON CENTERED MEDICINE

Oscar Cluzet (Montevideo, Uruguay)

BACKGROUND
Caring for who cares represents a real health need recognized for long time and it is expressed in the implementation of various professional welfare programs. In the PCM, with consequent enhance in the respective commitments, it is foreseeable that need for this care will be increased.

Current medical education doesn’t emphasize personal values and choices of the person, which is fundamental in a holistic care paradigm like PCM (1). Consequently, health professionals should be engaged to become proficient in person centered health systems (2).

OBJECTIVES
1. Contribute to development of the doctor’s wellbeing programs, applied to professionals who perform PCM in medical practice.
2. To train the teacher in the contents and the strategies destined to develop self-care of health personnel that performs PCM in the medical practice.

MATERIAL AND METHODS
Indications of the main international reference document: Statement of the Welfare of Doctors (3) was following. Then, it tried to establish how the directives of the aforementioned document work in their application to a properly consolidated PCM.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION
An attempt is made to establish a Program. The first criterion is that a cultural paradigm change requires integrated educational actions, which are detailed. The second criterion is that each safety objective that has been defined as a healthcare endpoint determines specific actions.

CONCLUSIONS
Guidelines for educational planning following comprehensive principles of safety simultaneously for the patient and the health team are aimed at favoring cultural change that facilitates PCM’s consolidation.

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CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHALLENGES FOR NURSING IN DELIVERING PERSON-CENTRED WOMEN’S HEALTH

Ann Karin Helgesen (Halden, Norway)

Objectives: The majority of nursing personnel working in nursing homes are women and most of the residents are women. The aim of this study was to explore the experience of nursing personnel with respect to patient participation in special care units for persons with dementia (SCUs) in nursing homes, with focus on everyday life.

Methods: The study has an explorative grounded theory design. Eleven nursing personnel were interviewed twice.

Findings: Patient participation was often found to be a losing principle in the hectic everyday life on an SCU, in spite of expressed good intentions from the nursing personnel.

Discussion: Patient participation was described as an important element of the care given in the SCUs. Findings showed that the patient participation had to be adjusted to the individual resident. However, patient participation was often primarily adjusted to suit the nurse’s ideas about how to carry out the daily care in the SCU context, and secondly to the individual resident’s needs and wishes. Patient participation was described at different levels as letting the resident make their own decisions, adjusting the choices, making decisions on behalf of the residents, and forcing the residents. The educational level and commitment of the nursing personnel and how often they were on duty, impacted on the level that this person applied, as were the ability of the residents to make decisions, and organisational conditions, such as care culture, leadership and number of personnel.

Conclusions: To improve patient participation in SCUs for persons with dementia in the future, I suggest that more attention should be paid to creating care cultures with visible leaders who give priority to patient participation. All nursing personnel should be given the opportunity to join discussions about questions such as: ‘What does patient participation mean?’ and: ‘How can we promote an adjusted level of patient participation in our unit?’

References:
Balancing one’s personal and professional life is essential to maintaining wellness and preventing burnout. This is important not only for the physician and their long-term health, but also directly impacts patient outcome. Early career physicians and other healthcare workers face unique challenges to balancing their lives, including poor habits that are developed in residency or training. To combat this, many training programs are developing and implementing a range of wellness programming into their curriculum. The cultural shift towards awareness of the importance and promotion of personal wellness will play a significant role in maintaining a healthy medical workforce in the future.

Balancing professional and personal lives; challenges for early career health workers
Zachary Bordman (Toronto, Canada)

Background, Objective: Most countries around the world experience problems in their health systems to meet and finance the health needs of their populations. Primary health care is considered a key factor in solving this problem: health systems with community-based primary health care as a core component focus on individuals and populations in their bio-psycho-social context; and have better population health at lower health expenditure. Health reforms towards primary health care are further bolstered by the pursuit of universal health coverage. Yet, the expanding role of primary health care has often to be realized under conditions where the political, educational and scientific agendas continue to focus on organ- and disease-centered interventions. This mismatch between health policy aspirations and its actual management is a threat for the wellbeing and functioning of primary health care professionals.

Methods: This presentation reviews experiences of success in developing primary health care and identify strategies that have empowered the cultivation of a competent, self-confident primary health care workforce, acknowledged by the public, patients, policy makers and academic leaders.

Findings, discussion and conclusions: Three strategies come forward:
1. The identification of the core values that determine the effectiveness of primary health care: bio-psycho-social integration, continuity of care, person- and population centeredness based on a relation of trust.
2. Building of professionalism through teaching and training, based on these core values.
3. Development of indicators for performance review and remuneration, that capture these core values.

Currently, development of primary health care sensitive indicators is the biggest challenge.


1B: Workshop on Mediation and Collaboration

Person-centered care and mediation
Aleksandra Weber (Munich)

Health is not everything, but everything is nothing without being healthy.
Arthur Schopenhauer

Person-centered care is a collaborative effort is a sector of unique complexity with a variety of players, professionals and interest groups interacting transdisciplinary and cross border in order to support health of the individual and the society in general. Sector closely interacts with social, cultural, ethical, political and economic aspects of the society and is the essential part of it. Expanding costs, technological progress with new options for diagnostic and treatment, strong cost cutting pressure, aging of the society and turbulence in the global economy are some of the topics causing tension around the globe. The main challenge for healthcare sector is bridging individual health and social responsibility through integrative cooperation of all participants. The overall potential for misunderstandings and conflicts within the sector is extremely high on all levels of interactions. The purpose of this study is to explore the use of mediation in person-centered care, share personal experiences from consultations in the medical field and raise the awareness for effective communication and dispute resolution. It has been suggested in the selected literature, that mediation skills may optimize the process of person-centered care. Mediation as an autonomous process for conflict solutions bears a facilitating power in dealing with most critical issues, dilemmas and challenges. It is an integrative process of mutual decision making in order to solve problems effectively and harmonize relationships sustainably, thus sparing our most valuable resources. Mediation is relationally oriented and goes beyond than being just a technical tool by including cultural values, traditions, individual minds sets and life principals of the disputants. Mediation, conducted by a neutral third party can be easily applied in the clinical practice to involve all...
stakeholders in diagnostic and treatment processes and catalyze collaboration. There is a strong need for a comprehensive conceptual framework with core elements of person-centered communication including empowerment and recognition of all active participants. Healthcare mediation teams should be set up at individual facilities to provide education and consultation services to frontline staff and patients. The key idea is to raise the awareness of implementing mediation skills in a daily practice of person-centered care, lay the foundation for future innovative research in this field and also implement this aspect in educational programs. The participants will have the opportunity to actively collaborate on a case study.

Parallel Sessions 2:
A. Symposium on Research on Gender and Person-centered Care

**TAKING THE MEDICAL HISTORY AT FIRST CONSULTATION**

*Iris Veit (Horne, Germany)*

In Germany a consultation at doctor’s office lasts 7 minutes. On average general practitioners have more than 250 contacts with patients per week. This is frustrating for them and their patients. To invest more time in the first consultation will be useful to reduce frequent consultations and to establish a cooperative relationship of truth between doctors and their patients.

This is the aim of a now official recommendation of the German Society for general practitioners und family medicine DEGAM concerning the take of medical history.

This recommendation has been created by more than 30 general practitioners, female and male, from Germany and Austria, who work in their own office and also teach medical students, linguistic and sociological experts and psychotherapists. The process lasted several years and included during three workshops the discussion of videotapes of doctor-patient interactions at their first consultation and a literature review. Besides research documented in literature this recommendation is founded in the experience of medical practitioners.

The results of their discussion will be presented.

Taking the medical history is a process in time with ongoing steps. These steps range from an introduction to documentation including listening, clarifying, summing up and enquiring the psychological and social context of complaints and biographical background.

Every step includes verbal interventions which are described word by word to be easily used in daily work.

We hope that the recommendation “Taking the medical history at first consultation” will influence daily work of general practitioners as well as undergraduate and postgraduate training.

**COMMUNICATION RESEARCH: EVIDENCE FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF PERSON CENTERED COMMUNICATION**

*Evelyn van Weel –Baumgarten (Nijmegen, The Netherlands)*

Background: Research and teaching of communication have been receiving attention for some time now, however patients still encounter many problems when they visit clinicians because of health problems. This research show that along with knowledge and practical skills, adequate patient centered communication is essential in realizing optimal health outcomes in patients, and improves their well-being.

Objectives: To provide an overview of the impact of adequate person centered clinical communication and highlight its key elements and the importance of the patient perspective.

Methods: This presentation will subsequently present research about patient experiences and highlight outcomes of various types of research on the relation between person centered communication and health outcomes. It will discusses key elements of patient centered communication for effectiveness such as finding common ground, and include a discussion and specific focus on gender and more vulnerable groups.

Findings, discussion and conclusions: person centered communication matters and makes it possible to capture the full story and the patient perspective. This is necessary to build a trustful relationship and to find common ground and helps with shared decision and adherence to treatment. This in turn leads to improved outcomes and well-being.

**References:**


COMPARATIVE STUDY IN LIMA HOSPITALS USING THE PERSON-CENTERED CARE INDEX
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Antecedents: In the First Latin American Conference on PCM held in Lima, Peru (December, 2015) it was strongly recommended to collect, through scientific research, a more systematic and valid data to evaluate the real development of PCM in Latin America (1). Following this indication, the present study was organized and carried out.

Methodology: Exploratory transversal survey study. Instrument: The Person-centered Care Index (PCI) is an instrument designed by Mezzich et al. (2) useful to evaluate how closely health care systems follow the essential concepts of Person Centered Medicine. Its structure includes 8 major item categories and 33 sub-items, that offer a global score on PCM basic concepts: 1º) Ethical Commitment, 2º) Cultural Sensitivity, 3º) Holistic scope, 4º) Relational Focus, 5º) Individualized Care, 6º) Common Ground for Collaborative Diagnosis and Care, 7º) People-centered Systems of Care, and 8º) Person-centered Education and Research. Its Cronbach’s alpha is 0.95, its factor structure is unidimensional, and indications of its reliability and content validity are available.

Procedures: Following the training of a group of evaluators, they engaged groups of physicians and nurses to apply the PCI to their own hospital services (surgical and medicine). Engaged for the study were four hospitals belonging to three different Peruvian health care systems: two public hospitals (one general and one oncological), one Social Security hospital, and one private hospital. Across hospitals, 240 health professionals were involved in rating the medical or surgical services of the hospital where each worked. This represented a total of 120 physicians and 120 nurses; 50% belonging to Medicine Services and 50% to Surgical Services. The project was approved by the Ethics Research Committee of the School of Medicine of San Marcos National University in Lima.

Results: It was found that the private hospital was rated highest with the PCI, followed by the oncological and the general public hospitals, with the social security hospital being rated lowest. No significant differences were obtained between surgical and medicine services nor between the ratings made by nurses and those made by physicians. The raters with fewer years of experience tended to rate the hospitals higher. The content validity of the PCI was rated by the evaluators around the substantial level.

Conclusions: The application of the PCI to four prototype hospitals in Lima yielded interesting inter-hospital comparative results and substantial content validity ratings for the PCI. The findings suggest the value of the PCI for clinical and health service evaluations and research on person centered care in Latin America.

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2B. Symposium on Person-Centred Health Care Beyond Slogans

THE INFLUENCE OF TECHNOLOGY AND STANDARDS ON HEALTHCARE STAFF’S JOB SATISFACTION
V.A Grondahl et al (Halden, Norway)

Objectives: There is an increase in utilising information and communication technology (ICT) in hospitals, including a standardization of work processes (1). Previous research shows that satisfied nurses (RNs) have a positive impact on patients’ care quality perceptions (2). The aim of the study was to explore differences in job satisfaction among healthcare staff from an old to a new high-tech hospital in Norway.

Methods: A cross-sectional design was used. Using the questionnaire Emotional Stress Reaction Questionnaire (ESRQ) including items concerning the staff’s workplace and work, data were collected in 2015 (old hospital) and 2016 (high-tech hospital), with respectively 985 and 1289 respondents. Comparative statistics were used to test for differences between job satisfaction from old to new high-tech hospital, and to explore the impact of ICT and standardization of work processes on job satisfaction (p≤05).

Findings: The majority of the healthcare staff is satisfied with their workplace. Nevertheless, there was a significant negative correlation between job satisfaction and a perception of control through technology and standards. In addition, analyses indicate differences across staff’s perception of technology and standards on their work. RNs were more likely to agree that technology and standards control their job than physicians. A majority of RNs disagreed that technology open up for an increase in person-centered care.

Discussion: It is likely that technology and standards increasingly intertwine with professionals’ work, and that RNs may find themselves captured by standards and feel a time consuming effect of technology, obstructing them from having contact with patients. Perhaps RNs need more time to familiarize with the use of technology. An increase in ICT might also give the administrators an opportunity to reduce the number of positions in hospital.

Conclusions: Administrators and staff need to highlight person-centered care parallel to the development and use of technology and standardization.

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CHALLENGES FOR FEMALE STAFF IN PERSON-CENTERED CARE FOR MALE RESIDENTS IN NURSING HOMES
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Objectives: The aim of this study was to explore the female personnel’s experiences with the implementation of an activity program for male residents in municipal care services.

Methods: This study was inspired by a grounded theory approach according to Strauss and Corbin. Data were collected by means of two focus interviews with 11 staff in total.

Findings: The findings showed that the female personnel experienced that continuity was a prerequisite to being and remaining motivated when taking part in the activity program. Therefore, a lack of continuity was an obstacle. The categories ‘to be prepared’, ‘to be responsible for a sense of fellowship’, and ‘to gain new perspectives’ illuminate the personnel’s experiences.

Discussion: The study showed that it was significant for the female personnel to feel prepared when taking part in the activity program, and a lack of knowledge about the activity leader role was highlighted as a huge challenge.

Conclusions: This study has highlighted the importance for the personnel of continuity in performing the activity leader role and the importance to be prepared for the role. Furthermore, the personnel’s knowledge of the men is essential for facilitating not only a sense of fellowship, but also individual care during the activity program. More attention should be given to ward routines that, with only minor changes, may strengthen the activity leader role.

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A PATTERN APPROACH TO ANALYZING PERCEPTIONS OF THE QUALITY OF PALLIATIVE CARE AND SATISFACTION
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Objectives: The aim was to explore the profiles of patients in palliative care with respect to: patients’ perception of the quality of palliative care and patient satisfaction, and to describe and compare person related conditions and organization related conditions that characterize the patient profiles. Methods: A cross-sectional study, including 140 patients from four different palliative care contexts. The Quality from the Patient’s Perspective questionnaire for Palliative Care is based upon a person-centered theoretical framework, was used [1]. Satisfaction was measured by the Emotional stress reaction questionnaire [2]. Person- and organization-related conditions were measured. Hierarchical cluster analysis, General Linear Model and Pearson Chi-Square Test were used.

Findings: Three unique clusters of patients with different patterns of perceptions of quality of care and satisfaction were identified. Patients in cluster 1 (30%) had best perception of care quality and were more satisfied, Patients in cluster 2 (25%) had better perceptions of care quality and were most satisfied and patients in cluster 3 (18%) had worst perceptions of care quality and were less satisfied. The clusters were characterised by person related conditions (e.g. patients’ sense of coherence and perceptions of subjective importance) as well as organisation related conditions (e.g. physicians’ competence and type of care services). Discussion and conclusions: One may assume that perceptions of quality if care and satisfaction is positively associated, however the result shows that this relationship is more complex. The results provides healthcare personnel with important knowledge to tailor quality work initiatives and improve person-centered care for different groups of patients in the palliative care contexts.


HOW TO INCREASE STUDENTS’ PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE OF PERSON-CENTERED CARE IN HEALTH AND WELFARE EDUCATION
L.S. Tvete et al (Halden Norway)

Objectives: Health and welfare students learn about person-centered care in their theoretical studies. During their practical training, they are expected to develop person-centered care skills, but research shows a gap between theory and practice (1). The aim of the study was to increase students’ competence on person-
centered care in psychiatric wards, in substance abuse treatment and in nursing homes

Methods: Person-centered care was operationalized into one intervention: one-to-one contact (patient/resident – student). The intervention was systematically conducted during the students’ practical studies (8 weeks). The students were responsible for two patients/residents at all time. One student should spend 30 minutes twice a week alone with one patient/resident. This form of companionship comprised activities such as talking, watching TV and going for a walk. Focus group interviews are conducted prior to the practical studies, and immediately after. Content analysis will be performed.

Preliminary findings: The students had learned of person-centered care, and their previous experiences suggested that person-centered care was something special. Special as in only performed when there was time to do it. The students were eager to perform the one-to-one contact. During the practical training, the students to some extent found it difficult to conduct the intervention. The difficulties were caused by the heads in their practical placements who assessed the patients/residents to be too frail for person-centered care.

Discussions: There seems to be a need for educating health and social care workers in person-centered care, and perform intervention studies involving both the personnel and their administrative leaders.

Conclusions: The education need to involve students in intervention studies, to increase the students’ practical knowledge on person-centered care.

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Plenary Symposium 3: Gender and Non-communicable Diseases 40 Years after Alma Ata

WONCA PERSPECTIVES ON GENDER AND NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES 40 YEARS AFTER ALMA ATA
Ruth Wilson (Kingston, Canada)

Objectives: To describe the opportunities arising from intersection of three important movements in health—women’s health, person-centered medicine, and the renewal the commitment to primary health care described 40 years ago at Alma Ata.

Findings: Over eight hundred women die every day in childbirth, yet cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of mortality in women. Improving the health of women requires a broader view of women’s health than reproductive care alone. How can health systems best provide preventive and curative care for women with non-communicable diseases?

The primary care paradox is that that compared with specialty care or with systems dominated by specialty care, primary care is associated with the following: (1) apparently poorer quality care for individual diseases, yet (2) similar functional health status at lower cost for people with chronic disease, and (3) better quality, better health, greater equity, and lower cost for whole people and populations.

The Declaration of Alma Ata called for primary health which “should be sustained by integrated, functional and mutually supportive referral systems, leading to the progressive improvement of comprehensive health care for all, and giving priority to those most in need” Family Physicians are well-trained generalists, based in the community they serve, working in teams, and oriented to both high quality interpersonal interactions as well as ascertaining the most pressing health challenges of the defined population they serve. As such a well equipped and supported Family medicine workforce can make a transformative contribution to addressing NCDs in women, both at an individual and community level.

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PERSON CENTERED CARE IN DIABETES & COMORBID SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS: ACTING TOGETHER TO DELIVER AN INTEGRATED PERSON-CENTERED APPROACH
Helen Millar (Dundee, Scotland)

Background
Adults with severe mental illness die on average 25 years earlier than the general population. Much of the premature death is related to comorbidities such as diabetes which is more common amongst this population. There is a need to move towards a more integrated approach to health care including not only a more collaborative integrated working approach between specialities and psychiatry but also a broader focus on self management interventions to improve overall health outcomes.

Aim and Methods
Review the current literature on Diabetes and co-morbid severe mental illness including the current challenges and bidirectional connections between these co-morbidities. Disparities in health care and the gender gap issues were reviewed and the ongoing developments aimed at managing these challenges.

Findings
(i) The literature highlights the burden of Diabetes and severe mental illness linked to premature mortality
(ii) There is a growing body of literature supporting person centered interventions and the implementation of more integrated models of care to improve healthcare outcomes in this population.
(iii) Pilot programmes and data collection for health care improvements are currently underway which highlight patient empowerment and a structured collaborative approach to make a person centered care approach for those with diabetes and severe mental illness a reality.

Conclusions
The burden of diabetes and severe mental illness is a major challenge for our current health care systems. Providing person centered integrated care is essential to address this challenge to achieve better health outcomes and overall improve the mental and physical wellbeing of this population. The interplay between empowerment of the person and improved demonstrable person centered outcomes is a further step forward in providing evidence of the need to utilise a more person centered model of care for comorbidities such as Diabetes and severe mental illness.

Indeed, there is much scope to develop person-centred medical practices that lead to happier patients and better outcomes. Collaborative care and self-management of chronic conditions strongly merit further development. There is also a great deal of focus and attention today on health equity and the rights that people around the world have (or should have) in health and healthcare services. Unfortunately, this has inadvertently diverted attention away from the fact that rights generally come with responsibilities. As noted in the Alma-Ata Declaration: “People have the right and duty to participate individually and collectively in the planning and implementation of their health care”. The primary beneficiary of self-care is the self-carer themselves. The primary loser of a failure to self-care is that same person. And the consequences of failure or inability to self-care is the epidemic of chronic ‘lifestyle’ diseases facing the world today, which impacts, directly or indirectly, on everyone. Aside from simple self-interest we each have a moral imperative based on responsibility towards other users of precious public health resources, and towards future generations, including our own children. In sum, there is an important societal balance to be struck between rights to health and healthcare, and responsibilities towards one’s own health and to the consequences of poor lifestyle choices. There is a major opportunity and need to promote public dialogue and understanding in this area. Recognising the importance of self-care in the new setting, Imperial College London, the International Self Care Foundation (ISF) & the Self Care Forum (SCF) UK spearheaded a strategic collaboration resulting in the establishment of the Self Care Academic Research Unit (SCARU) at Imperial. This lecture will raise awareness about the singular importance of self-care and shared care in the new setting and will stimulate discussion regarding this contemporary issue.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF CARE IN THE NEW SETTING
Austen El-Osta (London)

Parallel Sessions 3:
A: Symposium on Designing Primary Health Care Systems to Meet Women’s Needs

SETTING PRIORITIES UNDER SLOW ECONOMIC GROWTH
Salman Rawaf (London)

Introduction
Almost all health systems worldwide are under financial pressure mainly due to population growth, ageing population and technological advance. With many competing priorities a well defined approaches are needed to identify these priorities and how to target it through service redesign and innovation without losing the focus on patients and centre services around needs. Furthermore, with defined priorities health professional have to change their practices and shift emphasis from disease to health model. This paper logical approaches to priority setting and bring some examples from countries in upper, middle and low income supported with international and national data.

Methods

1. Review of the current literature on population dynamic and technology and their impacts on health
2. Focusing on some of the good examples exist around the world
3. Reflect on policies should be developed and how the public and patients should be at the centre of it.

Conclusion
In modern health services the role of policy makers and senior managers is not only complex but also very challenging. They have to juggle with many priorities in shrinking health finance (inflation, capital costs, salaries etc). Re-designating services and innovating to provide alternative and different settings are some of the options to meet population health needs.
INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION
Tesfa Ghebrehiwet (Alberta, Canada)

Objectives
The presentation aims to highlight key issues in interdisciplinary collaboration and communication as underlying factors for effectiveness of health teams in providing person-centred care and improved patient outcomes.

Methods
The presentation is based on literature review.

Findings
Coordination of care and teamwork reduce medical errors; improve quality of care, patient outcomes, and patient safety (Institute of Medicine 1999). On the other hand ineffective health team collaboration is the root cause for nearly 66 percent of all medical errors (Institute for Health Communication, 2011).

Furthermore, the evidence indicates that there are positive relationships between a healthcare team member’s communication skills and a patient’s capacity to follow medical recommendations, self-manage a chronic medical condition, and adopt preventive health behaviors (Institute for Health Communication, 2011). And when communication about tasks and responsibilities are done well, there is a significant reduction in staff turnover and improved job satisfaction, because it facilitates a culture of mutual support (Lein & Willis, 2007).

Discussion
In today’s complex health systems it is impossible for a single health professional group to provide a continuum of person-centred and cost-effective care. Interdisciplinary collaboration and communication are largely achieved through interprofessional education during certain periods of their training.

Conclusion
Team approach - with collaboration and communication at its core - offers a viable solution to the service delivery challenges facing health care systems worldwide.

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PERSON-CENTERED CARE AND INTER-SECTORAL COLLABORATION
Aleksandra Weber (Munich)

Person-centered care is a collaborative effort and at its core an integrated health service. The health is determined not only by health sector activities but also by social and economic factors. Intersectoral collaboration of stakeholders and interest groups such as policy-makers, decision-makers, providers, researchers, education, finance and industry is essential for comprehensive services and continuum of care. All of them provide a wide range of services and have at least one common goal: improving and sustaining health. Coordination and integration of human services as a comprehensive intervention by public, not-for-profit, private and financing sector is a common problem internationally. The purpose of this study is to raise the awareness for the importance of effective communication and complex interactions through the process since effective intersectoral collaboration is one of the essential pillars of a fully integrated person-centered care. There are tremendous macro and micro changes taking place in the complex healthcare sector around the globe challenging all providers not only because of technological advancements transforming the entire healthcare industry. The focus here is on comprehensive knowledge synthesis and integration of services through strategic alliances along a continuum of care. Essential are meaningful partnerships based on common objectives and joint ownerships through strategic and operational dialogue. Only a small number of valid and reliable tools such as questionnaires and checklists have been identified to measure intersectoral relationships, collaboration and progress and also to capture key dimensions and principles of integrated care. The variables identified to measure intersectoral collaboration and the scope and depth of integration include identifying structures between parenting organizations, level of connectivity representing cooperation and coordination as well as collaboration and consolidation. Other variables include looking at social networks capturing in quantitative terms both intra- and intersectoral service integration. Some key questions to be discussed: How to improve intersectoral communication to create sustainable partnerships? How can capacity for collaborative action be ensured? What to do when partnerships are stuck at different levels from local to global, governmental to private? Which options are available to find a common ground and move forward? The key idea is to develop a framework for future research, stimulate intersectoral communication and collaboration, provide a blueprint and inspire all the participants actively involved in the process of person-centered care.

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3B: Workshop on Clinical Communication

CLINICAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS: WHAT AND HOW TO TEACH OBSTACLES AND SOLUTIONS FOR TRANSFER TO CLINICAL PRACTICE.

Evelyn Van Weel (Nijmegen, the Netherlands)

Background: Person centered communication is a key element of person centered care. Even though the evidence shows that adequate person centered communication is necessary to achieve optimal health outcomes, patients still encounter many problems in that respect when they visit clinicians for health problems. Because of its importance and the fact that not every healthcare professional is a good communicator by nature, these skills need to be trained, maintained and implemented in clinical practice.

Objectives: To provide knowledge and practice effective person centered communication skills; to highlight and discuss the problems of implementation in clinical practice and offer some suggestions to solve the problem.

Methods: In this workshop a variety of interactive small group exercises will be mixed with mini presentations in plenary. The exercises will include ‘what’ to teach (skills and models that can be used to ensure capturing both medical and patient perspective) and ‘how’ to teach communication skills (methods including effective feedback) and use brainstorming, video and role-play. The presentations will include evidence about the impact of person centered communication as well as about effective teaching methods in under- and postgraduate training. This will be followed by an interactive discussion about what can be done to improve transfer of what has been taught into clinical practice, highlighting the problem, as well as brainstorming about and offering some solutions.

Conclusions: The workshop will finish with participants generating take home points.

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Plenary Symposium 4: Respectful Maternity Care

GUIDELINES FOR SAFE MATERNITY CARE

Ozge Tuncalp (WHO, Geneva)

This presentation will give an overview of WHO’s work on quality of care for maternal and newborn health and highlight new guidelines on antenatal care and intrapartum care for positive pregnancy and childbirth experience.

EQUITY AND ACCESS TO RESPECTFUL MATERNITY CARE: BETWEEN HOPE AND CURRENT CHALLENGES

Patricia Perrenoud (Lausanne)

Objectives: This presentation will question the equity of access to respectful maternity care and highlight current challenges faced by policy makers and health care professionals in this regard.

Methods: The reflection will rely on a narrative literature review and on research results extracted from an anthropological fieldwork held in Switzerland.

Results: The knowledge on maternal experience and respectful care has been augmented since the emergence of Evidence-Based Medicine and the ensuing structuration of knowledge production and circulation. However, efficient interventions and respectful care still do not reach women on an equitable basis, leaving some women, e.g. those with an immigrant background or low SES, more often as the recipient of substandard care. This is especially the case when best practices on collaboration with community interpreters are not met, in the presence of pre-existing maternal diseases as well as around transition care.

Discussion: Since the 1980s, social scientists have questioned the reductionist approach health professionals may use in care, i.e. the difficulty to account for social determinants of health and to address problems related to these determinants. Hospital-based practice or in town medical offices, as well as contemporary cultural conceptions of the individual, can be a barrier towards an understanding of the social circumstances that interfere with the experience of maternity. Thus, important needs can be overlooked, leading to substandard care and its sometimes serious if not tragic consequences.

Conclusions: Respectful care implies kindness, access to information as well as choice, but it is also rooted in the delivery of adequate care that targets actual maternal needs. In high-income countries, the equitable delivery of adequate care is yet to be achieved due to the presence of cultural and structural barriers. Triangulation of different types of Evidence, from research and practice, can inform policy makers and professionals and help tackle these important issues.
The rate of Caesarean section (CS) deliveries worldwide have increased steadily over the past 60 years. While there is considerable variation both between and within countries, most surpass the WHO recommended rate of 10-15% of births by CS. The reason for this trend is multifactorial; changing maternal and fetal characteristics, improvements in delivery and access to surgical services, and increasing numbers of non-medically indicated CS or CS by patient request all likely large contributors. Caesarean section by maternal request (CSMR) is a caesarean delivery performed because the mother requests this method of delivery in the absence of conventional medical or obstetrical indications for avoiding vaginal birth. The incidence of CSMR is not well documented but is estimated to be between 1-8% of all Caesarean section. The provision of CSMR is a matter of global debate without clear guidelines for patients or practitioners. The rise in CSMR highlights the complex interface between system-level use of resources and technology, ethically grounded and patient autonomy. Through a reflection on recent CS trends, and country specific approaches to CSMR, it is evident that the dilemma of non-medically indicated CS is enhanced by a woman-centered lens.

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OBJECTIVES: PROMOTE RESPECTFUL MATERNITY CARE IN RURAL TANZANIA: NURSES’ EXPERIENCES OF THE “HEALTH WORKERS FOR CHANGE” PROGRAM
Gail Webber (Ottawa)

Objectives: Disrespectful and abusive care of women during their pregnancies has been shown to be a barrier for women accessing health care services for antenatal care and delivery. As part of an implementation research study to improve women’s access to health care services in Rorya District, Mara, Tanzania, we conducted a pilot study training reproductive health care nurses to be more sensitive to women’s needs based on the “Health Workers for Change” curriculum (1).

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Parallel Sessions 4:
A. Symposium on Education and Research in Woman-centred Reproductive Care

PROMOTING RESPECTFUL MATERNITY CARE IN RURAL TANZANIA: NURSES’ EXPERIENCES OF THE “HEALTH WORKERS FOR CHANGE” PROGRAM
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METHODS: Six series of workshops were held with a total of sixty reproductive health care nurses working at the hospitals, health centres and dispensaries in the district. The participants provided comments on a survey and participated in focus groups at the conclusion of the workshop series. These qualitative data were analyzed for common themes (2).

Findings: The participants appreciated the training and reflected on the poor quality of health care services they were providing, recognizing their attitudes towards their women patients were problematic. They emphasized the need for future training to include more staff and to sustain positive changes. Finally, they made several suggestions for improving women’s experiences in the future.

Discussion and Conclusions: The qualitative findings demonstrate the success of the workshops in assisting the health care providers to become aware of their negative attitudes towards women. Future research should examine the impact of the workshops both on sustaining attitudinal changes of the providers and on the experiences of pregnant women receiving health care services.


HOW RESPECTFUL CARE HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED: CENTERING GROUP PRENATAL CARE
Rupa Patel (Kingston, Canada)

Objectives:
1. Review of the models of group prenatal care, particularly the Centering Pregnancy Model.
2. Discuss the literature documenting outcomes of group prenatal care
3. Reflect on the personal experience of implementing this style of prenatal care
4. Review the concept of respectful maternity care in this model

Group prenatal care is a novel approach that has been gaining popularity in practice and research. In particular, the Centering Pregnancy program is a model of group prenatal care that has been well described in the literature.

Much of the literature focuses on measurable outcomes such as preterm birth rates, birth weights, gestational weight gain, breastfeeding rates. These outcomes have shown to be improved in the group prenatal care model. In addition, other outcomes such as patient satisfaction and postpartum contraceptive adherence are also improved. Some of the studies have been done in high risk populations such as adolescents and minority groups and have shown increased prenatal visits when compared to usual care.

The literature review shows that group prenatal care is a valid and exciting new option for the medical care of pregnancy. The Centering Pregnancy program places great emphasis on facilitative leadership rather than the usual didactic education that take place in traditional medical care. This technique engages women and supports discussion of concerns that are relevant to them. The atmosphere encourages discussion, sharing of group wisdom and development of social connections. Implications for respectful maternity care will be discussed.


OVERCOMING CHALLENGES IN RESPECTFUL MATERNITY CARE IN KENYA
Charlotte E. Warren (Washington, DC)

Background: Despite decades of growing concern about women experiencing mistreatment during facility based childbirth, there are limited interventions that specifically focus on addressing issues to promote respectful maternity care (RMC). An evidence-based participatory implementation research (IR) study was conducted in Kenya. It engaged a range of community, facility, and policy stakeholders to address the causes of mistreatment during childbirth and promote RMC.

Methods: We used the consolidated framework for IR (CFIR) as an analytical lens to describe a complex, multifaceted set of interventions through a reflexive and iterative process for triangulating qualitative data. Data from a range of documents, and interviews were collected throughout the intervention. Assessment of data used software to inductively derive codes for themes at different time points. We generated categories of themes for analysis found across the intervention design and implementation stages.

Results: The implementation process, intervention characteristics, individual champions, and context influenced both successes and challenges. Success stemmed from readiness for change at multiple levels, constant communication between stakeholders, and perceived importance to communities. The relative advantage and adequacy of implementation of an RMC package was meaningful within Kenyan politics and health policy, given the timing and national promise to improve quality of maternity care.
Conclusions: Despite the relatively nascent stage of RMC IR, this study is an important start to understanding interventions that can begin to address issues of mistreatment in maternity care; replication of these activities is needed globally to better understand if the process can be successful in different countries and regions.

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4B. Symposium on Human Rights and Women’s Health

THE WHO QUALITY RIGHTS INITIATIVE
Michelle Funk (WHO, Geneva)

WHO QualityRights is an initiative which aims to promote integrated people-centered care, recovery and human rights for people with mental health conditions and psychosocial disabilities throughout the world. QualityRights uses a participatory approach to achieve the following objectives:

- Build capacity to understand and promote recovery and human rights in mental health

PHILOSOPHICAL PERSPECTIVES
Werdie Van Staden (Pretoria, South Africa)

Objective: This presentation draws connections between Person-Centered Medicine (PCM) and human rights for advancing women’s health. Method: Conceptual means are used to make clear the connections, and examples are presented by which the kind of relations are demonstrated. Findings: Some of the human rights as articulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations in 1948, can serve as support for PCM. Examples relate to the recognition of being a legal person; dignity of the person; liberty and freedom; a standard of living adequate for health and well-being including food, clothing and housing; protection of privacy, honour, reputation, and a right to work; a cultural life of a community; and sharing in scientific advances. These human rights may be deployed as a rights-informed pursuit of PCM, also concerning women’s health. This pursuit, however, should also account for its limitation as being partial in scope, for a mere pursuit of human rights or gender issues may overshadow and even defy the values and interests of the person that are not a matter of rights or gender. The focus on human rights, or gender, in PCM may thus push the person into the background. Conclusion: PCM is supported by the pursuit of human rights, but in PCM the person should remain more important than his or her rights or gender.

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SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN CONFLICT SITUATIONS
Mohammed Abou-Saleh (London)

Sexual violence (SV) is common particularly in conflict situations. In recent decades, human rights groups have campaigned for sexual violence to be recognized as a crime and a tactic/weapon of war culminating in a summit convened in June 2014 by the UK “to end sexual violence in conflict”, with up to 148 countries participating.

In early 1990s, appalling sexual violence occurred in two conflicts: during the dissolution of Yugoslavia, Serbian militias rounded up tens of thousands of Bosnian Muslim women and raped them systematically or sexually enslaved them, both to terrorize their people and as a policy of forced impregnation and during the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, at least 100 000 women were raped and sexually tortured by the militias as part of their broader campaign of ethnic cleansing. The UN report documented massive abuses in 20 countries including Syria and the complex and long-lasting consequences for victims’ physical and mental health. Each year an unknown number of people are injured and traumatised by such violence, subject to unwanted pregnancies, exposed to sexually transmitted infections, and left to cope with potentially profound challenges to their mental health (Alcorn, Lancet, 2014). The health consequences are often unreported by victims for the stigma surrounding SV.

The international community and UN have taken action: recognising it as a global problem that needs legal and healthcare provision. The WHO has introduced guidelines for medico-legal care for victims of SV and for strengthening health systems to respond to women subjected to SV and a manual for health managers. The scope of the presentation will cover the health consequences of SV focusing on mental health issues in conflict situations.
highlighting the dearth of research in this area; review the evidence base for healthcare interventions and the need for the medical and legal sectors to collaborate for the provision of appropriate medical care to victims and for documenting SV for prosecution of the perpetrators. The challenges for implementation of global and local actions are formidable but where is a will there is a way.

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LEARNING FOR CAREGIVERS IN EUROPE
Spyros Zorbas (Greece)

Carers or caregivers can be defined as persons who provide assistance or support to another family member or friend. They carry out, often regularly, significant or substantial caring tasks, and assume a level of responsibility which would usually be associated with an older person. The person receiving care is often a parent but can be a sibling, grandparent or other relative who is disabled or has some chronic illness, mental health problem or other condition connected with a need for care, support or supervision.

Within the Learn4Carers project we will target carers and professionals working for carers of every age group. Research shows and service providers tell us that carers are a minority group, but that their presence in European families is very common.

For instance, in Ireland the questions on caring, in the 2016 census showed a total of 195,263 persons (4.1% of population) were providing unpaid assistance to others, an increase of 8,151 (4.4%) on the 2011 figure of 187,112. Women made up just over 6 n 10 carers (60.5%, 118,151 carers) with 77,112 (39.5%) men.

There were 3,800 children under 15 years engaged in providing care to others, accounting for 1.9 per cent of all carers.

Mr Zorbas is a caregiver of a person with mental health problems. Mr. Zorbas is a Board member of WFMH (World Federation for Mental Health) and a Board Member of EUFAMI, the European Federation of Associations of Families of People with mental illness. He is working on collaborative projects with European Institutions to bring awareness in the topic of mental health. He has participated in several meetings in the European Parliament, in collaboration with other umbrella associations (Mr. Zorbas is vice president of the organization COFACE Disability). He supports the movement of family and patient associations for the proper conduct of advocacy activities within EU institutions.

In 2016, Mr. Zorbas developed the association EPIONI (www.epioni.gr) to support informal carers in Greece, irrespective of their age or the particular health need of the person they are caring for.

Parallel Sessions 5:
A. Antoine Besse & Jitendra Trivedi Memorial Symposium on Person-centered Mental Health

PREVENTIVE PSYCHIATRY AND PERSON-CENTERED CARE
Roy Kallivayalil (Kerala, India)

Preventive Psychiatry has a very important leadership role to foster mental health in modern world. Person centered Psychiatry and care are integral to this. Unlike the west, developing countries face massive constraints- lack of facilities, inadequate manpower, poor resource allocation etc. Hence strategies need to be different in the various parts of the world. The establishment of large number of General Hospital Psychiatry Units in countries like India has helped to foster person centered care.

Looking ahead, integrating mental health in primary care is an ideal way forward. What is necessary is a public health approach relying on primary prevention which promotes individual responsibilities. Tackling inequalities and fostering resilience are essential. Existing services need to be sustained to achieve our goals. National Mental Health Programmes will make minimum mental health care available and accessible to all. Teaching Psychiatry in undergraduate medical training, training lay counselors and social workers, co-operation with NGOs, planning special programmes for children, women and the elderly, increased use of psychosocial methods in treatment and continuous monitoring and evaluation will make person centered care in preventive psychiatry more relevant and meaningful.

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CULTURE AND PERSON-CENTERED PSYCHIATRIC DIAGNOSIS
Werdie Van Staden (Pretoria, South Africa)

Objective: This presentation examines the conceptual scope of culture in the practice of making person-centered psychiatric diagnoses. Method: Conceptual means informed by philosophical value theory are used to make clear the scope of the concept of
culture in person-centered psychiatric diagnosis. Examples are provided to underscore the importance of accounting for culture in its full scope. **Findings:** A person-centered approach to cultural values uncovers the natural tendency to have blind-spots for these values. Two kinds of blind-spots are apparent: a) having a blind-spot for one’s own culture and ascribing culture merely to someone else, whether in theory or clinical practice; and b) not recognizing the scope of culture in theory and practice. Regarding the former, we spot cultural values relatively easy when they are different and even in conflict, whereas cultural values are less apparent when shared. Regarding the scope of the concept of culture, a person-centered approach to psychiatric diagnosis recognizes culture in the various practices of people rather than taking ‘culture’ as if designating merely identity or a group of particular locality. **Conclusion:** A remedy for the natural tendency to have blind-spots for culture is sensitivity and sophistication that account for both cultural uniformity and diversity in theoretical discourse and in clinical practice.

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**PERSON-CENTRED MENTAL HEALTH IN ENGLAND**

Mohammed Abou-Saleh (London)

Person-centred healthcare is enshrined in the NHS Constitution, uniting patients and staff in a shared vision, mission and values of working together for patients; respect and dignity; commitment to quality of care; compassion; improving lives and everyone counts. The NHS over seven decades has faced many challenges and undergone much reorganization. However, it has maintained its person and people’s centeredness.

A recent key development was the establishment of the Care Quality Commission (CQC), the independent regulatory body for all health and social care providers guided by core principles that services should be Safe, Effective, Caring, Responsive and Well led.

The other key development was the establishment of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) that has adopted person-centred care as the prime principle for optimal health care.

In this presentation, key strategic developments and achievements are highlighted with reference to mental health in the NHS and charitable providers: parity of esteem between physical and mental health; Five Year Forward View for Mental Health; The Mental Health Workforce Plan for England; Personalization of Care; English Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) service, Mental Health Core Skills Education and Training Framework. IAPT delivers psychological therapies recommended by NICE for depression and anxiety disorders to more than 537 000 patients in the UK each year with good outcome (Clark et al, 2017).

The WPA-Lancet Commission on the Future of Psychiatry (2017) addressed priority areas that represent opportunities and challenges. Its prime conclusion is that the therapeutic relationship remains paramount for achieving optimal mental health. It is important that psychiatrists remain professional, maintain professional values in addition to being skilled, competent and collaborative.


**PATIENT-CENTERED PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN UGANDA**

Nandini Sarkar (Antwerp, Belgium)

**Objectives:** The aim of this session is to present a situational analysis of an existing local health system in its ability and scope to provide integrated, equitable, and patient-centered perinatal mental health coverage in resource-constrained rural Uganda.

**Methods:** As part of a larger PhD research on the challenge of equitable mental healthcare at Local Health System level in low-resource, rural Ugandan settings (2015-2017), a qualitative enquiry consisting of 81 in-depth interviews and 9 focus-group discussions was conducted with a variety of local health system actors and key informants involved in maternal and perinatal mental healthcare. Data analysis was conducted via emergent, thematic content analysis using NVivo 11.

**Findings:** Overall analysis indicates that local, grounded conceptualisations of perinatal mental health issues, as well as related health-seeking behaviours, are socio-cultural in nature, rather than bio-medical. Patient-centeredness and interpersonal aspects of quality of basic perinatal care and service delivery are largely perceived as lacking in this setting. Regarding integrated provision of both perinatal biomedical and mental healthcare, larger systemic issues were viewed as barriers, including unstable and insufficient referral practices, excessive staff workloads and overburden, and inadequate training in patient-centeredness and mental health.

**Conclusions:** The growing appreciation for the unspoken and unaddressed needs of perinatal women and communities, yet ineffective and unintegrated systemic and structural dimensions of perinatal healthcare, highlight both the imperative and the complexities in providing integrated and women-centered perinatal healthcare at the local health system-level in rural Uganda.

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Health has been defined as a state of physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity (OMS, 1946; Cloninger, 2007). Many health promotion interventions have been recently developed in order to improve health and well-being. However, underlying mechanisms responsible for the personal growth and inter-individual differences are seldom considered. In addition, common factors such as the working alliance between the therapist and the client and therapist related characteristics are usually not included in the analyses. The present study aims at understanding several factors and mechanisms that could explain the development of health and well-being, when participating to a health-promotion intervention. The factors considered are related to the person, to the specific intervention, and to common factors among therapies. Ninety-five participants and seven health-care professionals were included in the study. Participants were randomly assigned to either a positive psychology intervention (i.e. CARE, Shankland, Kotsou, Durand & André; University of Grenoble) or a mindfulness-based intervention (i.e. MBCT, Seagal, Williams & Teasdale, 2002). Each intervention was delivered in group, and consisted of 8 weekly sessions of two hours each. Both participants and therapists completed the Temperament and Character Inventory (Cloninger et al., 1993). They also completed measures related to health, working alliance, and practice. Findings are being analyzed and will be discussed.

References

5B. Brief Oral Presentations

BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF OPIOID USE DISORDER AND IMPLICATIONS FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH RESEARCH
Imelda Medina et al (Miami)

Background: Opioid abuse is on the rise among women of reproductive age in the United States of America (USA), contributing to a marked increase in the incidence of adverse consequences on maternal and child health (MCH) in the last decade.

However, little is known about the biopsychosocial determinants of opioid abuse in MCH populations and their role in the current opioid abuse epidemics.

Aims: To examine the epidemiology of opioid use disorders in the USA and develop a biopsychosocial research model of opioid abuse among women of reproductive age.

Methods: Utilizing a scoping review methodology, a systematic search strategy was implemented on MEDLINE/PUBMED,Integrated Library searches, and Google Scholar. Scholarly/peer-review articles published up to July 2017, in English, and restricted to populations in the USA were eligible for inclusion in the study. A qualitative synthesis of the selected studies was performed to summarize study findings.

Results: There is evidence for the role of multiple factors at every level of the biopsychosocial model in opioid use disorders—from molecular (genetic, epigenetic), cellular-tissue, organ system, the person (psycho-affective, cognitive, and behavioral), relationship-based (family, peers), community environments, healthcare-related, and policy levels.

Conclusions: Important research gaps at each level remain, highlighting the need for multiple-level biopsychosocial research in this area to enhance our understanding of the nature, extent, distribution, etiology, and consequences of opioid use disorders among women of reproductive age. Our biopsychosocial model of opioid abuse can be used to guide innovative MCH epidemiology research.

References

Quality circles (QuiG®) are an established method for bottom-up quality development. A quality circle consists of 8 – 12 people who want to increase the quality of their health-related work with reference to their own experiences, supported by a moderator. Up to now, the focus was on improving the quality of care provided by health professionals (“experts”).

Our project is different. We invited members of self-help groups to develop knowledge and skills concerning risks, resources and potentials for health promoting behavior. In order to enhance their quality of life and thereby the conception/perception of their disease and treatment, our focus was on the patients’ side and the expertise deriving from their lived condition. The members of the quality circle were asked for biography based case-presentations within the group and joint reflections of their history of disease and illness from the perspective of the personal life history.

In 2014 8 members of self-help groups (6 women, 2 men) agreed to participate in our project. They were between 40 and 80 years old and organized in very different groups (heart diseases, COPD, MS, mourning parents, highly sensitive persons). They chose the topic “coping with stressful situations” for their 1 ½ years of work. Each of the 10 group sessions lasted about 2 ½ hours. Each participant held a case presentation and in the following group discussions resources were emphasized and adjustments for further improvements suggested. At the last meeting the group work was summarized and evaluated by all participants.

In our presentation, we will describe the group work and give an overall impression of the project. The group atmosphere was extraordinary good, the high attendance continuity noteworthy. It should be emphasized that almost all participants wanted to continue the group work and are interested in a follow-up project that specifically addresses the work of group leaders of self-help groups. The learning processes are examined in detail in the doctoral thesis of Ms. Krüger and Mrs. Müller. Further participatory research is needed.


Person-centered care is a collaborative and integrative process. The purpose of this study is to identify key features of teamwork and explore the impact of leadership on effectiveness of interprofessional collaboration. It is also a personal reflection from consultations in the medical field. Selected literature suggests that interprofessional teams in healthcare may offer advanced person-centered care through cooperation in a shared decision-making process. Essential components here are: team member characteristics, professional background, common task, communication, cooperation, coordination, responsibility, participation, staff satisfaction, patient safety and satisfaction and efficiency with the focus on complex interventions. It is also shown that healthcare providers face weekly, if not daily significant challenges in form of misunderstandings and conflicts. Therefore, optimizing the communication process goes beyond the patient-physician dyad and includes actively all stakeholders in the process within the patient-centered care context. Shortage of resources and international migration as global phenomena put responsible clinical leaders under substantial pressure. The emphasis is on Integrated Team Effectiveness Model for improvements in person-centered care and organizational effectiveness. Actively implemented communication, collaboration, conflict resolution, participation and cohesion are more likely to influence staff satisfaction and strengthen the team coherence. Proactive leadership interventions facilitate effective communication and collaborative working and also create safety culture based on trust. The key idea is to actively implement curriculum change and leadership initiatives to address the complexities inhibiting collaborative working relationships. Strengthening the leadership can act as a significant catalyst for patient safety and culture improvement and can also have a crucial impact on team sustainability over time. Suggested is a close cooperation and supervision of the Core Workgroup and the Consultation Group to improve the competence of the interprofessional collaboration. This might be a foundation for future innovative research in exploring relationships between team context, structure, processes and outcomes in a person-centered care and also regarding interprofessional educational programs for collaborative patient-centered practice.

Objective: Patients’ views on the quality of palliative care are important to improve person-centered palliative care. It is desirable that palliative care can be assessed using short, yet valid and reliable instruments. The aim was to develop a short form of the Quality from the Patient’s Perspective questionnaire for Palliative Care (QPP-PC). Methods: Cross-sectional study, including 128 patients in four different palliative care contexts. The QPP-PC [1], based upon a person-centered theoretical framework, comprises 4 dimensions: medical–technical competence, physical–technical conditions, identity–oriented approach, and socio-cultural atmosphere, 12 factors (49 items), 3 single items and is answered by a 4-point Likert-type scale. Confirmatory factor analysis and Cronbach’s alpha were used. Preliminary findings: The short form of QPP-PC consists of 20 items and 4 single items comprising the theoretical framework. The psychometric evaluation showed a stable solution with a Root Mean Square Error of Approximation (RMSEA) value of 0.109. The reliability coefficients ranged between 0.59 and 0.86 for most dimensions on the perceived reality and the subjective importance scales of QPP-PC. Discussion and preliminary conclusions: The development of the short form of QPP-PC were in line with steps described by Goetz et al. [2]. However, the RMSEA value was slightly above the recommended level. The short form of QPP-PC shows promising results and may be used to patients in a late palliative phase. However, the short version of QPP-PC needs to be validated in new samples of patients.


OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY OF AN IMMUNIZATION CLINIC IN NORTH CENTRAL NIGERIA: A TIME AND MOTION STUDY

Ibraheem Shola Abdulraheem (Kano, Nigeria)

Background: Nigeria is currently having health manpower shortage and overburdened health system problem. In recent years, healthcare enterprises all over the world have begun applying time and motion studies and system analysis tools to improve their operations and overall efficiency. Since the tasks carried out in immunization clinics are already structured and defined, a time–motion study is ideal for evaluating its efficiency.

Objective: The objectives of the present study were: 1). to study the operational efficiency of an immunization clinic. 2). to identify deficiencies in the organization of immunization clinic and barriers to client flow.

Methods: An observational cross-sectional study was conducted between November 2015 to February 2016. The study was composed of two stage evaluations, a passive observation and a time and motion study. Systemic random sampling method was used to select 1055 mothers/caregivers attending the immunization clinic.

Results: The study participants spent 67.3% of their total time in waiting. The average total time spent at the clinic by the clients was 103 mins (25–138min). Adults had an average total time of 84 min (19–146 min) and children 95min (32–156 min). The average waiting time (48 min) is more than the average time used (17 min) in receiving service. Health worker’s attitude is a significant predictor of clinic organization and client flow.

Conclusion: This study showed a high waiting time for receiving immunization service. Innovative operational research is therefore needed to decrease waiting time, increase consult times and improve health system responsiveness.

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THE IMPACT OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS ON CARDIOVASCULAR RISK AND BELIEF AMONG WOMEN IN SAUDI ARABIA

Mashael Alshaikh (London)

Background
Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is a significant public health problem in Saudi Arabia, not only of it impact on morbidity and mortality but also because of its financial liability on health budgets. Data from our latest systematic reviews highlights the prevalence of CVD risk among women in Saudi Arabia. Most of the reported risks are related to behavioural factors, i.e. physical inactivity, low consumption of fruits and vegetables. However, there has been little discussion about the impact of socio-economic status on CVD risk and belief.

Aim
This study aims to assess cardiovascular health beliefs and to investigate the impact of the social economics position on CVD risks and believes among Saudi women attending the Primary care clinics

Method
A cross-sectional study designed to include women attending the primary care clinics at King Saud Medical city, Riyadh. Validated
tools were used to assess health beliefs related to CVD risk
behaviour i.e. physical activity and healthy diet. Sociodemographic
and personal information was collected.

Findings
A total of 503 women participated in this study, 75% were older
than 45 years old. Only 1.4% were consuming five portions of fruits
and vegetables per day, 13.1% of participants exercised more than
three times per week, while 63.1% were physically inactive. Obesit
remains higher among women with hypertension or diabetes (P<0.001, P<0.071). Half of the participants educational
background was below high school and more than 68% were
housewives. There was a significant difference in the Framingham
mean score and CVD health believes in all the different socio-
ecomic determinants (income, education, occupation, marital
status).

Conclusion
This study highlights the importance of patient-centred approach,
ocusing on individual women, especially those in low socio-
omic positions and considering their health believes as CVD
risk determinants.

Paul Tournier Prize Session

THE SCIENCE OF WELL-BEING AND TOURNIER’S MEDICINE OF THE PERSON
C. Robert Cloninger (St. Louis)

The principles of the Science of Well-being (Cloninger 2004 et seq)
are described and compared to those of Tournier's Medicine of the
Person (Tournier, 1977). There is a strong correspondence that is
seen in the work of many philosophers of well-being and physicians
dedicated to health understood as physical, mental, social and
spiritual well-being.

WHO Seminar on Person/People-centered Neo Natal Health

MIDWIFE-LED CONTINUITY CARE FOR INTEGRATED NEWBORN AND MOTHER CARE
Fran Mcconville

Objective:
To provide the evidence on the midwifery model of care (MLCC) for
integrated newborn and mother care.

Findings
Midwife-led continuity of care (MLCC) describes a model of care
where one midwife, or a group of midwives working together,
provides care to a woman, newborn and her family throughout the
antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal continuum. This differs to
“medical-led” care, or care that is “shared” between medical staff
and midwives. MLCC is associated with improved outcomes for the
majority of women and babies at low risk of developing
complications. Adverse outcomes are comparable to medical-led
care. Studies to date indicate MLCC probably reduces the risk of
preterm birth and perinatal mortality
When MLCC is provided women are more likely to experience
spontaneous vaginal birth and experience fewer interventions
including episiotomies and instrumental births. Women are also
more likely to be satisfied with their care.

Discussion
The evidence demonstrates that 87% of service need can be
delivered by midwives, when educated to international standards;3
and that 56 maternal and neonatal outcomes are improved through
midwifery practice and philosophy of care.4 Whichever model of
care is used, team work, coordination, communications and support
between all staff is critical. WHO recommends that MLCC should
only be introduced where there is a well-functioning midwifery
programme with sufficient numbers and quality of midwives,
educated and regulated to international standards.

Conclusion
Women value supportive, caring relationships with one, or a group
of, midwives and appreciate a consistent and unhurried women-
centred approach to care for them and their babies.

FAMILY CENTERED CARE IN LMICS: EXPERIENCE FROM INDIA
Arti Maria

The concept of parental involvement in NICU was tested initially in
2007 to overcome severe HR constraints at a Neonatal Intensive
Care Unit of north India. However multiple fringe benefits were
observed with this intervention! A randomized controlled trial1
(2010-12) demonstrated improvement in exclusive breast feeding
rates with no increase in infection rates in the intervention group.
Adapting and translating principles of family centred care (FCC) into
a discrete implementable framework of a respectful collaborative
partnership between the provider and receivers of care for care of
their sick neonate and delivered through a culturally sensitive,
structured, audio-visual training tool to build capacity of P-A to care
for their sick neonate was demonstrated to be feasible and
acceptable. Additionally, FCC addresses unmet developmental needs of a sick neonate as well as psychosocial needs of the stressed family. After the successful initial pilot at 5 districts, Government of India MOHFW has recently approved countrywide FCC scale up to Special Newborn Care Units settings of India.

FCC marks a paradigmatic shift in neonatal care to improve quality of care and health care experience of all stakeholders. Through enhancing competencies of the family, FCC serves as a cornerstone for continuum of care at home, thus likely to bridge the gap between facility and home based newborn care. Through enhanced society’s capacity to act for improving newborn health, FCC seems to hold a promise for affecting a sustainable healthcare solution for improving newborn care survival and outcomes.

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