Welcome to the January 2016 newsletter of the Lancet Commission on Essential Medicine Policies

Recent Updates
Members of The Lancet Commission on EMP will attend the UN High-Level Panel on Innovation and Access to Health Technologies hearings in March 2016

In November the United Nation’s Secretary General established a High-Level Panel on Innovation and Access to Health Technologies and tasked it to “review and assess proposals and recommend solutions for remedying the policy incoherence between the justifiable rights of inventors, international human rights law, trade rules and public health in the context of health technologies.”

The Panel consists of 16 experts with knowledge and understanding of trade, public health and legal issues related to innovation of and access to health technologies, including medicines, vaccines and diagnostics. The Panel met for the first time in New York in December 2015 to agree on the process of stakeholder engagement. In order to allow input from a wide range of actors and interested parties, two hearings have been proposed in March 2016; the first in London, UK, and the second in Johannesburg, South Africa. Members of The Lancet Commission on Essential Medicines Policies have been invited to attend the meetings and discuss the ongoing work of the Commission with the UN High-Level Panel.

To find out more about the UN High-Level Panel’s work please also see http://www.unsgaccessmeds.org/#homepage-1.

Recent Publications


Global Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Program (GLASS), World Health Organization 2015


Special Issue of Health Systems & Reform on Priority-Setting for UHC http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/khsr20/2/1 with a series of commentaries from leaders in global health including Margaret Chan http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/23288604.2015.1111288 among other relevant contributions
Upcoming Events and News relevant to Essential Medicine Policies
United Nations Secretary General’s High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines
WHO Essential Medicines and Health Products Related Events

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Over the past decade Vera has carried out research in the field of access and utilization of medicines in Brazil, Latin America and at the global level. Her work has been widely published in many national and international peer-reviewed journals. She has been a visiting scholar at the Department of Population Medicine, Harvard Pilgrim HealthCare Institute and Harvard Medical School.

Selected recent vaccine-related publications in peer-reviewed journals


Emmerick IC, Chaves LA, Marin N, Luiza VL. Strengthening the capacity of managers in pharmaceutical services based on Primary Health Care (PHC) at different levels of the health system. Hum Resour Health 2014 Jun 13;12:34. doi: 10.1186/1478-4491-12-34.

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