

Contents

Vol 34 No 2 January 2012



Africa Health is a journal of continuing medical education information for physicians and other health professionals in Africa.

This issue has been made possible via funding from The Global Fund (GFATM)

Africa Health is published by:
FSG Communications Ltd
Vine House, Fair Green, Reach
Cambridge, CB25 0JD, UK
Telephone: +44 1638 743633
Fax: +44 1638 743998
Email: editor@fsg.co.uk
www.fsg.co.uk

Publisher/Editor
Bryan Pearson

Assistant Editor/Production
Penny Lang

News Editor
Kat Akinbade

Summaries and Abstracts
Doug Addy

Design
Peter Denniss

Business Development Director
Michael Hodgson-Hess

Accounts Manager
Grant Docking

ISSN 1478-2642

Published six times a year by:
FSG Communications Ltd

Printed by: Burlington Press, UK

All contents are © 2012
FSG Communications Ltd.

Front cover: Eritrean women listen to a lecture on HIV/AIDS
©The Global Fund/ Didier Ruef



Opinion

- 05** What is homosexuality?
Sexual orientation is once again a divisive issue. Shima Gyoh brings some rational thought to the debate
- 07** The communication gap is a critical barrier to closing the implementation gap
Francis Omaswa on the difficulties of communicating sound policy plans

Newsdesk

- 09** A round-up of news from sub-Saharan Africa: from dual-acting antimalarial compounds to family planning

Features

- 15** Control of malaria in pregnancy: an elusive target
William R Brieger
- 20** The Medicines Patent Pool: improving access to ARVs and stimulating innovation for new medicines
Kaitlin Mara

Knowledge management

- 25** Procurement: saving lives through stronger health supply chains
Maya Jaffe
- 26** Infectious diseases: a selection of resources
John Evers surveys the web for another set of valuable recommendations

Clinical Features

- 30** Medical consequences of obesity
N Finer
- 36** Symptoms and signs of upper gastrointestinal disease
Derek Gillen and Kenneth McColl

Clinical Review

- 42** AIDS; Paediatrics; Medicine

Medicine Digest

- 46** General; Cardiology; Surgery; Obs & Gyn; Tropical; Pulmonary; AIDS; Paediatrics; Infection

CPD challenge

- 52** Test yourself on the articles appearing in this issue of *Africa Health*
Answers on page 54

Publishing Partners

- 54** Delivering results
Welcome to two new Publishing Partners for 2012

Clinical Quiz

- 56** A mixed medical bag
Answers on page 41

Below are our Publishing Partners for 2012. Each organisation has demonstrated its commitment to health in Africa by supporting this publication throughout the year.



GlaxoSmithKline



Crown Agents



LAUREATE
INTERNATIONAL
UNIVERSITIES*



Because health matters

