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Surname, first name(s) and initial: Alsumaie, Mona

Institutional affiliation(s): Kuwait Public Authority for Food and Nutrition, Ministry of Health

Academic degrees: Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBCh); Diploma of Child Health; Master of Science in Human Nutrition; International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant

City and country of primary residence: Kuwait City, Kuwait

Biography

Dr Alsumaie, is the Director of Community Nutrition Promotion Department, Public Authority of Food and Nutrition, Kuwait.

She is the Coordinator of Kuwait Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition and BFHI Implementation Programmes, and the Country Coordinator of IBLCE. She was the coordinator of Kuwait Nutrition Surveillance System from year 2000 until 2017, and has played a key role in incorporating the new WHO standards and IYCF indicators within.

She has received extensive training in WHO/UNICEF breastfeeding policy and management Courses, acted as a course director and has implemented numerous training of trainers courses nationally and regionally.

Locally she is the Head of Kuwait Lactation Consultants Society and Member of the Board of Directors of the local non-profit BirthKuwait mother to mother support group; and internationally the President of IBFAN Arab World (IAW), member of International Advisory Council (IAC) of World Alliance of Breastfeeding Action (WABA), member of the Marketing Committee of IBLCE and member of the International BFHI Network.

In her career, she worked as a paediatrician for 10 years in Kuwait public hospitals, has served as a visiting lecturer about Nutrition Basics at Kuwait Nursing College, has collaborated with research groups nationally and internationally and managed to publish several scientific papers.
Surname, first name(s) and initial: Besnard, Marianne

Institutional affiliation(s): Department of Neonatology, Centre Hospitalier de Polynésie Française

Academic degrees: MD

City and country of primary residence: Papeete-Tahiti, French Polynesia

Biography

Since 2011, Dr Besnard has practiced in neonatology at the Centre Hospitalier de Polynésie Française and is very interested in materno-foetal transmission of infectious disease. In 2013, she graduated in neonatology, fetal medicine in 2014, infectious disease in the pregnant woman, the fetus and the neonate in 2017.

She has published on the first cases of congenital infection of Zika disease in French Polynesia in 2013-2014 and feel concerned on their outcome. Nowadays, I try to follow congenital toxoplasmosis, CMV disease and syphilis.
Surname, first name(s) and initial: Dadhich, J. P.

Institutional affiliation(s): Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India (BPNI); International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN)

Academic degrees: Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS); MD Paediatrics; Post - Graduate Diploma in Developmental Neurology (PGDDN)

City and country of primary residence: Delhi, India

Biography

Dr Dadhich is a medical doctor based in Delhi, India with Masters degree in Paediatrics and a post-graduate diploma in developmental Neurology. He is trained in infant and young child feeding counselling; Clinical research method, Biostatistics and Epidemiology; Logical Framework Approach (LFA); Neonatal Advance Life Support etc. He was conferred the Fellowship of the National Neonatology Forum of India, the professional organisation of Neonatologists in India.

He worked in the tertiary care neonatal unit of S.L. Jain hospital in various capacities from 1989 – 2009. He served the National Neonatology Forum of India in various capacities including National Joint Secretary, National Secretary, and member of the Executive board during 2001 - 2006.

He has been associated with Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India (BPNI), the premiere organization working in the field of infant nutrition and other related issues in India since 1992 in various programmes and activities. Presently he is working as the National Coordinator of Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India (BPNI) since 2009.

Presently, he is a part of the group, which is developing the National Neonatology Forum of India’s evidence based clinical practice guidelines. He is the chair of the sub-group working on ‘Breastmilk feeding of the preterm infant’ in it.
Biography

Dr Giugliani is a medical doctor, paediatrician, MsC in Child and Adolescent Health from the University of São Paulo, MsC in Maternal and Child Health from the University of London, PhD in Child and Adolescent Health from the University of São Paulo and postdoctoral degree from The Johns Hopkins University. International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) since 1993.

Currently she is a full professor of the Department of Paediatrics at the Faculty of Medicine of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, in Porto Alegre, Brazil, working in the postgraduate courses in Child and Adolescent Health and in Epidemiology, researcher of the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), member of the National Committee for Breastfeeding, president of the Scientific Department of Breastfeeding of the Brazilian Society of Paediatrics, temporary advisor to the Brazilian Ministry of Health. She was the Coordinator of the Department of Child Health of the Brazilian Ministry of Health (2007-2011).

Her area of main interest is Maternal and Child Health, working mainly on the following topics: breastfeeding and infant feeding. She published around 130 scientific papers, 11 books, 70 chapters of books and supervised 33 master's dissertations and 15 doctoral theses.
Surname, first name(s) and initial: Kaiser, Laurent

Institutional affiliation(s): University Hospitals of Geneva, Faculty of Medicine

Academic degrees: MD; General Internal Medicine, Foederatio Medicorum Helveticorum (FHM); Infectious Diseases, FHM; Microbiology, Foederatio Analyticorum Medicinalium Helveticorum (FAMH)

City and country of primary residence: Colombier, Switzerland

Biography

After his full training in infectious diseases and microbiology, Professor Kaiser has taken the lead of the laboratory of virology at the University Hospital of Geneva. The team has expertise in different fields of clinical virology, particularly in respiratory viruses, influenza, emerging viruses and the human virome. The laboratory covers all the fields needed in a highly specialized University Hospital and try to link clinical medicine diagnostic and more basic aspects of virology. It is the only laboratory in Switzerland that provide a service for emerging or dangerous viruses thanks to its P4 laboratory dedicated to diagnostic. The recent “Geneva Centre for Emerging Viral Diseases” aims to reinforce the expertise in this field and the Center has been involved as expert in different outbreaks including the MERS-coronavirus and the Ebola outbreaks.

In this context, the group is conducting microbiological studies in African children as well as transplant patients. L Kaiser is also leading the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University Hospital in Geneva, supervising a large group of experts providing care in all field needed at the university hospital. All these positions require managerial expertise and the ability to create the foundation for a Division adapted to the challenges that medicine will face in the future. He is also the deputy of the medical director of the University Hospitals in Geneva, a position that needs to integrate the different challenges that face medicine and public health.
Biography

Dr Li is a senior epidemiologist at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC). After graduated from Beijing Medical University, she obtained a doctor of preventive medicine in China and a PhD in human nutrition from Wageningen University in the Netherlands. She was awarded for an NIH postdoctoral fellowship at Cornell University, then joined CDC’s Epidemic Intelligence Service in 1997 and has served CDC ever since.

Her work on nutrition ranges from breastfeeding, complimentary feeding, Vitamin D and mineral deficiencies to maternal and childhood obesity and children’s health and developmental outcomes. She conducted several outbreak investigations, e.g. a severe valvular heart disease caused by Fenfluramine in U.S. and an goiter outbreak in West Africa. She is specialized on breastfeeding-related researches and surveillances with more than 90 peer-reviewed articles published. Her works on breastfeeding has made significant contribution to the breastfeeding surveillance and literatures with one of her papers selected as the best manuscript of the year at the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Epidemiology Conference. She is the lead scientific editor for a special Pediatrics issue on long-term outcomes of infant feeding practices and is a key member of federal MCH committee for establishing Healthy People objectives in the US.
Surname, first name(s) and initial: Lucas, Marianne Nishani

Institutional affiliation(s): Consultant Neonatologist, University Unit, De Soysa Hospital for Women and Senior Lecturer in Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo

Academic degrees: MD; Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS); Diploma in Child Health; Member of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health; International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant

City and country of primary residence: Colombo, Sri Lanka

Biography

Dr Lucas completed her undergraduate studies in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo (1996-2002). Her postgraduate training in Paediatrics and Neonatology was in Sri Lanka and Queen Charlotte and Chelsea Hospital, London (2006-2012). She received board certification as a Consultant Neonatologist in 2012 by the Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo.

She received board certification as Lactation consultant in 2011 by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBCLE). She is involved with promoting breastfeeding in the clinical setting as a Neonatologist where she has achieved almost 100% exclusive breastfeeding in the term as well as preterm babies. She is also involved with training health care workers in breast feeding counselling.

She is certified in Neonatal Behavioural Assessment (Brazelton scoring) since 2012 (Cambridge, UK) and use this assessment to help parents improve their skills of handling their baby and thereby become more confident, which will enhance their chances of continuing breast feeding, instead of giving up due to excessive crying etc. She is a Doctor of Philosophy candidate and is part of the Longitudinal Infant Body Composition Study funded by the International Atomic Energy Agency, where she is following up a cohort of infants from birth to two years.
Surname, first name(s) and initial: McGrath, Marie

Institutional affiliation(s): Emergency Nutrition Network (ENN)

Academic degrees: Bachelor of Science Human Nutrition and Dietetics

City and country of primary residence: Oxford, UK

Biography

Ms McGrath is a graduate nutritionist and trained as a paediatric dietitian. Since 1996, she has worked on nutrition in emergencies, beginning with overseas postings with non-governmental organisations (1996-2001). She joined the Emergency Nutrition Network (ENN) in 2001 and became Co-Director in 2004. She has worked on infant feeding in emergencies (IFE) since 1999, when she conducted research on the humanitarian response to the 1999 Kosovo crisis.

Since 2004, she has been the co-ordinator for the IFE Core Group, an interagency/expert collaboration on IFE hosted by ENN. In this role, she has facilitated and technically contributed to the development of key policy guidance and training materials; conducted reviews; led meetings; supported documentation of programming experiences; brokered technical consensus; contributed to WHO technical guidance development on Ebola, Zika virus and HIV in the context of breastfeeding in emergencies; coordinated development of stop-gap guidance and programme tools; and collaborated on research. At ENN, she also leads on research, networking and advocacy on the management of at risk mothers and infants (MAMI), a core component of which involves breastfeeding support.
Surname, first name(s) and initial: Muti, Monica

Institutional affiliation(s): Zimbabwe Nutrition Association, Society for Implementation Science in Nutrition

Academic degrees: Master of Public Health; Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition

City and country of primary residence: Johannesburg, South Africa

Biography

Ms Muti is the Nutrition Intervention Manager in the Ministry of Health and Child Care, Zimbabwe and a PhD student at the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa. She holds a Master of Public Health (University of Zimbabwe), a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition (University of Zimbabwe) and a Certificate in Leadership and Management in Health (University of Washington) as well as a Certificate in Fundamentals of Implementation Science (University of Washington).

She has seventeen years’ experience in public health, nutrition policy, programming and implementation in the areas of Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition, Severe Malnutrition, HIV and Nutrition, Nutrition Surveillance and Emergencies. She was also involved in the Sanitation Hygiene Infant Nutrition Efficacy (SHINE) Study in Zimbabwe as a technical nutrition expert.

She has a keen interest in maternal and child health and nutrition, healthy diets, noncommunicable diseases and is currently coordinating the development of the Food Based Dietary Guidelines and Food Composition Tables for Zimbabwe. She has published papers on Infant and Young Child Feeding, Maternal Health and Public Health.
Surname, first name(s) and initial: Naude, Celeste E.

Institutional affiliation(s): Stellenbosch University; Cochrane Nutrition

Academic degrees: PhD; Master of Nutrition; Bachelor of Science in Diet

City and country of primary residence: Stellenbosch, South Africa

Biography

Dr Naude is a senior researcher at the Centre for Evidence-based Health Care (CEBHC), Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at Stellenbosch University, South Africa; and Co-Director of Cochrane Nutrition. Her academic interests and experience includes health and evidence synthesis, knowledge translation and evidence-informed decision-making in policy and practice for nutrition, health and other sustainable development outcomes.

She is involved in African and international research networks via the Research, Evidence and Development Initiative (READ-It), of which the CEBHC is a lead partner. She is an Associate Editor of the Cochrane Effective Practice and Organisation of Care (EPOC) Group and of Nutrition Journal, a member of the Cochrane Fields Executive Committee, the Cochrane African Network and the South Africa GRADE Network, a previous member of the Cochrane Council, and an invited member of NutriRECS (Nutritional Recommendations and accessible Evidence summaries Composed of Systematic reviews) and of the Chronic Disease Initiative for Africa.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Paul, Mical

Institutional affiliation(s): Rambam Health Care Campus and the Ruth and Bruce Rappaport Faculty of Medicine, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology

Academic degrees: MD

City and country of primary residence: Tel-Aviv, Israel

Biography

Dr Paul is Director of the Infectious Diseases Institute at Rambam Health Care Center and Professor at The Ruth and Bruce Rappaport Faculty of Medicine, Technion, Israel Institute of Technology. Her research interests focus on the management of sepsis, hospital-acquired infections, multidrug-resistant bacteria and endemic infections.

She is an editor with Clinical Microbiology and Infection and the Cochrane Infectious Diseases Group, having led numerous influential systematic reviews and meta-analyses. She has previously participated in the European Conference on Infections in Leukaemia (ECIL) guidelines development; was a member of the WHO guideline development group, nutrition actions, participating in the guideline development group for the “Daily iron Supplementation in infants and children” 2016 guidelines; and was a member of the advisory group for the development of the WHO report on “Antibacterial agents in clinical development. An analysis of the antibacterial clinical development pipeline, including tuberculosis”.

She is currently participating in the guideline development panels of “ESCMID Guidelines for the treatment of infections caused by multidrug-resistant bacteria” AND the Infectious Diseases Society of America-ESCMID guidelines on “Management of Staphylococcus aureus bacteremia”.
Surname, first name(s) and initial: Rouzier, Vanessa Aline

Institutional affiliation(s): Les Centres GHESKIO

Academic degrees: MD

City and country of primary residence: Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Biography

Dr Rouzier trained at McGill University in Pediatrics and Infectious Diseases before returning to her native country Haiti and joining the GHESKIO Centers in June 2009. She currently serves as the head of the Pediatric and Nutrition Units at GHESKIO and as the GHESKIO Site Coordinator for maternal child-health related research and the implementation of clinical trials in pregnant women, children and adolescents.

Her research interests include: 1) improved diagnostics and treatment of tuberculosis, including multi drug-resistant tuberculosis, in children and pregnant women, as well as pneumonia in children; 2) outcomes of HIV/AIDS treatment programs, including the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) and strategies to improve outcomes for adolescents living with HIV; and 3) cholera prevention and treatment programs, including oral cholera vaccination and research evaluating cholera immunology and factors for continued cholera transmission and persistence in urban slums of Port-au-Prince.
Surname, first name(s) and initial: Silvestre, Maria Asuncion A.

Institutional affiliation(s): Kalusugan ng Mag-Ina, Inc (KMI; Health of Mother and Child)

Academic degrees: MD; Certificate in Paediatric Residency; Fellow in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

City and country of primary residence: Quezon City, Philippines

Biography

Dr Silvestre completed Fellowships in Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine at Wayne State University (Detroit). At the UP College of Medicine, she modelled family centered care of critically-ill newborns including breastfeeding support and counselling, KMC and human milk banking and later co-authored “Essentials in Infant Nutrition” in “Fundamentals of Pediatrics” (2014).

With WHO Philippines, she contributed to guideline development and implementation of Essential Intrapartum and Newborn Care (EINC), since 2008. She founded a non-stock, non-profit Kalusugan ng Mag-ina Inc. in 2010) dedicated to the health of the mother-child dyad, emphasizing non-separation. She has contributed to the Philippines Department of Health systems approaches through Integrated Policies on Essential Maternal & Newborn Care and MBFHI (2016); National Policy on Quality of Care for Small Babies (2016); and to WHO Optimal Feeding of Low Birth Weight (2005); Acceptable Reasons for Supplementation Annex to Revised MBFHI (2007); Guidelines on Counselling for Women to Improve Breastfeeding Outcomes (2019). Her collaborative work catalysed Unang Yakap (First Embrace). She is currently member of the Independent Review Group for Early Essential Newborn Care of WHO WPRO.

With the Asia-Pacific Center for Evidence-based Healthcare (APCEBH), she co-authored “Painless Evidence Based Medicine” (2008 & 2017). She has participated in CPG development using GRADE.
Surname, first name(s) and initial: Voo, Teck Chuan

Institutional affiliation(s): National University of Singapore (NUS), Centre for Biomedical Ethics, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine

Academic degrees: Bachelor in Arts in Philosophy; Master of Arts in Philosophy; PhD in Bioethics and Medical Jurisprudence

City and country of primary residence: Singapore, Singapore

Biography

Dr Voo is an Assistant Professor at the National University of Singapore, Centre for Biomedical Ethics. He researches on medical professionalism and ethics, and on public health, with focus on ethical issues arising in infectious disease outbreaks and control. He has served the World Health Organization in various capacities in the areas of public health emergency research and infectious diseases and global health. He is Co-director of CENTRES (Clinical Ethics Network and Research Ethics Support), an initiative funded by the Singapore Ministry of Health to serve as a networking and ethics support resource for ethics committees and institutional review boards in Singapore.
Surname, first name(s) and initial: Wefwafwa, Terrie

Institutional affiliation(s): Independent Consultant; Chief Executive Officer of Karibuni-Kenya

Academic degrees: Bachelor of Education (honours) in Food and Nutrition

City and country of primary residence: Bungoma, Kenya

Biography:

Ms Wefwafwa is the Chief Executive Officer of Karibuni-Kenya a local NGO whose focus is Health, Nutrition and Food Security. She is a graduate nutritionist who previously worked with the Ministry of Health in Kenya, rising to Head of the Division Nutrition. She provided leadership that resulted into Kenya being the only country globally on track on all World Health Assembly global nutrition indicators in 2015.

She was a member of the drafting team for the following policies and legislations; Kenya Food and Nutrition Security Policy, Breast milk Substitutes (Regulation and Control) Act and Food Fortification Regulations. She has carried out technical review of several Kenyan guidelines including Nutrition Action Plan, Maternal Infant Young Child and Nutrition Strategy, national guideline for Healthy Diets and Physical Activity and National Technical Guidelines for Micronutrient Deficiency Control. At global level reviewed Daily iron supplementation in menstruating women and global e-learning course on Infant and Young Child Feeding. She is a co-author of the published Integration to Implementation and the Micronutrient Forum: A coordinated approach for global nutrition.