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Title

Achieving Universal Health Coverage? Not Without Associate Clinicians. Time to Leverage North - South Partnerships

Organiser

Consortium application from the African Network of Associate Clinicians (ANAC), New York University (NYU), and Columbia University (CU)

Objective

The purpose of this workshop side-event is to bridge these divides – within and across regions and continents–in order to map out potential partnerships that would ultimately strengthen a cadre of health workers (Associate Clinicians) that already play a critical role in expanding access to care. Part one of the workshop will bring together health policymakers, providers, funding partners, and others to review lessons learned from high-, middle-, and low-income country settings that can apply to expanded use of Associate Clinicians in order to address health care shortages globally. We will prioritize the current state of knowledge regarding regulatory and policy issues, training models and metrics, and the range of implementation issues to consider as countries add or expand the use of Associate Clinicians in order to meet universal health coverage (UHC) targets.

Outcome

Catalyze recognition of the contribution of the Associate Clinician cadre; Synthesize current barriers and facilitators to Associate Clinician practice including regulatory reform, credentialing, and optimal pre-service and continuing education models; Provide practical information for policymakers considering the inclusion of Associate Clinicians as a cadre to expand health system ability to deliver UHC, and; Identify potential partnerships to strengthen the professionalization of Associate Clinicians globally.