Improving Outcomes through Community-Based Initiatives

The Effectiveness of Community-Based Primary Health Care in Improving Child and Maternal Health: A Comprehensive Review of Interventions, Approaches and Implementation Strategies

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2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Oral Session

Henry Perry will present key findings from a decade-long study on the effectiveness of community-based primary health care (CBPHC), including the effectiveness of approaches to improving maternal, neonatal and child health. The findings will also be included as a forthcoming special series in the Journal of Global Health.

Approximately 9 million deaths of mothers and children still occur annually around the world, mostly from readily preventable or treatable conditions. Henry’s research shows how a major portion of these deaths can be prevented through CBPHC approaches. He will discuss key intervention implementation strategies such as home visits, community case management of serious childhood illness, participatory women’s groups, and the delivery of outreach services by a mobile team from a peripheral facility. He will also discuss how effective CBPHC programs have engaged communities in a broader way so that the interventions can more readily reach those who need them.

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