Reducing the burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) necessitates a transformation in how, and by whom, NCD services are delivered. This redistribution will see roles traditionally performed in hospitals shift to the community, to where people live and work and can most readily access services. Primary health care (PHC), long recognized for its contribution to health promotion and disease prevention, will be called upon to serve as a platform for NCD screening, early diagnosis, treatment, palliation and rehabilitation.

Such a shift will not be possible unless the PHC workforce is adequately equipped to meet the increased scale and scope of NCD care. This means not only bolstering the supply of PHC workers but optimizing the distribution of critical tasks among different cadres. Executing this transition requires unprecedented cooperation, multi-sectoral collaboration and regulatory action to ensure that quality of care is maintained.

This webinar session will convene health system and workforce experts to examine what it will take to prepare the PHC workforce to take on the challenge of NCDs.

**AGENDA**

**Introductory remarks**

**The 40 million challenge**
How can we meet the workforce demands of tomorrow?

**PHC nurses as vital forces for NCDs**
WHO Chief Nurse shares global outlook

**Frontline Dispatch:**
PHC workers share their NCD story

**Hard Talk Panel**
Building an NCD Ready Workforce
- **Who? What? Where?** Key requirements of effective workforce planning
- **Fit-for-purpose:** Training the workforce and upskilling for NCDs
- **Progressive realisation:** Optimizing the PHC workforce for NCDs in low resource settings

**Discussion**

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Dr James Campbell
Jim Campbell is the Director of the Health Workforce Department at the World Health Organization, and the Executive Director of the Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA). His role at WHO has included overseeing the development of WHO’s Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health: Workforce 2030 as adopted by the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly, and support to the High-level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth established by the United Nations Secretary-General in March 2016 as an initiative to inform multi-sectoral engagement on the Global Strategy. The Commission’s report was published in September 2016 and sets out 10 recommendations and five immediate actions to address the global mismatch in the supply, demand and need for health workers. Prior to joining WHO and GHWA, Jim spent eight years as the founder/Director of a not-for-profit research institute. His publications include A Universal Truth: No Health Without a Workforce (2013), and the State of the World’s Midwifery reports (2011 and 2014).
Ms Elizabeth Iro
Elizabeth Iro started in her role as Chief Nursing Officer of WHO in January 2018. Before joining WHO, Ms Iro had more than 30 years of experience in public health in the Cook Islands and regionally. She served as the Secretary of Health of the Cook Islands, and was notably the first woman to be appointed to this position. In her role, Ms Iro implemented health reforms to strengthen the country’s health system, including developing the country’s National Health Roadmap 2017-2036, the National Health Strategic Plan 2017-2021, and the Health Clinical Workforce Plan. She had previously served as the country’s Chief Nursing Officer and Acting Director of Hospital Health Services. For the first 25 years of her career, she was a staff nurse, midwife and charge midwife at hospitals in the Cook Islands and New Zealand.

Ms Sonam Choki
Ms Choki is a health assistant in the Samadingkha Basic Health Unit (BHU) in the Punakha District, Bhutan. Ms Choki is responsible for overall management and planning of activities in the community and collaboration with other sectors and regular meetings with the local government. She provides outreach and health education services, makes judgments on appropriate treatment and referrals, provides emergency services and conducts annual household surveys and regular immunization programmes. Through her activities in the primary health care center, Ms Choki implements people-centred care services through the package of essential non-communicable disease (PEN) and provides NCD screening at the community level. She has previously worked in one of the most remote places in Northern Bhutan. Ms Choki has received a Certificate in Community Health from the Royal Institute of Health Sciences, Thimphu Bhutan with additional training on the Global HEARTS protocol, Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test – Screening and Brief Intervention (AUDIT-SBI), and participation in various meetings.

Ms Marika Guzek
Ms Guzek is a nurse, coordinator of medical projects and patient care in the Centrum Medyczno-Diagnostyczne in Siedlce, Poland. Ms Guzek is an author of notable publications and presentations focused on the effectiveness of coordinated care, chronic care, treatment and the role of nurses in primary health care through collaboration with the World Bank. Ms Guzek is engaged in the implementation of behavioural interventions for PHC patients led by nurses, dietitians and psychologists. Further, she is a member of the board of IFC Poland.

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Dr Mamsallah is the Clinical Director of Primary Care International, and a practising GP/Family physician. She began work as a GP in inner city London, before moving to South Africa to work in operational research at the interface of HIV and primary care, subsequently working as a Clinical Lecturer in Family Medicine at Wits University. Most recently Mamsallah has worked in clinical practice in Lagos alongside a role as Faculty at the Healthcare Leadership Academy: HLA Africa. With an MSc in Global Health Policy from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Mamsallah is also a seasoned health policy consultant and is currently based between the UK and Nigeria. With PCI, Mamsallah has worked with the WHO, UNHCR, IRC and others to strengthen primary healthcare systems in Africa, the Middle East and South Asia, with a focus on building capacity for NCD care in primary healthcare. She is currently leading efforts to grow and expand an open access Covid-19 e-learning resource for front-line health workers in resource-poor settings. She is also providing leadership for a collaboration with the WHO, which will see PCI co-create a package of NCD learning resources for global roll-out as part of a programme building capacity for integrated primary care.

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