

Resources for integrated Community Case Management (iCCM) of Childhood Illness

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This special supplement of the AJTMH was prepared by the Operational Research subgroup of the iCCM Task Force. It presents 19 original research articles including: ways to better support frontline health workers and the systems they need to effectively deliver services to populations without easy access to facility-based services; barriers that impede the success of the iCCM strategy; better ways to overcome the main barriers; and, approaches to better measure progress and impacts.

WHO/UNICEF Joint Statement – Integrated Community Case Management (iCCM): *An equity-focused strategy to improve access to essential treatment services for children*

This statement presents the latest evidence for integrated community case management (iCCM) of childhood illness, describes the necessary program elements and support tools for effective implementation, and lays out actions that countries and partners can take to support the implementation of iCCM at scale.

www.who.int/maternal_child_adolescent/documents/iccm_service_access/en/index.html

www.CCMCentral.com

This website aims to centralize resources, provide examples of promising practices and enable users to access iCCM-related tools. The website was developed by the iCCM Task Force, an association of multilateral and bilateral agencies and NGOs, working to promote integrated community level management of childhood illness. The USAID-funded Maternal Child Health Integrated Program (USAID/MCHIP) currently manages the website through guidance of the Task Force Steering Committee which is populated by members of USAID, MCHIP, UNICEF, WHO, and Save the Children.

www.CHWCentral.org

CHW Central is an online resource for information and dialogue about Community Health Workers (CHW). CHWs play an important role in increasing access to health services in poor and underserved communities around the world. CHW Central supports community health workers and strengthens CHW programs by connecting experts, practitioners, and supporters in interactive discussion forums and sharing the latest developments in CHW research, practice, and policy.

Program Managers Guide

"Community Case Management Essentials: Treating Common Childhood Illnesses in the Community – A Guide for Program Managers" (2nd Edition, 2012)

This highly practical tool gives the strategy of community case management clarity and is designed to inform program design, implementation and evaluation at the field level targeting the conditions that cause the most child death in the hardest to reach communities. The CCM Essentials guide is designed for program managers at the district and local levels including ministries of health and NGOs, but central-level planners, advocates, academics and other international health professionals will also find the guide useful.

www.coregroup.org/our-technical-work/initiatives/ccm

Toolkit

"Tools to Introduce Community Case Management (CCM) of Serious Childhood Infection" (2011)

This toolkit was developed by Save the Children in light of: (1) the recognized need for community-based strategies like iCCM to achieve Millennium Development Goal 4; (2) concerted advocacy for iCCM by UNICEF, USAID, WHO, bilateral donors, and NGOs, among others; (3) increased donor support for iCCM; (4) iCCM policies, programs and plans gaining momentum; and (5) the lack of a complete set of iCCM implementation tools.

www.coregroup.org/storage/documents/Community Case Management of Children/CCM toolbox V2 March 2011.pdf

Manual for the Community Health Worker

Integrated Management of Childhood Illness – Caring for the Sick Child in the Community (2011)

This component of the three-part training package—Caring for Newborns and Children in the Community—is designed to help lay community health workers (CHW) assess and treat sick children age 2 - 59 months. In this process, also known as "Community Case Management" (CCM) the CHW:

- identifies and refers children with danger signs
- treats (or refers) pneumonia, diarrhea and fever
- identifies and refers children with severe malnutrition to a health facility
- refers children with other problems that need medical attention
- advises on home care for all sick children

The selected interventions require the availability and use of four simple medicines: an antibiotic (usually amoxicillin), an antimalarial, oral rehydration salts (ORS) and zinc tablets. These materials are based on and are consistent with the training materials for workers in first-level health facilities, Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI).

The materials belong to a three-part package that can be used independently or sequentially.

Facilitator Notes:

http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2011/9789241548045_Facilitator_Notes_eng.pdf

Photo book: identify signs of illness

http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2011/9789241548045_Facilitator_Notes_eng.pdf

Chart booklet for the community health worker

http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2011/9789241548045_Chart_Booklet_eng.pdf

http://www.who.int/maternal_child_adolescent/documents/imci_community_care/en/index.html