Exploring the Plural World of Scientific Research

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We are very pleased today with the launch of the African Journal of Health Issues, which will fill a gap in the African scientific landscape in order to develop medical and paramedical knowledge as well as sociological, anthropological, psychological relevance to health care. It is a journal at the crossroads of several professions bringing together medical, paramedical, allied health professionals and other related specialists. These specialties share the conduct field surveys; health policies analysis; administration of care; the management of acute and chronic conditions; the follow-up of patients in hospitals and at home; and the biological investigation appropriate to our context.

The interest in research, in medical education and in clinical practice has increased significantly in recent years. In a world obsessed with constantly seeking better health, with exponential scientific and technological development, an increased exposure to many health risks and developments in medical education methods and approaches, the African Journal of Health Issues will have to tailor its contents and adapt to the scientific developments and improvements in quality, dissemination and approaches in order to improve care of individuals and communities as a whole.

Many contributors (physicians, biologists, nurses, pharmacists, nutritionists, sociologists, anthropologists, public health specialists, psychologists, educators, training managers etc.), are called upon to contribute their writings to the quality and influence of the Journal, which is committed to nurturing the heritage of global scientific knowledge and developing African scientific fraternity. In each issue, the articles will highlight research topics in different health domains and daily problems of medical practice in Africa and beyond.

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