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Dear Colleague

Invitation to short course on *Child rights and child law for health professionals*

Date: 19th – 23rd March 2012

Times: 9am to 4.30pm

Venue: Bernard Fuller Building, Health Sciences Faculty (Observatory), University of Cape Town

The Children's Institute at the University of Cape Town has developed a short course on child rights and child law for health professionals in South Africa. The course aims to deepen health professionals' understanding of children's rights in international and national law and to enable them to apply these rights in their daily practice. The course also contains up-to-date training on the new Children's Act, in particular consent to medical treatment and the reporting of child abuse.

The course is structured into six sessions and runs over five days:

1. The relationship between child health and children's rights
2. Child rights principles and provisions in international and South African law
3. Laws, policies and programmes that give effect to children's rights in South Africa
4. Making children's rights a reality: in individual practice
5. Making children's rights a reality: within the health care system
6. Making children's rights a reality: addressing the social determinants of health

According to Dr Michael Hendricks of the Child Health Unit at UCT, "*This is an excellent course and is relevant to a broad range of health professionals working in the field of paediatrics and child health, including nurse practitioners, paediatricians and health managers. As a clinician, one comes to see the application of children's rights as a vital part of clinical practice. I would recommend this course to all those working in the area of child health.*"

We are inviting approximately 25 health and allied professionals from around the country to participate in the course. The course carries 60 CPD ethics points and is targeted at doctors, nurses, psychologists and managers and trainers responsible for child health at all levels of the health care system. The intention of the course is to:

- provide you with cutting-edge education on child rights and child law in South Africa;
- enable you to apply this understanding in your daily practice;
- enable you to advocate for children's health both within and outside the health care system; and
- build a network of health and allied professionals interested in promoting children's rights and sharing best practice.

If you are interested in attending the course, complete the attached registration form and return it to Bronwen Williams by **Monday 12 March 2012**. If you are unable to attend but would like to pass the invite to a colleague who you think would be interested and appropriate, please do so.

The total course fee is R3000 per student which includes the training and materials as well as access to updated materials via an online learning website. Students will need to cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

For more information, contact Bronwen Williams: telephone (021) 689 5404, fax (021) 689 8330 or e-mail bee.williams@uct.ac.za.

Yours sincerely

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Please click on the following link to download a copy of our [Guide to the Children's Act for Health Professionals](#) and learn more about how the new Children's Act affects health professionals.