

BUSINESS UNIT: NICD
DISCIPLINE: CENTRE FOR HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS, ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE AND MYCOSES
LOCATION: SANDRINGHAM
POSITION: SENIOR MEDICAL EPIDEMIOLOGIST
PAY GRADE: D3
REFERENCE NUMBER: NICD0519/001-03

With guidance from the Centre Head, to provide leadership and strategic direction for Epidemiology Section of the CHARM in line with NICD's role and responsibilities and to facilitate close working relationships and cohesion between the Department of Health, other stakeholders, and centres within NICD.

Key Job Responsibilities

- Provide leadership for the Epidemiology Section of the CHARM in line with NICD's strategic role and responsibilities, with guidance from the Centre Head
- Assist the National Department of Health and other stakeholders with timely expert advice and surveillance/research data relevant the CHARM's area of focus
- Assist to establish strategic goals for the Epidemiology Section of the CHARM through a consultative process with creation/regular review of the Centre's annual and 5-year strategic plans
- Ensure that operational objectives are met according to agreed project timelines as per the strategic plan
- Manage the field teams for surveillance and research, data management and epidemiologist teams within the CHARM
- Facilitate closer working relationships with other sections in the CHARM and with other centres in those areas where there exist opportunities for joint working towards common goals and NDoH priorities
- Be proactive in ensuring that successful grant applications are submitted and research funding raised by the Centre team
- Ensure that the Epidemiology Section of the CHARM contributes to the outputs of the Centre in terms of NICD surveillance publications, peer-reviewed scientific publications and other reports
- Maintain an Epidemiology team to provide high quality teaching and training which is responsive to national and international requirements on NICD and other training programmes
- Ensure that coordinated quality assurance processes are in place throughout the Epidemiology Section of the CHARM
- Document and maintain records of Epidemiology Section of the CHARM outputs through periodic Centre activity reports and contributions to the NICD annual report
- Support the Centre's interaction with media in line with NICD/NHLS policies
- Promote transformation in the Centre and to encourage innovative initiatives
- Keep up to date with relevant, current and emerging research, methods and technologies to ensure personal growth and development, perform appropriate research and publish in relevant scientific journals
- Manage administrative and operational requirements of subordinate staff
- Train, develop and manage epidemiology staff to ensure they have the skills required by the organisation and are able to achieve their performance objectives.

Minimum requirements & key competencies

- MBChB
- Registration with the HPCSA as an independent medical practitioner
- MSc or MPH or PhD in Public Health/ Field Epidemiology
- Valid driver's license [Code E / EB]
- 5 years' experience in Infectious Diseases/ Epidemiology/ Public Health
- 5 years' experience in management
- 5 years' experience in public health surveillance/ outbreak response
- Writing successful grant applications and performing research
- Experience in HAI, AMR and mycoses surveillance and research is desirable
- Knowledge of working with high-level stakeholders
- Skilled in field epidemiology and application of epidemiological skills to the public health laboratory
- Knowledge of and insight into laboratory practice
- General management and administration
- Knowledge of and insight into NHLS and NICD laboratory practice
- Computer literacy, including statistical packages
- Communication skills (verbal & written)
- Ability to work under pressure
- Interpersonal skills
- Time management
- Attention to detail
- Research skills
- Strategic management and administrative skills
- Planning and organising skills
- Thinking on one's feet
- Assertiveness
- Flexibility / Adaptability
- Ability to produce statistics
- Report writing skills
- Diplomatic skills
- Teaching / Training.

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