



WHO's Science Division

A brief overview

Goals and Structure

Goals:

- keep WHO ahead of the curve in new science, technology and innovations
- ensure that we are harnessing science for public health
- identify potential risks of technologies
- promote highest standard of research, innovation and evidence-based policies

Structure:

3 departments

- Quality Assurance of Norms and Standards
- Research for Health
- Digital Health and Innovation

Hosted research entities

- Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research
- Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction
- The Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases



Role in COVID-19

- Solidarity trial
 - Clinical treatments
 - Serological studies
 - Vaccine
- ACT Accelerator: A Global Collaboration to Accelerate the Development, Production and Equitable Access to New COVID-19 diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines
- QNS
 - COVID-19 Publications Review Committee reviews and clears all guidance for guidance compendium and web publication
 - Evidence Collaborative for COVID-19 (90+ collaborating partners doing evidence retrieval and reviews)
 - Daily evidence retrieval and curation, summaries, searchable database of more than 20,000 articles in multiple languages
 - Articles in IRIS, WHO's Institutional Repository for Information Sharing, being used for 7-9 million downloads/month
 - Piloting new software for living guidance to enable easy updates and publication
 - Staging guidelines development group and integrating with ACT Accelerator workplan

