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- Health Systems Strengthening Consultants – BroadReach Healthcare

Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Speaking up for patient safety by hospital-based health care professionals: A literature review
Ayako Okuyama, Cordula Wagner and Bart Bijnen. BMC Health Services Research 2014. Published: 8 February 2014.

Speaking up is important for patient safety, but often, health care professionals hesitate to voice concerns. Understanding the influencing factors can help to improve speaking-up behaviour and team communication...


Dosing errors of liquid AZT "exceedingly" common and related to poorer HIV health literacy
Howard LM et al. AIDS. Published: 12 February 2014.

Dosing errors are "exceedingly" common when adults are preparing paediatric doses of liquid antiretrovirals, results of research published in the online journal of AIDS show. The cross-sectional study involved 316 HIV-positive adult patients, all taking combination HIV therapy...


Higher pill burden is associated with poorer adherence to HIV therapy and reduced chances of achieving an undetectable viral load

Lower pill burden is associated with higher rates of adherence to HIV treatment and better virological outcomes, according to the results of a meta-analysis published in the online edition of Clinical Infectious Diseases...


Southern African Treatment Resistance Network (SATuRN) RegaDB HIV drug resistance and clinical management database: Supporting patient management, surveillance and research in southern Africa

Substantial amounts of data have been generated from patient management and academic exercises designed to better understand the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) epidemic and design interventions to control it...


Reflections on informed choice in resource-poor settings: The case of infant feeding counselling in PMTCT programmes in Tanzania

A growing emphasis on patient involvement in health care has brought 'informed choice' to the core of the debate on provider-patient interaction in global health-care programmes...

Trends in the types and quality of childhood immunisations research output from Africa 1970-2010: Mapping the evidence base
Shingai Machingaidze, Gregory D Hussey and Charles S Wiysonge. BMC Health Services Research. Published 4 February 2014.

Over the past four decades, extraordinary progress has been made in establishing and improving childhood immunization programmes around Africa...


South Africa 'to grow science ties with Brics nations'
BDLive. Published 11 February 2014.

Science and Technology Minister Derek Hanekom on Monday pledged closer scientific co-operation between South Africa and its fellow Brics members (Brazil, Russia, India and China)... Read More »


Measles deaths reach record lows with fragile gains toward global elimination
WHO. Published 6 February 2014.

New mortality estimates from WHO show that annual measles deaths have reached historic lows, dropping 78% from more than 562 000 in 2000 to 122 000 in 2012... Read More »


Limpopo medical students leave for Cuba
SABC. Published: Monday 10 February 2014.

At least 100 Limpopo students will on Monday leave for Cuba to study medicine. Premier Stanley Mathabatha has already bid farewell to the students... Read More »


Government offers lifeline to embattled Durban hospital
BDLive. Published 7 February 2014.

The KwaZulu-Natal health department is set to rescue embattled and cash-strapped St Mary's Hospital in Durban, which was set to close to avoid more debt... Read More »


Dr Harry Surtie Hospital: Double-edged sword of technology
Mail&Guardian. Published: 31 January 2014.

If the new Dr Harry Surtie Hospital has all the latest tech, why are patients complaining? Read More »


High incidence of antiretroviral prescribing errors in Nigeria
Aidsmap. Published: 7 February 2014.

Antiretroviral prescribing errors are common in Nigeria, according to results of a large prospective study published in PLOS ONE. Errors were detected in the prescriptions of almost all adult patients... Read More »

Source: http://www.aidsmap.com/High-incidence-of-antiretroviral-prescribing-errors-in-
US medical societies launch new hepatitis C treatment guidelines

The American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD), Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) and International Antiviral Society-USA (IAS-USA) yesterday announced the first new hepatitis C treatment guidelines... Read More »


Training and Resources

Virtual Leadership Development Program for teams working in Social and Behavior Change Communication

When: 7 April to 4 July 2014
Where: Internet based

USAID’s Health Communication Capacity Collaborative (HC3) project is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the Virtual Leadership Development Program (VLDP) focused on strengthening the leadership and management skills of teams working in Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC). Click Here>>

Reports and Publications

Research: The politics of transition and the economics of HIV

Published by Health GAP, this 39-page report alleges that tens of thousands of HIV patients supported by the US President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) may have been lost to follow up during the aid agency’s shift towards more technical assistance in the country. Click Here»

NSP Review: Engaging with South Africa’s National Strategic Plan for HIV, STIs and TB

Published by the Treatment Action Campaign and Section27, the latest NSP Review looks at retention in care, health leadership and the role of citizen journalism in tracking progress against national targets. Click Here»

Trends in national and provincial health and HIV/ AIDS budgeting and spending in South Africa

The endless fight against HIV and AIDS would not have been possible without financial investment and rigorous research in the HIV and AIDS field. The recent procurement and distribution of the triple combination therapy for AIDS in South Africa depicts the commitment by government to intensify the fight against the pandemic and to enhance good adherence among those taking AIDS treatment. Click Here»

Conferences

4th Ethics, Human Rights and Medical Law Conference

When: 6-8 May 2014
Venue: Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

The 4th Ethics, Human Rights and Medical Law Conference is a must attend event for healthcare professionals in South Africa and the surrounding region.

4th SA TB Conference

When: 10-13 June 2014
With the rollout of new molecular diagnostics and new TB drugs, we now bear witness to the dawn of a new age in the fight against TB. Meaningful impact will only be achieved with integration of all our efforts. We call on everyone working in all spheres of TB-HIV drug discovery, clinical management, patient advocacy, government policy and the basic sciences to attend this meeting.

20th International AIDS Conference
When: 20-25 July 2014
Venue: Melbourne, Australia
URL: http://www.aids2014.org/

The AIDS 2014 programme will present new scientific knowledge and offer many opportunities for structured dialogue on the major issues facing the global response to HIV. A variety of session types - from abstract-driven presentations to symposia, bridging and plenary sessions - will meet the needs of various participants.

Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research
When: 30 September to 3 October 2014
Venue: Cape Town, South Africa
URL: http://hsr2014.healthsystemsresearch.org/

The theme of the symposium is the science and practice of people-centred health systems, chosen to enable participants to address current and critical concerns of relevance across countries in all parts of the world. Researchers, policy-makers, funders, implementers and other stakeholders, from all regions and all socio-economic levels, will work together on the challenge of how to make health systems more responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities.

Job Opportunities

**Assistant Coordinator**
Employer: Philani Child Health and Nutrition Project
Closing Date: 28 February 2014
[Please view our website for more details](http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/assistant-coordinator)

**Field and Outreach Worker**
Employer: Women's Health CoOp
Closing Date: 28 February 2014
[Please view our website for more details](http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/field-and-outreach-worker)

**Clinical and Harm Reduction Specialist**
Employer: TB/HIV Care Association
Closing Date: 16 February 2014
[Please view our website for more details](http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/clinical-and-harm-reduction-specialist)

**Technical Associate**
Employer: FHI 360 South Africa
Closing Date: 17 February 2014
[Please view our website for more details](http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/technical-associate)

**Senior Epidemiologist/ Researcher**
Employer: Foundation for Professional Development
Closing Date: 21 February 2014
[Please view our website for more details](http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/senior-epidemiologist-researcher)

**Health Systems Strengthening Consultants**
Employer: BroadReach Healthcare
Closing Date: 26 February 2014
[Please view our website for more details](http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/health-systems-strengthening-consultants)