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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

The Lancet Series Launched in Johannesburg, South Africa Published: 24 August 2009

A collaboration between *The Lancet* and academic centres in South Africa to assess the health status in one of the most diverse regions of the world. HIV/AIDS dominate South Africa's health environment, but this series also highlights many other under-recognised health issues at a time when a new South African administration has a unique opportunity to implement key health policies to shape South Africa's future...[Read More »](#)

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“Edutainment” in South Africa: a force for change in health

Bulletin of the WHO. 87(8): 578-579 Published: August 2009

South Africa's Soul City Institute has become a force for social change with diverse interventions reaching more than 80% of South Africa's population of some 45 million people. Now the institute is partnering with the University of the Witwatersrand's School of Public Health, to set up the country's first division offering courses in public health, social and behaviour change communication...[Read More »](#)

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Health care providers' attitudes towards termination of pregnancy: A qualitative study in South Africa

Jane Harries, Kathryn Stinson and Phyllis Orner BMC Public Health 2009, 9:296 Published: 18 August 2009

Despite changes to the abortion legislation in South Africa in 1996, barriers to women accessing abortion services still exist including provider opposition to abortions and a shortage of trained and willing abortion care providers. The dearth of abortion providers undermines the availability of safe, legal abortion, and has serious implications for women's access to abortion services and health service planning. In South Africa, little is known about the personal and professional attitudes of individuals who are currently working in abortion service provision. Exploring the factors which determine health care providers' involvement or disengagement in abortion services may facilitate improvement in the planning and provision of future services...[Read More »](#)

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Health through people's empowerment: a rights-based approach to participation

Pol De Vos, Wim De Ceukelaire, Geraldine Malaise, Dennis Perez, Pierre Lefevre, and Patrick Van der Stuyft Health and Human Rights: An International Journal Vol 11, No 1 Published: August 2009

Analysis of the academic discourse on participation, empowerment, and the right to health since the 1978 Alma-Ata International Conference on Primary Health Care and the subsequent Alma-Ata Declaration shows that each phase of the evolution of these concepts added important new aspects to the discussion. This article focuses in three crucial issues that relate to these additions: the importance of social class when analyzing the essentials of community participation, the pivotal role of power highlighted in the discussion on empowerment, and the role of the state, which refers to the concepts of claim holders and duty bearers included in a rights-based approach to health...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Take2: Winds of change sweep SA healthcare

Annabel Jacoby Mail&Guardian Published: 27 August 2009

As recently as last year, professors Hoosen Coovadia and Salim Abdool Karim, two of South Africa's foremost HIV researchers, were two of the health department's greatest enemies. Former health minister Manto Tshabalala-Msimang made no secret of her intense dislike for them. While the international medical world quoted Coovadia and Abdool Karim in respected science journals and assigned them to head groundbreaking research projects, the minister bluntly refused to engage with them...[Read More »](#)

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Treatment crisis in Free State, again

Plus News Published: 28 August, 2009

South Africa's Free State Province is again experiencing a crisis in the delivery of antiretroviral (ARV) treatment, with understaffed clinics, erratic drug supplies and long waiting lists preventing many dangerously ill patients from accessing the life-prolonging drugs, according to AIDS activists. Runaway overspending by the provincial health department in 2008 led to a moratorium on new patients starting ARV treatment that lasted from November until February 2009. The Southern African HIV Clinicians Society estimated that 30 people a day died during this three-month period because they could not access treatment...[Read More »](#)

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Maternal death rate five times higher in women with HIV, South African audit shows

Carole Leach-Lemens Aidsmap Published: 10 August 2009

Maternal mortality ratios in Johannesburg, South Africa in HIV-infected women are more than six times higher than in HIV-negative women despite integration of antiretroviral treatment into prenatal services, reported Vivian Black and colleagues in a five-year audit published in the August 2009 issue of 'Obstetrics and Gynecology'. If the United Nation's Fifth Millennium Development Goal (MDG) of reducing maternal mortality by 20% by 2015 is to be reached the causes of maternal mortality as well as of preventable contributing factors need to be clearly understood...[Read More »](#)

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Lethal cocktail of epidemics

Kerry Cullinan Health-e News Published: 25 August 2009

A special series of the Lancet focusing on South Africa spells out in painful detail how many of our health indicators are the worst in the world. But while our health system is littered with lost opportunities, the Zuma government brings the possibility of real progress, argue the series authors. Kerry Cullinan reports...[Read More »](#)

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Publications

Financing South Africa's National Health System through National Health Insurance Possibilities and Challenges (Colloquium Proceedings)

Claire Botha and Michael Hendricks HSRC Policy Analysis Unit Published: 2008

The provision of universal access to healthcare, a right enshrined in the South African Constitution, is the responsibility of government. Although much progress has been made towards the creation of a national health system which makes access to health for all a reality, much remains to be done. As a means to facilitate debate on the subject, the Policy Analysis Unit of the Human Sciences Research Council, hosted a colloquium on Health within a comprehensive system of social security, under the auspices of the South African National Liaison Committee of UNESCO's Management of Social Transformation Programme. The main purpose of the colloquium was to initiate policy dialogue and critical discussion on how health services are accessed, provided and funded - and to formulate ideas, views and recommendations that could be presented to those involved in health policy development. This book contains the keynote addresses and a summary of deliberations emerging from the colloquium...[Click Here for Publication](#) »

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Global prevalence of vitamin A deficiency in populations at risk 1995-2005

World Health Organization Published: August 2009

In 1995, WHO updated these estimates and reported that vitamin A deficiency was of public health significance in 60 countries, and was likely to be a problem in an additional 13 countries. The current estimates reflect the time period between 1995 and 2005, and indicate that 45 and 122 countries have vitamin A deficiency of public health significance based on the prevalence of night blindness and biochemical vitamin A deficiency (serum retinol concentration [Click Here for Publication](#) »

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Conferences

2nd Access to Healthcare in Africa Conference focuses on improving access to health care

15-16 September 2009 Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa

The Conference will concentrate on challenges to quality, product availability, access and management in effective health care, with a focus on HIV and AIDS, TB and Malaria.

By attending the 2nd Access to Healthcare in Africa Conference at Emperors Palace Convention Centre in Johannesburg on 15 and 16 September 2009, you can share your experiences in health care management with your peers while tapping into the knowledge and insight of experts in this field. [Registration Details](#) »

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4th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights 2010

8-15 February 2010 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The 4th African Conference on Sexual Health and Rights is part of a long-term process of building and fostering regional dialogue on sexual rights and health that leads to concrete action to influence policy particularly that of the African Union and its bodies.

On behalf of the Scientific Committee, the Organizing Committee for the 4th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights would like to invite Abstracts (oral presentations and posters) exploring the overall theme of the Conference "Sexuality and HIV & AIDS in Africa". More information can be found at <http://www.africalsexuality.org/>

Any queries/request for additional information should be sent to: 4srhconference@ippfaro.org

Abstract Submission Deadline: 30th September 2009

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The 26th International Paediatric Association Congress of Paediatrics 2010

4-9 August 2010 Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa

Three leading paediatric associations, IPA, SAPA, and UNASPA, are uniting to host the 26th International Paediatric Association Congress of Paediatrics.

More than 5,000 participants are expected to attend this landmark event, the first IPA Congress to be held in Sub-Saharan Africa. Just five years before the due date of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), IPA 2010 will unite paediatricians and health professionals working towards the MDGs target to reduce child mortality by two thirds before 2015. [Registration Details](#) »

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Training and Resources

Graduate Programme in Public Health 2010

Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine, University of KwaZulu Natal

Applications are now invited for the Postgraduate Diploma and Master in Public Health - The Graduate Programme in Public Health aims to produce health professionals who are change agents in the field of public health. Through a careful assessment of your own needs and capacities, an individualised programme of study may be designed and undertaken, with the approval of the Academic Programme Co-ordinator, which will lead either to a general qualification or a qualification majoring in a special area of interest. [For More Information](#) »

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Job Opportunities

We are not-for-profit project that aims to support the recruitment and retention of healthcare workers in South Africa. AHP is focused on:

- Assisting Healthcare Professionals make the right choice for their future in South Africa.
- Supporting S.A. NGOs with a focus on HIV/AIDS and TB Clinics as well as rural and urban Government Hospitals with all recruitment needs.

No placement fees charged. Please view the website for more details <http://www.ahp.org.za> or contact on 011 328 1300

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ECHO: Primary Health Care Nurse

Chris Hani Baragwanath - Harriet Shezi Clinic

Closing Date: 14 September 2009

ECHO provides technical and service delivery support in paediatric HIV treatment and care to the National and Provincial Departments of Health, specifically Gauteng and the North West. ECHO also conducts clinical and operations research, including internationally sponsored clinical trials. The successful candidate will be responsible for the clinical management of children at Harriet Shezi Clinic. [Job Details »](#)

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ECHO: PMTCT Case Worker (3 positions)

Gauteng Outreach in City of Johannesburg, Regions F & C & Ekurhuleni, Region B

Closing Date: 14 September 2009

Enhancing Children's HIV Outcomes (ECHO) purpose is to save and enhance the lives of children and adolescents infected and affected by HIV and AIDS. The successful candidate will work with Primary Health Care Facilities in order to improve PMTCT, paediatric diagnosis and treatment programmes and to link these programmes in order to make sure that HIV positive children are identified early, and referred into existing treatment services as quickly as possible. [Job Details »](#)

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ECHO: Social Worker

Chris Hani Baragwanath - Harriet Shezi Clinic

Closing Date: 14 September 2009

Enhancing Children's HIV Outcomes (ECHO) purpose is to save and enhance the lives of children and adolescents infected and affected by HIV and AIDS. The successful candidate will help individuals, families, groups, communities and organizations develop the skills and resources they need to enhance their social functioning and social environments. [Job Details »](#)

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ECHO: Research Pharmacist

Chris Hani Baragwanath - Harriet Shezi Clinic

Closing Date: 14 September 2009

Enhancing Children's HIV Outcomes (ECHO) purpose is to save and enhance the lives of children and adolescents infected and affected by HIV and AIDS.

The Research Pharmacist is a skilled health care professional with experience in investigational drug supply management of investigational agents according to relevant boards. The successful candidate will maintain regulatory dated documents pertaining to IRB approval. FDA. 1572. drug receipt/dispensing/return logs: inventories study drugs

serve as an educational resource to study subjects and staff. [Job Details »](#)

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ECHO: Research Investigator

*Chris Hani Baragwanath - Harriet Shezi Clinic
Closing Date: 14 September 2009*

Enhancing Children's HIV Outcomes (ECHO) purpose is to save and enhance the lives of children and adolescents infected and affected by HIV and AIDS. The successful candidate will provide health care in a paediatric HIV research clinic environment. To facilitate the transfer of relevant HIV management knowledge to appropriate stakeholders and provide management of clinicians who are reporting directly to the position. [Job Details »](#)

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USAID: Global Health Fellows Research and Program Advisor/Epidemiologist

*Pretoria, South Africa
Closing Date: 21 September 2009*

The Research and Program Advisor/Epidemiologist will provide specialized technical assistance in areas relating to HIV epidemiology and its use for strategic planning, program planning, and monitoring and evaluation purposes. S/he will provide technical assistance to achieve US Government (USG) objectives in combating the HIV epidemic in the Southern Africa region. [Job Details »](#)

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USAID: Global Health Fellows Senior Regional System Strengthening and Human Capacity Development Advisor

*Pretoria, South Africa
Closing Date: 14 September 2009*

The Senior Regional System Strengthening and Human Capacity Development (SS/HCD) Advisor (the Advisor) oversees a very important component of the PEPFAR Global Program and at a regional level and provides technical advice on USAID-supported regional system strengthening activities, including the \$40 million agreement with Southern Africa Human Capacity Development (SAHCD) to build the capacity of indigenous organizations to respond to the human resource crisis in Southern Africa. [Job Details »](#)

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