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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### **Stretching the AIDS dollar**

*Patralekha Chatterjee The Lancet Volume 374, Issue 9691 678 Published: 29 August 2009*

The economic crisis is taking its toll on HIV/AIDS programmes in sub-Saharan Africa. Patralekha Chatterjee spoke to experts at the 2009 International AIDS Society meeting about the problem. The global recession has knocked health systems worldwide but its impact has been most severe in sub-Saharan Africa home to 10% of the world's population and more than 60% of all people living with HIV/AIDS. Nearly 3 million people in this region were accessing antiretroviral therapy (ARV) at the end of 2008 ...[Read More »](#)

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### **Injection drug use, unsafe medical injections, and HIV in Africa: a systematic review**

*Savanna R Reid Harm Reduction Journal 2009, 6:24 School of Community Health Sciences, University of Nevada Published: 28 August 2009*

The reuse of injecting equipment in clinical settings is well documented in Africa and appears to play a substantial role in generalized HIV epidemics. The U.S. and the WHO have begun to support large scale injection safety interventions, increased professional education and training programs, and the development and wider dissemination of infection control guidelines. Several African governments have also taken steps to control injecting equipment, including banning syringes that can be reused...[Read More »](#)

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### **Monitoring the South African National Antiretroviral Treatment Programme, 2003 - 2007: The leDEA Southern Africa collaboration**

*Morna Cornell, Karl Technau, Lara Fairall, Robin Wood, Harry Moultrie, Gilles van Cutsem, Janet Giddy, Lerato Mohapi, Brian Eley, Patrick MacPhail, Hans Prozesky, Helena Rabie, Mary-Ann Davies, Nicola Maxwell, Andrew Boule, for the International epidemiologic Databases to Evaluate AIDS Southern Africa (leDEA-SA) Collaboration SAMJ Vol. 99, No. 9 Published: September 2009*

This paper aims to introduce the South African cohorts participating in leDEA as a collaboration that reflects the South African national ART programme, to characterise the children and adults accessing these services, and to describe changes in services and patients over the past 5 years...[Read More »](#)

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### **Improving data to reduce the burden of disease lessons from the Western Cape**

*Tracey Naledi, Keith C Househam, Pam Groenewald, Debbie Bradshaw, Jonny E Myers SAMJ Vol. 99, No. 9 Published: September 2009*

The Western Cape Provincial Government initiated the collaborative Burden of Disease (BOD) Reduction Project to reduce its burden of disease and promote equity in health. This shift in thinking from facilities to a population-based approach to health demonstrates increased awareness about the crucial role of upstream factors on population health. It resonates with the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO) Commission on Social Determinants of Health, which highlights three principles of action: improve the conditions of daily life (the circumstances in which people are born, grow, live, work, and age); tackle

determinants and evaluate their health impact...[Read More »](#)

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## Recent News

### **SA must produce 8 000 doctors a year**

*Gugu Mbonambi IOL Published: 14 September 2009*

Health MEC Sibongiseni Dhlomo says that the country should produce about 8 000 doctors annually to meet the dire shortage at public hospitals. Dhlomo was speaking at Durban's Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital at a ceremony on Friday to welcome back 19 doctors after five years of training in Cuba and to bid farewell to 15 new recruits who would soon depart for that country...[Read More »](#)

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### **Health-care situation makes NHI a necessity**

*Keith Ross IOL Published: 10 September 2009*

The present health care situation - with 40 million South Africans completely dependent on the under-funded state medical facilities - is untenable, says the Deputy Minister of Health, Dr Molefi Sefularo. He said it was essential, therefore, that the way be cleared to put a national health insurance scheme in place as soon as possible in order to create more equitable access to quality medical care for everybody...[Read More »](#)

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### **Drug sector is NHI's latest fan, but state 'must pull weight'**

*Sindile Khanyile Business Report, IOL Published: 3 September 2009*

The Pharmaceutical industry yesterday became the latest health care stakeholder to come out in support of national health insurance (NHI). But the various representatives at the 10th Board of Healthcare Funders annual conference said the government would need to address certain issues for the drugs sector to meaningfully contribute...[Read More »](#)

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### **SA lags behind Africa with Aids campaigns**

*IOL Published: 11 September 2009*

and acts too slowly, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said on Friday. "It's not a secret that we didn't do well," he told a South African National Aids Council (Sanac) meeting in Johannesburg. "If the scourge of HIV and TB is a snake, the head is South Africa. If you want to kill a snake, you start with the head and it will die."...[Read More »](#)

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### **SA won't meet ARV roll-out target, says Motsoaledi**

*Peroshni Govender Mail&Guardian Published: 15 September 2009*

South Africa will not meet a target of providing life-prolonging drugs to 80% of people living with HIV/Aids by 2011 due to logistical problems and a lack of personnel, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said on Tuesday. "We are now covering 700 000 people. Unfortunately it is only 50% of the number that has been targeted. By 2011, we are supposed to cover 80% of the people who need to be on ARVs," Motsoaledi told Reuters...[Read More »](#)

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### **The 26th International Paediatric Association Congress of Paediatrics 2010 (IPA) - Call For Abstracts**

*Johannesburg, South Africa 4-9 August 2010*

The International Paediatric Association pleased to announce that the abstract submission for IPA 2010 is now open. Participants wishing to propose papers for oral or poster presentations are invited to submit their abstracts via the congress website. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is Monday, February 8, 2010...[Read More »](#)

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## **Reports**

### **South African National HIV Prevalence, Incidence, Behaviour and Communication Survey, 2008 A Turning Tide Among Teenagers?**

*O Shisana, T Rehle, LC Simbayi, K Zuma, S Jooste, V Pillay-van-Wyk, N Mbelle, J Van Zyl, W Parker, NP Zungu, S Pezi & the SABSSM III Implementation Team HSRC Policy Analysis Unit Published: 2009*

South Africa's first national, household sero-prevalence survey of HIV and AIDS was conducted in 2002. A second survey was completed in 2005 and this, the third, in 2008. This report provides an analysis of trends across the three surveys and begins to map the ways in which the shape of the pandemic in South Africa has changed since 2002. Indicators for assessing mid-term progress made in implementing South Africa's National Strategic Plan on HIV and AIDS, 2007-2011 are also provided...[Click Here for Full Report »](#)

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## **Council for Medical Schemes Annual Report 2008-2009**

*The Council of Medical Schemes Published: September 2009*

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) launched its Annual Report for the 2008-09 financial year earlier today. The Acting Registrar and Chief Executive Mr Patrick Matshidze covered a wide range of topics in his presentation to members of the media, including the following important indicators of medical schemes performance during 2008: There were 119 registered medical schemes in 2008, down from 122 in 2007. The number of principal members increased by 4.8% to 3 388 582 and that of dependants increased by 2.6% to 4 486 244, resulting in the total number of beneficiaries increasing by 3.5% to 7 874 826 at the end of December 2008...[Click Here for Full Report »](#)

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## **Publications**

### **World Development Report 2010: Development and Climate Change**

*The World Bank Published: 15 September 2009 Advanced Press Edition*

World Development Report 2010: Development and Climate Change, released in advance of the December meetings on climate change in Copenhagen, says that developing countries will bear most of the costs of the damage from climate change. Many people in developing countries live in physically exposed locations and economically precarious conditions, and their financial and institutional capacity to adapt is limited, says the report. Already, policymakers in some developing countries note that an increasing amount of their development budget is being diverted to cope with weather-related emergencies... [Full Publication »](#)

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## **Conferences**

### **FIGO 2009 XIX World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics**

*4-9 October 2009 Cape Town, South Africa*

It is with great delight and anticipation that the XIX FIGO World Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology (FIGO 2009) is announced. This will be the first FIGO Congress to be held on the African continent and will take place in one of the most desirable destinations in the world today. The South African Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists is honoured to be the local host and is looking forward to your presence at the Congress. [Registration Details »](#)

Source: <http://www.figo2009.org.za/index.asp> [Accessed: 16 September 2009]

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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

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](mailto:4srhconference@ippfaro.org)

Abstract Submission Deadline: 30th September 2009

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### **The 26th International Pediatric Association Congress of Pediatrics 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 »](#)

Source: <http://www.kenes.com/ipa/mailshot/ms3.htm?ref3=db1> [Accessed: 14 September 2009]

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## **Training and Resources**

### **The Challenges of MDGs 4 and 5 Reducing Maternal and Newborn Mortality and Morbidity**

*Sunday 4 October 2009 Westin Grand Cape Town Arabella Quays, Cape Town, South Africa*

The International Office of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine would like to invite you and your colleagues for the above meeting which is being held in Cape Town, immediately preceding the forthcoming FIGO World Congress. This meeting is an excellent opportunity to find out about the work that the LSTM/RCOG International Partnership is undertaking to improve women's healthcare and contributing to the challenges of Millennium Development Goals 4; reducing child mortality and 5; reducing maternal mortality. We are keen to harness information to better support all those concerned and discuss ways in which we can all work together using our knowledge and experience for the greater good of newborn and maternal health in the future. [For More Information »](#)

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## **Job Opportunities**

### **AHP - African Health Placements**

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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**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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**TADSA: Grants Manager**

*Pretoria, South Africa*

*Closing Date: 21 September 2009*

The Grants Manager, who serves on the TADSA senior management team reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, is responsible for the agency's membership program, grant development, donor fundraising, and serves as the staff adviser to the Board of Directors on development and fundraising issues. [Job Details »](#)

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