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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Need for Timely Paediatric HIV Treatment within Primary Health Care in Rural South Africa

Graham S. Cooke. Kirstv E. Little. Ruth M. Bland. Hilarv Thulare. and Marie-Louise Newell PLoS One. 2009: 4(9).

In areas where adult HIV prevalence has reached hyperendemic levels, many infants remain at risk of acquiring HIV infection. Timely access to care and treatment for HIV-infected infants and young children remains an important challenge. We explore the extent to which public sector roll-out has met the estimated need for paediatric treatment in a rural South African setting...[Read More »](#)

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Beyond HAART: scientists and activists need to work together

The Lancet, Volume 374, Issue 9693, pages 860 - 861. Published: 12 September 2009.

The two key barriers to obtaining AIDS drugs in South Africa until 2004 were the state's support of AIDS denialism and high prices. The work of civil-society advocacy groups was essential to overcoming these barriers. The delayed roll-out of programmes for mother-to-child transmission prevention and for highly active antiretroviral treatment (HAART) conservatively resulted in 330 000 excess deaths. Nevertheless, AIDS activism helped reduce the price of antiretrovirals and change governmental ...[Read More »](#)

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Paediatric HIV management at primary care level: an evaluation of the integrated management of childhood illness (IMCI) guidelines for HIV

Christiane Horwood, Kerry Vermaak, Nigel Rollins, Lyn Haskins, Phumla Nkosi and Shamim Qazi BMC Pediatrics 2009. Published: 22 September 2009.

Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) is a WHO/UNICEF strategy to improve child survival in resource poor settings. South Africa adopted IMCI in 1997, and IMCI guidelines were adapted to include identification and management of HIV infected and exposed children. This study describes the validity of the IMCI/HIV algorithm when used by IMCI experts, the use of IMCI/HIV guidelines by IMCI trained health workers in routine clinical practice, and the burden of HIV among children under 5 years attending first level health facilities...[Read More »](#)

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Using Participatory Methods and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to Prepare for an HIV Community-Based Trail in Vulindlela, South Africa

Admire Chirowodza, Heidi van Rooyen, Philip Joseph, Sindisiwe Sikotoyi, Linda Richter, and Thomas Coates J Community Psychol.2009; 37(1): 41-57 Author manuscript. Published: 21 September 2009.

Recent attempts to integrate geographic information systems (GIS) and participatory techniques, have given rise to terminologies such as participatory GIS and community-integrated GIS. Although GIS was initially developed for physical geographic application, it can be used for the management and analysis of health and health care data...[Read More »](#)

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Sexual and reproductive health and climate change

The Lancet, Volume 374, Issue 9694, page 949. Published: 19 September 2009.

Earlier this year a Lancet Commission stated that "climate change is the biggest global health threat of the 21st century". Countries in the developing world least responsible for the growing emissions are likely to experience the heaviest impact of climate change, with women bearing the greatest toll. In tandem with other factors, rapid population growth in these regions increases the scale of vulnerability to the consequences of climate change, for example, food and water...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

First positive results from an HIV vaccine

Plus News. 24 September 2009.

A six-year clinical trial in Thailand has yielded the first ever evidence that an AIDS vaccine can provide some protection against HIV infection. The trial team in Bangkok, Thailand's capital announced on 24 September that rates of HIV infection were 31 percent lower in trial participants who got the vaccine than in those who received a placebo. "These new findings represent an important step forward in HIV vaccine research," said Dr Anthony Fauci, director of the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), the main funder of the trial ...[Read More »](#)

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UN, NGOs to fight HIV mother-to-child transmission

AFP. 21 September 2009.

UNAIDS signed a partnership deal with several non-governmental organizations at the United Nations to work to eliminate HIV mother-to-child transmission in Africa. The deal signed as world leaders gathered here for this week's UN General Assembly session, aims to accelerate action on HIV/AIDS and "correct the glaring inequality" faced by children in the face of the scourge, UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibe told a press conference...[Read More »](#)

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Cosatu to support oversight of NHI

IOL .24 September 2009.

Union members should be allowed to monitor the implementation of the government's proposed National Health Insurance (NHI) programme, Congress of SA Trade Unions (Cosatu) delegates said on Thursday. The delegates debated at the 10th Cosatu conference in Midrand, Johannesburg a resolution that would "ensure that the implementation of the NHI is mass driven so that our members can monitor the implementation". According to the resolution, while Cosatu supported the NHI it should also move to protect private sector medical workers through engagement with the government...[Read More »](#)

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Publications

Working in Health: Financing and Managing the Public Sector Health Workforce

Marko Vujcic, Kelechi Ohiri, Susan Sparkes Washington, DC: The World Bank. Published: 2009.

Working in Health addresses two key questions related to health workforce policy in developing countries:

1. What is the impact of government wage bill policies on the size of the health wage bill and on health workforce staffing levels in the public sector?
2. Do current human resources management policies and practices lead to effective use of wage bill resources in the public sector? ... [Full Publication »](#)

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WHO handbook on indoor radon: a public health perspective

The WHO. Published: 23 September 2009.

This handbook focuses on residential radon exposure from a public health point of view and provides detailed recommendations on reducing health risks from radon and sound policy options for preventing and mitigating radon exposure...[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 »](#)

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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

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 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 »](#)

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Training and Resources

18th Wits Skills Training Course

Friday 16th October 2009 University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg Division of Rural Health, Department of Family Medicine

The next Wits Clinical Skills Course will be held on Friday 16th October 2009. Participants have the chance to do 5 skills stations of 80 minutes each during the day. As always, the focus will be on practical skills relevant to rural hospital and primary care practice... [For More Information »](#)

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Integrating gender into HIV/AIDS programmes in the health sector: Tool to improve responsiveness to women's needs

A hands-on WHO tool to integrate gender into HIV/AIDS programmes This tool helps programme managers and health-care providers in the public and private sectors integrate gender into HIV/AIDS programmes they wish to set up, implement and evaluate so they are more responsive to women's needs... [For More Information »](#)

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Southern Africa Region Workshop: Advocacy for Comprehensive Condom Programming

The Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE) and Centre for Population and Development Activities (CEDPA) in partnership with UNFPA is holding an advocacy training to build the advocacy and technical expertise of women and men who are working on the frontlines in the fight against HIV and AIDS in Southern Africa. The training is being held in Swaziland from the 15th - 19th December 2009. There is space for 20 participants. 5 participants from each of

Swaziland, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Zambia Deadline: 12th October 2009 ... [For More Information »](#)

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Job Opportunities

AHP - African Health Placements

We are a 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 are charged. Please view the website for more details <http://www.ahp.org.za> or contact on 011 328 1300

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Clinical Advisor

International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs (ICAP) Swaziland, Mbabane, Swaziland
Closing Date: 9 October 2009

The Regional Clinical Advisor will provide technical assistance and support for the International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Program (ICAP) Swaziland to the Swaziland Ministry of Health (MOH) to improve and ensure the quality, utilization and scope of HIV/AIDS care and treatment services with an emphasis on families. They will also serve as a technical resource to the MOH and support the strengthening and programs, systems and linkages of family centered HIV services. [Job Details »](#)

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Grants Manager

TADSA
Closing Date: 15 November 2009

The Grants Manager, who serves on the TADSA senior management team reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, is responsible for the agency and 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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