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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

The Impact of HIV Scale-Up on the Role of Nurses in South Africa: Time for a New Approach

Dohrn, Jennifer; Nzama, Bongzi; Murrman, Marita. Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes Volume 52 Pages S27-S29. Published: November 2009.

South Africa's health care system is struggling to respond to the devastating impact of HIV/AIDS while at the same time respecting its postapartheid mandate to provide equitable health services to all. These unprecedented challenges are forcing a rethinking and reorganization of health resources and systems and a reappraisal of the role of nurses in the care of complex and chronic illness... [Read More »](#)

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Successful paediatric HIV treatment in rural primary care in Africa

Janssen N, Ndirangu J, Newell ML, Bland RM. Arch Dis Child. Africa Centre for Health & Population Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Published: 29 October 2009.

The mortality and morbidity of HIV-infected children in developed countries has improved considerably with antiretroviral treatment (ART). Children in developing countries show similar improvements in health and survival when given ART, despite restricted choice of drug regimens. However, the proportion of children with access to ART remains unacceptably low. Of the estimated 780,000 children under 15 years of age eligible for ART, only 10% were receiving treatment by the end of 2007, and subsequent progress has been painfully slow. Further, early treatment of infants with ART results in substantially improved survival; this in turn relies critically on early diagnosis of HIV-exposed infants and appropriate referral from well-functioning Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) programmes... [Read More »](#)

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Impact of HIV Treatment Scale-Up on Women's Reproductive Health Care and Reproductive Rights in Southern Africa

Myer Landon; Akugizibwe Paula. Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes - Volume 52 Pages S52-S53. Published: November 2009.

The HIV epidemic has changed the face of women's reproductive health across southern Africa. In some circles, there have been calls for restrictions on women's reproductive rights, focusing particularly on the spread of HIV between sexual partners and from mother to child. However, during the past decade, public health attention and resources for the clinical care of HIV-infected individuals living in Africa have led to advances in women's reproductive health services. As many programs have recognized that effective HIV care and treatment services must link to other areas of primary care, key reproductive health services such as those providing contraception and barrier methods are commonly integrated into antiretroviral therapy services ... [Read More »](#)

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How AIDS Funding Strengthens Health Systems: Progress in Pharmaceutical Management

Embrey, Martha; Hoos, David; Quick, Jonathan Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes Volume 52 Pages S34-S37. Published: November 2009.

In recent years, new global initiatives responding to the AIDS crisis have dramatically affected-and often significantly improved-how developing countries procure, distribute, and manage pharmaceuticals. A number of developments related to treatment scale-up, initially focused on AIDS-related products, have created frameworks for widening access to medicines for other diseases that disproportionately impact countries with limited resources and for strengthening health systems overall ...[Read More »](#)

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Adult mortality and antiretroviral treatment roll-out in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Herbst AJ, Cooke GS, Bärnighausen T, KanyKany A, Tanser F, Newell ML. Bull World Health Organ. 87(10):754-62. Published: October 2009.

Since 2003, there has been unprecedented global investment in delivering antiretroviral therapy (ART) for HIV infection to populations in resource-poor countries. The benefit of ART to an individual with advanced HIV infection is well-established, and programmes for its widespread introduction can reduce the substantial increase in HIV-related adult mortality that has occurred as the HIV pandemic has developed. The effect of ART roll-out can be measured in many ways – treatment coverage, behaviour change, the emergence of resistance, etc. – but ultimately changes in population mortality are the most important measurable effect ...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Significant increases for HIV/AIDS treatment

Tamar Kahn. Business Day. Published: 28 October 2009.

The Treasury has made significant additions to the government's budget for HIV/AIDS programmes in anticipation of meeting its target of providing treatment to 80% of those in need by 2011. Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan yesterday announced an extra R900m for providing AIDS drugs in state health facilities for the rest of this fiscal year. The money will help meet the R1bn shortfall acknowledged last month by Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi ...[Read More »](#)

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Cutting the cost of HIV treatment

Business Day. Published: 31 October 2009.

With hundreds of thousands of new AIDS patients expected to sign up for treatment in the next three years.

HIV/AIDS epidemics, with 5.4-million people infected with the virus. Based on current demand, the government expects to be providing AIDS drugs to 900000 people by the end of March ... [Read More »](#)

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Zuma delivers historic AIDS speech

Health-e News Published: 30 October 2009.

In what has been described as the final death of state sponsored AIDS denialism, President Jacob Zuma has delivered a historic speech in the National Council of Provinces acknowledging that the country was not winning the war against the disease and that extraordinary measures were needed. Read his full speech here... [Read More »](#)

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Motsoaledi announces his NHI team

Health-e News. 5 November 2009.

Health Minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi has announced his 25-person team which will advise him on the National Health Insurance plan crafted by the ANC. The team includes among others academics, pharmacists, researchers and the private healthcare industry. Chair of the ANC's NHI task team, Dr Olive Shisana, will also chair Motsoaledi's committee ... [Read More »](#)

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Contradicting maternity

Khopotso Bodibe. Health-e News. Published: 15 October 2009.

A cry, a smile and a dance often accompany the birth of a new-born. But in the age of HIV/AIDS, a cry, sadness and worries often characterize motherhood. This is according to experiences shared by pregnant HIV-positive women in a book entitled "Contradicting Maternity" ... [Read More »](#)

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NHI is a boost to health

Olive Shisana. Health-e News. Published: 9 November 2009.

The ANC proposed national health insurance (NHI) as seen through the ideological lense by Jasson Urbach of the Free Market Foundation in the Sowetan of 21 October 2009, which he labels a threat to health, is nothing but a scare tactic designed to persuade the public and policy makers to abandon the idea of implementing it ... [Read More »](#)

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Reports

Women and Health: today's evidence tomorrow's agenda

World Health Organization Published: 2009

Despite considerable progress in the past decades, societies continue to fail to meet the health care needs of women at key moments of their lives, particularly in their adolescent years and in older age. These are the key findings of the WHO report Women and health: today's evidence tomorrow's agenda. ...[Full Report »](#)

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Western Cape PMTCT Guidelines

Department of Health of Western Cape. Published: 2009.

An estimated 60,000 to 70,000 children are newly infected with HIV each year. In 2006, there were approximately 257,900 HIV-infected children under 14 years of age in this country. Mother-to-child transmission (MTCT) is the overwhelming source of HIV infection in young children. HIV infection is currently one of the leading direct and indirect causes of morbidity and mortality amongst South African mothers and children, and is a threat to the country's ability to meet the Millennium Development Goals ...[Full Report »](#)

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Mortality and causes of death in South Africa: Findings from death notification 2007

Statistics South Africa.

This statistical release presents information on mortality and causes of death in South Africa, based on all death notification forms received from the Department of Home Affairs for deaths that occurred in 2007. The release outlines trends and differentials in mortality from 1997 to 2007. It also provides patterns of causes of death in South Africa ...[Full Report »](#)

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Conferences

The 5th Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) 2009 Conference

30 November - 2 December 2009 Durban, South Africa.

Assessment of progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) during 2008 (the midpoint) revealed a mixed picture: many health goals remain off target, and huge inequities remain between and within countries. Existing evidence suggests that very few, if any, of the MDGs will be achieved in sub-Saharan Africa. The 2009 PHASA Conference is therefore aptly focused on the MDGs and measuring their progress from a public health perspective. An exciting programme is being put together of local and international speakers, including policy makers, leading local and international academics and international organisations, such as the World Health Organisation (WHO). [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.africasexuality.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 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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MedInfo 13th World Congress on Medical and Health Informatics 2010

12-15 September 2010. Cape Town, South Africa.

This will be the first time MEDINFO is held in Africa. It promises to boost exposure to grassroots healthcare delivery and the underpinning health information systems. This will open the door to new academic partnerships into the future and help to nurture a new breed of health informaticians. [Registration Details »](#)

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Training and Resources

Invitation: HSRC Seminar Series and Book Launch - HIV prevention: Where is the evidence of interventions that work?

Presented by Professor Geoffrey Setswe, chief research specialist, Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS and Health research programme, HSRC.

The above seminar will be presented in Pretoria, Cape Town and KwaZulu-Natal.

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Family Violence - A South African Social Crisis

Colloquium on family violence being hosted by Stellenbosch University on 25 November 2009.

This colloquium will showcase latest South African family violence research. It also aims to promote intersectoral dialogue and participation amongst all stakeholders: health, justice and social development policy makers, community organisations and safety forums, police, educators, health managers and health care providers, academics, students, and other concerned citizens. A key focus will be on finding ways to work together better to constructively problem solve around this issue.

Where: Fisser Hall, Music Conservatoire, cnr Victoria and Neethling St, Stellenbosch

When: 08.30 - 17.00

Refreshments will be served. The colloquium is free of charge.

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Human Rights Training for Health Professional Educators: 'Train the Trainer' course in Health and Human Rights

25 - 29 January 2010. Post-Graduate Room 1, Barnard Fuller Building, Health Sciences Faculty, University of Cape Town, South Africa.

Training in human rights for health professionals has increasingly been identified as a critical need for the health sector. This is particularly the case in light of the findings of the Truth Commission that highlighted the role played by training institutions in human rights abuses under apartheid. Recently, professional councils have begun to focus on the extent and quality of teaching in human rights, ethics and law to students in the health professions and have recommended guidelines for the core competencies that would be expected of graduates in these areas.

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K4Health's new web portal

USAID's Office of Population and Reproductive Health and the Knowledge for Health (K4Health) Project.

The web site is a one-stop shop for health workers to find, adapt, and share the latest evidence-based information on FP/RH. In addition to its extensive store of continuously updated information, the portal also features a powerful new search tool that allows users to quickly find information, photos, and resources from a range of databases and quality health web sites. Users also have access to toolkits with specialized collections of resources on family planning and population and environment. Using the portal, users can not only access important information, but have the ability to design and develop their own toolkits, adapting existing resources, and adding new resources relevant to specific countries and programs. The portal is intended to remove technical barriers to knowledge creation and dissemination, promote collaboration, and facilitate the process of gathering and vetting information. To encourage this, multiple communication modules were designed into the portal, such as the ability to comment on resources, audio-visual chat, text chat, and electronic discussion boards.

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AIDS-2010: Guide to Community Involvement

The Guide to Community Involvement in AIDS 2010 at <http://www.aids2010community.org> was created by the International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO) to help you better understand and participate in the international AIDS conference in Vienna, Austria, next year, from July 18-23. [Click Here](#) for access.

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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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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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Training Medical Officer

ECHO.

Closing Date: 25 November 2009.

ECHO's training department is currently looking to employ a Qualified Medical Doctor with Paediatric HIV experience to train, build capacity and transfer skills to make a difference and enhance treatment received by children living with HIV. [Job Details »](#)

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