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Dear Subscriber,

The HST Bulletin will be taking a short break over the festive period.
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Best wishes,
The HST Bulletin Editorial Team

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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

HIV Scale-Up and Global Health Systems

Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes Vol.52. Suppl.1. Published: November 2009.

Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes has published a supplement as "open access" dealing with HIV Scale Up (ART Roll Out) and Global Health Systems ...[Read More »](#)

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Progress Towards Global HIV Targets: Challenges in Monitoring National Indicators

Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes Vol.52. Suppl.2. Published: December 2009.

Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes has published a second supplement as "open access" dealing with monitoring the 25 indicators agreed upon by member states at the UNGASS meeting and the impact on health system funding ...[Read More »](#)

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Early and Late Direct Costs in a Southern African Antiretroviral Treatment Programme: A Retrospective Cohort Analysis

Rory Leisegang, Susan Cleary, Michael Hislop, Alistair Davidse, Leon Regensberg, Francesca Little, Gary Maartens. PLoS Med 6(12). Published: 1 December 2009.

There is a paucity of data on the health care costs of antiretroviral therapy (ART) programmes in Africa. The objectives are to describe the direct health care costs and establish the cost drivers over time in an HIV managed care programme in Southern Africa ...[Read More »](#)

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Exceptional epidemics: AIDS still deserves a global response.

Whiteside A, Smith J. Global Health 14:5:15. Health Economics Research Division (HEARD), University of KwaZulu-Natal. Published: November 2009.

There has been a renewed debate over whether AIDS deserves an exceptional response. We argue that as AIDS is having differentiated impacts depending on the scale of the epidemic, and population groups impacted, and so responses must be tailored accordingly. AIDS is exceptional, but not everywhere. Exceptionalism developed as a Western reaction to a once poorly understood epidemic, but remains relevant in the current multi-dimensional global response ...[Read More »](#)

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Disability and HIV/AIDS - a systematic review of literature on Africa

Hanass-Hancock J. J Int AIDS Soc. 2(1). Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division (HEARD), University of KwaZulu-Natal Published: 13 November 2009.

This systematic review focuses on empirical work on disability and HIV/AIDS in Africa in the past decade and considers all the literature currently accessible. The review presents data from different surveys and summarizes the findings. In this way, it convincingly reveals that people with disabilities are very vulnerable to contracting HIV, and lack access to information, testing and treatment ...[Read More »](#)

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The fields of HIV and disability: past, present and future

Hanass-Hancock J. Nixon SA. J Int AIDS Soc. 2(1):3. Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division

This article provides an historic overview of the fields of disability and HIV. We describe this area of concern in terms of "fields" versus "a single field" because of the two related but distinct trends that have evolved over time ...[Read More »](#)

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Educating leaders in hospital management: a new model in Sub-Saharan Africa

Sosena Kebede, Yigeremu Abebe, Mirkuzie Wolde, Biftu Bekele, Jeannie Mantopoulos and Elizabeth H. Bradley
International Journal for Quality in Health Care. Published Online: 1 December 2009

The vast majority of health system capacity-building efforts have focused on enhancing medical and public health skills; less attention has been directed at developing hospital managers despite their central role in improving the functioning and quality of health-care systems ...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

KZN to reduce waiting time for ARVs

IOL. Published: 30 November 2009.

KwaZulu-Natal intends doing away with long waiting lists for life-prolonging antiretroviral drugs in the province's public hospitals, health MEC Dr Sbongiseni Dloomo said on Monday. "The department is implementing roving teams which consist of doctors and nurses who visit clinics to prepare people to be enrolled in the antiretroviral drugs treatment," Dloomo said in Durban, ahead of World Aids day on Tuesday ...[Read More »](#)

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Aids: SA "committed to making change happen"

Mail&Guardian. Published: 1 December 2009.

South Africa has more people living with Aids than any other country, but it also has a new government determined to end the crisis, the head of the United Nations Aids programme said on Monday. "If I am not in South Africa for World Aids Day, I don't know where I should be," UNAids executive director Michel Sidibe told the Associated Press on the eve of the day when the world takes stock of efforts to fight the pandemic and remembers those who have died ...[Read More »](#)

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Finally, a World AIDS Day to remember

Anso Thom. Health-e News. Published: 1 December 2009.

President Jacob Zuma has announced the most significant government-led interventions to stem the AIDS epidemic since its emergence more than 20 years ago, stating that extraordinary measures are needed. In accordance with international best practice All HIV positive children under one year of age will receive antiretroviral treatment, no matter what their CD4 count (a measure of immune system strength) is ...[Read More »](#)

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HIV infections slowing but prevention gap persists

The rate of new HIV infections worldwide has declined by 17 percent in the past eight years and prevention efforts can take some of the credit, according to the annual UNAIDS update on the epidemic released on 24 November. The report noted that while the epidemic appeared to have stabilized in most parts of the world, the number of people living with HIV continued to grow, reaching 33.4 million by December 2008 ... [Read More »](#)

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Breaking With Past, South Africa Issues Broad AIDS Policy

Celia W. Dugger. NYTimes. Published: 1 December 2009.

President Jacob Zuma, taking a concrete step away from the South African government's previous delays in providing drugs to treat AIDS and prevent women from infecting their newborns, declared Tuesday in a national address on World AIDS Day that drug therapy for HIV-positive pregnant women and babies would be broadened and start earlier ... [Read More »](#)

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Reports

Adding It Up The Costs and Benefits of Investing in Family Planning and Maternal and Newborn Health

UNFPA and Guttmacher Institute. Published: December 2009.

The goal of this report is to guide decision makers, at the global, regional and country levels, in making investments that would reap the greatest returns for individuals and societies. The report presents new analysis on the costs and benefits of investing in two key components of sexual and reproductive health care: family planning and maternal and newborn health services ... [Full Report »](#)

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Publications

Rapid advice: antiretroviral therapy for HIV infection in adults and adolescents

WHO. Published: 30 November 2009.

On the eve of World AIDS Day, the World Health Organization (WHO) is releasing new recommendations on treatment, prevention and infant feeding in the context of HIV, based on the latest scientific evidence. WHO now recommends earlier initiation of antiretroviral therapy (ART) for adults and adolescents, the delivery of more patient-friendly antiretroviral drugs (ARVs), and prolonged use of ARVs to reduce the risk of mother-to-child transmission of HIV. For the first time, WHO recommends that HIV-positive mothers or their infants take ARVs while breastfeeding to prevent HIV transmission. ... [Full Publication »](#)

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Operational Plan for the Action Framework for Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV

UNAIDS. Published: December 2009.

The Action Framework (2009) was developed in response to the pressing need to address the persistent gender inequality and human rights violations that put women and girls at greater risk and vulnerability to HIV, and threaten the gains that have been made in preventing HIV transmission and increasing access to anti-retroviral treatment ... [Full Publication »](#)

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Conferences

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

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The 26th International Pediatric 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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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 in the future and help to nurture a new breed of health informaticians. [Registration Details »](#)

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Training and Resources

UNICEF Legislative Reform Initiative Website

The website contains papers, tools, and reports developed by UNICEF and its partners, in the area of legislative reform. UNICEF's Legislative Reform Initiative (LRI) supports efforts for the realisation of the rights enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). It recognises that legislative reform must go beyond the letter of law to address policies and programming in order to make the laws effective and enforceable. The LRI includes papers and tools which can inform legislative reform efforts and share global experience.

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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.

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