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### Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

#### **The use of mobile phones as a data collection tool: a report from a household survey in South Africa**

Mark Tomlinson, Wesley Solomon, Yages Singh, Tanya Doherty, Mickey Chopra, Petrida Ijumba, Alexander C Tsai and Debra Jackson. *BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making* 2009, 9:51. Published: 23 December 2009.

To investigate the feasibility, the ease of implementation, and the extent to which community health workers

mobile phones in a large baseline survey ... [Read More »](#)

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### **Translating research into policy: lessons learned from eclampsia treatment and malaria control in three Southern African countries**

*Godfrey Woelk, Karen Daniels, Julie Cliff, Simon Lewin, Esperanca Sevene, Benedita Fernandes, Alda Mariano, Sheillah Matinhure, Andrew D Oxman, John N Lavis and Cecilia Stalsby Lundborg. Health Research Policy and Systems 2009, 7:31. Published: 30 December 2009.*

Little is known about the process of knowledge translation in low- and middle-income countries. We studied policymaking processes in Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe to understand the factors affecting the use of research evidence in national policy development, with a particular focus on the findings from randomized control trials (RCTs). We examined two cases: the use of magnesium sulphate (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) in the treatment of eclampsia in pregnancy (a clinical case); and the use of insecticide treated bed nets and indoor residual household spraying for malaria vector control (a public health case) ... [Read More »](#)

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### **The worldwide incidence of preterm birth: a systematic review of maternal mortality and morbidity**

*Stacy Beck, Daniel Wojdyla, Lale Say, Ana Pilar Betran, Mario Meriardi, Jennifer Harris Requejo, Craig Rubens, Ramkumar Menon & Paul FA Van Look. Bulletin of the WHO Volume 88, Number 1, 1-80. Published: January 2010.*

Analysis of preterm birth rates worldwide to assess the incidence of this public health problem, map the regional distribution of preterm births and gain insight into existing assessment strategies ... [Read More »](#)

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### **HIV/AIDS: a new South Africa takes responsibility**

*The Lancet, Volume 374, Issue 9705, Page 1867. Published: 5 December 2009.*

On Dec 1 the usual activities surrounding World AIDS Day will take on a special significance for South Africans. In a high-profile event in Pretoria, the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) is bringing together people who work in HIV/AIDS, those who have been affected by HIV, and government officials, including President Jacob Zuma, Deputy President and SANAC Chair Kgalema Motlanthe, and the Minister of Health Aaron Motsoaledi. Zuma will give a televised address on HIV/AIDS to the nation. Under the motto "I am responsible, we are responsible, South Africa is taking responsibility", a new era in the country's response to HIV/AIDS is being publicly heralded ... [Read More »](#)

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## **Recent News**

### **HIV's impact on childhood development**

*Phakamile Magamdela. Health-e News. Published: 12 December 2009.*

Sibusiso (not his real name) is a 10 year-old boy from Soweto who is HIV-positive. His mother, Stella (not her real name), tested positive for HIV in 1999 when she was expecting him ... [Read More »](#)

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### **Hole in Zuma's HIV plan**

*Mandy Rossouw and Farnaaz Parker. Mail&Guardian. Published: 18 December 2009.*

President Jacob Zuma's move to extend HIV/Aids treatment in South Africa could mean that an additional 50% of HIV-positive patients will be knocking on the government's door, at a potential cost of R10-billion a year, say leading health economists ...[Read More »](#)

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### **Medical staff banned from moonlighting**

*Latoya Newman. IOL. Published: 6 January 2010.*

The KwaZulu-Natal Health Department has banned nurses and doctors from moonlighting, saying the practice is being abused. Two major health workers' unions have rejected the move, saying their members in the public sector are poorly paid and rely on after-hours work to help them make ends meet ...[Read More »](#)

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### **Huge medicines approval backlog**

*Craig McKune. IOL. Published: 29 December 2009.*

South Africa's Medicines Control Council (MCC) is sitting on a seven-year backlog of nearly 3 000 medicines, which could take another two years to be registered for use in the country. The medicines include treatments for life-threatening conditions such as HIV/Aids, cancer, tuberculosis and diabetes, as well as antibiotics for bacterial infections ...[Read More »](#)

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## **Reports**

### **Public health, innovation and intellectual property: Report of the Expert Working Group on Research**

*World Health Organization Published: 23 December 2009*

This report is the work of an expert working group that under the auspices of the World Health Organization has analyzed various ways to finance research and development for diseases that disproportionately affect the poor. After analysing over 90 different proposals, the working group has drawn up a short list of mechanisms including three proposals for raising funds, five for optimal allocation of both existing and new funds, and two for improving efficiency in the R&D system ...[Full Report »](#)

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## **Publications**

### **Global health risks**

*World Health Organization. Published: December 2009.*

Global health risks is a comprehensive assessment of leading risks to global health. It provides detailed global and regional estimates of premature mortality, disability and loss of health attributable to 24 global risk factors ...[Full Publication »](#)

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## Conferences

### **4<sup>th</sup> Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights 2010**

8-15 February 2010. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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)

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### **The 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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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## 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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