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ACADEMIC AND PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

South African Health Review 2017

Health Systems Trust | Published: 23 August 2017.

Ashnie Padarath, Peter Barron (eds.)

This 2017 edition of the South African Health Review (SAHR) comprises 21 chapters. In acknowledgement of the 20-year anniversary of the publication and the significant improvements to our health system over time, most of the chapters provide an overview of developments in their respective subject areas over the past two decades.

From a global crisis to the 'end of AIDS': New epidemics of signification

Global Public Health | Published: 22 August 2017.

Nora Kenworthy, Matthew Thomann, Richard Parker

In the past decade, discourses about AIDS have taken a remarkable, and largely unquestioned, turn. We use this review to investigate the political and philanthropic interests served by efforts to rebrand and re-signify the epidemic. We also hold up these discourses against the realities of treatment access in resource-poor countries, where 'Ending AIDS' has not heralded the end of an epidemic per se, but rather the end of external support for treatment programmes, highlighting new difficulties for sustaining treatment in this new era of the epidemic.

Infant feeding practices among HIV-positive mothers at Tembisa hospital, South Africa

African Journal of Primary Health Care & Family Medicine | Published: 27 July 2017.

Armelia Chaponda, Daniel T Goon, Muhammad E Hoque

Despite the nutritional, physiological and emotional benefits of breastfeeding, HIV-positive mothers cannot practise exclusive breastfeeding for six months because of a range of influences on their feeding choice – thereby creating a caveat for morbidity in infants. This study explored factors influencing the infant feeding choice of HIV-positive mothers at a peri-urban hospital in Tembisa, South Africa.

Evaluating quality management systems for HIV rapid testing services in primary healthcare clinics in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

PlosOne | Published: 22 August 2017.

Ziningi Jaya, Paul K Drain, Tivani P Mashamba-Thompson

Rapid HIV tests have improved access to HIV diagnosis and treatment by providing quick and convenient testing in rural clinics and resource-limited settings. In this study, we evaluated the quality management system for voluntary and provider-initiated point-of-care HIV testing in primary healthcare (PHC) clinics in rural KwaZulu-Natal (KZN), South Africa.

The role of patient care workers in private hospitals in the Cape Metropole, South Africa

Curationis | Published: 31 July 2017.

Louise A Aylward, Talitha Crowley, Ethelwynn L Stellenberg

Nursing managers have to meet expectations of patients despite economic pressures, an increasing burden of disease and nursing shortages. Shifting health care-related tasks to lower categories of staff, including non-nursing support staff, has become one solution to address this dilemma. Patient care workers are a specific group of non-nursing support staff working in South African hospitals. Although patient care workers have been used for several years and their numbers are increasing, there are controversial opinions about the role of patient care workers, ranging from praise for their contribution towards patient care to serious concerns about the impact of their role on patient safety.

Development of a Hypertension Health Literacy Assessment Tool for use in primary healthcare clinics in South Africa, Gauteng

African Journal of Primary Health Care & Family Medicine | Published: 27 July 2017.

Nokuthula G Mafutha, Sophie Mogotlane, Hester De Swardt

Hypertension is a universal risk factor for cardiovascular morbidity and mortality in both the ageing and obese populations and patients must be literate in hypertension health issues to participate actively in the management of their disease. Little research has been done to investigate hypertension health literacy levels among South Africans.

eLearning for health system leadership and management capacity building: a protocol for a systematic review

British Medical Journal | Published: 21 August 2017.

Lorainne Tudor Car, Rifat Atun

Health leadership and management capacity are essential for health system strengthening and for attaining universal health coverage by optimising the existing human, technological and financial resources. However, in health systems, health leadership and management training is not widely available. The use of information technology for education (ie, eLearning) could help address this training gap by enabling flexible, efficient and scalable health leadership and management training. We present a protocol for a systematic review on the effectiveness of eLearning for health leadership and management capacity building in improving health system outcomes.

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RECENT NEWS

Deaths rates declined due to HIV success – report

Health-e News | 23 August 2017.

Death rates have declined, largely due to successes in HIV, but a lot more needs to be done to defeat its “terrible twin”, tuberculosis (TB).

Weak economy compromises health service delivery – SAHR

Health-e News | 24 August 2017.

While state-owned enterprises get frequent billion rand bail-outs and state corruption may have cost R100-billion, the public health sector is under massive pressure to cut costs – and this is threatening healthcare.

How salaries are eating into provincial public health budgets

BD Live | 23 August 2017.

South African Health Review says poor-quality primary healthcare services and a growing burden of

noncommunicable diseases cripple the system.

Less spent on health as hospital posts frozen

BD Live | 23 August 2017.

SA's cash-strapped economy translates into the government spending less per person on health, with doctors' and nurses' posts being frozen, requiring permission from the Treasury and provincial leaders to be filled.

Major cuts in health budget

Times Live | 23 August 2017.

South Africa's cash-strapped economy means the government is spending less per person on health and doctors and nurses posts are frozen, requiring the Treasury's and provincial leaders' permission to be filled.

Non-communicable diseases a threat to the health system

Health-e News | 23 August 2017.

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) threaten to overwhelm a health system already under strain from HIV and tuberculosis.

80% of SA women believe the female condom 'puts them in charge'

Health24 | 23 August 2017.

South Africa is one of the world's largest users of female condoms.

Health or human rights? False dichotomy could fuel a resurgence in forced HIV testing

Bhekisisa | 23 August 2017.

More than three decades ago, HIV activists fought against mandatory testing. Now an old battle is finding new life.

Police unveil plans to protect women

Health-e News | 17 August 2017.

Days after a deputy minister bashed a woman in a club, Police Minister Fikile Mbalula issued a six-point plan to fight sexual and domestic violence.

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TRAINING AND RESOURCES

WHO Implementation Tool for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) of HIV Infection – MODULE 1: Clinical

World Health Organisation | July 2017.

This module seeks to provide an overview of relevant information for clinicians, including physicians, nurses and clinical officers, who are providing PrEP in clinical settings. It describes important considerations when starting PrEP in an individual and monitoring PrEP use.

WHO implementation tool for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) of HIV infection - MODULE 2: Community educators and advocates

World Health Organisation | July 2017.

For PrEP services to reach populations in an effective and acceptable way, community educators and advocates are needed to increase awareness about PrEP in their communities. This module provides up-to-date information on PrEP that should be considered in community-led activities that aim to increase knowledge about PrEP and generate demand and access.

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PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

Adult antiretroviral therapy guidelines 2017

Southern African HIV Clinicians Society | 2017.

These guidelines are intended as an update to those published in the Southern African Journal of HIV Medicine in 2014 and the update on when to initiate antiretroviral therapy in 2015. Since the release of the previous guidelines, the scale-up of antiretroviral therapy (ART) in southern Africa has continued. New antiretroviral drugs have become available with improved efficacy, safety and robustness. The guidelines are intended for countries in the southern African region, which vary between lower and middle income.

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

LEAN Healthcare Summit

7 September 2017

The Forum, Johannesburg, South Africa

TB/HIV Care Association Annual General Meeting

21 September 2017

Doubletree Hotel, Brickfield Road, Cape Town, South Africa

Email: Mandy@tbhivcare.org

Medic West Africa

11-13 October 2017

Landmark Centre, Lagos, Nigeria

HST Conference 2018

9-11 May 2017

Birchwood Conference Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa

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Health Systems Trust: Nurse Clinicians

Closing Date: 29 August 2017

Health Systems Trust: Accounts Assistants

Closing Date: 29 August 2017

MSF: TB Advocacy Officer

Closing Date: 18 September 2017

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