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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Towards a cure for HIV – are we making progress?

Sharon R Lewin, Steven G Deeks, Françoise Barré-Sinoussi. *The Lancet*. Published: 19 July 2014.

Until recently, no-one dared to discuss a cure when it came to HIV. There had been a general consensus among experts that the best we would ever achieve would be durable control of the infection with antiretroviral therapy (ART)... [Read More »](#)

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Healthcare workers' experiences of HIV testing in Tshwane, South Africa

Mamakwa S. Mataboge, Mmapheko D. Peu, Martha Chinuoya, Richard Rikhotso, Royinah N. Ngunyulu, Fhumulani M. Mulaudzi. *Curationis*. Published: 19 May 2014.

In an era when antiretroviral (ARV) therapy has become part of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) prevention strategy, early testing and introduction to ARVs is critical for improving public health outcomes in general and, in particular, the lives of people living with HIV... [Read More »](#)

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A root-cause analysis of maternal deaths in Botswana: Towards developing a culture of patient safety and quality improvement

Farai D Madzimbamuto, Sunanda C Ray, Keitshokile D Mogobe, Doreen Ramogola-Masire, Raina Phillips, Miriam Haverkamp, Mosidi Mokotedi and Mpho Motana. *BioMed Central*. Published: 16 July 2014.

In 2007, 95% of women in Botswana delivered in health facilities with 73% attending at least 4 antenatal care visits. HIV-prevalence in pregnant women was 28.7%... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2393/14/231/abstract>[Accessed: 1 August 2014]

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Impacts of pay for performance on the quality of primary care

Allen T, Mason T, Whittaker W. *Risk Management and Healthcare Policy*. Published: 2 July 2014.

Increasingly, financial incentives are being used in health care as a result of increasing demand for health care coupled with fiscal pressures... [Read More »](#)

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Moving toward universal coverage of health insurance in Vietnam: Barriers, facilitating factors, and lessons from Korea

Ngan Do, Juhwan Oh and Jin-Seok Lee. *Journal of Korean Medical Science*. Published: July 2014.

Vietnam has pursued universal health insurance coverage for two decades but has yet to fully achieve this goal. This paper investigates the barriers to achieve universal coverage and examines the validity of facilitating factors to shorten the transitional period in Vietnam... [Read More »](#)

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The financial crisis, health and health inequities in Europe: The need for regulations, redistribution and social protection

Roberto De Vogli. *International Journal for Equity in Health*. Published: 25 July 2014.

In 2009, Europe was hit by one of the worst debt crises in history. Although the Eurozone crisis is often depicted as an effect of government mismanagement and corruption, it was a consequence of the 2008 U.S. banking crisis which was caused by more than three decades of neoliberal policies, financial deregulation and widening economic inequities... [Read More »](#)

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Recent News

What is needed to 'step up the pace' on HIV prevention and treatment?

aidsmap. Published: 21 July 2014.

'Stepping up the pace', the theme of AIDS 2014, will require a new focus on key populations and geographical concentration of HIV, as well as intensified efforts to expand coverage of HIV testing and treatment, the 20th International AIDS Conference heard on Monday, in Melbourne... [Read More »](#)

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Adolescent deaths from AIDS rising, especially among boys

aidsmap. Published: 22 July 2014.

While new HIV infections have declined among children, adolescents and adults since 2000, HIV-related deaths have risen sharply among adolescents, especially 15- to 19-year-old males, Tyler Porth of UNICEF told delegates at the 20th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014) in Melbourne on Monday... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/Adolescent-deaths-from-AIDS-rising-especially-among-boys/page/2893246/>[Accessed: 1 August 2014]

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HIV infections in children under five down by over three quarters

Mail&Guardian. Published: 22 July 2014.

A study has found that child-focused interventions have significantly reduced HIV-infection rates in children under the age of five... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2014-07-21-hiv-infections-in-children-under-five-down-by-over-three-quarters/> [Accessed: 1 August 2014]

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Cash transfers plus care halve HIV risk behaviours in South African adolescents

aidsmap. Published: 22 July 2014.

Combining unconditional economic support in the form of government cash transfers, school feeding and food gardens, and psychosocial support (positive parenting and teacher social support) reduced incidence of HIV risk behaviour by around half... [Read More »](#)

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Speech: SA Health Budget Vote 2014/15

Health-e News. Published: 23 July 2014.

Speech delivered by South African Health Minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi in parliament on 23 July in which he announces the country will move to early HIV treatment... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/07/23/speech-health-budget-vote-201415/>[Accessed: 1 August 2014]

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Lifelong ARVs for pregnant women, says Health Minister

Health-e News. Published: 24 July 2014.

All pregnant, HIV positive women will go onto lifelong antiretroviral treatment from January, Health Minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi announced in his health budget vote yesterday... [Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/07/24/lifelong-arvs-pregnant-women-says-health-minister/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=lifelong-arvs-pregnant-women-says-health-minister[Accessed: 1 August 2014]

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HIV/AIDS pills at early stage 'unwise'

BDlive. Published: 24 July 2014.

Health activists and top doctors have questioned the wisdom of Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi's announcement on Wednesday that the government plans to start treating HIV/AIDS patients earlier... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2014/07/24/hiv-aids-pills-at-early-stage-unwise>[Accessed: 1 August 2014]

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HIV treatment needs a shift in thinking – researchers

Mail&Guardian. Published: 29 July 2014.

Stellenbosch University researchers have called on the scientific and activist communities to "cease debating who is 'eligible' or not for HIV treatment" in favour of allowing patients to "make the decision for themselves in consultation with a supportive and well-trained health care worker"... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2014-07-28-hiv-treatment-needs-a-shift-in-thinking-researchers/>[Accessed: 1 August 2014]

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Better, shorter TB treatment – thanks to SA scientists

Health-e News. Published: 22 July 2014.

South African scientists may be en route to developing shorter, better tuberculosis (TB) treatment, according to research released at the International AIDS Conference in Melbourne, Australia...[Read More »](#)

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War declared on the 'superbugs'

Mail&Guardian. Published: 18 July 2014.

Several initiatives are under way to stop the abuse of antibiotics...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2014-07-17-war-declared-on-the-superbugs/>[Accessed: 1 August 2014]

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School health services uncover what's ailing Tshwane kids

Health-e News. Published: 22 July 2014.

While Tshwane mobile school health services are uncovering poor dental hygiene among learners, nutrition seems to have improved, according to nurses...[Read More »](#)

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Bitter pill for complementary medicine sector

Mail&Guardian. Published: 29 July 2014.

The complementary medicines industry is taking the government to court over new regulations that require complementary products to be tested and proven to be effective before registration, bringing them in line with existing requirements for allopathic medicines...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2014-07-29-bitter-pill-for-complementary-medicine-sector/>[Accessed: 1 August 2014]

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Global Health e-Learning Centre: Gender and Health Systems Strengthening

Online course

The course will assist USAID field-based health officers, foreign service nationals, and U.S. government partners to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in health systems strengthening efforts.[Click Here>>](#)

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Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute: Research Methods Course in Sexual and Reproductive Health - HIV and Gender Based Violence

When: 17-28 November 2014

Venue: Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute, Johannesburg

The Research Methods Course in Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV and Gender-Based Violence will give you a unique opportunity to strengthen your research skills and your contribution to increased capacity for SRH and HIV research on the African continent.[Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

UNAIDS: Methodology – Understanding the HIV estimates

UNAIDS. Published: July 2014.

Country teams use UNAIDS-supported software to create national HIV prevalence curves that are consistent with all pertinent, available HIV data in the country...[Click Here>>](#)

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Conferences and Events

10th Public Health Association of South Africa

When: 3-6 September 2014

Venue: Protea Ranch Resort, Polokwane, South Africa

URL: <http://www.phasaconference.org.za>

The 10th anniversary of the Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) conference will be celebrated with the hosting of the conference in Polokwane (Limpopo) from 3 to 6 September 2014.

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18th Rural Health Conference

Rural Health Conference

When: 21-24 September 2014

Venue: Ukwanda Rural Clinical School, Worcester, South Africa

URL: <http://rudasa.org.za>

The 2014 conference will take place from 21-24 September in the Western Cape town of Worcester. The theme for this year's conference is: Building resilience in facing rural health realities.

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Southern African HIV Clinicians Society

When: 24-27 September 2014

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://sahivsoc2014.co.za/>

Clear your diaries for 24-27 September 2014, as we head for Cape Town again and a dizzying array of excellent speakers, skills building sessions, debates, challenging cases and research findings.

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Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

When: 30 September to 3 October 2014

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa

URL: <http://hsr2014.healthsystemsresearch.org/>

The theme of the symposium is the science and practice of people-centred health systems, chosen to enable participants to address current and critical concerns of relevance across countries in all parts of the world.

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Hospital Association of South Africa 2014

When: 15-17 October 2014

Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa

URL: <http://www.conferencehasa.co.za>

The Hospital Association of South Africa (HASA) is a confederation of private hospitals and ambulatory clinics, operating on a non-profit basis, representing the collective interests of private hospitals in South Africa in respect of economic and social policy and other areas, as agreed to by its members.

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14th Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa Congress

When: 20-24 October 2014

Venue: Mwalimu Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

URL: <http://www.ahila-tz.org/>

AHILA was founded in 1984 with the aim of improving provision of up-to-date and relevant health information; encourage professional development of health librarians; promote information resource sharing in Africa and exchange of experiences as well as promoting the development and standardization and exchange of health databases in Africa.

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International Mesothelioma Interest Group Conference

When: 21-24 October 2014

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa

URL: <http://imiq2014.org/>

iMig cordially looks forward to welcoming you to Cape Town, South Africa from 21-24 October 2014 for the 12th International Mesothelioma Interest Group Conference - the world's premier medical congress on mesothelioma. Our theme is the ongoing quest for cure.

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Inaugural HIV Research for Prevention Conference (HIVR4P)

When: 28-31 October 2014

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa

URL: <http://hivr4p.org/>

HIV R4P is the world's first and only scientific meeting dedicated exclusively to biomedical HIV prevention research. Through both abstract and non-abstract driven sessions, the conference will support cross-fertilization between research on HIV vaccines, microbicides, PrEP, treatment as prevention and other biomedical prevention approaches, while also providing a venue to discuss the research findings, questions and priorities that are specific to advancing each modality.

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Job Opportunities

Health Systems Trust

- **Data Collectors/Field Workers**

Closing Date: 5 August 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/data-collectorsfield-workers>

- **Data Capturers**

Closing Date: 5 August 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/data-capturers-x3>

- **Data Collectors**

Closing Date: 5 August 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/data-collectors-x10>

- **Study Supervisor**

Closing Date: 5 August 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/study-supervisor>

- **Data Collectors/Capturers/Facilitators**

Closing Date: 8 August 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/data-collectorscapturersfacilitators>

- **Copy and Content Editor**

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Humana People to People in South Africa: Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Consultant

Closing Date: 7 August 2014

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FHI360 South Africa: Training and Capacity Building Manager – Organisational Development

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/training-and-capacity-building-manager-organisational-development>

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