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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Resources, attitudes and culture: an understanding of the factors that influence the functioning of accountability mechanisms in primary health care settings

Susan M Cleary, Sassy Molyneux and Lucy Gilson. BMC Health Services Research 2013, 13:320. Published: 16 August 2013.

District level health system governance is recognised as an important but challenging element of health system development in low and middle-income countries. Accountability is a more recent focus in health system debates... [Read More »](#)

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Health policy and systems research in access to medicines: a prioritized agenda for low- and middle-income countries

Maryam Bigdeli, Dena Javadi, Joelle Hoebert, Richard Laing, Kent Ranson and The Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research network of researchers on Access to Medicines. Health Research Policy and Systems 2013, 11:37. Published: 14 October 2013.

To identify priority policy issues in access to medicines (ATM) relevant for low- and middle-income countries, to identify research questions that would help address these policy issues, and to prioritize these research questions in a health policy and systems research (HPSR) agenda... [Read More »](#)

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Tobacco use patterns in tuberculosis patients with high rates of human immunodeficiency virus co-infection in South Africa

Goedele MC Louwagie and Olalekan A Ayo-Yusuf. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:1031. Published: 31 October 2013.

Tuberculosis (TB) patients who smoke tobacco are at an increased risk for adverse TB treatment outcomes. This study describes tobacco use patterns among newly diagnosed TB patients, their readiness to quit, and their beliefs about tobacco-related health effects in a high HIV-burden setting in South Africa. Socio-economic and demographic factors associated with smoking were also determined... [Read More »](#)

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Public health economics: a systematic review of guidance for the economic evaluation of public health interventions and discussion of key methodological issues

Rhiannon Tudor Edwards, Joanna Mary Charles and Huw Lloyd-Williams. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:1001. Published: 24 October 2013.

A systematic review of published guidance for the economic evaluation of public health interventions within this broad public policy paradigm was conducted... [Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Cape Town XDR-TB patient leads international campaign

Health-e News. Published: 31 October 2013.

A Cape Town survivor of extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis has taken her campaign for better access to testing and treatment from her hometown of Khayelitsha to Paris and beyond... [Read More »](#)

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New TB technology may be ready for clinics

Health-e News. Published: 31 October 2013.

New research has shown that rapid GeneXpert tuberculosis (TB) test improves access to TB diagnosis and treatment, and may be ready for South African clinics... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/10/31/new-tb-technology-may-ready-clinics>[Accessed: 1 November 2013]

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Multidrug-resistant TB cases double

Health-e News. Published: 24 October 2013.

Diagnosed cases of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) have nearly doubled globally but treatment in countries like South Africa's is not keeping up, leaving patients to die and communities at risk, according to a new World Health Organisation (WHO) report... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/10/24/multidrug-resistant-tb-cases-double/>[Accessed: 1 November 2013]

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Huge family planning drive to cut teen pregnancies

Health-e News. Published: 31 October 2013.

The Health Department is poised to launch a massive family planning campaign, aimed particularly at preventing teen pregnancies, according to Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi... [Read More »](#)

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State 'not trying to destroy' healthcare

BDLive. Published: 30 October 2013

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi says he has no intention of destroying any of the healthcare systems in South Africa, but he has every intention to work towards the concept of universal coverage and health for all... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2013/10/30/state-not-trying-to-destroy-healthcare>[Accessed: 1 November 2013]

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Public, private hospital costs 'similar'

BDLive. Published: 29 October 2013.

The cost of treating patients who are admitted to hospital is virtually the same in the public and private sector, according to research presented by University of Cape Town actuary Shivani Ramjee at the Hospital Association of South Africa's (Hasa's) annual conference... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2013/10/29/public-private-hospital-costs-similar>[Accessed: 1 November 2013]

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South Africa far from targets to reduce maternal, infant mortality

Health-e News. Published: 29 October 2013.

South African health facilities are slowly improving their treatment of pregnant women and babies, but certain provinces and districts are holding back progress... [Read More »](#)

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Adults on antiretroviral therapy on the increase

SABC News. Published: 29 October 2013.

The state of South Africa's health system is again in the spotlight with the release of the eighth edition of the District Health Barometer. Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi says the report shows significant gains in some areas, as well as areas where further attention is needed... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/08338d8041a0cb39830aaf17c876c1c7/Adults-on-antiretroviral-therapy-on-the-increase:-Report-20132910>[Accessed: 1 November 2013]

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KwaZulu-Natal charts gains in HIV despite massive burden

Health-e News. Published: 29 October 2013.

KwaZulu-Natal continues to battle high HIV rates but some districts are managing to keep up with high infection rates, according to the new District Health Barometer... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/10/29/kwazulu-natal-charts-gains-hiv-despite-massive-burden/>[Accessed: 1 November 2013]

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Gauteng doubles HIV treatment numbers

Health-e News. Published: 29 October 2013.

Gauteng's HIV treatment programme is flourishing, and the province has more than doubled the number of adults on antiretroviral (ARV) medication in a single year... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/10/29/gauteng/>[Accessed: 1 November 2013]

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Farmworkers need healthcare, too

Mail&Guardian. Published: 25 October 2013.

In times of unrest, rural communities must be able to trust and access medical facilities... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mq.co.za/article/2013-10-25-comment-farm-workers/>[Accessed: 1 November 2013]

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How Gordhan's expenditure cuts could affect health targets

Mail&Guardian. Published: 23 October 2013.

Finance minister Pravin Gordhan's "careful control of the wage Bill" will impact negatively on health service delivery, says a health economist... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mq.co.za/article/2013-10-23-budget-speech-expenditure-cuts-could-affect-health-targets/>[Accessed: 1 November 2013]

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Community health workers strike for better working conditions

Health-e News. Published: 23 October 2013.

Lack of payment recently prompted Gauteng community health workers to protest, marking at least the second such action in three years... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/10/23/community-health-workers-strike-better-working-conditions/>[Accessed: 1 November 2013]

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Costs keep cancer drugs out of developing countries

Health-e News. Published: 30 October 2013.

High cancer drug prices are keeping even old treatments out of patients' hands in countries like South Africa, Brazil and India... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/10/30/costs-keep-cancer-drugs-developing-countries/>[Accessed: 1 November 2013]

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The long road to childhood cancer treatment

Health-e News. Published: 23 October 2013.

Thousands of children develop cancer in South Africa every year, but scarce facilities and delayed diagnosis mean the odds are stacked against many... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/10/23/long-road-childhood-cancer-treatment/>[Accessed: 1 November 2013]

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Training and Resources

Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award 2013

Health Systems Trust

Deadline: 15 December 2013.

Award submissions are invited from South Africans under the age of 35. Entries will be assessed by a panel of public health experts. The winning entry will be published in the current edition of the SAHR. [Click Here>>](#)

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Call for Health-e citizen journalist applications

Health-e News.

Health-e News Service currently runs a citizen journalist programme in South Africa's 11 National Health Insurance (NHI) pilot districts and we're looking for new journalists for the team. [Click Here>>](#)

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Resource Tool for Structural Approaches to HIV Prevention - Draft

USAID, AIDSTAR-One and PEPFAR

This draft resource tool provides guidance on operationalizing structural programming for HIV prevention. The tool is designed to help both U.S. Government teams and decision makers who set funding priorities for interventions as well as national HIV programs and planners. It includes a framework for understanding structural interventions and drivers, a stepwise approach, and illustrations of successful country examples. [Click Here>>](#)

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Knowledge Management (KM) in Global Health Programs

Global Health Learning Center

This course provides a basic understanding of what KM is and why it is important to the field of global health. Learners will become familiar with KM practices and techniques to overcome the challenge of getting essential, evidence-based knowledge into programs and practice and facilitating exchange of expertise and experience among health practitioners, programmers and policy makers to improve service quality, program effectiveness, and health outcomes. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

District Health Barometer 2012/13

Health Systems Trust. Published: 2013.

HST is pleased to announce the recent launch of the District Health Barometer 2012/13. Access the full publication, interactive online data and a supplement series on maternal mortality and immunisation. [Click Here»](#)

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Addressing the Social Determinants of Non-communicable Diseases

United Nations Development Programme. Published: 2013.

This paper offers two unique contributions. The first is a typology of multisectoral action on NCDs that highlights three general categories of possible action outside the health sector: expanding delivery platforms; NCD-specific actions on social determinants; and NCD-sensitive actions on social. [Click Here»](#)

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Global Tuberculosis report 2013

World Health Organisation. Published: 2013.

This is the eighteenth global report on tuberculosis (TB) published by WHO in a series that started in 1997. It provides a comprehensive and up-to-date assessment of the TB epidemic and progress in implementing and financing TB prevention, care and control at global, regional and country levels. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

5th Annual Conference of the South African Statistical Association

When: 4-8 November 2013

Venue: Limpopo University, Polokwane, South Africa

URL: <http://www.ul.ac.za/conf/sasa2013>

The South African Statistical Association (SASA), in partnership with the School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences at the University of Limpopo - Turfloop Campus, is calling for papers for the 5th Annual Conference of the South African Statistical Association (SASA2013 Conference).

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Academic Conference on Disability Rights in Africa

When: 5 - 6 November 2013

Venue: University of Pretoria, South Africa

URL: <http://www1.chr.up.ac.za/index.php/disability-rights-in-africa.html>

The Centre for Human Rights at the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria is hosting an academic conference on disability rights in Africa on the theme 'Overcoming obstacles: towards the effective implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in Africa'. The conference will coincide with the launch of first issue of the African Yearbook on Disability Rights on the evening of 5 November.

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The 3rd Structural Drivers of HIV Conference

When: 5 - 6 December 2013

Venue: *The Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa*

URL: <http://www.heard.org.za/workshops/3rd-structural-drivers-of-hiv-conference>

The aim of this conference is to consider the contextual complexities that researchers and programmers across the HIV and AIDS field wrestle with when planning and implementing HIV programmes.

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6th International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development (ICTD 2013)

When: 7-10 December 2013

Venue: University of Cape Town, Cape Town

URL: <http://ictd.cs.uct.ac.za/index.html>

ICTD 2013 will provide an international forum for scholarly researchers exploring the role of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in social, political, and economic development.

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ICASA Conference 2013

When: 7-11 December 2013

Venue: CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.icasa2013southafrica.org/>

The ICASA conference remains one of the most important events in the calendar of the year, contributing towards overcoming the HIV and TB epidemics that grip our region. Official 17th ICASA Conference 2013.

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Conference on Rights of Women in Africa

When: 9 - 10 December 2013

Venue: Pretoria, South Africa

URL: <http://www1.chr.up.ac.za/index.php/rights-of-women-in-africa.html/>

One of the most important provisions of the Protocol is article 14, dealing with the health and reproductive rights of women. The Centre for Human Rights will host a conference on 9 and 10 December 2013 (in Pretoria, South Africa) to reflect on these and other innovative aspects of the Protocol.

Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

When: 30 September to 3 October 2014

Venue: Cape Town, 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. Researchers, policy-makers, funders, implementers and other stakeholders, from all regions and all socio-economic levels, will work together on the challenge of how to make health systems more responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities.

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AHP - Africa Health Placements

AHP is 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. 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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