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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### Health system governance to support integrated mental health care in South Africa: Challenges and opportunities

Debra Leigh Marais, Inge Petersen. *International Journal of Mental Health Systems*. Published: 11 March 2015.

While South Africa has a new policy framework supporting the integration of mental health care into primary health care, this is not sufficient to ensure transformation of the health care system towards integrated primary mental health care...[Read More »](#)

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**Qualitative evaluation of a text messaging intervention to support patients with active**

### **Tuberculosis: Implementation considerations**

Sarah J Iribarren, Katherine A Sward, Susan L Beck, Patricia F Pearce. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*. Published: 27 February 2015.

Tuberculosis (TB) remains a major global public health problem and mobile health (mHealth) interventions have been identified as a modality to improve TB outcomes. TextTB, an interactive text-based intervention to promote adherence with TB medication, was pilot-tested in Argentina with results supporting the implementation of trials at a larger scale...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mhealth.jmir.org/article/download>[Accessed: 2 April 2015]

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### **The value of health information technology: Filling the knowledge gap**

Robert S. Rudin, Spencer S. Jones, Paul Shekelle, Richard J. Hillestad, Emmett B. Keeler. *American Journal of Managed Care*. Published: 26 January 2015.

Despite rapid growth in the rate of adoption of health information technology (HIT), and in the volume of evaluation studies, the existing knowledge base for the value of HIT is not advancing at a similar rate...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.ajmc.com/publications/issue/2014/2014-11-vol20-sp/the-value-of-health-information-technology>[Accessed: 2 April 2015]

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### **Consolidating HIV testing in a public health laboratory for efficient and sustainable early infant diagnosis (EID) in Uganda**

Charles Kiyaga, Hakim Sendagire, Eleanor Joseph, Jeff Grosz, Ian McConnell, Vijay Narayan, Godfrey Esirua, Peter Elyanua, Zainab Akola, Wilford Kirungia, Joshua Musinguzia, and Alex Opiya. *Journal of Public Health Policy*. Published: 26 March 2015.

Uganda introduced an HIV Early Infant Diagnosis (EID) program in 2006, and then worked to improve the laboratory, transportation, and clinical elements. Reported here are the activities involved in setting up a prospective analysis...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.palgrave-journals.com/jphp/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/jphp20157a.html>[Accessed: 2 April 2015]

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### **Conflict engagement: A new model for nurses**

Debra Gerardi. *American Journal of Nursing*. Published: March 2015.

This article, the first in a six-part series on conflict engagement for nurse leaders, will explore these abilities and present a model for addressing conflict based on recognizing the importance of relationships and the patterns they create...[Read More »](#)

Source: [http://journals.lww.com/ajnonline/Fulltext/2015/03000/Conflict\\_Engagement](http://journals.lww.com/ajnonline/Fulltext/2015/03000/Conflict_Engagement)[Accessed: 2 April 2015]

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## **Recent News**

### **Treatment of drug-resistant TB at clinics a success**

*Mail&Guardian*. Published: 24 March 2015.

Treating patients with drug-resistant tuberculosis (TB) at clinics closer to their homes instead of in hospitals, which are often further away, is 42% cheaper as well as better for patients' quality of life...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2015-03-24-treatment-of-drug-resistant-tb-at-clinics-a-success/>[Accessed: 2 April 2015]

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### **Drug-resistant TB: The distance between**

*Health-e News*. Published: 24 March 2015.

Tugela Ferry was the epicentre of a high profile and deadly outbreak of extensively drug-resistant (XDR) tuberculosis (TB) in 2006. Now, the rural community is pioneering new ways to treat drug-resistant TB, but patients still face a long road to treatment...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/03/24/drug-resistant-tb-the-distance-between/>[Accessed: 2 April 2015]

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### **SA to test every admitted patient for TB**

*SABC*. Published: 25 March 2015.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi says everybody admitted to health facilities will in future be tested for tuberculosis. He was speaking at the launch of a National TB Screening campaign at Orkney in North

West...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/2c326a0047c45f7ebf75bf7e35c8b50a/SA-to-test-every-admitted-patient-for-TB-20150325>[Accessed: 2 April 2015]

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### **Editorial: Ailing system dooms NHI**

*BDlive. Published: 27 March 2015.*

When Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi revealed a broad timeline for the roll-out of National Health Insurance (NHI) in 2011, he was adamant that the first step – before drawing in the private sector – would have to be to ensure state facilities were up to scratch...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/opinion/editorials/2015/03/27/editorial-ailing-system-dooms-nhi>[Accessed: 2 April 2015]

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### **New female contraceptive for school learners on the cards**

*SABC. Published: 20 March 2015.*

Gauteng Education MEC Panyaza Lesufi says a new contraceptive for female learners will soon be introduced which may prevent them from falling pregnant for up to three years...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/0aca4b8047b64e3ebb71fb847f654206/New-female-contraceptive-for-school-learners-on-the-cards-20150320>[Accessed: 2 April 2015]

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### **Uganda male circumcision truck brings hope on HIV**

*BBC. Published: 31 March 2015.*

Uganda's mobile circumcision truck has one clear goal: To get as many men and boys as possible circumcised safely. According to the team, they have helped more than 80,000 undergo the procedure in the past five years...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bbc.com/news/health-32121923>[Accessed: 2 April 2015]

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### **Antibiotic used in pregnancy linked to risk of epilepsy and cerebral palsy**

*The Guardian. Published: 25 March 2015.*

Scientists have raised the alert about an antibiotic routinely prescribed for chest infections, after linking it to an increased risk of epilepsy and cerebral palsy in children whose mothers took the drug during pregnancy...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.theguardian.com/science/2015/mar/25/antibiotic-used-in-pregnancy-linked-to-risk-of-epilepsy-and-cerebral-palsy>[Accessed: 2 April 2015]

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### **CDC anti-smoking ads target e-cigarettes for first time, highlight tobacco's links to variety of diseases**

*Washington Post. Published: 26 March 2015.*

The latest round of government anti-smoking ads targets e-cigarette use for the first time and highlights links to a variety of diseases that aren't typically associated with tobacco use...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/to-your-health/wp/2015/03/26/cdc-anti-smoking-ads-target-vaping-for-the-first-time-highlight-tobaccos-links-to-variety-of-diseases/>[Accessed: 2 April 2015]

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## **Training and Resources**

### **New publication: Journal of Clinical Tuberculosis and Other Mycobacterial Diseases**

Journal of Clinical Tuberculosis and Mycobacterial Diseases is a new open access publication which aims to provide a forum for clinically relevant articles on all aspects of tuberculosis and other mycobacterial infections, including (but not limited to) epidemiology, clinical investigation, transmission, diagnosis, treatment, drug-resistance and public policy. [Click Here>>>](#)

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## **Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals**

### **Speaking Truth to Power**

*Jacana Media. Published: March 2015.*

Speaking Truth to Power by Didi Moyle, is a new book about the resurgence of activism in post-apartheid South Africa. A small legal NGO in Johannesburg, the AIDS Law Project (ALP), along with its allies in the Treatment Action Campaign, fought for more than a decade for the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Social and behaviour change programming**

*UNAIDS. Published: March 2015.*

Social and behaviour change (SBC) programmes are essential components of HIV prevention and represent one of the six basic programmes highlighted under the UNAIDS investment approach. Social and behaviour change efforts aim to reinforce protective sexual behaviours by addressing knowledge, attitudes, skills and social norms using a combination of strategic approaches and methods. [Click Here»](#)

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### **2015 Policy Report**

*Global Health Technologies Coalition. Published: March 2015.*

The sixth annual policy report from the outlines actions the United States can take to help reduce deaths, extend lives, and secure healthier futures by supporting research for new health tools. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Gender, Rights and Diversity: Connecting the Pieces**

*Athena Network. Published: March 2015.*

This report looks at how we can strengthen women's engagement with the Global Fund, and support the implementation of the Global Fund's gender equality strategy. [Click Here»](#)

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## **Conferences and Events**

### **Health Information Systems Program - SA 2015 International Conference**

*When: 21-24 April 2015*

*Venue: Bloemfontein, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.hisp.org>*

Over the last 20 years, the District Health Information System in South Africa and in many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia has evolved significantly from a paper based system to a web based system. The conference is expected to be a platform through which this evolution is explored and where best practices and lessons learned are being shared.

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### **19th World Conference on Disaster and Emergency Medicine 2015**

*When: 21-25 April 2015*

*Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.wcdem2015.org/>*

2015 is an important year for WCDEM, as it will be the first time that this key conference is held in Africa. Disasters can strike anywhere, but often cause the greatest devastation when they hit communities that are not prepared to handle the resulting devastation. With this in mind, the theme for the 2015 conference will be Creating Capacity, Building Resilience.

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### **2nd Building Children's Nursing for Africa 2015**

*When: 22-24 April 2015*

*Venue: Belmont Square, Cape Town, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.buildingchildrensnursing.co.za/>*

This event is designed to facilitate active participation of nurses and other professionals who work with and care for infants, children and adolescents in African hospitals and communities. The conference will offer a unique opportunity for participants to consider best practice in local contexts for nurses, nurse educators, researchers and families.

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### **7th SA AIDS Conference: Reflection, Refocus and Renewal**

*When: 9-12 June 2015*

*Venue: Durban International Convention Centre, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.saids.co.za/>*

This Conference comes at a critical time in global health, as 2015 marks the end of the MDGs and the beginning of the post-2015 sustainable development agenda. The theme of the Conference this year: Reflection, Refocus and Renewal provides a unique opportunity to reflect on what we have done across the

entire spectrum of our programmes in the response to HIV, including the structural and social determinants which fuel this epidemic.

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### **3rd International Association of Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV (ASSHH) Conference**

*When: 6-9 July 2015*

*Venue: Stellenbosch, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.asshhconference.org/>*

A warm welcome to the 3rd Conference of the Association for the Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV (ASSHH). As Conference Co-chairs, we have worked hard to develop an exciting programme for the meeting, which will bring together critically informed and theoretically engaged scholars and practitioners from a wide range of social science and humanities disciplines. Our goal as in previous meetings is to ask the kinds of critical questions it is sometimes difficult to pose in other settings, and to contribute to new and creative ways of thinking about the HIV epidemic.

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### **AIDSImpact 2015 – 12th International Conference**

*When: 28-31 July 2015*

*Venue: Amsterdam, Netherlands*

*URL: <http://www.aidsimpact.com/2015/>*

AIDSImpact is an international behavioral and psychosocial science conference that addresses issues related to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care, focusing both globally and on specific communities and countries hardest hit by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. AIDSImpact first convened in Amsterdam in 1991. Now, in 2015 the 12th AIDSImpact conference returns to the city.

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### **Global Forum on Research and Innovation for Health 2015**

*When: 24-27 August 2015*

*Venue: Manila, Philippines*

*URL: <http://www.forum2015.org>*

Forum 2015 is a unique global platform to promote the role of research and innovation in creating better health, enhancing equity and stimulating development. Join other policy-makers, business and non-profit leaders, international organizations, academic and research institutions, social entrepreneurs and key stakeholders, as we work together to shape the global health research agenda locally, regionally and globally.

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### **5th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators**

*When: 2-4 September 2015*

*Venue: University of Cape Town, South Africa*

*URL: <http://isc2015.org/>*

The 5th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators will be held on 2-4 September 2015 in the Kramer Law Building, University of Cape Town. Researchers, practitioners, policy makers and child advocates from across the world will gather for three days to share and discuss the latest child indicator research and implications for policy and interventions. The theme of the conference is: "From Welfare to Well-being: Child indicators in research, policy and practice."

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### **SVRI Workshops**

*When: 15-17 September 2015*

*Venue: Stellenbosch, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.svri.org/forum2015/>*

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is proud to announce the 4th international conference, the SVRI Forum 2015. The Forum brings together researchers, gender activists, funders, policy makers, service providers, practitioners and survivors from around the world and will showcase innovation to end sexual violence, intimate partner violence and child abuse, and strengthen responses to survivors in low- and middle-income countries. The SVRI Forum is a key platform for sharing research, innovation and networking.

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### **Rural Doctors Association of South Africa (RuDASA)**

*When: 23-26 September 2015*

*Venue: Mpumalanga, South Africa*

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

An annual RuDASA conference has been organised almost every year since 1996, and attracts a range of rural health professionals from all over the country. The conference is a much-anticipated, vibrant forum which combines a mixture of sessions ranging from clinical skills updates for and by a wide range of health professionals to emotive discussions and workshops on issues such as justice and equity. The conference is ideal for exchanging ideas and is ideal for networking. Younger colleagues and students are also encouraged to attend.

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### **Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) Conference**

*When: 7-9 October 2015*

*Venue: Southern Sun Elangeni, Durban, South Africa*

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

The 11th Annual Conference of the Public Health Association of South Africa takes place between 7-9 October 2015 in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal. With 2015 being the target date for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, the conference will provide an opportunity to reflect on the challenges faced by South Africa and Africa in trying to achieve the MDGs. The focus of the conference though will be on moving forward and identifying potential solutions both within and outside the health system in order to improve the health status of our population. This is reflected in the theme of conference "Health and Sustainable Development: The Future".

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### **9th Action Learning, Action Research (ALARA) and 13th Participatory Action Research World Congress**

*When: 4-7 November 2015*

*Venue: St. George Hotel and Conference Centre, Centurion (Pretoria), South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.alarassociation.org/pages/events/alara-world-congress-2015>*

The theme of this World Congress is a challenge to Action Learning / Action Research practitioners the world over, whether working in resource rich or more socio-economically challenged contexts, to explain how they are contributing to the creation of a fairer world.

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## **Job Opportunities**

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### **Health Systems Trust: Junior Administrator**

*Closing Date: 10 April 2015*

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*<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/junior-administrator-2>*

### **Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation: Medical Officer – Grade 1**

*Closing Date: 7 April 2015*

*Please view our website for more details*

*<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/medical-officer-grade-1>*

### **Ibis Reproductive Health: Project Manager**

*Closing Date: 10 April 2015*

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*<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/project-manager-1>*

### **Living Hope: Health Care Facility Manager**

*Closing Date: 17 April 2015*

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