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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### UN set to change the world with new development goals

*The Lancet. Published: 19 September 2015.*

Next week, the UN General Assembly will call on member states to bid farewell to the Millennium Development Goals and adopt 17 new Sustainable Development Goals...[Read More »](#)

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### Pharmacogenomics implications of using herbal medicinal plants on African populations in health transition

*Nicholas E. Thomford, Kevin Dzobo, Denis Chopera, Ambroise Wonkam, Michelle Skelton, Dee Blackhurst, et al. Pharmaceuticals. Published: 21 September 2015.*

The most accessible points of call for most African populations with respect to primary health care are traditional health systems that include spiritual, religious, and herbal medicine. This review focusses only on the use of herbal medicines...[Read More »](#)

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### **The assessment on impact of essential drugs policy on primary health care system in rural areas of Shandong Province policy and regulation division of the Health Department of Shandong Province**

Zhuge Lia, Defeng Shub, Mei Xia, Dehai Gao, Dan Lu, Ning Huang, et al. *Technology and Health Care*. Published: 27 May 2015.

At present, China has achieved an initial establishment and gradual implementation of a framework for national essential drugs policy. With the further implementation of the national essential drugs policy, it is not clear how the policy works...[Read More »](#)

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### **EPPS: Efficient and privacy-preserving personal health information sharing in mobile healthcare social networks**

Shunrong Jiang, Xiaoyan Zhu, Liangmin Wang. *Sensors*. Published: 3 September 2015.

Mobile healthcare social networks (MHSNs) have emerged as a promising next-generation healthcare system, which will significantly improve the quality of life. However, there are many security and privacy concerns before personal health information (PHI) is shared with other parties. [Read More »](#)

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### **Tuberculosis in pediatric antiretroviral therapy programs in low- and middle-income countries: Diagnosis and screening practices**

Marie Ballif, Lorna Renner, Jean Claude Dusingize, Valeriane Leroy, Samuel Ayaya, Kara Wools-Kaloustian, et al. *Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society*. Published: 16 February 2015.

The global burden of childhood tuberculosis (TB) is estimated to be 0.5 million new cases per year. Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-infected children are at high risk for TB. Diagnosis of TB in HIV-infected children remains a major challenge. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://jpid.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2014/03/27/jpid.piu020.full>[Accessed: 2 October 2015]

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### **Piloting PrePex for adult and adolescent male circumcision in South Africa – pain is an issue**

Limakatso Lebina, Noah Tarubekera, Minja Milovanovic, Karin Hatzold, Miriam Mhazo, Cynthia Nhlapo, et al. *Plos One*. Published: 25 September 2015.

The World Health Organization and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS have recommended the scale-up of Medical Male Circumcision (MMC) in countries with high HIV and low MMC prevalence. PrePex device circumcision is proposed as an alternate method for scaling up MMC. [Read More »](#)

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### **Frequency of HIV-testing and factors associated with multiple lifetime HIV-testing among a rural population of Zambian men**

B Hensen, JJ Lewis, A Schaap, M Tembo, M Vera-Hernández, W Mutale, HA Weiss, et al. *BioMed Central*. Published: 24 September 2015.

Across sub-Saharan Africa, men's levels of HIV-testing remain inadequate relative to women's. Men are less likely to access anti-retroviral therapy and experience higher levels of morbidity and mortality once initiated on treatment...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/15/960>[Accessed: 2 October 2015]

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## **Recent News**

### **Bloated bureaucracy at HPCSA needs emergency surgery**

*Health-e News*. Published: 21 September 2015.

The HPCSA is notorious for its inefficiency, but the Health Minister finally has an opportunity to reform this Byzantine monster. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/09/21/bloated-bureaucracy-at-hpcsa-needs-emergency-surgery/>[Accessed: 2 October 2015]

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### **Motsoaledi takes new job at regulating medics' placement**

*BDlive. Published: 22 September 2015.*

The Health Department's controversial plan to use a "certificate of need" to regulate where doctors work was among proposals contained in the White Paper on National Health Insurance, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi told delegates to the annual Hospital Association of SA conference on Monday. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/2015/09/22/motsoaledi-takes-new-job-at-regulating-medics-placement>[Accessed: 2 October 2015]

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### **A new National Emergency Operation Centre for South Africa at the National Institute for Communicable Diseases**

*NICD Surveillance Bulletin #3. Published: September 2015.*

The unprecedented 2013-2015 Ebola virus outbreak in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone highlighted the need for an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to coordinate the response, as normal management resources were easily overwhelmed by the complex emergency that arose in these countries. [Read More »](#)

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### **European Commission, European Medicines Agency and World Health Organization step up cooperation to better protect global public health**

*European Medicines Agency. Published: 22 September 2015.*

The European Commission and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) have agreed with the World Health Organization (WHO) to share certain non-public information on the safety, quality and efficacy of medicines already authorised or under review in the European Union (EU), or pre-qualified or under review by WHO. [Read More »](#)

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### **Maternal mortality: Breaking avoidable barriers to health care**

*Daily Maverick. Published: 25 September 2015.*

Last week, Amnesty International presented the sobering outcome of 18 months of fieldwork in the area of maternal healthcare to the Third World Social Sciences Forum in Durban. Lack of access, lack of privacy and lack of knowledge remain the great barriers to maternal and child health, and as a result, thousands of preventable deaths occur each year. But there is some light at the end of the tunnel. [Read More »](#)

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## **Training and Resources**

### **Family Planning and HIV Service Integration – eLearning course**

*Global Health Learning Centre*

This course will explain the benefits of integrating family planning (FP) into HIV services and provide guidance on how to establish and sustain the delivery of integrated FP/HIV services. [Click Here»](#)

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

### **South African Health Review 2015/16 – Call for chapters**

*Health Systems Trust*

The South African Health Review (SAHR), published annually by Health Systems Trust (HST) for 18 years, is an accredited peer-reviewed journal that is widely respected as an authoritative source of research, analysis and reflection on health systems. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Communities Deliver – The critical role of communities in reaching global targets to end the AIDS epidemic**

*UNAIDS and Stop AIDS Alliance. Published: July 2015.*

Communities were the first responders to HIV three decades ago, and they remain essential in advocating for a robust response to the epidemic, delivering services that can reach everyone in need and tackling HIV-

related stigma and discrimination. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Dignity in Mental Health**

*World Federation for Mental Health. Published: 10 October 2015.*

This year the World Federation for Mental Health has chosen "Dignity in Mental Health" as the theme for World Mental Health Day on 10 October. [Click Here»](#)

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## **Conferences and Events**

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### **2nd International Conference on Public Health Strategies and Priorities**

*When: 6-7 November 2015*

*Venue: Vlora, Albania*

*URL: <http://fatjonakamberi.wix.com/conficphsylvlora2015>*

The purpose of this conference is to discuss the situation of public health according to the specific profiles of our countries, as well as to promote the priority needs in the community health services. The conference will enable the presentation and discussion of successes, opportunities, challenges and barriers facing public health in our times.

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### **18th International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa**

*When: 29 November to 4 December 2015*

*Venue: Rainbow Towers Hotel & Conference Centre, Harare, Zimbabwe*

*URL: <http://icasa2015zimbabwe.org/overview/icasa-2015-background/>*

As ICASA Zimbabwe coincides with the MDG target year, the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa is offering the strategic first forum for post-MGD to leaders, activists, scientists and community to take stock of the outcomes of the MDG high level meeting challenges and to pave the way for a new, innovative and efficient approach towards an Africa AIDS free generation.

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### **6th Child Health Priorities Conference: Walk the Talk**

*When: 3-5 December 2015*

*Venue: University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg Campus, South Africa*

*Contact: [infochpc2015@gmail.com](mailto:infochpc2015@gmail.com)*

The theme of the conference this year is "Walk the Talk" and the focus will be the recommendations that have arisen from the Ministerial Committees looking at Maternal, Newborn and Child Mortality.

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### **Health: At the Interface - 11th Global Conference**

*When: 14-16 March 2016*

*Venue: Budapest, Hungary*

*URL: <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/probing-the-boundaries/health/research-streams/health/call-for-participation/>*

Whether health is regarded as a value in itself, or an instrument to greater human productivity, the tendency to ignore, conceal or minimise painful truths concerning threats to human health presents a complex problem in need of inter-disciplinary responses. The Health Project aims to provide a platform for examining and exploring issues surrounding the ways people experience health issues directly and indirectly, on a personal or professional basis...

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### **HST Conference 2016**

*When: 4-6 May 2016*

*Venue: Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng*

*URL: <http://www.hstconference2016.org.za>*

Health Systems Trust (HST) is hosting a conference from 4-6 May 2016 at the Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng. Under the banner of *Strengthened health systems for sustainable development: sharing, supporting, synergising*, the event is designed to advance the global public health agenda in improving health outcomes.

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### **6th International Conference on Health, Wellness & Society**

*When: 20-21 October 2016*

*Venue: Catholic University of America, Washington D.C., USA*

*URL: <http://healthandsociety.com/DCConference-2016>*

The Sixth International Conference on Health, Wellness & Society will feature plenary sessions by some of the

world's leading thinkers and innovators in the field.

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## Job Opportunities

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### **International AIDS Society: Local Communications Officer**

*Closing Date: 5 October 2015*

***Please view our website for more details***

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/local-communications-officer>

### **Stellenbosch University: Senior Project Manager – Community Health**

*Closing Date: 5 October 2015*

***Please view our website for more details***

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/senior-project-manager-community-health>

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

*Closing Date: 16 October 2015*

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/junior-administrator-3>

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