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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 »](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(15)00251-2/fulltext)


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


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 »](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(15)00251-2/fulltext)
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

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 »

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

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 parities. Read More »

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

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 »

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

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 »

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

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 »

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 »

Motsoaledi takes new jab 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 »


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

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 »


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 »


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 »


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>

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>

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 »

**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 »

**Conferences and Events**

**2nd International Conference on Public Health Strategies and Priorities**
*When: 6-7 November 2015  
Venue: Vlora, Albania  

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.

**18th International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa**
*When: 29 November to 4 December 2015  
Venue: Rainbow Towers Hotel & Conference Centre, Harare, Zimbabwe  

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.

**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*

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.

**Health: At the Interface - 11th Global Conference**
*When: 14-16 March 2016  
Venue: Budapest, Hungary  

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...

**HST Conference 2016**
*When: 4-6 May 2016  
Venue: Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng  

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.

**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](http://healthandsociety.com/DCConference-2016)*

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

**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

**Health Systems Trust: Junior Administrator**
Closing Date: 16 October 2015
Please view our website for more details
http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/junior-administrator-3