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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Malaria in South Africa: 110 years of learning to control the disease
M Coetzee, P Kruger, R H Hunt, D N Durrheim, J Urbach, C F Hansford. South African Medical Journal 2013;103(10):770-778. Published: 29 August 2013.

In Africa today, the drive towards controlling malaria is comparable with efforts made in the 1950s and 1960s during the World Health Organization's Global Malaria Eradication Campaign. Unlike the Eradication Campaign that 'covered' the globe but excluded Africa, the current endeavours focus on Africa, but not to the exclusion of the rest of the tropical and sub-tropical world... Read More »

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Health promotion: From malaria control to elimination
M A Groepe, J Urbach, H Jooste, K W Hlongwana, L Baker, E Misiani, N T Mayet. South African Medical Journal 2013;103(10):799-800. Published: 29 August 2013.

Here we reflect on the achievement of some of the diverse activities that have brought malaria under control, highlight key challenges and propose specific health promotion interventions required to move South Africa's malaria programme from control to elimination... Read More »

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Sustained impact of community-based physical activity interventions: key elements for success
Callista Haggis, Joanie Sims-Gould, Meghan Winters, Kaitlyn Gutteridge and Heather A McKay. BMC Public Health 2013. Published: 27 September 2013.

This article offers a critical evaluation of lessons learned from two successful research initiatives to provide insights as to how health promotion research contributes to sustained impact. We highlight factors key to success including the theoretical and methodological integration of: i) a social ecological approach; ii) participatory action research (PAR) methods; and iii) an interdisciplinary team... Read More »

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HIV-infected adolescent mothers and their infants: Low coverage of HIV services and high risk of HIV transmission in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
Christiane Horwood, Lisa M. Butler, Lyn Haskins, Sifiso Phakathi, and Nigel Rollins. PLoS One. 2013; 8(9): e74568.Published: 20 September 2013.

Rates of pregnancy and HIV infection are high among South African adolescents, yet little is known about rates of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (MTCT) in this group. We report a comparison of the characteristics of adolescent mothers and adult mothers, including HIV prevalence and MTCT rates... Read More »

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Recent News

Harsh price of HIV-linked longevity
Mail&Guardian. Published: 4 October 2013.

HIV+ people on ARVs are now living longer lifespans. But the virus's associated diseases could put an unbearable strain on the health system...Read More »

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Mpumalanga launches new Ward AIDS Councils
Health-e News. Published: 3 October 2013.

The province's Msukaligwa Municipality introduces its first 19 Ward AIDS Councils. With ward counselors as chairpersons, Ward AIDS Council (WACs) are expected to deal with HIV-related issues. These structures report to Local AIDS Councils. Each WAC, which is made up of representatives of different sectors, and must also have operational plans...Read More »

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How South Africa's fight against HIV stacks up
Health-e News. Published: 23 September 2013.

About six million people in South Africa are living with HIV, according to UNAIDS new report. Here's how South Africa's HIV response stacks up against other countries... Read More »

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Circumcision gets help from experts
IOL. Published: 23 September 2013.

The number of successful traditional circumcisions in the Western Cape is expected to improve under a new arrangement in which provincial health authorities are to provide sterile circumcision kits to traditional surgeons...Read More »

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New funding models needed 'to fight cancer in poor nations'
BDLive. Published: 1 October 2013.

A global fund is needed to curb ballooning cancer rates in poor nations, where malignancies already kill more people than HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria combined, a report by a coalition of researchers show...Read More »

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Aspen finalises drug acquisition deal with GlaxoSmithKline
BDLive. Published: 30 September 2013.

South Africa's biggest drug maker Aspen Pharmacare has finalised its £700m acquisition of GlaxoSmithKline's (GSK's) thrombosis drugs and an associated manufacturing site in France, the two companies announced...Read More »

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Motsoaledi tackles environmental health
The New Age. Published: 28 September 2013.

Environmental health should be given equal attention as the quadruple health burdens for the objectives of implementing a strengthened primary healthcare system to be achieved, said Minister of Health Aaron Motsoaledi... Read More »

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Health Dept to take over McCord
IOL. Published: 27 September 2013.

KwaZulu-Natal's Health Department will take over Durban's McCord Hospital and its staff, but until a new deal is struck, the facility will remain closed... Read More »

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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>>

Community Facilitation Programme
Siyakhula Trust
Venue: Siyakhula Training Venue - Randburg
Dates: 21-25 October 2013

Siyakhula Trust are pleased to announce that they will be presenting their popular and practical Community Facilitation Programme in Randburg Johannesburg. This course will provide community development workers with information and skills which will enable them to effectively facilitate and support community projects. Click Here>>

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mHealth Evidence
Knowledge for Health (K4Health), Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

mHealth Evidence is an online reference tool designed to help researchers quickly locate literature demonstrating the feasibility, usability and efficacy of mobile technologies in healthcare. Click Here>>

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Reports and Publications

Strategic Plan for Nurse Education, Training and Practice 2012/13 – 2016/17
Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2013.

South Africa's healthcare system is predominantly nurse-based and requires nurses to have the competence and expertise to manage the country's burden of disease and to meet South Africa's healthcare needs. Click Here»

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The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2013
United Nations. Published: 2013.

The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2013 presents updated estimates of undernourishment and progress towards the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) and World Food Summit (WFS) hunger targets. Click Here»

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The Roadmap for Childhood TB: Toward Zero Deaths
World Health Organization. Published: 2013.

The urgency of the problem of TB in children, whose full scope is still not fully known, cannot be underestimated. World Health Organization (WHO) estimates in 2012 revealed that up to 74 000 children die from TB each year and children account for around half a million new cases annually. Click Here»

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Financing the Response to HIV in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: International Assistance from Donor Governments in 2012
UNAIDS. Published: 2013.

As the United Nations General Assembly prepares to meet in New York in September 2013, with progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) on the agenda, it is important for the global HIV community to take stock of international efforts to finance the response to the epidemic. Click Here»

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Routine monitoring and performance assessments enable health workers to identify and address health delivery challenges in Botswana: Experiences in six health facilities
USAID. Published: 2013.

Botswana is classified as a middle income country. However due to unequal distribution of wealth, about 28% of the population live on less than a dollar a day. With a life expectancy at birth of about 55 years for both sexes, the country carries a high disease burden. Click Here»

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Conferences

2nd South African Nurses' Conference 2013
When: 16-18 October 2013
Venue:Chief Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre, Durban
URL: http://www.sanursesconference.co.za/

The three-day conference will see way over 1000 nurses converging to Chief Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre in Durban from 16-18 October 2013 to deliberate on pertinent themes related to the nursing profession. These include the current practice environment, nursing education and training, policy and research innovation, leadership and professional development. Industry leaders will lead the deliberations on these themes, thus imparting the knowledge to capacitate the younger generation to take over where the pioneers of nursing left off..

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4th South African Child Health Priorities Conference
When: 31 October -2 November 2013
Venue:University of the Witwatersrand Medical School, Parktown, Johannesburg
URL: http://childhealthpriorities.co.za

The theme of the conference is "Getting back to basics: Child Health in 2013", and will include sessions on successes in improving child survival globally and in South Africa, overcoming bottlenecks and barriers in child health programme delivery, achievements in primary health care re-engineering and seminars on early childhood development (ECD), child nutrition, and an essential child health care package.

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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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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/upcoming-conferences/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.

Job Opportunities

Quality Assurance Coordinator
Employer: Right to Care
Closing Date: 11 October 2013

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http://www.hst.org.za

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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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