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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### **Public health, universal health coverage, and Sustainable Development Goals: Can they coexist?**

Harald Schmidt, Lawrence O Gostin, Ezekiel J Emanuel. *The Lancet*. Published: 29 August 2015.

In her 2012 reconfirmation speech as WHO Director-General, Dr Margaret Chan asserted: "universal coverage is the single most powerful concept that public health has to offer. It is our ticket to greater efficiency and better quality. It is our saviour from the crushing weight of chronic noncommunicable diseases that now engulf the globe"...[Read More »](#)

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## How to improve the equity of health financial sources? - Simulation and analysis of total health expenditure of one Chinese province on system dynamics

Xin Wang, Yuanling Sun, Xin Mu, Li Guan and Jingjie Li. *International Journal for Equity in Health*. Published: 27 August 2015.

In recent years, health care has become a hot issue of China's social and economic development, especially the severe health expenditure growth situation, which not only makes the government face enormous financial pressure but also throw more pressure on individual residents' expenses...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.equityhealthj.com/content/14/1/73>[Accessed: 4 September 2015]

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## A review of pharmaceutical policies in response to economic crises and sanctions

Mehrnaz Kheirandish, Arash Rashidian, Abbas Kebriaeezade, Abdol Majid Cheraghali, Fatemeh Soleymani. *Journal of Research in Pharmacy Practice*. Published: 4 September 2015.

An economic crisis has been defined as a situation in which the scale of a country's economy becomes smaller in a period of time...[Read More »](#)

Source: [http://www.irpp.net/temp/JResPharmPract43115-2393451\\_063854.pdf](http://www.irpp.net/temp/JResPharmPract43115-2393451_063854.pdf)[Accessed: 4 September 2015]

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## Trends in risk factors for non-communicable diseases in South Africa

Wandai M, Day C. *Health Systems Trust*. Published: May 2015.

In June 2014, the World Health Organization (WHO) South Africa Country Office reported that about two out of five deaths are related to non-communicable disease (NCD), which can be attributed to high prevalence of major risk factors: tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol, unhealthy diet and high salt intake, obesity and physical inactivity. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hst.org.za/publications/trends-risk-factors-non-communicable-diseases-south-africa>[Accessed: 4 September 2015]

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## Availability and acceptability of HIV counselling and testing services: A qualitative study comparing clients' experiences of accessing HIV testing at public sector primary health care facilities or non-governmental mobile services in Cape Town, South Africa

Sue-Ann Meehan, Natalie Leon, Pren Naidoo, Karen Jennings, Ronelle Burger and Nulda Beyers. *BioMed Central*. Published: 2 September 2015.

The South African government is striving for universal access to HIV counselling and testing (HCT), a fundamental component of HIV care and prevention. In the Cape Town district, Western Cape Province of South Africa, HCT is provided free of charge at publicly funded primary health care (PHC) facilities and through non-governmental organisations (NGOs)...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/15/845>[Accessed: 4 September 2015]

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## A qualitative study of factors influencing retention of doctors and nurses at rural healthcare facilities in Bangladesh

Emmanuel Kwame Darkwa, M. Sophia Newman, Mahmud Kawkab and Mahbub Elahi Chowdhury. *BioMed Central*. Published: 27 August 2015.

Bangladesh is a highly populous country with three-quarters rural population. Pressing national shortages in health professionals has resulted in high vacancy rates in rural areas...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/15/344>[Accessed: 4 September 2015]

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## Recent News

### Call for abstracts: Health Systems Trust Conference 2016

*Health Systems Trust*. Published: 3 September 2015.

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. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hstconference2016.org.za>[Accessed: 4 September 2015]

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### National Health Insurance (NHI) Pilot Districts: Progress report by Minister of Health

*Parliamentary Monitoring Group*. Published: 21 August 2015.

Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, Minister of Health, and a delegation from the Department of Health provided an update about the National Health Insurance (NHI) pilot sites...[Read More »](#)

Source: <https://pmg.org.za/committee-meeting/21368/>[Accessed: 4 September 2015]

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### **Minister says long-awaited NHI white paper about to enter cabinet process**

*BDlive. Published: 21 August 2015.*

The long-awaited white paper on National Health Insurance (NHI) and a linked discussion document on financing options are about to enter the cabinet process, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi on Friday told Parliament, repeating the refrain offered by the government for more than a year...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/minister-says-long-awaited-nhi-white-paper-about-enter-cabinet-process/>[Accessed: 4 September 2015]

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### **NHI to reduce cost of healthcare**

*Mail&Guardian. Published: 22 August 2015.*

SA is working towards reducing the high cost of private healthcare and ensuring public healthcare is of quality. But it won't happen overnight.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2015-08-22-nhi-to-reduce-cost-of-healthcare/>[Accessed: 4 September 2015]

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### **Healthcare: A star is born**

*Financial Mail. Published: 27 August 2015.*

By 10am the antenatal and postnatal section at Soshanguve Community Health Centre, north of Pretoria, is packed with women - some heavily pregnant, others cradling newborns or shushing toddlers...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.financialmail.co.za/features/2015/08/27/health-care-a-star-is-born/>[Accessed: 4 September 2015]

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### **Antiretrovirals for staff good for business**

*BDlive. Published: 2 September 2015.*

Companies may save money from the outset by providing HIV-positive employees with treatment, a study at Anglo American's coal operations in SA shows.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2015/09/02/antiretrovirals-for-staff-good-for-business/>[Accessed: 4 September 2015]

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### **KZN researchers concerned about no testing for TB**

*SABC News. Published: 30 August 2015.*

Tuberculosis (TB) researchers in KwaZulu-Natal have expressed concern that many people are still not tested for the disease. TB is the leading cause of death in South Africa.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/246ac88049ab47e992359aa84320b537/KZN-researchers-concerned-about-no-testing-for-TB--20150830/>[Accessed: 4 September 2015]

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### **South Africans not ageing well**

*BDlive. Published: 28 August 2015.*

South Africans are living longer than they did a decade ago, but their later years are increasingly spent in ill-health, says a study published on Thursday in The Lancet...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2015/08/28/south-africans-not-ageing-well/>[Accessed: 4 September 2015]

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## **Training and Resources**

### **Medicines Control Council website**

The Medicines Control Council applies standards laid down by the Medicines and Related Substances Act, (Act 101 of 1965) which governs the manufacture, distribution, sale, and marketing of medicines. The prescribing and dispensing of medicines is controlled through the determination of schedules for various medicines and

substances.[Click Here»](#)

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### **Using rapid-cycle research to reach goals: Awareness, assessment, adaptation, acceleration**

*Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Published: June 2015.*

The PBRN Resource Center developed a guidance document which provides resources and advice for conducting rapid-cycle research.[Click Here»](#)

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### **Webinar: Update on New WHO Guidelines for HIV Testing Services**

*WHO. 9 September 2015.*

A critical first step in achieving the 90-90-90 targets proposed by UNAIDS is ensuring that 90% of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status by 2020. This is an ambitious goal, as currently only half of people living with HIV know their status. The recently released WHO HIV testing guidelines address and respond to this reality.[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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## **Conferences and Events**

### **Hospital Association of South Africa 2015 Conference**

*When: 21-23 September 2015*

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

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

The Hospital Association of South Africa's (HASA) 2015 annual conference will return to familiar ground, once again taking place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC). The 2015 conference theme – "Harmonising Healthcare. Shift. Synchronise. Symphony" – speaks to the need for all healthcare stakeholders to explore practical ways in which to bring harmony to all facets of the sector in order to establish a sustainable quality healthcare system that will be able to better serve the citizens of our nation.

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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.

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### **South African Association of Community Pharmacists (SAACP) Symposium**

*When: 25-26 September 2015*

*Venue: Birchwood Hotel and Conference Centre, Johannesburg*

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

SAACP is the professional body representing the community pharmacy sector of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa, and needs to take the lead in marketing the unique role and contribution of community pharmacists in healthcare delivery now and in the future in South Africa. This Symposium is the first stepping stone in influencing policies and legislation governing the professional role of community pharmacists.

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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.

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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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### **9th World Congress on Developmental Origins of Health and Disease**

*When: 8-11 November 2015*

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

*URL: <http://www.dohad2015.org/>*

The 9th World Congress in Cape Town, South Africa, will bring together scientists, clinical researchers, obstetricians, paediatricians, public health professionals and policy leaders from around the world. These experts will address, head-on, the many challenges that currently impact the health of mothers, babies in the womb, infants, children and adolescents, as well as explore solutions, interventions and policies to optimise health across the life of people. The 9th World Congress, the first to be held in Africa, presents an incredible opportunity to feature the vastly relevant DOHaD research to African researchers, clinicians and policy leaders. This important event is expected to attract more than 1 200 participants and will showcase over 350 speakers.

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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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### **Sparking Population Health Solutions 2016**

*When: 25-26 April 2016*

*Venue: Shaw Centre Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada*

*URL: <http://bit.ly/1ePNrmp>*

Global health problems cannot be solved one person at a time. Policies, programs, and how resources are distributed all contribute to preventing disease, promoting health and addressing the determinants of health. Population health research has catalyzed new ways of thinking about why some people are healthy (and others are not) by shining the light on the social, cultural and environmental factors that determine health and disease. We now have a wealth of new knowledge from the investments we've made. So what's next? Join us in the conversation.

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### **HST Conference 2016**

*When: 4-6 May 2016*

*Venue: Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng*

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

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**Health Systems Trust: Drivers**

*Closing Date: 10 September 2015*

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**Rhodes University: Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Pharmacy Practice**

*Closing Date: 14 September 2015*

**Please view our website for more details**

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/lecturersenior-lecturer-pharmacy-practice>

**Stellenbosch University: Professor/Associate Professor - Clinical Pharmacology**

*Closing Date: 18 September 2015*

**Please view our website for more details**

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/professorassociate-professor-clinical-pharmacology>

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