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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Whole-system change: Case study of factors facilitating early implementation of a primary health care reform in a South African province

Helen Schneider, Rene English, Hanani Tabana, Thesandree Padayachee and Marsha Orgill. BioMed Central. Published: 29 November 2014.

Whole-system interventions are those that entail system wide changes in goals, service delivery arrangements and relationships between actors, requiring approaches to implementation that go beyond projects or programmes...[Read More »](#)

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Can frameworks inform knowledge about health policy processes?

Walt G, Gilson L. Health Policy and Planning. Published: December 2014.

Reviewing health policy papers on agenda-setting and testing them against a specific priority-setting framework...[Read More »](#)

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Practice and power: A review and interpretive synthesis focused on the exercise of discretionary power in policy implementation by front-line providers and managers

Lucy Gilson, Helen Schneider and Marsha Orgill. Health Policy and Planning. Published: December 2014.

Tackling the implementation gap is a health policy concern in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)...[Read More »](#)

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Mapping the existing body of health policy implementation research in lower-income settings: What is covered and what are the gaps?

E Erasmus, M Orgill, H Schneider and L Gilson. Health Policy and Planning. Published: December 2014.

This article uses 85 peer-reviewed articles published between 1994 and 2009 to characterise and synthesise aspects of the health policy analysis literature focusing on policy implementation in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)...[Read More »](#)

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The introduction of Greek Central Health Fund: Has the reform met its goal in the sector of Primary Health Care or is there a new model needed?

Nikos Polyzos, Stefanos Karakolias, Costas Dikeos, Mamas Theodorou, Catherine Kastanioti, Kalomira Mama, Periklis Polizoidis, Christoforos Skamnakis, Charalampos Tsairidis and Eleutherios Thireos. BioMed Central. Published: 25 November 2014.

The National Organization for Healthcare Provision (EOPYY) originates from the recent reform in Greek healthcare, aiming amidst economic predicament, at the rationalisation of health expenditure and reactivation of the pivotal role of Primary Health Care (PHC)...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

State clinics in for major overhaul

BDlive. Published: 19 November 2014.

State-run clinics throughout SA will cut patient waiting time in half and provide world class primary healthcare by 2018, if President Jacob Zuma has his way...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2014/11/19/state-clinics-in-for-major-overhaul>[Accessed: 5 December 2014]

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Between cancer and cure: Two kilometres and a salary

Health-e News. Published: 25 November 2014.

Two breast cancer survivors are separated by less than two kilometres, but the gap in their access to treatment may be much wider...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/11/25/cancer-cure-two-kilometres-salary/>[Accessed: 5 December 2014]

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Human rights commission probes Free State Health Department

City Press. Published: 3 December 2014.

The South African Human Rights Commission has launched an investigation into the Free State Health Department following several complaints over access to healthcare services...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.citypress.co.za/news/human-rights-commission-probes-free-state-health-department/>[Accessed: 5 December 2014]

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Limpopo concerned about pharmacist shortage

Health-e News. Published: 28 November 2014.

Limpopo's Department of Health and Social Development is urging students to study pharmacy to address the

shortage of professionals hard-felt by rural communities...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/11/28/limpopo-concerned-pharmacist-shortage>[Accessed: 5 December 2014]

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Protection of healthcare workers essential for well-functioning health systems

UNAIDS. Published: 1 December 2014.

When looking after people in healthcare settings, healthcare workers can be exposed to a broad range of infections, including HIV...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2014/december/20141201_uganda [Accessed: 5 December 2014]

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The rural doctor who came home to live, love and heal

Mail&Guardian. Published: 21 November 2014.

Which doctors want to work in the remote areas of South Africa? Mostly those who grew up there.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2014-11-21-00-the-doctor-who-came-home-to-live-love-and-heal>[Accessed: 5 December 2014]

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Why a gender-conscious response to HIV is still necessary: Women, girls and HIV – 10 years on

Health Systems Trust. Published: 26 November 2014.

World AIDS Day focuses on remembrance of those lost to the epidemic and mobilisation of resources to advocate for people who are vulnerable to and living with HIV, and 2014 marks a decade since the World AIDS Day theme was 'Women, Girls, HIV and AIDS'...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/why-gender-conscious-response-hiv-still-necessary-women-girls-and-hiv-10-years>[Accessed: 5 December 2014]

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In the valley of death: Life without ARVs

Health-e News. Published: 1 December 2014.

As South Africa celebrates 10 years of free HIV treatment, Health-e News Managing Editor Kerry Cullinan reflects on what life was like before antiretrovirals (ARVs)...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/12/01/valley-death-life-without-arvs/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=valley-death-life-without-arvs[Accessed: 5 December 2014]

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HIV epidemic will spring back without near-universal diagnosis and treatment, says UNAIDS

aidsmap. Published: 1 December 2014.

Usual World AIDS Day report replaced with call for three-quarter cut in new infections by 2020, and 73% viral suppression...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/HIV-epidemic-will-spring-back-without-near-universal-diagnosis-and-treatment-says-UNAIDS/page/2925107/>[Accessed: 5 December 2014]

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HIV/AIDS plan cited as fatalities fall

BDlive. Published: 3 December 2014.

The number of deaths registered in SA has fallen to its lowest level in more than a decade, providing clear evidence of the effect of the government's very large HIV/AIDS treatment plan, which now reaches 2.7-million people...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2014/12/03/hivaids-plan-cited-as-fatalities-fall>[Accessed: 5 December 2014]

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World AIDS Day: Less than half of infected people know

Mail & Guardian. Published: 30 November 2014.

Although 65% of South Africans reportedly have been tested for HIV at least once, annual testing figures are much lower...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2014-11-30-world-aids-day-less-than-half-of-infected-people-know/>[Accessed: 5 December 2014]

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Diabetes: Risk factors and lifestyle interventions

BioMed Central. Published: 14 November 2014.

Today is World Diabetes Day and this year it is centred on the theme of healthy living and diabetes. To mark this, we take a look at some of the recent research and discussions on risk factors and lifestyle interventions associated with type 2 diabetes...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://blogs.biomedcentral.com/bmcblog/2014/11/14/diabetes-risk-factors-and-lifestyle-interventions/>[Accessed: 5 December 2014]

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SA has capacity and experience to contain Ebola

BDlive. Published: 2 December 2014.

SA has the capacity to contain Ebola should a case be imported into the country, says Peter Piot, one of the scientists who discovered the deadly virus almost 40 years ago...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2014/12/02/sa-has-capacity-and-experience-to-contain-ebola/>[Accessed: 5 December 2014]

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Training and Resources

Comprehensive cervical cancer control - A guide to essential practice

World Health Organization

This guide focuses on the knowledge and skills needed by healthcare providers at different levels of care to offer quality services for prevention, screening, treatment and palliation of cervical cancer.[Click Here>>](#)

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

HIV in our lives - Information for people living with HIV/AIDS, their support groups and clinics

Treatment Action Campaign

This new edition of HIV in our lives contains the most up-to-date information about medical issues for people with HIV/AIDS in language that is easy to understand.[Click Here>>](#)

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Conferences and Events

Health Information Systems Program - SA 2015 International Conference

When: 24-27 March 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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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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SVRI Workshops

When: 15-17 September 2015

Venue: Stellenbosch, South Africa

URL: <http://www.svri.org/forum2015/index.htm>

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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Job Opportunities

Health Systems Trust

- **Facilitators – HIV Counselling and Testing**
Closing Date: 7 December 2014
Please view our website for more details
<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/facilitators-hiv-counselling-and-testing-hct>
- **Administrator**
Closing Date: 15 December 2014
Please view our website for more details
<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/administrator-1>
- **Fleet Administrator**
Closing Date: 15 December 2014
Please view our website for more details
<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/fleet-administrator>

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