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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Comment: The future leadership of WHO

Sally C Davies, Somsak Akksilp, Keizo Takemi, Precious Matsoso, Jarbas Barbosa Da Silva Junior. The Lancet. Published: 05 February 2016.

In about 3 months' time, the Director-General of WHO will call for nominations from the Executive Board and Member States for her successor. The selection process will then be launched and a new Director-General elected in 2017. [Read More »](#)

Source: [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(16\)00105-7/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(16)00105-7/fulltext) [Accessed: 05 February 2016]

The Case for Adolescent HIV Vaccination in South Africa: A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis

Moodley, Nishiia, Gray, Glenda, Bertram, Melanie. Medicine. Published: January 2016.

Despite comprising 0.7% of the world population, South Africa is home to 18% of the global human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevalence. Unyielding HIV subepidemics among adolescents threaten national attempts to curtail the disease burden. Should an HIV vaccine become available, establishing its point of entry into the health system becomes a priority. This study assesses the impact of school-based HIV vaccination and explores how variations in vaccine characteristics affect cost-effectiveness. [Read More »](#)

Source: http://journals.lww.com/md-journal/Fulltext/2016/01250/The_Case_for_Adolescent_HIV_Vaccination_in_South.16.aspx [Accessed: 05 February 2016]

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Costs and cost effectiveness of three approaches for cervical cancer screening among HIV-positive women in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Lince-Deroche N, Phiri J, Michelow P, Smith JS, Firnhaber C. PLoS One. Published: 16 November 2015.

South Africa has high rates of HIV and HPV and high incidence and mortality from cervical cancer. However, cervical cancer is largely preventable when early screening and treatment are available. We estimate the costs and cost-effectiveness of conventional cytology (Pap), visual inspection with acetic acid (VIA) and HPV DNA testing for detecting cases of CIN2+ among HIV-infected women currently taking antiretroviral treatment at a public HIV clinic in Johannesburg, South Africa. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.plosone.org/article/fetchObject.action?uri=info:doi/10.1371/> [Accessed: 05 February 2016]

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Are central hospitals ready for National Health Insurance? ICD coding quality from an electronic patient discharge record for clinicians

Robin Edgar Dyers, Juliet Evans, Grant Alex Ward, Shane du Plooy, Hassan Mahomed. South African Medical Journal. Published: 8 January 2016.

South Africa (SA)'s planned National Health Insurance reforms require the use of International Statistical Classification of Diseases (ICD) codes for hospitals to purchase services from the proposed National Health Authority. However, compliance with coding at public hospitals in the Western Cape Province has been challenging. A computer application was developed to aid clinicians in integrating ICD coding into the patient hospital discharge process. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.samj.org.za/index.php/samj/article/view/10079> [Accessed: 05 February 2016]

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HPV vaccine introduction in Rwanda: Impacts on the broader health system

Sergio Torres-Rueda, Stephen Rulisa, Helen E.D. Burchett, N. Victor Mivumbi, Sandra Mounier-Jack. Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare. Published: March 2016.

Rwanda was the first country in Africa to introduce the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. This was achieved through multi-year school-based campaigns. Our study evaluated the impact of the HPV vaccine introduction on the country's immunisation programme and health system. [Read More »](#)

Source: [http://www.srhjournal.org/article/S1877-5756\(15\)00088-9/abstract](http://www.srhjournal.org/article/S1877-5756(15)00088-9/abstract) [Accessed: 05 February 2016]

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A framework for scaling up health interventions: lessons from large-scale improvement initiatives in Africa

Pierre M. Barker, Amy Reid and Marie W. Schall. Implementation Science. Published: 29 January 2016.

Knowledge brokers (KBs) work collaboratively with key stakeholders to facilitate the transfer and exchange of information in a given context. Currently, there is a perceived lack of evidence about the effectiveness of knowledge brokering and the factors that influence its success as a knowledge translation (KT) mechanism. Thus, the goal of this review was to systematically gather evidence regarding the nature of knowledge brokering in health-related settings and determine if KBs effectively contributed to KT in these settings. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.implementationscience.com/content/10/1/162> [Accessed: 05 February 2016]

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Recent News

WHO Director-General summarizes the outcome of the Emergency Committee on Zika

WHO. Published: 1 February 2016.

WHO statement on the first meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee on Zika virus and observed increase in neurological disorders and neonatal malformations. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/statements/2016/emergency-committee-zika-microcephaly/en/> [Accessed: 05 February 2016]

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Department aims to launch new health products watchdog next year

BDlive. Published: 22 January 2016.

THE Department of Health has set April 1 next year as the target date for establishing the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (Sahpra), a development that will be closely watched by the pharmaceutical industry. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2016/01/22/>[Accessed: 05 February 2016]

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Motsoaledi does not want NHI to limit choices

BDlive. Published: 1 February 2016.

South African Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi has distanced himself from a controversial proposal in the White Paper on National Health Insurance (NHI) to slash the benefits offered by medical schemes, saying the state should not limit patients' choices. He has also dismissed the paper's cost projections, saying NHI is a long term-project that should be financed on a programme-by-programme basis. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2016/02/01/motsoaledi-does-not-want-nhi-to-limit-choices> [Accessed: 05 February 2016]

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Health care is a social investment

Mercury. Published: 22 January 2016.

It's not like any other commodity, so it shouldn't be sold like any other commodity. Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi answers six big questions about the NHI White Paper: [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/mercury/health-care-is-a-social-investment-1.1974711> [Accessed: 05 February 2016]

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Nurses leaving SA in droves

Pretoria News. Published: 2 February 2016.

More and more South African nurses are taking their skills and knowledge abroad for the promise of more pay and better working conditions. This has plunged the country's healthcare sector and nursing profession deep into crisis, the Pretoria News learnt on Monday. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://classic.iol.co.za/news/south-africa/gauteng/nurses-leaving-sa-in-droves-1.1978572#.VrGZEsvosdU> [Accessed: 05 February 2016]

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Breast is best for babies, mothers and economy

BDlive. Published: 29 January 2016.

Breastfeeding more babies for longer could save the global economy \$300bn in a single year, simply by yielding smarter and higher-earning offspring, researchers said on Friday. It would also prevent more than 800,000 child deaths, and about 20,000 breast cancer deaths every year. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/life/health/2016/01/29/breast-is-best-for-babies-mothers-and-economy/> [Accessed: 05 February 2016]

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No rise in SA's ARV resistance

Times Live. Published: 3 February 2016.

Only 350 of South Africa's 3 million HIV patients have had to fall back on last-resort treatment because they are resistant to standard treatments. So said the deputy director of the Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute, Francois Venter, in response to global reports that resistance to HIV drugs is on the rise in Africa. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.timeslive.co.za/thetimes/2016/02/03/No-rise-in-SAs-ARV-resistance> [Accessed: 05 February 2016]

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Forced virginity-testing is unlawful and offensive, and will not prevent HIV-AIDS

Daily Maverick. Published: 2 February 2016.

Bathabile Dlamini is South Africa's Minister of Social Development and President of the ANC Women's League. The print media and social media have been abuzz with the decision by the uThukela District Municipality in Kwazulu-Natal to put in place a bursary scheme for girls provided that they remain virgins. [Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.dailymaverick.co.za/opinionista/2016-02-02-forced-virginity-testing-is-unlawful-and-offensive-and-will-not-prevent-hiv-aids/?utm_source=Daily+Maverick+First+Thing&utm_campaign=9c548a4104-

[A_B_Test_Campaign_12_1_2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c81900545f-9c548a4104-127650657&mc_cid=9c548a4104&mc_eid=a39c6f6642#.VrGNoFllrIU](http://www.health-e.org.za/2016/01/28/hpcsas-is-taking-corrective-action/)[Accessed: 05 February 2016]

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HPCSA is taking 'corrective action'

Health-e News. Published: 28 January 2016.

The Health Professions Council of SA (HPCSA) is taking "corrective action" to address its shortcoming, which were identified by the Ministerial Task Team (MTT) set up by Health Minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi. The HPCSA is due to meet the Minister today to update him on progress made since the MTT report was issued last November. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2016/01/28/hpcsas-is-taking-corrective-action/> [Accessed: 05 February 2016]

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Power struggles behind Free State TAC split

Health-e News. Published: 25 January 2016

As Free State health services allegedly continue to deteriorate and prompt a heated battle between politicians and Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) activists, a new organisation has joined the fray as a former Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) leader breaks from TAC. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2016/01/25/power-struggles-behind-free-state-tac-split/> [Accessed: 05 February 2016]

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Epidemics on the horizon if threats not addressed - MSF

Mail & Guardian. Published: 26 January 2016.

Doctors Without Borders has stressed the critical importance of adequate investment into the prevention of diseases such as Ebola and cholera. The international aid organisation, Doctors Without Borders (MSF), has warned that without proper investment, epidemics of cholera, malaria, measles and meningitis are likely to pose a significant threat in the year ahead. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2016-01-26-epidemics-on-the-horizon-if-threats-not-addressed-msf> [Accessed: 05 February 2016]

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Osborne: malaria eradication will create more prosperous world

The Guardian. Published: 25 January 2016.

The Microsoft tycoon Bill Gates and the UK chancellor, George Osborne, have pledged to fight a war on the world's deadliest disease, malaria, with the aim of eliminating it by 2040. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/jan/25/bill-gates-george-osborne-pledge-eliminate-malaria> [Accessed: 05 February 2016]

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Training and Resources

Cannabinoids for Medicinal Use

SA Medical Research Council. Published: January 2016.

URL: <http://www.mrc.ac.za/policybriefs/Cannabinoids.pdf>

This MRC Policy Brief summarises the key points of a systematic review evaluating the medicinal use of cannabis.

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New SADC regional standards for HIV care along road transport corridors

African Strategies for Health. Published: 19 January 2016.

URL: <http://www.africanstrategies4health.org/uploads>

Expanded mobility and cross-border trading across the road transport sector in Southern Africa have contributed to increased HIV prevalence rates among key populations and communities living in the region. To support a strengthened and co-ordinated response to the unique public health challenges this presents, the Southern African Development Community (SADC) approved the Regional Minimum Standards and Brand for HIV and other Health Services Along Road Transport Corridors in the SADC Region (RMSB) in November 2015.

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

What's next for the Woman's Condom? Celebrating a successful conclusion to the POW PDP

PATH. Published: 2016

With funding from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PATH established the Protection Options for Women Product Development Partnership (POWP PDP) in 2011. This global partnership implemented strategic activities to build supply and demand for the Woman's Condom, a second-generation female condom designed for ease of use and improved acceptability. [Click Here»](#)

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Call for Abstracts: Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award (EPHPA)

Health Systems Trust. Published: 15 December 2015.

The South African Health Review's Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award (EPHPA) is open to young public health practitioners or student researchers in the fields of health sciences, medicine or public health. Individuals seeking to publish a paper dealing with public health policy development or implementation in a respected and widely read South African peer-reviewed journal are encouraged to apply. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences and Events

Denosa 3rd South African Nurses' Conference

When: 24-26 February 2016

Venue: Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng

URL: <http://www.sanursesconference.co.za>

DENOSA is hosting the Third South African Nurses' Conference from the 24th to the 26th February 2016. This is a biannual event born out of a need to build capacity and create an enabling environment for South African nurses to effectively and positively influence health policy. It further affords the cadre an opportunity to critically analyze the South African health system and propose solutions. Become part of history.

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Mainstreaming Gender in HIV & AIDS Programmes

When: 3 - 4 March 2016

Venue: Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng

Email: register@mersey-co.za

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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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Women Deliver 4th Global Conference

When: 16-19 May 2016

Venue: Copenhagen, Denmark

URL: <http://wd2016.org/>

Women Deliver's conferences have become some of the world's biggest global convenings to focus on the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women. Building on the successes of Women Deliver's three previous global gatherings-in London in 2007, in Washington in 2010, and in Kuala Lumpur in 2013-the 2016 Conference will bring together world leaders, advocates, policymakers, journalists, young people, researchers, and leaders of corporate companies and civil society to showcase what it means and how it works when girls and women become the focus of development efforts.

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IAEN - AIDS and Economic Pre-Conference

When: 15 -16 July 2016

Venue: Durban, South Africa

URL: <http://www.heard.org.za/iaen-2016-preconference/>

The 9th International AIDS Economics Network (IAEN) pre-conference which will take place 15-16 July 2016. It will be hosted in conjunction with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, IAEN, HEARD, UNAIDS, the World Bank, Rush Foundation and Sida/Norad.

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International AIDS Conference

When: 17-22 July 2016

Venue: International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa

URL: <http://www.aids2016.org/>

The International AIDS Conference is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the pandemic. It is a chance to assess where we are, evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learnt, and collectively chart a course forward

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Public Health Association of South Africa 2016 Conference

When: 19 - 22 September 2016

Venue: East London Convention Centre

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Fourth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

When: 14-18 November 2016

Venue: Vancouver, Canada

URL: <http://www.csih.org/en/events/fourth-global-symposium-on-health-systems-research/>

The Global Symposium on Health Systems Research is hosted every two years by HSG to bring together its members with the full range of players involved in health systems and policy research. There is currently no other international gathering that serves the needs of this community. Previous events have been held in Cape Town (2014), Beijing (2012) and Montreux (2010).

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Job Opportunities

Health Systems Trust: Technical advisor - Qualitative Research

Closing date: 11 February 2016

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/technical-advisor-qualitative-research>

Health Systems Trust: Technical advisor - Quantitative Research

Closing date: 11 February 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/technical-advisor-quantitative-research>

Health Systems Trust: Office Administrator - Training Unit

Closing date: 12 February 2016

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Health Systems Trust: Driver

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