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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

When HIV is ordinary and diabetes new: Remaking suffering in a South African township

Emily Mendenhallab, Shane A. Norris. *Global Public Health: An International Journal for Research, Policy and Practice*. Published: 2 February 2015.

Escalation of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) among urban South African populations disproportionately afflicted by HIV/AIDS presents not only medical challenges but also new ways in which people understand and experience sickness... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/17441692.2014.998698#tabModule> [Accessed: 6 February 2015]

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Hospital community benefit programs: Increasing benefits to communities

Janet Corrigan, Elliott Fisher, Scott Heiser. *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Published: 2 February 2015.

Promising health care delivery and payment reforms are underway that may have contributed to the slower rates of growth in health care spending seen in recent years... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleID=2108842> [Accessed: 6 February 2015]

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Quantifying the impact of accessibility on preventive healthcare in sub-Saharan Africa using mobile phone data

Wesolowski A, O'Meara WP, Tatem A, Ndege S, Eagle N, Buckee C. *Epidemiology*. Published: March 2014.

Poor physical access to health facilities has been identified as an important contributor to reduced uptake of

preventive health services and is likely to be most critical in low-income settings...[Read More »](#)

Source:

http://journals.lww.com/epidem/Fulltext/2015/03000/Quantifying_the_Impact_of_Accessibility_on_15[Accessed: 6 February 2015]

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Principles of lifeworld led public health practice in the UK and Sweden: Reducing health inequalities

Ann Hemingway, Liz Norton and Clara Aarts. Nursing Research and Practice. Published: 14 December 2014.

The purpose of this paper is to consider the role of the lifeworld perspective in reducing inequalities in health and we explain how the public health practitioner can use this perspective to address public health issues with individuals and groups.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hindawi.com/journals/nrp/2015/124591/>[Accessed: 6 February 2015]

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Who pays for and who benefits from health care services in Uganda?

Brendan Kwesiga, John E Ataguba, Christabel Abewe, Paul Kizza and Charlotte M Zikusooka. BioMed Central. Published: 1 February 2015.

Equity in health care entails payment for health services according to the capacity to pay and the receipt of benefits according to need. In Uganda, as in many African countries, although equity is extolled in government policy documents, not much is known about who pays for, and who benefits from, health services.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/15/44/abstract>[Accessed: 6 February 2015]

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Recent News

Hammanskraal clinic scoops district, provincial awards

Health-e News. Published: 26 January 2015.

Hammanskraal's Suurman Clinic has been named one of the best clinics not only in the Tshwane health district but also in the province...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/01/26/hammanskraal-clinic-scoops-district-provincial-awards/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=hammanskraal-clinic-scoops-district-provincial-awards[Accessed: 6 February 2015]

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'Rural-proofing' policy

Health-e News. Published: 30 January 2015.

Rural health advocacy groups have developed guidelines aimed at ensuring that policy makers and government address the rural context when developing and implementing policies...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/01/30/rural-proofing-policy/>[Accessed: 6 February 2015]

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State rethink on posting of doctors

BDlive. Published: 28 January 2015.

The Department of Health is planning to revise the National Health Act's controversial provisions for regulating where doctors work, it emerged on Tuesday...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2015/01/28/state-rethink-on-posting-of-doctors>[Accessed: 6 February 2015]

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Influenza drug now hailed as effective

BDlive. Published: 30 January 2015.

The controversial influenza drug oseltamivir reduces complications and keeps people out of hospital, according to new research published on Thursday in the UK journal The Lancet...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2015/01/30/influenza-drug-now-hailed-as-effective>[Accessed: 6 February 2015]

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Comment: Measles threat puts Ebola to shame

Mail&Guardian. Published: 30 January 2015.

The year 2014 saw one of the scariest infectious disease outbreaks in recent history. Ebola has so far claimed about 8 600 lives of the nearly 21 700 who were clinically ill...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2015-01-29-measles-threat-puts-ebola-to-shame>[Accessed: 6 February 2015]

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After Ebola: What next for West Africa's health systems?

African Brains. Published: 4 February 2015.

As rates of Ebola infection fall in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, planning has begun on how to rebuild public health systems and learn lessons from the outbreak...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://africanbrains.net/2015/02/04/ebola-next-west-africas-health-systems/#sthash.5vFktPiS.dpuf>[Accessed: 6 February 2015]

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SA follows WHO guide on low-risk yellow fever arrivals

BDlive. Published: 4 February 2015.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has included some African countries on its low-risk yellow fever list, which means their citizens no longer need clearance certificates when visiting SA...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2015/02/04/sa-follows-who-guide-on-low-risk-yellow-fever-arrivals>[Accessed: 6 February 2015]

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Training and Resources

Rural Proofing Guideline

Rural Health Advocacy Project (RHAP)

A guide to accounting for rural contexts in health policy, strategic planning and resourcing.[Click Here>>](#)

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Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Course: When just ticking boxes no longer makes sense

Community Development Resource Association (CDRA)

Dates: Cape Town - 9 March to 13 March 2015, Johannesburg - 20 July to 24 July 2015, Cape Town - 23 November to 27 November 2015

The CDRA course will explore the value of PME&L as an organisational learning process that will lead to accountability and good practice. Participants will work with their PME&L framework and the Theory of Change for their programme and work with the Action Learning Cycle to improve the depth and quality of data capturing, sense making, reflection and learning processes.[Click Here>>](#)

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

Considerations and guidance for countries adopting national health identifiers

UNAIDS. Published: 30 January 2015.

The existence of national health identifiers (NHIDs) ensures that each patient has one unique identity within the health system. This facilitates the development of longitudinal medical records and allows users of services to be tracked across health-care sectors.[Click Here>>](#)

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Conferences and Events

Monitoring and Evaluation Training

When: 18 February 2015

Venue: London, United Kingdom

URL: <http://www.redr.org.uk/en/Training-and-more/find-a-training-course.cfm/url/Monitoring-Evaluation-Feb-15>

Improving the quality of humanitarian practice and ensuring the effectiveness of responses to complex emergencies is a key aim shared by humanitarian agencies. Thus, monitoring and evaluation are essential activities for any project or programme. Careful monitoring of progress against targets allows timely changes to be made to maximise impact. Evaluation ensures accountability to all parties concerned, and allows learning to be carried through to future interventions. This course aims to introduce you to the concepts of monitoring and evaluation, including the steps and components required to implement the monitoring and evaluation of a humanitarian project or programme.

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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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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. The focus of the conference though will be on moving forward and identifying potential solutions both within and outside the health system in order to improve the health status of our population. This is reflected in the theme of conference "Health and Sustainable Development: The Future".

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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, Cape Town, 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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Job Opportunities

Stop Stock Outs Project: Project Manager

Closing Date: 9 February 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/project-manager-0>

African Leadership Academy: School Nurse

Closing Date: 9 February 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/school-nurse>

Meyerton Child Welfare: Chief Social Worker

Closing Date: 13 February 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/chief-social-worker-0>

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