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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

An assessment of progress towards universal health coverage in Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS)

Marten R, McIntyre D, Travassos C, Shishkin S, Longde W, Reddy S, et al. *The Lancet*. Published: 30 April 2014.

Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) represent almost half the world's population, and all five national governments recently committed to work nationally, regionally, and globally to ensure that universal health coverage (UHC) is achieved. This analysis reviews national efforts to achieve UHC... [Read More »](#)

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Socioeconomic inequalities and mortality trends in BRICS, 1990-2010

Mújica OJ, Vázquez E, Duarte EC, Cortez-Escalante JJ, Molina J, Barbosa da Silva J. *WHO*. Published: June 2014.

Objective: To explore the presence and magnitude of - and change in - socioeconomic and health inequalities between and within Brazil, the Russian Federation, India, China and South Africa - the countries known as BRICS - between 1990 and 2010... [Read More »](#)

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Improving the public health sector in South Africa: Eliciting public preferences using a discrete choice experiment

Honda A, Ryan M, van Niekerk R, McIntyre D. *Health Policy Plan*. Published: 29 May 2014.

The introduction of national health insurance (NHI), aimed at achieving universal coverage, is the most important issue currently on the South African health policy agenda... [Read More »](#)

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Identifying and targeting mortality disparities: A framework for sub-saharan Africa using adult mortality data from South Africa

Sartorius B, Sartorius K. *Plos One*. Published: 14 August 2013.

Health inequities in developing countries are difficult to eradicate because of limited resources. The neglect of adult mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) is a particular concern. Advances in data availability, software and analytic methods have created opportunities... [Read More »](#)

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Maximizing the benefit of health workforce secondment in Botswana: An approach for strengthening health systems in resource-limited settings

Grignon JS, Ledikwe JH, Makati D, Nyangah R, Sento BW, Semo B. *Risk Management and Healthcare Policy*. Published: 16 May 2014.

To address health systems challenges in limited-resource settings, global health initiatives, particularly the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, have seconded health workers to the public sector... [Read More »](#)

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Essential evidence for guiding health system priorities and policies: Anticipating epidemiological transition in Africa

Peter Byass, Don de Savigny, Alan D. Lopez. *Global Health Action*. Published: 15 May 2014.

Despite indications that infection-related mortality in sub-Saharan Africa may be decreasing and the burden of non-communicable diseases increasing, the overwhelming reality is that health information systems across most of sub-Saharan Africa remain too weak to track epidemiological transition in a meaningful and effective way... [Read More »](#)

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Reframing professional boundaries in healthcare: A systematic review of facilitators and barriers to task reallocation from the domain of medicine to the nursing domain

Maartje G.H. Niezenemail, Jolanda J.P. Mathijssen. *Health Policy Journal*. Published: 1 May 2014.

One of the innovative approaches to dealing with the anticipated shortage of physicians is to reallocate tasks from the professional domain of medicine to the nursing domain... [Read More »](#)

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Task-shifting and prioritization: A situational analysis examining the role and experiences of community health workers in Malawi

Sarah Smith, Amber Deveridge, Joshua Berman, Joel Negin, Nwaka Mwambene, Elizabeth Chingaibe, Lisa M Puchalski Ritchie and Alexandra Martiniuk. Human Resources for Health 2014. Published: 2 May 2014.

As low- and middle-income countries face continued shortages of human resources for health and the double burden of infectious and chronic diseases, there is renewed international interest in the potential for community health workers to assume a growing role in strengthening health systems... [Read More »](#)

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Clinical Mentorship of Nurse Initiated Antiretroviral Therapy in Khayelitsha, South Africa: A Quality of Care Assessment

Ann Green, Virginia de Azevedo, Gabriela Patten, Mary-Ann Davies, Mary Ibeto, Vivian Cox. Plos One. Published: 2 June 2014.

To combat the AIDS epidemic and increase HIV treatment access, the South African government implemented a nurse-based, doctor-supported model of care that decentralizes administration of antiretroviral treatment (ART) for HIV positive patients through nurse initiated and managed ART... [Read More »](#)

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Improving antiretroviral therapy scale-up and effectiveness through service integration and decentralization

Suthar, Amitabh B, Rutherford, George W, Horvath, Tara, Doherty, Meg C, Negussie, Eyerusalem K. AIDS. Published: March 2014.

Current service delivery systems do not reach all people in need of antiretroviral therapy (ART)... [Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Health minister's battle plan

Financial Mail. Published: 5 June 2014.

The roll-out of national health insurance (NHI) is top of the agenda of health minister Aaron Motsoaledi... [Read More »](#)

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Consensus reached on new HIV treatment and prevention targets in eastern and southern Africa

UNAIDS. Published: 23 May 2014.

Participants attending a two-day consultative workshop held on 19 and 20 May in Johannesburg, South Africa, agreed to set new targets for 2020 and 2030 to scale up access to HIV treatment and prevention programmes in eastern and southern Africa... [Read More »](#)

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Comment: The cost malady; Foresight is 2020

Mail&Guardian. Published: 30 May 2014.

Vital changes need to be made in healthcare to give patients better value for their money... [Read More »](#)

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New X-ray scanners will save hospitals time, money

BDlive. Published: 29 May 2014.

Government is expecting savings of at least R8m over the first five years of use of each of the full body X-ray scanners that will be introduced in Gauteng hospitals and forensic pathology units within the next year... [Read More »](#)

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Polio vaccine shortages nationwide - KZN

News24. Published: 4 June 2014.

The shortage of polio vaccine in hospitals was a nationwide problem which originates from the supplier, the KwaZulu-Natal health department said on Wednesday...[Read More »](#)

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N West medical practitioners vow to improve maternal care

SABC. Published: 30 May 2014.

Medical practitioners and experts in the field of maternal and newborn care in North West, have vowed to keep fingers on the pulse of maternal and neonatal care, to better the lives of mothers and babies...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/fb781200442eaa649d1ebd89a186b34b/N-West-medical-practitioners-vow-to-improve-maternal-care--20140530>[Accessed: 6 June 2014]

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KwaZulu-Natal, Indian university in talks to build medical school

BDlive. Published: 2 June 2014.

Talks between the KwaZulu-Natal provincial government and India's Manipal University to establish South Africa's first private medical school are at an advanced stage. Construction on the site of the new university is expected to start later this year in Newcastle, in northern KwaZulu-Natal...[Read More »](#)

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World Health Assembly closes

WHO. Published: 24 May 2014.

The Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly closed today, after adopting more than 20 resolutions on public health issues of global importance...[Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Measuring Impact Workshop: How to Measure, Monitor and Report Social Value

When: 17-18 June 2014

Venue: Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS), Pretoria, South Africa

The Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS) is hosting a two-day, interactive workshop that will equip you with the tools you need to not just measure your outputs and outcomes, but to track your social impact. [Click Here>>](#)

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Advanced Monitoring and Evaluation

When: 30 June to 4 July 2014

Venue: International NGO Training and Research Centre (INTRAC), Oxford, United Kingdom

This course builds on participants' understanding and skills of how to develop sustainable and cost effective monitoring and evaluation processes and practices within their own projects and organisations. It is also relevant for those trying to improve and enhance current M&E processes, or supporting partners to develop and implement effective M&E. The focus is on ensuring M&E contributes towards improving organisational learning and accountability. [Click Here>>](#)

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Impact Evaluation of HIV/AIDS and Health Programs

When: 21 July to 1 August 2014

Venue: Pretoria, South Africa

The workshop will provide intensive training in the concepts of program evaluation and in the tools and techniques for evaluating program impact. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

Vaccines and vaccination against yellow fever: WHO Position Paper, June 2013 - Recommendations

WHO. Published: 2013.

This updated position paper on yellow fever (YF) vaccines and vaccination replaces the previous 2003 WHO position paper and summarizes recent developments in the field. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences and Events

Health Services Research: Evidence-based practice

When: 1-3 July 2014

Venue: King's College London, UK

URL: <http://www.health-services-research.com/conference/>

BioMed Central, in association with its portfolio of health services research and policy journals, is pleased to announce the first international conference, Health Services Research: Evidence-based practice, that will take place 1-3 July 2014 at King's College London, UK. As health services research is a multidisciplinary field, this meeting will have a broad scope and address topics from many viewpoints, with a focus on international health policy but including local health care systems.

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20th International AIDS Conference

When: 20-25 July 2014

Venue: Melbourne, Australia

URL: <http://www.aids2014.org/>

The AIDS 2014 programme will present new scientific knowledge and offer many opportunities for structured dialogue on the major issues facing the global response to HIV. A variety of session types - from abstract-driven presentations to symposia, bridging and plenary sessions - will meet the needs of various participants.

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10th Public Health Association of South Africa

When: 3-6 September 2014

Venue: Protea Ranch Resort, Polokwane, South Africa

URL: <http://www.phasa.org.za/10th-phaasa-conference-2014/>

The 10th anniversary of the Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) conference will be celebrated with the hosting of the conference in Polokwane (Limpopo) from 3 to 6 September 2014. The workshops will take place on the 3rd, the actual conference on the 4th and 5th, and the student symposium on the 6th of September.

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Southern African HIV Clinicians Society

When: 24-27 September 2014

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://sahivsoc2014.co.za/>

Clear your diaries for 24-27 September 2014, as we head for Cape Town again and a dizzying array of excellent speakers, skills building sessions, debates, challenging cases and research findings. We are assembling our organising committee from across the country, to ensure that every aspect of HIV medicine is covered. We are also debating and releasing new guidelines.

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Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

When: 30 September to 3 October 2014

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, 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.

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Job Opportunities

Health Systems Trust

- **Data Manager**

Closing Date: 10 June 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/data-manager-hiv-prevention-study>

- **Data Capturers**

Closing Date: 10 June 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/data-capturers-hiv-prevention-study>

USAID: Project Development Specialist - HIV Behavioral Specialist

Closing Date: 11 June 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/project-development-specialist-hiv-behavioral-specialist>

Etafeni Day Care Centre Trust / Desmond Tutu TB Centre: Community Liaison Officer

Closing Date: 11 June 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/community-liaison-officer>

Ndlovu Care Group: Radiographer

Closing Date: 14 June 2014

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