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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

TB tracer teams in South Africa: knowledge, practices and challenges of tracing TB patients to improve adherence

Claire C Bristow, Laura Jean Podewils, Liza Ellen Bronner, Nonkqubela Batubani, Martie van der Walt, Annatjie Peters and David Mametja. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:801. Published: 4 September 2013.

In 2008–2009 the South African National Tuberculosis (TB) Program (NTP) implemented a national pilot project, the TB Tracer Project, aiming to decrease default rates and improve patient outcomes. The current study aimed to inform the NTP by describing the knowledge, attitudes, and practices of TB program personnel involved with tracing activities... [Read More »](#)

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Preferred HIV testing services and programme characteristics among clients of a rapid HIV testing programm

Juan Hoyos, María José Belza, Sonia Fernández-Balbuena, María Elena Rosales–Statkus, José Pulido, Luis de la Fuente and the Madrid Rapid HIV testing Group. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:791. Published: 30 August 2013.

This study analysed ratings given to different testing sites and programme characteristics that might facilitate testing... [Read More »](#)

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The burden of HIV: insights from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2010

Ortblad KF, Lozano R, Murray CJ. AIDS. 27(13): 2003–2017. Published: 24 August 2013.

This paper evaluates the global and country-level burden of HIV/AIDS relative to 291 other causes of disease burden from 1980-2010 using the Global Burden of Disease Study 2010 (GBD 2010) as the vehicle for exploration... [Read More »](#)

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Drug stock-outs: Inept supply-chain management and corruption

Chris Bateman. S Afr Med J 2013;103(9):600-602. Published: September 2013.

The National Health Department is urgently trying to source and install a countrywide computer software system that will link healthcare facilities with drug depots and suppliers in order to relieve ongoing essential drugs stock-outs which threaten the lives of thousands of patients... [Read More »](#)

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E-health: potential benefits and challenges in providing and accessing sexual health services

Victor Minichiello, Saifur Rahman, Tinashe Dune, John Scott and Gary Dowsett. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:790. Published: 30 August 2013.

E-health has become a burgeoning field in which health professionals and health consumers create and seek information. E-health refers to internet-based health care and information delivery and seeks to improve health service locally, regionally and worldwide... [Read More »](#)

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Recent News

SA's midwives chart a new course

Mail&Guardian. Published: 6 September 2013.

Scandinavian expertise is helping to train top nurses in how to handle difficult pregnancies...[Read More »](#)

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'No child should go blind'

Mail&Guardian. Published: 5 September 2013.

Half of South Africa's 100 000 blind children could have been saved if they were treated earlier, shows a new report... [Read More »](#)

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Staggering cost of SA's ill middle class

IOL. Published: 4 September 2013.

Escalating private hospitalisation as well as medical specialist fees continue to make up a large chunk of medical scheme expenditure - costing members more in contributions... [Read More »](#)

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Mpumalanga hospital patients go hungry

Health-e News. Published: 4 September 2013.

Patients at Ermelo Provincial Hospital in Mpumalanga are being told to bring their own food as the hospital battles food shortages... [Read More »](#)

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Community health hub extends Khayelitsha care

ENCA. Published: 31 August 2013.

Doctors Without Borders is launching a new healthcare project in Khayelitsha. The humanitarian organisation will run a community health hub for a year, after which the Department of Health will take over... [Read More »](#)

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Draft intellectual property policy to be released

Health-e News. Published: 4 September 2013.

South Africa has one of the most lax patent review systems in the world. Now, a new draft policy – set to be released next week – could change that and lower medicine prices... [Read More »](#)

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Private healthcare pricing inquiry to start in November

BDLive. Published: 6 September 2013.

The long-awaited inquiry into private healthcare pricing will begin in November, two months behind schedule, the Competition Commission said this week... [Read More »](#)

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Medical aid principals face scrutiny

Business Day. Published: 4 September 2013.

Having first taken medical scheme trustees to task over excessive remuneration, the Council for Medical Schemes has now set its sights on principal officers, some of whom were paid an annual salary of more than R4m last year... [Read More »](#)

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Medicines Control Council courts controversy with ban on starch drips

BDLive. Published: 27 August 2013.

The Medicines Control Council (MCC) has suspended the use of starch drips, widely used to stabilise critically ill hospital patients, saying the risks outweigh the benefits... [Read More »](#)

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Take-home test helps detect cervical cancer

Health-e News. Published: 28 August 2013.

About nine women die every day as a result of cervical cancer in South Africa. A new, do-it-yourself test could help detect more cases earlier but it's only part of the solution, experts warn... [Read More »](#)

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Junk food ad ban mooted

IOL. Published: 3 September 2013.

First, tobacco advertising was banned, and reports are that alcohol ads and sponsorships are soon to be consigned to history. Now there is a suggestion that it may become illegal to advertise junk food to children... [Read More »](#)

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Please Cure Me: Medics dial it down

Mail&Guardian. Published: 30 August 2013.

A lack of technology greatly limits the benefits of cellphone-centred health initiatives, also known as mHealth, in the country, according to Maurice Mars from South Africa's Telemedicine Association... [Read More »](#)

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Despite progress, TB cure is still elusive

BDLive. Published: 26 August 2013.

Tuberculosis (TB) is a disease most people associate with poverty or HIV/AIDS. Not so, says the head of the University of Cape Town's Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, Valerie Mizrahi, who has first-hand experience of just how easily it can sweep through a middle-class family... [Read More »](#)

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NHI will benefit the entire region

Mail&Guardian. Published: 30 August 2013.

An effective healthcare system will free up donor money for more desperate countries. South Africa's National Health Insurance (NHI) scheme will play a crucial role in freeing up donor funding for countries that need it more... [Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award 2013

Health Systems Trust

Deadline: 30 September 2013.

Award submissions are invited from South Africans under the age of 35. Entries will be assessed by a panel of public health experts. The winning entry will be published in the current edition of the SAHR. [Click Here>>](#)

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KIT Course: Health courses and master programmes

Royal Tropical Institute

KIT master's programmes and short courses are an opportunity for health and development professionals to further develop their knowledge and skills. The short courses are practical, focused and complete in themselves. Most can also be taken as part of the Master in International Health. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

South African National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

Human Sciences Research Council. Published: 2013.

South Africa has a huge burden of disease, fuelled by a range of risk factors, and morbidity (illness and disease) and mortality (death) figures are high. This is shown by the results of the first South African National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (SANHANES). [Click Here>](#)

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CMS Annual Report 2013/13

Council of Medical Schemes. Published: 2013.

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS), regulator of the medical schemes industry, released its latest Annual Report 2013/13. [Click Here»](#)

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South Africa's experience as a Global Fund Principal Recipient

UNAIDS. Published: 2013.

"If HIV/AIDS and TB were a snake, I can assure you the head would be here in South Africa," said Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, South Africa's Minister of Health, referring to the high rates of HIV and Tuberculosis (TB) co-infection in the country. [Click Here»](#)

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Questions and answers on Universal Health Coverage

Medicus Mundi International Network. Published: 2013.

The current discussion paper presents key elements of the concept of UHC as promoted by the World Health Organization and reflects them based on the ambition of Health for All. [Click Here»](#)

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HIV Preventives Technology and Market Landscape

World Health Organization. Published: 2013.

This landscape report is part of an ongoing initiative within UNITAID to describe and monitor the landscape for HIV commodities. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

Joint PHASA and AFPHA Conference 2013

Public Health Association of South Africa and the African Federation of Public Health Associations.

When: 24 -27 September 2013

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

URL: <http://www.phasaconference.org.za/>

The 2013 joint PHASA/AFPHA conference will have as its focus, a scientific debate and discussion on strategies and action needed to move beyond the MDGs and on the public health legacy that we should leave, or want to, leave behind for the future generation.

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7th SAHARA Conference 2013

When: 7-10 October 2013

Venue: Dakar, Senegal

URL: <http://sahara.org.za/conferences/2013>

The Social Aspects of HIV and AIDS Research Alliance (SAHARA is an alliance of partners established to conduct, support and use social sciences research to prevent the further spread of HIV and mitigate the impact of its devastation in sub-Saharan Africa.

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5th Annual Conference of the South African Statistical Association

When: 4-8 November 2013

Venue: Limpopo University, Polokwane, South Africa

URL: <http://www.ul.ac.za/conf/sasa2013>

The South African Statistical Association (SASA), in partnership with the School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences at the University of Limpopo - Turfloop Campus, is calling for papers for the 5th Annual Conference of the South African Statistical Association (SASA2013 Conference).

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The 3rd Structural Drivers of HIV Conference

When: 5 - 6 December 2013

Venue: The Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.heard.org.za/workshops/3rd-structural-drivers-of-hiv-conference>

The aim of this conference is to consider the contextual complexities that researchers and programmers across the HIV and AIDS field wrestle with when planning and implementing HIV programmes.

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6th International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development (ICTD 2013)

When: 7-10 December 2013

Venue: University of Cape Town, Cape Town

URL: <http://ictd.cs.uct.ac.za/index.html>

ICTD 2013 will provide an international forum for scholarly researchers exploring the role of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in social, political, and economic development.

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ICASA Conference 2013

When: 7-11 December 2013

Venue: CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.icasa2013southafrica.org/>

The ICASA conference remains one of the most important events in the calendar of the year, contributing towards overcoming the HIV and TB epidemics that grip our region. Official 17th ICASA Conference 2013.

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Conference on Rights of Women in Africa

When: 9 - 10 December 2013

Venue: Pretoria, South Africa

URL: <http://www1.chr.up.ac.za/index.php/upcoming-conferences/rights-of-women-in-africa.html>

One of the most important provisions of the Protocol is article 14, dealing with the health and reproductive rights of women. The Centre for Human Rights will host a conference on 9 and 10 December 2013 (in Pretoria, South Africa) to reflect on these and other innovative aspects of the Protocol.

Job Opportunities

Provincial Coordinator

Health Systems Trust

Closing Date: 10 September 2013

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<http://www.hst.org.za>

Trainers

Employer: Hope Education Foundation (HEF)

Closing Date: 8 September 2013

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<http://www.hst.org.za>

Learning Coordinator – full time

Employer: Community Media Trust

Closing Date: 11 September 2013

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Senior Budget Analyst: Health

Employer: The National Treasury

Closing Date: 16 September 2013

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Clinician: HIV Prevention Research Unit

Employer: Medical Research Council

Closing Date: 30 September 2013

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AHP - Africa Health Placements

AHP is a not-for-profit project that aims to support the recruitment and retention of healthcare workers in South Africa. AHP is focused on assisting healthcare professionals make the right choice for their future in South Africa. No placement fees are charged. Please view the website for more details <http://www.ahp.org.za> or contact on 011 328 1300

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