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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

A qualitative study of the experiences of care and motivation for effective self-management among diabetic and hypertensive patients attending public sector primary health care services in South Africa

Katherine Murphy, Thandie Chuma, Catherine Mathews, Krisela Steyn and Naomi Levitt. BioMed Central. Published: 1 August 2015.

Diabetes and hypertension constitute a significant and growing burden of disease in South Africa. Presently, few patients are achieving adequate levels of control. In an effort to improve outcomes, the Department of Health is proposing a shift to a patient-centred model of chronic care... [Read More »](#)

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Evaluating the effectiveness of care integration strategies in different healthcare systems in Latin America: The EQUITY-LA II quasi-experimental study protocol

María-Luisa Vázquez, Ingrid Vargas, Jean-Pierre Unger, Pierre De Paepe, Amparo Susana Mogollón-Pérez, Isabella Samico, Paulette Albuquerque, Pamela Eguiguren, Angelica Ivonne Cisneros, Mario Rovere, Fernando Bertolotto. BMJ. Published: 31 July 2015.

Although fragmentation in the provision of healthcare is considered an important obstacle to effective care, there is scant evidence on best practices in care coordination in Latin America...[Read More »](#)

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A comparison of South African national HIV incidence estimates: A critical appraisal of different methods

Rehle T, Johnson L, Hallett T, Mahy M, Kim A, Odido H, Onoya D, Jooste S, Shisana O, Puren A, Parekh B, Stover J. Plos One. Published: 31 July 2015.

The interpretation of HIV prevalence trends is increasingly difficult as antiretroviral treatment programs expand. Reliable HIV incidence estimates are critical to monitoring transmission trends and guiding an effective national response to the epidemic.[Read More »](#)

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Evaluation of TB case finding through systematic contact investigation, Chhattisgarh, India

Kshitij Khaparde, Pawan Jethani, Puneet K. Dewan, Sreenivas A. Nair, Madhav Rao Deshpande, Srinath Satyanarayana, Shamim Mannan, and Patrick K. Moonan. Tuberculosis Research and Treatment. Published: 15 June 2015.

Contact investigation is an established tool for early case detection of tuberculosis (TB). In India, contact investigation is not often conducted, despite national policy, and the yield of contact investigation is not well described...[Read More »](#)

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Ebola outbreak in Nigeria: Increasing Ebola knowledge of volunteer health advisors

Unnati Patel, Jennifer R. Pharr, Chidi Ihesiaba, Frances U. Oduenyi, Aaron T. Hunt, Dina Patel, Michael Obiefune, Nkem Chukwumerije, Echezona E. Ezeanolue. Global Journal of Health Science. Published: 15 May 2015.

In many low-income countries, volunteer health advisors (VHAs) play an important role in disseminating information, especially in rural or hard-to-reach locations. When the world's largest outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) occurred in 2014...[Read More »](#)

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Iranian clinical nurses' readiness for self-directed learning

Morteza Malekian, Sharzad Ghiyasvandian, Mohammad Ali Cheraghi, Akbar Hassanzadeh. Global Journal of Health Science. Published: 17 May 2015.

Clinical nurses are in need of being able to adapt to the ever-changing environment of clinical settings. The prerequisite for their successful adaptation is to be lifelong learners. An approach for making nurses lifelong learners is self-directed learning...[Read More »](#)

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The importance of identified cause-of-death information being available for public health surveillance, actions and research

Pam Groenewald, Virginia Azevedo, Johann Daniels, Juliet Evans, Andrew Boule, Tracey Naledi, Debbie Bradshaw. SAMJ. Published: 2015.

An amendment to the South African Births and Deaths Registration Act has compromised efforts to strengthen local mortality surveillance to provide statistics for small areas and enable data linkage to provide information for public health actions...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://hmpg.co.za/index.php/samj/article/view/8019>[Accessed: 7 August 2015]

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Recent News

Are vaccines a shot in the dark?

Mail&Guardian. Published: 7 August 2015.

South Africa has been praised for introducing new and expensive vaccines into government's expanded programme on immunisation (EPI), which provides free vaccines in the public sector. But experts warn that the full impact of this can't be known because the data about how many citizens receive these vaccines is flawed. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2015-08-07-46-are-vaccines-a-shot-in-the-dark/>[Accessed: 7 August 2015]

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First malaria vaccine given green light by European regulators

The Guardian. Published: 24 July 2015.

The world's first malaria vaccine has been given the green light by European regulators and could protect millions of children in sub-Saharan Africa from the life-threatening disease... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/jul/24/first-malaria-vaccine-given-green-light-by-european-regulators>[Accessed: 7 August 2015]

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Private healthcare is 'wasteful'

Health-e News. Published: 28 July 2015.

Private healthcare is wasteful and over-dependent on hospitals, which makes it too expensive for a large group of working people to join medical schemes... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/07/28/private-healthcare-is-wasteful/>[Accessed: 7 August 2015]

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TAC wants free treatment for all HIV infected

Mail&Guardian. Published: 23 July 2015.

The Treatment Action Campaign believes antiretroviral treatment should be offered to all HIV-positive citizens, not just those with low CD4 counts. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2015-07-23-lobby-group-demands-free-treatment-for-all-hiv-positive>[Accessed: 7 August 2015]

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Peer or community interventions improve outcomes for mothers with HIV

aidsmap. Published: 5 August 2015.

Peer- and community-based interventions can significantly increase retention in care of mothers with HIV and early antenatal clinic visits, according to results from two large multi-country studies presented last month at the Eighth International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention (IAS 2015) in Vancouver, Canada. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/Peer-or-community-interventions-improve-outcomes-for-mothers-with-HIV/page/2989402/>[Accessed: 7 August 2015]

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Retention in pre-ART care can be boosted by monthly visits from volunteer support workers

aidsmap. Published: 4 August 2015.

Retention in HIV care for patients not eligible for antiretroviral therapy (ART) can be boosted by monthly home visits from volunteer community support workers, investigators from Uganda report in the online edition of the Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/Retention-in-pre-ART-care-can-be-boosted-by-monthly-visits-from-volunteer-support-workers/page/2989201/>[Accessed: 7 August 2015]

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Fear over cost of chronic medication

Independent Online. Published: 27 July 2015.

Uncertainty hangs over proposed amendments related to prescribed minimum benefits (PMBs) covering a range of chronic conditions amid fears medical aid scheme members, currently fully covered for these, will be left to pick up the tab. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/news/fear-over-cost-of-chronic-medication-1.1891400#.Vbh9fssVgu4>[Accessed: 7 August 2015]

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Basic medical aid could soon be within reach of the poor

BDlive. Published: 29 July 2015.

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) could allow medical schemes to launch cheap products for low-income workers as early as next year, it emerged on Tuesday at the annual Board of Healthcare Funders (BHF) conference...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/business/healthcare/2015/07/29/basic-medical-aid-could-soon-be-within-reach-of-the-poor>[Accessed: 7 August 2015]

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Is compassion an optional extra?

BioMed Central. Published: 27 July 2015.

A debate article by Professor David Haslam was published in Journal of Compassionate Health Care on 13 July 2015. The article puts forward a passionate viewpoint about the importance of being kind in healthcare. Here, Editor-in-Chief of the journal, Sue Shea, tells us more...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://blogs.biomedcentral.com/on-health/2015/07/27/compassion-optional-extra>[Accessed: 7 August 2015]

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Training and Resources

Fact sheet - 2014 global HIV/AIDS statistics

UNAIDS. Published: August 2015.

The UNAIDS 2014 Global HIV/AIDS Statistics contains key data from the recent publication "How AIDS changed everything". [Click Here»](#)

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Hepatitis E vaccine: WHO position paper

WHO. Published: May 2015.

Hepatitis E virus (HEV) is a leading cause of acute viral hepatitis in developing countries. A global burden of disease study estimated that HEV genotypes 1 and 2 account for approximately 20.1 million HEV infections, 3.4 million symptomatic cases, 70 000 deaths, and 3000 stillbirths annually. [Click Here»](#)

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

Pharmaceuticals, corporate crime and public health

G Dukes, J Braithwaite and J P Moloney. Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd. Published: 2014.

The pharmaceutical industry exists to serve the community, but over the years it has engaged massively in corporate crime, with the public footing the bill. This readable study by experts in medicine, law, criminology and public health documents the problems, ranging from false advertising and counterfeiting to corruption, waste and overpricing, with unacceptable pressures on doctors, politicians, patients and the media. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences and Events

Global Forum on Research and Innovation for Health 2015

When: 24-27 August 2015

Venue: Manila, Philippines

URL: <http://www.forum2015.org>

Forum 2015 is a unique global platform to promote the role of research and innovation in creating better health, enhancing equity and stimulating development. Join other policy-makers, business and non-profit leaders, international organizations, academic and research institutions, social entrepreneurs and key stakeholders, as we work together to shape the global health research agenda locally, regionally and globally.

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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.

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South African Disability 2015 Expo and Conference

When: 17-19 September 2015

Venue: The Pavilion on the Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.ingadaevents.co.za/current/disability-cape-town>

It is the only public showcase on the African continent where people with any kind of disability, their caregivers, families and friends can find the manufacturers, distributors, suppliers and service providers that offer everything necessary to improve the quality of life. The event advocates the full equality and participation of persons with disabilities into society and to empower and equip people by making a meaningful contribution to their lives.

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Hospital Association of South Africa 2015 Conference

When: 21-23 September 2015

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

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

The Hospital Association of South Africa's (HASA) 2015 annual conference will return to familiar ground, once again taking place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC). The 2015 conference theme – "Harmonising Healthcare. Shift. Synchronise. Symphony" – speaks to the need for all healthcare stakeholders to explore practical ways in which to bring harmony to all facets of the sector in order to establish a sustainable quality healthcare system that will be able to better serve the citizens of our nation.

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Rural Doctors Association of South Africa (RuDASA)

When: 23-26 September 2015

Venue: Mpumalanga, South Africa

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

An annual RuDASA conference has been organised almost every year since 1996, and attracts a range of rural health professionals from all over the country. The conference is a much-anticipated, vibrant forum which combines a mixture of sessions ranging from clinical skills updates for and by a wide range of health professionals to emotive discussions and workshops on issues such as justice and equity.

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South African Association of Community Pharmacists (SAACP) Symposium

When: 25-26 September 2015

Venue: Birchwood Hotel and Conference Centre, Johannesburg

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

SAACP is the professional body representing the community pharmacy sector of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa, and needs to take the lead in marketing the unique role and contribution of community pharmacists in healthcare delivery now and in the future in South Africa. This Symposium is the first stepping stone in influencing policies and legislation governing the professional role of community pharmacists.

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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.

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9th Action Learning, Action Research (ALARA) and 13th Participatory Action Research World Congress

When: 4-7 November 2015

Venue: St. George Hotel and Conference Centre, Centurion (Pretoria), South Africa

URL: <http://www.alarassociation.org/pages/events/alara-world-congress-2015>

The theme of this World Congress is a challenge to Action Learning / Action Research practitioners the world over, whether working in resource rich or more socio-economically challenged contexts, to explain how they are contributing to the creation of a fairer world.

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18th International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa

When: 29 November to 4 December 2015

Venue: Rainbow Towers Hotel & Conference Centre, Harare, Zimbabwe

URL: <http://icasa2015zimbabwe.org/overview/icasa-2015-background/>

As ICASA Zimbabwe coincides with the MDG target year, the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa is offering the strategic first forum for post-MGD to leaders, activists, scientists and community to take stock of the outcomes of the MDG high level meeting challenges and to pave the way for a new, innovative and efficient approach towards an Africa AIDS free generation.

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6th Child Health Priorities Conference: Walk the Talk

When: 3-5 December 2015

Venue: University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg Campus, South Africa

Contact: infochpc2015@gmail.com

The theme of the conference this year is "Walk the Talk" and the focus will be the recommendations that have arisen from the Ministerial Committees looking at Maternal, Newborn and Child Mortality.

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Sparking Population Health Solutions 2016

When: 25-26 April 2016

Venue: Shaw Centre Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada

URL: <http://bit.ly/1ePNrmp>

Global health problems cannot be solved one person at a time. Policies, programs, and how resources are distributed all contribute to preventing disease, promoting health and addressing the determinants of health. Population health research has catalyzed new ways of thinking about why some people are healthy (and others are not) by shining the light on the social, cultural and environmental factors that determine health and disease. We now have a wealth of new knowledge from the investments we've made. So what's next? Join us in the conversation.

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Job Opportunities

Mandela Institute for Development Studies: Programmes Officer

Closing Date: 14 August 2015

Please view our website for more details

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

Cape Mental Health: Social Auxiliary Worker

Closing Date: 14 August 2015

Please view our website for more details

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

SEAD Consulting: Point of Care Testing QA Nurse Assessor/Field Worker

Closing Date: 15 August 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/poct-qa-nurse-assessorfield-worker>

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