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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Health in South Africa: changes and challenges since 2009

Bongani M Mayosi, Joy E Lawn, Ashley van Niekerk, Debbie Bradshaw, Salim S Abdool Karim, Hoosen M Coovadia. The Lancet, Early Online Publication. Published: 30 November 2012.

Since the 2009 Lancet Health in South Africa Series, important changes have occurred in the country, resulting in an increase in life expectancy to 60 years...[Read More »](#)

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Filling the gap: A learning network for health and human rights in the Western Cape, South Africa

Leslie London, Nicolé Fick, Khai Hoan Tram, Maria Stuttaford. Health and human rights volume 14, no. 1. Published: June 2012.

We draw on the experience of a Learning Network for Health and Human Rights involving collaboration between academic institutions and civil society organizations in the Western Cape, South Africa, aimed at identifying and disseminating best practice related to the right to health...[Read More »](#)

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Gender differences in public perceptions on National Health Insurance

Meredith Evans, Olive Shisana. South African Medical Journal, Vol 102, No 12. Published: December 2012.

Implementation of National Health Insurance commenced recently. With the promise of addressing drastic inequalities in the health sector, NHI has the potential to positively transform the health system...[Read More »](#)

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Timing of antiretroviral therapy initiation in adults with HIV-associated tuberculosis: Outcomes of therapy in an urban hospital in KwaZulu-Natal

Mary-Anne Kendon, Stephen Knight, Andrew Ross, Janet Giddy. South African Medical Journal, Vol 102, No 12. Published: December 2012.

HIV-associated tuberculosis is common in South Africa. The optimal time for initiating antiretroviral therapy in co-infected patients is a clinical challenge...[Read More »](#)

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Early life opportunities for prevention of diabetes in low and middle income countries

Mark A Hanson, Peter D Gluckman, Ronald CW Ma, Priya Matzen and Regien G Biesma BMC Public Health 2012, 12:1025. Published: 23 November 2012.

The global burden of diabetes and other non-communicable diseases is rising dramatically worldwide and is causing a double poor health burden in low and middle- income countries... [Read More »](#)

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Pilot evaluation of the text4baby mobile health program

William Douglas Evans, Jasmine L Wallace and Jeremy Snider. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:1031. Published: 26 November 2012.

Text4baby is an example of mobile health based on behavioral theory, and it delivers text messages to

traditionally underserved pregnant women and new mothers to change their health, health care beliefs, practices, and behaviors in order to improve clinical outcomes. The purpose of this pilot evaluation study is to assess the efficacy of this text messaging campaign... [Read More »](#)

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Guidance on using needs based formulae and gap analysis in the equitable allocation of health care resources in East and Southern Africa

Di McIntyre and Laura Anselmi Regional Network for Equity in Health in Southern Africa (EQUINET) discussion paper 93. Zimbabwe, EQUINET. Published: September 2012.

The equitable allocation of limited public sector health care resources across geographic areas is a critical mechanism for promoting health system equity. The use of a needs-based resource allocation formula to calculate target allocations for each province or region and each district is becoming increasingly popular...

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Recent News

SA's spectacular reversal in fight against Aids

Mail and Guardian. Published: 7 December 2012.

South Africa has witnessed an "unparalleled" five-year increase in life expectancy since 2005 thanks to the world's biggest programme of HIV/Aids drug treatment, researchers say... [Read More »](#)

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Finally, SA announces single pill for HIV

Health-e News. Published: 29 November 2012.

Government took a major step towards improving HIV treatment compliance and cost with the announcement that the new antiretroviral tender will include a triple fixed dose combination tablet, which combines three pills into one... [Read More »](#)

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World AIDS Day 2012: Closing in on global HIV targets

WHO. Published: 29 November 2012.

Getting to Zero is the theme of World AIDS Day 2012. Given the spread of the epidemic today, getting to zero may sound difficult but significant progress is underway... [Read More »](#)

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New blueprint charts PEPFAR's future

UNAIDS. Published: 30 November 2012.

In its newly released "blueprint," the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief charts the next phase of the country's response to the HIV epidemic... [Read More »](#)

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Clubbing together for treatment

Health-e News. Published: 30 November 2012.

Antiretroviral therapy adherence clubs, already operating in several high burden areas in Cape Town, have the potential to revolutionise the treatment of millions of HIV-positive South Africans and lighten the load on overburdened health workers... [Read More »](#)

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Spending well on wellness: HIV/AIDS and TB budget monitoring at local level in South Africa

NGOPulse. Published: 28 November 2012

Based on the principle that social accountability is enabled through participation by an empowered civil society

that demands efficiency and transparency, the three-year journey of a South African Budget Monitoring and Expenditure Tracking project demonstrates that citizen involvement in economic governance is both possible and progressing...[Read More »](#)

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100 years of failure to control TB transmission

Health-e News. Published: 27 November 2012.

Tuberculosis transmission rates in South Africa and more specifically Cape Town have not changed at all over the past 100 years, even though people are living longer and being cured because of treatment...

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New centre for special-needs children in KZN

Health-e News. Published: 29 November 2012.

A centre for children with special needs is being developed at the Qhamukile Primary School in the Umgungundlovu district of KwaZulu-Natal...

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SA Cancer registry not updated for eight years

Mail and Guardian. Published: 5 December 2012.

The cancer register has not been updated for eight years, according to Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi. Motsoaledi said the last report was in 2004...

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Good disease management programmes are imperative

Business Day. Published: 29 November 2012.

Preventative and primary care are in some respects two sides of the same coin. Primary care involves visiting an appropriate healthcare practitioner when an illness first starts for first-line treatment – before the illness progresses...

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Minister looks into establishing regulated pricing

Business Day. Published: 29 November 2012.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi has announced that he is launching an inquiry into prices in the private healthcare sector through the vehicle of the Competition Commission, with a view to proposed legislation to establish a regulated pricing framework for the industry...

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SA reverses decade-long trend of rising death rates

Business Day. Published: 29 November 2012.

South Africa has reversed its decade-long trend of rising death rates, and may for the first time have the health-related Millennium Development Goals within its reach...

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Raising public health care resources

Financial Mail. Published: 6 December 2012.

Western Cape MEC for health, frustrated by a health budget that is failing to keep up with population growth, has devised a novel solution: partner with the private sector to create a not-for-profit foundation to raise resources purely for public health care...

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Officials 'behind Limpopo health woes'

Business Day. Published: 27 November 2012.

The Limpopo health department's extensive failings were because of mismanagement, not a shortage of money, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said...[Read More »](#)

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Healthcare has a poor prognosis

Business Day. Published: 26 November 2012.

The majority of South Africa 's doctors believe the country's healthcare system does not have a bright future, but many are willing to help improve it, according to a survey of medical practitioners...[Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Call for applications: Research Methods Course in Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV and Gender-Based Violence

*Course dates: 12th – 28th August 2013
Johannesburg*

Are you a clinician, researcher or other professional in the field of sexual and reproductive health or HIV looking to improve your research skills? The Research Methods Course in Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV and Gender-Based Violence will give you a unique opportunity to strengthen your research skills and your contribution to increased capacity for SRH and HIV research on the African continent. [Click Here>>](#)

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Community discussion guide for maternal and newborn health care: A training manual for safe motherhood action groups

Mobilising Access To Maternal Health Services In Zambia Programme (MAMaZ), Ministry Of Community Development, And Mother And Child Health And District Health Management Teams: 2012

This Guide is being used in six rural districts of Zambia to train Community Health Volunteers to promote safe pregnancy planning; help reduce maternal delays; and promote appropriate newborn care. [Click Here>>](#)

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Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

*The Women's Health Research Unit, University of Cape Town
Deadline: 18 December 2012*

The Women's Health Research Unit in the School of Public Health and Family Medicine at the University of Cape Town invites applications for a postdoctoral research fellowship, for a period of one year starting in 2013 with the possibility of renewal for a further year. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

SADC Regional Assessment Report of Policies and Programmes on Child and Adolescent HIV, TB and Malaria - 2011-2012

Southern African Development Community (SADC). Published: 2012.

This document will establish the minimum package of services that member states should have in place, to achieve a common response to Child and Adolescent HIV, TB and Malaria in the region. [Click Here»](#)

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Beginning of the end? Tracking global commitments on AIDS

One International. Published: 2012.

This report tracks progress made on three key targets--the virtual elimination of mother-to-child transmission, 15 million people on treatment, and the drastic reduction of new HIV infections--and assesses the political, programmatic, and financial contributions made by a variety of stakeholders. [Click Here»](#)

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Lessons Learned from AIDS 2012

Center For Strategic and International Studies(CSIS). Published: 2012.

The Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) released a report reflecting on lessons learned at the XIX International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012), which took place in Washington, D.C., in July. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

SOMSA 2012 Congress

When: 4 - 7 December 2012

Venue: St George Hotel, Tshwane

URL: <http://www.midwivessociety.co.za/congress/congress.html>

The Society of Midwives of South Africa (SOMSA) invites you to attend the SOMSA 2012 Congress from 4 - 7 December 2012 in Tshwane, Guateng. The theme of this year's congress is "A new dawn in Midwifery: Seeking new approaches towards 2015 and beyond".

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Global Maternal Health Conference 2013

When: 15-17 January 2013

Venue: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

URL: <http://maternalhealthtaskforce.org/conference/conference-website>

GMHC2013 is a technical conference for scientists, researchers, and policy-makers to network, share knowledge, and build on progress toward eradicating preventable maternal mortality and morbidity by improving quality of care.

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Job Opportunities

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Chair & Head of Division: Public Health Medicine

University of Cape Town

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Mobile Health (mHealth)

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