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Policy implementation and financial incentives for nurses in South Africa: a case study on the occupation specific dispensation

Prudence Ditlopo, Duane Blaauw, Laetitia C. Rispel, Steve Thomas, Posy Bidwell. Glob Health Action 2013, 6: 19289. Published: 24 January 2013.

In 2007, the South African government introduced the occupation-specific dispensation (OSD), a financial incentive strategy, to attract, motivate, and retain health professionals in the public sector...[Read More »](#)

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Restructuring brain drain: strengthening governance and financing for health worker migration

Tim K. Mackey, Bryan A. Liang. Glob Health Action 2013, 6: 19923. Published: 15 January 2013.

Health worker migration from resource-poor countries to developed countries, also known as "brain drain", represents a serious global health crisis and a significant barrier to achieving global health equity...[Read More »](#)

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Outreach services to improve access to health care in South Africa: lessons from three community health worker programmes

Nonhlanhla Nxumalo, Jane Goudge, Liz Thomas. Glob Health Action 2013, 6: 19283. Published: 24 January 2013.

This article examines three South African CHW programmes, a small local non-governmental organisation (NGO), a local satellite of a national NGO, and a government-initiated service, that provide a range of services from home-based care, childcare, and health promotion to assist clients in overcoming poverty-related barriers to health care...[Read More »](#)

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Moving towards universal coverage in South Africa? Lessons from a voluntary government insurance scheme

Veloshnee Govender, Matthew F. Chersich, Bronwyn Harris, Olufunke Alaba, John E. Ataguba, Nonhlanhla Nxumalo, Jane Goudge. Glob Health Action 2013, 6: 19253. Published: 24 January 2013.

In light of the global emphasis on universal coverage, empirical evidence is needed to understand the relationship between new health financing strategies and health care access thereby improving global understanding of these issues...[Read More »](#)

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WHO and the future of disease control programmes

Christopher Dye, Thierry Mertens, Gottfried Hirnschall, Winnie Mpanju-Shumbusho, Robert D Newman, Mario C Raviglione, Lorenzo Savioli, Hiroki Nakatani. The Lancet, Volume 381, Issue 9864, Pages 413 - 418. Published: 2 February 2013.

Huge increases in funding for international health over the past two decades have led to a proliferation of donors, partnerships, and health organisations...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Babies not protected by new TB vaccine, trials show

Business Day. Published: 4 February 2013.

A South African trial testing the first potential tuberculosis (TB) vaccine in 90 years has found the jab does not protect babies from infection...[Read More »](#)

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Condoms, HIV tests for KZN schools

IOL. Published: 31 January 2013.

High schools in KwaZulu-Natal must immediately begin discussing how to provide pupils with access to condoms and how to facilitate voluntary HIV/Aids testing...[Read More »](#)

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Study aims to close the HIV tap

Health-e News. Published: 6 February 2013.

A massive population-based study launched in the Western Cape and Zambia yesterday is aiming to answer the critical question whether testing large populations for HIV and immediately starting those infected on effective antiretroviral treatment programmes, could close the tap on new infections...[Read More »](#)

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HIV patients stranded as PEPFAR funds dry up

Health-e News. Published: 29 January 2013.

The news that the United States President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (PEPFAR) was discontinuing its financial support to non-governmental organisations in South Africa was received with shock by the thousands of patients at Hope for Life, an NGO in Winterveld in the northern region of the City of Tshwane that is now facing closure...[Read More »](#)

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State to take over McCord Hospital in KwaZulu-Natal

Business Day. Published: 31 January 2013.

The KwaZulu-Natal department of health and the McCord Hospital board have agreed that the Durban hospital will become state-owned and will not close... [Read More »](#)

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Plans for public hospitals raising eyebrows

Business Day. Published: 6 February 2013.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi frequently voices his dissatisfaction with the way public hospitals are being run, but plans to install a "command and control" solution are raising eyebrows in medical circles... [Read More »](#)

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New academy 'must set benchmark for healthcare management in SA'

Business Day. Published: 4 February 2013.

The government wants to use the newly launched Academy for Leadership and Management in Healthcare to set benchmarks, norms and standards for the leadership and management of hospitals in South Africa...[Read More »](#)

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Groote Schuur Hospital celebrates 75 years of excellent work

SABC News. Published: 28 January 2013.

The hospital where the world's first heart transplant was performed celebrated 75 years of existence...[Read More »](#)

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Limpopo clinic without immunisation meds for months

Health-e News. Published: 7 February 2013.

A shortage of important medicines at the Tshiombo Clinic in this Limpopo district is posing a serious health risk to the local community... [Read More »](#)

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Nelspruit hospital without water, 4 weeks now

Health-e News. Published: 30 January 2013.

The SA Medical Association (SAMA) has stressed its frustration and disappointment about the current situation at Themba Hospital in Nelspruit, Mpumalanga, which has been without water since 4 January 2013... [Read More »](#)

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Deaths likely following Mthatha depot shambles

Health-e News. Published: 30 January 2013.

Scores of state patients living with HIV are in danger of dying after a myriad of problems saw the Mthatha Medical Depot unable to dispense antiretrovirals for a number of weeks... [Read More »](#)

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Patients protest over cancer services

Health-e News. Published: 4 February 2013.

Cancer survivors gathered in central Cape Town yesterday to protest and raise awareness of the challenges faced by patients in South Africa... [Read More »](#)

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Health communication platform launches in South Africa

BizCommunity. Published: 31 January 2013.

FoIUp, a mobile and web-based health communication platform that connects doctors and patients, has officially launched in South Africa... [Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

African Partnerships for Patient Safety

World Health Organization

WHO released a resource package of practical tools specifically aimed at improving patient safety in hospitals in developing countries. African Partnerships for Patient Safety (APPS) is a WHO Patient Safety Programme building sustainable patient safety partnerships between hospitals in countries of the WHO African Region and hospitals in other regions. [Click Here>>](#)

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Call for Proposals: HIV and AIDS Response Fund

CIDA

Closing Date: 15 February 2013.

The Canadian International Development Agency wishes to invite eligible civil society organizations to apply for funding under Round 4 of the HIV and AIDS Response Fund. [Click Here>>](#)

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Human resources for universal health coverage: a call for papers

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Closing Date: 10 March 2013.

The WHO Bulletin welcomes submissions that will be published in a themed issue on HRH and universal health coverage to provide an opportunity to identify the changes in HRH investment, production, deployment and retention required to achieve UHC. Its publication will coincide with the Third Global Forum on Human Resources for Health, to be held in Recife, Brazil, on 10–13 November 2013.. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

Research Snapshot: Public health and management competency requirements for Primary Health Care facility managers at sub-district level in the District Health System in South Africa

Health Systems Trust. Published: 2013.

The South African Department of Health (DoH) has initiated an overhaul of the country's health system to improve health outcomes and progress towards attaining the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The Primary Health Care (PHC) re-engineering strategy forms a significant part of this overhaul. [Click Here»](#)

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New guidelines for counselling and testing children for HIV

Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC). Published: 2013.

A new set of guidelines and training tools dealing with the legal, ethical and counselling issues related to HIV testing of children is now available for HIV/AIDS practitioners working with children. [Click Here»](#)

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Promoting Access to Medical Technologies and Innovation: Intersections between public health, intellectual property and trade

World Trade Organization (WTO). Published: 2013.

This publication examines the interplay between public health, trade and intellectual property, and how these policy domains affect medical innovation and access to medical technologies. [Click Here»](#)

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World Report 2013

Human Rights Watch. Published: 2013.

This 23rd annual World Report summarizes human rights conditions in more than 90 countries and territories worldwide in 2012. It reflects extensive investigative work that Human Rights Watch staff has undertaken during the year, often in close partnership with domestic human rights activists. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

5th Annual HIV-in-Context Research Symposium: Urbanisation, Inequality and HIV

When: 13 March 2013 - 15 March 2013

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

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

This 5th Annual Symposium examines the links between HIV, inequality and the dynamics and impacts of urbanisation – dynamics which play out between settings as people move permanently or temporarily to urban centres, and within the highly unequal spaces constituting South African cities.

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HIV Capacity Building Partners Summit

When: 19 -21 March 2013

Venue: Johannesburg, South Africa

URL: <http://hivcapacityforum.org/>

The Second HIV Capacity Building Summit will build on the emerging consensus that there is need to turn the tide to ensure capacity building interventions effectively addresses the existing skills and capacity gaps that have continued to constrain the attainment of the HIV and health targets towards achieving the MDGs in the Eastern and Southern Africa region.

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TB Vaccines Third Global Forum

When: 25-27 March 2013

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.tbvaccines2013.org/>

The Third Global Forum on TB Vaccines will bring together researchers, policymakers, donors, civil society and other stakeholders interested in the development of new TB vaccines that will contribute to global efforts to eliminate TB.

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6th South African AIDS Conference

When: 18-21 June 2013

Venue: ICC Durban, South Africa

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

The 6th South African AIDS Conference will be held in Durban from 18-21 June 2013 and the conference theme is "Building on our successes: Integrating responses".

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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), established in 2001 by the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), 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. The SAHARA 7 conference theme is "Translating evidence into action: Engaging with communities, policies, human rights, gender, service delivery".

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Health Systems Trust

- **Chief Executive Officer**
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- **Programme Manager: Health Systems Research Unit**
Closing date: 28 January 2013
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- **Project Manager: Reducing Maternal and Child Mortality through Strengthening Primary Health Care (RMCH) project**
Closing date: 30 January 2013
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- **NIMART Mentors**
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