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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

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### **High prevalence of obesity among women who enrolled in HIV prevention trials in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa: healthy diet and life style messages should be integrated into HIV prevention programs**

*Handan Wand and Gita Ramjee. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:159. Published: 21 February 2013.*

In South Africa, poverty and the dual epidemics of HIV and tuberculosis underscore the need for prevention efforts for obesity. The aim of this study was to describe the prevalence of obesity in a cohort of South African women and discuss the implications for public health practices...[Read More »](#)

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### **Increases in adult life expectancy in rural South Africa: valuing the scale-up of HIV treatment**

*Jacob Bor, Abraham J. Herbst, Marie-Louise Newell, Till Bärnighausen. Science Vol. 339 no. 6122 pp. 961-965. Published: 22 February 2013.*

The scale-up of antiretroviral therapy (ART) is expected to raise adult life expectancy in populations with high HIV prevalence. Using data from a population cohort of over 101,000 individuals in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, we measured changes in adult life expectancy for 2000–2011....[Read More »](#)

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### **Ethnic differences in alcohol and drug use and related sexual risks for HIV among vulnerable women in Cape Town, South Africa: implications for interventions**

*Bronwyn Myers, Tracy L Kline, Felicia A Browne, Tara Carney, Charles Parry, Kim Johnson and Wendee M Wechsberg. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:174. Published: 26 February 2013.*

Alcohol and other drug (AOD) use among poor Black African and Coloured women in South Africa compounds their sexual risk for HIV. Given South Africa's history of ethnic disparities, ethnic differences in sex risk profiles may exist that should be taken into account when planning HIV risk reduction interventions. This paper aims to describe ethnic differences in AOD use and AOD-related sexual risks for HIV among vulnerable women from Cape Town, South Africa...[Read More »](#)

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### **Health equity impact assessment**

*Susan L. Povall, Fiona A. Haigh, Debbie Abrahams and Alex Scott-Samuel. Health Promot. Int. (2013). Published: 28 February 2013.*

The World Health Organization's Commission on Social Determinants of Health has called for 'health equity impact assessments' of all economic agreements, market regulation and public policies. We carried out an international study to clarify if existing health impact assessment (HIA) methods are adequate for the task of global health equity assessments...[Read More »](#)

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## Recent News

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### **HIV campaign launched**

*New Age. Published: 8 March 2013.*

Health Minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi has launched a campaign to test at least 100000 students at all universities around the country. This is the part of the "First Things First" campaign to test students at varsities and at further education training centres...[Read More »](#)

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### **Has HIV funding revived lagging health systems?**

*IRIN. Published: 6 March 2013.*

The HIV/AIDS epidemic arrived in sub-Saharan Africa after decades of neglect had left healthcare systems dangerously weak, barely able to cope with the onslaught of patients. Then the money started pouring in - funding for HIV programmes rose from 5.5 percent of health aid in 1998 to nearly half of it almost 10 years later....[Read More »](#)

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### **Disappointment in HIV prevention trial**

*PlusNews. Published: 5 March 2013.*

A three-year clinical trial involving over 5,000 women in East and Southern Africa has found that pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) - whether a vaginal gel or an oral tablet - is not effective at preventing HIV infection in young, unmarried women...[Read More »](#)

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### **'Functional cure for HIV': Dare we hope?**

*Daily Maverick. Published: 5 March 2013.*

Researchers at the 20th annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI) in Atlanta, Georgia announced that they had, for the first time, "functionally" cured a baby born with HIV. A "functional cure" refers to state where a person is AIDS-free without the need for HIV drugs, despite a trace of the virus lingering in the body...[Read More »](#)

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### **Study bolsters case for efficacy, cost-effectiveness of antiretrovirals**

*Business Day. Published: 25 February 2013.*

Adult life expectancy has risen by more than 11 years in rural KwaZulu-Natal, once among the country's regions worst affected by HIV, in just a few years of widespread treatment availability, a study has found. In the 1990s, before antiretroviral treatment (ART) was available, people in rural KwaZulu-Natal were dying before the age of 40...[Read More »](#)

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### **The Global Fund launches new funding model to support countries in responding to HIV, TB and malaria**

*UNAIDS. Published: 1 March 2013.*

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) has recently launched a new funding model for AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. The launch follows a three-year period where funding for the three diseases was halted due to insufficient funds and calls for reforms of the institution and its business model...[Read More »](#)

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### **Budget: Focus on NHI**

*Health-e News. Published: 28 February 2013.*

Government's National Health Insurance (NHI) rollout, specifically to the 10 provincial pilot sites, was the focus of finance minister Pravin Gordhan's budget speech...[Read More »](#)

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### **Health to get extra to spend on TB diagnosis and HIV**

*Business Day. Published: 28 February 2013.*

Despite the tight fiscal environment, the health sector will receive additional funding over the medium term to compensate for a drop in US donor support for HIV/AIDS programmes, expand HIV treatment and improve the diagnosis of tuberculosis (TB)...[Read More »](#)

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### **Health MEC: turn-around strategy has helped Gauteng settle R4.2bn in accruals**

*Mail & Guardian. Published: 2 March 2013.*

The turn-around strategy implemented by the Gauteng health department is helping to solve poor financial management, said MEC Ahm Papo. Speaking at the provincial branch launch of a medical services provider,

Papo said the department faced a number of problems from 2009... [Read More »](#)

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### **Section27 criticises Gauteng health turnaround plan**

*Business Day. Published: 5 March 2013.*

Patients have yet to see the benefit of Gauteng health MEC Hope Papo's turnaround strategy, says advocacy group Section27. Mr Papo launched a three-year plan to fix the troubled Gauteng health department last July, promising to resolve its financial crisis and put an end to equipment, medicine and staff shortages... [Read More »](#)

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### **Gauteng health department to ask SARS to probe overtime**

*Business Day. Published: 25 February 2013.*

The Gauteng health department will approach the South African Revenue Service (SARS) to investigate claims by doctors in the province who say they are owed overtime... [Read More »](#)

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### **NHI affordability depends on rate of future growth**

*Business Day. Published: 28 February 2013.*

The Treasury's discussion document on financing mechanisms for National Health Insurance (NHI), originally due for publication last April, is now expected to be published for comment only later this year... [Read More »](#)

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### **Minister: Slow start to NHI**

*Health-e News. Published: 26 February 2013.*

Progress in the 10 districts designated as National Health Insurance (NHI) pilots has been slower than expected, and dismal in the Eastern Cape's OR Tambo district... [Read More »](#)

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## **Training and Resources**

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### **Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute: Research Methods Course**

*Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute.*

*When: 12 - 28 August 2013*

The WRHI invites applications for its course on Research Methods, taking place from 12-28 August 2013 in Johannesburg. 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. The course is taught by world class researchers, with international reputations in their fields of study. [Click Here>>](#)

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### **Paediatric Disclosure Materials**

*USAIDS.*

This series of booklets is designed to aid caregivers of children living with HIV in the step-by-step disclosure process. The booklets are available for download in color and black and white. Accompanying cue cards offer guidance for health care providers to use in introducing these booklets to caregivers. [Click Here>>](#)

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## **Reports and Publications**

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### **Funding Scientific Innovation: Global Investments in HIV Treatment Research and Development in 2010 and 2011**

*Treatment Action Group (TAG). Published: 2013.*

Advances in HIV treatment research in 2010 and 2011 saw improvement in treatment regimens and strategies, and reinvigorated optimism for finding a cure. In 2012, TAG and AVAC, with financial support from UNAIDS, put

forth a collaborative effort to analyze investment trends in HIV treatment. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Health in the post - 2015 development agenda: need for a social determinants of health approach**

*United Nations. Published: 2013.*

The UN Platform on Social Determinants of Health is an informal mechanism to provide coordinated support to Member States with implementation of the Rio Political Declaration on Social Determinants of Health. [Click Here»](#)

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## **Conferences**

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### **South African Health Review and District Health Barometer Launch**

*When: 19 March 2013*

*Venue: Pretoria, South Africa*

Health Systems Trust is pleased to announce the launch of their annual publications, the South African Health Review and the District Health Barometer. For more information, email [hst@hst.org.za](mailto:hst@hst.org.za)

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### **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.saaids.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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### **Medical Humanities Conference**

**Medical Humanities Research Group at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WiSER)**

*When: 2-4 September 2013*

*Venue: University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg*

*URL: <http://wiserverweb.wits.ac.za/>*

The Medical Humanities research group at WiSER invites abstracts of up to 500 words for papers that speak to our broad, inclusive theme of 'Body Knowledge'. We welcome submissions from scholars and practitioners in a wide variety of disciplines, including the arts, literature, film, sociology, anthropology, history, medicine, philosophy, ethics, and psychology. In addition to panel sessions, we are planning a public event which will draw

in a wider Johannesburg audience, as well as an art exhibition and film screening.

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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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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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