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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Incidence of TB and HIV in Prospectively Followed Household Contacts of TB Index Patients in South Africa

Cari van Schalkwyk, Ebrahim Variava, Adrienne E. Shapiro, Modiehi Rakgokong, Katlego Masonoke, Limakatso Lebina, Alex Welte, Neil Martinson. Plos One. Published: 23 April 2014.

South Africa has an estimated annual tuberculosis (TB) incidence rate of 1.0 per 100 population (95% CI 0.8-1.2). This is largely fuelled by a severe and generalised human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) epidemic, which continues to be propagated by HIV incidence of 1.3 per 100 susceptible individuals per annum in 15-49 year olds... [Read More »](#)

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How have ART treatment programmes changed the patterns of excess mortality in people living with HIV? Estimates from four countries in East and Southern Africa

Emma Slaymaker, Jim Todd, Milly Marston, Clara Calvert, Denna Michael, Jessica Nakiyingi-Miir, Amelia Crampin, Tom Lutalo, Kobus Herbst, Basia ABA. Global Health Action. Published: 22 April 2014.

Substantial falls in the mortality of people living with HIV (PLWH) have been observed since the introduction of antiretroviral therapy (ART) in sub-Saharan Africa. However, access and uptake of ART have been variable in many countries... [Read More »](#)

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Evaluating the Scale-Up of Antiretroviral Treatment Sites in KwaZulu-Natal Province of South Africa: Achievements and Challenges from 2005 to 2010

Ntambwe Malangu. Global Journal of Health Science. Published: 22 February 2014.

In order to provide care to the increasing number of people infected with HIV, there is a need for scaling up the number of treatment sites... [Read More »](#)

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Does investment in home visitors lead to better psychological health for HIV-affected families? Results from a quasi-experimental evaluation in South Africa

Tonya R Thurmana, Rachel Kidmanb, Tory M Taylor. AIDS Care. Published: 22 April 2014.

Children and families affected by HIV are at considerable risk for psychological distress. Community-based home visiting is a common mechanism for providing basic counseling and other services to HIV-affected families. While programs emphasize home visitor training and compensation as means to promote high-quality service delivery, whether these efforts result in measurable gains in beneficiaries' well-being remains largely unanswered.... [Read More »](#)

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Should medical students be taught alternative medicine?

Graeme Catto, Nick Cork, Gareth Williams. British Medical Journal. Published: 28 March 2014.

Doctors should be able to discuss the non-evidence based therapies that patients want to try, says Graeme Catto. But Nick Cork and Gareth Williams say that students risk being indoctrinated and should be taught only about interventions that have been shown to be safe and effective... [Read More »](#)

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The right to traditional, complementary, and alternative health care

Maria Stuttaford, Sahar Al Makhameh, Fons Coomans, John Harrington, Chuma Himonga, Gillian Lewando Hundt. Global Health Action. Published: 25 April 2014.

State parties to human rights conventions and declarations are often faced with the seemingly contradictory problem of having an obligation to protect people from harmful practices while also having an obligation to enable access to culturally appropriate effective healing... [Read More »](#)

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Improving population health one person at a time? Accountable care organisations: perceptions of population health - a qualitative interview study

Douglas J Noble, Trisha Greenhalgh, Lawrence P Casalino. British Medical Journal. Published: 25 April 2014.

This qualitative interview study explored perceptions of the phrases 'population health', 'public health' and 'community health'... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/4/4/e004665.full>[Accessed: 9 May 2014]

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The National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) in the Dormaa Municipality, Ghana: Why Some Residents Remain Uninsured?

Thompson Amo. Global Journal of Health Science. Published: 21 February 2014.

The aim is to identify the obstacles of enrolment by the public, which would enable policy direction, to ensure that all residents are registered with the scheme... [Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Early antiretroviral treatment reduces risk of AIDS and HIV-related illness

Aidsmap. Published: 1 May 2014.

Early antiretroviral therapy significantly reduced the risk of AIDS and HIV-related illness in a large study in low and middle-income countries, according to the final results of the HPTN 052 study published in Lancet Infectious Diseases... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/Early-antiretroviral-treatment-reduces-risk-of-AIDS-and-HIV-related-illness/page/2842442/>[Accessed: 9 May 2014]

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Steady progress in saving mothers' lives

UNAIDS. Published: 6 May 2014.

Maternal deaths have decreased by 45% since 1990 according to a new report released on 6 May by the Maternal Mortality Estimation Inter-Agency Group... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2014/may/20140506mmr/>[Accessed: 9 May 2014]

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How vaccine denialism in the West is causing measles outbreaks in Brazil

The Guardian. Published: 28 April 2014.

Choosing whether to vaccinate children in rich countries may seem like a 'First World Problem'... except when it isn't... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/apr/28/vaccine-denialism-measles-outbreaks-in-brazil>[Accessed: 9 May 2014]

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World on brink of post-antibiotic era - WHO

Health-e News. Published: 1 May 2014.

Resistance to common antibiotic medicine has been recorded in every region of the world, according to a report released yesterday by the World Health Organisation (WHO). [Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/05/01/world-brink-post-antibiotic-era/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=world-brink-post-antibiotic-era[Accessed: 9 May 2014]

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Summary of "Polio vaccines: WHO position paper, January 2014"

WHO. Published: February 2014.

This updated position paper on polio vaccines published in the 28 February 2014 WHO Weekly Epidemiological Record (Vol. 89, 9), replaces the previous 2010 WHO polio position paper, and summarizes recent developments in the field... [Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.who.int/immunization/position_papers/WHO_PP_polio_summary_feb2014.pdf[Accessed: 9 May 2014]

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The immunization programme that saved millions of lives

WHO Bulletin. Published: May 2014.

What started as an ambitious effort to tackle six vaccine-preventable diseases has become one of the world's most successful public health programmes... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/92/5/14-020514/en/>[Accessed: 9 May 2014]

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How can Africa leap ahead to better health?

World Economic Forum Blog. Published: 5 May 2014.

When the 24th World Economic Forum on Africa convenes in Abuja on May 7, the future development of good quality and sustainable health systems on the continent will be front-and-center... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://forumblog.org/2014/05/forum-africa-2014-health-doctors/>[Accessed: 9 May 2014]

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Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

The Symposium Secretariat. Published: May 2014.

In just over four months' time, more than 1500 representatives of the health systems research community will come together for the Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research...[Read More »](#)

URL: <http://hsr2014.healthsystemsresearch.org>[Accessed: 9 May 2014]

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Training and Resources

Impact Evaluation of HIV/AIDS and Health Programs

When: 21 July - 1 August 2014

Venue: Pretoria, South Africa

The workshop will provide intensive training in the concepts of program evaluation and in the tools and techniques for evaluating program impact.[Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

Guide for Educators on HPV Vaccination at Schools

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2014.

In 2014 all grade 4 girls are provided with the opportunity to receive the HPV vaccination at schools. This implementation guide aims to provide educators with the necessary information regarding the vaccination of the grade 4 girls in schools...[Click Here»](#)

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UN Women - United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

UNAIDS. Published: 2014.

Created in July 2010, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) promotes gender equality not just as an inalienable human right...[Click Here»](#)

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UNAIDS Gender Assessment Tool - Towards a gender-transformative HIV response

UNAIDS. Published: 2014.

Launched in 2010, the UNAIDS Agenda for accelerated country action for women, girls, gender equality and HIV 2010-2014 presents a menu of strategic actions...[Click Here»](#)

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Conferences and Events

4th SA TB Conference

When: 10-13 June 2014

Venue: International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa

URL: <http://www.tbconference.co.za/index.html/>

With the rollout of new molecular diagnostics and new TB drugs, we now bear witness to the dawn of a new age in the fight against TB. Meaningful impact will only be achieved with integration of all our efforts. We call on everyone working in all spheres of TB-HIV drug discovery, clinical management, patient advocacy, government policy and the basic sciences to attend this meeting.

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Health Services Research: Evidence-based practice

When: 1-3 July 2014

Venue: King's College London, UK

URL: <http://www.health-services-research.com/conference/>

BioMed Central, in association with its portfolio of health services research and policy journals, is pleased to announce the first international conference, Health Services Research: Evidence-based practice, that will take place 1-3 July 2014 at King's College London, UK. As health services research is a multidisciplinary field, this meeting will have a broad scope and address topics from many viewpoints, with a focus on international health policy but including local health care systems.

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20th International AIDS Conference

When: 20-25 July 2014

Venue: Melbourne, Australia

URL: <http://www.aids2014.org/>

The AIDS 2014 programme will present new scientific knowledge and offer many opportunities for structured

dialogue on the major issues facing the global response to HIV. A variety of session types - from abstract-driven presentations to symposia, bridging and plenary sessions - will meet the needs of various participants.

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10th Public Health Association of South Africa

When: 3-6 September 2014

Venue: Protea Ranch Resort, Polokwane, South Africa

URL: <http://www.phasa.org.za/10th-phaa-conference-2014/>

The 10th anniversary of the Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) conference will be celebrated with the hosting of the conference in Polokwane (Limpopo) from 3 to 6 September 2014. The workshops will take place on the 3rd, the actual conference on the 4th and 5th, and the student symposium on the 6th of September.

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Southern African HIV Clinicians Society

When: 24-27 September 2014

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://sahivsoc2014.co.za/>

Clear your diaries for 24-27 September 2014, as we head for Cape Town again and a dizzying array of excellent speakers, skills building sessions, debates, challenging cases and research findings. We are assembling our organising committee from across the country, to ensure that every aspect of HIV medicine is covered. We are also debating and releasing new guidelines.

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Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

When: 30 September to 3 October 2014

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa

URL: <http://hsr2014.healthsystemsresearch.org/>

The theme of the symposium is the science and practice of people-centred health systems, chosen to enable participants to address current and critical concerns of relevance across countries in all parts of the world. Researchers, policy-makers, funders, implementers and other stakeholders, from all regions and all socio-economic levels, will work together on the challenge of how to make health systems more responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities.

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eHealth Director (Head of System and Software Development)

Employer: Jembi Health Systems

Closing Date: 12 May 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/ehealth-director-head-system-and-software-development>

Clinical Programme Director

Employer: Stellenbosch University

Closing Date: 15 May 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/clinical-programme-director>

Development Officer

Employer: Nelson Mandela Children's Fund

Closing Date: 14 May 2014

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

National Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning Manager

Employer: Pact South Africa

Closing Date: 15 May 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/national-monitoring-evaluation-reporting-and-learning-manager>

Associate Professor/Professor

Employer: University of the Western Cape

Closing Date: 30 May 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/associate-professorprofessor>

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