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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Systematic review of studies evaluating the broader economic impact of vaccination in low- and middle-income countries

Rohan Deogaonkar, Raymond Hutubessy, Inge Putten, Silvia Evers and Mark Jit. *BMC Public Health* 2012, 12:878. Published: 16 October 2012.

Most health economic evaluations of childhood vaccination only capture the health and short-term economic benefits. Measuring broader, long-term effects of vaccination on productivity and externalities could provide a more complete picture of the value of vaccines...[Read More »](#)

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Socioeconomic inequalities in risk factors for noncommunicable diseases in low-income and middle-income countries

Ahmad Reza Hosseinpoor, Nicole Bergen, Anton Kunst, Sam Harper, Regina Guthold, Dag Rekve, Edouard Tursan d'Espaignet, Nirmala Naidoo and Somnath Chatterji. *BMC Public Health* 2012, 12:912. Published: 28 October 2012.

Monitoring inequalities in noncommunicable disease risk factor prevalence can help to inform and target effective interventions. The prevalence of current daily smoking, low fruit and vegetable consumption, physical inactivity, and heavy episodic alcohol drinking were quantified and compared across wealth and education levels in low- and middle-income country groups...[Read More »](#)

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Human resources needs for universal access to antiretroviral therapy in South Africa: a time and motion study

Jan AC Hontelez, Marie-Louise Newell, Ruth M Bland, Kristen Munnely, Richard J Lessells and Till Bärnighausen. *Human Resources for Health* 2012, 10:39. Published: 30 October 2012.

Although access to life-saving treatment for patients infected with HIV patients in South Africa has improved substantially since 2004, treating all eligible patients (universal access) remains elusive...[Read More »](#)

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Innovative financing for health: what is truly innovative?

Rifat Atun FRCP, Felicia Marie Knaul, Yoko Akachi, Julio Frenk. *The Lancet*. Published: 24 October 2012.

The continued global economic crisis means that increased external financing from traditional donors is unlikely in the near term. Hence, new funding has to be sought from innovative financing sources to sustain the gains made in global health, to achieve the health Millennium Development Goals, and to address the emerging burden from non-communicable diseases.

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Use of evidence to support healthy public policy: a policy effectiveness↔feasibility loop

Sarah Bowman, Nigel Unwin, Julia Critchley, Simon Capewell, Abdullatif Hussein, Wasim Maziak, Shahaduz Zaman, Habiba Ben Romdhane, Fouad Fouad, Peter Phillimore, Belgin Unal, Rana Khatib, Azza Shoaibi & Balsam Ahmad. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* 2012;90:847-853. Published: November 2012.

This paper describes a "policy effectiveness–feasibility loop" (PEFL) that brings together epidemiological modelling, local situation analysis and option appraisal to foster collaboration between researchers and policy-makers...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Public, private healthcare sectors sign 'historic' pact

Business Day. Published: 8 November 2012.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi on Thursday signed a "social compact" with the private sector, describing it as a historic step towards closer collaboration between the government and private enterprise...[Read More »](#)

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Academy to train health managers

Health-e News. Published: 7 November 2012

Health Minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, on Tuesday 6 November, launched a Health Academy, headed by a group of top health experts, designed to improve the management capacity in the public sector's clinics, health districts and hospitals. ...[Read More »](#)

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HPCSA axes thousands from its register

Health-e News. Published: 5 November 2012.

Almost 10 000 healthcare practitioners were suspended from the Health Professions Council of South Africa's (HPCSA) register this past weekend for failure to pay their annual fees...[Read More »](#)

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HSRC chief 'worried' about health spending decline

Business Day. Published: 1 November 2012.

State spending on health as a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP) was declining at a time when more was required to prepare the health system for the introduction of the National Health Insurance (NHI) scheme, Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) CEO Olive Shisana said ...[Read More »](#)

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Clinical trials 'need more African cash' – Motsoaledi

Business Day. Published: 6 November 2012.

African countries need to invest more in clinical trials so that they could have a greater influence over research into diseases affecting their people, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said..[Read More »](#)

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Pepsodent invests in social uplift

Unilever. Published: 1 November 2012.

Pepsodent, from leading toothpaste manufacturer Unilever, has partnered with the South African Dental Association to launch an educational campaign, focussing on twice daily brushing with a fluoride toothpaste, in school children in Limpopo's Vhembe district ...[Read More »](#)

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Census findings on health

Health-e News. Published: 31 October 2012.

The majority of the deaths recorded by the Census were due to natural causes, with just 9.6% of them attributed to unnatural causes. However, the number of people dying in South Africa has decreased since 2006..[Read More »](#)

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'Lack of security driving nurses away'

IOL. Published: 6 November 2012.

Nurses are quitting the public health service, citing poor security at state hospitals as one of their reasons, according to the president of the Democratic Nursing Organisation of SA (Denosa), Dorothy Matebeni...

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Easy patents cost patients

PlusNews. Published: 5 November 2012.

South Africa grants almost every patent application it receives, making its patent regime one of the world's most lenient. While pharmaceutical companies cash in, patients face staggering healthcare costs, and medicines like cancer treatments, third-line antiretrovirals (ARVs) and treatments for drug-resistant tuberculosis (DR-TB) are often priced out of reach...[Read More »](#)

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Curbing TB in SA's prisons a priority

Business Day. Published: 5 November 2012.

The government wants to curb the unchecked spread of tuberculosis (TB) in its prisons, it doesn't have to look far. Paul Silver, a US prison architect living in Johannesburg, helped to reduce the TB epidemic in New York's Rikers Island prison by constructing specially designed cells where the TB bacteria could not survive...

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UN commends SA on HIV/Aids efforts

IOL News. Published: 28 October 2012.

The United Nations has called for renewed commitment to protect the health of young girls in South Africa, but has commended its efforts to stem HIV transmission, the department of women, children and people with disabilities...[Read More »](#)

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High Level Taskforce for women, girls and HIV calls for accelerated efforts to protect the rights and wellbeing of young women and girls in South Africa

UNAIDS. Published: 31 October 2012.

The High Level Taskforce for Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV for Eastern and Southern Africa concluded a week-long political advocacy mission to South Africa calling for renewed commitment and leadership to protect the health and rights of young women and girls in the country...[Read More »](#)

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Governments failing to address cervical cancer

Plus News. Published: 31 October 2012.

Cervical cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among women in southern Africa, but new research reveals that governments' attempts to address the disease have been inadequate...[Read More »](#)

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New test to improve HIV diagnosis in poor countries

Reuters. Published: 28 October 2012.

Scientists have come up with a test for the virus that causes AIDS that is ten times more sensitive and a fraction of the cost of existing methods, offering the promise of better diagnosis and treatment in the developing world...[Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Concurrent Sexual Partnerships Toolkit

PSI with support from the Royal Netherlands Embassy

Whether you are integrating concurrency into existing HIV prevention activities or designing a large scale concurrency campaign, this toolkit contains many useful resources and ideas to guide research, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of concurrent sexual partnership programs.. [Click Here>>](#)

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Webinar: Health care resource allocation: is there a role for the capability approach?

Date: Thursday 29 November 2012 - 10am to 11 am Greenwich Mean Time

The webinar will include presentations by two panelists followed by questions and answers. The panelists are Paula Lorgelly, Associate Professor of Health Economics at Monash University, and Sridhar Venkatapuram, a Wellcome Trust Research Fellow in ethics at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and an Affiliated Lecturer at Cambridge University. Participants must register to participate in this webinar. Details on how to participate will be sent to you after you register. To register and for any question about the webinar, please contact Sophie Mitra at mitra@fordham.edu

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Reports and Publications

A Summary of the National Strategic Plan on HIV, STIs and TB 2012 - 2016

Kwik Skwiz. Health Systems Trust. Published: November 2012.

The latest edition summarizes the the National Strategic Plan (NSP) on HIV, STIs and TB 2012–2016. The previous edition, [A Brief Summary of the Strategic Plan for Maternal, Newborn, Child and Women's Health \(MNCWH\) and Nutrition in South Africa 2012–2016](#), has also been updated to include a summary of the Campaign for the Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Africa. [Click Here for the latest issue»](#)

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South African Census 2011

Statistics South Africa. Published: 2012.

Censuses are principal means of collecting basic population and housing statistics required for social and economic development, policy interventions, their implementation and evaluation. South Africa has conducted three Censuses (1996, 2001 and 2011). [Click Here»](#)

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Will our public healthcare sector fail the NHI?

SAMJ. Published: 2012.

Feasible universal health coverage in South Africa seemed ever more remote last month as a dysfunctional Department of Public Works continued to stymie vital public hospital revitalisation projects, and five provinces proved grossly incapable of spending their health budgets. [Click Here»](#)

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Making it work: Lessons learnt from three regional workshops to integrate human rights into national HIV strategic plans

UNAIDS. Published: 2012.

To strengthen the rights-based national response to HIV, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, with the technical support of the International HIV/AIDS Alliance (the Alliance), initiated a project in 2011 to help national stakeholders integrate human rights programmes into National Strategic Plans (NSPs). This brief report outlines some short term outcomes and lessons learnt from this initiative. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

SA HIV Clinicians Society Conference 2012

When: 25 - 28 November 2012

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC,) Cape Town

URL: <http://www.hst.org.za/events/sa-hiv-clinicians-society-conference-2012>

The Conference will focus on clinical content, setting it apart from other conferences held to date in South Africa. Doctors, nurses, and pharmacists are welcome to attend the presentations of a stellar group of senior faculty from the region and abroad delivering talks relevant to clinical care.

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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

AHP - African Health Placements

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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