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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Monitoring progress towards universal health coverage at country and global levels

Ties Boerma, Patrick Eozenou, David Evans, Tim Evans, Marie-Paule Kieny, Adam Wagstaff. *Plos Medicine*. Published: 22 September 2014.

This paper summarizes the findings from 13 country case studies and five technical reviews, which were conducted as part of the development of a global framework for monitoring progress towards UHC. The case studies show the relevance and feasibility of focusing UHC monitoring on two discrete components of health system performance: levels of coverage with health services and financial protection, with a focus on equity...[Read More »](#)

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Health and health care in South Africa – 20 years after Mandela

Bongani M. Mayosi, Solomon R. Benatar. *NEJM*. Published: 29 September 2014.

In the 20 years since South Africa underwent a peaceful transition from apartheid to a constitutional democracy, considerable social progress has been made toward reversing the discriminatory practices that pervaded all aspects of life before 1994...[Read More »](#)

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Monitoring and evaluating progress towards Universal Health Coverage in South Africa

John E. Ataguba, Candy Day, Di McIntyre. *PlosOne*. Published: 22 September 2014.

South Africa's colonial and apartheid inheritance is one of substantial social, economic, and health inequalities. Since the first democratic elections in 1994, the human development index has declined considerably, largely because of the HIV epidemic, which has reduced life expectancy...[Read More »](#)

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Pregnancy outcomes and birth defects from an antiretroviral drug safety study of women in South Africa and Zambia

Liu, K Cherry; Farahani, Mansour; Mashamba, Tshililo; Mawela, Muthuhadini; Joseph, Jessica; Van Schaik, Nienke; Honey, Engela; Gill, Michelle; Jassat, Waasila; Stringer, Elizabeth M; Chintu, Namiwnga; Marlink, Richard G. *AIDS*. Published: 24 September 2014.

An Africa-specific, multi-site antiretroviral drug safety registry for pregnant women is feasible. Different prevalence for preterm delivery, delivery mode, and birth defect types between women on preconception ART in South Africa and Zambia highlight the potential impact of health systems on pregnancy outcomes... [Read More »](#)

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Strengthening monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and building sustainable health information systems in resource limited countries: Lessons learned from an M&E task-shifting initiative in Botswana

Mulamuli Mpofo, Bazghina-werq Semo, Jessica Grignon, Refeletswe Lebelonyane, Steven Ludick, Ellah Matshediso, Baraedi Sento and Jenny H Ledikwe. *BMC Public Health*. Published: 3 October 2014.

The demand for quality data and the interest in health information systems has increased due to the need for country-level progress reporting towards attainment of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and global health initiatives...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/1032>[Accessed: 10 October 2014]

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Recent News

The Cape Town Statement on Health Systems Research

Health Systems Global. Published: 10 October 2014.

The Cape Town Statement on Health Systems Research from the Third Global Symposium on HSR, reflecting on progress, people-centredness, and process...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.healthsystemsglobal.org/Portals/0/files/Cape-Town-Statement.pdf>[Accessed: 10 October 2014]

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Health systems innovation is the path to better health

Mail&Guardian. Published: 26 September 2014.

New health discoveries are often not immediately accessible or affordable to the average individual, particularly in low and middle-income countries...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2014-09-26-health-systems-innovation-is-the-path-to-better-health>[Accessed: 10

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National Health Insurance: Struggling to be born

GroundUp. Published: 6 October 2014.

South Africa's bid to provide universal health care through National Health Insurance (NHI) could fail if government does not learn lessons from other countries, a conference heard last week...[Read More »](#)

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Africa: Landmark diagnostic access programme will save US\$150 million and help achieve new global health goals

The Global Fund. Published: 26 September 2014.

Roche today announced a major Global Access Program to sharply lower the price of HIV viral load tests in low- and middle-income countries...[Read More »](#)

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SA National Health Laboratory Service commits to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030

NLHS release. Published: 9 October 2014.

The South African National Health Laboratory Service (NHLS) has entered into collaboration with Roche Diagnostics and Abbott Molecular in a landmark programme to decrease the price of HIV viral load testing...[Read More »](#)

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Ebola epidemic shows failure in health services

Health-e News. Published: 2 October 2014.

The spread and severity of the West African Ebola epidemic is due to a lack of basic public health infrastructure, according to World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Margaret Chan...[Read More »](#)

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Matsoso praises SA team in fight against Ebola

SABC Radio News. Published: 1 October 2014.

The Health Department says it is humbled by the work of the South African team that has returned from helping in the fight against the Ebola virus in Sierra Leone...[Read More »](#)

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Approximately 4.2 million over 50s are now living with HIV

aidsmap. Published: 30 September 2014.

Persuasive new data showing the ageing of the global HIV epidemic have been published in the online edition of AIDS. Using UNAIDS prevalence figures, investigators estimated that 4.2 million people aged 50 years or older were living with HIV in 2013...[Read More »](#)

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Ebola patient dies in Texas: Underscores questions about quality of screening

Reuters. Published: 9 October 2014.

The worst Ebola outbreak on record began in March this year; on 8 October, the World Health Organization updated its toll of the disease: Ebola had killed 3 879 people out of 8 033 cases by the end of 5 October; 41 people have been killed in an unrelated outbreak in Democratic Republic of the Congo...[Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

New MPhil in Clinical Pharmacology

Venue: University of Cape Town
Contact: lubbe.wiesner@uct.ac.za

This degree offers postgraduate training in the drug development process, via coursework and a research project with a thesis. The primary objective of this course is to educate and train researchers in the clinical pharmacology of drug development, so that they may contribute to new knowledge in the field of drug discovery and development. [Click Here>>](#)

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Two Postdoctoral Research Fellowships: Cancer Research

Venue: University of Cape Town - Faculty of Health Sciences
Submission Date: 3 November 2014
Contact: Prof Jennifer Moodley - Tel: +27 (0)21 650 5489 / Mobile: +27 (0)82 772 4111

Cancer is an important cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide, with an increasing proportion of the burden falling on low- and middle-income countries. The aim of the Cancer Research Initiative is to foster an integrated, interdisciplinary cancer research program, enabling the Faculty to be at the forefront of research endeavours to address the alarming cancer burden in South Africa, Africa and beyond. [Click Here>>](#)

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HIV Clinical Guide Mobile App

Metropolitan Health Risk Management

The HIV Clinical Guide is a free mobile app that provides easy access to the latest HIV clinical guidelines and clinical calculators via your smart device. It includes the ARV Interactions Table from UCT's Medicine Information Centre (MIC). [Click Here>>](#)

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

Healthcare in South Africa 2014

Profile Group. Published: 2014.

This publication is an invaluable tool for all healthcare professionals and anyone who needs to evaluate healthcare options either for their own families or on behalf of their staff, clients or patients. [Click Here>>](#)

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Call for chapters – South African Health Review

Health Systems Trust

Researchers, educators, students, policy-makers, planners, capacity-builders, managers and specialist practitioners in the field of health systems and related health development disciplines are invited to submit abstracts for the 2014/2015 South African Health Review... [Read More »](#)

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Infection Prevention and Control

Bettercare. Published: 2014.

Infection Prevention and Control is the latest book from Bettercare, which makes the latest developments in child, perinatal, HIV and women's health care accessible to healthcare professionals, particularly those working in challenging circumstances... [Read More »](#)

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Science and Practice of People-Centred Health Systems – Health Policy and Planning Supplement

Oxford University Press; Volume 29: 2 October 2014 – ISSN 0268-1080

This special journal supplement on health policy and systems research (HPSR) was edited by guest editors Kabir Sheikh, Michael Kent Ranson and Lucy Gilson, and launched at the Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research held in Cape Town, South Africa, from 30 September to 3 October 2014. The articles showcase advances in the field of HPSR, emphasising different ways of doing research on health systems that focus on people and understanding them, that seek to support them, and that challenge the researchers themselves to see their role in the system. [Read More »](#)

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Conferences and Events

Hospital Association of South Africa 2014

When: 15-17 October 2014
Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa
URL: <http://www.conferencehasa.co.za>

The Hospital Association of South Africa (HASA) is a confederation of private hospitals and ambulatory clinics, operating on a non-profit basis, representing the collective interests of private hospitals in South Africa in respect of economic and social policy and other areas, as agreed to by its members.

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14th Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa Congress

When: 20-24 October 2014

Venue: Mwalimu Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

URL: <http://www.ahila-tz.org/>

AHILA was founded in 1984 with the aim of improving provision of up-to-date and relevant health information; encourage professional development of health librarians; promote information resource sharing in Africa and exchange of experiences as well as promoting the development and standardization and exchange of health databases in Africa.

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International Mesothelioma Interest Group Conference

When: 21-24 October 2014

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa

URL: <http://imig2014.org/>

iMig cordially looks forward to welcoming you to Cape Town, South Africa from 21-24 October 2014 for the 12th International Mesothelioma Interest Group Conference - the world's premier medical congress on mesothelioma. Our theme is the ongoing quest for cure.

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Inaugural HIV Research for Prevention Conference (HIVR4P)

When: 28-31 October 2014

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa

URL: <http://hivr4p.org/>

HIV R4P is the world's first and only scientific meeting dedicated exclusively to biomedical HIV prevention research. Through both abstract and non-abstract driven sessions, the conference will support cross-fertilization between research on HIV vaccines, microbicides, PrEP, treatment as prevention and other biomedical prevention approaches, while also providing a venue to discuss the research findings, questions and priorities that are specific to advancing each modality.

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5th SA Child Health Priorities Conference

When: 3-5 December 2014

Venue: University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa

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

The theme for this year's conference is: Closing the Gap. The conference will interest child health practitioners, paediatricians, allied health professionals, nurses, district clinical specialists, programme managers and anyone involved in the delivery of child health care or services.

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Job Opportunities

National Department of Health

- **Director: Maternal and Neonatal Health**

Closing Date: 27 October 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/director-maternal-and-neonatal-health-0>

- **Assistant Director: Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT)**

Closing Date: 3 November 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/assistant-director-prevention-mother-child-transmission-pmtct>

The Africa Centre for Health and Population Studies: Senior Research Data Manager

Closing Date: 17 October 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/senior-research-data-manager>

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