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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

The need to look at antibiotic resistance from a health systems perspective

Informa Healthcare. Göran Tomson and Ioana Vlad. Published: 27 March 2014.

Current use, misuse, and overuse of antibiotics raise dangers and ethical dilemmas that cannot be solved in isolation, exclusively within a health system building block or even within the health sector only... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://informahealthcare.com/doi/full/10.3109/03009734.2014.902879>[Accessed: 11 April 2014]

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Measuring the health systems impact of disease control programmes: A critical reflection on the WHO building blocks framework

BMC Public Health 2014: Sandra Mounier-Jack, Ulla K Griffiths, Svea Closser, Helen Burchett and Bruno Marchal. Published: 25 March 2014.

The WHO health systems Building Blocks framework has become ubiquitous in health systems research. However, it was not developed as a research instrument, but rather to facilitate investments of resources in health systems... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/278/abstract>[Accessed: 11 April 2014]

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Experience of using information systems in public health practice: Findings from a qualitative study

Online Journal of Public Health Informatics. Joshua Vest, L. Michele Issel, Sean Lee. Published: 5 February 2014.

Data collection and management by local health departments (LHDs) is a complex endeavor, complicated by system level and organizational factors... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://ojphi.org/ojs/index.php/ojphi/article/view/4847>[Accessed: 11 April 2014]

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Do public smoking bans have an impact on active smoking? Evidence from the UK

Health Economics. Andrew M. Jones, Audrey Laporte, Nigel Rice and Eugenio Zucchelli. Published: 6 November 2013.

The literature on the effects of public smoking bans on smoking behaviour presents conflicting results and there is limited evidence on their impact on active smoking... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/hec.3009/abstract>[Accessed: 11 April 2014]

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Families as catalysts for peer adherence support in enhancing hope for people living with HIV/AIDS in South Africa

Journal of the International AIDS Society. Caroline Masquillier, Edwin Wouters, Dimitri Mortelmans and Frederik le Roux Booysen. Published: 3 April 2014.

Hope is an essential dimension of successful coping in the context of illnesses such as HIV/Aids, because

positive expectations for the future alleviate emotional distress, enhance quality of life and have been linked to the capacity for behavioural change... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.ijasociety.org/index.php/ijas/article/view/18802/3583>[Accessed: 11 April 2014]

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Experts call for accelerating progress towards universal HIV treatment access

UNAIDS. Published: 3 April 2014.

Scientific experts from 41 countries have gathered in Vancouver, Canada for a four-day meeting to examine the latest evidence regarding the prevention benefits of antiretroviral therapy. The meeting also focused on developing new targets to end the AIDS epidemic... [Read More »](#)

Source:

<http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2014/april/20140403treatment/>[Accessed: 11 April 2014]

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Recent News

HIV goes up, condom use goes down

Health-e News. Published: 2 April 2014.

South Africa's latest HIV survey finds boys having sex earlier, plummeting condom use and that unmarried couples living together are more at risk of HIV than married or single people... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/04/02/hiv-goes-condom-use-goes/>[Accessed: 11 April 2014]

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South Africa celebrates ten years of free HIV treatment

Health-e News. Published: 4 April 2014.

HIV treatment was introduced after a huge struggle, but this week South Africa celebrated a decade of free antiretroviral (ARV) treatment... [Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/04/04/south-africa-celebrates-ten-years-free-hiv-treatment/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=south-africa-celebrates-ten-years-free-hiv-treatment/[Accessed: 11 April 2014]

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South Africa to move to earlier HIV treatment

Health-e News. Published: 4 April 2014.

It is not a matter of if South Africa will move to earlier HIV treatment, but when, says Health Minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi... [Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/04/04/south-africa-move-earlier-hiv-treatment/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=south-africa-move-earlier-hiv-treatment/[Accessed: 11 April 2014]

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Can we end Aids in Africa?

Mail&Guardian. Published: 3 April 2014.

While much has been done to end Aids in Africa, more work by governments is necessary to move forward, particularly in SA... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2014-04-02-00-can-we-end-aids-in-africa/>[Accessed: 11 April 2014]

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Gauteng health puts measures in place to stop negligence at hospitals

City Press. Published: 31 March 2014.

The Gauteng health department has implemented measures to limit medical negligence at its facilities, MEC Hope Papo has said... [Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.citypress.co.za/news/gauteng-health-puts-measures-place-stop-negligence-hospitals/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=gauteng-health-puts-measures-place-stop-negligence-

[hospitals](#)[Accessed: 11 April 2014]

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North West health probes baby milk formula scandal

City Press. Published: 4 April 2014.

The North West health department is investigating why a quarter of 20 000 cases of baby milk formula had to be destroyed...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.citypress.co.za/news/north-west-health-probes-baby-milk-formula-scandal/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=north-west-health-probes-baby-milk-formula-scandal[Accessed: 11 April 2014]

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R155 mln set aside for Matikwane Hospital

SABC. Published: 3 April 2014.

The Mpumalanga Provincial Government has set aside R155 million to assist in the operations of the Matikwane Hospital in Mkhuhlu near Hazyview...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/c47bd08043800887b3a9b7a64eba5fdc/R155-mln-set-aside-for-Matikwane-Hospital-20140403>[Accessed: 11 April 2014]

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National Treasury could be called in to fund NHLS directly

Health-e News. Published: 28 March 2014.

The National Treasury could be asked to fund the National Health Laboratory Services (NHLS) directly after provinces fail to pay up in what activists have described as a long-standing problem...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/03/28/national-treasury-called-fund-nhls-directly/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=national-treasury-called-fund-nhls-directly[Accessed: 11 April 2014]

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Agreement to accelerate the local production of medicines in Africa

UNAIDS. Published: 31 March 2014.

UN leaders and the African Union agreed at a meeting held in Abuja, Nigeria, on 30 March to join together to respond to the challenges that the pharmaceutical industry in Africa is facing...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2014/march/20140331abuja/>[Accessed: 11 April 2014]

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In the mood for wiping out vaccine-preventable diseases

WHO Bulletin. Published: April 2014.

Ciro de Quadros has led some of the most successful immunization campaigns in the history of public health...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/92/4/14-030414.pdf>[Accessed: 11 April 2014]

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Dr Deborah Birx sworn in as new U.S. Global Aids Co-ordinator

PEPFAR. Published: 4 April 2014.

Dr Deborah Birx was sworn in today as the new Ambassador at Large and U.S. Global Aids Co-ordinator to lead all U.S. Government international HIV/Aids efforts...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.pepfar.gov/press/releases/2014/224403.htm>[Accessed: 11 April 2014]

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Training and Resources

Community Fundraising Programme

Siyakhula Trust

When: 19-22 May 2014
Venue: Siyakhula Training Venue, Randburg

We are pleased to announce that we will be presenting our popular and practical Community Fundraising Programme in Randburg, Johannesburg. [Click Here>>](#)

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Cape Town based sabbaticals for practitioners in the field of health policy and systems research and analysis

CHESAI
Deadline: 5 May 2014
More information: chesai.mail@gmail.com

Collaboration for Health Systems Analysis and Innovation (CHESAI) with the University of Cape Town, the University of the Western Cape, funded by the Canadian International Development Research Centre.

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Get the power of video capacity - video skills workshop for NGOs

Filmcraft
When: 23-24 April 2014
Venue: Coastlands on the Ridge, Musgrave, Durban
More information: nireshnee@gmail.com

A two-day workshop aimed to NGOs to learn how to make videos for funding, advocacy and marketing purposes. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports, Guidances and Publications

South African National HIV Prevalence, Incidence & Behaviour Survey, 2012

Human Sciences Research Council. Published: 1 April 2014.

The 2012 population-based survey of HIV prevalence is the fourth in the series of national HIV prevalence surveys that have investigated HIV prevalence and behaviour. [Click Here»](#)

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1990-2010 Global Cardiovascular Disease Atlas

World Heart Federation. Published: March 2014.

Worldwide, the cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) contributing most to the total global burden of disease in 2010 were ischemic heart disease (5.2% of all disability-adjusted life years lost). [Click Here»](#)

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WHO Guidelines for the screening, care and treatment of persons with hepatitis C infection

WHO. Published: 9 April 2014.

WHO has issued its first guidance for the treatment of hepatitis C, a chronic infection that affects an estimated 130 million to 150 million people and results in 350 000 to 500 000 deaths a year. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

HIV in populations where breastfeeding is essential for child survival: Trials and Tribulations

When: 8 May 2014 at 12:30
Venue: K1 and K2, K-RITH Tower Building, Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine Campus, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Umbilo Road, Durban
More information: Ms MaryAnn Francis at francism@ukzn.ac.za

A public lecture by Professor Louise Kuhn, Mailman School of Public Health.

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Consortium of Universities for Global Health's (CUGH) Global Health Conference

When: 10-12 May 2014
Venue: Washington, DC, USA

URL: <http://2014cughconference.org/letter-from-the-co-chairs/>

This year's theme: Universities 2.0 - Advancing the Global Health Agenda in the Post-MDG Era. It will showcase leading scientific advances in addressing the complex challenges we face.

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4th Ethics, Human Rights and Medical Law Conference

When: 29-31 May 2014

Venue: Gallagher Estate, Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

URL: <http://www.africahealthexhibition.com/en/Site-Root/Conference-Centre/Conferences2014/ETConference/>

The 4th Ethics, Human Rights and Medical Law Conference is a must attend event for healthcare professionals in South Africa and the surrounding region. A one-day conference that is fully dedicated to the above topics, it was created to demonstrate how important all three subjects are, as well as how they connect to one another.

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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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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-phaasa-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, 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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Job Opportunities

Health Systems Trust

- **Project Manager - Quality Improvement**

Closing Date: 25 April 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/project-manager-quality-improvement>

- **District Pharmaceutical Services Manager**

Closing Date: 25 April 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/district-pharmaceutical-services-manager>

- **Researcher/Data Analyst**

Closing Date: 25 April 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/researcherdata-analyst>

HIVSA - Monitoring and Evaluation Co-ordinator

Closing Date: 16 April 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/monitoring-and-evaluation-co-ordinator-0>

Positive Women's Network - Programme Manager

Closing Date: 18 April 2014

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

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