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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Does treatment adherence correlates with health related quality of life? Findings from a cross sectional study

Fahad Saleem, Mohamed Azmi Hassali, Asrul Akmal Shafie, George A Awad, Muhammad Atif, Noman ul Haq, Hisham Aljadhey and Maryam Farooqui. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:318. Published: 30 April 2012.

Although medication adherence and health-related quality of life (HRQoL) are two different outcome measures, it is believed that adherence to medication leads to an improvement in overall HRQoL. The study aimed to evaluate the association between medication adherence and HRQoL...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/12/318/abstract>
[Accessed: 11 May 2012]

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Impacts of e-health on the outcomes of care in low- and middle-income countries: where do we go from here?

John D Piette, KC Lun, Lincoln A Moura, Hamish SF Fraser, Patricia N Mechael, John Powell & Shariq R Khoja. Bulletin of the World Health Organization 2012;90:365-372. Published: May 2012.

Difficulties in achieving health targets, such as the Millennium Development Goals, and growing consumer demand have forced health planners to look for innovative ways to improve the outcomes of health-care and public-health initiatives while controlling service costs...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/90/5/11-099069/en/index.html>[Accessed: 11 May 2012]

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Adolescent health series

Lancet Series. Published: 25 April 2012.

The Lancet's second Series on Adolescent Health, launched to coincide with the 45th Session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development, argues that it is now time to put the young person, not the specific issue, centre stage. Four papers analyse the role of adolescence as a foundation for future health, the social determinants of adolescent health, the potential of the worldwide application of prevention science, and the current availability of data on 25 suggested core indicators in all countries...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.thelancet.com/series/adolescent-health-2012>
[Accessed: 11 May 2012]

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High incidence of unplanned pregnancy after antiretroviral therapy initiation: Findings from a prospective cohort study in South Africa

Schwartz SR, Rees H, Mehta S, Venter WDF, Taha TE, et al. PLoS ONE 7(4): e36039. Published: 27 April 2012.

Increased fertility rates in HIV-infected women receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) have been attributed to improved immunological function; it is unknown to what extent the rise in pregnancy rates is due to unintended pregnancies...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

HST Celebrates it's 20th Anniversary with a difference

Health Systems Trust. Published: 3 May 2012

Twenty years ago, in 1992, a group of visionaries – most now leading figures in our country – sat together and established an organisation to support the transformation of the health system on its path into a new democratic South Africa...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/hst-celebrates-its-20th-anniversary-difference>
[Accessed: 11 May 2012]

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North West: Public healthcare gets revamped

The New Age. Published: 2 May 2012

Health MEC Magome Masike kept true to his word when he commissioned the construction of two clinics and a health centre in rural Taung villages recently. Masike was putting into action his pledge to improve and revamp primary healthcare in the area...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.thenewage.co.za/49719-1017-53- Public_healthcare_gets_revamped
[Accessed: 11 May 2012]

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Minister decries 'tendercare system'

The New Age. Published: 1 May 2012.

Health Minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi yesterday spoke out strongly against the mismanagement of funds in the public healthcare system. In his budget vote speech to Parliament, the minister lashed out at what he called "a tendercare system"...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.thenewage.co.za/49669-1008-53-Minister_decries_tendercare_system
[Accessed: 11 May 2012]

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Billions owed, so testing is compromised at hospitals

Business Day. Published: 10 May 2012.

The National Health Laboratory Service (NHLS) is still owed billions of rand by the provinces, compromising its ability to pay its suppliers and threatening its capacity to provide vital diagnostic tests for patients, its CEO, Sagie Pillay, told Parliament yesterday during his budget presentation...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.businessday.co.za/Articles/Content.aspx?id=171422>
[Accessed: 11 May 2012]

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South Africa launches campaign to reduce maternal mortality

UNAIDS. Published: 8 May 2012.

The campaign on Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Africa (CARMMA) was launched at Osindisweni Hospital in Ethekwini District, KwaZulu-Natal Province on Friday 4 May. CARMMA aims to accelerate the implementation of activities to stem maternal and child mortality and meet Africa's targets for Millennium Development Goals four and five to reduce by three quarters the maternal mortality rate and to reduce by two thirds the child mortality rate between 1990 and 2015....[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2012/may/20120508carmma/> [Accessed: 11 May 2012]

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Focus on the heart of SA health

IOL. Published: 3 May 2012.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), the deaths of about 1 500 women every day around the world owing to pregnancy-related complications, could have been prevented. In KZN, almost 60 percent of all maternal deaths in the province are preventable...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/dailynews/opinion/focus-on-the-heart-of-sa-health-1.1287989> [Accessed: 11 May 2012]

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Talking Heads: Shaking up SA's ailing medical research

Business Day. Published: 7 May 2012.

Prof Salim Abdool Karim, the newly appointed president of the Medical Research Council (MRC), sweeps into his office exuding energy and beaming from ear to ear, hardly the disposition you'd expect from someone who had less than four hours sleep the night before...[Read More »](#)

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More drinking water meets global standard – report

Business Day. Published: 8 May 2012.

The quality of drinking water in South Africa has improved significantly in the past year, with a "blue drop" score nationally of 87,6% – 15 percentage points higher than the national score for last year...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/Content.aspx?id=171204> [Accessed: 11 May 2012]

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Global Fund will have US\$1.6 billion more

PlusNews. Published: 10 May 2012.

The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB) and Malaria has announced that it will have US\$1.6 billion more to invest in life-saving programmes between 2012 and 2014...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.plusnews.org/Report/95434/HIV-AIDS-Global-Fund-will-have-US-1-6-billion-more> [Accessed: 11 May 2012]

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Training and Resources

New Health Policy & Systems Resource Website

www.hpsa-africa.org

The official website for the EU-funded Consortium for Health Policy & Systems Analysis in Africa (CHEPSAA) has just been launched. CHEPSAA is working with universities in Africa and Europe to strengthen teaching, research & policy networking activities for the rapidly emerging field of health policy and systems research and analysis (HPSR+A). The new website is a CHEPSAA-flavoured collation of HPSR+A resources, pooling information from sources far wider than CHEPSAA for teachers, researchers, students, policy-makers & decision-makers

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Annual Helen Kanzira lecture to be presented by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms Navi Pillay

The Centre for Human Rights at the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria

Date: 15 May 2012

Time: 12:00 for 12:30

Venue: Senate Hall, University of Pretoria.

This public lecture on women's reproductive health rights will be presented by Ms Navi Pillay, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. [Click here for more information»](#)

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Health and Human Rights Online Course

When: 16 May-26 June 2012

Application deadline: 13 May 2012

This short certificate course jointly organised by HREA and the Human Rights Centre of the UN Mandated University for Peace introduces participants to the doctrinal, actual and policy related linkages between health and human rights, and the contemporary challenges associated with them. The main objectives of the course are to make the participants aware of the different facets of the linkages between health and human rights and the associated challenges; to develop the knowledge necessary for critical analysis of the existing international and national policies affecting health; and to acquaint the participants with tools that can be employed in order to mainstream and address issues concerning health in policy making.... [Click here for more information»](#)

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Online Certificate Program in Health Economics and Outcomes Research

University of Washington Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research & Policy

The University of Washington Pharmaceutical Outcomes Research & Policy Program announces the launch of an online Certificate Program in Health Economics and Outcomes Research developed and taught by their

program faculty. The 9-month distance learning program begins September 2012 and applications are now being accepted for entry into the program. A link to the Certificate Program website, below, contains information on the course, the faculty and the application procedures. Please contact Paul Kraegel (pkraegel@u.washington.edu) if you have any questions about the program.

For more information: <http://www.pce.uw.edu/certificates/health-economics/web-autumn-2012/>

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Reports and Publications

Management of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis - Policy Guidelines

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2012

The NDoH has release a detailed policy document on the management of drug-resistant tuberculosis.

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The Role of Fiscal Policy in Tackling the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Southern Africa

African Development Bank. Published: 2012.

Three countries in Southern Africa have the highest adult HIV prevalence in the world: Swaziland (25.9%), Botswana (24.8%), and Lesotho (23.6%). Fiscal policy is crucial for addressing this HIV/AIDS crisis. Utilizing a calibrated model, this paper investigates the impact of fiscal policy on reducing the HIV/AIDS incidence rates in these countries... [Click Here»](#)

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State of the World's Mothers 2012: Nutrition in the First 1,000 Days

Save the Children. Published: 2012

This report looks at the critical 1,000-day window of time from the start of a woman's pregnancy to her child's second birthday. It highlights proven, low-cost nutrition solutions – like exclusive breastfeeding for the first 6 months – that can make the difference between life and death for children in developing countries. It shows how millions of lives can be saved – and whole countries can be bolstered economically – if governments and private donors invest in these basic solutions. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

3rd SA TB Conference

When: 12-15 June 2012

Venue: ICC, Durban, South Africa

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

The 3rd TB Conference will build on the momentum of the previous TB conferences and give communities an opportunity to assess progress towards reaching TB/HIV targets. Thus, giving meaning to the theme for the 2012 TB Conference: "Reaching the target".

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Third People's Health Assembly

When: 6-11 July 2012

Venue: University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.phmovement.org/en/pha3>

The People's Health Assembly (PHA), organised by the People's Health Movement (PHM), is a global event bringing together health activists from across the world to share experiences, analyse global health situation, develop civil society positions and to develop strategies which promote health for all.

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11th World Down Syndrome Congress

When: 15-17th August 2012

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

URL: <http://www.wdsc2012.org.za/>

Down Syndrome International together with local hosts Down Syndrome South Africa take pride in hosting the

next World Down Syndrome Congress for the first time on African soil, giving us the opportunity of learning and sharing experiences from across the globe. The aim of this congress is for all participants to gain experience on the latest developments and up to date knowledge and tools to improve the lives of people with Down syndrome.

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The 5th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights

When: 19-22 September 2012

Venue: Windhoek, Namibia.

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

The 5th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights will take stock of responses to sexual health and rights on the continent since ICPD, and interrogate the status of sexual health and rights, with particular focus on women, girls, adolescents and youth.

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Second Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

When: 31 October-3 November 2012

Where: Beijing, People's Republic of China

URL: <http://www.hsr-symposium.org>

The Second Global Symposium on Health Systems Research call for abstracts is now open. The Symposium will focus on the science to accelerate universal health coverage around the world. It will cover three main themes: Knowledge Translation, State-of-the-Art Health Systems Research, and Health Systems Research Methodologies.

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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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Technical Officers

Wits Reproductive and HIV Institute

Closing date: 15 May 2012

The Wits Health Consortium (WHC) seeks to appoint Technical Officers (TO), based in Pretoria and Mpumalanga.

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<http://www.hst.org.za/content/technical-officers>

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Regional Programmes Leader - Field Services - Northern Cape

New loveLife Trust

Closing date: 18 May 2012

The New loveLife Trust seeks to appoint a Regional Programmes Leader - Field Services, based in the Nanakwa Region, Northern Cape.

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/regional-programmes-leader-field-services-northern-cape>

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