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The HST Bulletin will be taking a break over the festive period. The next Bulletin will be published on 9 January 2015.

Best wishes for the festive season and a prosperous New Year,
The HST Bulletin Editorial Team

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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Needs-based human resources for health planning in Jamaica: Using simulation modelling to inform policy options for pharmacists in the public sector

Gail Tomblin Murphy, Adrian MacKenzie, Joan Guy Walker and Claudette Walker. Human Resources for Health. Published: 6 December 2014.

Planning for human resources for health (HRH) is central to health systems strengthening around the world, including in the Caribbean and Jamaica. In an effort to align Jamaica's health workforce with the changing health needs of its people, a partnership was established between Jamaican and Canadian partners...[Read More »](#)

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NCDs and an outcome-based approach to global health

Thomas J Bollyky, Ezekiel J Emanuel, Eric P Goosby, David Satcher, Donna E Shalala, Tommy G Thompson. *The Lancet*. Published: 6 December 2014.

A decade ago, HIV/AIDS transformed global health. The epidemic affected wealthy nations first, but did most of its damage in low-income and middle-income countries, where HIV/AIDS caused large numbers of premature adult deaths and shook governments...[Read More »](#)

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Health-system reform and universal health coverage in Latin America

Prof Rifat Atun FRCP, Prof Luiz Odorico Monteiro de Andrade PhD, Gisele Almeida PhD, Daniel Cotlear DPhil, T Dmytraczenko PhD, Patricia Frenz PhD, Prof Patricia Garcia PhD, et al. *The Lancet*. Published: 16 October 2014.

Starting in the late 1980s, many Latin American countries began social sector reforms to alleviate poverty, reduce socioeconomic inequalities, improve health outcomes and provide financial risk protection...[Read More »](#)

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Social determinants of health, universal health coverage, and sustainable development: case studies from Latin American countries

Prof Luiz Odorico Monteiro de Andrade PhD, Prof Alberto Pellegrini Filho PhD, Prof Orielle Solar PhD, Félix Rígoli MD, Prof Lígia Malagon de Salazar PhD, Prof Pastor Castell-Florit Serrate PhD, et al. *The Lancet*. Published: 16 October 2014.

Many intrinsically related determinants of health and disease exist, including social and economic status, education, employment, housing, and physical and environmental exposures...[Read More »](#)

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Leading the way towards universal health coverage: A call to action

Prof Julio Frenk PhD. *The Lancet*. Published: 16 October 2014.

Policy innovations and lessons associated with the quest for universal health coverage in Latin America are the result of a complex epidemiological transition, an extended process of democratisation, and high economic growth in recent times that has facilitated additional investments in health...[Read More »](#)

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Progress toward universal health coverage in ASEAN

Hoang Van Minh, Nicola Suyin Pocock, Nathorn Chaiyakunapruk, Chhea Chhorvann, Ha Anh Duc, Piya Hanvoravongchai, Jeremy Lim, Don Eliseo Lucero-Prisno III, Nawi Ng, Natalie Phaholyothin, Alay Phonvisay, Kyaw Min Soe, Vanphanom Sychareun. *Global Health Action*. Published: 3 December 2014.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is characterized by much diversity in terms of geography, society, economic development, and health outcomes. The health systems as well as healthcare structure and provisions vary considerably. Consequently, the progress toward Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in these countries also varies...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.globalhealthaction.net/index.php/gha/article/view/25856>[Accessed: 12 December 2014]

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Recent News

SA healthcare workers join Ebola fight

BDlive. Published: 9 December 2014.

South African doctors and nurses are being recruited to work in Sierra Leone as part of the government's response to the Ebola outbreak there, the non-profit organisation Right to Care said on Monday...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2014/12/09/sa-healthcare-workers-join-ebola-fight>[Accessed: 12 December 2014]

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Life-saving AIDS medicine out of stock in Gauteng

Mail&Guardian. Published: 9 December 2014.

Hospitals throughout Gauteng ran out of essential medicines in recent weeks, including a life-saving drug for people with AIDS called Amphotericin B...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2014-12-09-life-saving-aids-medicine-out-of-stock-in-gauteng>[Accessed: 12 December 2014]

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HIV/AIDS Statistics highest in Northern Cape

SABC. Published: 4 December 2014.

According to statistics released earlier this week, HIV/AIDS is the leading cause of death in the Northern Cape. This was revealed by Statistics SA when they released the mortality and causes of death in South Africa for 2013...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/0603c18046706b2c8a96aeb6166ecff3/HIVAids-Statistics-highest-In-Northern-Cape-20141204>[Accessed: 12 December 2014]

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All In for adolescents

UNAIDS. Published: 5 December 2014.

Adolescents are being left behind in the global AIDS response. HIV is the number one contributor to adolescent mortality in sub-Saharan African and number two globally...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2014/december/20141205_allin[Accessed: 12 December 2014]

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Unions should rescue TAC, says Achmat

GroundUp. Published: 10 December 2014.

Former Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) leader, Zackie Achmat, has called on the trade unions to come to the rescue of TAC which has been mired in financial difficulties...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://groundup.org.za/article/unions-should-rescue-tac-says-achmat_2518[Accessed: 12 December 2014]

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Comment: Good health without the fear of ruin

Mail&Guardian. Published: 12 December 2014.

Twenty years after the genocide, Rwanda's health system is showing drastic improvements.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2014-12-12-good-health-without-the-fear-of-ruin>[Accessed: 12 December 2014]

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By the numbers: National Health Insurance in Mpumalanga

Health-e News. Published: 9 December 2014.

It has been two years since Mpumalanga started its National Health Insurance (NHI) pilot site. Now the provincial department of health lays out progress in the pilot district.[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/12/09/numbers-national-health-insurance-mpumalanga/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=numbers-national-health-insurance-mpumalanga[Accessed: 12 December 2014]

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Training and Resources

Difficult Caesarean Sections resources

This video is a teaching aid for use in conjunction with broader surgical training. It focuses specifically on complications of Caesarean Section delivery, as demonstrated through actual cases filmed in theatre at the Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital in Soweto, South Africa.[Click Here>>](#)

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Saving Mothers: Caesarean Section Monograph 2013

South African National Department of Health

Although rates of delivery by caesarean section (CS) show a wide variation globally ranging from 0.1 to 40%, a continuing rise in the trend over the last 30 years is a cause for concern. There is however, no consensus

concerning the optimal CS delivery rate, but poor access to emergency CS can harm both mother and baby, while high rates of operative delivery may result in poor maternal and perinatal outcomes for the current or subsequent births. [Click Here>>](#)

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Special Interest Group applications

PHASA

A Special Interest Group (SIG) provides an opportunity for networking, sharing of knowledge and collaboration between PHASA members working in a particular field. As formally recognised structures within PHASA, SIGs will be able to provide input and influence PHASA's direction with respect to issues within their areas of expertise. More information: Deon.Salomo@mrc.ac.za

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

Services for people in prisons and other closed settings

UNAIDS. Published: 5 December 2014.

Ending the AIDS epidemic is impossible without dramatically stronger, more sustained action to address the HIV-related needs of people who inject drugs. Accounting for 0.2-0.5% of the global population, people who inject drugs represent an estimated 5 to 10% of all people living with HIV, with transmission among people who inject drugs driving national epidemics in many parts of the world. [Click Here>>](#)

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HIV prevention, treatment, care and support for adolescents and youth

UNAIDS. Published: 2014.

Worldwide an estimated 4.5 million youth (aged 15-24 years) and 2.1 million adolescents (aged 10-19) were living with HIV by the end of 2012. Young people aged 10-24 years represent approximately 15% of all people living with HIV. In 2012, youth aged 15-24 accounted for 39% of new HIV infections in people aged 15 and older. [Click Here>>](#)

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HIV/AIDS vulnerabilities, discrimination, and service accessibility among Africa's youth

Population Council. Published: April 2014.

This report is based on a multi-country study of African youth's HIV/AIDS vulnerabilities and stigma commissioned by Ford Foundation in 2011. It was informed by the realization that despite being disproportionately infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, accurate and timely evidence was lacking on the multiplicity of factors and impacts associated with the HIV prevention and impact mitigation needs of different categories of 10-24 year-olds in Africa. [Click Here>>](#)

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Conferences and Events

Health Information Systems Program - SA 2015 International Conference

When: 24-27 March 2015

Venue: Bloemfontein, South Africa

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

Over the last 20 years, the District Health Information System in South Africa and in many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia has evolved significantly from a paper based system to a web based system. The conference is expected to be a platform through which this evolution is explored and where best practices and lessons learned are being shared.

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7th SA AIDS Conference: Reflection, Refocus and Renewal

When: 9-12 June 2015

Venue: Durban International Convention Centre, South Africa

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

This Conference comes at a critical time in global health, as 2015 marks the end of the MDGs and the beginning of the post-2015 sustainable development agenda. The theme of the Conference this year: Reflection, Refocus and Renewal provides a unique opportunity to reflect on what we have done across the entire spectrum of our programmes in the response to HIV, including the structural and social determinants which fuel this epidemic.

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SVRI Workshops

When: 15-17 September 2015

Venue: Stellenbosch, South Africa

URL: <http://www.svri.org/forum2015/index.htm>

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is proud to announce the 4th international conference, the SVRI Forum 2015. The Forum brings together researchers, gender activists, funders, policy makers, service providers, practitioners and survivors from around the world and will showcase innovation to end sexual violence, intimate partner violence and child abuse, and strengthen responses to survivors in low- and middle-income countries. The SVRI Forum is a key platform for sharing research, innovation and networking.

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Job Opportunities

Health Systems Trust

- **Administrator**
Closing Date: 15 December 2014
Please view our website for more details
<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/administrator-1>
- **Fleet Administrator**
Closing Date: 15 December 2014
Please view our website for more details
<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/fleet-administrator>

Wellness Foundation: Executive Director

Closing Date: 5 January 2015
Please view our website for more details
<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/executive-director>

Philani Maternal, Child Health and Nutrition Project: Assistant Co-ordinator

Closing Date: 12 January 2015
Please view our website for more details
<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/assistant-co-ordinator>

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