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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### **Advancing the right to health through global organizations: The potential role of a framework Convention on Global Health**

*Eric A. Friedman, Lawrence O. Gostin, Kent Buse. Health and Human Rights Volume 15, no. 1. Published: June 2013.*

This article examines how major global health organizations, such as WHO, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, UNAIDS, and GAVI approach human rights concerns, including equality, accountability, and inclusive participation... [Read More »](#)

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### **RESYST Working Paper 2: Providing financial protection and funding health service benefits for the informal sector: evidence from sub-Saharan Africa**

*Chuma, J., Mulupi, S., and McIntyre, D. London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. Published: 2013.*

This paper aims to contribute towards debates on how best to promote financial protection and access to needed health care for those outside the formal employment sector (i.e. those who work in the informal sector, are unemployed or are not economically active) through prepayment funding, with a particular focus on the African context... [Read More »](#)

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### **The Framework Convention on Global Health: A tool for empowering the HIV/AIDS movements in Senegal and South Africa**

*Ella Scheepers. Health and Human Rights Volume 15, no. 1. Published: June 2013.*

This article aims to contribute to the existing knowledge around a Framework Convention on Global Health (FCGH) from the perspective that any international legal framework conceptualisation on the right to health must involve those whose health is at stake... [Read More »](#)

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### **Increasing girls' knowledge about human papillomavirus vaccination with a pre-test and a national leaflet: a quasi-experimental study**

*Robine Hofman, Puck AWH Schiffers, Jan Hendrik Richardus, Hein Raat, Inge MCM de Kok, Marjolein van Ballegooijen and Ida J Korfage. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:611. Published: 26 June 2013.*

This study assesses to what extent reading an official information leaflet about HPV contributes to girls' knowledge levels, and to what extent an increase in knowledge is boosted by a pre-test measurement... [Read More »](#)

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### **Social capital, health behaviours and health: a population-based associational study**

*Tarja Nieminen, Ritva Prättälä, Tuija Martelin, Tommi Härkänen, Markku T Hyypä, Erkki Alanen and Seppo Koskinen. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:613. Published: 27 June 2013.*

Social capital is associated with health behaviours and health. Our objective was to explore how different dimensions of social capital and health-related behaviours are associated, and whether health behaviours mediate this association between social capital and self-rated health and psychological well-being... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/13/613/abstract>  
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## Recent News

### **No drugs, but minister is hailed**

*Times Live. Published: 12 July 2013.*

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi has been elected chairman of Stop TB, an international organisation that has praised him for his role in fighting the epidemic...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.timeslive.co.za/thetimes/2013/07/12/no-drugs-but-minister-is-hailed>  
[Accessed: 12 July 2013]

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### **Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka from South Africa appointed as new UN Women Executive Director**

*UN Women. Published: 10 July 2013.*

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today announced the appointment of Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka from South Africa as the new Executive Director of UN Women, the organization leading UN's work on advancing gender equality and women's rights...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.unwomen.org/>  
[Accessed: 12 July 2013]

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### **Medical schemes 'getting to grips with drug budgets'**

*Business Day. Published: 10 July 2013.*

Medical schemes are managing their members' claims for medicines much more tightly to try and rein in costs, according to the latest Mediscor review...[Read More »](#)

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### **Clinics run out of life-saving ARV drugs**

*CityPress. Published: 7 July 2013*

Tens of thousands of HIV- positive South Africans are being forced to skip doses of their antiretrovirals (ARVs) as clinics – particularly in Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape – run out of the life-saving drugs...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.citypress.co.za/news/clinics-run-out-of-life-saving-arv-drugs/>[Accessed: 12 July 2013]

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### **South African couples living with HIV are missing out on safer conception advice**

*Aidsmap. Published: 11 July 2013.*

Clinicians and counsellors may understand the right of people living with HIV to have children, but that doesn't always mean they agree with their choices, according to new research that shows health workers may not be prepared to offer patients and couples living with HIV the best counselling on conception...[Read More »](#)

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### **UCT medical historian awarded global AIDS research grant**

*Biz Community. Published: 8 July 2013.*

Dr Rebecca Hodes was awarded the Collaborative Initiative for Paediatric HIV Education and Research (CIPHER) grant on 1 July 2013 at the 7th International AIDS Society Conference...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bizcommunity.com/Article/196/149/96217.html#topstory>[Accessed: 12 July 2013]

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### **South Africa's Atomo Diagnostics to introduce test device that improves HIV testing**

*Ventures. Published: 4 July 2013*

South Africa healthcare company, Atomo Diagnostics will introduce for use the world's first integrated Rapid blood test which reduces many of the infield errors common with current test kits...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.ventures-africa.com/>[Accessed: 12 July 2013]

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### **Village Clinic: TAC pressure sees minister step in**

*Health-e News. Published: 8 July 2013.*

Ongoing pressure and threatened litigation from the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) has led to the construction of a temporary clinic in Lusikisiki and confirmed plans to build a permanent state-of-the-art day hospital... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/07/08/village-clinic-tac-pressure/> [Accessed: 12 July 2013]

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### **Gauteng health dept fails to meet court ordered payment deadline**

*Mail&Guardian. Published: 27 June 2013.*

The Gauteng health department has until July 13 to pay an interim negligence claim to an amputee or the sheriff of the court will seize its assets... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2013-06-27-gauteng-health-dept-fails-to-meet-court-ordered-payment-deadline/> [Accessed: 12 July 2013]

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### **Profit vital to private hospitals**

*Mail&Guardian. Published: 5 July 2013.*

With reference to the recent article titled "Hospitals – they're making a killing", Mediclinic would like to address a few fundamental aspects of private healthcare costs... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2013-07-05-00-profit-vital-to-private-hospitals> [Accessed: 12 July 2013]

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### **Motsoaledi to reform private health care**

*Financial Mail. Published: 4 July 2013.*

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi has vowed to reform the private health care system to bring down costs. Andile Makholwa examines the challenges he is up against, as there's no agreement on what needs to change... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.fm.co.za/fm/CoverStory/2013/07/04/motsoaledi-to-reform-private-health-care> [Accessed: 12 July 2013]

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### **EVIPNet and the WHO launch the EVIPNet Virtual Health Library and the Intergovernmental Organizations' Health Systems Documents Portal**

*EVIPNet. Published: 4 July 2013.*

The EVIPNet event at the 66th WHA will launch the EVIPNet Virtual Health Library, to support country teams in evidence-informed health policy-making... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://global.evipnet.org/> [Accessed: 12 July 2013]

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### **Big boost for the snip**

*Health-e News. Published: 2 July 2013.*

The US government will give South Africa R100-million to expand its medical male circumcision programme, US Global AIDS Co-ordinator, Ambassador Eric Goosby announced... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/07/02/big-boost-for-the-snip/> [Accessed: 12 July 2013]

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### **Mpumalanga tackles circumcision**

*Health-e News. Published: 28 June 2013.*

The South African Nursing Council (SANC) has given the Mpumalanga Department of Health permission to allow professional nurses to perform Medical Male Circumcision under the supervision of a medical doctor... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/06/28/mpumalanga-tackles-circumision/> [Accessed: 12 July 2013]

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## **Training and Resources**

### **Global Research Nurses Website**

*Global Health Network*

Global Research Nurses is a free network for all nurses with an interest in research. The aim is to give support,

guidance, information and peer support needed to conduct your role and enhance your career as a nurse working in research. [Click Here>>](#)

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### **MANGO: Financial Sustainability Essentials - How to Build a Financing Strategy**

*Where: Pretoria, South Africa  
When: 29-30 July 2013*

This course is aimed at managers of small to medium-sized NGOs and those responsible for strategic financial management, including Board members. It is also suitable for international NGO programme managers who advise local partners on how to plan for financial sustainability. [Click Here>>](#)

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### **MANGO: Grant Management Essentials - How to Keep Your Donors Happy**

*Where: Pretoria, South Africa  
When: 31 July 2013 to 1 August 2013*

This two-day course will equip participants with the skills and confidence to manage multiple donor-funded projects. Participants will learn about key responsibilities of grant management, how to assess the terms and conditions in grant agreements and how to manage key relationships. [Click Here>>](#)

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## **Reports and Publications**

### **WHO report on the global tobacco epidemic 2013**

*World Health Organization. Published: 2013.*

The continued success in global tobacco control is detailed in this year's WHO Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic, 2013. The fourth in the series, this year's report presents the status of the MPOWER measures, with country-specific data updated and aggregated through 2012. [Click Here»](#)

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### **The Search for SA's fittest city**

*Discovery Health. Published: 2013.*

Dr René English, Director of the Health Systems Research Unit at HST, joined a panel of colleagues to determine who is South Africa's fittest city. Where did your city place? [Click Here»](#)

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### **Handbook on health inequality monitoring: with a special focus on low- and middle-income countries**

*World Health Organization. Published: 2013.*

The World Health Organization developed the Handbook on health inequality monitoring: with a special focus on low- and middle-income countries to provide an overview for health inequality monitoring within low- and middle-income countries. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Consolidated guidelines on the use of antiretroviral drugs for treating and preventing HIV infection**

*World Health Organization. Published: 2013.*

These consolidated guidelines provide guidance on the diagnosis of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, the care of people living with HIV and the use of antiretroviral (ARV) drugs for treating and preventing HIV infection. [Click Here»](#)

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## **Conferences**

### **Health Informatics South Africa Conference (HISA) 2013**

*When: 3-5 July 2013  
Venue: Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth  
URL: <http://hisa.nmmu.ac.za>*

A South African Health Informatics Association (SAHIA) event hosted by the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU). The theme of this year's conference is 'Empowering patients and healthcare professionals with information and technologies'.

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### **UCT Rehabilitation Conference 2013**

*When: 2 - 4 September 2013*

Where: Cape Town  
URL: <http://rehabconf2013.uct.ac.za/>

The Department of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Cape Town is pleased to announce its first Rehabilitation Research Conference.

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### **Medical Humanities Conference**

**Medical Humanities Research Group at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WiSER)**

When: 2 - 4 September 2013

Venue: University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

URL: <http://wiserweb.wits.ac.za/>

The Medical Humanities research group at WiSER invites abstracts of up to 500 words for papers that speak to our broad, inclusive theme of 'Body Knowledge'. We welcome submissions from scholars and practitioners in a wide variety of disciplines, including the arts, literature, film, sociology, anthropology, history, medicine, philosophy, ethics, and psychology. In addition to panel sessions, we are planning a public event which will draw in a wider Johannesburg audience, as well as an art exhibition and film screening.

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### **Joint PHASA and AFPHA Conference 2013**

**Public Health Association of South Africa and the African Federation of Public Health Associations.**

When: 24 -27 September 2013

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa

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

The 2013 joint PHASA/AFPFA conference will have as its focus, a scientific debate and discussion on strategies and action needed to move beyond the MDGs and on the public health legacy that we should leave, or want to, leave behind for the future generation.

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### **7th SAHARA Conference 2013**

When: 7-10 October 2013

Venue: Dakar, Senegal

URL: <http://sahara.org.za/conferences/2013>

The Social Aspects of HIV and AIDS Research Alliance (SAHARA is an alliance of partners established to conduct, support and use social sciences research to prevent the further spread of HIV and mitigate the impact of its devastation in sub-Saharan Africa. The SAHARA 7 conference theme is "Translating evidence into action: Engaging with communities, policies, human rights, gender, service delivery".

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### **5th Annual Conference of the South African Statistical Association**

When: 4-8 November 2013

Venue: Limpopo University, Polokwane, South Africa

URL: <http://www.ul.ac.za/conf/sasa2013>

The South African Statistical Association (SASA), in partnership with the School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences at the University of Limpopo - Turfloop Campus, is calling for papers for the 5th Annual Conference of the South African Statistical Association (SASA2013 Conference).

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### **ICASA Conference 2013**

When: 7-11 December 2013

Venue: CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.icasa2013southafrica.org/>

The ICASA conference remains one of the most important events in the calendar of the year, contributing towards overcoming the HIV and TB epidemics that grip our region. Official 17th ICASA Conference 2013.

## **Job Opportunities**

### **Senior Lecturer and Lecturer**

Health Systems and Services Research  
Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences of Stellenbosch University  
Closing Date: 21 July 2013

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### **Associate / Branch Manager**

Employer: Ibis Reproductive Health  
Closing Date: 31 July 2013

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**Fundraiser**

*Employer: Wits Health Consortium*

*Closing Date: 31 July 2013*

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**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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