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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Strengthening health systems through networks: the need for measurement and feedback

Cameron D Willis, Barbara L Riley, Allan Best and Pierre Ongolo-Zogo. Health Policy and Planning, Volume 27, Issue 4, P iv62-iv66.

In this model, understanding and strengthening the relationships between health system 'building blocks' is seen as critical for mitigating unintended effects such as negative behaviours and exclusion, identifying opportunities for synergy, and generating health policies that are 'system ready'...[Read More »](#)

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Evaluating health systems strengthening interventions in low-income and middle-income countries: are we asking the right questions?

Taghreed Adam, Justine Hsu, Don de Savigny, John N Lavis, John-Arne Rottingen and Sara Bennett. Health Policy and Planning, Volume 27, Issue 4, p.iv9-iv19.

The objectives of this paper are to assess recent evaluations of HS strengthening interventions to examine the extent to which they ask a broader set of questions, and provide an appropriately comprehensive assessment of the effects of these interventions across the health system...[Read More »](#)

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Introducing a national health insurance system in South Africa: A general practitioner's bottom-up approach to costing

Shabir Moosa, John M Luiz, Teresa Carmichael. S Afr Med J 2012;102(10):794-797. Published: October 2012.

This study explores how private general practitioners (GPs) may choose to embrace these service delivery concepts and deal with the cost implications to meet NHI requirements...[Read More »](#)

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Reasons why patients with primary health care problems access a secondary hospital emergency centre

Juanita Becker, Angela Dell, Louis Jenkins, Rauf Sayed. S Afr Med J 2012;102(10):800-801. Published: October 2012.

In order to improve service delivery, we aimed to determine the patient-specific reasons for accessing the hospital EC with PHC problems...[Read More »](#)

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Increases in pediatric antiretroviral treatment, South Africa 2005–2010

Sandeep D. Patel, Elysia Larson, Thobile Mbengashe, Heidi O'Bra, J. W. Brown, Thurma M. Golman, and Jeffrey D. Klausner. PLoS One. 2012; 7(9): e44914. Published: 13 September 2012.

We describe the increase in the treatment of South African pediatric HIV-infected patients assisted by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) from 2004 to 2010...[Read More »](#)

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Challenges with using estimates when calculating ART need among adults in South Africa

Annette A M Gerritsen, Janine S Mitchell, Suzanne M Johnson, Wim Delva. S Afr Med J 2012;102(10):798-799. Published: October 2012.

Antiretroviral therapy (ART) data from the Department of Health and Statistics South Africa (SSA) mid-year population estimates were used to approximate the ART need among adults. This paper provides a constructive contribution to the discussion about the use of model-derived estimates of ART need. ...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

UKZN launches research centre to tackle HIV and TB

University of KZN. Published: 10 October 2012.

The KwaZulu-Natal Research Institute for Tuberculosis and HIV (K-RITH)) officially opened its doors on 9 October...[Read More »](#)

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Revamped AIDS council makes its debut

PlusNews. Published: 9 October 2012.

After a troubled past, a revamped South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) was recently unveiled, coinciding with the announcement that the country has achieved universal access to HIV treatment..
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Motsoaledi endorses 'KwaZulu-Natal approach' to HIV fight

Business Day. Published: 5 October 2012.

The South African National AIDS Council (SANAC), which advises the government on the fight against HIV and tuberculosis (TB), is due to adopt KwaZulu-Natal's multisectoral approach that involves all stakeholders at community level...[Read More »](#)

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South Africa gets ready for HIV vaccine trial

Health-e News. Published: 1 October 2012.

A vaccine candidate which showed that it can protect against HIV infection by up to 31% when tested in Thailand three years ago will be further tested in South Africa as soon as next year...[Read More »](#)

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Drug firms get ready to bid for state's new AIDS tender

Business Day. Published: 12 October 2012.

The two-year tender potentially offers good news for businesses and patients, with new measures that give preference to local manufacturers and a commitment to providing patients with three-in-one pills that have until now been unavailable in the state sector...[Read More »](#)

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Better health for learners

BuaNews. Published: 11 October 2012..

President Jacob Zuma launched the Integrated School Health Programme (ISHP) in Tshwane, to ensure that learners have access to primary health care services...[Read More »](#)

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National Health Laboratory Service still struggling with tardy provincial payments

Business Day. Published: 10 October 2012.

The National Health Laboratory Service (NHLS) is still struggling with cash-flow problems due to tardy payments from provinces, despite intervention earlier this year by Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi... [Read More »](#)

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Gauteng head of health is leaving, after all

Health-e News. Published: 10 October 2012.

Dr Nomonde Xundu, the head of health in Gauteng, has now confirmed that she is leaving the distressed unit after serving only 11 months of her three-year contract... [Read More »](#)

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Council to get tough on medical schemes

Business Day . Published: 8 October 2012.

The Council for Medical Schemes and the Department of Health are planning new amendments to the Medical Schemes Act to beef up governance on medical scheme boards and stop unscrupulous trustees enriching themselves at members' expense...[Read More »](#)

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Public health call centre coming

The New Age. Published: 8 October 2012.

The Department of Health is in the process of setting up a national call centre for patients to lodge any complaints about the public health system...[Read More »](#)

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Motsoaledi shares his plans

Health-e News. Published: 8 October 2012.

Motsoaledi said he had two pre-conditions to NHI that he was not going to compromise on – Overhauling the quality of care in the public health system and reigning in and regulating the pricing of health care in the private sector...[Read More »](#)

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UCT professor receives international grant for TB research

BizNews. Published: 2 October 2012.

Professor Valerie Mizrahi, Director of the Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine at the University of Cape Town, has been named one of 13 leading basic science researchers in the world to receive a Senior International Research Scholar (SIRS) award from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI)...

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Training and Resources

Emerging Health Practitioner in Public Health Award

Health Systems Trust

Closing Date: 20 October 2012

Health Systems Trust is pleased to announce the introduction of an annual Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award in recognition of the best article submitted by a young and emerging public health professional for inclusion in the South African Health Review (SAHR). [Click Here>>](#)

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Health System Assessment Approach: A How-To Manual

Partners for Health Reformplus (PHRplus) and Health Systems 20/20 projects, with funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

The approach covers key health system functions and is organized around WHO's six health system building blocks. [Click Here>>](#)

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Call for Proposals: Evaluation – CIDA-Funded Capacity Building Technical Assistance Fund

CIDA

Closing Date: 19 October 2012

CIDA is calling for proposals for the evaluation of the CIDA-Funded Capacity Building Technical Assistance Fund (CBTAF). [Click Here>>](#)

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Call for Papers: Gender Questions

Unisa

Closing Date: 13 February 2013

Gender Questions is a newly launched interdisciplinary academic journal that will be published bi-annually by the University of South Africa (UNISA) Press. The journal will serve as a forum for scholarly research on all aspects of gender studies. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

Newsletter of the District Health System - October 2012

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2012.

In this issue of DHS News we summarise the key features of the Contraception and Fertility Policy, progress reports on the three streams of PHC re-engineering as well as progress in rolling out the three tier system for capturing ART data. [Click Here>](#)

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Standard Treatment Guidelines and Essential Medicines List for South Africa - 2012 Edition

Department of Health (South Africa) . Published: 2012.

This edition marks the culmination of an intense and thorough review process. The Standard Treatment Guidelines have been aligned with current developments in medicine and scientific advances. Clinical evidence

was used in the selection of medicines. [Click Here»](#)

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The MDG Gap Task Force Report 2012: The Global Partnership for Development: Making Rhetoric a Reality

United Nations . Published: 2012.

In its 2012 Report, the MDG Gap Task Force has had difficulty identifying areas of significant new progress towards delivering on commitments to the Global Partnership for Development, and for the first time there are signs of backsliding. [Click Here»](#)

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The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2012

United Nations . Published: 2012

The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2012 presents new estimates of undernourishment based on a revised and improved methodology. The new estimates show that progress in reducing hunger during the past 20 years has been better than previously believed. [Click Here»](#)

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Improving Maternal Mortality and Other Aspects of Women's Health

Center For Strategic and International Studies(CSIS) . Published: 2012

Over the past several decades, the world has witnessed some astonishing global health success stories—from the eradication of smallpox to the expanding control of other vaccine-preventable diseases to the widespread provision of effective treatment for HIV/AIDS to millions of people. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

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 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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SA HIV Clinicians Society Conference 2012

When: 25 - 28 November 2012

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

URL: <http://www.hst.org.za/events/sa-hiv-clinicians-society-conference-2012>

The Conference will focus on clinical content, setting it apart from other conferences held to date in South Africa. Doctors, nurses, and pharmacists are welcome to attend the presentations of a stellar group of senior faculty from the region and abroad delivering talks relevant to clinical care.

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SOMSA 2012 Congress

When: 4 - 7 December 2012

Venue: St George Hotel, Tshwane

URL: <http://www.midwivessociety.co.za/congress/congress.html>

The Society of Midwives of South Africa (SOMSA) invites you to attend the SOMSA 2012 Congress from 4 - 7 December 2012 in Tshwane, Guateng. The theme of this year's congress is "A new dawn in Midwifery: Seeking new approaches towards 2015 and beyond".

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Global Maternal Health Conference 2013

When: 15-17 January 2013

Venue: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

URL: <http://maternalhealthtaskforce.org/conference/conference-website>

GMHC2013 is a technical conference for scientists, researchers, and policy-makers to network, share knowledge, and build on progress toward eradicating preventable maternal mortality and morbidity by improving quality of care.

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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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Health Information System Technical Expert

Foundation for Professional Development

Closing date: 15 October 2012

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/health-information-system-technical-expert>

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Senior Vaccines Analyst

Clinton Health Access Initiative

Closing date: 17 November 2012

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<http://www.hst.org.za/content/senior-vaccines-analyst>

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