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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### **Africa's neglected area of human resources for health research - the way forward**

*C J Jsselmuiden, D L Marais, F Becerra-Posada, H Ghannem. SAMJ Vol 102, No 4 (2012). Published: 2012.*

Building the skills for doing, managing and delivering health research is essential for every country's development. Yet, human resources for health research (HRHR) are seldom considered in Africa and elsewhere. Africa's health research capacity has grown considerably, with potential to increase this growth. However, a systemic way of defining, co-ordinating and growing the HRHR needed to support health systems development is missing...[Read More »](#)

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### **Antiretroviral outcomes in South African prisoners: A retrospective cohort analysis**

*Natasha E. C. G. Davies and Alan S. Karstaedt. PLoS One. 2012; 7(3). Published: 21 March 2012.*

Little is known about antiretroviral therapy (ART) outcomes in prisoners in Africa. We conducted a retrospective review of outcomes of a large cohort of prisoners referred to a public sector, urban HIV clinic. The review included baseline characteristics, sequential CD4 cell counts and viral load results, complications and co-morbidities, mortality and loss to follow-up up to 96 weeks on ART...[Read More »](#)

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### **An investigation of factors associated with the health and well-being of HIV-infected or HIV-affected older people in rural South Africa**

*Makandwe Nyirenda, Somnath Chatterji, Jane Falkingham, Portia Mutevedzi, Victoria Hosegood, Maria Evandrou, Paul Kowal and Marie-Louise Newell. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:259. Published: 2 April 2012.*

The aim of this study was to examine correlates of health and well-being of HIV-infected older people relative to HIV-affected people in rural South Africa, defined as participants with an HIV-infected or death of an adult child due to HIV-related cause...[Read More »](#)

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### **Systematic review of diarrhea duration and severity in children and adults in low- and middle-income countries**

*Laura M Lambert, Christa L Fischer-Walker and Robert E Black. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:276. Published: 6 April 2012.*

Diarrhea is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality globally; yet the overall burden of diarrhea in terms of duration and severity has not been quantified. As improvements in treatment lead to decreases in diarrhea mortality, it is important to understand the substantial impact of diarrhea morbidity on disability among children and adults worldwide...[Read More »](#)

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## **Translational science and evidence-based healthcare: A clarification and reconceptualization of how knowledge is generated and used in healthcare**

Alan Pearson, Zoe Jordan, and Zachary Munn. *Nursing Research and Practice Volume 2012 (2012)*. Published: March 2012.

The importance of basing health policy and health care practices on the best available international evidence ("evidence-based health care") and on translating knowledge or evidence into action ("translation science" or "translational research") is increasingly being emphasized across all health sectors in most countries. Evidence-based healthcare is a process that identifies policy or clinical questions and addresses these questions by generating knowledge and evidence to effectively and appropriately deliver healthcare in ways that are effective, feasible, and meaningful to specific populations, cultures, and settings...[Read More »](#)

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## **Recent News**

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### **NHI pilot project rolls out**

*The New Age*. Published: 2 April 2012.

The implementation of the National Health Insurance (NHI) pilot project in 10 districts across the country has got under way with no reported problems. This begins a long process for a new system intended to benefit thousands of patients with no access to proper healthcare...[Read More »](#)

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### **NHI seeks private health-care sector buy-in**

*Financial Mail*. Published: 12 April 2012.

Details of the National Health Insurance (NHI) pilot programme have been fleshed out, and health minister Aaron Motsoaledi is working to win the buy-in of patients as well as players in the private health-care sector...[Read More »](#)

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### **NSP 2012–2016**

*Health-e News*. Published: 12 April 2012.

Preventing new AIDS-related deaths and new HIV infections is at the heart of the new National Strategic Plan (NSP) on HIV/AIDS, TB and STIs, which came into effect at the beginning of April...[Read More »](#)

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### **Breastfeeding, not formula, for South Africa's HIV-positive mothers**

*IPS*. Published: 2 April 2012.

South Africa's nine provinces will begin phasing out provision of free formula to HIV-positive mothers and implement a new policy on breast-feeding from Sunday. But despite the clarity of the policy and its supporting data, vocal critics, including respected individuals from leading medical and academic institutions, have decried the choice...[Read More »](#)

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### **SA's mental health services inadequately resourced**

*Buanews*. Published: 12 April 2012.

Health Minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi has acknowledged that mental health services have and continue to be

inequitably distributed, fragmented and inadequately resourced and characterised by significant provincial variability in South Africa...[Read More »](#)

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### **SA hospital gets its first digital MRI scanner**

*The New Age. Published: 4 April 2012.*

Patients at the Little Company of Mary (LCM) Hospital can look forward to a much less traumatising experience during their next MRI scan. The new Ingenia 3.0 Tesla MRI system recently installed at the Pretoria-based hospital promises to make these scans a breeze for both doctors and patients...[Read More »](#)

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[Accessed: 12 April 2012]

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### **Gauteng aims big**

*Health-e News. Published: 5 April 2012.*

The Gauteng Health Department aims to test 3 million people for HIV and to put almost one million people onto treatment in the new financial year. As provinces seek to align themselves with the implementation of the new National Strategic Plan (NSP) for HIV and AIDS, TB and STIs which came into effect this week, the Gauteng Department of Health has announced that it will intensify efforts to test more people for HIV infection...[Read More »](#)

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### **Investing in national TB programmes has a real impact on burden of the disease**

*Aidsmap. Published: 5 April 2012.*

Investment in national tuberculosis (TB) programmes improves TB detection rates, a study published in a special supplement of the Journal of Infectious Diseases shows. Investigators found that each additional \$1 per capita increase in the funding of national TB programmes boosted TB detection rates in the following year by 2%...[Read More »](#)

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### **SA 'winning war' against HIV in babies**

*Times Live. Published: 2 April 2012.*

The rate of HIV infection in newborn babies has fallen by more than half in Gauteng, the provincial department of health said yesterday. "The Gauteng department of health has reduced the number of infection in babies by more than half, from 11.6% to 2.3% through implementation of health services for pregnant women," said spokesman Simon Zwane...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.timeslive.co.za/local/2012/04/02/sa-winning-war-against-hiv-in-babies> [Accessed: 12 April 2012]

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## **Training and Resources**

### **Course: Disability Rights**

*Centre for Human Rights*

*Course Dates: 7-11 May 2012.*

*Venue: Graduate Centre, University of Pretoria Main Campus*

The CHR is conducting a course on Disability Rights from 7-11 May 2012 in Pretoria. This course aims to achieve the following:

- Provide an overview and explore a critical understanding of international, regional and domestic law on disability rights relevant to Africa, and develop an understanding of the limits of the law;
- Promote awareness of disability as a human rights issue and as part of human diversity;

- Encourage critical responses to the existing law by developing alternative conceptions and theories, with reference to comparative legal norms and jurisprudence;
- Develop skills and competence to advocate for legal and policy change and improved implementation of disability rights; and
- Develop skills to undertake comparative research on disability rights in Africa.

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### **Call for Proposals: Evidence Synthesis Research Awards (ESRA)**

*ESRC-DFID Joint Scheme for Research on International Development.  
Deadline: 20 April 2012.*

ESRC and DFID are pleased to welcome applications to review and synthesise the research that has been funded under the ESRC-DFID Joint Scheme for Research on International Development (Poverty Alleviation) on the themes of social protection and food security. [Click here for more information»](#)

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### **Call for Proposals: Small-scale climate change project fund**

*The Environmental, Climate and Energy Department of the German Embassy.  
Deadline: 4 May 2012.*

The Environmental, Climate and Energy Department of the German Embassy Pretoria is pleased to announce a new, small-scale project fund aimed at combating climate change and its effects. It is available mainly to South African Organizations. Applicants may request financial support of up to 25,000 Euro.. [Click here for more information»](#)

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## **Reports and Publications**

### **How underfunding the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria impacts on the HIV Response**

*International HIV/AIDS Alliance. Published: 2012.*

This report draws on recently collected field data from numerous countries where the International HIV/AIDS Alliance operates to explain why the funding crisis requires urgent action on the part of Global Fund donors and all other stakeholders. [Click Here »](#)

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### **Use of antiretroviral drugs for treating pregnant women and preventing HIV infection in infants**

*World Health Organization. Published: 2012.*

Recent developments suggest that substantial clinical and programmatic advantages can come from adopting a single, universal regimen both to treat HIV-infected pregnant women and to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV.. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Research and development to meet health needs in developing countries: Strengthening global financing and coordination**

*World Health Organization. Published: 2012.*

The Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination (CEWG) has called for increased global commitment to funding and coordinating health research to meet the specific needs of developing countries. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Good health adds life to years: Global brief for World Health Day 2012**

*World Health Organization. Published: 2012.*

This global brief looks at existing health data and draws on some exciting new work to help us better understand the needs of older people and identify actions we can all take. [Click Here»](#)

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## **Tuberculosis research and development: 2011 Report on tuberculosis research funding trends, 2005-2010 (2nd Edition)**

*Treatment Action Group (TAG). Published: 2012.*

This is the 2nd Edition of the Treatment Action Group and Stop TB Partnership's 2011 report on funding trends for tuberculosis (TB) research and development (R&D) from the baseline year 2005 through 2010, the last year for which full data is available. [Click Here](#)

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## **Conferences**

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### **Forum 2012**

*When: 24-26 April 2012*

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

*URL: <http://www.forum2012.org/>*

Forum 2012 is the beginning of an exciting new series of the well-known and respected Global Forum for Health Research meetings. Under the theme of "Beyond Aid... Research and Innovation as key drivers for Health, Equity and Development", COHRED and the Global Forum for Health Research will focus on potentials, solutions, and developing capacities –specifically in low- and middle-income countries and emerging economies.

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### **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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### **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**

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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.

The following positions with AHP are currently available:

Please view the website for more details <http://www.ahp.org.za> or contact on 011 328 1300

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### **Knowledge Management / Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist**

*UN Women*

*Closing date: 15 April 2012*

UN Women seeks to appoint a Knowledge Management/Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, based in Sunninghill, Johannesburg.

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/knowledge-management-monitoring-and-evaluation-specialist>

### **Director of the Children's Institute (CI)**

*University of Cape Town*

*Closing date: 16 April 2012*

The University of Cape Town invites applications for the post of Director of the Children's Institute (CI) at the level of Associate Professor or Professor.

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/director-0>

### **Facilitator**

*OneVoice South Africa*

*Closing date: 16 April 2012*

OneVoice South Africa seeks to appoint a Facilitator, based at Ndwedwe schools in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal.

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/facilitator>

### **National Research and Evaluation Manager**

*New loveLife Trust*

*Closing date: 16 April 2012*

The New loveLife Trust seeks to appoint a National Research and Evaluation Manager, based in Johannesburg.

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/national-research-and-evaluation-manager>

### **Senior Planning Advisor**

*ActionAid International*

*Closing date: 18 April 2012*

ActionAid International seeks to appoint a Senior Planning Advisor, based preferably in Johannesburg.

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