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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

South African Health Review 2016

Padarath A, King J, Mackie E, Casciola J. Health Systems Trust. Published: 4 May 2016.

The content of the 19th edition of the South African Health Review (2016) is divided into four sections. The first of these is Leadership and Governance. Chapter 1 describes the current legislative and policy framework guiding healthcare delivery, and Chapter 2 analyses the challenges that underpin the relatively poor performance of our health system, despite the financial resources directed towards it. Chapters 3 and 4 focus on water and food respectively. The first highlights the need for improved water and health management with greater surveillance of water quality, and the second examines the impact of a diet of highly processed and animal-origin foods with added sugar, salt and fat on the rise of non-communicable diseases in South Africa. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hst.org.za/publications/south-african-health-review-2016> [Accessed: 13 May 2016]

Strengthening rural health placements for medical students: Lessons for South Africa from international experience

Jane Eithne Doherty, Ian Couper. South African Medical Journal. Published: 5 April 2016.

This article derives lessons from international experience of innovative rural health placements for medical students. It provides pointers for strengthening South African undergraduate rural health programmes in support of the government's rural health, primary healthcare and National Health Insurance strategies. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.samj.org.za/index.php/samj/article/view/10216> [Accessed: 13 May 2016]

The role of drug vendors in improving basic health-care services in Nigeria

Jenny Liu, Lisa M Prach, Emily Treleaven, Mara Hansen, Jennifer Anyanti, Temple Jagha, et al. Bulletin of the World Health Organization. Published: 3 February 2016.

Both specialized emergency care and basic health-care services depend on the presence of a well-staffed and well-trained, health-care workforce. Yet, despite the high burden of disease in sub-Saharan Africa, many countries have a shortage of health workers that is projected to persist well into the future.¹ New strategies for developing a robust health-care workforce are needed to help achieve universal health coverage and health equity. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/94/4/15-154666/en/> [Accessed: 13 May 2016]

How the MDGs gave up on measuring access to medicines.

Dzintars Gotham, Kristine H Onarheim, Melissa J Barber. The Lancet. Published: May 2016.

In March, 2016, the United Nations Statistics Commission agreed upon the metrics used to measure progress towards, or away from, the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/article/PIIS2214-109X%2816%2900066-8/fulltext> [Accessed: 13 May 2016]

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Recent News

Report: South African Health Review 2016

Health-e News. Published: 4 May 4 2016.

In a forward by authors, the review notes that its 20 chapters largely reflect current trends in the global health and development agenda, including focuses on universal healthcare as well as good governance. The 369-page report is divided into four themes, namely leadership and governance, human resources for health, service delivery and information. [Read More »](#)

Source: <https://www.health-e.org.za/2016/05/04/report-south-african-health-review-2016/> [Accessed: 13 May 2016]

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Many ills of the public health sector

Daily News/IOL. Published: 5 May 2016.

There is a human resource crisis in care that is driven partly by the government's tolerance of incompetent staff, according to the Health Systems Trust's SA Health Review 2016. You are least likely to see a dentist or a doctor in North West's public sector health facilities, which has the lowest rates of both in the country. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/dailynews/opinion/> [Accessed: 13 May 2016]

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HIV/AIDS schemes need more money, says study

BDlive. Published: 5 May 2016.

Increasing the HIV/AIDS budget in the current fiscal climate will be tough, but worth it in the long run, according to research published in the latest edition of the South African Health Review. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2016/05/05/> [Accessed: 13 May 2016]

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KZN Health's R452m sick leave bill

IOL. Published: 5 May 2016.

An alarming number of state health workers in KwaZulu-Natal are reporting in "too sick to work" - with absenteeism costing the province's Health Department R452 million in one year alone. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/news/south-africa/kwazulu-natal/kzn-healths-r452m-sick-leave-bill-2018009> [Accessed: 13 May 2016]

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Health-E News: SA's looming water crisis - the less we have, the dirtier it is

Daily Maverick. Published: 8 May 2016.

A swim in a lagoon on the KwaZulu-Natal south coast cost historian RW Johnson his leg in 2009. Flesh-eating bacteria entered a cut on his foot, causing necrotising fasciitis - a terrifying condition in which bacteria poison the connective fascia tissue at a rapid rate. The condition kills at least half of all those it infects. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2016-05-08-health-e-news-sas-looming-water> [Accessed: 13 May 2016]

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Sloppy work hinders our healing

TimesLive. Published: 9 May 2016.

Wits public health professor and former Gauteng MEC of health Laetitia Rispel has written about why South Africa's health system underperforms despite the country spending 8% of its gross domestic product on health. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.timeslive.co.za/thetimes/2016/05/09/>[Accessed: 13 May 2016]

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Sex work, migration and HIV: South Africa's health system can - and should - take a lead

Migration and Health Project. Published: 9 May 2016

Last week saw the launch of the South African Health Review (SAHR) 2016 edition at the Health Systems Trust Conference in Johannesburg. The conference convened around 300 healthcare workers, policy- and decision-makers, civil society groupings and academics in a bid to strengthen South Africa's efforts towards the global public health agenda. [Read More »](#)

Source: <https://mahpsa.org/2016/05/09/sex-work-migration>[Accessed: 13 May 2016]

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SA still has a way to go in healthcare legislation

Bizcommunity. Published: 9 May 2016.

Despite the considerable progress made to deliver quality healthcare to all South Africans, the country's medical policies and legislation are still being hamstrung by red tape. In the 19th edition of the South African Health Review (published by Health Systems Trust), Andy Gray and Professor Yousuf Vawda from the University of KwaZulu-Natal unpick what's really happening in terms of South Africa's healthcare laws. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bizcommunity.com/Article/196/330/144414.html>[Accessed: 13 May 2016]

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Minister of Health Budget Vote Speech

Department of Health. Published: 10 May 2016.

It is a great honour for me to present the 2016/17 budget of the National Department of Health for consideration and approval of this House. It is during moments like this that we need to remind each other that South Africa has a plan - a plan of where we should be by 2030 - hence Vision 2030 or the National Development Plan (NDP). [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/budget-vote-speech>[Accessed: 13 May 2016]

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One year into the Zika outbreak: How an obscure disease became a global health emergency

World Health Organization. Published: 5 May 2016.

In early February 2015, doctors in the impoverished north eastern part of Brazil noticed a surge in the number of people complaining about a mild illness, with and without fever, characterized by rash, fatigue, joint pains, and red eyes. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/emergencies/zika-virus/articles/one-year-outbreak/en/#> [Accessed: 13 May 2016]

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Training and Resources

Pharmaceutical Public Health Short Courses and Online Modules

University of the Western Cape, South Africa

URL: <https://www.uwc.ac.za/Faculties/CHS/soph/News/Pages/SOPH-issues-2016-Winter-School-Brochure.aspx>

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

Health Systems Trust Conference 2016: Oral and Poster Presentations

Health Systems Trust. Published: 12 May 2016.

The PDFs of the oral and poster presentations delivered by speakers at the HST Conference are available for viewing on the HST website. [Read More »](#)

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Global Report on Diabetes

World Health Organization. Published: 2016.

Diabetes is on the rise. No longer a disease of predominantly rich nations, the prevalence of diabetes is steadily increasing everywhere, most markedly in the world's middle-income countries. Unfortunately, in many settings the lack of effective policies to create supportive environments for healthy lifestyles and the lack of access to quality health care means that the prevention and treatment of diabetes, particularly for people of modest means, are not being pursued. [Read More »](#)

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Conferences and Events

International AIDS Conference

When: 18-22 July 2016

Venue: International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa

URL: <http://www.aids2016.org/>

The International AIDS Conference is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the pandemic. It is a chance to assess where we are, evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learnt, and collectively chart a course forward

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Public Health Association of South Africa 2016 Conference

When: 19 - 22 September 2016

Venue: East London Convention Centre

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South African Medical Association Conference

When: 21 - 23 October 2016

Venue: Sandton Convention Centre

url: www.samedical.org/events

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All Africa Congress on Pharmacology and Pharmacy

When: 5 - 8 October 2016

Venue: Misty Hills Hotel and Conference Centre, Muldersdrift, Gauteng, South Africa

email: www.allafrica2016.co.za/abstracts

Under the theme of 'Evidence in Action', the All Africa Congress of Pharmacology and Pharmacy will be held at Misty Hills Hotel and Conference Centre in Muldersdrift, Gauteng, South Africa, from 5-8 October 2016. The abstract template and example can be downloaded from the conference website. Congress general enquiries: carla@carlamani.co.za

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Fourth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

When: 14-18 November 2016

Venue: Vancouver, Canada

URL: <http://www.csih.org/en/events/fourth-global-symposium-on-health-systems-research/>

The Global Symposium on Health Systems Research is hosted every two years by HSG to bring together its members with the full range of players involved in health systems and policy research. There is currently no other international gathering that serves the needs of this community. Previous events have been held in Cape Town (2014), Beijing (2012) and Montreux (2010).

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Job Opportunities

HealthEnabled: PMTCT Helpdesk Coordinator

Closing date: 17 May 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/pmtct-helpdesk-coordinator>

South African Federation for Mental Health: Project Leader

Closing date: 20 May 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/project-leader>

Jembi Health Systems: Quality Assurance Technician

Closing date: 23 May 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/quality-assurance-technician>

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