



HEALTH SYSTEMS TRUST

BULLETIN

14 February 2014

[Tips on enlarging this display](#)

In this issue

- **Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles**
 - Speaking up for patient safety by hospital-based health care professionals: A literature review
 - Dosing errors of liquid AZT "exceedingly" common and related to poorer HIV health literacy
 - Higher pill burden is associated with poorer adherence to HIV therapy and reduced chances of achieving an undetectable viral load
 - Southern African Treatment Resistance Network (SATuRN) RegaDB HIV drug resistance and clinical management database: Supporting patient management, surveillance and research in southern Africa
 - Reflections on informed choice in resource-poor settings: The case of infant feeding counselling in PMTCT programmes in Tanzania
 - Trends in the types and quality of childhood immunisations research output from Africa 1970–2010: Mapping the evidence base
- **Recent News**
 - South Africa 'to grow science ties with Brics nations'
 - Measles deaths reach record lows with fragile gains toward global elimination
 - Limpopo medical students leave for Cuba
 - Government offers lifeline to embattled Durban hospital
 - Dr Harry Surtie Hospital: Double-edged sword of technology
 - High incidence of antiretroviral prescribing errors in Nigeria
 - US medical societies launch new hepatitis C treatment guidelines
- **Training and Resources**
 - Virtual Leadership Development Program for teams working in Social and Behavior Change Communication
- **Reports and Publications**
 - Research: The politics of transition and the economics of HIV
 - NSP Review: Engaging with South Africa's National Strategic Plan for HIV, STIs and TB
 - Trends in national and provincial health and HIV/ AIDS budgeting and spending in South Africa
- **Conferences**
 - 4th Ethics, Human Rights and Medical Law Conference
 - 4th SA TB Conference
 - 20th International AIDS Conference

- Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research
- **Job Opportunities**
 - Assistant Coordinator – Philani Child Health and Nutrition Project
 - Field and Outreach Worker – Women's Health CoOp
 - Clinical and Harm Reduction Specialist – TB/HIV Care Association
 - Technical Associate – FHI 360 South Africa
 - Senior Epidemiologist/ Researcher – Foundation for Professional Development
 - Health Systems Strengthening Consultants – BroadReach Healthcare

Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Speaking up for patient safety by hospital-based health care professionals: A literature review

Ayako Okuyama, Cordula Wagner and Bart Bijnen. *BMC Health Services Research* 2014. Published: 8 February 2014.

Speaking up is important for patient safety, but often, health care professionals hesitate to voice concerns. Understanding the influencing factors can help to improve speaking-up behaviour and team communication...

[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/14/61/abstract>[Accessed: 14 February 2014]

[back to top ↑](#)

Dosing errors of liquid AZT "exceedingly" common and related to poorer HIV health literacy

Howard LM et al. *AIDS*. Published: 12 February 2014.

Dosing errors are "exceedingly" common when adults are preparing paediatric doses of liquid antiretrovirals, results of research published in the online journal of AIDS show. The cross-sectional study involved 316 HIV-positive adult patients, all taking combination HIV therapy...

[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/Dosing-errors-of-liquid-AZT-exceedingly-common-and-related-to-poorer-HIV-health-literacy/page/2826428/>[Accessed: 14 February 2014]

[back to top ↑](#)

Higher pill burden is associated with poorer adherence to HIV therapy and reduced chances of achieving an undetectable viral load

Nachega JB et al. *Clin Infect Dis*. Published: 31 January 2014.

Lower pill burden is associated with higher rates of adherence to HIV treatment and better virological outcomes, according to the results of a meta-analysis published in the online edition of Clinical Infectious Diseases...

[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/Higher-pill-burden-is-associated-with-poorer-adherence-to-HIV-therapy-and-reduced-chances-of-achieving-an-undetectable-viral-load/page/2822659/>[Accessed: 14 February 2014]

[back to top ↑](#)

Southern African Treatment Resistance Network (SATuRN) RegaDB HIV drug resistance and clinical management database: Supporting patient management, surveillance and research in southern Africa

Justen Manasa, et al. *Journal of Biological Databases and Curation*. Published: 2014.

Substantial amounts of data have been generated from patient management and academic exercises designed to better understand the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) epidemic and design interventions to control it...

[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://database.oxfordjournals.org/content/2014/bat082.full>[Accessed: 14 February 2014]

[back to top ↑](#)

Reflections on informed choice in resource-poor settings: The case of infant feeding counselling in PMTCT programmes in Tanzania

Bodil Bø Våga, et al. *Social Science and Medicine*. Published: 18 January 2014.

A growing emphasis on patient involvement in health care has brought 'informed choice' to the core of the debate on provider-patient interaction in global health-care programmes...

[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0277953614000306>[Accessed: 14 February 2014]

[back to top ↑](#)

Trends in the types and quality of childhood immunisations research output from Africa 1970-2010: Mapping the evidence base

Shingai Machingaidze, Gregory D Hussey and Charles S Wiysonge. *BMC Health Services Research*. Published 4 February 2014.

Over the past four decades, extraordinary progress has been made in establishing and improving childhood immunization programmes around Africa... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/14/52/>[Accessed: 14 February 2014]

[back to top ↑](#)

Recent News

South Africa 'to grow science ties with Brics nations'

BDLive. Published 11 February 2014.

Science and Technology Minister Derek Hanekom on Monday pledged closer scientific co-operation between South Africa and its fellow Brics members (Brazil, Russia, India and China)... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/science/2014/02/11/south-africa-to-grow-science-ties-with-brics-nations>[Accessed: 14 February 2014]

[back to top ↑](#)

Measles deaths reach record lows with fragile gains toward global elimination

WHO. Published 6 February 2014.

New mortality estimates from WHO show that annual measles deaths have reached historic lows, dropping 78% from more than 562 000 in 2000 to 122 000 in 2012... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/notes/2014/measles-20140206/en/index.html>[Accessed: 14 February 2014]

[back to top ↑](#)

Limpopo medical students leave for Cuba

SABC. Published: Monday 10 February 2014.

At least 100 Limpopo students will on Monday leave for Cuba to study medicine. Premier Stanley Mathabatha has already bid farewell to the students... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/5652f88042e020cabf82ff56d5ffbd92/Limpopo-medical-students-leave-for-Cuba-20140210>[Accessed: 14 February 2014]

[back to top ↑](#)

Government offers lifeline to embattled Durban hospital

BDLive. Published 7 February 2014.

The KwaZulu-Natal health department is set to rescue embattled and cash-strapped St Mary's Hospital in Durban, which was set to close to avoid more debt... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2014/02/07/government-offers-lifeline-to-embattled-durban-hospital>[Accessed: 14 February 2014]

[back to top ↑](#)

Dr Harry Surtie Hospital: Double-edged sword of technology

Mail&Guardian. Published: 31 January 2014.

If the new Dr Harry Surtie Hospital has all the latest tech, why are patients complaining? [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2014-01-31-00-double-edged-sword-of-technology/>[Accessed: 14 February 2014]

[back to top ↑](#)

High incidence of antiretroviral prescribing errors in Nigeria

Aidsmap. Published: 7 February 2014.

Antiretroviral prescribing errors are common in Nigeria, according to results of a large prospective study published in PLOS ONE. Errors were detected in the prescriptions of almost all adult patients... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/High-incidence-of-antiretroviral-prescribing-errors-in->

[back to top ↑](#)

US medical societies launch new hepatitis C treatment guidelines

Aidsmap. Published: 30 January 2014.

The American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD), Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) and International Antiviral Society-USA (IAS-USA) yesterday announced the first new hepatitis C treatment guidelines... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/US-medical-societies-launch-new-hepatitis-C-treatment-guidelines/page/2822890/>[Accessed: 14 February 2014]

[back to top ↑](#)

Training and Resources

Virtual Leadership Development Program for teams working in Social and Behavior Change Communication

When: 7 April to 4 July 2014

Where: Internet based

USAID's Health Communication Capacity Collaborative (HC3) project is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the Virtual Leadership Development Program (VLDP) focused on strengthening the leadership and management skills of teams working in Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC). [Click Here>>](#)

[back to top ↑](#)

Reports and Publications

Research: The politics of transition and the economics of HIV

Health-e News. Published: 29 January 2014.

Published by Health GAP, this 39-page report alleges that tens of thousands of HIV patients supported by the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) may have been lost to follow up during the aid agency's shift towards more technical assistance in the country. [Click Here»](#)

[back to top ↑](#)

NSP Review: Engaging with South Africa's National Strategic Plan for HIV, STIs and TB

TAC. Published: 2013.

Published by the Treatment Action Campaign and Section27, the latest NSP Review looks at retention in care, health leadership and the role of citizen journalism in tracking progress against national targets. [Click Here»](#)

[back to top ↑](#)

Trends in national and provincial health and HIV/ AIDS budgeting and spending in South Africa

Centre for Economic Governance and AIDS in Africa (CEGAA). Published: 2013.

The endless fight against HIV and AIDS would not have been possible without financial investment and rigorous research in the HIV and AIDS field. The recent procurement and distribution of the triple combination therapy for AIDS in South Africa depicts the commitment by government to intensify the fight against the pandemic and to enhance good adherence among those taking AIDS treatment. [Click Here»](#)

[back to top ↑](#)

Conferences

4th Ethics, Human Rights and Medical Law Conference

When: 6-8 May 2014

Venue: Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

URL: <http://www.africahealthexhibition.com/en/Site-Root/Conference-Centre/Conferences2014/ETConference/>

The 4th Ethics, Human Rights and Medical Law Conference is a must attend event for healthcare professionals in South Africa and the surrounding region.

[back to top ↑](#)

4th SA TB Conference

When: 10-13 June 2014

Venue: ICC Durban

URL: <http://www.tbconference.co.za/index.html/>

With the rollout of new molecular diagnostics and new TB drugs, we now bear witness to the dawn of a new age in the fight against TB. Meaningful impact will only be achieved with integration of all our efforts. We call on everyone working in all spheres of TB-HIV drug discovery, clinical management, patient advocacy, government policy and the basic sciences to attend this meeting.

[back to top ↑](#)

20th International AIDS Conference

When: 20-25 July 2014

Venue: Melbourne, Australia

URL: <http://www.aids2014.org/>

The AIDS 2014 programme will present new scientific knowledge and offer many opportunities for structured dialogue on the major issues facing the global response to HIV. A variety of session types - from abstract-driven presentations to symposia, bridging and plenary sessions - will meet the needs of various participants.

[back to top ↑](#)

Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

When: 30 September to 3 October 2014

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://hsr2014.healthsystemsresearch.org/>

The theme of the symposium is the science and practice of people-centred health systems, chosen to enable participants to address current and critical concerns of relevance across countries in all parts of the world. Researchers, policy-makers, funders, implementers and other stakeholders, from all regions and all socio-economic levels, will work together on the challenge of how to make health systems more responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities.

[back to top ↑](#)

Job Opportunities

Assistant Coordinator

Employer: Philani Child Health and Nutrition Project

Closing Date: 28 February 2014

Please view our website for more details

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

Field and Outreach Worker

Employer: Women's Health CoOp

Closing Date: 28 February 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/field-and-outreach-worker>

Clinical and Harm Reduction Specialist

Employer: TB/HIV Care Association

Closing Date: 16 February 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/clinical-and-harm-reduction-specialist>

Technical Associate

Employer: FHI 360 South Africa

Closing Date: 17 February 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/technical-associate>

Senior Epidemiologist/ Researcher

Employer: Foundation for Professional Development

Closing Date: 21 February 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/senior-epidemiologist-researcher>

Health Systems Strengthening Consultants

Employer: BroadReach Healthcare

Closing Date: 26 February 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/health-systems-strengthening-consultants>

[back to top ↑](#)



Health Systems Trust on facebook. Keep up to date with our activities and the latest news, events and publications on public health in southern Africa. Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/HealthSystemsTrust>

[Forward this email](#) to a friend. Not interested anymore? [Unsubscribe](#).

Health Systems Trust
PO Box 808, Durban, 4000
Tel: 031 266 9090 Fax: 031 266 9199 Email: editor@hst.org.za

Copyright and Disclaimer

The copyright in the compilation of this bulletin, its name and logo is owned by the Health Systems Trust. You may not reproduce this bulletin, or its name or the Health Systems Trust's logo or its trademarks including those of any other third party that appears in this bulletin, in any form, or for commercial purposes or for purposes of advertising, publicity, promotion, or in any other manner implying their endorsement, sponsorship of, or affiliation with any product or service, without the Health Systems Trust's prior express written permission. All information in this bulletin is provided in good faith but is relied upon entirely at your own risk. By making use of this bulletin and its information you agree to indemnify the Health Systems Trust, its Board of Trustees, Employees and Service Providers from all liability arising from its use.