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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Maternal deaths due to HIV not declining despite PMTCT successes in South Africa

Aidsmap. Published: 6 March 2014.

Improvements in prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) in South Africa are not translating into a reduction in maternal deaths due to HIV infection, according to a 15-year review of a large district referral hospital in Johannesburg...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/Maternal-deaths-due-to-HIV-not-declining-despite-PMTCT-successes-in-South-Africa/page/2833384/>[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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Younger women not at higher risk of HIV from relationships with older men, South African study finds 'Sugar daddies' campaigns may be missing the mark

Aidsmap. Published: 7 March 2014.

Sex with older men is not placing women under 30 at higher risk of HIV infection in rural South Africa, and relationships with older men may even be protecting women over 30 from infection, according to results from a eight-year study presented...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/Younger-women-not-at-higher-risk-of-HIV-from-relationships-with-older-men-South-African-study-finds/page/2833922/>[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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The 'Boston patients' experience HIV rebound after stem cell transplants

Aidsmap. Published: 7 March 2014.

HIV has re-emerged in two Boston men who underwent experimental antiretroviral therapy interruption after receiving bone marrow stem cell transplants for cancer treatment, Timothy Henrich reported yesterday...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/The-Boston-patients-experience-HIV-rebound-after-stem-cell-transplants/page/2833963/>[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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Self-testing encourages very high uptake of HIV testing in Malawi study

Aidsmap. Published: 07 March 2014.

A community-based self-testing programme achieved 76% uptake of HIV testing in urban Malawi, with very high accuracy of test reading and linkage to care, researchers from Malawi, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine reported on Thursday...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/Self-testing-encourages-very-high-uptake-of-HIV-testing-in-Malawi-study/page/2833910/>[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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A practical and systematic approach to organisational capacity strengthening for research in the health sector in Africa

Imelda Bates, Alan Boyd, Helen Smith and Donald C Cole. Health Research Policy and Systems 2014. Published: 3 March 2014.

Despite increasing investment in health research capacity strengthening efforts in low and middle income countries, published evidence to guide the systematic design and monitoring of such interventions is very

limited... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content/12/1/11/abstract>[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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Placement, support, and retention of health professionals: National, cross-sectional findings from medical and dental community service officers in South Africa

Abigail M Hatcher, Michael Onah, Saul Kornik, Julia Peacocke, Stephen Reid. Human Resources for Health 2014. Published: 26 February 2014.

In South Africa, community service following medical training serves as a mechanism for equitable distribution of health professionals and their professional development...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.human-resources-health.com/content/12/1/14>[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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Recent News

Local scientists step close to developing vaccine against HIV

BDlive. Published: 4 March 2014.

South African scientists and their US collaborators have discovered how some potent new antibodies against HIV develop in a patient's body, taking researchers a step closer to devising a vaccine or treatment...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2014/03/04/local-scientists-step-close-to-developing-vaccine-against-hiv>[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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Fight against HIV epidemic bearing fruits

SABC. Published: 11 March 2014.

The study commends government interventions saying that early diagnosis of HIV and administration of anti-retroviral therapy are bearing fruit...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/ba629600433a24b284ec9c45a23ba143/Fight-against-HIV-epidemic-bearing-fruits--20140311>[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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No proof that HIV-infected baby was cured

Mail&Guardian. Published: 6 March 2014.

A nine-month-old baby who was born in California with HIV may possibly have been cured as a result of antiretroviral treatment that doctors began just four hours after her birth...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mq.co.za/article/2014-03-06-no-proof-that-hiv-infected-baby-was-cured/>[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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HPV campaign to focus on girls - for now

Health-e News. Published: 12 March 2014.

Today, the departments of health and basic education have launched a campaign to vaccinate girls nine years and older against cervical cancer but some wonder if the country is not missing the other 50 percent...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/03/12/hpv-campaign-focus-girls-now/>[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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Report fuels probe into medical schemes registrar

BDlive. Published: 5 March 2014.

Just days after the Council for Medical Schemes announced it had ordered a forensic investigation into its registrar, Monwabisi Gantsho, for allegedly soliciting a R3m kickback, an earlier report has come to light raising further questions about his conduct...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/business/healthcare/2014/03/05/report-fuels-probe-into-medical-schemes-registrar>[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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New health university to help address shortage of healthcare workers

BDlive. Published: 12 March 2014.

A new health and allied sciences university to be established this year will align itself with national priorities, including the pending implementation of the National Health Insurance Scheme... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2014/03/12/new-health-university-to-help-address-shortage-of-healthcare-workers>[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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Cape Town clinics duck nationwide health audit

City Press. Published: 9 March 2014.

Twenty clinics in Cape Town have snubbed the biggest audit so far conducted in South Africa's public healthcare sector...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.citypress.co.za/news/cape-town-clinics-duck-nationwide-health-audit/>[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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Private hospital market flat - research

City Press. Published: 10 March 2014.

New research on market concentration of private hospitals, medical schemes and administrators shows that contrary to concerns over growing concentration, the market for private hospitals has in fact remained flat since 2003...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/business/healthcare/2014/03/10/private-hospital-market-flat-research/>[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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WHO opens public consultation on draft sugars guideline

WHO. Published: 5 March 2014.

WHO is launching a public consultation on its draft guideline on sugars intake. When finalized, the guideline will provide countries with recommendations on limiting the consumption of sugars...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/notes/2014/consultation-sugar-guideline/en/>[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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Stock-outs, low awareness stymie immunisations

Health-e News. Published: 11 March 2014.

Stock-outs and a lack of trained health workers are just some of what stands between children and vaccines in Mpumalanga where mothers say they also want to know more about immunisation...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/03/11/stock-outs-low-awareness-stymie-immunisations-2/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=stock-outs-low-awareness-stymie-immunisations-2[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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MPs air their views on medical marijuana

City Press. Published: 13 March 2014.

There was mixed reaction in Parliament to a call for alternative cancer treatments, including medical marijuana, to be considered by government...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.citypress.co.za/politics/mps-air-views-medical-marijuana/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=mps-air-views-medical-marijuana[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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Patients before patents, demand health activists

Mail&Guardian. Published: 11 March 2014.

The intellectual property policy, which will allow access to cheaper drugs, has yet to be finalised while patients

are dying, say health activists...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2014-03-11-patients-before-patents-demand-health-activists>[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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Engaging with healthcare policy

The Lancet. Published: 26 February 2014.

All physicians, whether they like it or not, necessarily become engaged in formulating healthcare policy. This activity might be at a local level such as membership of a hospital Formulary Committee...[Read More »](#)

Source: [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(14\)60048-9/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(14)60048-9/fulltext)[Accessed: 14 March 2014]

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Training and Resources

Writing for Development Course

When: 26-30 May 2014

Where: Cape Town, South Africa

This course is for programme managers, field staff, monitoring and evaluation co-ordinators and communication officers who work within the social change and development sector. This course aims at building the skills and confidence of participants to write better proposals, reports and case studies.[Click Here>>](#)

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Policy Briefs, Reports and Publications

Transition to new HIV treatment regimens - procurement and supply chain management issues

WHO. Published: March 2014.

This policy brief provides advice on a phased approach to transitioning to new HIV treatment regimens, as recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO).[Click Here»](#)

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WHO issues new guidance on how to provide contraceptive information and service

WHO. Published: 6 March 2014.

WHO is launching new guidance to help countries ensure human rights are respected in providing more girls, women, and couples with the information and services they need to avoid unwanted pregnancies.[Click Here»](#)

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Unite with women - Unite against violence and HIV

UNAIDS. Published: 12 March 2014.

The AIDS response is producing exciting results and we can already foresee a time when the AIDS epidemic could end. Yet, the promises of science, politics and economic development will not be realised if we do not unite with women against violence as an integral part of the HIV response.[Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

Global Health & Innovation Conference 2014

When: 12-13 April 2014

Venue: Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA

URL: <http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference/>

The Global Health & Innovation Conference (#GHIC) is the world's leading and largest global health conference as well as the largest social entrepreneurship conference, with 2 200 professionals and students from all 50 states and more than 55 countries.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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10th Public Health Association of South Africa

When: 3-6 September 2014

Venue: Polokwane

URL: <http://www.phasa.org.za/10th-phaasa-conference-2014/>

The 10th anniversary of the Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) conference will be celebrated with the hosting of the conference in Polokwane (Limpopo) from 3 to 6 September 2014. The workshops will take place on the 3rd, the actual conference on the 4th and 5th, and the student symposium on the 6th of September.

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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.

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Job Opportunities

Grants Specialist

Employer: Health Systems Trust

Closing Date: 21 March 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/grants-specialist>

Executive Co-ordinator

Employer: ActionAid International

Closing Date: 22 March 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/executive-co-ordinator>

Monitoring and Evaluation Technical Advisor

Employer: Africare

Closing Date: 24 March 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/monitoring-and-evaluation-technical-advisor>

Country Director

Employer: NASTAD South Africa

Closing Date: 20 March 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/country-director>

HAST Counsellor Mentor

Employer: TB/HIV Care Association

Closing Date: 19 March 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/hast-counsellor-mentor>

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