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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Moving towards universal health coverage: health insurance reforms in nine developing countries in Africa and Asia

Gina Lagomarsino, Alice Garabrant, Atikah Adyas, Richard Muga, Nathaniel Otoo. The Lancet, Volume 380, Issue 9845, Pages 933 - 943. Published: 8 September 2012.

We analyse nine low-income and lower-middle-income countries in Africa and Asia that have implemented national health insurance reforms designed to move towards universal health coverage...[Read More »](#)

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Does progress towards universal health coverage improve population health?

Rodrigo Moreno-Serra, Peter C Smith. The Lancet, Volume 380, Issue 9845, Pages 917 - 923, Published: 8 September 2012.

In this report we review the most robust cross-country empirical evidence on the links between expansions in coverage and population health outcomes...[Read More »](#)

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Unmet need for induction of labor in Africa: secondary analysis from the 2004 - 2005 WHO Global Maternal and Perinatal Health Survey (A cross-sectional survey)

Bukola Fawole, Idi Nafiu, M'Mimunya Machoki, et al. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:722. Published: 31 August 2012.

Induction of labor is being increasingly used to prevent adverse outcomes in the mother and the newborn. This study assessed the prevalence of induction of labor and determinants of its use in Africa...[Read More »](#)

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Prevalence of and risk factors for resistance to second-line drugs in people with multidrug-resistant tuberculosis in eight countries: a prospective cohort study

Tracy Dalton, Peter Cegielski, Somsak Akksilp, et al. The Lancet. Published: 30 August 2012.

The prevalence of extensively drug-resistant (XDR) tuberculosis is increasing due to the expanded use of second-line drugs in people with multidrug-resistant (MDR) disease. We prospectively assessed resistance to second-line antituberculosis drugs in eight countries...[Read More »](#)

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Recall of lost-to-follow-up pre-antiretroviral therapy patients in the Eastern Cape: Effect of mentoring on patient care

Martin Jones, Maryna Stander, Marlene van Zyl, David Cameron. South African Medical Journal Vol 102, No 9 (2012). Published: September 2012.

In 2011 an experienced HIV nurse from the UK was deployed for 3 months to act as a mentor to nurses learning to initiate antiretroviral therapy (ART) in primary care clinics...[Read More »](#)

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Task shifting of antiretroviral treatment from doctors to primary-care nurses in South Africa (STRETCH): a pragmatic, parallel, cluster-randomised trial

Lara Fairall, Max O Bachmann, Carl Lombard, et al. *The Lancet*, Volume 380, Issue 9845, Pages 889 - 898. Published: 8 September 2012.

We aimed to assess the effects on mortality, viral suppression, and other health outcomes and quality indicators of the Streamlining Tasks and Roles to Expand Treatment and Care for HIV (STRETCH) programme, which provides educational outreach training of nurses to initiate and rescribe ART, and to decentralise care.

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Recent News

Mother to child HIV transmission at an all time low

The New Age. Published: 7 September 2012.

Mother to Child transmission of HIV Aids dropped to an all time low of 2.1% in 2011 in the province, which has the highest rate of HIV Aids in sub-saharan Africa...[Read More »](#)

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Light shines at the end of the HIV tunnel

Mail and Guardian. Published: 14 September 2012.

For the first time an Aids vaccine in our lifetime is possible, but scientists need money and support to make it work...[Read More »](#)

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Gauteng: Life is not a choice

Health-e News. Published: 7 September 2012.

A week has hardly gone by in the past year without a media report detailing a horror in a Gauteng hospital or clinic. In an attempt to understand why Gauteng, considered the economic hub of South Africa, is unable to offer its citizens effective and accessible health care, Health-e spoke to a number of health workers, activists and government officials...[Read More »](#)

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Outcry over hospital closure

Times Live. Published: 11 September 2012.

The GF Jooste Hospital, located between Manenberg and Gugulethu, serves about 1.6million people. The Western Cape health department plans to close it in December...[Read More »](#)

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We will stop operating, warn doctors

IOL. Published: 10 September 2012.

Doctors at one of KwaZulu-Natal's largest hospitals have warned that they may close some of the operating theatres because of a severe shortage of theatre linen...[Read More »](#)

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Health Minister slams 'tender care' system

Mail and Guardian. Published: 13 September 2012.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi has decried the replacement of the healthcare system in Gauteng, Limpopo and the Eastern Cape with "tender-care"...[Read More »](#)

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Motsoaledi welcomes inquiry into private healthcare

Business Day. Published: 7 September 2012.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi on Friday welcomed the proposed market inquiry into South Africa's private healthcare sector and the cost of healthcare in the country...[Read More »](#)

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Health risks facing urban population

Health-e News. Published: 5 September 2012.

A Medical Research Council (MRC) study warns that as more people move into the cities, their health challenges will become dire...[Read More »](#)

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Many too poor to access free health services

Health-e News. Published: 6 September 2012.

Many South Africans are too poor to access free healthcare provided by the state, mostly due to the cost of transport...[Read More »](#)

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Tuberculosis explosion in South Africa blamed on weak public health system

The Guardian. Published: 10 September 2012.

Weaknesses in South Africa's public health system have been cited as being among the reasons tuberculosis has increased four-fold in the past 15 years...[Read More »](#)

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TB fight goes digital

The New Age. Published: 7 September 2012.

The North West Health Department has applauded the technological breakthrough in the new TB testing machine the Gene Xpert as a major step in fighting the disease...[Read More »](#)

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Important change to TB guidelines

Health-e News. Published: 4 September 2012.

It has been 30 years since South Africa altered the Tuberculosis (TB) treatment guidelines, however the a recent change holds the promise of curing more drug resistant (DR) TB cases and a reduction in infections.
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Increased mortality in men unrelated to HIV

Health-e News. Published: 5 September 2012.

HIV positive men in South Africa are presenting much later for treatment than women and are much more likely to die than HIV-positive women who are receiving similar treatment...[Read More »](#)

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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>>](#)

Graduate Programme in Public Health 2013

*University of KwaZulu-Natal
Closing Date: 30 September 2012*

The University of KwaZulu-Natal's Discipline of Public Health is offering a Graduate Programme, aimed at producing health professionals who are change agents in the field of public health. The Programme consists of a

Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health and a Masters of Public Health. [Click Here>>](#)

STARS Impact Awards

The STARS Impact Awards support local organisations that already have excellent results in providing help to disadvantaged children. There are 16 Awards in total that will be split across two regions – Africa-Middle East and Asia-Pacific – and across the following categories: Health, Education, Protection, and our new category Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

A Brief Summary of the Strategic Plan for Maternal, Newborn, Child and Women's Health (MNCWH) and Nutrition in South Africa 2012 – 2016

Kwik Skwiz. Health Systems Trust. Published: 2012.

This document aims to summarise the National Strategic Plan for Maternal, Newborn, Child and Women's Health (MNCWH) in South Africa. [Click Here>>](#)

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Council for Medical Schemes Annual Report 2012

Council of Medical Schemes. Published: 2012.

Medical scheme members are getting older, sicker and staying in private hospitals for longer, according to the Council for Medical Schemes' annual report. [Click Here>>](#)

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E-health Strategy South Africa 2012–2016

National Department of Health. Published: 2012.

This eHealth Strategy for the public health sector in South Africa ushers in a new era of optimism about the capabilities of our health information systems... [Click Here>>](#)

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Committing to Child Survival: A Promise Renewed

UNICEF. Published: 2012.

The 2012 Progress Report on Committing to Child Survival: A Promise Renewed examines trends in child mortality estimates since 1990, and shows that major reductions have been made in under-five mortality rates in all regions and diverse countries. [Click Here>>](#)

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Improving data use in decision making: An intervention to strengthen health systems

UNAIDS. Published: 2012.

Health systems strengthening has become a top priority of many global and national health agendas as a way to improve health outcomes. [Click Here>>](#)

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Developing a Strategy for Female Condom Parallel Programming

Proceedings of an Expert Meeting. WITS University. Published: 2012.

The purpose of this meeting was to develop strategies, recommendations and guidelines for future female condom (FC) parallel programming. [Click Here>>](#)

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Conferences

HASA 2012 Annual Conference and Exhibition

When: 19-21 September

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre

URL: <http://findavenue.co.za/Hasa/>

The theme for the conference: "Policy. Practice. Progress" will encourage stakeholders in the public and private healthcare sectors to find common ground on the way forward and ensure that policy reforms, when implemented and practiced, do result in healthcare advancement and progress.

The 5th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights

When: 19-22 September 2012

Venue: Windhoek, Namibia.

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

The 5th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights will take stock of responses to sexual health and rights on the continent since ICPD, and interrogate the status of sexual health and rights, with particular focus on women, girls, adolescents and youth.

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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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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 theme of the conference is 'Striving for Clinical Excellence'. 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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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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Human Resources Manager

Health Systems Trust

Closing date: 16 September 2012

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Country Program Leader

PATH, South Africa

Closing date: 30 September 2012

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Sabbaticals for Practitioners in the Field of Health Policy and Systems Research & Analysis (HPSR&A)

Collaboration for Health Systems Analysis and Innovation (CHESA)

Closing date: 5 November 2012

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