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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### Assessing equity in the geographical distribution of community pharmacies in South Africa in preparation for a national health insurance scheme

*Kim Ward, David Sanders, Henry Leng and Allyson M Pollock. WHO Bulletin. Published: 9 May 2014.*

Inequities in health and health-care are well documented in South Africa. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/92/7/13-130005/en/>[Accessed: 15 August 2014]

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### Health systems research in the time of health system reform in India: A review

*Krishna D Rao, Radhika Arora and Abdul Ghaffar. Health Research Policy and Systems. Published: 9 August 2014.*

Research on health systems is an important contributor to improving health system performance. Importantly, research on program and policy implementation can also create a culture of public accountability... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content/12/1/37/abstract>[Accessed: 15 August 2014]

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### Assessing the ability of health information systems in hospitals to support evidence-informed decisions in Kenya

*Elesban Kihuba, David Gathara, Stephen Mwinga, Mercy Mulaku, Rose Kosgei, Wycliffe Mogo, Rachel Nyamai, Mike English. Global Health Action. Published: 31 July 2014.*

Hospital management information systems (HMIS) is a key component of national health information systems (HIS), and actions required of hospital management to support information generation in Kenya are articulated in specific policy documents... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.globalhealthaction.net/index.php/gha/article/view/24859>[Accessed: 15 August 2014]

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### Supporting middle-cadre health care workers in Malawi: Lessons learned during implementation of the PALM PLUS package

*Sumeet Sodhi, Hastings Banda, Damson Kathyola, Martias Joshua, Faye Richardson, Emmay Mah, Hayley MacGregor, Emmanuel Kanike, Sandy Thompson, Lara Fairall, Eric Bateman, Merrick Zwarenstein and Michael J Schull. BioMed Central. Published: 12 May 2014.*

The government of Malawi is committed to the broad rollout of antiretroviral treatment in Malawi in the public health sector; however one of the primary challenges has been the shortage of trained health care workers... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/14/S1/S8>[Accessed: 15 August 2014]

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### Pilot-testing service-based planning for health care in rural Zambia

*Fastone M Goma, Gail Tomblin Murphy, Miriam Libetwa, Adrian MacKenzie, Selestine H Nzala, Clara Mbwili-Muleya, Janet Rigby and Amy Gough. BioMed Central. Published: 12 May 2014.*

Human resources for health (HRH) planning in Zambia, as in other countries, is often done by comparing current HRH numbers with established posts, without considering whether population health needs are being met... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/14/S1/S7>[Accessed: 15 August 2014]

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### Health benefits, costs, and cost-effectiveness of earlier eligibility for adult antiretroviral therapy and expanded treatment coverage: A combined analysis of 12 mathematical models

*Jeffrey W Eaton, Nicolas A Menzies, John Stover, Valentina Cambiano, Leonid Chindelevitch, Anne Cori et al. The Lancet Global Health. Published: 10 December 2013.*

New WHO guidelines recommend initiation of antiretroviral therapy for HIV-positive adults with CD4 counts of 500 cells per  $\mu$ L or less, a higher threshold than was previously recommended... [Read More »](#)

Source: [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/article/PIIS2214-109X\(13\)70172-4/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/article/PIIS2214-109X(13)70172-4/abstract)[Accessed: 15 August 2014]

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### Outcomes of the Botswana national HIV/AIDS treatment programme from 2002 to 2010: A longitudinal analysis

*Dr Mansour Farahani, Anusha Vable, Refeletswe Lebelonyane et al. The Lancet Global Health. Published: January 2014.*

Short-term mortality rates among patients with HIV receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) in sub-Saharan Africa are higher than those recorded in high-income countries, but systematic long-term comparisons have not been

are higher than those reported in high-income countries, but systematic long-term comparisons have not been made because of the scarcity of available data... [Read More »](#)

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## Recent News

### Controversial policy to regulate doctors on hold

*Health-e News. Published: 31 July 2014.*

The Department of Health has decided to shelve plans to regulate where doctors could practice – at least temporarily...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/07/31/controversial-policy-regulate-doctors-hold/>[Accessed: 15 August 2014]

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### AIDS conference returns to Durban in 2016

*Health-e News. Published: 1 August 2014.*

The International AIDS Society announced in Melbourne last week that the biennial AIDS conference will return to Durban in 2016...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/08/01/aids-conference-returns-durban-2016/>[Accessed: 15 August 2014]

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### New breast-feeding policy for HIV moms pays off

*Mail&Guardian. Published: 7 August 2014.*

Exclusive breast-feeding, introduced in line with WHO guidelines, has proven safe for babies if the mother is on antiretroviral treatment...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2014-08-06-new-breast-feeding-policy-for-hiv-moms-pays-off/>[Accessed: 15 August 2014]

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### Study in South African township shows HIV-negative individuals often source of new TB cases in patients with HIV

*aidsmap. Published: 11 August 2014.*

HIV-negative individuals are an important source of new tuberculosis (TB) cases in HIV-positive patients, according to a study conducted in a South African township published in the online edition of the Journal of Infectious Diseases...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/page/2899356/>[Accessed: 15 August 2014]

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### Popular birth control injection linked to HIV

*Standard Digital News (Kenya). Published: 29 July 2014.*

The locally popular injectable birth control method, Depo Provera, has yet again been linked to higher HIV infections in women...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/health/article/2000129919/popular-birth-control-injection-linked-to-hiv>[Accessed: 15 August 2014]

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### Civil society groups threaten to sue Eastern Cape Department of Health

*Health-e News. Published: 8 August 2014.*

Activists from more than 30 civil society organisations have again threatened to take the Eastern Cape Department of Health to court over alleged failure to fix the provincial health services...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/08/08/civil-society-groups-threaten-sue-eastern-cape-dept-health/>[Accessed: 15 August 2014]

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### Clinics run out of drugs

*Times LIVE. Published: 13 August 2014.*

Private hospitals have over the past six months been hit by stockouts of anaesthetic drugs. But both Mediclinic and Netcare said the shortages have been "mostly resolved" and "most drugs" are available again...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.timeslive.co.za/thetimes/2014/08/13/clinics-run-out-of-drugs>[Accessed: 15 August 2014]

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### Long walk to healthcare

Ground Up. Published: 4 August 2014.

Langa residents are complaining about the distance they have to walk to Bonteheuwel to access basic health care...[Read More »](#)

Source: [http://groundup.org.za/article/long-walk-healthcare\\_2064](http://groundup.org.za/article/long-walk-healthcare_2064)[Accessed: 15 August 2014]

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### More must be done to cut unnecessary antibiotic prescriptions, say experts

The Guardian. Published: 5 August 2014.

Worst-performing GP surgeries hand out twice as many drugs for coughs and colds, finds Public Health England and UCL Press Association...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/aug/05/cut-unnecessary-antibiotic-prescriptions-health-experts>[Accessed: 15 August 2014]

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### Southern African states to collaborate on Ebola

BdLive. Published: 7 August 2014.

Health ministers in the Southern African Development Community (Sadc) have agreed to collaborate in the event of an outbreak of Ebola in the region...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2014/08/07/southern-african-states-to-collaborate-on-ebola>[Accessed: 15 August 2014]

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## Training and Resources

### Global Health e-Learning Centre: Gender and Health Systems Strengthening

Online course

The course will assist USAID field-based health officers, foreign service nationals, and U.S. government partners to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in health systems strengthening efforts.[Click Here>>](#)

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### British Chevening Scholarships for International Students

Opportunity closing date: 15 November 2014

Venue: UK

Chevening Scholarships are awarded to talented individuals with leadership potential. The scholarships offer financial support to study for a Master's degree at one of the UK's leading universities.[Click Here>>](#)

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### Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute: Research Methods Course in Sexual and Reproductive Health - HIV and Gender Based Violence

When: 17-28 November 2014

Venue: Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute, Johannesburg

The Research Methods Course in Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV and Gender-Based Violence will give you a unique opportunity to strengthen your research skills and your contribution to increased capacity for SRH and HIV research on the African continent.[Click Here>>](#)

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## Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

### State of the Nation: South Africa 1994-2014

HSRC Press. Published: July 2014.

A twenty-year review of freedom and democracy.[Click Here»](#)

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### International Drug Price Indicator Guide

MSH. Published: 2014.

The International Drug Price Indicator Guide contains a spectrum of prices from pharmaceutical suppliers, international development organizations, and government agencies...[Click Here»](#)

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### Manual for Conducting a Gender Analysis for Microbicide Introduction

FHI 360. Published: 2014.

Microbicides have been hailed as a much-needed female-initiated HIV prevention method...[Click Here»](#)

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## Conferences and Events

### **Anova Health Institute: 3rd Annual Health Systems Strengthening Symposium**

*When: 27-28 August 2014*

*Venue: Hyatt, Rosebank, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.anovahealth.co.za/calendar>*

Anova's third annual health systems strengthening symposium aims to expand knowledge and understanding on efficiency and cost-effectiveness in health systems strengthening.

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### **10th Public Health Association of South Africa**

*When: 3-6 September 2014*

*Venue: Protea Ranch Resort, Polokwane, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.phasaconference.org.za>*

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.

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### **18th Rural Health Conference**

*When: 21-24 September 2014*

*Venue: Ukwanda Rural Clinical School, Worcester, South Africa*

*URL: <http://rudasa.org.za>*

The 2014 conference will take place from 21-24 September in the Western Cape town of Worcester. The theme for this year's conference is: Building resilience in facing rural health realities.

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### **Southern African HIV Clinicians Society**

*When: 24-27 September 2014*

*Venue: Cape Town, South Africa*

*URL: <http://sahivsoc2014.co.za/>*

Clear your diaries for 24-27 September 2014, as we head for Cape Town again and a dizzying array of excellent speakers, skills building sessions, debates, challenging cases and research findings.

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### **Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research**

*When: 30 September to 3 October 2014*

*Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, 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.

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### **Hospital Association of South Africa 2014**

*When: 15-17 October 2014*

*Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.conferencehasa.co.za>*

The Hospital Association of South Africa (HASA) is a confederation of private hospitals and ambulatory clinics, operating on a non-profit basis, representing the collective interests of private hospitals in South Africa in respect of economic and social policy and other areas, as agreed to by its members.

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### **14th Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa Congress**

*When: 20-24 October 2014*

*Venue: Mwalimu Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania*

*URL: <http://www.ahila-tz.org/>*

AHILA was founded in 1984 with the aim of improving provision of up-to-date and relevant health information; encourage professional development of health librarians; promote information resource sharing in Africa and exchange of experiences as well as promoting the development and standardization and exchange of health databases in Africa.

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### **International Mesothelioma Interest Group Conference**

*When: 21-24 October 2014*

*Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa*

*URL: <http://imiq2014.org/>*

iMig cordially looks forward to welcoming you to Cape Town, South Africa from 21-24 October 2014 for the 12th International Mesothelioma Interest Group Conference - the world's premier medical congress on mesothelioma. Our theme is the ongoing quest for cure.

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### **Inaugural HIV Research for Prevention Conference (HIVR4P)**

When: 28-31 October 2014  
Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa  
URL: <http://hivr4p.org/>

HIV R4P is the world's first and only scientific meeting dedicated exclusively to biomedical HIV prevention research. Through both abstract and non-abstract driven sessions, the conference will support cross-fertilization between research on HIV vaccines, microbicides, PrEP, treatment as prevention and other biomedical prevention approaches, while also providing a venue to discuss the research findings, questions and priorities that are specific to advancing each modality.

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## Job Opportunities

### Health Systems Trust: Graphic Designer

Closing Date: 26 August 2014

**Please view our website for more details**

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/graphic-designer>

### Ndlovu Care Group

- **Audiologist/Speech Therapist**

Closing Date: 22 August 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/audiologistspeech-therapist>

- **Research and Clinical Physician**

Closing Date: 30 August 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/research-and-clinical-physician>

### Africa Health Placements: Human Capital Officer

Closing Date: 22 August 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/human-capital-officer>


### CHIVA South Africa: Clinical Mentoring Programme Managers

Closing Date: 31 August 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/clinical-mentoring-programme-managers>

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