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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Research to support universal coverage reforms in Africa: the SHIELD project

Di McIntyre and Anne Mills (editors). Volume 27 suppl. Published: 1 March 2012.

With the release of the 2010 World Health Report (World Health Organization 2010), universal coverage has been placed high on the global health policy agenda. We understand universal coverage to involve two key elements: first, ensuring financial protection for all from the costs of health care; and second, enabling access to needed health care for all citizens...[Read More »](#)

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Why Does Mental Health Not Get the Attention It Deserves? An Application of the Shiffman and Smith Framework

Mark Tomlinson, Crick Lund. PLoS Med 9(2): e1001178. Published: 28 February 2012.

Shiffman and Smith have developed a framework of analysis that attempts to understand why some global health initiatives are more successful in generating funding and political priority than others. The framework has been applied most prominently to maternal mortality and newborn survival...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1001178>[Accessed: 15 March 2012]

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Elimination of paediatric HIV in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa: Large-scale assessment of interventions for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission

Christiane Horwood, Kerry Vermaak, Lisa Butler, Lyn Haskins, Sifiso Phakathi & Nigel Rollins. Bulletin of the World Health Organization 2012;90:168-175. Published: 10 November 2011.

For the public health systems of countries with high prevalences of infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the identification of HIV-infected pregnant women and their treatment with antiretroviral drugs are among the greatest opportunities and challenges...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/90/3/11-092056/en/index.html> [Accessed: 15 March 2012]

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Supporting the massive scale-up of antiretroviral therapy: the evolution of PEPFAR-supported treatment facilities in South Africa, 2005-2009

Elysia Larson, Heidi O'Bra, J W Brown, Thobile Mbengashe and Jeffrey D Klausner. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:173. Published: 9 March 2012.

South Africa has an estimated 1.5 million persons in need of antiretroviral therapy (ART). In 2004, the South African government began collaborating with the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) to increase access to ART. We determined how PEPFAR treatment support changed from 2005-2009...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Transnet launches new health train

News 24. Published: 12 March 2012.

Transnet has launched its second health train, the Phelophepa II, costing R82m. The first Phelophepa train has served more than 6 million in rural communities over the past 18 years. The trains, crewed by medical specialists including a number of final year students, provide primary healthcare, dental, psychological and optical services....[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.fin24.com/Companies/Industrial/Transnet-launches-new-health-train-20120312>
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Eastern Cape: SOS for province's clinics

The New Age. Published: 8 March 2012.

Poor township residents who depend on government clinics for treatment could be left in the lurch soon. This was after the provincial government announced there was no budget to sustain these primary healthcare centres...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.thenewage.co.za/45577-1016-53-SOS_for_provinces_clinics
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New approaches could fight killer diseases

Health-e News. Published: 13 March 2012.

Newer and more effective drugs to be used in the treatment of HIV/AIDS. This came out of a gathering in Cape Town where delegates discussed how best to improve health care in Africa...[Read More »](#)

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Report confirms donor fatigue for AIDS

Health-e News. Published: 8 March 2012.

The third Global Health Watch report shows that health financing, including dwindling support for AIDS, is one of the challenges facing global health...[Read More »](#)

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SA firm cuts cost of making HIV drug

Business Day. Published: 15 March 2012.

South African drug development company iThemba Pharmaceuticals has devised a cheaper way to make the widely used AIDS drug tenofovir and had identified several promising treatments for tuberculosis (TB), Emory University's Prof Dennis Liotta said yesterday...[Read More »](#)

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Study deflates hopes for daily TB pill

Business Day. Published: 9 March 2012.

Hopes of preventing the spread of tuberculosis (TB) among mineworkers by giving everyone a daily pill have been dashed, after a South African study had found the strategy did not work. The preliminary results of the Thibela TB study — released at an international conference in Seattle yesterday — have puzzled researchers, who were expecting to see better containment of the disease if everyone in the community was treated, rather than just individuals at high risk...[Read More »](#)

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SA miners have worst TB epidemic in the world

Health-e News. Published: 7 March 2012.

Gold miners in Southern Africa are probably the group worst affected by tuberculosis (TB) in the world. This is according to Dr David Mametja of South Africa's National TB Programme...[Read More »](#)

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North West first province to cure XDR TB

Buanews. Published: 13 March 2012.

The North West province has become the first province in the country to cure a patient who was suffering from Extremely Drug Resistant (XDR) Tuberculosis (TB)...[Read More »](#)

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Newborns continue to die needlessly

Health-e News. Published: 8 March 2012..

Millions of newborns, children and mothers continue to die needlessly, especially in sub-Saharan Africa where rates of child mortality are the highest in the world...[Read More »](#)

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Draft regulations on baby formula, foods published

BuaNews. Published: 7 March 2012..

The Department of Health has released draft regulations relating to foodstuffs for infants and young children for public comment. The document - the Draft Regulations Relating to Foodstuffs for Infants and Young Children - has been published in the Government Gazette No. R 184...[Read More »](#)

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NHI: Quality non-negotiable

Health-e News. Published: 7 March 2012.

For National Health Insurance (NHI) to be successful the quality of public healthcare must improve "tremendously" and a stop must be put to the pricing of private health "which is running away with us", health minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi told the Healthcare in Africa meeting last night (Tuesday, 6 March)...[Read More »](#)

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Less talk and more implementing needed on NHI

Health-e News. Published: 7 March 2012.

South Africa is very good at debating everything and not implementing anything, Dr Olive Shisana, a key advisor on South Africa's National Health Insurance (NHI) system told an international meeting on Healthcare in Africa today...[Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Call for Applications: PEPFAR Fellowship Programme

President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

Deadline: 30 March 2012.

Are you a Master's level student or graduate seeking employment? The PEPFAR Fellowship Programme has a number of exciting vacancies in the healthcare sector. Salaried positions are available countrywide for candidates qualified with a Masters degree in various health-related disciplines. [Click here»](#)

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Call for Papers: Leaving the Camp - Gender Analysis Across Real and Perceived Divides Conference

The International Feminist Journal of Politics (IFJP)

Dealine: 30 March 2012.

IFJP is calling for papers for it's first annual Conference under theme: 'Leaving the Camp – Gender Analysis Across Real and Perceived Divides' to be held from 2-4 August 2012 at the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa. The aim of this conference is to serve as a forum for developing and discussing papers that IFJP hopes to publish. These can be on the conference theme or on other feminist IR-related questions. [Click here»](#)

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Reports and Publications

Criteria for the Selection of NHI Pilot Districts

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2012.

Implementation of the NHI will be over a period of 14 years, starting with pilots from April 2012 in 10 selected districts as the first step. The first phase, which occurs in the first five years of the rollout, involves policy and legislative reform, strengthening of the health system and improving the service delivery platform. [Click Here »](#)

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National Health Amendment Bill

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2012

The Bill seeks to: Amend the National Health Act, 2003, so as to provide for the establishment of the Office of Health Standards Compliance. [Click Here»](#)

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ANC Health Policy Document

frican National Congress (ANC). Published: 2012

This submission by the ANC NEC Subcommittee on Education and Health is designed to stimulate debates in the organisation on achievements made and challenges experienced by the ANC in implementing policies and programs in Basic Education, Higher Education & Training, Health and Science & Technology. [Click Here»](#)

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The dilemmas of co-payment and moral hazard in the context of an NHI

UCT Health Economics Unit. Published: 2012.

The use of 'co-payments' to deal with possible 'over-utilisation' of health care services is a key point of contention in policy debates related to South Africa's National Health Insurance proposals. [Click Here»](#)

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WHO policy on collaborative TB/HIV activities: Guidelines for national programmes and other stakeholders

World Health Organization. Published: 2012..

These policy guidelines on collaborative TB/HIV activities are a compilation of existing WHO recommendations on HIV-related TB. They follow the same framework as the 2004 interim policy document, structuring the activities under three distinct objectives. [Click Here»](#)

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Urgent Delivery Maternal Death: The Avoidable Crisis

Medicins Sans Frontieres. Published: 2012.

Every day, approximately 1000 women die in childbirth or from a pregnancy-related complication. Maternal death can occur at any time in pregnancy, but delivery is by far the most dangerous time for both the mother and the baby. [Click Here»](#)

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MHealth4CBS in South Africa: A Review of the Role of Mobile Phone Technology for Monitoring and Evaluation of Community Based Health Services

Medical Research Council. Published: 2012.

Against a background of growing access to, and increasing enthusiasm for the use of mobile phone technology in health services (mHealth) in low and middle income countries (LMICs), this report reviews the potential usefulness of mHealth for monitoring and evaluation...[Click Here »](#)

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The evolving threat of antimicrobial resistance - Options for action

World Health Organization. Published: 2012.

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is not a recent phenomenon, but it is a critical health issue today. Over several decades, to varying degrees, bacteria causing common infections have developed resistance to each new antibiotic, and AMR has evolved to become a worldwide health threat...[Click Here »](#)

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The future of healthcare in Africa

The Economist. Published: 2012.

To research this report, the Economist Intelligence Unit surveyed the literature and data available on Africa's current healthcare systems. We also conducted 34 in-depth interviews with leading experts in the different professional roles that make up the healthcare sector...[Click Here »](#)

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Conferences

Forum 2012

When: 24-26 April 2012

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.forum2012.org/>

Forum 2012 is the beginning of an exciting new series of the well-known and respected Global Forum for Health Research meetings. Under the theme of "Beyond Aid... Research and Innovation as key drivers for Health, Equity and Development", COHRED and the Global Forum for Health Research will focus on potentials, solutions, and developing capacities –specifically in low- and middle-income countries and emerging economies.

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3rd SA TB Conference

When: 12-15 June 2012

Venue: ICC, Durban, South Africa

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

The 3rd TB Conference will build on the momentum of the previous TB conferences and give communities an opportunity to assess progress towards reaching TB/HIV targets. Thus, giving meaning to the theme for the 2012 TB Conference: "Reaching the target".

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Third People's Health Assembly

When: 6-11 July 2012

Venue: University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.phmovement.org/en/pha3>

The People's Health Assembly (PHA), organised by the People's Health Movement (PHM), is a global event bringing together health activists from across the world to share experiences, analyse global health situation, develop civil society positions and to develop strategies which promote health for all.

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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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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.

The following positions with AHP are currently available:

Please view the website for more details <http://www.ahp.org.za> or contact on 011 328 1300

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Project Manager: District Health Barometer

Health Systems Trust

Closing date: 30 March 2012

Health Systems Trust wishes to appoint a full-time Project Manager to coordinate and manage the production and dissemination of the District Health Barometer.

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/project-manager-district-health-barometer>

Director of the Children's Institute (CI)

University of Cape Town

Closing date: 16 April 2012

The University of Cape Town invites applications for the post of Director of the Children's Institute (CI) at the level of Associate Professor or Professor.

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<http://www.hst.org.za/content/director-0>

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