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Achieving a "Grand Convergence" in global health: Modeling the technical inputs, costs, and impacts from 2016 to 2030
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Selena J. An, Asha S. George, Amnesty E. LeFevre, Rose Mpembeni, Idda Mosha, Diwakar Mohan, et al. BioMed Central. Published: 4 October 2015.

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Access to orphan drugs: A comprehensive review of legislations, regulations and policies in 35 countries
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Collaboration processes and perceived effectiveness of integrated care projects in primary care: A longitudinal mixed-methods study
Pim P. Valentijn, Dirk Ruwaard, Hubertus J M Vrijhoef, Antoinette de Bont, Rosa Y. Arends, Marc A. Bruijnzeels. BioMed Central. Published: 9 October 2015.

Collaborative partnerships are considered an essential strategy for integrating local disjointed health and social services. Currently, little evidence is available on how integrated care arrangements between professionals and organisations are achieved through the evolution of collaboration processes over time. Read More »

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Stigmatized attitude of healthcare providers: A barrier for delivering health services to HIV positive patients
Nooshin Zarei, Hassan Joulaei, Elahe Darabi, Mohammad Fararouei International Journal of Community Based Nursing and Midwifery. Published: October 2015.

Despite the success of developed countries in preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS, the disease is expanding in developing countries where an unfavorable attitude exists among people, health professionals and employees. This study aimed to assess the stigmatized attitude among health care providers toward people living with HIV (PLWHA). Read More »

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Recent News

Development goals: Utopian dream or plausible plan?
Health-e News. Published: 28 September 2015.

For the next 15 years, the newly adopted Sustainable Development Goals will guide what donors fund and what countries push - and the world may just take a page from Africa's playbook as it pursue universal health coverage. Read More »

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Beyond the health benefits, what does family planning have to do with the SDGs?
Knowledge for Health. Published: 28 September 2015.

The international community is abuzz with excitement about the new global development agenda, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Officially being launched this month, the aims laid out are more ambitious and all-encompassing than ever before. Read More »

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China to build 100 hospitals and clinics in Africa
Mail & Guardian. Published: 7 October 2015.

Chinese and African health ministers have adopted a declaration to increase access to facilities, medication, health workers and training in Africa. Read More »

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Sugar daddies: What's in it for teens?
The Mercury. Published: 9 October 2015.

Even where HIV knowledge is high, the benefits of relationships involving young women and 'sugar daddies' are seen by the women to outweigh the risks. So says a University of KwaZulu-Natal professor. Read More »

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Palliative care: For all ages and all diseases
WHO. Published: October 2015.

Twelve-year-old Godfrey was lonely, angry and depressed when he was admitted to hospital with heart failure and tuberculosis. Godfrey had been living with HIV since birth. His parents died long ago.Read More »

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South Africans urged to get eyes tested
SABC News. Published: 8 October 2015.

National Eye Care Awareness' Senior Optometrist Rudine Diedericks says eye tests are important in detection of diseases that could lead to blindness.Read More »

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Training and Resources

Global Standards for quality health care services for adolescents
WHO. Published: October 2015.

Global initiatives are urging countries to prioritize quality as a way of reinforcing human rights-based approaches to health. Yet evidence from both high- and low-income countries shows that services for adolescents are highly fragmented, poorly coordinated and uneven in quality.Click Here»

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MNCHN CD4 Guide - Communication Strategy Guide for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health
UNICEF. Published: 1 June 2015.

This Global Communication Strategy Development Guide for Maternal, Newborn, Child Health and Nutrition Programs Guide has been conceived as a step-by-step tool for MNCH program managers, program planners, and communication specialists to use when conceptualizing, writing, implementing and assessing their programs.Click Here»

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

South African Health Review 2015/16 – Call for chapters
Health Systems Trust

The South African Health Review (SAHR), published annually by Health Systems Trust (HST) for 18 years, is an accredited peer-reviewed journal that is widely respected as an authoritative source of research, analysis and reflection on health systems.Click Here»

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Report: Human rights and the HIV response in the eastern and southern Africa region
Health Economics and AIDS Research Division, University of KwaZulu-Natal. Published: 25 September 2015.

A rapid assessment of human rights violations in the context of HIV, in the Eastern and Southern Africa region, and a review of current approaches to protecting and promoting human rights for an effective HIV responseClick Here»

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Report: HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights: Visions, voices, and priorities of young people living with and most affected by HIV
Link Up. Published: September 2015.

As the global community defines a new post-2015 development agenda, including the voices and visions of young people must be a priority. In this report, young people from around the world living with and most affected by HIV champion their vision for realizing and claiming their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and setting their priorities for HIV and SRHR integration.Click Here»

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Stock Outs in South Africa - second Annual Report

Treatment Action Campaign. Published: June 2015.

One of the biggest frustrations faced by rural clinicians at the coalface of healthcare delivery in clinics and district hospitals is that short, yet devastating sentence: "Sorry, it's out of stock".Click Here»

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Conferences and Events

18th International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa
When: 29 November to 4 December 2015
Venue: Rainbow Towers Hotel & Conference Centre, Harare, Zimbabwe
URL: http://icasa2015zimbabwe.org/overview/icasa-2015-background/

As ICASA Zimbabwe coincides with the MDG target year, the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa is offering the strategic first forum for post-MGD to leaders, activists, scientists and community to take stock of the outcomes of the MDG high level meeting challenges and to pave the way for a new, innovative and efficient approach towards an Africa AIDS free generation.

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6th Child Health Priorities Conference: Walk the Talk
When: 3-5 December 2015
Venue: University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg Campus, South Africa
Contact: infochpc2015@gmail.com

The theme of the conference this year is "Walk the Talk" and the focus will be the recommendations that have arisen from the Ministerial Committees looking at Maternal, Newborn and Child Mortality.

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HST Conference 2016
When: 4-6 May 2016
Venue: Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng
URL: http://www.hstconference2016.org.za

Health Systems Trust (HST) is hosting a conference from 4-6 May 2016 at the Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng. Under the banner of *Strengthened health systems for sustainable development: sharing, supporting, synergising*, the event is designed to advance the global public health agenda in improving health outcomes.

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Job Opportunities

Health Systems Trust: Data Quality Monitor
Closing Date: 29 October 2015
Please view our website for more details
http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/data-quality-monitor

Positive Women's Network: Grants & Finance Manager
Closing Date: 30 October 2015
Please view our website for more details
http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/grants-finance-manager

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