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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Community influences on adolescents' use of home-brewed alcohol in rural South Africa

Hans E Onya, Abebe Tessera and Bronwyn Myers. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:642. Published: 11 August 2012.

Alcohol represents a major public health challenge in South Africa, however little is known about the correlates of alcohol use among rural adolescents. This article examines community influences on adolescents' use of home-brewed alcohol in a rural region of South Africa...[Read More »](#)

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Impact of community tracer teams on treatment outcomes among tuberculosis patients in South Africa

Liza E Bronner, Laura J Podewils, Annatjie Peters, Pushpakanthi Somnath, Lorna Nshuti, Martie Walt and Lerole David Mametja. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:621. Published: 7 August 2012.

Tuberculosis (TB) indicators in South Africa currently remain well below global targets. In 2008, the National Tuberculosis Program (NTP) implemented a community mobilization program in all nine provinces to trace TB patients that had missed a treatment or clinic visit. Implementation sites were selected by TB program managers and teams liaised with health facilities to identify patients for tracing activities. The objective of this analysis was to assess the impact of the TB Tracer Project on treatment outcomes among TB patients...[Read More »](#)

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Engagement of non-government organisations and community care workers in collaborative TB/HIV activities including prevention of mother to child transmission in South Africa: Opportunities and challenges

Jeannine Uwimana, Christina Zarowsky, Harry Hausler and Debra Jackson. BMC Health Services Research 2012. Published: 2 August 2012.

The implementation of collaborative TB/HIV activities requires interventions beyond facility fences in order to mitigate the impact of the dual epidemic on patients and communities at large. Engagement of Community Care Workers (CCWs) in delivery of integrated TB/HIV services is a potential avenue to enhance universal coverage and treatment outcomes and address human resource for health crisis in sub-Saharan Africa...[Read More »](#)

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Is there really a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow? Has the Occupational Specific Dispensation, as a mechanism to attract and retain health workers in South Africa, leveled the playing field?

Gavin L George and Bruce Rhodes BMC Public Health 2012, 12:613. Published: 6 August 2012.

South Africa is experiencing a critical shortage of human resources for health (HRH) at a time when the population and the burden of ill-health, primarily due to HIV, AIDS and TB, are on the increase. This shortage is particularly severe within the nursing profession which has witnessed significant emigration due to poor domestic working conditions and remuneration...[Read More »](#)

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Technologies for global health

Peter Howitt, Ara Darzi, Guang-Zhong Yang, Hutan Ashrafian, Rifat Atun, James Barlow et al. The Lancet, Volume 380, Issue 9840, Pages 507 - 535. Published: 4 August 2012

Availability of health technology is inversely related to health need. Although health-care systems in high-income countries make extensive use of technology, people in the world's poorest countries often lack the most fundamental drugs and devices. A concerted global effort to encourage the development and use of health technologies that can benefit the poorest people in the world is needed...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Gauteng Premier seeks hospital review

IOL. Published: 15 August 2012.

Gauteng premier Nomvula Mokonyane on Wednesday called for a review of the funding of provincial hospitals and the filling of their critical vacancies...[Read More »](#)

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Doctors up in arms over council's tariff guidelines

Business Day. Published: 14 August 2012.

Private sector doctors and dentists have criticised tariff guidelines published by the Health Professions Council of SA last week as unscientific and out of kilter with the reality of running a healthcare business...[Read More »](#)

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Health Board withdraws controversial tariff guidelines

Business Day. Published: 15 August 2012.

In a politically damaging about-turn, the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) has bowed to pressure from doctors and dentists and withdrawn its controversial tariff guidelines...[Read More »](#)

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Clinton, Motsoaledi sign deal on US exit from funding for AIDS fight

Business Day. Published: 8 August 2012.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi on Wednesday signed an agreement detailing how South Africa will take over HIV/AIDS programmes that have until now been funded by the US...[Read More »](#)

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Nurses as effective as doctors in treating HIV patients

Health-e News. Published: 15 August 2012.

SA government policy gets support from researchers at UCT and University of East Anglia, who identify nurses as preferred health providers for ART programmes...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20033716>
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Clash over HIV drug's 'success'

Mail and Guardian. Published: 17 August 2012.

Truvada, manufactured by the American company Gilead Sciences, is licensed as an antiretroviral treatment for HIV-infected individuals in 93 countries, including South Africa. It is used in combination with other ARVs to suppress the replication of the virus...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mq.co.za/article/2012-08-17-00-clash-over-hiv-drugs-success>
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Price for rapid TB test slashed

Health-e News. Published: 8 August 2012.

The price of a rapid diagnostic test, which slashes the time to reach a diagnosis for the most common drug-resistant strain of tuberculosis, has almost been halved – including in South Africa...[Read More »](#)

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Health Bill gets the nod from MPs

IOL. Published: 14 August 2012.

The National Assembly on Tuesday approved the National Health Amendment Bill. Introducing debate on the measure, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said the deteriorating quality of health care in public hospitals had been a thorn in the country's flesh for quite some time...[Read More »](#)

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Private docs called on to work at state clinics

IOL. Published: 16 August 2012.

The SA Medical Association (Sama) has welcomed a call by Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi for private doctors to work at state clinics, but warned that such service would not come cheap. [Read More »](#)

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NHI could take 15 to 25 years

News 24. Published: 15 August 2012.

Successfully implementing a National Health Insurance (NHI) scheme could take up to 25 years, the National Planning Commission said on Wednesday. Building an NHI system is among the objectives contained in the revised National Development Plan (NDP), handed to President Jacob Zuma in the National Assembly. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/NHI-could-take-15-to-25-years-20120815> [Accessed: 17 August 2012]

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Gauteng Health MEC praises his staff

Business Day. Published: 14 August 2012.

Newly appointed Gauteng health MEC Hope Papo said yesterday the health department was full of "talented professionals". This was to be expected from a new political head, who will be seeking to boost staff morale after the Gauteng health department came under the spotlight for bad service and maladministration. [Read More »](#)

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BATSA fails in its legal challenge to tobacco law

National Council Against Smoking. Published: 7 August 2012.

Constitutional Court upholds constitutionality of the law banning tobacco advertising British American Tobacco South Africa's (BATSA) plans to recruit new generations of teenage smokers, through multimillion rand advertising campaigns, were dealt a deadly blow by the Constitutional Court. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/batsa-fails-its-legal-challenge-tobacco-law> [Accessed: 17 August 2012]

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Western Cape Health Department pilots patient complaint line

Health-e News. Published: 6 August 2012.

Certain patients living the Western Cape and making use of public health services will be able to lodge their complaints via a system which enables patients to call, text or e-mail a complaint with a same-day response. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20033704> [Accessed: 17 August 2012]

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Training and Resources

Africa Health Leadership Management Network (AHLMN) Survey

Deadline: 17 August 2012.

The aim of the Africa Health Leadership Management Network (AHLMN) is to equip professionals with leadership, management, and governance skills, and the knowledge and competencies that are pertinent to health systems strengthening in Africa. In the coming month, AHLMN would like to invite you to an online seminar focused on advancing leadership and governance to strengthen health systems. The seminar will take place on LeaderNet (<http://leadernet.msh.org/>), an online eLearning platform that participants can use to exchange information and ideas, share materials and have lively virtual discussions with other leaders from all over the world.

Please click on the link below and take a moment to fill out the survey to get your thoughts on which leadership and governance areas in HSS would be most beneficial to help us design the seminar to suit you best. It should only take about five minutes to complete. Please respond by Friday, August 17th. It will let us set up the seminar by the week of September 24th, 2012. This will be an asynchronous seminar, so you can join it whenever or wherever you prefer within that week.

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Call for Proposal: Postdoctoral Research Fellowships - Health Policy and Systems Research

Collaboration for Health Systems Analysis and Innovation (CHESA). School of Public Health and Family Medicine, University of Cape Town (UCT) & School of Public Health, University of Western Cape (UWC)

CHESAI is a four year collaborative endeavour between the University of Cape Town and the University of Western Cape, Schools of Public Health, funded by the Canadian International Development Research Centre. Over the life of CHESAI a total of four Postdoctoral Fellowships are available in the area of Health Policy and Systems Research for the Collaboration for Health Systems Analysis and Innovation (CHESAI) research project, over the period 2012-2016. This call is for two such Fellowships to commence January 2013.

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Reports and Publications

Impact of the global economic crisis on women, girls and gender equality

UNAIDS. Published: 2012.

This paper outlines the impacts of the global economic crisis on women, girls and gender equality in order to advocate for sustained investment in this area. To capture the full impact of the crisis on women and girls, the paper provides a summary of evidence from high-, middle- and low income countries...[Click Here»](#)

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Born too soon: the global action report on preterm birth

UNAIDS. Published: 2012.

Born too soon: the global action report on preterm birth provides the first-ever national, regional and global estimates of preterm birth. The report shows the extent to which preterm birth is on the rise in most countries, and is now the second leading cause of death globally for children under five, after pneumonia...[Click Here»](#)

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Dementia: a public health priority

World Health Organization. Published: 2012.

The report "Dementia: a public health priority" has been jointly developed by WHO and Alzheimer's Disease International. The purpose of this report is to raise awareness of dementia as a public health priority, to articulate a public health approach and to advocate for action at international and national levels. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

Joint PHASA and RuDASA Conference

When: 5 - 7 September

Venue: President Hotel, Bloemfontein, Free State, South Africa

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

For the first time in history, the Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) and the Rural Doctors Association of South Africa (RuDASA) will have a joint conference with the theme: "Bridging the health divide: from Policy to Practice". The theme is inspired by the following: persistent inequalities in all dimensions of health, resource availability and in health care between urban and rural areas, the rich and the poor; gaps between policy intentions and community experiences; and the divide between our progressive laws and policies on the one hand, and implementation and practice on the other hand.

HASA 2012 Annual Conference and Exhibition

When: 19-21 September

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre

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

This year's conference will be running over the course of three days, 19 – 21 September, and will once again be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre. 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. This is particularly relevant at this current juncture in the South African healthcare policy reform discourse.

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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RMCH Facilitators

Closing date: 24 August 2012

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/rmch-facilitators-health-systems-strengthening-unit>

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Senior Program Manager

ICAP-Lesotho program

Closing date: 20 August 2012

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