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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Filling the gap: A learning network for health and human rights in the Western Cape, South Africa

Leslie London, Nicolé Fick, Khai Hoan Tram, Maria Stuttaford. Health and Human Rights Issue 14.1. To be published: June 2012.

We draw on the experience of a Learning Network for Health and Human Rights (LN) involving collaboration between academic institutions and civil society organizations in the Western Cape, South Africa, aimed at identifying and disseminating best practice related to the right to health...[Read More »](#)

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The development of health literacy in patients with a long-term health condition: the health literacy pathway model

Michelle Edwards, Fiona Wood, Myfanwy Davies and Adrian Edwards. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:130. Published: 14 February 2012.

Inadequate health literacy has been associated with poor management of long-term health conditions and has been identified as a key social determinant of health outcomes. However, little is understood about how health literacy might develop over time or the processes by which people may become more health literate. Our objectives were to describe how patients with a long-term condition practice health literacy in the management of their health and communication with health professionals, how they become more health literate over time and their experience of using health services...[Read More »](#)

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Gendered perceptions of sexual behaviour in rural South Africa

C. Ndinda, U. O. Uzodike, C. Chimbwete, and M. T. M. Mgeyane. Int J Family Med. 2011; 2011: 973706. Published: 3 July 2011.

This paper discusses sexual behaviour findings collected through eleven homogenous focus group discussions conducted among women and men in a predominantly Zulu population in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. The objective of this paper is to shed light on sexual behaviour in a rural community...[Read More »](#)

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Engaging men in prevention and care for HIV/AIDS in Africa

Edward J. Mills, Chris Beyrer, Josephine Birungi, Mark R. Dybu. PLoS Med 9(2): e1001167. Published: 7 February 2012.

One of the largest challenges for ART provision has been targeting populations most affected by HIV/AIDS and most vulnerable to the effects of the disease. In Africa, the focus of the epidemic has historically been on women and children. Women are considered to be particularly vulnerable to HIV infection in this setting because of biological factors, their reduced sexual autonomy, and men's sexual power and privilege over them. This understanding has led HIV/AIDS public health prevention and treatment campaigns to focus on women and children in this setting...[Read More »](#)

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Quality control and performance of HIV rapid tests in a microbicide clinical trial in rural KwaZulu-Natal

Nina von Knorring, Mitzy Gafos, Motsei Ramokonupi, Ute Jentsch, and the MDP Team. PLoS One. 2012; 7(1):

e30728. Published: 30 January 2012.

Quality control (QC) and evaluation of HIV rapid test procedures are an important aspect of HIV prevention trials. We describe QC and performance of two rapid tests, Determine™ and Uni-Gold™ used in a microbicide clinical trial in rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa...[Read More »](#)

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Global malaria mortality between 1980 and 2010: a systematic analysis

Christopher JL Murray, Lisa C Rosenfeld, Stephen S Lim, Kathryn G Andrews, Kyle J Foreman, Diana Haring, Nancy Fullman, Mohsen Naghavi, Rafael Lozano, Alan D Lopez. *The Lancet*, Volume 379, Issue 9814, Pages 413 - 431, Published: 4 February 2012

During the past decade, renewed global and national efforts to combat malaria have led to ambitious goals. We aimed to provide an accurate assessment of the levels and time trends in malaria mortality to aid assessment of progress towards these goals and the focusing of future efforts...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

HST launch of the SAHR 2011 and DHB 2010/11

Health Systems Trust. Published: 17 February 2012.

Health Systems Trust (HST) is set to release two of its major publications in the next week. The South African Health Review (SAHR) and the District Health Barometer (DHB) are highly renowned annual publications of Health Systems Trust...[Read More »](#)

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Health standards compliance 'vital to NHI plan'

Business Day. Published: 16 February 2012.

The proposed independent office of health standards compliance was a vital step for the introduction of a National Health Insurance (NHI) scheme, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi told Parliament yesterday. The minister again repeated that the poor conditions in the public health sector had to improve drastically if an NHI was to be successfully implemented, and said the office of compliance was intended to ensure that this happened...[Read More »](#)

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Green Paper needs open discussion

Leadership. Published: 13 February 2012.

The South African Department of Health has clearly made significant gains in certain areas of the health system. However, analysis presents a picture of an underperforming system in almost every area. South Africa spends as much, and in some cases more, on health care than its peer countries...[Read More »](#)

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Pensioners set to benefit from NHI

Business Live. Published: 9 February 2012

The introduction of the National Health Insurance (NHI) initiative has been examined as to the impact it will have on those who do not have any medical cover, yet one of the overlooked areas is the fact that it will also help to

alleviate a major cost burden for those in retirement...[Read More »](#)

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Proper use of clinics 'can ease burden on hospitals'

Business Day. Published: 13 February 2012

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi has vowed to tackle the negative perceptions over standards and quality of primary healthcare facilities, saying greater utilisation of clinics, alongside a campaign against diseases caused by poor lifestyles, could reduce pressure on overburdened hospitals...[Read More »](#)

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Medical costs 'criminal'

Times Live. Published: 12 February 2012.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi yesterday predicted the death of private medical schemes in the next decade owing to soaring costs for treatment...[Read More »](#)

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'Tax breaks for medical professionals needed'

Business Live. Published: 8 February 2012

SA reportedly has only 27,000 doctors for a population of 48 million due to the fact that many medical professionals prefer to work overseas...[Read More »](#)

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Malaria experts to meet in Durban

IOL. Published: 6 February 2012

The Durban International Convention Centre has clinched another global medical conference – this time the city will play host to malaria experts from around the world...[Read More »](#)

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HIV rate way down thanks to condoms

Times Live. Published: 14 February 2012

The rate at which South Africans contracted HIV fell by 30% between 2000 and 2008, mostly due to increased condom use, according to a new study published in the Royal Society journal *Interface* last month...[Read More »](#)

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AIDS-drug plant to 'help cut trade deficit'

Business Day. Published: 13 February 2012

The government's planned joint venture with Swiss pharmaceutical manufacturer Lonza to produce the active ingredient in antiretroviral drugs would narrow SA's growing trade deficit in the pharmaceutical sector, the government said last week...[Read More »](#)

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Half of HIV infected South Africans are child-bearing women

Times Live. Published: 10 February 2012

Half of the 5.58 million people living with HIV in South Africa are women of child-bearing age, the SA Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR) said on Friday...[Read More »](#)

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Global Fund crisis: SA projects face closure

Health-e News. Published: 9 February 2012

South African recipients of money from the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) have pleaded with the health minister to intervene as they continue to wait for overdue funds...[Read More »](#)

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'Alarm' at SA pupils' lack of HIV/Aids knowledge

Mail & Guardian. Published: 9 February 2012

Two thirds of grade 6 pupils in South Africa did not have the minimum knowledge about HIV/ Aids needed to protect their health, recently published research has found...[Read More »](#)

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MDR-TB trials could make a tangible difference for children

Health-e News. Published: 9 February 2012

A team from Stellenbosch University's Desmond Tutu TB Centre will be monitoring 200 children at the Brooklyn Chest Hospital in Cape Town over the next five years in a potentially groundbreaking trial...[Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

"HIV Innovations for Improved Patient Outcomes for Priority Populations" program in South Africa

USAIDS.

Closing Date: 15 March 2012.

USAID South Africa is inviting applications from eligible organizations outlining the program concepts for implementing "HIV Innovations for Improved Patient Outcomes for Priority Populations" Program in South Africa. Through this program, USAID aims to support South African organizations that identify and institutionalize better practices in HIV and AIDS care and treatment for priority and at-risk populations in accordance with South African government (SAG) priorities and policies.[Click here»](#).

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Facebook page Health Economics Unit, South Africa

Health Economics Unit.

The HEU facebook page is for professionals in health economics and health systems interested in interacting about key African health care challenges, research findings, media articles, course opportunities and much more. It will benefit health economists, health system experts, policy-makers, students and broader networks. You can follow us at: <http://www.facebook.com/uct.heu>.

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Reports and Publications

Global Health Watch 3: An Alternative to the World Health Report

Peoples Health Movement. Published: 2011

The Global Health Watch (GHW) is a broad collaboration of public health experts, non-governmental organisations, civil society activists, community groups, health workers and academics. Annually, GHW publishes an Alternative to the World Health Report. This is the 3 Edition.

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User fee removal in the health sector in low-income countries: lessons from recent national initiatives

Sponsored by Unicef. Published: 2011

This supplement focuses on the challenges related to the design and implementation of user fee removal policies in low-income countries.

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"Mercy": A Short film on PMTCT care in rural South Africa

UNICEF. Published: 2012.

"Mercy" is a short film created by Unicef and MAC Aids Fund that overviews the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV services in rural South Africa.

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Conferences

Future eHealth Leaders Summit

When: 21 - 25 February 2012

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

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

Future eHealth Leaders provides you with a unique learning experience outside your familiar setting. It promotes collaboration between diverse countries and regions, mainly in Sub-Saharan Africa and Europe. This provides participants with rich opportunities and inspiration by linking with experienced colleagues who work in vastly different contexts and circumstances.

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Healthcare in Africa

When: 6-7 March 2012

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://cemea.economistconferences.com/event/healthcare-africa>

Healthcare in Africa will bring together influential healthcare stakeholders from government, providers, suppliers and patient groups to confront and explore key issues around healthcare systems in Africa. You'll be able to participate in interactive brainstorming sessions, hear cutting-edge case studies, and hear from a range of inspiring speakers.

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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

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Third People's Health Assembly

When: 6-11 July 2012 [Forward this email](#) to a friend. Not interested anymore? [Unsubscribe](#).
Venue: University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa
URL: <http://www.phmovement.org/2012/07/06/> Fax: 031 266 9199 Email: editor@hst.org.za

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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HIV Prevention Training and Development Officer

Futures Group and Engender Health
Closing date: 10 February 2012

SHIP and EngenderHealth seek to appoint HIV Prevention Training and Development Officer, based in Gauteng.

Please view our website for more details
<http://www.hst.org.za/content/hiv-prevention-training-and-development-officer>

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Managing Director

OneVoice
Closing date: 6 March 2012

OneVoice South Africa (OVSA) is a vibrant and unique non-governmental organisation, which uses innovative and creative ways of actively involving young people in HIV and TB prevention. OVSA seeks to appoint a Managing Director, based in Durban.

Please view our website for more details
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