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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Approaches to TB/HIV Integration

International HIV/AIDS Alliance. Published: 2011.

This paper explains the close linkages between TB and HIV, and why there is an urgent need to put into place rigorous measures to integrate TB and HIV responses globally. It outlines what approaches would enable successful TB/HIV integration, and argues that despite a number of programmatic, infrastructural and human resource challenges, with commitment from all stakeholders, successful integration is possible and will facilitate the achievement of the health Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).....[Read More »](#)

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Tuberculosis control has failed in South Africa: time to reappraise strategy

Wood,R.; Lawn,S.D.; Johnstone-Robertson,S.; Bekker,L.G. South African Medical Journal. Published: February 2011.

This article looks at the reasons for the failure of South Africa's current tuberculosis (TB) control programme by looking at the major drivers of the TB epidemic. The authors also identify new control strategies that they argue must be accompanied by novel TB control targets...[Read More »](#)

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Reusable design: A proposed approach to Public Health Informatics system design

Blaine Reeder, Rebecca A Hills, George Demiris, Debra Revere, and Jamie Pina. BMC Public Health. 2011; 11: 116. Published: 18 February 2011.

Since it was first defined in 1995, Public Health Informatics (PHI) has become a recognized discipline, with a

research agenda, defined domain-specific competencies and a specialized corpus of technical knowledge. Information systems form a cornerstone of PHI research and implementation, representing significant progress for the nascent field. However, PHI does not advocate or incorporate standard, domain-appropriate design methods for implementing public health information systems. Reusable design is generalized design advice that can be reused in a range of similar contexts. We propose that PHI create and reuse information design knowledge by taking a systems approach that incorporates design methods from the disciplines of Human-Computer Interaction, Interaction Design and other related disciplines....[Read More »](#)

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End of life care in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review of the qualitative literature

Marjolein Gysels, Christopher Pell, Lianne Straus and Robert Pool. BMC Palliative Care 2011, 10:6. Published: 9 March 2011.

End of life (EoL) care in sub-Saharan Africa still lacks the sound evidence-base needed for the development of effective, appropriate service provision. It is essential to make evidence from all types of research available alongside clinical and health service data, to ensure that EoL care is ethical and culturally appropriate. This article aims to synthesize qualitative research on EoL care in sub-Saharan Africa to inform policy, practice and further research. It seeks to identify areas of existing research; describe findings specifically relevant to the African context; and, identify areas lacking evidence....[Read More »](#)

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Policy Brief: The Role of Programme Management in ART Scale Up - Exploring implementation differences in three South African provinces

Schneider, S; Coetzee, D; van Rensburg, D; Gilson, L. Consortium for Research on Equitable Health Systems.

South Africa's antiretroviral programme is governed by defined national plans, establishing treatment targets and providing funding through ring-fenced conditional grants. Despite the presence of ring-fenced funding and specific national policy, one of the striking features of ART scale up in South Africa has been the level of provincial variation in outcomes. This brief focuses on the role of provincial programme implementation, as a set of political and managerial choices further influencing programme scale up....[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Zuma commits to tackle alcohol and drug abuse

Dipuo Sedibe. Health-e News. Published: 16 March 2011.

Alcohol and drug abuse as well as drug trafficking will receive renewed and more energetic attention from government, President Jacob Zuma announced this week. Speaking at the 2nd Biennial Summit on Substance Abuse in Durban, Zuma said the message from the Summit should be zero tolerance to drug abuse, trafficking and alcohol abuse. Zuma said over the past decade there has been a rapid increase in the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs by citizens of all ages, men and women, boys and girls....[Read More »](#)

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UNAIDS/UNDP/WHO concerned over sustainability and scale up of HIV treatment

UNAIDS. Published: 15 March 2011.

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Health Organization (WHO) are deeply concerned about the long-term sustainability of access to affordable HIV treatment. In a new policy brief launched today, UNAIDS, UNDP and WHO urge countries, where appropriate, to use the intellectual property and trade flexibilities set out in the World Trade Organization Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), and the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS agreement and public health, in order to reduce the price of HIV medicines and expand access to people most in need.... [Read More »](#)

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Aids tests come to South Africa's schools

Charlotte Plantive. Mail&Guardian. Published: 16 March 2011.

A tiny prick made a drop of blood on Nkosi Minenhle's finger, as the 15-year-old underwent an HIV test in a mobile clinic set up on her high school grounds. A few minutes later a single black bar appeared on the test kit: She was not infected. "I feel happy, I am able to tell my mum," she said, with a small, nervous smile. "And I know how to behave to remain negative." The test was conducted by Mpilonhle, a charity that has since 2007 brought teachers, social workers and nurses to schools in Mtubatuba....[Read More »](#)

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Global Fund gets tough on corruption

Anso Thom. Health-e News. Published: 16 March 2011.

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria has announced that former President of Botswana Festus Mogae and former American Health and Human Services Secretary Michael O. Leavitt will lead an independent and thorough review of the fund's financial safeguards. "The appointment of this panel is part of the Global Fund commitment to ensuring our financial controls are the most robust possible, and that donor investments go directly to fighting AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis," said Michel Kazatchkine, Executive Director of the Global Fund. ...[Read More »](#)

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ARV roll-out slows mortality rate - ASSA

Peter Doyle and Rob Dorrington. Published: 11 March 2011.

New model estimates AIDS deaths have declined from 257,000 in 2005 to 194,000 in 2010. Expansion of ARV programme in SA slows AIDS mortality rate While no material changes have occurred in the estimated prevalence of HIV infections in South Africa compared to the previous Actuarial Society of South Africa AIDS and Demographic model, the new model released this week shows that the rapid expansion of South Africa's antiretroviral programme appears to have slowed down the AIDS mortality rate in recent years.....[Read More »](#)

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SafeCare Initiative to tackle PHC settings

Anso Thom. Health-e News. Published: 10 March 2011.

Driven by the US-based Joint Commission International (JCI), the Dutch-based PharmAccess Foundation and the locally based Council for Health Service Accreditation of Southern Africa (COHSASA), the SafeCare Initiative has already been tested in Tanzania and will be rolled out to several African countries. SafeCare's mission is to become the leading body for the promotion and implementation of safe healthcare in resource restricted settings by developing realistic standards for healthcare facilities.....[Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Supporting community based responses to AIDS, TB and malaria: a guidance tool for including Community Systems Strengthening in Global Fund proposals

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (2010)

This tool seeks to increase understanding about the benefits Community Systems Strengthening (CSS) can bring at the national, district and local levels, and to support advocacy and technical support efforts around CSS. It provides practical guidance on developing CSS activities for Global Fund proposals, advocating for the inclusion of CSS in national and regional proposals, as well as suggesting ways to more effectively implementing CSS activities if the proposal is approved.

For more information: <http://www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/?doc=57641> [N.B. Approx. 590Kb]

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HIV and Me: A Woman's Guide to Living With HIV

The Body

This easy-to-read guide from TheBody.com provides the basics of living with HIV for women. Clinics and HIV organizations can order free booklets: http://img.thebody.com/thebody/booklet_order.pdf.

To access online: <http://www.thebody.com/content/art47439.html>

To download PDF (20Mb):http://img.thebody.com/hivandme/Womens_Booklet_FINAL.pdf.

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Health Management Programme Scholarships

Foundation for Professional Development

The FPD, through a grant from SIDA, is offering Health Management Programmes Scholarships in 8 African countries. This is an attempt to give healthcare professionals the support they need with their daily management functions in order to ease their challenges with high patient numbers.

For more information: <http://www.foundation.co.za/index.php/education-a-training/scholarships>

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Reports and Publications

Human Rights and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Joanne Csete

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is a crucial actor in the worldwide response to HIV. In less than ten years, it not only has provided billions of dollars for AIDS programs, but it has also created processes and collaborations that have opened doors to meaningful participation in public health programs for people living with and vulnerable to HIV....[Click Here for Full Report](#) »

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Global Status Report on Alcohol and Health 2011

World Health Organization

The Global status report on alcohol and health (2011) presents a comprehensive perspective on the global, regional and country consumption of alcohol, patterns of drinking, health consequences and policy responses in Member States. It represents a continuing effort by the World Health Organization (WHO) to support Member States in collecting information in order to assist them in their efforts to reduce the harmful use of alcohol, and its health and social consequences. The report was launched in Geneva on Friday 11 February 2011 during the first meeting of the WHO global counterparts for implementation of the global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol....[Click Here for Full Report](#) »

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Conferences

World TB Day

National Department of Health

Date: 24 March 2011, Prince Mshiyeni Hospital, eThekweni.

Commemorative activities will take place at Prince Mshiyeni Hospital in Umlazi. This includes a briefing and unveiling of the GeneXpert; Keynote address by Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, Minister of Health and Overall strategy for health and development in KZN by Dr Zweli Mkhize, Premier of KwaZulu-Natal.

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Job Opportunities

Senior Lecturer/Lecturer

Health Economics Unit, School Of Public Health And Family Medicine, University of Cape Town

Closing date: 25 March 2011

The Senior Lecturer will assume a key role in teaching in the field of health economics and policy. Together with HEU staff, s/he will teach on the Masters in Public Health (Health Economics), the Diploma in Health Economics, coordinate module(s) and supervise PhD and Masters Students. S/he is expected to take initiative with senior HEU staff for developing new research project protocols and for securing funding for such projects.

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Application form: <http://web.uct.ac.za/depts/sapweb/forms/hr201.doc>

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