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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Comment: Next Generation HIV prevention: New possibilities and questions

Kenneth H Mayer. The Lancet. Published: 12 March 2016.

In less than a decade, HIV prevention has evolved from a reliance on education, behavioural interventions, and use of condoms to focusing on the optimum use of antiretrovirals to suppress infectiousness and for primary prophylaxis. [Read More »](#)

Source: [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(16\)00655-3/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(16)00655-3/fulltext) [Accessed: 18 March 2016]

Systematic review on human resources for health interventions to improve maternal health outcomes: Evidence from low-and middle-income countries

Zohra S. Lassi, Nabihah B. Musavi, Blerta Maliqi, Nadia Mansoor, Andres de Francisco, Kadidiatou Toure and Zulfiqar A. Bhutta. Human Resources for Health. Published: 12 March 2016.

There is a broad consensus and evidence that shows qualified, accessible, and responsive human resources for health (HRH) can make a major impact on the health of the populations. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://human-resources-health.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12960-016-0106-y> [Accessed: 18 March 2016]

Level of job satisfaction amongst nurses in the North-West Province, South Africa: Post occupational specific dispensation

Sisinyana H. Khunou, Mashudu Davhana-Maselesele. Curationis. Published: 25 February 2016.

Background: Job satisfaction and burnout have been recurring problems amongst nurses in the Republic of

South Africa (RSA). As a result, nurses are still leaving the rural public sector in search of lucrative work at the urban and private sectors and in developed countries. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.curationis.org.za/index.php/curationis/article/view/1438> [Accessed: 18 March 2016]

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Recommendations pertaining to the use of influenza vaccines and influenza antiviral drugs, 2016

S Walaza, C Cohen. South African Medical Journal. Published: March 2016.

Vaccination is the most effective strategy to prevent influenza. It is recommended that influenza vaccine be administered each year before the influenza season, i.e. from March to June, although for individuals at increased risk of severe influenza in whom vaccination was missed, vaccine may be administered later. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.samj.org.za/index.php/samj/article/view/10586/7166> [Accessed: 18 March 2016]

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Recent News

HST Conference 2016 Programme

Health Systems Trust. Published: 17 March 2016.

The provisional programme of sessions is now available for viewing and downloading from the HST Conference website. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hstconference2016.org.za/programme> [Accessed: 18 March 2016]

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Hospital watchdog lacks power to enforce standards

BDlive. Published: 17 March 2016.

BABIES sharing incubators and sedated patients left lying unattended on the floors were among grim findings made by the Office of Health Standards Compliance (OHSC), which on Wednesday told Parliament it lacked the legal muscle to force public hospitals and clinics to up their game. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2016/03/17/> [Accessed: 18 March 2016]

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Newsletter of the HIV, TB, and MNCWH Cluster

National Department of Health. February 2016.

In the September newsletter we noted that the United Nations was getting ready to adopt the SDGs It's now January 2016 and the SDGs have been adopted and its implementation should have commenced. Whilst many of the detailed targets and indicators will only be finalised by April this year, we know what some of the targets are and need to take these into account in all the plans that we develop. In this newsletter we look at both the targets for selected activities and our current baselines. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hst.org.za/publications/newsletter-hiv-tb-and-mncwh-cluster-0> [Accessed: 18 March 2016]

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Report on the South African health monitoring survey: An integrated biological and behavioural survey among female sex workers, South Africa 2013 - 2014

Health-e News. Published: 16 March 2016.

Conducted on behalf of South African National Department of Health, the study found an HIV prevalence rates of as high as about 72 per cent among the country's female sex workers. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2016/03/16/2014-sex-workers-hiv-survey/> [Accessed: 18 March 2016]

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South Africa: Ten things you probably don't know about HIV in 2016

All Africa. Published: 22 February 2016.

Great strides have been made in the treatment and prevention of HIV over the past 35 years. The HIV world is used to things moving fast, in a way that most medicine just doesn't. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201602221790.html> [Accessed: 18 March 2016]

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Antibiotics becoming ineffective at treating some child infections

The Guardian. Published: 15 March 2016.

Children are becoming powerless to fight off common infections because antibiotics they take are unable to kill

the bacteria involved, experts warn. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/mar/15/antibiotics-becoming> [Accessed: 18 March 2016]

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Training and Resources

Clinical antibiotic stewardship online course.

The SA Antimicrobial Stewardship Programme (SAASP).

URL: <https://www.openlearning.com/courses/clinical-antibiotic-stewardship-for-south-africa>

Antimicrobial resistance is a major threat to modern medicine. This course in Clinical Antibiotic Stewardship brought to you by the South African Antibiotic Stewardship Programme (SAASP) teaches the principles of antibiotic prescribing and an approach to common clinical problems. Whether you are a medical student or an experienced clinician, everyone can learn something new or update their skills.

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Advanced clinical HIV management

Wits Reproductive Health & HIV Institute. When: 9-20 May & 7-18 May November 2016

Email: clinicalhivmanagementcourse@wrhi.ac.za

Wits RHI is conducting the Advanced Clinical HIV Management course from 9-20 May and on 7-18 November 2016 in Johannesburg.

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

The 2013 national antenatal sentinel HIV prevalence survey South Africa

National Department of Health. Published: 7 October 2015.

Globally, an estimated 35.3 million people were living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in 2012. An increase from previous years as more people are receiving the life-saving antiretroviral therapy. There were 2.3 million new HIV infections globally in 2012, showing a 33% decline in the number of new infections from 3.4 million in 2001. At the same time, the number of AIDS related deaths are also declining, with 1.6 million AIDS deaths in 2012, down from 2.3 million in 2005 (UNAIDS, 2013). [Read More »](#)

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Southern African guidelines on the safe use of pre-exposure prophylaxis in persons at risk of acquiring HIV-1 infection

South African HIV Clinicians Society. Published: 20 March 2016.

The Southern African HIV Clinicians Society published its first set of oral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) guidelines in June 2012 for men who have sex with men (MSM) who are at risk of HIV infection. With the flurry of data that has been generated in PrEP clinical research since the first guideline, it became evident that there was a need to revise and expand the PrEP guidelines with new evidence of safety and efficacy of PrEP in several populations, including MSM, transgender persons, heterosexual men and women, HIV-serodiscordant couples and people who inject drugs. [Read More »](#)

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PEPFAR 2016 annual report to congress

PEPFAR. Published: March 2016.

The bold and visionary leadership by President George W. Bush and the United States (U.S.) Congress that created the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)-a legacy that President Barack Obama has embraced and on which he has significantly expanded-has fundamentally transformed the global HIV/AIDS response. Since 2003, with Congress's extraordinary investment, PEPFAR has helped to halt the relentless escalation of new HIV infections and mortality rates across the globe. PEPFAR has saved millions of lives and prevented millions more HIV infections by providing core HIV prevention and treatment services, changing the very course of the HIV pandemic. [Read More »](#)

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Government Gazette No. 230 - White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 39792

Department of Social Development. Published: 9 March 2016.

It gives me great pleasure and honour to introduce the White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the first ever policy document in South Africa. The White Paper takes its cue from the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and a number of international instruments, including the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol, Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and the recently adopted Sustainable Development Goals which reaffirm the human rights of persons with disabilities. [Read More »](#)

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Conferences and Events

World Congress on Nursing and Healthcare

When: 18 - 20 April 2016

Venue: Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India

URL: <http://www.hst.org.za/events/world-congress-nursing-and-healthcare>

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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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International AIDS Conference

When: 17-22 July 2016

Venue: International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa

URL: <http://www.aids2016.org/>

The International AIDS Conference is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the pandemic. It is a chance to assess where we are, evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learnt, and collectively chart a course forward

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Public Health Association of South Africa 2016 Conference

When: 19 - 22 September 2016

Venue: East London Convention Centre

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Fourth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

When: 14-18 November 2016

Venue: Vancouver, Canada

URL: <http://www.csih.org/en/events/fourth-global-symposium-on-health-systems-research/>

The Global Symposium on Health Systems Research is hosted every two years by HSG to bring together its members with the full range of players involved in health systems and policy research. There is currently no other international gathering that serves the needs of this community. Previous events have been held in Cape Town (2014), Beijing (2012) and Montreux (2010).

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Job Opportunities

MIET Africa: Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Specialist

Closing date: 23 March 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/monitoring-evaluation-and-research-specialist>

The South African National Aids Council (SANAC): Aids Councils Coordinator

Closing date: 23 March 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/aids-councils-coordinator>

NASTAD: Provincial Technical Advisor - Limpopo

Closing date: 29 March 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/provincial-technical-advisor-limpopo>

Jo'burg Child Welfare: Nursery Supervisor/ Professional Nurse

Closing date: 1 April 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/nursery-supervisor-professional-nurse>