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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

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### **Lancet Series: Childhood Pneumonia and Diarrhoea**

*The Lancet. Published: 12 April 2013.*

The Lancet Series on Childhood Pneumonia and Diarrhoea, led by Aga Khan University, Pakistan, provides evidence for integrated control efforts for childhood pneumonia and diarrhoea...[Read More »](#)

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### **NIMART rollout to primary healthcare facilities increases access to antiretrovirals in Johannesburg: An interrupted time series analysis**

*J C Y Nyasulu, E Muchiri, S Mazwi, M Ratshefola. South African Medical Journal Vol 103, No 4. Published: 2013.*

South Africa has made remarkable progress in rolling out antiretroviral therapy (ART), with the largest number of people (more than 1.4 million) enrolled on antiretrovirals in the world. Decentralisation of services to primary health centres (PHCs) has strengthened retention of patients on ART and reduced the burden of managing uncomplicated cases at referral hospitals...[Read More »](#)

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### **An integrated approach to improving the availability and utilisation of tuberculosis healthcare in rural South Africa**

*N Z Chimbindi, T Bärnighausen, M-L Newell. South African Medical Journal Vol 103, No 4. Published: 2013.*

Patients with tuberculosis (TB) face several challenges in accessing care, and an integrated service that includes HIV testing could be preferable for them and ensure timely HIV treatment initiation and optimal TB care.....[Read More »](#)

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### **The relationship between self-rated health and objective health status: a population-based study**

*Shunquan Wu, Rui Wang, Yanfang Zhao, Xiuqiang Ma, Meijing Wu, Xiaoyan Yan and Jia He. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:320. Published: 9 April 2013.*

Self-rated health (SRH), a subjective assessment of health status, is extensively used in the public health field. However, whether SRH can reflect the objective health status is still debatable. We aim to reveal the relationship between SRH and objective health status in the general population...[Read More »](#)

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## Recent News

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### **Simple antiseptic can save newborn lives**

*Health-e News. Published: 16 April 2013.*

A cheap antiseptic ointment, used to cleanse a newborn's umbilical cord, can reduce the risk of infection and death in the first few weeks of life by as much as 20 percent. ...[Read More »](#)

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### **Roadmap to tackle newborn deaths**

*Health-e News. Published: 15 April 2013.*

Each year, about three million of the 7.7-million children who die before reaching their fifth birthday are newborns who do not survive their first four weeks of life. This situation has led to the top health agencies and child experts meeting in South Africa to formulate what will become the Global Newborn Action Plan...[Read More »](#)

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### **TB remains leading killer in SA**

*Mail & Guardian. Published: 11 April 2013.*

Tuberculosis is still the number one cause of death in South Africa, accounting for 12% of the deaths that occurred in 2010...[Read More »](#)

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### **ARVs alone won't save HIV infected mothers**

*Mail & Guardian. Published: 19 April 2013.*

Although almost half of all maternal deaths in South Africa are caused by HIV-related complications, there is no evidence yet that the government's antiretroviral drug programme has led to a lower chance of pregnant women infected with the virus dying during pregnancy, childbirth or within 42 days thereafter...[Read More »](#)

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### **Fewer South Africans dying of HIV/AIDS, but more of diabetes**

*Health-e News. Published: 11 April 2013..*

Government's annual death report has confirmed the trend that fewer South Africans have been dying of HIV/AIDS-related diseases...[Read More »](#)

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### **South African clinics already achieving zero new HIV infections in children**

*Aidsmap. Published: 17 April 2013.*

Maternity clinics in South Africa have the potential to achieve zero transmission of HIV from mother to child, according to a review at Tygerberg Infectious Diseases Clinic comparing infant and maternal outcomes before and after the April 2010 recommendation of lifelong antiretroviral therapy for all mothers with CD4 cell counts below 350 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>...[Read More »](#)

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### **Single antiretroviral pill launched**

*Business Day. Published: 8 April 2013.*

The long-awaited antiretroviral (ARV) single pill, aimed at improving compliance rates and reducing the time and money government spends on distribution, was launched in Pretoria...[Read More »](#)

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### **People on ART have near normal life expectancies**

*Health-e News. Published: 10 April 2013.*

People living with HIV in South Africa, who access antiretroviral therapy (ART) before their immune systems are severely compromised, have life expectancies close to that of the general population, researchers have found...[Read More »](#)

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### **HIV in breastmilk spikes at weaning**

*Nature . Published: 17 April 2013.*

The amount of HIV in an infected mother's breast milk spikes when weaning begins, according to a study published in *Science Translational Medicine*. The findings are likely to add urgency to efforts to ensure that infected mothers without access to formula take antiretroviral drugs throughout and beyond the time that they wean their infants... [Read More »](#)

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### **Global Fund targets \$15 Billion to effectively fight AIDS, TB and Malaria**

*Global Fund. Published: 8 April 2013.*

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria announced a goal of raising US\$15 billion so that it can effectively support countries in fighting these three infectious diseases in the 2014-2016 period... [Read More »](#)

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### **28% of schoolgirls HIV positive stat incorrect: Health Department**

*TimesLive. Published: 10 April 2013.*

A recent report incorrectly stated that 28% of schoolgirls in South Africa are HIV positive, the Health Department said. "It only applied to a very small area in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands, where HIV was prevalent - six or seven schools," department spokesman Joe Maila said.... [Read More »](#)

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### **Dept of Health withholding National AIDS Vaccine Plan**

*Health-e News. Published: 18 April 2013.*

Civil rights groups and communities have expressed their concerned about the failure of the Department of Health to release the National Aids Vaccine Strategic Plan (NAVSP) for 2013-2017... [Read More »](#)

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### **Medical student intake to be upped**

*The New Age. Published: 17 April 2013.*

The government wants to increase the number of new medical students by 10% over the three to four years... [Read More »](#)

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### **Sick hospitals get new heads**

*The New Age. Published: 9 April 2013.*

Three newly appointed hospital CEOs in North West have vowed to hit the ground running and make a meaningful turn-around in the way health is run in the province... [Read More »](#)

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## **Training and Resources**

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### **Structural Interventions, Alcohol Use, and Risk of HIV/AIDS Research Project Grant**

*National Institutes of Health (NIH).*

*Deadline: 7 May 2013*

National Institutes of Health (NIH) is inviting applications for Structural Interventions, Alcohol Use, and Risk of HIV/AIDS Research Project Grant. The goal of this program is to reduce the risk of HIV/AIDS transmission by changing the environment of alcohol use. Although a variety of structural and environmental interventions have been employed successfully to reduce other drinking-related problems, similar research extending into the realm of HIV/AIDS risk reduction is still in its developing stages... [Click Here>>](#)

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### **Human Rights Scholarship (HRS)**

*The University of Melbourne.*

*Deadline: 31 October 2013*

The Human Rights Scholarship is awarded to local or international applicants wishing to undertake graduate research studies at the University in the human rights field and who are able to demonstrate their commitment to the peaceful advancement of respect for human rights. [Click Here>>](#)

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### **Internship Opportunity: Research & Organising**

*Right2Know Campaign.*

The Right2Know campaign is offering 4 internships, as part of a newly established Research and Advocacy Unit. This could be a full-time or part-time commitment. R2k adheres to all relevant laws in respect of employment. The internships will be unpaid but costs will be covered. The Right2Know campaign is based in Salt River, Cape Town. The internship will be for duration of 4-6 months. [Click Here>>](#)

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## Reports and Publications

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### **Ending preventable child deaths from pneumonia and diarrhoea by 2025**

*World Health Organization. Published: 2013.*

Stopping the loss of millions of young lives from pneumonia and diarrhoea is a goal within our grasp. The integrated Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Pneumonia and Diarrhoea (GAPPD) proposes a cohesive approach to ending preventable pneumonia and diarrhoea deaths... [Click Here»](#)

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### **Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2010: Findings from death notification**

*Statistics South Africa. Published: 2013.*

This statistical release presents information on mortality and causes of death in South Africa for deaths that occurred in 2010. It also provides information on death occurrences from 1997 to 2009 to show trends in mortality and causes of death. [Click Here»](#)

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### **A renewed global partnership for development**

*United Nations. Published: 2013.*

This report is a live document that will be refined to reflect outcomes of ongoing processes and conversations on the post-2015 development agenda. It captures the findings from the global conversation launched through the UNDG national and thematic consultations. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Linkage and retention in pre-ART care: Best practices and experiences from thirteen countries**

*USAID. Published: 2013.*

To learn more about the current state of linkage and retention and identify country evidence and best practices of retention of PLHIV in pre-ART clinical and social support care in the sub-Saharan African region, AIDSTAR-One conducted a desk review of recent literature and an online survey with follow-up interviews, targeting fourteen countries in the region: Botswana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. [Click Here»](#)

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## Conferences

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### **6th South African AIDS Conference**

*When: 18-21 June 2013*

*Venue: ICC Durban, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.saaids.co.za/>*

The 6th South African AIDS Conference will be held in Durban from 18-21 June 2013 and the conference theme is "Building on our successes: Integrating responses".

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### **UCT Rehabilitation Conference 2013**

*When: 2 September 2013 - 4 September 2013*

*Where: Cape Town*

*URL: <http://rehabconf2013.uct.ac.za/>*

The Department of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Cape Town is pleased to announce its first Rehabilitation Research Conference.

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### **Medical Humanities Conference**

***Medical Humanities Research Group at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WiSER)***

*When: 2-4 September 2013*

*Venue: University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg*

*URL: <http://wiserweb.wits.ac.za/>*

The Medical Humanities research group at WiSER invites abstracts of up to 500 words for papers that speak to our broad, inclusive theme of 'Body Knowledge'. We welcome submissions from scholars and practitioners in a wide variety of disciplines, including the arts, literature, film, sociology, anthropology, history, medicine,

philosophy, ethics, and psychology. In addition to panel sessions, we are planning a public event which will draw in a wider Johannesburg audience, as well as an art exhibition and film screening.

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### **Joint PHASA and AFPHA Conference 2013**

#### **Public Health Association of South Africa and the African Federation of Public Health Associations.**

*When: 24 -27 September 2013*

*Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa*

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

The 2013 joint PHASA/AFPHA conference will have as its focus, a scientific debate and discussion on strategies and action needed to move beyond the MDGs and on the public health legacy that we should leave, or want to, leave behind for the future generation. An exciting programme of local and international speakers is being put together.

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### **7th SAHARA Conference 2013**

*When: 7-10 October 2013*

*Venue: Dakar, Senegal*

*URL: <http://sahara.org.za/conferences/2013>*

The Social Aspects of HIV and AIDS Research Alliance (SAHARA), established in 2001 by the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), is an alliance of partners established to conduct, support and use social sciences research to prevent the further spread of HIV and mitigate the impact of its devastation in sub-Saharan Africa. The SAHARA 7 conference theme is "Translating evidence into action: Engaging with communities, policies, human rights, gender, service delivery".

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### **ICASA Conference 2013**

*When: 7-11 December 2013*

*Venue: CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.icasa2013southafrica.org/>*

The ICASA conference remains one of the most important events in the calendar of the year, contributing towards overcoming the HIV and TB epidemics that grip our region. Sub-Saharan Africa remains the most affected region with over 22 Million people living with HIV and AIDS and the highest Tuberculosis rates world-wide. Official 17th ICASA Conference 2013 Theme: Now more than Ever: Targeting Zero.

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## **Job Opportunities**

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### **Health Systems Trust**

#### **Researcher**

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*Employer: Health Systems Trust*

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#### **Copy and Content Editor**

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*Employer: HEARD UKZN*

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*Employer: SANGONeT*

*Closing Date: 30 April 2013*

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### **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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