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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Lives saved by tuberculosis control and prospects for achieving the 2015 global target for reducing tuberculosis mortality

Bull World Health Organ. 2011 August 1; 89(8): 573–582. Published: 31 May 2011.

This study assesses whether the global target of halving tuberculosis (TB) mortality between 1990 and 2015 can be achieved and to conduct the first global assessment of the lives saved by the DOTS/Stop TB Strategy of the World Health Organization (WHO)...[Read More »](#)

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Complex problems require complex solutions: the utility of social quality theory for addressing the Social Determinants of Health

Paul R Ward , Samantha B Meyer , Fiona Verity , Tiffany K Gill and Tini CN Luong. BMC Public Health 2011, 11:630. Published: 5

August 2011.

In order to improve the health of the most vulnerable groups in society, the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health (CSDH) called for multi-sectoral action, which requires research and policy on the multiple and inter-linking factors shaping health outcomes. Most conceptual tools available to researchers tend to focus on singular and specific social determinants of health (SDH) (e.g. social capital, empowerment, social inclusion). However, a new and innovative conceptual framework, known as social quality theory, facilitates a more complex and complete understanding of the SDH... [Read More »](#)

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Towards a conceptual description of rehabilitation as a health strategy

Thorsten Meyer, Christoph Gutenbrunner, Jerome Bickenbach, Alarcos Cieza, John Melvin, Gerold Stucki. *J Rehabil Med* 2011. Published: August 2011.

A proposal for a conceptual description of rehabilitation was made in 2007 based on the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health. This conceptual description should foster the development of a common understanding of rehabilitation and its professions. The present paper aims to report on the development and current state of the discussions about this conceptual description and to provide the current version, which has been adopted by different European professional and scientific organizations... [Read More »](#)

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Occupational lung disease in the South African mining industry: Research and policy implementation

Jill Murray, Tony Davies and David Rees. *Journal of Public Health Policy* (2011) 32, S65–S79. Published: August 2011.

South African miners face an epidemic of occupational lung diseases. Despite a plethora of research on the mining industry, and the gold mining industry in particular, research impact (including disease surveillance) on policy implementation and occupational health systems performance lags. We describe the gold mining environment, and research on silicosis, tuberculosis, HIV and AIDS, and compensation for occupational disease including initiatives to influence policy and thus reduce dust levels and disease... [Read More »](#)

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Changes in sexual desires and behaviours of people living with HIV after initiation of ART: Implications for HIV prevention and health promotion

Hontelez JAC, de Vlas SJ, Tanser F, Bakker R, Barnighausen T, et al. 2011 *Changes in sexual desires and behaviours of people living with HIV after initiation of ART: Implications for HIV prevention and health promotion. PLoS ONE* 6(7). Published: July 2011.

Since November 2009, WHO recommends that adults infected with HIV should initiate antiretroviral therapy (ART) at CD4+ cell counts of ≤ 350 cells/ μ l rather than ≤ 200 cells/ μ l. South Africa decided to adopt this strategy for pregnant and TB co-infected patients only. We estimated the impact of fully adopting the new WHO guidelines on HIV epidemic dynamics and associated costs... [Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Media statement by Minister of Health: Release of Green Paper on National Health Insurance

National Department of Health. Published: 11 August 2011.

Many of us use the word "historic" too easily and often without good reason. But these first steps towards establishing national health insurance (NHI) are truly historic: we are building a health system that will offer decent healthcare for all our people. This is a right that large numbers of South Africans, over many generations, have never known... [Read More »](#)

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Health Systems Trust assists in moving towards Universal Access

HST. Published: 11 August 2011.

Health Systems Trust (HST) welcomes the announcement of a Green Paper on National Health Insurance (NHI) by the Minister of Health. The announcement is exactly the kind of leadership the country has been waiting for; thus ending months of speculation on what a system offering universal coverage for South Africans would entail... [Read More »](#)

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Motsoaledi: SA healthcare needs an attitude transplant

Mail and Guardian. Published: 18 August 2011.

The attitudes of South Africa's doctors and nurses must change drastically if the public health system is to improve, says Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi. In a wide-ranging interview with the Mail & Guardian at his office in Pretoria this week, Motsoaledi admitted the approach of medical professionals within public healthcare to their work was a major stumbling block to transforming the sector... [Read More »](#)

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Services offered by NHI

Health-e News. Published: 12 August 2011.

Every working person will contribute to the National Health Insurance (NHI) fund and everyone in the country will be entitled to "a comprehensive package of care" starting from primary health care (PHC) and going right up to specialised hospitals, according to the Green Paper on NHI... [Read More »](#)

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Better structure for better health

The Star. Published: 16 August 2011.

The health care industry and, indeed, all South Africans, still need more details after the government released its green paper on the NHI. The Star asks two public health experts, Laetitia Rispel and Sharon Fonn, to size it up... [Read More »](#)

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New health staff plan 'key to NHI'

Business Day. Published: 15 August 2011.

The Department of Health is planning to release its long-awaited draft human resources strategy today, according to health director-general Precious Matsoso. The strategy is one of the cornerstones of the National Health Insurance (NHI), which the state plans to phase in within 14 years... [Read More »](#)

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Tax hike is last resort to fund NHI — Gordhan

Business Day. Published: 12 August 2011.

Despite Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan's assurances yesterday that National Health Insurance (NHI) would not create an increased tax burden for citizens, health economists said it had to be funded through a tax hike in the long run... [Read More »](#)

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MPs get glimpse of NHI planning

Times Live. Published: 18 August 2011.

Precious Matsoso, the Department of Health's director-general, presented this information yesterday to parliament's health portfolio committee. The country's 52 health districts were ranked from best to worst in planning the proposed national health insurance scheme... [Read More »](#)

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Doctors welcome CEO regulations

Business Day. Published: 10 August 2011.

The South African Medical Association (Sama) has welcomed Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi's announcement last week that new regulations are on the cards for hospital managers, saying better qualified CEOs will improve patient care... [Read More »](#)

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New measures to boost health care

Buanews. Published: 5 August 2011.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi has announced several new measures aimed at the improving health services in the country. Addressing the media on the sidelines of a National Health Council (NHC) meeting on Thursday, the minister announced an 18% aggregate reduction in the cost of anti-TB medication and antibiotics, which translated to a saving of R242 million. This was part of government's continued efforts to reduce the cost of healthcare... [Read More »](#)

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South Africa: Failing Maternity Care

Human Rights Watch. Published: 8 August 2011.

A lack of oversight and accountability for recurrent problems in the health system and abuses committed by health personnel contributes to South Africa's substandard maternity care and undermines one of its top health goals: to reduce its high maternal death rate. Human Rights Watch said in a report released today. South Africa's maternal mortality ratio has more than quadrupled over the past decade... [Read More »](#)

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Statement on the meeting of the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC)

South African Government Information. Published: 12 August 2011.

The South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) on Friday, 12 August 2011, met in a plenary session in Bloemfontein, Free State Province. The meeting was chaired by Deputy President Kgalema Mollanthe and attended by ministers and deputy ministers, representatives of civil society sectors as well as the Premier and MECs of the Free State province... [Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Masters in Public Health specialising in Health Economics

University of Cape Town, Health Economics Unit.

Application closing date: 30 September 2011.

The Health Economics Unit in the School of Public Health & Family Medicine at UCT runs a postgraduate programme that is designed for graduates from health sciences and social sciences: Masters in Public Health (specialising in Health Economics) programme. The curriculum has a developing country focus, and while theoretical components are included, the programme concentrates on the development of practical research skills that are useful to graduates working in African health systems. [Click Here](#) for further information.

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New online nutrition initiative can help protect lives and health of millions of children

A web based tool to help combat malnutrition. The World Health Organization.

The WHO launched the electronic Library of Evidence for Nutrition Actions -- or eLENA -- in Colombo, Sri Lanka. As part of a global effort to improve maternal, young child and infant health, e-LENA brings together the latest evidence-informed WHO guidelines, commentaries and evidence resources on the broad topic of nutrition. The aim of this new e-library is to stimulate effective nutrition actions and guide programme and policy design.

For more information: <http://www.who.int/entity/elena/en/index.html>

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Mobile application for HIV data visualization at your fingertips

UNAIDS. Published: 5 August 2011.

More than 600 people around the world have downloaded the UNAIDS AIDInfo application for the Apple iPad since its launch in June, 2011. The 'app' provides immediate access to key county by country HIV data and can help policymakers, researchers and educators to better understand why and how HIV infection is spread and where treatment, care and support programmes are needed.

Please visit:

<http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2011/august/20110805aidsinfoapp/>

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Reports and Publications

Green Paper: National Health Insurance in South Africa

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2011

South Africa is in the process of introducing an innovative system of healthcare financing with far reaching consequences on the health of South Africans. The National Health Insurance commonly referred to as NHI will ensure that everyone has access to appropriate, efficient and quality health...[Click Here for Full Report »](#)

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Stop Making Excuses': Accountability for Maternal Health Care in SA

Human Rights Watch. Published: 2011

This report is based on research conducted between August 2010 and April 2011. During this period, Human Rights Watch researchers interviewed 157 women who received maternal health services, or accompanied other women seeking such services...[Click Here for Full Report »](#)

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HIV & AIDS and STI Strategic Plan for South Africa 2007 - 2011

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2011

SANAC officially launched the first draft of the next NSP and announced the process that will lead to the development of the new National Strategic Plan on HIV, AIDS, TB and STIs 2012 – 2016. The NSP development process will culminate in the launch of the NSP 2012 – 2016 on 1 December 2011 - World AIDS Day...[Click Here for Full Report »](#)

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HIV prevention gains momentum: Successes in female condom programming

UNFPA. Published: 2011.

The report looks at the issue through the prism of national case studies. These pinpoint how a variety of partners have come together, pooling ideas and resources, to empower women to access female condoms...[Click Here for Full Report »](#)

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Human Resources for Health for South Africa 2030

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2011.

The future character and culture of the South Africa health sector in 2030 will be determined by decisions and actions taken in the next five years. The claim that human resources are the most critical resource in the delivery of health services has to be borne out in succinct and coherent policy and practice...[Click Here for Full Report »](#)

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South African Child Gauge 2010/11

University of Cape Town. Published: 2011.

The South African Child Gauge is produced annually by the Children's Institute, University of Cape to monitor government and civil society's progress towards realising children's rights. This issue focuses on children's citizenship and participation rights...[Click Here for Full Report »](#)

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Conferences

HISA 2011

When: 29-30 August 2011

Venue: Birchwood Hotel, Johannesburg

URL: <http://www.hisa.co.za/>

HISA 2011 will take place from the 29th – 30th August 2011 in Johannesburg at the Birchwood Conference Centre. The programme is taking shape. Given the planned start-up of National Health Insurance by March 2012, we are putting together a programme where relevant ICT challenges and solutions are discussed.

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RuDASA Rural Health Conference 2011

When: 8-10 September 2011

Venue: Village of Rhodes in the Eastern Cape.

URL: <http://www.ruralhealthconference2011.co.za/>

This year's Rural Health Conference, titled "Making Primary Health Care Better". The conference will be focusing on primary health care and its integration into district systems, as well as on the role of the multidisciplinary team in primary health care. There will also be many practical skills sessions, as well as a track for student presentations and rural health advocacy.

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2011 Gender Symposium

When: 1-3 November 2011

Venue: Cairo, Egypt

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

In line with its mandate to promote high-level scientific and academic debates on various aspects of socioeconomic development in Africa, the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) hereby announces the 2011 edition of its Gender Symposium which will be held from 1st to 3rd November, 2011 in Cairo, Egypt. The Gender Symposium is a forum organized annually by CODESRIA to discuss gender issues in Africa, and the theme of this year's edition is Gender and the Media in Africa.

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7th PHASA 2011 Conference

When: 28 - 30 November 2011

Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Gauteng, South Africa

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

The 2011 PHASA conference will have as its focus, a scientific debate and discussion on health inequities and the role of public health leadership, education and practice in reducing health equity gaps. The theme of the conference is "Closing the health equity gap: Public health leadership, education and practice". An exciting programme of local and international speakers is being put together. Speakers will include policy-makers, leading local and international academics and representatives of international organizations.

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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:

- [Retention Department Manager](#)
- [Rural Doctor Support Programme Manager](#)
- [Manager - Local HRH Support Programme](#)

Please view the website for more details <http://www.ahp.org.za> or contact on 011 328 1300

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Project Manager - Health Systems Strengthening Project

Health Systems Trust

Closing date: 19 August 2011.

We are seeking to appoint a full-time Project Manager on a fixed term 1 year (renewable) contract to coordinate and manage the Health Systems Strengthening project and to provide support to other HST projects. This is a one year contract position which is renewable based on funding and performance.

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<http://www.hst.org.za/content/project-manager-health-systems-strengthening-project>

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