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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Lay Health Workers experience of a tailored knowledge translation intervention to improve job skills and knowledge: a qualitative study in Zomba district Malawi

Lisa M. Puchalski Ritchie, Monique van Lettow, Jan Barnsley, Adrienne K. Chan, Michael J. Schull, Alexandra L. C. Martiniuk, Austine Makwakwa and Merrick Zwarenstein. British Medical Journal. Published: 09 February 2016.

Like many sub-Saharan African countries, Malawi is facing a critical shortage of skilled healthcare workers. In response to this crisis, a formal cadre of lay health workers (LHW) has been established and now carries out several basic health care services, including outpatient TB care and adherence support. [Read More »](#)

Source: <https://bmcmmededuc.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12909-016-0580-x> [Accessed: 19 February 2016]

Flipping the model for access to patient records

Ben Adams. British Medical Journal. Published: 09 February 2016.

In 2012, amid growing pressure for patients to be allowed to participate more in their own care, NHS England promised to make full medical records available to patients in an easy, online format by 2018. But four years on, little progress has been made. Some patients can now register with their GPs to look at their records online but they find only partial information. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bmj.com/content/352/bmj.i722> [Accessed: 19 February 2016]

Barriers to uptake of prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV services among mothers of vertically infected HIV-seropositive infants in Makurdi, Nigeria

Emmanuel Ademola Anigilaje, Bem Ruben Ageda, Nnamdi Okechukwu Nweke. Patient Preference and Adherence. Published: 27 January 2016.

Perinatal transmission of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) continues in Nigeria because of the poor use of prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) services. This study reports on the barriers preventing mothers of vertically infected HIV-seropositive infants to use the PMTCT services at the Federal Medical Centre, Makurdi, Nigeria. [Read More »](#)

Source: <https://www.dovepress.com/barriers-to-uptake-of-prevention-of-mother-to-child-transmission-of-hi-peer-reviewed-article-PPA> [Accessed: 19 February 2016]

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Integrating Cervical Cancer Screening with HIV Care in Cameroon: Comparative Risk Analysis of Cervical Disease in HIV-Infected Women Receiving Antiretroviral Therapy to Women in the General Population

Cavin Epie Bekolo, Gillian O'Bryan, Francois Edmond Tchago, Charlette Nangue, Patrick Sylvestre Bekoule, Basile Kollo. Plos One. Published: 11 February 2016.

While the effect of highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) on natural history of cervical lesions remains controversial, resource limited countries need to understand the relevance of their own data to their settings. We compared the risk of cervical disease in HAART-experienced women with that in women in the general population of Cameroon. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0149152> [Accessed: 19 February 2016]

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The new Australian Primary Health Networks: how will they integrate public health and primary care?

Mark Booth, Graham Hill, Michael J Moore, Danielle Dalla, Michael G Moore, Anne Messenger. Public Health Research and Practice. Published: 28 January 2016.

On 1 July 2015, the Australian Government established 31 new Primary Health Networks (PHNs), following a review by its former Chief Medical Officer, John Horvath, of 61 Medicare Locals created under the previous Labor administration. The Horvath review recommended, among other things, that new, larger primary health organisations be established to reduce fragmentation of care by integrating and coordinating health services, supporting the role of general practice, and leveraging and administering health program funding. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.phrp.com.au/issues/january-2016-volume-26-issue-1/the> [Accessed: 19 February 2016]

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How integrating primary care and public health could improve population health outcomes: a view from Liverpool, UK

Rachael Gosling, Sandra M Davies, John A Hussey. Public Health Research and Practice. Published: 28 January 2016.

Although primary care is at the forefront of delivering healthcare to the population, its role in preventing poor health has varied throughout history. Faced with growing demand on healthcare services and a rise in noncommunicable diseases, some health systems are attempting to integrate healthcare delivery with broader population health and wellbeing interventions. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.phrp.com.au/issues/january-2016-volume-26-issue-1/> [Accessed: 19 February 2016]

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Recent News

Home HIV tests no suicide risk

Timeslive. Published: 10 February 2016.

The South African Pharmacy Council has relaxed the regulation prohibiting chemists from selling HIV home-testing kits for private use. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.timeslive.co.za/thetimes/2016/02/10/Home-HIV-tests-no-suicide-risk> [Accessed: 19 February 2016]

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When a child gives birth, who has failed her?

Health-e News. Published: 15 February 2016.

When a 12-year-old girl slides onto your operating table for a caesarean section, it's hard not to ask how she got here - and the answer seems to lie somewhere in the distance between cities and villages and in the family planning gap between the "have's" and "have not's" [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2016/02/15/when-a-child-gives-birth-who-has-failed-her/> [Accessed: 19 February 2016]

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Comment: South Africa must close the immunisation gap that parallels class

Mail & Guardian. Published: 19 February 2016.

Just 30 years ago, the average South African woman would have had four children, with the expectation that only two would live to celebrate their fifth birthdays. Today, parents no longer need to live with the same fear, in large part as a result of a remarkably powerful public health tool: the introduction of vaccines. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2016-02-18-comment-south-africa-must-close-the-immunisation-gap-that-parallels-class/> [Accessed: 19 February 2016]

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Expensive private healthcare highlighted at inquiry

Times Live. Published: 3 February 2016.

The high cost of private health care took centre stage at the health market inquiry on Wednesday, amid revelations that South Africans pay six times the international average for hospital stays. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2016/02/18/expensive-private-healthcare-highlighted-at-inquiry> [Accessed: 19 February 2016]

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Concern grows at Catholic church's silence over Zika virus crisis.

The Guardian. Published: 4 February 2016.

Critics draw comparison with church view on Aids/HIV as proscription remains on artificial contraception and abortion despite virus's links with birth defects Harriet [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/feb/04/concern-grows-over-catholic-churchs-> [Accessed: 19 February 2016]

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Mpumalanga's health is failing - but it won't take it's medicine

Mail & Guardian. Published: 12 February 2016.

The Mpumalanga department of health incurred nearly R2-billion in irregular expenditure in the 2014-2015 financial year - making up more than 80% of the province's total irregular expenditure, according to the auditor general's report. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2016-02-11-mpumalangas-health-is-failing-but-it-wont-take-its-medicine> [Accessed: 19 February 2016]

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E Cape Denosa demand better working conditions

Health-e News. Published: 28 January 2016.

The Democratic Nursing Organisation of South Africa (Denosa) in the Eastern Cape (EC) is demanding better working conditions and that more nurses be appointed to address a massive shortage. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/c48f46804bbae4c5ad8def757c0fe497> [Accessed: 19 February 2016]

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Call for Contributions: High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines

United Nations. Published: 28 December 2016.

The United Nations Secretary-General is calling for contributions by interested stakeholders that address the policy incoherence in relation to the rights of inventors, international human rights law, trade rules, and public health objectives including increased access to medicines, vaccines, diagnostics and medical devices ('health technologies'). In accordance with Sustainable Development Goal 3, and the integrated nature of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, contributions are not limited to any specific set of countries or any diseases. Deadline for contribution: 28 February 2016. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.unsgaccessmeds.org/call-for-contributions> [Accessed: 19 February 2016]

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Training and Resources

Government Gazette No. 39658 (101 of 1965 as amended): Dispensing Fee for Pharmacists

National Department of Health. Published: 5 February 2016.

URL: <http://www.hst.org.za/publications/government-gazette-no-39658-101-1965-amended-dispensing-fee->

[pharmacists](#)

Medicines and Related Substances Act - Regulations relating to a transparent pricing system for medicines and scheduled substances.

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African Union Model Law on Medical Products Regulation

African Union Heads of State. Published: February 2016.

URL: <http://www.hst.org.za/publications/african-union-model-law-medical-products-regulation>

Scope of Application and other laws: 1) This law shall apply to all medical products alongside existing laws related to regulation of medical products. 2) In the event of any conflict with any other law on medical products the provisions of this law shall prevail. 3) Provisions of any existing law in conflict with this law shall to the extent of the inconsistency stand repealed or amended.

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

South African Medicines Formulary: 12th Edition

Health & Medical Publishing Group. Published: February 2016.

The updated 12th edition of the South African Medicines Formulary (SAMF) is the essential reference to the rational, cost-effective and safe use of medicines. SAMF, a joint initiative of the University of Cape Town's Division of Clinical Pharmacology and the Health and Medical Publishing Group, publishers for the South African Medical Association, provides easy access to the latest, scientifically accurate information, including full drug profiles, clinical notes and special prescriber's points. R555.00 for SAMA members (including VAT) or R690.00 for non-members (including VAT). Contact: Diane Smith, Head: Sales & Marketing, Health & Medical Publishing Group Tel: 012- 481 2069, Fax: 086 542 6620

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Conferences and Events

Mainstreaming Gender in HIV & AIDS Programmes

When: 3 - 4 March 2016

Venue: Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng

Email: register@mersey-co.za

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6th Annual Conference Advancing Quality Improvement Science for Children's Healthcare

When: 29 April 2016

Venue: Baltimore, MD, USA

URL: <https://www.academicpeds.org/secure/meeting/QIMeeting/index.cfm>

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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

Cape Mental Health: Occupational Therapist

Closing date: 22 February 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/occupational-therapist>

AIDS Foundation of South Africa: Capacity Building Officer

Closing date: 24 February 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/capacity-building-officer>

SEAD: District Pharmacy Advisor

Closing date: 29 February 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/district-pharmacy-advisor>

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